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## Daughters of Penelope Continues Its Outreach to Capitol Hill

*DOP National President Meets with Members of Congress on Various Issues*

WASHINGTON (November 12, 2007)—The Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a preeminent international women’s organization, continued on its “Civic Responsibility Campaign” 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.

“Many of our members have expressed great interest and excitement over our Civic Responsibility Campaign,” said Stamatiades, who met with members of Congress on Nov. 6 - 8. “They are looking forward to becoming more engaged in this initiative and this is part of the message we’re taking to Capitol Hill.”

The Grand President met with: Sen. Olympia J. **Snowe** (R-ME), U.S. Reps. Carolyn **Maloney** (D-NY), co-founder/co-chair of the *Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues*; Ted **Poe** (R-TX), who is the founder of the *Congressional Victims’ Rights Caucus*; Jo Ann **Emerson** (R-MO), and Henry “Hank” **Johnson** (D-GA). Moreover, Stamatiades met with the congressional staff of Senators Johnny **Isakson** (R-GA) and Saxby **Chambliss** (R-GA), and U.S. Rep. Lois **Capps** (D-CA), who co-chairs the *Congressional Caucus on Women’s Issues*.



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Left to right: Andrew Kaffes,  
U.S. Rep. Snowe and  
DOP Grand President Karen Stamatiades

Stamatiades discussed DOP programs in the areas of Hellenic issues, St. Basil Academy, domestic violence, women’s issues, and senior housing, and furthermore, she began to lay the groundwork for the organization’s first-ever “Capitol Hill” Day to place in March 2008 in concert with AHEPA.



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“The members of Congress were very generous of their time and insight on how best to prepare for our effort in March,” added Stamatiades. “We look forward to working with them on all our issues of interest.”

In October, the Grand President met with several key members of Congress who are of Hellenic heritage.

### **AHEPA Dinner for New U.S. Ambassador to Greece Daniel Speckhard**



Daughters of Penelope Grand President  
Karen Stamatiades and U.S. Ambassador  
to Greece Daniel Speckhard

Grand President Stamatiades attended an AHEPA dinner in honor of the new American Ambassador to Greece Daniel Speckhard on Nov. 7.

“We wish him the best in his new endeavor,” said Stamatiades. “We look forward to seeing him on our next visit to Greece, and we’re confident he will succeed in his new post.”

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.*