Daughters of Penelope

Garden District #5
Chapter Aphrodite #374
Ocean County, NJ

Who We Are and What We Do

History of Our Chapter
1986 - 2019

What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others. ~Pericles
Who Are the Daughters of Penelope

Since 1929, the Daughters of Penelope (DOP) has initiated thousands of members into our 250 chapters worldwide. With chapters in the United States, Canada, Australia, Greece, England, France, Germany and Belgium, our mission and outreach is constantly growing.

Founded in San Francisco in 1929, the DOP is the first women’s organization of its kind established in the United States. The Daughters of Penelope is an international women’s organization leading in philanthropic, educational, and civic activities through community service and volunteerism.

Philanthropy and Volunteerism have been pillars for the Daughters of Penelope over its many years of existence. From natural disaster relief, to raising funds to eliminate life threatening diseases, to making significant contributions to our local municipalities, the DOP is at the forefront of charitable giving. Yet, this only scratches the surface of the numerous philanthropic works of the organization.

Countless philanthropic projects are also undertaken by DOP projects. Chapters and Districts and eventually become national projects.

The DOP’s commitment to education has also been well documented throughout its history and recognizes female athletes at the high school, collegiate, and professional levels with scholarships, accolades and in some cases, induction into our Athletic Hall of Fame.

In addition, through our members, the DOP communicates to elected representatives at the federal, state and local levels, as well as diplomatic leaders, the positions of the Greek American community on issues of concern to it. It is also our civic responsibility to provide affordable housing to senior citizens. The AHEPA Housing Corporation has been awarded over $400 million from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The total number of senior housing complexes stands at 91, with 4,753 units complete, and more in development.

The Mission of the AHEPA Family is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence.
The AHEPA Family

**AHEPANS**

The **American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA)** is a fraternal organization founded on July 26, 1922, in Atlanta, Georgia. AHEPA was founded in response to the evils of bigotry spearheaded by the Ku Klux Klan and to assist Greek immigrants' assimilation into American society. AHEPA joined with B'nai B'rith and the NAACP to combat discrimination. It is non-partisan and non-denominational.

The mission of the AHEPA family is to promote and cultivate the ideals and traditions of Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family, and Individual Excellence to the Community, encourages and promotes loyalty to the country in which they live. The AHEPA is the largest and oldest American based Greek Heritage grassroots organization, encompassing the United States, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Cyprus. U.S. War Bond Drive, World War II, AHEPA raised more than $253 million. [ahepa.org](http://ahepa.org)

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**The 1st Daughters of Penelope**

The Daughters of Penelope was the realization of Alexandra Apostolides' dream. Her desire was to create a woman's organization and because of her perseverance and the encouragement of her husband Dr. Emanuel Apostolides, a devoted AHEPA, Mrs. Apostolides formed EOS Chapter#1 with 25 charter members on November 16, 1929 in San Francisco, California. Mrs. Apostolides was elected the first Grand President of the organization in 1931.

The Daughters of Penelope promotes opportunities of education, promotes the spirit of cooperation and works closely and in harmony with the AHEPA Family. The Daughters of Penelope is non-partisan and non-denominational. Today, the Daughters of Penelope is a leader in philanthropic, educational and cultural activities with local chapters worldwide. [daughtersofpenelope.org](http://daughtersofpenelope.org)

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**The Junior Orders of AHEPA**

The Sons of Pericles was established February 3, 1926 and was recognized as the junior of AHEPA in 1928. The Maids of Athena established on July 5, 1930 as the junior order of the Daughters of Penelope.

These two groups have combined efforts to contribute to many worthy causes; Muscular Dystrophy, Cooley’s Anemia Research, Special Olympics, Deborah Heart and Lung Center.
What makes the AHEPA Family Unique...

...from other organizations is our combined affiliations work toward the fulfillment of a common mission. The four organizations have contributed over a billion dollars to our philanthropic projects nationally and internationally...

...an important component the AHEPA Family Mission is to create an awareness of the principles of Hellenism to society. These principles include a commitment to humanity, freedom and democracy.

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<th>Committed to Education</th>
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<td>With over $4 million endowed at the local, district and national levels towards the use of scholarships and half million dollars is awarded annually.</td>
<td>Philanthropy and volunteerism has been a mainstay of the AHEPA Family. From natural disaster relief to raising funds for the elimination of life threatening diseases to contributions to our local neighborhoods, AHEPA Family is at the forefront of charitable giving.</td>
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Who Are the Daughters of Aphrodite Chapter #374

The Daughters of Penelope Aphrodite Chapter #374 was initiated on June 7, 1986. The chapter has sponsored various fundraisers over the years to support the philanthropic work of the chapter as well as promoted education, cultural and Hellenism. Over the years some of the fundraisers were annual gift auctions, homemade soup sales, bake sales, craft fairs, bake less cake sales, scholarship luncheons, bus trips, Dream Kings dinner show, Local and National Disaster Relief, Veterans with PTSD Service Dog Program, As well the chapter has sponsor some cultural events such as the Great Debate, Authors local and national symposiums, Man of the Year Luncheon, Couple of the Year, Home Town Hero’s USA and participated in the Ocean County Heritage Bread program and provides educational scholarships, eye glasses and cell phone collections, Service Dogs for Veterans with PTSD Comedy Night, Visit local children’s hospital, Visiting homebound seniors.
The Charter Members of Chapter #374

(*) Denotes that the member is deceased

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<th>Sylvia Stamos</th>
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Past Chapter Presidents of Chapter #374

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<th>Roseanna Spoulos* 1986</th>
<th>Antoinette Marousis 1999-2005</th>
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<td>Mary Xanthacos* 1994-1995</td>
<td>Penelope Capetan 2012-2014</td>
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Deceased Members of Chapter #374

| Elizabeth “Betty Athans” Athanasopoulos | Anna Halulakos | Francis Stamnes |
| Kitty Menganson | Katherine George | Caliope Vessio |
| Persephone Petrellis | Winifred Tsolakis | Mary Xanthacos |
| Lillie Soomas Misso | Stella Zervakos | Mary Tsongas |
| Minnie Canaris | Mary Peratsakis | Amanda Karagias |
| Mary Agalias | Happiness | Hariclea Garo |
| Geraldine Faraklas | Donnerstag | Mildred Kartikis |
| Pauline Droussiotis | Cleopatra Zizos | Despina Tsolakis |
|                      | Bertha Manos | Evelyn Stackny |
|                      | Hazel Stathakis | Rita Engle |
|                      | Lillian Carras |               |

Members Who Have Served On the 5Th District Lodge

DG Highest Office

| Sula Tsaptinos, Lt. Governor | Karen Marousis, DG |
| Johanna Lioumis, DG | Penelope Capetan, DG |
| Stathia Marousis, DG | Vera Andresakes, DG |
| Antoinette Marousis Zachariades, DG |               |

5th District Penelope of the Year

| Stathia Marousis, 2004 | Antoinette Marousis, 2005 |

JOIN THE
DAUGHTERS OF PENEOPE
In August of 2016 the Daughters of Penelope deciding to raise funds for the AHEPA Service Dogs for PTSD requested the assistance of their local AHEPA Chapter. With that said and 9 months of planning it came to fruition. On April 21, 2017 the AHEPA Family Comedy Night took place. With over 300 people in attendance which included some of our AHEPA Family members from other chapters, Retired Police, Veterans, Veterans with service dogs, people from far away as Pennsylvania and Connecticut and all those who believe in the cause to help a Veteran. The opening ceremonies would not have been completed without the Jr. Color Guard from Lakehurst, NJ leading the veterans in attendance lead by Navy Lt, Natalie. Good food prepared by one of the finest Greek chefs in NJ, great desserts and great baklava made by the Aphrodite chapter of Daughters of Penelope. By Sunday morning we knew we had raised enough money to purchase a service dog for a veteran with PTSD and her name would be “Penelope”.

The AHEPA Family presents their check of $15,000.00 to National Chairperson George Karatzia at the District Convention, April 22, 2017
Co-Chairperson, Steve hangs posters to promote the Comedy Night.

The Sisters preparing the Baklava

Honor Guard opening the program to honor the vets in attendance and those who could not be with us. Leading the procession of Vets are retired Army Sargent AJ and Navy Lt. Natalie as well as several service dogs.

Comedian Jim Dalakis

Comedian Jim, Co-Chair Karen and National Chair George
In July 2018
"Penelope"
And
Andrew
graduated from
Training at K9s
for Warriors in
Ponte Vedra, FL.

Meeting Penelope
And
Andrew

Co-Chair Karen,
joins Penelope
and Andrew at
graduation in
Pointe Vedre, FL.
Our Penelope becomes a National Poster Canine to represent Female

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AHEPA
Dogs for Service

Warriors, COSMOS RADIO You Tube, Facebook: Service Dogs for Warriors with PTSD
And @Service Dogs for Warriors with PTSD

Charitable Endeavors Monetary And Non Monetary
❖ Harvest Festival—for children with Cancer
❖ Children’s Specialized Hospital-gifts and book donations
❖ Providence House and Harbor House
❖ Fifth District AHEPA Cancer Research Foundation
- Penelope House-clothing and house item collection
- Dottie’s House
- Catholic Charities-clothing collection
- Ocean County Food Relief-Provided groceries, food baskets and gift cards
- Monmouth/Ocean Foodbank
- Hurricane and other natural disaster relief locally and around the world
- Donated to the 911 victims program
- Coupon Collection for the Armed Forces
- Donated telephone cards for the military
- “Sudz” For the military
- St. Barbara’s Food Bank
- Penelope’s Closet
- HOPE of Ocean County
- Initiated the LL Fundraiser $14,000.00
- Sponsored Bereaved Family of Ocean County
- Donations to St. Basil’s Greek Orphanage
- Ashleigh Lauren Foundation
- Hometown Hero’s USA
- St. Nicholas Shrine, NYC

Major Accomplishments That The Chapter Did For St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

- Along with the Order of AHEPA, Ocean County #467 sponsored AHEPA Family Bingo which enabled the two chapters to donate $500,000 towards the St. Barbara Church building fund.
- Donated funds to furnish the Church library
- Donated pews for the church
- Provided funds towards the organ and ice machine
- Yearly donation for Epitaphio Flowers
- Co-sponsored Greek School Essay contest with AHEPA Chapter
- Donated Icons for the church
- Yearly donations to the PTO
- Daughters of Penelope Gym Pledge
- Co-sponsored 2 years AHEPA Mini Festival to help fulfill $25,000 pledge for Bishop’s Throne
- Provides yearly to the Parish Priest with grocery gift cards
- Contributed $3,000 for the Fan and Cross Set for the consecration of the church
- Daughters of Penelope Donated $500.00 for parking lot improvement
- Penelope’s Treasures Donations $1600.00
**Awards and Recognition**

These are just a few of the many awards received over the years.

Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc.

**BRIDGES INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM 2016**

Aphrodite Chapter 374, District 5, Toms River, NJ – Supporting the Ashley Lauren Foundation and Hometown Heroes with a successful Elvis Fundraiser.

“Make a difference in YOUR community Grant” awarded to Aphrodite Chapter fundraising efforts for these very worthy foundations, the Ashley Lauren Foundation and Hometown Heroes who received the BRIDGES INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2016 for a $500.00 Grant in addition to the chapter donation.
JOIN

The Daughters of Penelope

Aphrodite #374
Meetings are held on the Last Tuesday of the month 7:00 PM at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in the Parish Hall 2200 Church Rd, Toms River, NJ 08753 For more information email us at DOP374@YAHOO.COM

Can also find us on the Church web site
Daughters of Penelope Membership Application

1909 Q Street, NW, #500 | Tel: 202.234.9741 | Fax: 202.483.6983 | Email: dopbo@apha.org
Washington, DC 20009

I hereby wish to: Join as a NEW MEMBER (proceed to 1, 4, 5) | Reinstatement (proceed to 1, 2, 4, 5) | Transfer (proceed to 1, 3, 4, 5)

Chapter #: 374 | District #: 5 | Located in (city): TOMS RIVER | State/Province: NJ

1. Please fill out completely:

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________ Middle Initial: ________
Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State/Prov.: ___________________________ Zip / Postal Code: ___________________________
Country: ___________________________ Res. Tel: (_________) Bus. Tel: (_________) Mobile: (_________) Email: ___________________________
Date of Birth: ___________________________ Religious Affiliate: ___________________________
I am a citizen of (check one): □ USA □ Canada □ Cyprus □ Greece

2. For those members REINSTATING only:

National ID Number: ___________________________ Date Initiated: ___________________________
Previous Chapter/District #: ___________________________
I hereby apply for REINSTATEMENT of my membership into Chapter #__________, District #__________
I hereby certify that I have paid my last dues up to (date): ___________________________ to Chapter #__________, District #__________

3. For those members TRANSFERRING only:

National ID Number: ___________________________ Date Initiated: ___________________________
I hereby apply for TRANSFER my membership FROM Chapter #__________, District #__________ TO Chapter #__________, District #__________
I hereby certify that I have paid my last dues up to (date): ___________________________ to Chapter #__________, District #__________

4. Membership Per Capita to Headquarters: Please note chapter dues are determined by the individual chapter

New Member: $35 Annual Per Capita + $15 Initiation Fee = $50 Total in USD
Reinstating Member: $35 Annual Per Capita + $15 Reinstatement Fee = $50 Total in USD
Transfer Member: Transfer fee is $5 and is retained by the Chapter

5. Signature of Applicant: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member in our organization!

Member Endorsement:

Being mindful of our duties and obligations to the Daughters of Penelope, and as members in Good Standing, we hereby endorse this Applicant and recommend that she be admitted into the Daughters of Penelope; and vouch for her good character, sincerity of purpose, and worthiness of the privilege to be a member.

1st Endorser Signature: ___________________________ Print Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
2nd Endorser Signature: ___________________________ Print Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Certification to be filled in by the Chapter:

I hereby certify that the Applicant, ___________________________ was duly initiated/reinstated/ transferred into Chapter #374, District #5, located in Toms River, Ocean County, NJ, on (month/day/year)._________________________

Signature of Chapter Secretary and/or President:

Address: 2200 Church Rd Toms River NJ 08753
Country: □ USA □ Canada □ Cyprus □ Greece Date: ___________________________ Phone Number: _________ Email: DOP374@YAHOO.COM

PLEASE REMIT ORIGINAL FORM & DUES TO HQ AND KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR CHAPTER FILES
DAUGHTERS of PENELOPE
ORDER of AHEPA SENIOR AUXILIARY

Charter

Whereas the National Headquarters of the Daughters of Penelope has received a petition from

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Louisa Tsaptsinos
Lu'Ann Price
Carol Larres
Stacy Marousis

of the City of Toms River, State of New Jersey, praying to be constituted a Chapter of said Order, under the name of Aphrodite No. #374, directs this Charter to be issued the petitioners, under the name aforesaid, and to bear the date of June 7, 1986, being the date of institution of said Chapter.

The said Chapter is hereby empowered to do and perform all such acts and deeds as are prescribed in the rituals and constitution of the Order of the Daughters of Penelope.

This Charter may be suspended or withdrawn and the rights and privileges conferred thereby revoked for any neglect or refusal on the part of said Chapter to conform to and comply with the rituals, constitution, laws and usages of the Order as adopted and maintained under the authority of the Order of AHEPA.

In Witness whereof this Charter is issued and the seal of the Order is hereunto affixed.

This 10th day of July, 1986
Washington, D. C.

In the year of our Lord

[Signatures]