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**“OXI DAY” & AHEPA SCHOLARSHIPS**  
*Honouring those who sacrificed for freedom.*  
*Rewarding AHEPA Family members, Hellenic students*  
*and excellence in Hellenic Studies.*



Από το εορτασμό της 28<sup>ης</sup> Οκτωβρίου 1940 που οργανώνει η ΑΧΕΠΑ ετησίως. Παρουσιάζονται και υποτροφίες από το 1990.

“OXI Day, 28 October 1940” Banquet organized annually by the Winnipeg AHEPA Family. The Banquet commemorates Hellenic contributions during World War II. The event occurred October 24, 2009. In the photograph visible are: Guest Speaker, Dr. Nickolas Hajidiacos at the podium, Rev. Fr. Theodore Paraskevopoulos, and C. (Takis) Iacovidis, President, St. Demetrios Greek Community.

Winnipeg AHEPA Chapter President, George Mavridis (left in photo), presents Hellas Soccer Club President, George Ifandis, with a cheque of \$1000; AHEPA has supported “Hellas” over many years and the Club players proudly wear AHEPA sponsored uniforms. Hellas Soccer Club is Canadian Champion this year, quite an achievement. Congratulations!





Niki Ashton, Hellenic heritage Manitoba Federal MP (NDP) and her father Honourable Steve Ashton, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, Government of Manitoba brought greetings.



Some of the banquet guests and participants.

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year that the Winnipeg AHEPA Family presented scholarships. This year for those of Hellenic heritage or members of the AHEPA Family, 3 scholarships were offered to High School graduates, and 3 more to University students at the undergraduate or graduate level. One scholarship was offered to anyone taking Hellenic Studies at a Manitoba University and for the first time, a new scholarship was offered to

anyone of Hellenic heritage from other Canadian Provinces, Greece, Cyprus or other countries who come to study at a Manitoba University. The following 2009 AHEPA scholarship recipients were announced by the Scholarship Committee Chair, Christos Katopodis (left in photos) and were presented at the “OXI Day” Banquet:



was **Heather Thomson** (right in the photo), a University of Manitoba student who thinks that the “Hellenic Civilization is absolutely relevant to the modern world because it is so ingrained in many of the basic aspects of Western culture”.

1. **Kleovoulos** Scholarship for Hellenic Studies, worth \$2500, sponsored by Paul Kostas (middle in photo) is for any student from any part of the World who takes Hellenic Studies at a Manitoba University. It is named after philosopher Kleovoulos of Rhodes, one of the 7 Sages or wise men (7 Σοφοί) of Ancient Hellas. «Παν μέτρον ἄριστον» or “Everything is best in moderation” is one of his famous sayings. The recipient

2. There were no qualified candidates for the \$2000 **Kleovoulos** Scholarship for students outside of Manitoba. With the agreement of the sponsor, Paul Kostas (middle in photo), this scholarship was offered to another well qualified student for Hellenic Studies. The recipient was **Joseph Gerbasi** (right in the photo), a University of Winnipeg student who thinks that the Ancient Greeks had good answers to the question “Does the modern person know how to live well?”



3. The recipient of the \$1500 **Kleovoulos** Scholarship for University students of Hellenic heritage, sponsored by Paul Kostas, was **Nikolas Kyriakopoulos** who believes that “Hellenic culture promotes and inspires community”. He is presently undertaking Graduate Studies in Civil Engineering at the University of Toronto.



Nikolas Kyriakopoulos

Nikolas was in Toronto; his mother, Judy Kyriakopoulos (right in photo), accepted the scholarship.

This year, for the first time since 1990 when the AHEPA scholarship program was initiated, there were no qualified applicants for any of the three High School scholarships. As was indicated in the applications these scholarships were presented to qualified University students.

4. The recipient of the \$1500 **Plato** Scholarship for students of Hellenic heritage, sponsored by the Kalaitzakis family, was **Alexandros Sotiriadis** (right in photo) who values his Hellenic heritage in part because of “The timeless nature of the gifts Hellenism has provided the world can be felt today in every corner of our planet”. He is completing his Masters in Professional Accounting at the University of Saskatchewan. George Kalaitzakis pictured in the middle.



5. The recipient of the \$1500 **Kontzamanis** Scholarship was **Zaharias Matheos**. He is an Agronomy student at the University of Manitoba. AHEPA’s Kontzamanis Scholarship is sponsored by Demetrios and Helene Kontzamanis and is available to University students of Hellenic Heritage who have successfully completed at least two years of study.



Seen in the photo (L to R): CK, Effie Avramidis, President, Winnipeg Daughters of Penelope Chapter, Zaharias Matheos, and George Mavridis, President, Winnipeg AHEPA Chapter.

6. The \$1500 **Alexander The Great** Scholarship for members of a Manitoba Chapter of the AHEPA Family is sponsored by the AHEPA Chapter. The recipient of this scholarship was **Antonia Schindle** (right in photo), a Human Ecology student at the University of Manitoba with a passion for fashion.



7. The \$1500 **Socrates** Scholarship for members of a Manitoba Chapter of the AHEPA Family is also sponsored by the AHEPA Chapter. The recipient of this scholarship was **Katina Mikos** (left in photo), a second year Political Studies student at the University of Manitoba.



Scholarship recipients and Winnipeg AHEPA Family officers (L to R): Judy Kyriakopoulos (for Nikolas; Kleouvoulos Scholarship), Chris Katopodis (Chair, AHEPA Scholarship Committee), George Mavridis (AHEPA Chapter President), Joseph Gerbasi (Kleouvoulos Hellenic Studies Scholarship), Zaharias Matheos (Kontzamanis Scholarship), Katina Mikos (Socrates Scholarship), Antonia Schindle (Alexander The Great Scholarship), Heather Thomson (Kleouvoulos Hellenic Studies Scholarship), Effie Avramidis (Daughters Chapter President), Alexandros Sotiriadis (Plato Scholarship).

This year there were no qualified applicants for \$1000 **Penelope** Scholarship sponsored by the Daughter's of Penelope Chapter for High School students of Hellenic Heritage.

**Συγχαρητήρια σ'όλους τούς φοιτητές και στις οικογένειες τους. Ευχόμαστε σ'όλους καλή ακαδημαϊκή χρονιά, ΚΑΙ ΕΙΣ ΑΝΩΤΕΡΑ.**

**Congratulations to all students and their families and as the Ancient Hellenic saying goes: AIEN APIΣTEYEIN – always strive for excellence**

Ευχαριστούμε θερμά τούς χορηγούς των υποτροφιών της ΑΧΕΠΑ. Τον Πολυχρόνη Κώστα, χορηγό \$6000 για τις τρεις υποτροφίες «Κλεόβουλος», την Ελένη και Δημήτριο Κοντζαμάνη για την επώνυμη υποτροφία \$1500 και την οικογένεια Καλαϊτζάκη πού φέτος ήταν χορηγός της \$1500 υποτροφίας «Πλάτων». Ευχαριστούμε ιδιαίτερα τη γιατρό Στάσα Βερούκη, πού προσφέρθηκε από φέτος να δίνει \$300 ετησίως για πολλά χρόνια για να υποστηρίζει υποτροφίες της τοπικής ΑΧΕΠΑ. Η γιατρός Στάσα Βερούκη έλαβε δύο υποτροφίες της ΑΧΕΠΑ, Πλάτων το 1994 και Σωκράτης το 1995. Ευχαριστούμε επίσης τον Δημήτρη και την Τζούντη Κυριακοπούλου πού έδωσαν επιταγή \$300 για το πρόγραμμα υποτροφιών. Χορηγοί υποτροφιών λαβαίνουν απόδειξη για την εφορία από το Φιλανθρωπικό Ίδρυμα της ΑΧΕΠΑ Καναδά.

Many thanks to the sponsors of the Winnipeg AHEPA scholarships: Paul Kostas for the three Kleovoulos scholarships totaling of \$6000, Helene & Demetrios Kontzamanis for the eponymous \$1500 scholarship and the Kalaitzakis family for sponsoring this year's \$1500 Plato scholarship. Many thanks to Dr. Stasa Veroukis, who offered to provide \$300 per year for many years towards the Winnipeg AHEPA scholarships. Dr. Veroukis was the recipient of two AHEPA scholarships, Plato in 1994 and Socrates in 1995. Thanks also to Dimitri and Judy Kyriakopoulos who on the evening of the Banquet, provided a cheque for \$300 towards the Winnipeg AHEPA scholarship program. Scholarship sponsors obtain income tax receipts by the AHEPA Family Charitable Foundation of Canada.

**It is worth noting that including the above 2009 scholarships, the Winnipeg AHEPA Family have awarded:**

**65 scholarships worth a total of \$74,500 between 1990 and 2009.**



Ahepan Nick Boutroucas leads Greek dancing held by Ahepan John Saitis.

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