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## Daughters of Penelope Takes Its Message to Capitol Hill

*DOP National President Meets with Members of Congress; Cypriot Ambassador*

**WASHINGTON (October 15, 2007)**—The Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a preeminent international women’s organization, embarked on its “Civic Responsibility Campaign” last week as Grand President Karen **Stamatiades** met with various members of Congress to create awareness of the organization’s role and charitable works within the community.

“This year, we are challenging our members to become more active in one of the core facets of our mission which is civic responsibility,” said Stamatiades. “Our message to Capitol Hill included this new initiative and our desire to become a more active voice on matters pertaining to the Greek American community and on women’s issues in general.”



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Grand President Karen Stamatiades and  
U.S. Representative John Sarbanes



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U.S. Representative Shelley Berkley

The Grand President met with: U.S. Reps. John **Sarbanes** (D-MD), Zachary **Space** (D-OH), John **Lewis** (D-GA), who is the senior chief deputy majority whip; Shelley **Berkley** (D-NV), and a senior staff person in the office of Rep. Gus **Bilirakis** (R-FL).



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Moreover, Stamatiades discussed DOP programs in the areas of senior housing, education and literacy, medical research, and domestic violence.

“We were very well received by the members of Congress,” added Stamatiades. “We look forward to working with them on all our issues as our Civic Responsibility initiative progresses throughout our administrative year.”

### Meeting with Ambassador Kakouris



Grand President Karen Stamatiades and  
Ambassador Andreas Kakouris

While in Washington, Grand President Stamatiades also met with His Excellency Andreas **Kakouris**, ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the United States. The ambassador provided a briefing about the current state of affairs in Cyprus and discussed ways in which the DOP can help educate its members about the Cyprus issue.

For more information about the Daughters of Penelope, please visit [www.ahepa.org/dop](http://www.ahepa.org/dop).

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*Founded in San Francisco in 1929, the Daughters of Penelope is the first women's organization of its kind established in the United States. It is an affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA). The mission of the DOP is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence.*