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AHEPA Toronto Spring Banquet, honoring AHEPA Past Canadian President, Tony Mavromaras.

AHEPA Toronto's Spring Banquet is sold out, with 150 guests anticipating a special evening of fellowship, entertainment and honouring of ***AHEPA Past Canadian President, Tony Mavromaras*** and twenty-five other AHEPA Past Presidents and long-serving members. On this special occasion, we are pleased to announce that AHEPA Supreme President John Grossomanides will be in attendance, along with AHEPA Canada President George Vassilas, AHEPA District Governor Jim Fabrikis, and many other important and distinguished guests from the Greek Diaspora of Toronto and Press.

Tony Mavromaras joined AHEPA in 1967, and has served the order faithfully for 45 years. He has been a constant voice for the cause of Hellenism in Canada, both at home and abroad, and has earned enormous respect throughout the AHEPA Order, at the Chapter, District, National and International levels.

Tony Mavromaras Biography:

- President AHEPA Toronto, 4 yrs 1972,1973, 1989 and 1990
- Last AHEPA Supreme Vice President of Canada, 2 yrs, 1991 and 1992
- First AHEPA Canadian President, 2yrs, 1996 & 1997
- Co-Chair AHEPA National Convention in Toronto, 1983
- President of Athenian Association, 6 yrs
- Vice President of Hellenic Home, 2 yrs
- Board of Directors, Greek Community of Toronto, 2 yrs
- Met with dozens of world leaders throughout the world, including:
 - (5) Canadian Prime Ministers
 - (4) Greek Prime Ministers
 - (3) Greek Presidents
 - (5) Cypriot Presidents
 - (2) Cypriot Archbishops



- (2) Patriarchs, in Constantinople and Jerusalem
- Met Americana and Canadian Ambassadors in Athens, Cyprus and Turkey
- Part of Patriarch Bartholomew's entourage during Tour of Canada
- Met Dozens of Canadian/Greek & Cypriot Ministers
- Visited Turkish Pentagon in Ankara to discuss Greek/Turkish relations

Other AHEPANS Recognized:

Ten AHEPA Toronto Past Presidents will be presented with AHEPA Past Presidents Pins, recognizing their dedicated service to the Order:

1. Andreas Stavropoulos
2. Jim Fabrikis
3. Terry Farsalas
4. Dimitris Grammatikos (posthumously)
5. Aritotelis Christou
6. Larry Christidis
7. Andy Tzemis
8. Fred Fotopoulos
9. Tony Vlassopoulos
10. Anastasios Venetsanopoulos

Fifteen Long-Serving AHEPA Toronto members were presented with AHEPA Service pins, recognizing their dedicated service to the Order

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| 1. Greg Zorbs | 10 Years |
| 2. Tryfon Tsatsos | 10 Years |
| 3. Byron Yankou | 15 Years |
| 4. Jim Merecoulias | 15 Years |
| 5. Antonios Lafazanis | 15 Years |
| 6. Kostas Babalis | 15 Years |
| 7. Photis Kastrounis | 20 Years |
| 8. Mike Papadouris | 20 Years |
| 9. Gregory Kanargelidis | 20 Years |
| 10. Nick Poulos | 35 Years |
| 11. George Sarantopoulos | 40 Years |
| 12. James Dimson | 45 Years |
| 13. Manos Damianakis | 50 Years |
| 14. Louis Trenton | 55 Years |
| 15. James Pascharis | 55 Years |

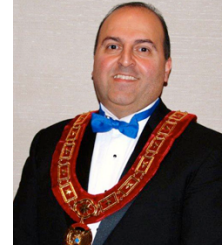
AHEPA Toronto was formed in 1922, and continues its proud traditional of service as the leading Greek chartable and philanthropic organization in Toronto. With its annual Golf Tournament, bi-annual CEGA Awards, and many other programs, AHEPA Toronto (along with over 450 AHEPA chapters in Canada, US and internationally) speaks clearly for Hellenism throughout the world.

AHEPA Supreme President John Grossomanides

Biography

Current Responsibility

John is the Blue Cross BlueShield of Vermont and The Vermont Health Plan Director of Pharmacy and Senior Clinical Pharmacist for Advanced Pharmacy Concepts. He has been with the organization since January 2001. John supervises all Clinical and Pharmaceutical Management activities within this department including producing drug monographs, formulary management, clinical auditing, pharmaco-economic patient modeling, academic detailing, and educational development.



Experience

John has managed the department of pharmacy including, Formulary management, Academic Detailing, Provider Education, Rebate management and handle all items related to the Pharmacy Benefits Management company relationship.

His previous clinical experience was as clinical pharmacy for ten years at the Westerly Hospital in Westerly, Rhode Island. He was in charge of Drug Utilization Evaluations, Adverse Drug Reaction Reporting to the Pharmacy and Therapeutics committee, and therapeutic interventions.

John is the Past President of the Rhode Island Pharmacists Association and a Past President of the Rhode Island Society of Hospital Pharmacists. He was the 2000 Winner of the Rhode Island Pharmacist of the Year Award, a 1990 recipient of the Rhode Island Hospital Pharmacist of the Year award, and a recipient of the 1997 McKesson Leadership Award.

He has been appointed Adjunct Professor of Clinical Pharmacy for the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy.

Education

John received his bachelor degree from the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy in 1984 and his Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy in December 2000.

AHEPA MISSION

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

Hellenism

An important component of AHEPA's mission is to create an awareness of the principles of Hellenism to society. These principles include a commitment to humanity, freedom, and democracy. The preservation and promotion of these ideals is where AHEPA has, and always will be, deeply committed.

AHEPA educates the community on these matters through symposia, forums, and conferences.

Education

AHEPA's commitment to education has been well documented throughout its history. Over \$4 million is endowed at the local, district and national levels toward the use of scholarships and a half-million dollars is awarded annually. Thousands of young men and women have benefited as recipients of AHEPA scholarships at these various levels. The most famous recipient, perhaps, is ABC News' Host of This Week George Stephanopoulos.

The scholarship program at the national level is administered by the AHEPA National Educational Foundation. It offers scholarships to a wide variety of students. Recipients are: traditional and non-traditional students; seminarians, including those entering Holy Cross Greek School of Theology; and high school seniors, college and post-graduate students who are looking to become tomorrow's leaders.

The preservation of Hellenic or Classical Studies programs on college campuses is an important issue for the AHEPA Educational Foundation. A subcommittee of the Foundation, the Hellenic Cultural Commission, actively works to support the study of the Classics at universities.

In addition, educational programs such as "Journey to Greece" and Washington Internships are sponsored by the Foundation.

Philanthropy

Philanthropy and volunteerism have been pillars of strength for AHEPA. From natural disaster relief to raising funds for the elimination of life-threatening diseases to making significant contributions to our local neighborhoods, AHEPA is at the forefront of charitable giving.

AHEPA's philanthropic deeds are evident in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island; in the Halls of St. Basil Academy, a childcare facility in Garrison, N.Y.; in the care

packages we sent to our troops in cooperation with the USO; and in the building of healthcare facilities in Greece. Yet this only scratches the surface of the numerous philanthropic works of the association. In addition, countless charitable projects are undertaken every year by AHEPA's chapters and districts.

Civic Responsibility

Our grassroots has a strong voice. With chapters in every major metropolitan city and in rural areas of North America, AHEPA communicates the positions of the Greek-American community to elected representatives at the federal, state, and local levels, as well as to our diplomatic leaders. These issues pertain to Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey; however, our constituents are also interested in domestic policy areas affecting the philanthropic, civic, and community service-based programs in which they are involved. These positions are based upon our American heritage and ideals with the best interest of the United States in mind.

AHEPA educates its constituents about these issues through seminars and conferences, providing expert panelists from the U.S. government, prominent Washington, DC Think-Tank organizations, and the business world.

Furthermore, AHEPA keeps a watchful eye on Congress with its Congressional Scorecard, a tool that evaluates each member of Congress on Greek-American issues.

Family and Individual Excellence

What makes AHEPA unique from other organizations is the creation of the AHEPA Family. Together with three affiliated organizations, the AHEPA Family works as a unit toward the fulfillment of a common mission. Combined, the four organizations have contributed well over a billion dollars to national projects throughout their history.

The Daughters of Penelope was established November 16, 1929 as the Women's Affiliate of AHEPA. It is the first Greek-American women's organization in the United States. One of its crowning achievements is Penelope House, a shelter for battered women in Mobile, Alabama. It is the first shelter for battered women and their children in that state.

The Sons of Pericles was established February 3, 1926, and was officially recognized as the Junior Order of AHEPA in 1928. Finally, the Maids of Athena was founded July 5, 1930 as the Junior Women's Auxiliary of AHEPA. The two youth groups have combined to contribute to such worthy causes as: Muscular Dystrophy, Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, the Special Olympics, St. Basil Academy and Cooley's Anemia research

The Ideals of Ancient Greece Important to All

AHEPA members are proud of the contributions the ancient Greeks gifted to Western Civilization. As Americans, we share many of the values put forth by them: civic responsibility, philanthropy, education, family and individual excellence, and the ideals of democracy. This is the essence of our heritage. This is the core of our mission.

Moreover, throughout the span of its history, AHEPA has served as a vital vehicle for the progressive development and emergence of American citizens of Greek heritage into every facet of society: government, business, education, and the arts. This fulfillment illustrates the promise of the American Dream and symbolizes the hard work ethic of our immigrant forbearers who labored to achieve that dream with the principles of Hellenism rooted deep in their hearts.