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Spring 2009 Shreveport Addition



Members of DOP Ajax Chapter #211

**AHEPA FAMILY
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

The Shreveport AHEPA family sends greetings to our Delta District brothers and sisters.

We celebrated a belated birthday for DOP's Ajax chapter with a fiesta dinner at Trejo's Mexican Restaurant. A large number of members and some prospective new members attended and had a great time.

The Daughters visitation team of Magda Panos, Sophia Booras and Maria Kirkikis journeyed to see our less mobile members and made baskets to take at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Valentine's Day. They enjoyed visiting with these ladies, who greatly appreciated their efforts.

The shopping team of Lisa Skamangas and Georgia Booras hit Wal-Mart to shop for our Salvation Army Angels. It was great fun to fulfill the Christmas wish lists of nine children.

Our AHEPA family "Holiday Party" was held again at the Petroleum Club between Christmas and New Year's. We had a great turnout and everyone had a merry time of eating and drinking and dancing.

January is the time for Lisa Skamangas to work her magic on selling squares on our Super Bowl Football pool, an Ajax chapter fund raiser. Four winners came away \$250 richer and our chapter benefited.

In February, both chapters were honored to have members of the AHEPA and Daughters District Lodges visit Shreveport. AHEPA Governor Costa Sgagias, Treasurer Steve Kirkikis, PDG/Advisor John Sempeles, along with Supreme Governor Pete Kaldis, met with members. Following that meeting, several men from our community were invited to a question-and-answer session about AHEPA that resulted in six new members joining Chapter #8!

Daughters Governor Sandy Salas was accompanied by lodge members Lt. Governor Sharon Papadopoulos, Secretary Anne-Marie Cariotis, Treasurer Kay Sgagias, and PDG/Advisor Barbara Maligas. It was a wonderful visitation; we learned more about our sisterhood and initiated new member Cheryl Morton into our chapter. We're also looking good in our new DOP blue aprons that the lodge is selling as a fundraiser! Following all meetings, we attended vespers and then onto a delicious and fun dinner at Olive Street Bistro, thanks to our friend and Bistro owner Fernando Maldonado.

Sophia Booras and Magda Panos prepared a delicious Lenten meal with dessert that was served after the first Salutations service. Everyone gave that meal 4 stars!!

Our St. George community is excited about the remodeling and expansion of our church building. Eventually we'll have all new iconography and more room. We are also preparing for our first Greek festival – "Greek and More" – in May. It will be hard work and lots of fun.

Congratulations to our parents and new arrivals:

Stacy and Chris Cosse on son Stefan; Viki and Kevin Fentress on daughter Dorothy

We send our continued prayers and well wishes to Jane Lorant, Kiki Casten, Christine Cosse, and Jenny Booras; and extend our deepest sympathies to Wanda and Andreana Panos, Viki and Kevin Fentress and the entire Panos family on the passing of Ira Panos.

We look forward to the District Convention and Testimonial for Grand Pres. Barbara Stavis Wolf this summer in New Orleans. See you there!

And until we meet again the Shreveport AHEPA Family wishes you the best!