



PRESS RELEASE

AHEPA Family District No. 23 Concludes 79th Annual Convention in Toronto

Promoting ideals of Progressiveness, Education, and Hellenism in Annual Convention

TORONTO, ON – The AHEPA Family of District No. 23 concluded its 79th Convention in Toronto. Among the dignitaries present at the successful convention, were the AHEPA Supreme President Anthony Kouzounis, the AHEPA Supreme Vice-President Philip Frangos, the AHEPA Canada President George Vassiliadis, the Daughters of Penelope Canadian President Aspa Kostopoulos, the Governor of AHEPA District 23 Dr. Ken Matziorinis, and the Daughters of Penelope Governor District 23 Alexandra Vasilakopoulos.

Event Co-chairs of the convention, Sister Vana Amanatidis, and Brother Byron Yankou, along with the District Convention committee, welcomed the Sisters and Brothers with an entertaining hospitality reception that became the highlight of the weekend.

In the opening remarks of the convention meetings, the Co-chairs reminded the delegates that the ‘P’ in AHEPA stands for Progressive – a theme which was evident in the speeches and presentations throughout the weekend. The AHEPA Family reflected the Districts’ progressiveness, deliberating on Kingston possibly hosting the Mid-Year District Conference in November 2014. A proposal for AHEPA Canada to have its own constitution was also brought forth to be presented and further discussed at the Supreme Convention in New Orleans this July 2014.

Following the proceedings of the AHEPA Family, the four orders conducted productive meetings on education and Hellenism, and further discussed ideas on growth and expansion. District 23 Governor Elections also took place, electing Mr. Bill Bakalis (Kitchener, ON) as the new Governor for AHEPA and Ms. Annie Valkanas (London, ON) as the new Governor for the Daughters of Penelope. Finally, the District Scholarship Committee assembled to select six recipients.

The AHEPA Family and guests later gathered at the “Spring Dinner and Dance”, where they enjoyed delicious food along with Greek music and dancing. Awards were also presented for AHEPAN of the year and DOP of the year. The convention ended on Sunday morning following a moving church service at Saint George’s Greek Orthodox Church.



Seen here are members from the Toronto AHEPA Chapter along with the Supreme President, Anthony Kouzounis, and the Supreme Vice-President, Philip Frangos, at the “Spring Dinner and Dance” during the May 23-25th District Convention weekend in Toronto.

The junior auxiliaries continued the convention festivities by organizing an outing on Sunday afternoon to the Toronto’s Rogers Center to watch the Toronto Blue Jays Game. The event, “The AHEPA Family goes to the Ball Game”, was a great success, and strengthened the relationship of the AHEPA Chapters of the junior auxiliaries.



Enjoying the Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Game are the Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena.

District 23 consists of numerous chapters of AHEPA, the DOP, the SOP and the MOA located in Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes.

AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) is the world's largest association of people of Greek descent, with over 500 chapters across the globe. It works to promote the ancient Greek ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility and family and individual excellence.

For more information, please contact:

Anastasios Moussas

Toronto Chapter Secretary

Tel.: 416-710-2286

E-mail: secretary@ahepatoronto.org