



# San Antonio AHEPA Chapter 311 Fall 2010 Newsletter



In March, we hosted the **Annual Jonathon Dolan Memorial Fund/Oratorical Festival Luncheon**. Congratulations to the winners of the Oratorical Festival, Nicolette Kaberides and Eleni Michaelides.



Our annual **Greek Independence Day Luncheon** was another success. The Sunday school children did a great job singing and reciting Greek poems dedicated to this special day in our history. Thanks to Stathis Michaelides, Vanna Organ, Kim Masters, Niko Papanikolaou and all the Sunday School Teachers for organizing the program and most of all to everyone for attending. All the proceeds from this luncheon went to support the Dan Anthony Memorial Scholarship Fund. Can't forget to thank the Ahepans who not only helped with the food but also stayed and did the dishes!



In April we didn't hesitate in hosting the "Wine Bar" in support of Philoptochos' "Spring Fling". As you can see, the Ahepans were hard at work taking care of the wine bar.



In May we hosted our **First Annual AHEPA Dan Anthony Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament**. Everyone's support and contributions helped to make this year's golf tournament a huge success. Beyond providing trophies, meals, door prizes, and goodie bags to over 80 participants, we raised significant funds to continue with our scholarship program.

Also, a lot of volunteers worked together to make it a successful tournament. But we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the efforts of Tim Swainhart - Chairman, Greg Asvestas - Co-Chairman, Kee Ann DeVora - Sonterra Contact and Jeannine Voss - Graphics Designer - - - their efforts made the tournament a success!



Our celebration of “AHEPA Sunday” was even more special as we included our **Dan Anthony Memorial Scholarship and Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** - every dollar donated went directly to the Scholarship Fund. The Ladies Philoptochos Society joined us as they recognized our Sunday School Teachers and the 2009 High School graduates.



Before we knew it, it was time for us to host the “Greek” booth for the **39<sup>th</sup> Texas Folklife Festival**. Our participation is more than just raising funds; it gives us an opportunity to keep our culture and the Greek flag ever present in the San Antonio Community. It also allowed everyone from our community to work together, have some fun and support a worthwhile event. Once again we won First Place for our Gyro and second place for our Booth....that is two years in a row.



Right after packing up from the festival, we headed out to the **79<sup>th</sup> AHEPA District 16 Convention** in Houston. As you can see, San Antonio was well represented. Congratulations to Houston for a great convention!



We were pleased to announce that this year's recipients of the **Dan Anthony Memorial Scholarship** were: Dimitri Michaelides (not pictured) who will be attending Texas A&M and Niki Kaberides who will be attending Northeastern University.



When it was time to get ready for the **50<sup>th</sup> FUNstival**, the Ahepans were once again the first to jump in and help to make it another successful FUNstival.



Speaking of the FUNstival, our **“Sponsor a Soldier”** from the Fisher House and the Warrior Center to our FUNstival was another success. We were able to invite 91 soldiers. Each invitation contained a welcome letter, a note with the name of the person that made the donation, 2 entrance tickets, a commemorative coin and \$25.00 in food coupons.

Also, during our FUNstival, we were able to collect over 400 signatures for the **“Cut the Red Tape”** petition to pressure the Port Authority of New York to cut the nine years of bureaucratic red tape that has blocked the reconstruction of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church that was destroyed at Ground Zero on September 11.

We wrapped up 2010 with our **Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon** along with the Philoptochos’ “Sweets and Treats” sale – another huge success.



At our luncheon, we also presented **AHEPA pins** to a couple of AHEPA brothers who reached a significant milestone this year - Peter Anton for 50 years of AHEPA service and Jim Vamvakias for 57 years of AHEPA service.



On behalf of all the Ahepans from San Antonio Chapter 311, we wish you the special gifts of this holiday season - - - Peace, Joy and Lasting Happiness.

