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Daughters of Penelope

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District Governor's Message

Dear District 11,

I am truly honored to serve as your new District Governor. It is a privilege to continue building strong relationships with many of you while also getting to know others for the first time. I look forward to visiting each Chapter, creating new friendships, and strengthening the bonds of sisterhood that unite us.

District Convention: The Buckeye District #11 Convention, held this June in Youngstown, Ohio, was truly memorable. From Casino Night and lively Greek dancing to the banquet and after-party complete with a spirited scavenger hunt, every moment was filled with joy, fellowship, and the strengthening of our sisterhood. We are deeply grateful to our Youngstown AHEPA family for their hard work and hospitality in hosting such a wonderful and enjoyable convention.

The very best part of the convention, however, was the opportunity to connect with one another. Hearing about the projects, activities, and programs our delegates shared from their Chapters was both inspiring and uplifting. We learned so much simply by being together, exchanging ideas, and celebrating our collective efforts.

I am excited to see what this year will bring for all of us. We are truly a sisterhood committed to lifting each other up, and I know we will continue to grow stronger together.

The new 2025–2026 District Lodge has been elected and installed (see list on the left). We extend our heartfelt thanks to Sister Melissa Shiepis for her service as District Secretary, Carolyn Hill for her service as District Treasurer, and Past District Governor Chyse Ellinos for her service as District Advisor. Your dedication and commitment to Buckeye District #11 are deeply appreciated.

A special note of gratitude is extended to Sister Linda Andrews-Natale for her service as District Governor. Her leadership, hard work, and unwavering dedication to the Daughters of Penelope are both an inspiration and a model for us all to follow.

Joining the lodge this year as District Lt. Governor Cynthia Savakis from Warren Hera #31, District Secretary Nancy Rodgers from Toledo, Dodona #24, and District Treasurer Kelli Sprankle Youngstown, Methone #183. Lainie Damaskos-Christou, Grand Governor Zone 1 is our Districts Liaison.

We are also pleased to share that Sister Carolyn Hill has been appointed as the All Chapter Fundraiser Chairperson for the Gucci Purse Raffle. We are confident that with her leadership and dedication, this important fundraiser will be a great success.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

*Marina Gregory, George, *Mary Karras, Andrews, *Marguerite Foster, *Mary Vayiam, Boefghom, *Phaenice Iacovomou, Nockels, *Helen Lambrou, *Helen Paraskevas, Mavroudimos, *Pauline Pafitis, *Florence Szathopoulos, *Joan Chase, *Christine Johnson, *Ellen Lager, *Cleo Lamas, *Mary DeMarini, *Vaccina Loukos Rich, *Toula Dallas, *Thana Sozer, *Katherine Moulas, *Hessie Phanas, *Angela K. Varlas, Mary Loucas, Nancy Sorpan, *Helen Menepros, *Thalia Ververis, *Mary Thomas-Francis, Halapes, *Anna Topogian, *Kathryn Stathopoulos, *Angela Papanthas, Helen Trochilos, Tina Poulos-Kasakinos, Kaitie Ayones-Dingler, *Vickie Amulgarakis-Trombentis, Maria Pappas, Marilyn N. Hatfield, Maria Krasnoski, *Beth Karagiosgi, Linda Moulas, Deborah Anton-Eichent-Urie, Mary T. Kaidos, Carol J. Vassil, Kaitie Nockem, Noelle Noelle Collins, Toula Katsaros, Elaine M. Sampson, Carrie Daniel, Irene Zeporis, Agnes Elli Radu, Clara Daniels, Cynthia Hollister, Kathleen Triposidis, Helen Nicholas, Yvonne Zios, Vera Mavroulikas, Kaitie Lawrence, George Kyparizios, *Joan Anagnostis, Sue Pallas, Chrys E. Faltos, Linda Andrews-Natale.

*Deceased

2025 District Awards

Congratulations!

Most Initiates	Toledo Dodona
Most Reinstated Members	N. Royalton Erinys
Most Charitable: large chapter (50+ members)	Canton Chloris
Most Charitable: small chapter (less than 50 members)	Toledo Dodona
Most Scholarship Money Awarded	N. Royalton Erinys
Most Civically Involved (by activity)	N. Royalton Erinys
Most Civically Involved (small chapter)	Lakewood, Icarus
Best DOP/AHEPA Relations	Youngstown Methone
Best DOP/MOA Relations	Dayton Polydama
Most Unique Activity	Cincinnati Calypso
Most Unique Activity #2	Louisville Saturn
Most Program Activity	Canton Chloris
Most supportive of District Events	Youngstown Methone
Outstanding Chapter	Youngstown Methone
Daughter of the Year	Tria Charnas
Outstanding President	Nancy Rodgers
Penelope of the Year	Joanne Cook

CHAPTER LIAISONS 2025-2026

Chapter liaisons from the District Lodge are here to answer your questions and keep you up to date with district news. Listed below are your liaisons for 2025-2026. Please include your liaison in your chapter emails and newsletters.

CHAPTER	LIAISON
Canton, Chalaris #40	Linda Andrews-Natale DA & PDG
Cincinnati, Calypso #13	Nancy Rodgers
Cleveland, Lefkothea #63	Cynthia Sevakis
Columbus, Penelope# 15	Tula ONeal
Dayton, Polydama #111	Lisa Ditommaso
Lakewood, Icarus #321	Cynthia Sevakis
Louisville, Saturn #281	Lisa DiTommaso
N. Royalton, Erinys #355	Tria Charnas
Toledo, Dodona #24	Nancy Rodgers
Warren, Hera #31	Cynthia Sevakis
Weirton, Pallas Athene #276	Kelli Sprankle
Wheeling, Semale #256	Kelli Sprankle
Youngstown, Methone #183	Lisa Ditommaso



In Memoriam 2024 - 2025

Olga Adams	Pallas Athene	Weirton, West Virginia
Maria N. Anastasiadis	Hera	Warren, Ohio
Phyllis Davell	Polydama	Dayton, Ohio
Mary Manios	Hera	Warren, Ohio
Connie Mynihan	Dodona	Toledo, Ohio
Mary Pappas	Chloris	Canton, Ohio
Clara Stasin	Chloris	Canton, Ohio

May Their Memory Be Eternal

District 11 Governor's Workshop Saturday, September 27th

SAVE THE DATE: The District Workshop will be on Saturday, September 27, 2018 from 11am to 2:00 pm at AHEPA-89 Apartments, 44 Boardman Blvd., Youngstown, OH 44512. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. Carpooling with Sisters is encouraged!

Who Should Attend?: Chapter and District Lodge Officers, Others interested in leadership roles are also encouraged to attend. **RSVP by September 24** to district11lodge@gmail.com or call me at 330 503-7235.i

Why Attend?By the time of the Workshop, some Chapters will have already begun their business meetings, while others may not. Regardless of where each Chapter stands, the District Workshop promises to be a valuable and engaging event. Attendees will leave well prepared for a successful 2025–2026 year. A flyer with full details will be released soon.

🎉 Buckeye District #11 Mardi Gras Fundraiser 🎉


Each year, our District holds a fundraiser that is vital to keeping Buckeye District #11 strong and thriving. You may ask yourself—*why should I support this fundraiser?* The answer is simple: this event helps sustain our District so we can better serve **you** and our Chapters.

Your participation also supports:

- **Buckeye Scholarship Foundation**
- **Maids of Athena Lodge**
- **Water by Women**
- **Autism Speaks**
- **Go Baby Go – Play on the Move!**

Every ticket purchased—whether for the raffle, dinner, or 50/50—makes a direct impact. Even splitting a ticket with a friend helps! But more than that, **Mardi Gras is about coming together**: socializing, making new friends, and rekindling old ones while having FUN. While we ask chapter for their support with the purchase of two tickets we also, need each of you to participate in some way so that our District remains strong and our projects continue to thrive.

✨ Event Details ✨

 **Date:** Saturday, January 31, 2026

 **Time:** 6:00 – 10:00 PM

 **Place:** B & O Restaurant, Youngstown, OH

Tickets:

- Reverse Raffle – \$50
- Raffle Ticket & Dinner – \$75



- Dinner Only (no raffle) – \$35

👉 Get your tickets today: [Mardi Gras Fundraiser Tickets](https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2026-mardi-gras-fundraiser)

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🎉 Gucci Purse Raffle Fundraiser 🎉

The District has purchased a **luxury Gucci Giglio Large Tote Handbag** (valued at approximately **\$2,300**). The cost of the bag will be shared among participating Chapters, making this a true team effort.

Can this be a success? **YES, YES, YES!** Several Chapters have already started selling tickets—and we're happy to report they are **already in the profit zone!** Their secret? They focused on *selling the cause*—and of course, the chance to win a highly sought-after Gucci bag doesn't hurt either!

At our upcoming District Workshop, you'll hear plenty of creative selling techniques to help your Chapter succeed.

For more information, please reach out to your Chapter President, or contact me or Sister Carolyn Hill directly. Together, we can make this fundraiser a **huge success for our Chapters and its causes!**

☀️ 2025–2026 Buckeye District #11 Mandatory Projects ☀️

We are proud to share this year's **District Projects** — each one makes a powerful impact, and together, we can strengthen our sisterhood through service.

💧 Water by Women (Water with Blessings)

Empowering women, saving lives

Website: www.waterwithblessings.org

This remarkable project equips women in underserved communities with water filters and training to become “Water Women.” Each Water Woman provides clean water for her own family **and three others**, multiplying the gift of health and hope across entire communities.

🌱 Autism Speaks

Creating a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential

Website: www.autismspeaks.org

Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions for individuals with autism and their families through advocacy, support, and research. By supporting this project, we help increase awareness and expand resources that make a difference in countless lives.



Go Baby Go – Play on the Move

Helping kids move, explore, and play!

Website: <https://health.csuohio.edu/communication-sciences-disorder/go-baby-go-cleveland-state>

Go Baby Go provides modified ride-on cars for children with mobility challenges, giving them independence, freedom, and the joy of play. This project allows children to explore their world in ways that promote confidence, growth, and smiles all around.

 Daughters of Penelope

2025–2026 National Projects Overview

At the 2025 Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida, the Daughters of Penelope selected the following **national obligations** to support during the 2025–2026 year. Together, we uplift lives with love, compassion, and purpose.

◆ Permanent Obligations (Ongoing Support)

Penelope House – Mobile, AL

First women's shelter in Alabama –
Founded in 1978 by DOP, it provides emergency shelter, counseling, and support services to victims of domestic violence and their children.

www.penelopehouse.org

☎ 24-hour crisis line | Shelter | Advocacy | Healing.

Penelope's Place – Brockton, MA

In partnership with Health Imperatives, this 24/7 residence supports women and children fleeing abuse with housing, job training, legal advocacy, and therapy.

healthimperatives.org

🏠 Safe housing | 🗣️ Advocacy | 🧠 Counseling | 🧑 Child therapy

Penelopean Day Care Center – Athens, Greece

Provides free day care to children (ages 8 months–preschool) from low-income families in Nea Ionia, Athens.

👨 Nurturing environment | 🤝 Support for working families

Mandatory Charitable Obligations

Water With Blessings ("Water by Women")

Empowering mothers in underserved communities with water filters to provide safe, clean water for their families and neighbors.

waterwithblessings.org

💧 Clean water | 🧑 Empowerment | 🌍 Global impact

Community House Damaris – Athens, Greece

A long-term safe house and recovery program for women (18–35) and their children who are survivors or at risk of trafficking.

damaris.gr

🏠 Housing | 🧠 Therapy | 💪 Life skills | ❤️ Rehabilitation

Voluntary Charitable Projects

Greeks for Good

A grassroots organization providing food, clothing, and toys to families in need, while celebrating Greek culture.

facebook.com/GreeksForGoodBoone

 Giving with heart |  Greek pride

Open Door – Cerebral Palsy Greece

Supporting over 4,000 families through daily services for individuals with cerebral palsy, including education, therapy, and vocational training.

eps-ath.gr/en

 Dignity |  Inclusion |  Creativity

Join Us in Giving Hope & Healing

Your support helps fulfill our mission of *Philanthropy, Fellowship, and Faith in Action.*

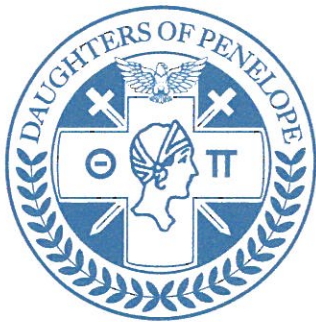
Legislation Changes

There were a number of Legislation changes to our Constitution and By-laws that passed at the 2025 Supreme Convention and will go into effect this year.

- Starting in 2026 the Per Capita due to Nation Headquarters will increase by \$5 to from \$40 to \$45 per member.
- In order to participate and vote in your Chapter Elections in addition to being in good standing, you must have attended at least four business meetings of your chapter.
- The Board of Governors responsibilities are limited to the auditing of the chapter Treasury and Secretary's records, and they may only serve in an advisory capacity at the request of the Chapter Executive Board.
- There is no longer an exception for districts with less than 150 members regarding the requirement of getting special dispensation from the Grand President to hold multiple offices.
- If unanimously approved by the District Lodge the

countersignature requirement can be waived for disbursement of funds by the District Lodge only. A countersignature is still required when writing checks at the chapter level.

- Any Maids of Athena chapter that is sponsored by an AHEPA chapter must report monthly to the District Advisor to the Maids and the District Governor of the Daughters of Penelope.
- Voluntary dual membership of the Maids of Athena and the Daughters of Penelope has been reinstated. A dual member only needs to pay the National Per Capita to the Maids of Athena, any additional Chapter Dues to the Daughters of Penelope chapter are still required. The requirement to remain unmarried has been removed from the Qualifications of Membership for the Maids of Athena.



On Tuesday, July 22, the Ad Hoc Committee on the DOP Trademark & Logo presented a new DOP logo which incorporates all past and present logos. The modified logo above presented in blue and black will now be the official logo of the Daughters of Penelope!

District Website: Be sure to check the Buckeye district website www.buckeyedistrict11.org. For update paperwork and news. Email me your chapter's events dates to include in the calendar and pictures to share. Post your news, and pictures on our FACEBOOK PAGE (Daughters of Penelope, Buckeye District 11)

In Theta Pi,

Tula Arfaras O'Neal DG