

#### Communiqué from AHEPA CANADA President

June, 2015

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

With this communiqué I am sharing with you some highlights of my activities as President of AHEPA Canada along with highlights of much of the marvellous work and achievements that Ahepans are doing across Canada for Hellenism and our Communities across our country.

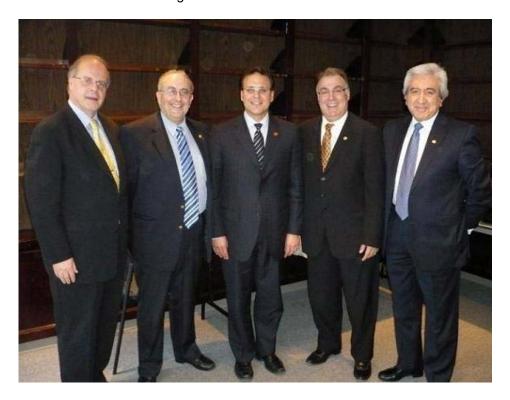
## The Honourable Leo Housakos Appointed the 44<sup>th</sup> Speaker of the Senate of Canada on May 4, 2015

The Canadian AHEPA Family congratulates Senator Leo Housakos on his appointment as the new Speaker of the Senate of Canada. It is a rare honour for the Greek Canadian community that every Greek Canadian should be proud of. Congratulations Brother Leo! Πάντα Αξιος!





The Honourable Leo Housakos with Past Canadian Presidents of AHEPA Frank Antoniou, George Vassilas and Nick Aroutzidis



The Honourable Leo Housakos with current Canadian President of AHEPA Ken Matziorinis, Past Canadian President Frank Antoniou, Past Canadian President Nick Aroutzidis and Past Ottawa Chapter President George Pitsicoulis from our Parliament Hill Visit of May, 2010

# AHEPA Beaver District #23 Concludes Successful 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in London, ON, May 22 – 24, 2015



Co-Chairs of the London Chapter Convention Organizing Committee Past Canadian President Nick Aroutzidis and Eleni Armeniakos, London DOP Chapter President



Beaver District #23 AHEPA Governor Bill Bakalis and District #23 DOP Governor Annie Valkanas



Canadian President of AHEPA Ken Matziorinis addressing the Opening Joint Session of the AHEPA and the DOP



The newly installed AHEPA District #23 Lodge following the Swearing in Ceremony



From L-R: Jimmy Dionissopoulos, Montreal Chapter President, Antony Polyzotis, Past Chapter President of Toronto, Ken Matziorinis, Canadian President of AHEPA, Alexandros Ioannidis, Consul General of Greece to Toronto, Philip T. Frangos, Supreme President of AHEPA, Mrs. Toula Frangos, Tony Mavromaras, Past Canadian President, Sam Maginas, Past London Chapter President and Nikos Hatzitheodosiou, Ottawa Chapter President



The Supreme President of AHEPA Philip T. Frangos attended the convention following his return from Europe



Fr. Elias Drossos addressing the delegates and guests at the evening banquet



The Consul General of Greece to Toronto the Hon Alexandros Ioannidis



Jim Giannoulis, Past Canadian President of AHEPA, Past Treasurer of the AFCFC and President of the Greek Orthodox Community of London



Aspa Kostopoulos, Past Canadian President of the DOP addressing the Opening Session of the Convention



The Maids of Athena from London, Toronto and Ottawa with District Maids Advisor Margaret Dritsas and Grand Treasurer of the MOA Effie Sapuridis



Delegates attending the morning session

### AHEPA Supports the Waterloo Institute of Hellenistic Studies (WIHS) at the University of Waterloo which Needs your Support

Representatives of the Waterloo Institute of Hellenistic Studies presented the Program to the Convention delegates. They are in the midst of raising \$100,000 in donations to match a \$100,000 pledge by one of our esteemed Brothers. The Institute focuses on a period of Greek history that is not as well known as the Classical Period, yet is just as important in shaping who we are today.

The Hellenistic Period begins in 323 BC following the death of Alexander the Great and ends in 31 BC with the death of Cleopatra and the fall of the Hellenistic Kingdom of Egypt to Rome.

It is in this period that the foundations were laid for the internationalization of Greek language, science, commerce and culture that spread both East and West. In the West it grows to the Greco-Roman civilization which is the basis of our Western Civilization today, in the East it unifies Greek rationalism and Eastern Mysticism and gives birth to Christianity. The Hellenistic era set the stage for the millennium-old Byzantine Era and later on spurs the Islamic Golden Age.

The Ahepa Family Charitable Foundation of Canada (AFCFC) has donated \$5,000 and is calling on all Canadians to come to their support. Please contact Bill Bakalis, District 23 Governor or myself on how you can support.



Kim Bardwell Arts Advancement Director at University of Waterloo speaking to the delegates



Professor Andrew Faulkner spoke in perfect Greek along with Dr. Reimer Faber, Director of the Institute



### Dr. Kimon Valaskakis Presents the Program of the New School of Athens on 'Reinventing the 'West', A Global Imperative' at the University Club in Montreal, May 26, 2015



The Hon. Nicolas Sigalas, Consul General of Greece to Montreal, Dr. Kimon Valaskakis, Former Canadian Ambassador to the OECD. and President of the New School of Athens, Ken Matziorinis



Ken Matziorinis, Ioustini Frangouli-Argyris, Author and Journalist, Consul General Nicolas Sigalas and Afrodite Salas, Journalist and Broadcaster with CTV News in Montreal

### The Finance Minister of Québec Visits John Abbott College in Montreal to Speak on Quebec's financial plans on May 3, 2015



Canadian President of AHEPA with the Honourable Carlos Leitao, Finance Minister of Quebec

#### City of Montreal Municipal Fund-Raising Event, Palais des Congres, June 3, 2015



Bro. Peter and Sister Mary Deros, Municipal Councillor for the City of Montreal and Dimitrios (Jim) Beis, Pierrefonds-Roxboro Borough Mayor and Member of the Executive Committee of the City of Montreal

#### AHEPA Day Celebration of Ottawa AHEPA Family, Sunday, May 30, 2015





George Kanellakos, Cathy Pantieras, Ottawa President of the DOP, Nikos Hadzitheodosiou, Ottawa President of AHEPA, Ken Matziorinis, H.E. George Marcantonatos, Fr. Alexandros Michalopoulos and Alice Sophianopoulos

Behind them are the Ottawa Sons of Pericles, with Nick Pantieras, John Hatzopoulos, George Georgaras, Margaret Dritsas



With George Georgaras (far left) and John Hatzopoulos (far right)



Having lunch at Malone's Restaurant, overlooking the Rideau Canal

# Presentation of AHEPA Aristotle Award to Canadian Ambassador to Greece and High Commissioner to Cyprus, the Hon. Robert W. Peck at the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau, QC on June 4, 2015





Fr L-R: Nikos Hatzitheodosiou, Ottawa Chapter President, Ambassador of Greece to Canada H.E. George Marcantonatos, Canadian President Ken Matziorinis, Ambassador Robert W. Peck, His Eminence Metropolitan Sotirios, Alice Sophianopoulos, Past Canadian President of the DOP, Bessie Giovanopoulos, V.P. of the Ottawa DOP and Margaret Dritsas, Member of the Board of Directors of the Ahepa Family Charitable Foundation of Canada (AFCFC)



From L-R: Father Alexandros Michalopoulos, Nikos Hatzitheodosiou, Ambassador Marcantonatos, Mark O'Neill, President and CEO of Canadian Museum of History, Ken Matziorinis, Ambassador Peck, Mrs. Antonia Pantazis, His Eminence Sotirios, Alice Sophianopoulos, Bessie Giovanopoulos, The Honourable Madam Justice Andromache Karakatsanis, Margaret Dritsas, Former Ambassador Anghelopoulos, Mr. Michael Pantazis





Dr. Ken Matziorinis with Dr. William Parkinson, Associate Curator of the Field Museum in Chicago and Dr. Terry Clark, the Lead Curator of the Canadian Museum of History

## Official Opening of Exhibition 'The Greeks: From Agamemnon to Alexander the Great' at the Canadian Museum of History, Ottawa Capital Region, June 4, 2015



Ambassador Peck with Mrs. Marcantonatos (left) and Nicholas Lafkas, President of the Greek Orthodox Community of Ottawa, Mrs. Argyro Lafkas and Margaret Dritsas



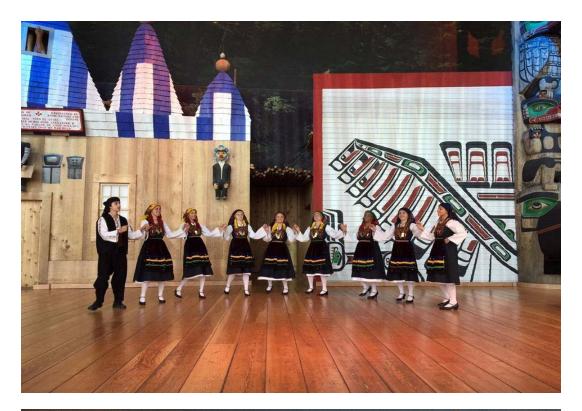
Former Ambassador of Greece to Canada H.E. Eleftherios Anghelopoulos, The Hon. Costas Menegakis, M.P., His Eminence Metropolitan Sotirios and Ambassador of Greece to Canada, H.E. George Marcantonatos

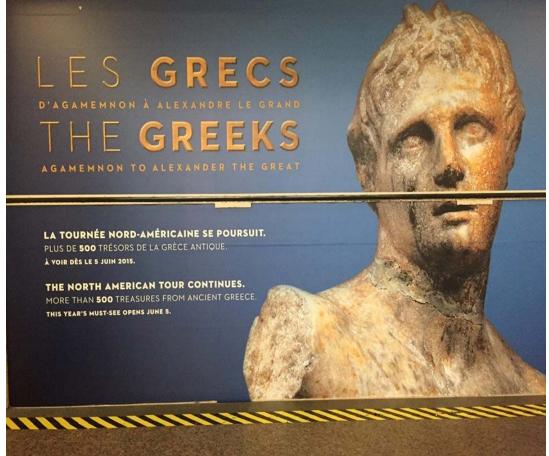




Fr L-R: Lambros Kakissis, Deputy Head of Greek Embassy, H.E. Ambassador Marcantonatos, Dr. Maria Andreadaki-Vlasaki of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture, H.E. Ambassador Robert W. Peck, Former Ambassador of Greece to Canada Eleftherios Anghelopoulos and Athanasia Papatriantafyllou, Press Counsellor of the Greek Embassy in Ottawa







# Montreal 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sons of Pericles Poker Tournament Raised \$3,500 for Montreal's Summit School on May 8, 2015

Summit School specializes on children with physical and intellectual disabilities. It has 570 students of which about 125 are of Greek origin. Congratulations Sons!



Montreal Chapter President Jimmy Dionissopoulos, Cathy Arvanitis Perez, President of Parents Committee, Herman Erdogmus, Director-General of Summit School and Ken Matziorinis

Sons of Pericles Present Awards for Excellence in French totalling \$1600 to Graduating Students of Socrates-Demosthenes in Montreal on June 12, 2015



Ken Matziorinis with SOP Chapter President George Daoud at the Graduation Ceremony

### Horse Around with Dad, AHEPA Toronto Celebrated Father's Day at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto on June 21, 2015



Horse Around with Dad, AHEPA Toronto's Day at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, was a great event celebrating Father's day. We had a great crowd ranging from our youth basketball players to some lovely folks from the Hellenic Home for the Aged.

Our amazing AHEPA Toronto Basketball coaches, Jim Fabrikis, Lou Del Bove and Tom Perdikis were honoured for their immense contribution to our growing girls and boys basketball program.

Many thanks to our sponsors and friends, Anastasios Moussas of Integrated Consulting Services who bought a table and tirelessly promoted with our new friends at Odyssey TV and CHTO Radio, Emmanuel Constas of DSG Restoration who graciously sponsored a table from the Hellenic Home, Amazing Hotel Alternatives who sponsored the terrible tie contest won by Steve Kastoras, President Constantine Politis who made tons of calls, shook hands and kissed babies, Mariani Metal Fabricators who also sponsored a table from the Hellenic Home, Steve Mirkopoulos from Cinespace who sponsored our funny shirt contest won by Brother Antony Polyzotis, Brother Paul Hasoulas who graciously advertised his support of our amazing youth basketball program.

It was an air conditioned tent right next to the action on the race track. We're delighted that you chose to spend a little time with us celebrating Father's Day. Thank you all in attendance for making us smile and valuing our youth. We couldn't have done it without you!



Fred Fotopoulos, Toronto outgoing Chapter President Constantine Politis and Chapter Secretary
Anastasios Moussas





The newly sworn-in Executive of AHEPA Toronto, Anastasios Moussas, Secretary; Demetrios Voudouris, Vice President, Konstantine Katsoulis, Chapter President; Br. And Tom Noitsis, Treasurer.



Proudly standing next to Brother Steve Economopoulos, 51 year member of the Lord Nelson Chapter of AHEPA in London, ON..



Brothers, I expect to see as many of you as possible at our upcoming Supreme Convention in San Francisco.

Our Canadian participation at the Supreme Conventions is of outmost importance!

Hope to see you all there,

With Fraternal Regards,

**Ken Matziorinis**Canadian President of AHEPA