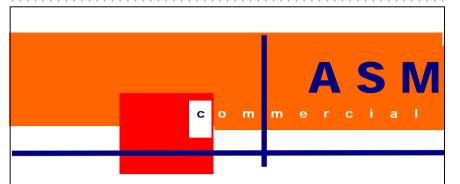
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Bro. Peter Yiannoudes, our State president for Victoria, was invited and had the honour and pleasure to meet with the President of the Republic of Cyprus, His Excellency Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, on his recent visit to Cyprus in February 2006. Bro. Peter said that their meeting lasted one hour and one of the topics that was discussed was Ahepa in Australasia. The President has a very high regard for AHEPA and all the help AHEPA has done and is doing for Cyprus. In turn, he offered any help the Cyprus Government can do for AHEPA. Bro. Peter also met with the Foreign Minister Mr. George Iacovou, the President of the Parliament House Mr. Dimitris Christofias and other senior Ministers.

MOMENTOUS MEETING

On the 19th December, 2005 a meeting was held to discuss the matter of a District Lodge for Victoria. There were 38 interested Sisters present.

Our National President, Bro. Tony Gregoriades and Sis. Despina Vanos, Past District Lodge President in NSW attended this momentous meeting. Sis. Despina, over 30 years ago, was the instigator of the District Lodge starting in NSW.

The meeting was convened and chaired by our National President, in a most impeccable manner, whereby Bro. Tony followed the Rules of Order.

The motion, "That we vote for a District Lodge in Victoria", was moved.

After listening to the Sisters speak for and against the motion, a vote was carried with the positive result, that Victoria would now have a District Lodge.

The Daughters of Penelope, wish to extend congratulations to our Past Presidents, who feel such passion for the District Lodge and which after many endeavors, has finally become a reality for them and us, the Sisters who hopefully will follow in their footsteps.

A committee of one gets things done.

- JOE RYAN

KALI ARHI

Our thanks must be given to our National President, Bro. Tony Gregoriades, Sis Despina Vanos, PDLP and Bro. Peter Yiannoudes, our State President for their support at this meeting, which was conducted in the true spirit of AHEPA.

Sis. Despina Sapountzis Vice-President Chapter Athena No. 2

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VASILOPITA 22ND JANUARY 2006.

Melbourne chooses to have a 43 degree day on the day of the cutting of the Vasilopitta!!

It was not only a pleasant afternoon for all, but also enlightening for all of us as we continue to learn. Sis. Voula Marabeliotakis told us the story of Santa Claus and the story of the Vasilopita.

The lucky recipients were Sis. Georgia Simon & Sis Anthoula Petridis who shared the coin between their pieces of Vasilopita.

Thanks to all the sisters for the lovely sweets and a special thanks to Sis. Sophia Borobokas for the making of the Vasilopita.

Thanks must also be is given to our members and friends who braced the hot weather and come out for this special day.

Walkerthon 19th February 2006.

What a successful fund raiser this was. Quite a few of our Brothers and Sisters braved the 4 km walk. This was followed by a BBQ on the banks of the Yarra river. The following photos attest to the pleasant day everyone had. Again, thanks goes to our Social committee for organizing this annual function.











Ahepa Christmas Break-ups

CHAPTER NAFSIKA NO. 13:

This was the start of the Christmas Celebrations. As usual the friendliness and hospitality was terrific. Everyone had a lovely time with the anticipation of Christmas coming.

ARISTOTELIS NO. 9:

It is obvious that we Ahepans love a get together. At this breakup many members from other chapters attended with the Christmas cheer being shared by all who were there.



POSEIDON NO. 19:

This was a party with lots of Christmas spirit and goodwill. The Kalanda which the Brothers sang were appreciated by all. The Kefi continued with dancing and good cheer. Congratulations to Bro. George and his members for hosting such a lovely night.

ATHENA NO. 2 & ATHENIAN NO. 2

These two chapters decided to have a combined breakup. Ahepa House was overflowing with members from all chapters sharing in the Christmas spirit.

Thanks are given to all the Sisters for their participation in the Kalanda and in particular Sis. Trudy for her organizational skill and off course her story telling. The soft lights and her beautiful voice made us all feel very humble as we truly felt the true spirit of Christmas.

As you have all read and especially members who did not attend any of the above functions, AHEPA has the friendship and goodwill spirit. We, as AHEPANs must try and participate in each Chapter's functions, so that we get to know each other better.

I felt all functions were a success. May be, next Christmas, with the help of the State Lodge and District Lodge encouraging all Chapters to hold a combined breakup, we will all enjoy the Christmas spirit together.



Some light reading

28th JANUARY, 2006 - HELLENIC ASSOCIATION OF MORNINGTON PENINSULA AGED CITIZEN ASSOCIATION INC.

The State Lodge decided to present the Hellenic Association a Certificate of Appreciation for their support over the years to AHEPA.

On the 28th January, 2006, the following members headed down to Rye, Bro. Peter & Sis. Katina Yanoudes, Bros. Steve & Sis Tasia Manos, Bros. Theo & Sis. Despina Sapountzis and Bro. Paul Theodore where we met up with Bro. Taso & Sis Polly Nitzos and Bro. Kon & Sis. Kathy Panos who have homes down the peninsula and together we attended the Dinner Dance at the Civic Center. There were over 250 people in attendance..

We received the most warmest of welcomes by all whom we spoke to. They had Government Dignitaries who spoke very highly of the Greek Community on the Peninsula. The President also spoke highly of AHEPA. Bro. Peter did a lovely speech while presenting the Certificate of Appreciation.



What impressed all of us was the "Glendi and Kefi" that they all had, as soon as the DJ started they were up dancing. When we departed around midnight the night outside was filled with Greek music.

We heard that it finished around 2.00 a.m!!! Must be the fresh sea air.

Why we are proud of being Hellenic:

supplied by Bro. E. Eracleous

- Because when others created wars, we created Games to stop wars.
- Because we always make it, even at the last moment.
- Because when you shout "brother" in the streets, everyone turns around.

Commonwealth Games



As you all know are been held in Melbourne this year. We want to mention that some of our members have volunteered their services and are doing a variety of different duties..

Bro. Peter & Sis Katina Yiannoudes and Sis Olga Black are the three members from AHEPA.

PA Δ IO Φ ΩNIKO ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΤΗΣ ΑΧΕΠΑ Radio 3XY on AM 1422 By Bro. John Poulios

Με μεγάλη μας γαρά πληροφορούμαι όλα τα μέλη αλλά και φίλους της ΑΧΕΠΑ ότι από την Πέμπτη 22Δεκεμβρίου..άρχισε να μεταδίδεται για πρώτη φορά στην Βικτωρία μία ημίωρη Ραδιοφωνική εκπομπή η οποία και μεταδίδεται κάθε Πέμπτη από τις 1.00 -1.30 μμ. και συνεγίζει μέγρι σήμερα. Το πρόγραμμα που έγει πάρει τον τίτλο Φωνή της ΑΧΕΠΑ Ήταν μία πρόταση της στοάς Αριστοτέλη και ιδέα του αδελφού Γιάννη Πούλιου και η οποία υιοθετήθηκε από όλα τα μέλη της Βικτόριας Το πρόγραμμα επιμελείται και παρουσιάζει ο αδελφός Γιάννης Πούλιος μαζί με μία ομάδα εκλεκτών αδελφών της ΑΗΕΠΑ, που αποτελούν την υποεπιτροπή ραδιοφώνου, και που είναι Τασσία Μάνος Αντιπρόεδρος της ΑΧΕΠΑ Αυστραλίας Παναγιώτης Γιαννούδης πρόεδρος της ΑΧΕΠΑ Βικτώριας Γιάννης Σκιτζής αντιπρόεδρος της ΑΧΕΠΑ Βικτώριας και Σπύρος Κοροσίδης Υπεύθυνος δημοσίων σγέσεων ΑΧΕΠΑ Βικτώριας Σκοποί του προγράμματος είναι η ενημέρωση για την συμβολή υποστήριξη - βοήθεια και προσφορά της ΑΧΕΠΑ για την διατήρηση της Ελληνικής Γλώσσας - τα Ήθη και τα Έθιμα τις Παραδόσεις αλλά και την Ελληνική και Αυστραλιανή Κουλτούρα,η σωστή ενημέρωση των μελών και της

Ελληνικής παροικίας γύρω από τον

Αλλά και η Προσέλκυση Νέων Μελών

στον Οργανισμό - καταρρίπτοντας τις

κυκλοφορούν όλα αυτά τα χρόνια.

ανυπόστατες διαδόσεις που

οργανισμό μας

του προγράμματος ήταν ο αδελφός Στήβ Μάνος το αργαιότερο εν ενεργεία μέλος της ΑΧΕΠΑ Βικτώριας και πρώην πρόεδρος της ΑΧΕΠΑ Αυστραλίας. Αξίζει συγχαρητήρια για την ωραία παρουσίαση και τα άπταιστα Ελληνικά με τα οποία αναφέρθηκε, περιληπτικά μεν αλλά και ουσιώδη, γύρω από την ιστορία της ιδρύσεως της ΑΧΕΠΑ στην Αμερική και Αυστραλία – αναφερόμενος στα ιδρυτικά μέλη, αλλά και στην αιτία και τους σκοπούς για τους οποίους θεώρησαν τα ιδρυτικά μέλη ότι έπρεπε να δημιουργηθεί ο οργανισμός. Στην εκπομπή της 29 Δεκεμβρίου φιλοξενούμενος και ομιλητής του προγράμματος ήταν ο αδελφός πρώην πρόεδρος της ΑΧΕΠΑ ΑΥΣΤΡΑΛΙΑΣ και Νέας Ζηλανδία αλλά και μέλος της διεθνούς επιτροπής της ΑΧΕΠΑ και επί σειρά ετών γραμματέας της ΑΧΕΠΑ Βικτωρία Ζαφείριος Βάχλας ο οποίος και ενημέρωσε περιληπτικά μεν αλλά και ολοκληρωμένα για το πώς λειτουργεί ο οργανισμός ΑΧΕΠΑ....σε όλα του τα επίπεδα Κοινή αποδοχή και γνώμη από τους ομιλητές – μέλη αλλά και ακροατές ότι το πρόγραμμα έγει πετύγη το σκοπό του μέχρι σήμερα, και έχει δεχτεί πολλά συγγαρητήρια και κολακευτικά λόγια. Οικονομικοί Υποστηρικταί του προγράμματος αυτού είναι. Τα κτηματομεσιτικά γραφεία Α.S.Μ του Αντρέα Μάνου. Υιού των αδελφών Στέφανου και Τασσίας ΜάνουΟ Έλληνας γιατρός Βασίλης Πάνος Υιός των αδελφών Κώστα και Καίτης Πάνου και η εταιρεία BLACKBURN FINE WINES TOO αδελφού Γιώργου Κανάκι

Ο πρώτος φιλοξενούμενος και ομιλητής

The Children's Christmas Party Sunday 4th December 2005

by Sis. Ourania Taifernopoulos



On my arrival at the St. James Park, as I stood there looking at the play-ground, all of a sudden I was moved seeing those young children of Ahepans, playing in the swings and others chasing each other. I haven't seen them since the last Christmas party. How beautiful they were and how they have all grown. I couldn't help myself to hug them and kiss them one by one. The ones I knew and welcoming the new new ones. Few of them are easy recognizable as they look so much like their grandparents. For me it was the most wonderful feeling of love and warmth I felt and knowing those children are of our Sisters and Brothers. Sis. S. Borobokas had to remind me a few times the reason we were there and that we have to go

We started with the games and the winners were presented with blue and white ribbons specially made by Sis. S. Borobokas and of course at the end of the day all of them were wearing two or three, showing to each other with pride.

ahead with our program.

Then the parents and grandparents turn came. Any way I'll only mention that from the grandparents the winner was Bro. Peter Yiannoudes, so watch it members he is a good runner too. As for the grandmothers I'll leave it to you to guess. The well chosen presents were distributed by Bro. Themis Borobokas who performed his role as father Christmas in a most amiable way. To see the excitement and exclamations of joy of the children when they unwrapped their gifts made our party all the more worthwhile. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Rena Lister (Bro. B. Theofanis daughter) for her wonderful choice in presents and time and effort in taking this task for the last few years now. When I spoke to many of the children after, they were very happy, they had a great time and all were excited with the gifts they received. As for the adults, I am sure they had a lovely time too, being as one family enjoying our

What a wonderful way to finish the year 2005.

grandchildren together.

Penelope's Corner by Sis. Despina Sapountzis



Athena Chapter No. 1 - year 1962 - Melbourne Do you know all the Sisters in this photograph?



Daughters of Penelope Hawaii Conference 1st to 7th MAY 2006

A joint conference of the Daughters of Penelope of America and Australasia will take place the first week in May 2006 in Honolulu.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Sisters from both sides of the Pacific Ocean to meet and exchange ideas. An exciting itinerary has been organized by Sister Mary Filou Grand President of the Daughters of USA. There will be plenty of opportunity for sight seeing, tours and shopping.

Sisters interested in attending the Conference, please get in touch with Sister Nike Pavlou for more information and details - ring on (03) 9596 7760

0417 324 760

Brothers are welcome to accompany their Sister wives.



COMING EVENTS

Voice of AHEPA - Radio 3XY - every Thursday 1 - 1.30pm

19th February 2006

WALKERTHON at

Botanical Gardens Cnr Anderson St & Alexandra Ave at 11.00am BBQ to follow

Cost \$20.00 Bookings: Sis. Sophia Borobokas

9534 5552

5th March 2006 BBQ

at

Bro. C & Sis K. Panos (Mob: 0414 872 972) Cnr Glenvue Rd & Browns Rd RYE Melway Ref: M168 B9

Cost \$20.00

Book: Sis. Sophia Borobokas 9534 5552

Keep Australia

Beautiful

5th March 2006

Ahepa Cleaning Volunteers to Meet at the Usual Place

12th March 2006

DISTRICT LODGE

Inuaguration and Installation of Officers

at the
MARWELL CENTRE
Marwell Ave

North Balwyn

at 2.30pm

7th to 13th October 2006 52nd Ahepa National Convention - Melbourne

Ahepa National Project - Juvenile Diabetes

The Juvenile Diabetes presentation Night and Dinner Dance was held last Friday night, 24th February, a cheque for \$20,000.00 was presented to Dr. Greg Fulcher from Royal North Shore Hospital, who came along with his wife, as well as Dr. Michelle Jack, the Head of the JD Centre, and Nurse Educator, (who is being paid by AHEPA) and her husband, as well as other members from the team at the hospital.

The hospital staff are very excited with the assistance of AHEPA in this matter and greatly appreciate our help as the Nurse Educator has been needed with a backlog of six months' patients to attend to.

AHEPA has been receiving much kudos for this support.

Mr John Hatzistergos, the NSW Health Minister was unable to attend but sent the Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Mr. Paul Macleay, in his place who gave AHEPA a great build up for the project.

Donations are being received 24/7 so get to it brothers and sistes, people are willing to donate if you tell them what we are doing and for whom!.

Hope to hear from you all soon Fraternally Sister Christine Lynch Project Co-ordinator. This is a wonderful opportunity for AHEPA and for us all to work together with a common goal, to promote the Order and inform the public of AHEPA - what we stand for and work towards, we can only attain and achieve all this by working together and pooling our resources to assist sick children who will never lead a normal life.

Tax Deductible donations may be forwarded to

AHEPA FOUNDATION Incorporated PO Box 466 MATRAVILLE NSW 2036

All donations will be acknowledged and are fully tax deductible. AHEPA AUSTRALASIA has a commitment to the Juvenile Diabetes Centre at the Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards Sydney, for \$60,000.00 over the next 3 years. This money will provide the wages for an Educator to educate the young patients on how to administer their machines, this is a very vital position and it is needed urgently!

After 3 years the government will take over the funding of the Educator.

We ask all AHEPANS to assist us in this special project.

ANYBODY may donate, any individual or company we need EVERYBODY'S SUPPORT.



Penelope's Kitchen

KALI OREXI!!

Bessy's Pasta

You will need:

1 packet Fettucini 1 Tin RED Carnation milk 250gm Shoulder ham 500gm Coon grated cheese 1 small cream

Method:

- 1. Boil pasta
- 2. Strain pasta
- 3. Mix cheese and chopped ham with pasta
- 4. Grease baking dish and put pasta in it
- 5. Pour RED Carnation milk on top
- 6. Pour Cream
- 7. Bake for 30 minutes or until golden

Never have children, only grandchildren. - GORE VIDAL

Despina's Bean Salad

You will need:

500gm Frozen Green beans 440gm Four mix beans 1 red pepper - sliced 1 onion - sliced finely

Dressing:

1/2 cup olive oil

3 tablespoons Vinegar

2 tablespoons Brown Sugar

1/2 teaspoon Mustard Powder

3 garlic cloves

1 teaspoon oregano

Salt and Pepper

Method:

Mix beans with dressing and refrigerate at least 1/2 hour

A committee is a body that keeps minutes and waste hours. - W.P.G.

How is your history?

Extract from the

Australian History Museum



John Peters

Place Unknown, most probably 1870's

Believed to be the second 'free' Greek male settler in Australia. His Greek name is unknown; though his Greek Christian name is thought to have possibly been Ioannis or Iakoumis. This portrait was found amongst his personal papers, and his descendants consider it to be of him. John arrived during either the mid or late 1830s. Probably a native of the island of Samos, in December 1841, he married 14 year old Sarah McCue from Dublin, at St. John's Church. Parramatta, and towards the end of the 1850s Peters was employed as a 'boatman', probably on the Parramatta River, or perhaps even on a coastal vessel.

He later worked as a shepherd on the Bedervale property, near Braidwood, NSW, and then became a gold prospector at nearby Little River. He died in Sydney in 1887 and is buried in Rockwood Cemetery.

Photo courtesy R. Nichols



Ida McHale

Ida McHale (nee Godfrey) Sydney, NSW, 1988

Ida was born in 1893 and is a descendant of John Peters, the man believed to be the second 'free' Greek male settler in Australia. The facial similarity between Ida and John Peters is dramatically striking to say the least. Ida passed away in 1990.

Photo by Effy Alexakis



Editor's Note:
Amazing!!!

The first Greeks in the Territory

At the begining of the 20th century Greeks from the island of Kastelorizo migrated and settled at the inhospitable land of the North Australia. In the 50s a small number of Kalymnians were

brought to Broome, Western Australia as divers and later they became the nucleus of the vibrant Greek community in Darwin, Northern Territory.

Continuation from the previous issue - Part 2 of 2

The magic pearl.

From Shark Bay to Broome. The early years.

The fishing for pearl oysters (pearling) started in the 1850s in the Shark bay region of Western Australia but soon moved further north. Pearl oyster was sought not only for their pearls but also for their shells which were utilised in the production of buttons, knife handles, jewels and inlay of clocks. Initially pearl oysters were gathered in shallow waters but gradually pearling took place in deeper waters.

A number of town in Western Australia became associated with the pearling industry, Dampier and Karratha as the pearling grounds and Onslow as a support port. In 1870 Cossack, north of Karratha became the centre of the pearling industry. In its heydays Cossack was one of the most multicultural cities of Western Australia with hundred of residents and a port associated exclusively with the pearling industry.

When the pearling grounds in the sea around the area were exhausted the pearling fleet moved further north and Cossack became a small village with numerous of abandoned buildings. The last resident of the town left in 1955 and the town was (partially) re-inhabited after 1983 when the Western Australia Government decide to restore the town as a tourist attraction and used young offenders to rebuilt/restore some of the old buildings.

When the first group arrived in the abandoned town they found an old abandoned pearl lugger (a vessel used for pearl fishing) tied at the wharf, still floating despite the cyclones that hit the area during all this years.

The Paspalis family.

The new pearling port was Port Hedland and it was here that the first serious Greek connection with the pearling industry eventuated. However a Greek person, Antonios Julian, who jumped ship in Albany in March 1870, was the first greek to go north to Cossack where he worked as a pearler.

Theodosis Michael Paspalis, a tobacco merchant from Kastellorizo arrived with his family in port Hedland in 1919. In port Hedland he established a grocery shop and bought a share in a pearl lugger. Unfortunately Theodosis died 5 years later but his sons Michael and Nikolas and his daughter Mary continued their father interest in pearling. A number of other Greeks were also involved with the pearling industry in Port Hedland, Broome and in the North West of Western Australia. George Marinos and George Thomas worked in Port Hedland, Jack Koutsoukis and Michael Canaris worked in Broome and John Theoharis (who was call king John by the local Aborigines) was based on Thursday islands.

Today the Paspalis (or Paspaley) family has established the larger cultured pearls idustry in Australia and produce very high quality pearls and other pearl products.