

ABOUT AHEPA

Founded in 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia, on the principles that undergirded its fight for civil rights and against discrimination, bigotry, and hatred felt at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan, AHEPA is the largest and oldest grassroots association of American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes with more than 400 chapters across the United States, Canada, and Europe.

“The Mission of the AHEPA Family is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, Family and Individual Excellence.”

HELENISM

An important component of AHEPA's mission is to create an awareness of the principles of Hellenism to society. These principles include a commitment to humanity, freedom, and democracy. The preservation and promotion of these ideals is where AHEPA has, and always will be, deeply committed. AHEPA educates the community on these matters through symposia, forums, and conferences.

EDUCATION

AHEPA's commitment to education has been well documented throughout its history. Over \$4 million is endowed at the local, district and national levels toward the use of scholarships and a half-million dollars is awarded annually. Thousands of young men and women have benefited as recipients of AHEPA scholarships at these various levels. The most famous recipient, perhaps, is ABC News' Host of This Week George Stephanopoulos.

PHILANTHROPY

Philanthropy and volunteerism have been pillars of strength for AHEPA. From natural disaster relief to raising funds for the elimination of life-threatening diseases to making significant contributions to our local neighborhoods, AHEPA is at the forefront of charitable giving. AHEPA's philanthropic deeds are evident in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island; in the Halls of St. Basil Academy, a childcare facility in Garrison, N.Y

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

Our grassroots has a strong voice. With chapters in every major metropolitan city and in rural areas of North America, AHEPA communicates the positions of the Greek-American community to elected representatives at the federal, state, and local levels, as well as to our diplomatic leaders. These issues pertain to Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey; however, our constituents are also interested in domestic policy areas affecting the philanthropic, civic, and community service-based programs in which they are involved. These positions are based upon our American heritage and ideals with the best interest of the United States in mind.

AHEPA educates its constituents about these issues through seminars and conferences, providing expert panelists from the U.S. government, prominent Washington, DC Think-Tank organizations, and the business world.

Furthermore, AHEPA keeps a watchful eye on Congress with its Congressional Scorecard, a tool that evaluates each member of Congress on Greek-American issues.

FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE

What makes AHEPA unique from other organizations is the creation of the AHEPA Family. Together with three affiliated organizations, the AHEPA Family works as a unit toward the fulfillment of a common mission.

The [Daughters of Penelope](#) was established November 16, 1929 as the Women's Affiliate of AHEPA. It is the first Greek-American women's organization in the United States. One of its crowning achievements is Penelope House, a shelter for battered women in Mobile, Alabama.

The [Sons of Pericles](#) was established February 3, 1926, and was officially recognized as the Junior Order of AHEPA in 1928. Finally, the [Maids of Athena](#) was founded July 5, 1930 as the Junior Women's Auxiliary of AHEPA. The two youth groups have combined to contribute to such worthy causes as: Muscular Dystrophy, Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, the Special Olympics, St. Basil Academy and Cooley's Anemia research.

Ideals of Ancient Greece Important to All

AHEPA members are proud of the contributions the ancient Greeks gifted to Western Civilization. As Americans, we share many of the values put forth by them: civic responsibility, philanthropy, education, family and individual excellence, and the ideals of democracy. This is the essence of our heritage. This is the core of our mission.

Moreover, throughout the span of its history, AHEPA has served as a vital vehicle for the progressive development and emergence of American citizens of Greek heritage into every facet of society: government, business, education, and the arts.

WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

Since its founding, AHEPA has worked to eradicate bigotry and racism that has permeated in society. With over 400 chapters worldwide, AHEPA promotes true values of ancient Greece, which involve Hellenism, Education, Civic Responsibility, Family & Individual Excellence and Philanthropy. AHEPA is committed to advancing these ideals in our communities & neighborhoods. We invite you to join AHEPA and your fellow Philhellene Americans in continuing these goals and ideals. This will enable AHEPA to achieve leadership in championing our cause of education thru scholarships and the advantages of higher education. Please review this brochure to view a few of the projects and achievements that has made AHEPA the leading Philhellene/American association in the United States. We welcome your questions and comments in the hope that you will join us in continuing our quest for a better tomorrow.

YES! I'm proud of the AHEPA success story and I want that story to continue into the 21st century. That's why I want to join AHEPA today as a member of Chapter 319.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State> _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

PARTIAL PROGRAM LIST

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

This foundation was begun in the mid 1970's. Over \$4 million is endowed at the local, district and national level for scholarships and programs.

COOLEY'S ANEMIA FOUNDATION

Established in the late 1970's issues grants to medical researchers and doctors to discover a cure for this disease affecting Hellenes.

BONE MARROW REGISTRY

This registry was established in the late 1980's to help fund donors for bone marrow transplants.

AHEPA FOUNDATION INC.

The AHEPA Foundation Inc, is the charitable arm of the AHEPA's philanthropic works.

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Started in the 1960's the AHEPA Athletics committee is structured to provide competitive amateur events ranging from national and international golf tournaments, to basketball regional and national events.

AHEPA NATIONAL HOUSING

Formed in 1983 to pursue housing projects from HUD. Today their commitment has accumulated to over \$1 billion.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

As part of Wreath Program, the Supreme President with special honors, lays a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Memorial Day

Your Invitation to Join AHEPA



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