

AHEPA is the largest and oldest American-based Greek heritage grassroots membership organization with over 530 chapters chartered in the United States, Canada, Greece, and Cyprus, and sister chapters in Australia and New Zealand. It was established in 1922 by visionary Greek-Americans to protect Greek immigrants from prejudice originating from the KKK and also to help Greek immigrants assimilate into American society.

The mission of AHEPA is to promote the ideals of Hellenism, education, philanthropy, civic responsibility and family and individual excellence.

AHEPA LEADS THE WAY

Today's AHEPA is an extended family bound by a fierce pride in our Hellenic heritage, a passion for education, and a dedication to community service, philanthropy, and individual excellence AHEPA leads the way in:

Hellenism

Our Hellenic heritage is what binds the AHEPA family together. Its preservation is our deepest commitment. More than any other organization like it, AHEPA has stood firm in its defense of Hellenism - and in its efforts to make that heritage a vital part of the 21st century, by promoting Hellenic Studies programs in universities, and through initiatives such as our exciting Journey to Greece for young Greek Americans and Philhellenes.

Education

Every year, AHEPA members provide hundreds of scholarships to promising young Greek Americans. Over the years, we've helped thousands of outstanding young men and women go to college, and go on to success. From high school seniors to post-graduate students and seminarians, AHEPA

scholars across the country are on their way to becoming tomorrow's leaders - and the latest chapter in the Greek American success story.

Philanthropy

AHEPA is the leading Greek American philanthropic organization in the world - contributing over \$1 billion to worthy causes. From the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island to the reforestation of Greek mountains ravaged by wildfire... from building urban hospital centers and rural health clinics in Greece to affordable housing for senior citizens here in America, AHEPA is where Greek Americans come together to make a difference. For over 85 years, AHEPA members have been the heart of the Greek American community. Every year, Ahepans contribute over \$1 million to Greek Orthodox communities through their local chapters. But even more than helping build churches and community centers, we're proud of how our chapters take up new challenges every year. Many of these countless community efforts have gone on to become national successes, like the Greek Autism Project and the Greek Children's Fund at Sloan - Kettering. And as the AHEPA family grows, so does the list of our contributions: from the Daughters of Penelope building the first shelter for battered women and children in Alabama... to our youth groups, the Sons of Pericles and the Maids of Athena, combining forces to fight Cooley's Anemia and supporting the Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, and on to aiding other causes such as St. Basil Academy and the Special Olympics. Whether it's helping fund cancer research or providing relief for earthquake victims in Greece, AHEPA members are giving back to their heritage and to their country - every day.

Civic Leadership

With 500 active chapters, AHEPA has the largest grassroots network of concerned Greeks and Philhellenes in North America. Combined with our Congressional scorecard and voter registration initiatives, this power gives AHEPA a unique ability to mobilize members on issues of importance to our community and speak loudly with one voice to our elected officials, and we do.

Individual Excellence

AHEPA stands for the Hellenic ideal of excellence - and our members are committed to keeping that ideal alive. Ahepans share a deep belief that each of us can and must strive to achieve excellence - and we work together to reach for that excellence which can only be found in man's commitment to



American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association

On April 27, 1978, Ahepa Chapter 467 of Ocean County was established.

It was the wish of the charter members to perpetuate the ideals of AHEPA, (Hellenism, Education, & Philanthropic endeavors). In addition, there existed a desire to enjoy the comradeship that such a group could offer.

Chapter 467 has remained steadfast to its obligations. It has given scholarships to deserving children each year. It has given to the Cancer Fund each year since the inception of the drive. Perhaps the most rewarding accomplishment of the chapter was the sponsoring of a bingo night from which all of the proceeds went to Saint Barbara Building fund, over \$500,000 during a period of eight years.

The original membership of Chapter 467 was 26 members. Currently we have 57 members and would encourage you to join our ranks .

The opportunity to serve the members of Ahepa has increased enormously with the computer age, and Chapter 467 is now ready to bring its members into the 21st Century with confidence that present-day problems can be solved with modern technology. And we can rest assured that as the AHEPA of 1922 served the needs of its members, we too can now serve the more complex needs of our members.

For over 85 years, AHEPA has been a proud part of the Greek American success story.

Our founding fathers shared a dream to build a better life for their families in a new land. But when they encountered discrimination and violence in their new home they stood up together, and they stood as one founding AHEPA to protect their families, defend their rights and fight for their dreams.

And when those battles were won, they worked even harder. To secure for their countrymen the same opportunities they had won through struggle and sacrifice, they helped thousands to become the first in their families to attend college. They raised over \$263 million in war bonds for their adopted country in its time of need during World War II and \$500 million more in a fordable housing for seniors.

Ever since our founding fathers came together more than 85 years ago, AHEPA has been a proud part of the Greek American success story. Today's Ahepans come together not only to honor that legacy, but to ensure it's future in the 21st century.

Our members know what an amazing contribution our Hellenic heritage and our community has made to this country and at what cost. And our members know that this story has just begun. Our members know many changes and challenges to our nation and to our heritage

lie ahead and they are ready to play a vital role in that future. That's why our members have built AHEPA chapter by chapter, and family by family, into the largest and strongest organization of it's kind and that's why AHEPA wants you.

"From the time I was a boy, AHEPA has been for all of us in Greece, the symbol of the Greek American community."

Loucas Tsilas

Executive Director of the Onassis Foundation Ambassador of Greece to the U.S., 1993-1998

"For over 85 years, AHEPA's record of service to our country and to the Greek American community is unmatched. In fact, your history serves as an inspiring record of all that is best about America and Americans."

R. Nicholas Burns

U.S. Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs Former U.S. Ambassador to Greece, 1997-2001

AHEPA's contribution was always decisive in the promotion of Greek interests in the U.S.A. With the zeal and patriotism which distinguishes it, AHEPA was and is the ambassador of our national rights in their cross-Atlantic homeland, helping in every difficult case for the Greek voice to be heard clearly. The Greek State, mother-Greece, honours and thanks it.

Anastasis Papaligouras
Greek Justice Minister, 2007 American

YES! I'm proud of the AHEPA success story and I want that story to continue in the 21st century.

That's why I want to join AHEPA today as a **MEMBER OF LOCAL CHAPTER #467**, Ocean County / Toms River, NJ

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, 7:30 pm.

Please send me an application form and information on your chapter's approval and initiation process.

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City State Zip _____

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E-mail _____

Signature _____

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