



A.H.P.S. News in Brief

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Dear Hellenes and Philhellenes,

To contact me with ideas you may have for improving this newsletter or our website at **AHPS.org**, please phone me at 916-966-7070, or email me at *tom_j_adams@yahoo.com*.

Tom Adams, President



THIS NEXT EVENT

The enclosed flyer introduces you to our next speaker, Andreas Toupadakis, Ph.D., who will talk about the current turmoil in Greece and its affects worldwide, especially for Greek-Americans. We've been having really good comments about our dinner events at The Dante Club; thus, we are back there again. Be sure to attend this extremely interesting and vital presentation . . . getting your reservations in *by Wednesday, April 14*.

And please note the form and check are to be sent directly to Paula Titus, who is taking reservations for this event.

PHOTOS BY FOTOS

Everyone attending the AHPS Christmas party last December had his/her photo taken by Gene Fotos, at least once during the function! If you were there, you will be able to pick up a copy of your photo(s) at our next event (Toupadakis on April 25). Be sure to attend as you'll be able to view all the photos of the party. *Thanks a million, Gene!*

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES

AHPS again co-sponsored, along with other Greek organizations in the area, the annual Greek flag-raising ceremony at the Capitol on March 25. A luncheon in the Capitol cafeteria preceded the ceremonies, with a group photo taken on the steps of the Capitol. As usual, Demos Papadopoulos, our AHPS ex-officio Board Member, was instrumental in the planning of this event.

PERRY GEORGE POTIRIS (1926-2010)

Perry Potiris, a member of AHPS since its founding in 1975, passed away on March 4, 2010. He was the founder and manager of three restaurants in the "Greek Triangle" in South Sacramento: the Truckadero, later renamed Original Perry's; Mr. Perry's; and Kallie's.

Perry was born in Mason City, Iowa on May 18, 1926, was named an All-State High School Football player, served in the Navy during World War II, and graduated from the University of Iowa. He was an avid supporter of Hawkeye football his entire life. Perry had a delicious sense of humor. His paper place mats declared: "We lose money on every meal but make it up in volume."

May his memory be eternal.

A.H.P.S. NEW PROFESSIONAL OFFSHOOT

With the idea of expanding our membership, Board Member Vasilios Spyridakis, Esq., (whose father was one of the original founders of AHPS over 35 years ago) developed an idea to establish an AHPS subdivision for the many Greek attorneys in the Sacramento area. This AHPS-offshoot would be open to all legal professionals of Greek descent, as well as to all members of the legal community who have an interest in Greek culture or who wish to explore Greek contributions to Western jurisprudence.

By providing Greek attorneys an opportunity for networking and professional development, as well as mentoring for members who are law students and new attorneys, Vasili's intent is to increase AHPS

NEW PROFESSIONAL OFFSHOOT (continued): membership among younger Greeks interested in their heritage who would continue our mission. Enrolled as AHPS members, they would then have the option to also participate in the newly formed Hellenic Law Association of Sacramento (HELLAS). The group's acronym is most appropriate: HELLAS, the ancient Greek name for Greece.

On the evening of Greek Independence Day, the AHPS Board hosted a social mixer for members of the legal profession at Vasilis's home. It was well attended by several judges, attorneys, and paralegals, most of whom are Greek, or connected by marriage, or simply interested in Hellenism. Thanks to Gene Fotos, we have numerous photos of the gathering. We're very pleased to have Vasilis's idea take off!

NEW MEMBERS ON THE AHPS BOARD

Two new members have joined us on the Board, and already have been hard at work: David Graulich, an attorney with offices in Fair Oaks, and Christine Kockinis, well known in the Sacramento area for her skills as an events planner and fund raiser. Both David, assisting Vasilios Spyridakis with the strategy, and Christine, using her flair for staging events, contributed immensely to the success of our HELLAS social mixer on March 25th.

THE AHPS SCHOLARSHIP

We continue to remind you that AHPS has a \$500 Scholarship available for the son, daughter, or grandchild of a member in good standing for a minimum of three years. The scholarship is available to high schools seniors, recent high school graduates, and even college or university graduates seeking higher-level degrees.

Details and application forms can be found on our website, **AHPS.org**. We invite all college-bound students to consider applying.

Please pass the word to eligible students!

DUES PAYMENT

If your 2010 annual dues have not yet been paid, you will find a membership application in with this issue. Dues, which are payable at the beginning of each calendar year, are \$40 per couple, \$25 for an individual, or \$10 for a full-time student.

Your dues support our various events throughout the year. (We charge no more than the actual cost of any meal for attendance.) Dues also go toward our scholarship program and the sponsorship of any joint programs (e.g. events at CSUS, Greek Independence Day ceremony, etc.), and thus are absolutely vital to sustaining the AHPS.

For persons current with the 2010 membership, on your address label you will find a colorful symbol of our heartfelt appreciation for your ongoing support!

THIRSTY FOR WAR

This quote, submitted by Honorary AHPS Member Anthony Folcarelli, is from the *Utica, New York, Saturday Globe*, 1897-1898 prior to the first Balkan War, 1912:

"He stood in front of his hut on the mountainside, a grizzled being in semi-Grecian costume, well patched by his industrious wife, smiling with the cunning of his class. I should have guessed his age at 55. He was 75. 'What is the strange King of ours,' he said. 'A strange King who comes with a parcel of Danish nonsense that only young men are made to fight. Tell that King and his armies of boys that I did not suck my mother's milk to be a calf. Tell him I have tasted the fire. I know my Turk. I have lived here in the sight of him [in Thrace]. They have not seen him across the border. I need none of their trumpets and their drums to keep my legs from trembling when the bullets whistle. Let them come! Tell the King from me! Let them come, and I will show him the trick of counting your victims by counting your cartridges.'"

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We would welcome any ideas members have for articles in our Newsletters, and would appreciate suggestions for future speakers and events. The Board wants to keep AHPS vital and energized, reflecting your interests and concerns, so please contribute your ideas!