



“DAUGHTERS' DOINGS”

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE, ALTES CHAPTER 163

Next Meeting: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

At the AHEPA Hall

2333 Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd., Suite A, Hamilton, NJ 08619

“BRING A BUCK” to the meeting for the “Fundraising Jar”

October is...

**National Domestic Violence Awareness and National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 16, in particular, is National Cookie Day!**

AT THE MEETING: Wear something purple to show solidarity with survivors of Domestic Violence. Photos will be taken (see forwarded email from DOP National Headquarters sent separately). **Lots to discuss!** Children's Christmas Craft Workshop, Gift Auction, Christmas Wreaths Sale, Poinsettias-to-decorate-Church Sale, Vasilopita Bread Sale, Cross Ornament/Keepsake Sale, Membership Tea Party/Founders Day Celebration. *Start looking for the sales in the Community Center after church.*



**Only 7 Auction tickets left –
order now or be on waiting list!!
marguerite5250@gmail.com**

***The Gift Auction Committee looks
forward to seeing all of you soon!***

GIFT AUCTION

October 9, 2025

Can't make it to the Gift Auction this year? You can still support our special charities by donating to help defray the cost of prizes and baskets. Any amount is appreciated! You can send checks payable to “Daughters of Penelope, Altes 163” with “Gift Auction” in the memo to **Marguerite Arabatzis**, 19 Bree Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08690.

We are looking forward to another great event and everyone's participation. Please mark your calendars for set up and gift basket and pastries delivery on **Wednesday, October 8** and **Gift Auction on Thursday, October 9.**

P.S. This will be our Gift Auction's 37th year!

-Chair, Marguerite Arabatzis

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP
Hosted by St. George PTO & Daughters of Penelope
to benefit “Parents of Autistic Children Autism Services” (POAC)

Saturday, November 15, 2025, 1:00 am – 4:00 pm
St. George Community Center – RSVP by November 1 to
dinafanikos@gmail.com -or- stgeorgePTO@hotmail.com

\$15.00 per child includes
Christmas ornaments to paint, cookies to decorate
face painting and other games and fun activities
Mrs. Claus will be visiting, too!



Parent(s): must stay with your
child(ren) - enjoy the fun!

(Needed: Can you be a helper
at the Workshop?)

ALTES MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DEPARTED SISTERS: Sunday, October 12, 2025 - See attached list for names of sisters to be memorialized. Altes Chapter will host and purchase desserts for the after-church Coffee and Fellowship Hour. Please let **Chair Theano Muzithras** know if you would like to add your favorite home-made dessert or if you can help set up, serve and clean up. (*Thank you to **Sister Helen Zarafonitis** for creating and updating our “In Memoriam” list.*)

DISTRICT 5 AHEPA FAMILY CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION GALA: On **Saturday, November 8, 2025**, the Foundation's 37th Gala will be held at the Pines Manor, Edison, NJ (see flyer) Here is an excellent chance to fight this disease that has touched so many of us in one way or another.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WREATHS: *Chair Christina Vassiliou Harvey* again announces that it's not too early to think about ordering Wreaths, Door Swags, etc. To order, go to www.GiftItForward.com Please use Fundraising Code: **DAUGHTNJ003** and Christina's full name when ordering. Mickman Brothers sends your gift to the recipient! Easy gifting – for those who live afar...or even for yourself! Questions? Contact Sister Christina at christinajv@yahoo.com or (609) 240-2603.

POINSETTIA SALE: *Chair Theano Muzithras* announces that we are again offering the purchase of 100 poinsettias to decorate St. George Church during the Christmas Season in honor of someone who is deserving or in honor of a loved one who has passed. Names will be published in the Church Bulletin. Cost: \$10.00

CROSS ORNAMENT/KEEPSAKE: *Chair Megan Contor* announces that a beautiful cross ornament/keepsake soon will be available for sale after church. Cost: \$20.00

VASILOPITA BREAD SALE: *Chair Antonia Papadopoulos* announces that details will be available soon.

EAGLE-EYED SISTER AWARD: Come to the meeting...who was first to alert your editor of a "Doings" omission?

GOOD NEWS CORNER: *Congratulations to Sister Hope Demitry* who was appointed by *Grand President Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades* to chair the Legislative Committee at the 2026 Supreme Convention, Philadelphia. **Axia!**

SEPTEMBER MEETING: *DG Athena Borzeka, LtG Viveca Sulich, DOP Advisor Eleni Boyadjis and DM Ana Bousoulas* visited with us and joined our meeting. DG Athena unveiled her Governor's fundraiser for the District: a framed artwork entitled "Truth, Goodness and Beauty." Thanks to *Sisters Maria Brenna, Megan Contor, Donna Giudici, and Nickie Russopulos* for their supper donations of delicious pasta, meatballs and sausages in tomato sauce, rolls, Caesar salad with desserts donated by *Sisters Marguerite Arabatzis, Dina Fanikos and Donna Giudici.*

2025 DISTRICT 5 WORKSHOP: *Sisters Dina Fanikos, Sharon Martindell and Alyssa Martindell* attended the Workshop and will report on important District news at the meeting.

TESTIMONIAL LUNCHEON: *PDG Eleni Boyadjis* received well-deserved honors for her outstanding leadership of District 5 this past year. *Sisters Dina Fanikos, Alyssa Martindell, Sharon Martindell, Theano Muzithras and Marissa Rigas* attended. *Best Wishes, Sister Eleni,* from Altes Chapter!

JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS WITH OUR BROTHER AHEPANS took place at the AHEPA Hall. *DG Athena Borzeka, with the assistance of LtG Viveca Sulich and DS/Liaison Athena Rochonchou* conducted our Installation of 2025-2026 Altes Officers. AHEPA District Lodge did the honors for our brothers of Trenton #72 officers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Contact *President Megan* if you need more info at (718) 869-6605 or mcontordop@gmail.com

10/08 – **Set Up** for Gift Auction

10/09 – **Altes 163 Annual Gift Auction**

10/11 – **Fashion Show & Luncheon** by Alexander #250 at The Meadow Wood, Randolph, NJ

10/12 – **Altes 163 Memorial Service & Hosting of After-Church Fellowship/Coffee Hour**

10/16 – **Altes 163 October General Meeting**

11/01 – **Christmas Market** hosted by Tethys #229, 12:00-2:00, St. George Church Community Center, Piscataway, NJ

11/08 – **37th Annual Gala Celebration of 5th District AHEPA Family Cancer Research Foundation.** Pines Manor, Edison, NJ

11/09 – **Trenton #72 AHEPA's 100th Anniversary Catered Dinner Dance** at St. George Community Center with Greek-American music provided by "Atlantis." **Save the Date!**

11/14 – **Set Up** in evening for Children's Christmas Craft Workshop

11/15 – **Children's Christmas Craft Workshop** benefit **Parents Of Autistic Children Autism Services (POAC)** jointly with PTO

11/19 – **Set Up** for Membership Tea and Founders Day Celebration, Philoptochos Room, 6:00 p.m.

11/20 – **Altes 163 Membership Tea & Founders Day Celebration**, Philoptochos Room, 6:30 p.m.

11/22 – **Dinner Dance**, St. George GO Church, Clifton, NJ benefit Christmas Food Donation Program, Hellenic Relief Foundation (No General Altes Meetings for November or December)

12/06 – **Christmas Jingo** hosted by Aulis #195, Ocean, NJ - Reach out to Pres. Arete at abouhlias@yahoo.com for more info

12/14 – **Christmas Gathering** combined with St. George Philoptochos – bring gifts for "Younity" (formerly "Women's Space") (tentative date)

LOOKING WAY AHEAD: *Mario Giudici, MD* will speak to us at our **January 22, 2026** General Meeting on the topic of bone density: measuring density, plus how tests are used to show weakened bones and to diagnose osteoporosis.

District 5 Festival of Tables to benefit DOP District 5 Education Foundation at Pines Manor, Edison, NJ is scheduled for **Saturday, March 7, 2026** – (Start thinking of a table theme!) - *details to follow.*

Gary Weiten, Executive Director of POAC, will be joining us after our **March 19, 2026** meeting to speak on behalf of POAC ("Parents of Autistic Children").

Annual District Spring Luncheon is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18, 2026**, 1:00 pm, at Fox Hollow Golf Club, Branchburg, NJ – *again, details to follow.*

