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## **Sampanis Elected Grand President of Daughters of Penelope**



**WASHINGTON (July 14, 2009)**—The Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a preeminent international women’s organization, elected Elaine M. Sampanis, West Chester, Ohio, Grand President for the 2009-10 administrative year. Elections were held July 4, 2009 at the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual AHEPA Supreme Convention in San Francisco, Calif.

“It is a great honor to be elected Grand President,” said Sampanis, who is a member of Saturn Chapter No. 281, Louisville, Ky. “Celebrating our eightieth anniversary has inspired us to take our existing successful programs in education, philanthropy, and social services to greater levels to the benefit of the community.”

Sampanis, a 30-year member of the Daughters of Penelope, has served all major positions at national and regional levels within the organization, including Grand Vice-President (2008-09) and District 11 Governor (2002). Also, she has participated on committees that focused on scholarship, web site presence, and the hiring of a new executive director. Moreover, Sampanis comes from a historically active family within the AHEPA family. Her grandfather was a charter member of George Dilboy/Louie Maniatis AHEPA Chapter No. 129, Louisville; and her mother was a charter member of Daughters of Penelope Sparta Chapter No. 18, Stockton, Calif.

Sampanis received her Bachelor of Science in Commerce from the University of Louisville. For 18 years she worked as a Major Accounts Coordinator in Customer Service and Personnel Manager for Xerox Corporation. Following her career at Xerox, Sampanis owned and operated a home daycare facility for 14 years.

In the community, Sampanis was a two-term president of Philoptochos in Louisville, and is currently an active Philoptochos member in Middletown, Ohio. Furthermore, Sampanis is an active alumna of Delta Zeta Sorority.

She is married to George Sampanis and is the proud mother of three sons, Demetri, Chris, and Nicholas.



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## **2009-10 Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge**

Elected to the Daughters of Penelope Grand Lodge were: Grand Vice President Christine K. Constantine, Vernon Hills, Ill.; Canadian President Diane Polesello Lygouraitis, Calgary, Alberta; Grand Secretary Nicky Stamoulis, Seminole, Fla.; Grand Treasurer Joanne Saltas, Murray, Utah; Grand Governor Zone I Georgia Foundotos, St. James, N.Y.; Grand Governor Zone II Debbie Fletcher Urse, Dayton, Ohio; Grand Governor Zone III Angela Magrames, Mishawaka, Ind.; Grand Governor Zone IV Jan Spanos, Sacramento, Calif.; and Maids of Athena Grand Advisor Demi Thomas, Ridgewood, N.J.

“Our Grand Lodge has a tremendous amount of experience from across the country,” said Sampanis. “I look forward to working with the Lodge to fulfill our mission and accomplish our goals for the year.”

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.

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