

Daughters of Penelope



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Supreme Convention

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**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
2009 SUPREME CONVENTION
SUMMARY MINUTES
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2009

CONVENTION OPENING 10:14 a.m.

Vassiliki Moulas, President of EOS Chapter #1, District #21 opened the 2009 Daughters of Penelope 80th Anniversary Supreme Convention held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco, California. She welcomed delegates to San Francisco.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND PRESIDENT AND GRAND LODGE

Past Grand Presidents Mary M. Georgiafandis and Mary M. Verges escorted Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf to the podium where she presented her Grand Lodge: Grand Vice President Elaine Sampanis, Canadian President Diane Polesello Lygouriatis, Grand Secretary Christine K. Constantine, Grand Treasurer Nicky Stamoulis, Grand Governor Zone I Anna-Helene Panagakos, Grand Governor Zone II Deborah Fletcher-Urse, Grand Governor Zone III Helen Santire, Grand Governor Zone IV Jan Spanos, and Grand Advisor Maids of Athena Joanne Saltas. Grand President Wolf thanked her Lodge for their support and their service to the Daughters of Penelope.

OPENING PRAYER

Canadian President Diane Polesello Lygouriatis read the opening prayer for the convention.

NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Grand Governor Zone I Anna-Helene Panagakos led in the singing of the National Anthems of Greece, Canada, Australia, and the United States.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Grand Vice President Elaine Sampanis, assisted by the Grand Lodge, conducted the memorial service for 130 departed Sisters. Grand Lodge officers lit candles for each District as the names were read.

INTRODUCTIONS

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf acknowledged Sister Effie Choppelas, the surviving member of the Mother Lodge, Eos Chapter #1. Sister Choppelas is 101 years and will be introduced at the Grand Banquet.

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf introduced the Past Grand Presidents in attendance at this Convention: Josie Chase (1964-1965), Helen J. Beldecos (1970-1972), Katherine Caravasios (1975-1976), Mary M. Georgiafandis (1977-1978), Mary M. Verges (1995-1996), Joanne V. Hologgitas, PhD (1996-1997), Catherine C. Ferguson (1998-1999), Constance Aretos-Banis (1999-2000), Joanne Booras (2001-2002), Evellyn Tsiadis (2002-2003), Angela V. Kavounas (2003-2004), Mary B. Filou, PhD (2005-2006), and Karen B. Stamatiades (2007-2008). Past Grand President Mary M.

Verges gave the welcome message on behalf of the Past Grand Presidents. Grand President Wolf also recognized all Past Grand Lodge Officers in attendance.

NATIONAL PENELOPE OF THE YEAR 2008

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf introduced the 2008 National Penelope of the Year, Aglaia Lilli Radu, Chapter #31 Warren, OH, District #11.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Liz Guthrie, PHP, was introduced as Parliamentarian for the convention.

RECORDER

Jeff Wessman was recognized as the recorder for the convention.

SENTINELS

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf appointed as Sentinels: Tasia Georgopoulos, District Governor #24; Maria Patelos, Chapter #158, District #6; and Sophia Fonti, Chapter #290, District #21.

TELLERS

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf appointed as Tellers: Connie Pilallis, District Governor #2; Dorothea Williams, Chapter #272, District #10; Evangelene Poulos, Chapter #311, District #13; and Niki Pallas-Schwenke, District Governor #20.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice reported as of 10:14 a.m. the total number of registered delegates is 174 and 11 alternates. The voting strength is 155.

ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES FOR CONVENTION

Eugenia Christy, Chapter #122, District #8 moved to adopt the Standing Rules for Convention as outlined in the Daughters of Penelope Constitution. Motion seconded by Past Grand President Helen J. Beldecos. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADOPTION OF 2009 CONVENTION AGENDA

Add to page 3 of the Convention Agenda additional committee: AHEPA Family Auxiliaries – Chairman Sandra Bouzon, Chapter #55, District #16. Demi Thomas, District #5 moved to adopt the 2009 Convention Agenda. Motion seconded by Grand Governor Zone IV Jan Spanos. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ELECTION OF CONVENTION OFFICERS

Past Grand President Helen J. Beldecos nominated Mary Katsafanas, Chapter #54, District #16 for Convention Chairman. There were no other nominations and Mary Katsafanas was declared elected Convention Chairman.

Bernadette Petralias, District Governor #8 nominated Eugenia Christy, Chapter #122, District #8 for Convention Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations and Eugenia Christy was declared elected Convention Vice Chairman.

Kathy Matthews, Chapter #337, District #3 nominated Jackie Anas, Chapter #337, District #3 for Convention Secretary. There were no other nominations and Jackie Anas was declared elected Convention Secretary.

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf installed the Convention Officers who then assumed their duties.

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas reminded the delegation that only delegates vote. Visitors may not speak.

SEATING OF ADDITIONAL DELEGATES

Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice recommended that three delegates be seated at the convention since errors in their qualifications as delegates were beyond their control. Chairman Rice assured delegation that she was satisfied that they were qualified. Motion seconded by Grand Secretary Christine K. Constantine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF 2008 SUMMARY MINUTES

Grand Secretary Christine K. Constantine moved to make the following corrections to the minutes:

- Page 4, under votes cast for election of Grand Secretary, Elaine Sampanis received 121 votes, not 212.
- Page 4, under votes cast for election of Grand Advisor Maids of Athena, Joanne Saltas received 140 votes, not 149.
- Page 22, change to read "Chairman Helen J. Beldecos declared the following candidates elected." Name of chairman was incorrect.

Motion seconded by Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice reported that the voting strength is 159. She will report later on the number of registered delegates.

GRAND PRESIDENTS REPORT

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf gave her Grand President's Report.

Recommendations:

1. That the Regional Conferences of the AHEPA Family be continued each year and that a committee be formed with a member of each of the four organizations of the AHEPA Family to assist in the planning and execution of these conferences and help assure appropriate content and publicity to all four organizations.
2. In order to assure greater publicity and more frequent distribution of the information about the activities of our chapters, districts and programs, that the Penelope's Scroll continue to be issued three times each year and that advertising be solicited to defray costs.
3. That the Growth and Expansion Program each year include a quarterly communication to the District Governors and Chapter Presidents advising of the status of their membership numbers, initiates and reinstatements, so that they are aware of the progress of their membership for the current year.
4. That efforts are continued to increase publicity of the work of the Daughters of Penelope.

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas asked the delegates to accept the report unanimously. Mary Georghiou, Chapter #11, District #3 thanked the Grand President for her excellent report.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice reported the voting strength at 162 as of 11:14 a.m. Total number of registered delegates is 179.

GROWTH AND EXPANSION REPORT

Grand Vice President Elaine Sampanis reported that the 2008-2009 theme for Growth and Expansion was "Our Vision Will Bring a Brighter Future." The final membership count is 476 new initiates and 96 reinstatements for a total increase of 572 members. However, 132 members passed away making a net growth of 440 members. The total membership in the Daughters of Penelope at the end of December 2008 was 9,780.

Membership awards:

District with the most reinstatements—Delta District #16. Tie for runner-up awarded to El Camino Real District #20 and Yankee District #7.

Chapter with the most reinstatements—Hermes Chapter #41, Bridgeport, CT, District #7. Runner-up is Hecabe Chapter #185, San Antonio, TX, District #16.

District with the most new members—Empire District #6. Runner-up is Garden State District #5—that district had only one less member.

Chapter (under 50 members) with the most new members—Xanthes Chapter #149, Wilmington, DE, District #5. Runner-up is Helle Chapter #283, Alexandria, VA, District #3.

Chapter (over 50 members) with the most new members—Agape Chapter #336, Wycoff, NJ, District #5. Runner-up is Chloris Chapter #40, Canton, OH, District #11.

Largest increase in membership in the Maids of Athena—Golden State District #11. Runner-up is Automotive District #10.

CANADIAN AFFAIRS REPORT

Canadian President Diane Polesello Lygouriatis wished everyone Happy Canada Day. The Canadian chapters raised over \$18,000 for the Lupus Foundation and all Lupus Foundation brochures will feature the emblem and the name of the Daughters of Penelope on the back of the brochures. Hellas-Cyprus District #25 was instrumental in the fundraising effort for the Olive Tree Project. Canadian President Lygouriatis welcomes everyone to the National Convention in Montreal in 2010.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE FOUNDATION, INC.

Past Grand President Joanne Booras who serves as Vice President of the Foundation spoke on behalf of President Despina Chrisohou. Each delegate received a card with information on a fundraiser cuff watch available for purchase at \$20.00. From monies received, the Foundation will award six additional scholarships in 2009 and six in 2010. The Foundation is launching a book club after the District Governors' Seminar and a flyer will follow. Past Grand President Booras thanked the Past District Governors of District 21 for their assistance. She announced three available Board positions and to contact her before 5:00 p.m. today to run for a position. A 50/50 raffle is taking place at the convention. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Delegates have received guest

passes to Steve Padis Jewelry Plus. Steve is a Past Supreme Governor of the Sons of Pericles. A portion of sales will go to the Foundation.

PENELOPE HOUSE FAMILY VIOLENCE CENTER

Penelope House Executive Director Tonie Ann Torrans, daughter of Kathryn Coumanis who retired as Executive Director in September, presented the report. The Center's website is www.penelopehouse.org. Director Torrans read a letter received on June 20 from an abused woman in crisis to show the importance of the Penelope House. Some statistics from the 2008 Annual Report: adults sheltered – 430, children sheltered— 603, adult counseling hours on phones—7,968.25, total hours of shelter provided— 11,295, meals served—33,885. In Mobile, Alabama, only the Penelope House provides 24-hour service for crisis calls. Highlights of the report included:

- Therapy dogs visit local schools with prevention educators.
- Kanga Labrador—Don't Hit, Don't Touch book is given to children and provided by funding from Wal-Mart.
- There is no charge to enter Penelope House.
- Received 4 million from trust fund for 2006-2007.
- 2008 budget was 1.9 million.
- Donations down 7% but not from Daughters of Penelope who gave over \$40,000 in 2008.
- Received \$2,200 in Wal-Mart gift cards from 20 chapters.
- Penelope's Closet generates about \$6,440 in monthly income from donated clothing items sold.
- February 2009 Mobile Chocolate Festival attended by over 3,000 and raised \$12,000.
- "What's It Worth?" appraisal event raised \$5,000.
- Atlanta Daughters of Penelope chapter's fashion show raised over \$3,000.

Director Torrans stated that domestic violence is lethal—14 deaths in Mobile last year. She related a success story of a resident who is now in the Transitional Living Program.

SONS OF PERICLES

Joanne Saltas, Grand Advisor Maids of Athena, introduced the delegation from the Maids of Athena and the Sons of Pericles. Supreme President Demetrios Vidalis introduced his Lodge. He noted an increase in membership and activity. For the first time there is 100% dual membership with AHEPA for young men age 21 and older.

MAIDS OF ATHENA GRAND PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Grand President Stephanie Maniatis noted she has served two terms as Grand President and presented 28 delegates to the convention. The Maids of Athena report is available at each table. This year's theme was "Give, Grow, Love." Their National Project for the past two years has been the AHEPA Cooley's Anemia Foundation. The Sons of Pericles and Maids will present a check for \$20,000.00 to the Foundation at the Grand Banquet.

Grand Vice President Sia Zois reported on the Growth and Expansion program and how working on projects sparked interest and enthusiasm. The chapter with the top recruitment for the year is the San Mateo, California chapter.

Grand President Maniatis introduced the rest of the Grand Lodge of the Maids:

Grand Secretary Victoria Pavlopoulos, Grand Treasurer Kiki Amanatidis, and Grand Governor Marianne Kolokithas.

Grand President Maniatis reported 561 active members in the Maids and 346 have paid through 2009. She thanked the Daughters of Penelope for their help. A total of 125 new members have been initiated. Reactivated chapters are New Orleans, LA; Cincinnati, OH; Canton, OH; San Jose, CA; Brooklyn, NY; and Waterbury, CT.

Grand Treasurer Kiki Amanatidis highlighted donations—\$1,554.36 in Project Fees (\$35/chapter and budgeted \$1,000.00 2008-2009) and over \$7,000.00 to National Projects. The Treasurer presented the Maids of Athena budget. Mary Georghiou, DOP Chapter #11, District #3 reminded the Treasurer that the income and expense amount must balance. Treasurer Amanatidis thanked the Daughters of Penelope for supporting the Maids and reported that for the past five years 100% of the Maids over 21 years have joined the Daughters. She also thanked Grand Advisor Joanne Saltas, Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf and Past Grand President Karen Stamatiades for their support and invited delegates to their after-hours event on July 4. A raffle for Cooley's Anemia will be held. First prize—\$1,000.00, second prize—a flat screen TV.

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf presented a check for \$5,559.00 to the Maids of Athena. Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas congratulated Grand President Maniatis for her dedication to the Maids. Past District Governor Janice Konestes, District #22 introduced Helen McClure, District #22 Advisor to the Maids of Athena who brought eight Maids of Athena from Tacoma, Washington to Supreme Convention. Advisor McClure voiced her concern regarding the delegate price for the Maids of Athena and felt it was not clear on the registration form what events were actually included in the delegate package.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vassiliki Moulas, President of Eos Chapter #1, District 21 presented to each delegate a small keepsake copy of the original Daughters of Penelope Constitution.

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas stated that it is the responsibility of each delegate to serve on at least one committee. Districts should decide which delegates go to other committees if some are overloaded including sending alternates to other committees. The Standing Rules state that a delegate must sign for her 1st and 2nd preference for committee. Alternates may not vote and may only speak at the pleasure of the chairman of a committee. Visitors are welcome to attend committees but have no voice and no vote. The Penelope of the Year committee may have only one delegate per district.

Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice reminded everyone that delegates have pink ribbons and that some alternates are now serving as delegates and remain as delegates for the rest of the convention.

Chairman Katsafanas stated that voting for the election of Grand Lodge officers will take place on Saturday, July 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. only. To accommodate any early departures before 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Credentials Chairman Rice stated that a delegate may vote on Friday, July 3 at the close of the business meeting as long as that delegate presents an airline boarding pass or verification that she is leaving the convention before Saturday morning.

Past Grand President Angela V. Kavounas questioned the voting process and Credentials Chairman Rice stated that delegates must see her Friday afternoon after the business session. Parliamentarian Liz Guthrie stated that the Chairman can ask the delegation if there is any objection to the voting process. No objection was noted. Chairman Katsafanas read the names and locations for the committee meeting rooms. Since the time noted was after 12:30 p.m., committees will now meet at 2:00 p.m. with the exception of the Penelope of the Year committee that will meet at 2:15 p.m.

The Business Meeting recessed until 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 3.

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2009, MORNING SESSION

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice reported that the number of registered delegates is 204. The voting strength is 139. Chairman Rice reminded delegates of the voting procedure as stated on Wednesday. All delegates vote as individuals, not by districts.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas noted that the Daughters of Penelope 80th anniversary pins are available for sale.

NOMINATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS OF CANDIDATES

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas referred to the election of the Grand Lodge as outlined in Article IX, Sections 3 and 4 of the Constitution and Bylaws.

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND PRESIDENT

Grand Vice President Elaine Sampanis nominated Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf. Grand President Stavis Wolf declined.

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf nominated Grand Vice President Elaine Sampanis. An endorsement was given by Past Grand President Josie Chase on behalf of Past Grand Presidents Anna Topougis and Toulia Dallas. There were no other nominations.

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND VICE PRESIDENT

Kim Cadman, Chapter #311, District 13 nominated Grand Secretary Christine K. Constantine. There were no other nominations.

NOMINATIONS FOR CANADIAN PRESIDENT

Past Canadian President Vasilina Kachmarski nominated Canadian President Diane Polesello Lygouriatas. There were no other nominations.

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND SECRETARY

District Governor Connie Pilallis, District #2 nominated Grand Treasurer Nicky Stamoulis. There were no other nominations.

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND TREASURER

District Governor Joanne Pappas, District #6 nominated Grand Governor Zone I Anna-Helene Panagakos.

District Governor Maggie Thomas, Chapter #340, District #20 nominated Grand Advisor Maids of Athena Joanne Saltas.

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND GOVERNOR ZONE I

District Governor Joanne Pappas, District #6 nominated Georgia Foundotos, Chapter #280, District #6. There were no other nominations.

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND GOVERNOR ZONE II

Kathryn Tripodis, Chapter #355, District #11 nominated Grand Governor Zone II Deborah Fletcher-Urse. There were no other nominations.

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND GOVERNOR ZONE III

District Governor Eva White, District #12 nominated Angela Magrames, Chapter #60, District #12. There were no other nominations.

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND GOVERNOR ZONE IV

District Governor Margo Drosos, District #21 nominated Grand Governor Zone IV Jan Spanos. There were no other nominations.

GRAND ADVISOR MAIDS OF ATHENA

District Governor Sharon Papadopoulos, District #16 nominated Grand Governor Zone III Helen Santire.

Past Grand President Evellyn Tsiadis nominated Demi Thomas, Chapter 336, District #5.

CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas introduced Grand Lodge candidates to the convention body. Each candidate was given three minutes to make a presentation. Biographies and pictures of the candidates were posted at the back of the room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Convention Chairman Katsafanas announced:

- Please include head table when distributing handouts.
- Districts 16 and 54 have scholarship brochures on tables.
- Information on tables regarding AHEPA Housing.
- Proposed legislation has been posted as of 9:30 a.m. According to Article XVI Section 16 of the Constitution and Bylaws, proposed changes must be posted two hours prior to voting.
- Past District Governors of District 21 underwrote cost of Symposium and also presented each delegate with music CD, "Songs from the City by the Bay."

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice reported the voting strength of 180 as of 10:20 a.m.

DOP HEADQUARTERS REPORT

Daughters of Penelope Executive Director Elena Saviolakis gave the report about Headquarters and noted the new IRS requirement regarding non-profit organizations—the Pension Protection Act of 2006 that requires each chapter and district to file an annual notice called an e-Postcard (form 990-N) if the chapter's or district's gross receipts are \$25,000 or less. Each chapter and district should have an EIN (employer identification number) and should contact Elena at Headquarters if the number is not known or if the chapter or district has questions regarding their tax status.

PROJECTS REPORT

- Chairman Demi Thomas, District #5 reported that the Projects Committee recommended four mandatory National Projects:
- Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc.
- Penelope House/Penelope Place Shelters
- Penelopean Day Care Center
- University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center

Chairman Demi Thomas moved to accept the report of the Committee. Questions were asked about new designation of Penelope Place Shelters, a project of District #8 in Massachusetts. Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice, a member of Projects Committee, said a house has been purchased for the shelter, for women only, but has not yet opened. Services will be provided by health care agency in Brockton, MA. Sister Elaine said funds will be split 50/50 between Penelope House and Penelope Place. Past Grand President Mary Filou stated that this is a first step for the Daughters of Penelope to be known for the empowerment of women. A vote was taken to accept the National Projects. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Tessie Bourdamis, Chapter #35, District #14 thanked Past Grand President Angie Speliopoulos for putting her on this committee to document, preserve, and promote history. All chapters were contacted and 120 chapters from the United States, Greece and Canada sent photographs and information that will go to the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota. She thanked the late Executive Director of DOP Headquarters, Helen G. Pappas, for her help in compiling the oral history. The Center has the most extensive archives for Greek-American history. Chairman Bourdamis thanked co-chairman Jan Tiggas, Chapter #35, District #14 for the Powerpoint presentation. Chairman Bourdamis noted that advertisement for material had also been included in Penelope's Scroll. Chapters may still send material to be included in archives. Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf thanked the Chairmen for many hours of work. The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

AUSTRALIAN DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Supreme President of AHEPA Australasia Tasia Manos thanked Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf for her hard work. She gave best wishes to the new Grand President and Grand Lodge, congratulated the Daughters of Penelope and the founders on the 80th anniversary, and applauded the efforts of Penelope House and the Daughters' successes. President Manos said AHEPA is the prominent Hellenic organization in Australasia. She thanked Eos Chapter #1 for their welcome to her and her delegation. She invited all to the 2010 Convention in Melbourne, Australia. Grand

President Wolf presented Supreme President Manos with a paperweight. Convention Chairman Katsafanas thanked Supreme President Manos for her remarks.

HELLENISM PRESENTATIONS

- Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center—Chicago, IL
Past Grand President Catherine C. Ferguson introduced a DVD presentation of the Center founded in 1983. First building opened in 1992 and relocated to present location in 2004. The newest permanent project is the Oral History Project begun two years ago and will be digitized by winter 2009. Website is www.hellenicmuseum.org. Museum is supported by approximately 350,000 Greek Americans. The Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA will have a permanent room. Museum offers various art activities for children and programs for school groups. The Oral History Project, that primarily includes residents of the Chicago area, is a separate project from the one begun by Past Grand President Sonia Stefanadis. Past Grand President Karen Stamatiades noted that the original Oral History Project was given to the Library of Congress by the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc.

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas asked that the delegation break for lunch and resume at 1:05 p.m. The business meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m.

The DOP Foundation, Inc. has raised \$3,045.00 for the 50/50 raffle.

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2009, AFTERNOON SESSION

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

HELLENISM PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- Hellenic Heritage Institute of San Jose, CA
Marina Moustakas, Chapter #29, District #21 is the founding president of the Institution whose mission is to preserve, educate, and propagate cultural information. The institute houses a museum, cultural classes and events and is seen by 3,000-4,000 visitors annually. The house and the park are owned by the city of San Jose. Sister Marina said that they are in touch with other Hellenic museums in the United States.
- Hellenic-American Cultural Center & Museum—Portland, OR
Katherine Karafotias, Chapter #32, District #22 presented the report. The Center is located on the grounds of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral which celebrated 100 years in 2007. Information in folders available to each delegate.

The reports were accepted without objection.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Connie Chiagouris, Chapter #311, District #13 reported the Committee received one grievance which was reviewed and defeated in committee. There were no recommendations or resolutions from the committee. The report was accepted without objection.

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Grand Treasurer Nicky Stamoulis thanked committee members Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf; Mary Beldecos, Chapter #246, District #4; and Mary Georghiou, Chapter #11, District #3. She stated that the current net value of the investments is \$691,671.44 as of May 31, 2009. The money is in three accounts.

- Daughters of Penelope Account valued at \$632,453.35 of which \$113,589.00 is designated for St. Basil's Academy. No expenditures made against the account this year.
- Zoe Cavalaris Athletic Scholarship Fund Account with a net balance of \$22,069.06.
- The Grand Lodge consulted with the Investments Committee and the financial advisors and made the decision to sell the two GMAC bonds—one from the DOP account and one from the Zoe Cavalaris account.
- \$100,000 from DOP account was put into a CD for one year at 1.1%.

The recommendation of the Investment Committee is due to the current economic situation the accounts will remain as they are until later in the year, when potential investments will be reviewed. A vote was taken. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice reported the voting strength of 147 as of 2:05 p.m.

AUXILIARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Sandy Bouzon, Chapter #55, District #16 reported that the committee was formed for Daughters and Ahepans to find ways the organizations can work together and include the Maids of Athena and the Sons of Pericles. Within the committee:

- A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to change the name of the committee from "Auxiliary Committee" to "AHEPA Family Committee."
- A motion was made, seconded and passed that representatives from each of the 4 orders be included for Supreme Convention planning and in planning of all national events. This would include the advisors for Maids of Athena and Sons of Pericles.

Chairman Bouzon moved the adoption of these motions. **MOTION CARRIED**

Past Grand President Angela Kavounas objected to the committee voting as a whole on these items. The report was accepted.

AHEPA SUPREME PRESIDENT REMARKS

Supreme President Ike Gulas thanked Past Grand President Karen Stamatiades and Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf for working with him the past two years. He presented Grand President Wolf with a gift on behalf of the Supreme Lodge. He thanked the Daughters for the commitment to Cooley's Anemia and remarked that the Daughters of Penelope and AHEPA must keep the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena growing.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Georgette Boulegeris, Chapter #229, District #5 reported on behalf of National Scholarship Chairman Lucia Kazakos. A question was asked about the status of the Scholarship Chairman on the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc. Convention

Chairman Mary Katsafanas said she is not a voting member. Sister Georgette reported the following resolutions passed in committee and moved the adoption of same:

1. Whereas, the date of the Supreme Convention fluctuates annually, and Whereas, the Scholarship chairman needs adequate time to receive the applications and get them evaluated,

Be it resolved that the submission deadline for scholarship applications be established as May 1. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Whereas, consistency in terminology is necessary to limit confusion when completing a scholarship application,

Be it resolved that #6 on the application which currently reads: "College Student Award..." be replaced by "High School Graduate/College Undergraduate Award." **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Whereas, applications need to be completed in full in order to be considered for Scholarships,

Be it resolved that the statement which currently reads "All Requirements and Questions must be completed and answered or application may be disqualified" be changed to "All requirements and questions must be completed and answered or application will be disqualified." **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Whereas, there are various aspects of the Scholarship application which need to be corrected grammatically, and
Whereas, the format of the application may need to be altered to ensure clarity and ease in completion, and
Whereas the Scholarship chairman may deem it necessary to emphasize particular requirements in bold print,

Be it resolved that changes on the application form be made by the Scholarship Chairman with the approval of the Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope And the President of the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Whereas, there are two different types of scholarships that are awarded by the Daughters of Penelope, undergraduate and graduate, and
Whereas, a recipient cannot receive the same type of scholarship but can receive an undergraduate and subsequently apply for and receive a graduate scholarship,

Be it resolved that the following statement be added to the application requirements and be known as #7, "Applicants are eligible to receive a scholarship for undergraduate studies once and graduate studies once." **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Daughters of Penelope National Scholarship Program—2008-2009 Scholarship Award Recipients were announced:

Award	Amount	Recipient	City/State
1. Alexandra Apostolides Sonenfeld Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,500.00	Vienna Sophia DeRito	Albany, NY
2. Past Grand Presidents Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,500.00	Alexandra Regina Penz	Clinton Township, MI
3. Past Grand Presidents Memorial Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Dania Hackett	Des Moines, IA
4. EOS #1 Mother Lodge Chapter Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Christina Yeotsas	Easton, CT
5. The Big Five Graduate Scholarship (Graduate)	\$1,000.00	Rebecca Elizabeth Stamatiades	Atlanta, GA
6. Sonja Stefanadis, PGP, Graduate Scholarship (Graduate)	\$1,000.00	Kera Anne Lagios	Cambridge, MA
7. Mary M. Verges, PGP, Graduate Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Eftinka Prifti	Rochester, NY
8. Joanne V. Hologgitas, PhD., PGP, Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Stephanie Michael	Potomac, MD
9. Paula J. Alexander Memorial Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Christina De Nicola	Miami, FL
10. Kottis Family Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Demetra Mary Perry	Avon, CT
11. Hopewell Agave Chapter #224 Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Christine Amanatidis	Tigard, OR
12. Helen J. Beldecos, PGP, Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,500.00	Hillary Arvanitis	Chicopee, MA
13. Helen G. Pappas Memorial Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Cynthia Georgeann Tassopoulos	Dallas, TX
14. Daughters of Penelope Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Stephanie Ioanna Leles	Tracy, CA
15. Daughters of Penelope Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Sydney Marie Thayer	La Mesa, CA
16. Daughters of Penelope Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Cassandra Zarvas	Carmel, IN
17. Daughters of Penelope Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Elizabeth Montanari	Granby, CT
18. Daughters of Penelope Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Megan Dolan	San Antonio, TX
19. Daughters of Penelope Scholarship (Undergraduate)	\$1,000.00	Kimberly Ferris	St. Petersburg, FL

Notes on the Scholarship list:

1. There are no applications from St Basil's Academy; therefore, there are no recipients for the two \$500 scholarships earmarked for such awards.
2. The numerical listing in NO way reflects the number of points received from the selection judges' rubric. This numbered list was for reference only.

The report was accepted without objection.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Marianthe Treppiedi, Chapter #115, District #22 reported that the Education Committee is a standing committee and did not meet at the convention. Reported under this committee are the educational, cultural, scholarship and civic programs of the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc., including the awarding of scholarships and sponsoring the annual symposium during the Supreme Convention. The Children's

Literacy Project promotes education by donating books offered by the Foundation to libraries and other institutions and offers chapters a way to promote education and obtain publicity for the Daughters of Penelope. The Foundation has promoted education and the preservation of Hellenic heritage through the Oral History Tapes presented to the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, the University of Minnesota, and the Library of Congress in Athens, Greece. The report was accepted without objection.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Angela Magrames, Chapter #60, District #12 stated that according to our Constitution (Article XVI Section 16. Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws), a 2/3 vote is needed to make changes. The voting strength was reported by Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice to be 161; therefore a vote of 106 is needed to pass any legislation. A request was made to vote on each proposed change separately. The following proposed changes were:

- Ritual change, page 7. Currently reads: (Priestess) “God, our Father and Lord of the Universe, we thank thee for whatever has been accomplished, and as...”

Proposed change: (Priestess) “God, our Father and Lord of the Universe, we thank thee for all we have accomplished, and as...”

Rationale: The prayer should encompass what has been accomplished.

MOTION CARRIED.

Constitutional Changes:

- Article VIII Section 1, page 7. Currently reads: Section 1. Named and Defined. The Mother Lodge...Sophie Canellos...

Proposed change: Section 1. Named and Defined. The Mother Lodge...Sophie Canellos (deceased)...

Rationale: Sophie Canellos passed away since the last printing of the Constitution.

MOTION CARRIED.

- Article XIII Section 4, page 17.

Section 4. Chapter Per Capita Tax. (last sentence) In the case of a member who is initiated after November 30, her dues shall apply to the following calendar year.

Whereas, a member may be reinstated, and

Whereas, since there is no mention in Section 4 of a reinstated member

Therefore be it resolved to read:

In the case of a member who is initiated/reinstated after November 30, her dues shall apply to the following calendar year. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- Article XVIII Section 4, page 32. District Treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the ...to sign all checks, which shall be countersigned by the District Governor;...

Whereas, some Districts cover more than one state, and

Whereas, it might be difficult for the District Governor to counter-sign check(s) if she resides in another state, and

Whereas, the District Lt. Governor usually succeeds the District Governor,

Therefore be it resolved that Article XVII Section 4, page 32 be changed to read:

Section 4. District Treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the District Treasurer...to sign all checks which shall be countersigned by the District Governor or the District Lt. Governor...

MOTION CARRIED.

- Article XXIII Section 2, page 46

Whereas, the AHEPA Family consists of AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athena, and Sons of Pericles, and

Whereas, a family strengthens with communication,

Therefore be it resolved that we add AHEPA Family Relations Committee to read:

h. AHEPA Family Relations Committee, to secure and strengthen communications between AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athena, and Sons of Pericles.

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf moved to amend the motion to delete the word "Relations." Motion seconded by Grand Vice President Elaine Sampanis. Vote taken on motion as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Grand Vice President Sampanis referred to page 5 in the Ritual Book and noted that this new committee be added.

Maids of Athena Legislation:

- Article XI. Supreme Convention of the Maids of Athena. Section 3. Number and Voting Power of Delegates
 - (a) Chapter having up to twelve (12) and including twenty-five (25) members shall have two (2) full votes at the Supreme Convention, and Chapters having twenty-six (26) up to and including fifty (50) members shall have four (4) full votes at the Supreme Convention, providing they are in good standing and their Per Capita Tax is paid to Headquarters. When a Chapter elects two (2) Delegates, each shall have one (1) full vote, but if only one (1) Delegate is able to attend the Supreme Convention, the attending Delegate shall have one (1) vote for her Chapter.

Example:	<u>Members</u>	<u>Votes (Full)</u>
	12-25	2
	26-50	4
	51-100	6
	101-150	8

Plus an additional two (2) full votes for each additional segment of fifty (50) members. Chapters having ten (10) to eleven (11) members shall have one (1) full vote at the Supreme Convention.

Change to read:

- (a) Chapter having up to eight (8) and including fifteen (15) members shall have two (2) full votes at the Supreme Convention, Chapters having sixteen (16) and including twenty (20) members shall have three (3) full votes at the Supreme Convention and Chapters having twenty-one (21) up to and including thirty (30) members shall have four (4) full votes at the Supreme Convention providing they are in good standing and their Per Capita Tax is paid to Headquarters. When a Chapter elects two (2) Delegates, each shall have one (1) full vote, but if only one (1) Delegate is able to attend the Supreme Convention, the attending Delegate shall have one (1) vote for her Chapter.

Example:	<u>Members</u>	<u>Votes (Full)</u>
	8-15	2
	16-20	3
	21-30	4

Plus an additional one (1) full vote for each additional segment of ten (10) members above thirty (30) members.

Grand Advisor Maids of Athena Joanne Saltas noted the reason for the proposed change is to reward chapters and include more delegates. A vote was taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

- Article XXI. Meetings of Chapters. Section 1. Regular Meetings.

Add: (c) Of the non-ritualistic meetings, three (3) meetings may be conducted by electronic communications.

A vote was taken. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MAIDS OF ATHENA COMMITTEE REPORT

Grand Advisor Joanne Saltas reported that the Convention package did state what was included at the reduced price for the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena and suggested that a full package at a reduced price be offered.

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Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas said that Penelope of the Year Committee Chairman Olga K. Karthausser, Chapter #185, District #16 will give the report of the committee tomorrow since it was not on the agenda for today. A question was asked why the Penelope of the Year was not announced at the Grand Banquet and Chairman Katsafanas said that the announcement comes directly from the floor of the Daughters business meeting.

Chairman Katsafanas reminded delegates to bring credentials tomorrow in order to vote. Voting will take place only between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

The business meeting recessed until 9:45 tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2009

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas called the meeting to order at 9:47 a.m. The delegates sang America the Beautiful and God Bless America. It was announced that the singer at the Grand Banquet was Pauline Cazanis, a member of Artemis Chapter #5, District #21.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice gave the voting strength of 145 as of 9:47 a.m.

VISITATION BY HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas introduced His Eminence, escorted by Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf, to the delegation. He spoke regarding the important role of women throughout history and complimented the Daughters of Penelope on all the accomplishments of the organization.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF PAST GRAND PRESIDENTS

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas introduced Past Grand Presidents Evellyn Tsiadis, Kalliope Xenakis, Joanna Merakos, and Josie Chase who spoke of their behalf. Sister Josie is celebrating her 80th birthday and received a Daughters of Penelope 60 year membership pin from her district, Buckeye # 11.

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District Governor Melva Zinaich, District #1 announced that Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc. fundraiser watches have not arrived and will be mailed to those who purchased them. She presented beads to delegates in honor of Independence Day.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice reported a voting strength of 152 as of 10:32 a.m.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf gave the report on behalf of Chairman Eleni Inglis. Grand President Wolf stressed the importance of marketing in promoting the mission of the Daughters of Penelope. Also of importance is that chapters implement a website and keep it updated. The report was accepted without objection.

MAIDS OF ATHENA BUDGET

Grand Treasurer Kiki Amanatidis presented the budget for a vote. There were several corrections made. A vote was taken to approve the budget. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Elena Demitropoulos gave the report. She noted a correction on page 4, line 83 to read \$105,505.00. Chairman Demitropoulos moved the acceptance of the report. Grand Governor Zone IV Jan Spanos moved to amend the Grand President Appropriation (line 31) from \$16,000.00 to \$18,000.00. Motion seconded by Mary Pruitt, Chapter #395, District #20. Melba Bairaktaris, Chapter #9, District #13 moved to amend the amendment from \$18,000.00 to \$17,000.00. Motion seconded by Emily Deam Hayes, Chapter #98, District #13. Vote taken on amendment to the amendment. **MOTION DEFEATED.** Vote taken on amendment to the original motion. **MOTION DEFEATED.** Diane Petersen, Chapter #5, District #21 questioned the combining of the payroll for the Executive Director and the temporary staff (line 74). Grand President

Barbara Stavis Wolf said the budget was following audit procedures not to separate the temporary staff designation. A vote was taken on the budget. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The 2009-2010 DOP Budget was adopted.

Convention Chairman Katsafanas introduced Pauline Cazanis, Chapter #5, District #21 who sang the National Anthems at the Grand Banquet.

PENELOPE OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

Chairman Olga Karthausser, Chapter #185, District #16 gave the recommendation of the committee that the Penelope of the Year application, which is online, be reformatted and available online in a fill-in and protected document. A vote was taken.

MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Karthausser announced the **National Penelope of the Year for 2009 is Angela Magrames, Gaia Chapter #60, South Bend, IN, District #12.**

Valerie Richardson, Chapter #103, District #20 recommended that the Penelope of the Year be recognized in a meeting session prior to the Grand Banquet. The report was accepted without objection.

ELECTION RESULTS OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Credentials Chairman Elaine Rice announced the following.

Total votes cast— 187, needed to elect— 94 votes.

Office of Grand Treasurer:

Joanne Saltas	123
Anna-Helene Panagakos	64

Total votes cast—184, abstentions—3, needed to elect—94 votes.

Office of Grand Advisor Maids of Athena:

Demi Thomas	143
Helen Santire	41

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas cast a unanimous ballot for each of the uncontested offices.

The following candidates were declared elected:

Grand President	Elaine M. Sampanis
Grand Vice-President	Christine K. Constantine
Canadian President	Diane Polesello Lygouriatis
Grand Secretary	Nicky Stamoulis
Grand Treasurer	Joanne Saltas
Grand Governor Zone I	Georgia Foundotos
Grand Governor Zone II	Deborah Fletcher-Urse
Grand Governor Zone III	Angela Magrames
Grand Governor Zone IV	Jan Spanos
Grand Advisor Maids of Athena	Demi Thomas

Credentials Chairman Rice noted that four (4) delegates voted early as agreed upon previously by the delegation. She also thanked her District #8 and the Tellers. Jennifer Patrinely, Chapter #337, District 3 moved to destroy the ballots according to procedure. Motion seconded by Past Grand President Connie Aretos-Banis. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NATIONAL PROJECT DONATIONS

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf announced the following donations on behalf of the Daughters of Penelope:

- Daughter of Penelope Foundation, Inc. \$ 5,516.85
- DOP Scholarship Fund \$ 6,604.50
- UM Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center \$ 9,373.33
- Penelopean Day Care Center \$ 3,832.43
- AHEPA Bone Marrow Foundation \$ 2,778.99
- AHEPA Cooley’s Anemia Foundation \$ 3,963.91
- Maids of Athena \$ 5,559.00
- Penelope House \$10,513.23

Penelope House Executive Director Tonie Ann Torrans presented a gift on behalf of Penelope House to Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf.

GRAND PRESIDENT’S PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf presented Certificates of Merit to the following:

- Grand President Advisory Board
 Connie Aretos-Banis, PGP
 Helen J. Beldecos, PGP
 Mary M. Verges, PGP
 Karen Stamatiades, PGP
 Becky Demeris, PGP
 Toulia Dallas, PGP
 Mary M. Georgiafandis, PGP
- Investments Committee
 Grand Treasurer Nicky Stamoulis
 Mary Beldecos
 Mary Georghiou
 Zack Pappas
- AHEPA Cooley’s Anemia Chairman
 Mary Katsafanas
- AHEPA Family Auxiliaries/AHEPA Family Committee
 Sandy Bouzon
- AHEPA Supreme Convention Liaison
 Mary Chicos
- Archives Co-Chairmen
 Tessie Bourdamis
 Angie Rallis Speliopoulos, PGP
- Athletics/Zoe Cavalaris Award Chairman
 Georgia Gastouniotis
- Australian Liaison
 Mary Filou, PGP
- Budget and Finance Chairman
 Elena Demitropoulos
- Canadian Affairs Chairman
 Diane Polesello Lygouriatis,
 Canadian President
- Civic Responsibility Committee Chairman
 Antoinette Marousis
- Credentials Chairman
 Elaine Rice
- Daughters of Penelope Foundation President
 Despina Chrisohou, PCP
- Education Chairman
 Marianthe Treppiedi
- Family and Individual Excellence Chairman
 Frances Constantine

- Grand Counselor Elizabeth Athanasakos, PGP
- Grievance Committee Chairman Connie Chiagouris
- Growth & Expansion Chairman GVP Elaine Sampanis
- Hellenism Co-Chairmen Bessie Kalyvas
Freda Tsekerides
- Legislation Committee Chairman Angela Magrames
- Parthenon Marbles Committee Chairman Hrisanthe Patts
- Penelope House Chairman Vangie Barrow
- Penelope of the Year Committee Chairman Olga K. Karthaus
- Penelopean Day Care Center Foundation
Chairman Angelique Hatziantoniou
- Penelope's Scroll Editor Jamie Cavos
- Penelope's Scroll Assistant Editor Dorothea Williams
- Philanthropy Committee Chairman Daphne Hallas
- Philoxenia House Chairman Angie Chafos
- Projects Committee Chairman Demi Thomas
- Public Relations Chairman Eleni Inglis
- Salute to Women Chairman Demi Kapolis, PGP
- Scholarship Committee Chairman Lucia Kazakos
- St. Basil Academy Committee Chairman Irene Fotos
- UM Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center
(Papanicolaou) Chairman Sophie H. Caras

Grand President Wolf also thanked for their service Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas, Convention Vice Chairman Eugenia Christy, Convention Secretary Jackie Anas, and Parliamentarian Liz Guthrie.

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Grand Vice President Elaine Sampanis corrected the location of Hecabe Chapter #185—San Antonio, Texas—in her Growth & Expansion report naming the runner-up chapter for most reinstatements.

The 50/50 raffle for the Daughters of Penelope Foundation raised a total of \$4,000.00. The winner of the raffle was Celia Kachmarski, Chapter #295, District #24, who donated \$1,000 back to the Foundation.

DOP FOUNDATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009-2010

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf announced the 2009-2010 DOP Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors:

President – Despina Chrisohou, PCP
 Vice President – Joanne Booras, PGP
 Secretary – Kiki Hartz
 Treasurer – Helen Beldecos, PGP
 Director at Large – Becky Demeris, PGP
 Directors – Eugenia Christy
 Kathryn Coumanis
 Audrey Marianes
 Antionette Marousis
 Tina Niedbala
 Dorothea Williams

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Helen Rockas, M.D. Chapter 71, District 21 spoke on the importance of knowing the warning signs of a stroke using the acronym FAST=Facial (expression), Arms (and legs-weakness), Speech (slurring), and Time. Call 911 immediately.

Kalliope Fousekis, Chapter 290, District 21 said that at the Grand Banquet a specific amount of time should be set aside for featured speakers and presenters with the exception of the Archbishop, the Grand President, and the Supreme President.

Kalliope Fousekis, Chapter 290, District 21 said that better publicity was needed on the website for the Supreme Convention.

She also thanked the head table (convention officers).

Past Grand President Cathy Ferguson brought greetings from Past Grand President Zoe Rommel. She is a 65 year member and has eight great, great, grandchildren. Olga Black from Melbourne, Australia, asked about Penelope House.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Canadian President Diane Polesello Lygouriatis welcomed all to the 2010 Supreme Convention in Montreal, Canada July 11-18 at the Delta Centre-Ville Hotel in downtown Montreal. As of July 1, 2009, you will need a passport to cross into Canada.

Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf thanked all involved with the convention who extended courtesies to her. She noted the unity of all involved organizations.

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas thanked the tellers and the credentials committee for making everything run smoothly. She also thanked the convention officers, parliamentarian, delegates, and committee chairmen.

Grand President Wolf also thanked the sentinels.

CLOSING PRAYER

The Closing Prayer was given by Canadian President Diane Polesello Lygouriatis.

Installation of Grand Lodge will take place at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, Sunday, July 5.

ADJOURNMENT OF 2009 SUPREME CONVENTION

Convention Chairman Mary Katsafanas adjourned the business meeting at 2:47 p.m.

**2009 Zoe Cavalaris Outstanding Female Athlete Scholarship Award Recipient -
Cynthia Georgeann Tassopoulos, Dallas, Texas, Field Hockey**

**2009 Daughters of Penelope Hall of Fame Female Athletic Award Recipient -
Joanne Zahara Chamar, Boca Raton, Florida**