

AHEPA Citrus District 2 of Florida, Puerto Rico & The Bahamas

2019 District 2 Convention

Gus Pantelides Governor Report

AHEPA Family...

As your Citrus District 2 Governor, these past 2 years have been the most gratifying I have ever enjoyed as a 42 year member of the Order of AHEPA. Visiting with AHEPA Family chapters throughout the state, as well as Puerto Rico, has left lasting memories. Attending and taking part in chapter events was so exciting. Seeing old friends and meeting many new brothers and sisters, was truly one of the most enjoyable assignments of my office as District Governor.

Much was accomplished this year and the majority of the credit should go to the members of my District Lodge. Without them the office of District Governor would be overwhelming. Many thanks to Lt. Governor Michael Trimis, Secretary Phil Amorgianos, Treasurer Jim Sirks, Marshall John Tsacrios, Warden Homer Zambigadis, District Advisor PDG Kostas Sofikitis, Athletic Director Kurt Panouses, SOP Advisor Eric Hill and SOP District 2 Governor Savas Ferekedes. These brothers and their support, made this year such a wonderful experience and I cannot thank them enough. Hopefully, we have laid the groundwork for future officers of the District Lodge to carry on the good work of AHEPA.

Listed below are the many events I had the opportunity to attend as your 2018 - 2019 AHEPA Citrus District 2 Governor.

Fraternally,

Brother Gus Pantelides
AHEPA District 2 Governor
Florida - the Bahamas - Puerto Rico

June 10th, 2018 - Sworn in for a second term as District 2 Governor at the Citrus District 2 Convention in Hutchinson Island, FL.

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I participated in the District Convention golf tournament on Thursday then chaired all the business meetings on Friday and Saturday. Also attended the functions that were held during the weekend, including "Greek Night" and the Grand Banquet.

July 22nd – 28th, 2018 - Attended the AHEPA Family Supreme Convention representing Citrus District 2 as Governor. Attended all meetings and conferences scheduled daily, including the annual District & Supreme Lodge meetings. I also participated in the Convention City Golf Tournament. As a member of the AHEPA National Hall of Fame selection committee, I attended all meetings, welcome night, AHEPA Athletic Sports Luncheon and Hall of Fame induction.

September 9th, 2018 - Participated in the joint installation of officers for the combined AHEPA 356 & DOP Pelias 186 chapters.

September 22nd – 24th, 2018 - Attended the annual District Governors Conference representing Citrus District 2 at AHEPA National Headquarters in Washington D.C. Meetings with District Governor's and Supreme Lodge Officers from around the nation, sharing new ideas to increase membership of AHEPA and new programs.

October 22nd, 2018 - Co-chaired and participated in the 39th Annual AHEPA Family of Clearwater Scholarship Golf Tournament, netting over \$10,000.00 at the Bardmoor Golf & Country Club.

November 21st, 2018 - Attended the AHEPA Family of Clearwater Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Social - Holy Trinity Matheos Hall

November 27th, 2018 - Attended the "Greek Heritage" recognition night at the Bay Lightning/Anaheim Ducks hockey game, along with 50 others from the AHEPA Family & local Greek community.

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- December 1st, 2018 - Attended the AHEPA Family Citrus District 2 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference & Governor's Dinner Dance at the Seven Springs Golf & Country Club in Trinity, FL. District 2 Lodge members from AHEPA, the DOP & SOP were all at the event, hosted by the Daughters of Penelope.
- December 16th, 2018 - Attended the combined AHEPA Family of Clearwater & Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Men's Club Christmas Dinner Dance - Safety Harbor Resort & Spa
- January 4th, 2019 - Chaired & coordinated the Annual District 2 Epiphany Golf Tournament at Lansbrook Golf Club in Tarpon Springs. All net proceeds of \$2500.00 were deposited into the District 2 treasury and \$500.00 was awarded to the District 2 Scholarship Foundation for one District 2 scholarship.
- January 5th, 2019 - Attended the Annual Epiphany Banquet representing District 2, which was hosted by AHEPA Chapter 16 at the prestigious Innisbrook Golf Resort in Tarpon Springs.
- January 6th, 2019 - Attended the Epiphany Cross Diving ceremony at the Spring Bayou in Tarpon Springs, FL. Following the cross diving event, many Lodge officers enjoyed lunch on the docks.
- January 31st, 2019 - Attended the AHEPA "Lycurgus" Chapter 12 "Sister City" event at the beautiful Floridan Hotel in Tampa. Heraklion, Crete and Tampa, Florida became sister city's, during the official signing ceremony at City Hall.
- February 2nd, 2019 - Attended the AHEPA Family of Clearwater "Day at the Races" at Tampa Bay Downs Race Track. The 6th race was dedicated to the Daughters of Penelope. They were honored both on the jumbotron in the midfield and in the racing program.

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February 3rd, 2019 - Represented District 2 and participated in the AHEPA Tarpon Springs Chapter 16 annual "Super Bowl" golf tournament.

February 9th, 2019 – Attended and represented AHEPA District 2 at the 37th Anniversary Dedication of the Saint Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine in St. Augustine, FL. Also attending were D2 Lt. Governor Michael Trimis and D2 PDG Michael Pantel.

February 16th, 2019 – Attended and represented District 2 at the Tallahassee "Patmos" Chapter 317 Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance and Scholarship Awards ceremony. A beautiful annual event, supported by the AHEPA Family as well as 25 members of the Tallahassee Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena.

February 24th, 2019 - Attended, helped serve and represented District 2 at the annual AHEPA Family of Clearwater Scholarship Pancake Breakfast in Matheos Hall at Holy Trinity Church.

March 2nd, 2019 – Participated in the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Annual "Tommy Papadakis" Memorial Golf Tournament, representing AHEPA District 2.

March 11th, 2019 – Attended and conducted the "initiation" of 30 new members into Tarpon Springs Chapter 16, with the assistance of District 2 Lt. Governor Michael Trimis.

March 31st, 2019 - Attended and presided over the District 2 Lodge meeting in Tarpon Springs, prior to marching with members of AHEPA, the Daughters of Penelope, Maids of Athena & Sons of Pericles in the annual Greek Independence Day parade.

April 19th, 2019 - Attended and represented District 2 at the annual AHEPA

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Family of Clearwater Fish Fry, the last Friday before Holy Week.
Matheos Hall at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

April 30th 2019 - Visited and conducted the installation of the 2019 – 2020 Officers & Governors for Tarpon Springs Chapter 16 at their AHEPA Home with the assistance of Lt. Governor Michael Trimis.

May 5th, 2019 - Represented AHEPA District 2 and participated in the annual Greek Children's Fund of Florida Golf Tournament for Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital at Cypress Run Golf Club.

May 10th, 2019 - Attended and represented District 2 at the AHEPA "Jim Scofield" Chapter 15 Scholarship Awards banquet at the beautiful Isla Del Sol Yacht Club in St. Petersburg.

May 19th, 2018 – Represented AHEPA at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Clearwater for the annual "AHEPA Day" celebration. AHEPA was honored by Reverend Father (AHEPA Brother) Jim Paris for its many outstanding accomplishments. AHEPA was also honored and awarded a Proclamation by the City of Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos, following church services.

May 25th, 2019 - Attended and represented AHEPA District 2 at the annual Memorial Day celebration at the Florida Veterans Memorial Plaza in Clearwater, FL. Also in attendance, Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos and former U. S. Congressman David Jolly.

May 26th, 2018 – As a Vietnam war veteran, I attended the 51st Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration pinning ceremony, hosted by the Bay Pines VA Hospital in St. Petersburg, FL.

May 30th – 31st & June 1st – Attended the 86th Annual AHEPA Family District 2 Convention at the Seven Springs Golf & Country Club

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In Trinity, FL. Hosted the Convention Golf Tournament and attended Welcome Night. Chaired the business meetings both Friday & Saturday as well as attended both Greek Night and the Grand Banquet.

June 2nd, 2018 – As District 2 PDG, I attended the annual AHEPA Family of Clearwater Scholarship Awards Banquet at the Island Way Grill on Island Estates. \$4,800.00 in scholarships were awarded to outstanding students from the AHEPA Family and the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church community.

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Michael Trimis Lt. Governor Report

- 1) Organized second Annual Lighting Hockey Greek Heritage Day
- 2) Conducted District Workshop on Membership on Dec. 1, 2018
- 3) Attended Ahepa # 12 Tampa Scholarship Dinner
- 4) Attended Tampa Museum of Art Lecture on Hellenic World Artifacts
- 5) Attended the Tampa – Heraklion Sister City Signing Events in Tampa
- 6) Visited Palm Beach Ahepans
- 7) Visited St. Photios Shrine event
- 8) Attended this year's Greek Independence Day Parade
- 9) Chairman for 2019 AHEPA District 2 Convention
 - a) Create Convention Committee
 - b) Organized monthly meeting
 - c) Create a Convention budget
 - d) Create a "Convention Prep" list of tasks
 - e) Created and distributed "Save-the-Date" to all emails in the District.
 - f) Converted the "Convention Prep" to a chronologic list of tasks by Due Date
 - g) Create Convention Forms
 - i) Convention Flyer
 - ii) Distributed the AHEPA Delegate & Alternate Authorization form for signature from the chapter presidents and secretaries validate AHEPANS in Good Standing.
 - iii) Convention Registration Form
 - iv) Recommended using the end of year Chapter Report for the Chapter of the Year nominations.
 - v) Distributed the AHEPANS of the Year form
 - h) Met with Convention Journal Printer
 - i) Created a list of Journal ads from Convention Journals from the last three years
 - j) Solicited Journal ads from Convention Journals from the last three years
 - k) Chaired the AHEPA District 2 Legislative Committee
 - i) Organized the new members of the Legislative Committee
 - ii) Updated the S2 By-Laws with the 2018 Convention approved changes
 - iii) Scheduled and held Legislative Committee meetings
 - iv) Reviewed and approved seven changes to the D2 By-Laws for this year's D2 Convention

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Michael Trimis Lt. Governor Report

- l) Worked on restoring Chapter 16 of Tarpon Springs with District Governor
 - i) Discussed the drop in membership and had trouble maintaining Chapter officers
 - ii) Held many meetings to resolve the differences with the Tarpon Springs DOP
 - iii) Communicated with Chapter 16 with over 117 individual emails throughout the year. There were additional emails with District Governor.
 - iv) Attended several Chapter 16 monthly meetings
 - v) Made recommended to the AHEPA House
 - (1) Make the 2nd floor meeting room accessible
 - (2) Create cabinets to lock the liquor
 - (3) Purchase a/c for 2nd floor meeting room
 - vi) Received the books and records of Chapter 16 for review by an outside auditor.
 - (1) The results were no audit could be performed based on the condition of the books.
 - (2) The meeting minutes were incomplete.
 - vii) Recommended the use of an outside bookkeeping Service for the Chapter
 - viii) Advise Chapter 16 of their obligation to complete the IRS 990 report
 - ix) Along with the District Lodge, defended the Chapter against National's wish to dissolve the Chapter and end the embarrassment to AHEPA.
 - x) Initiated with the District Governor 30 new Ahepa members
 - xi) Participate in the Installation of new officers