



Report from the 76th AHEPA District 23 Convention Hamilton, ON, May 27-29, 2011

Between Friday May 27th and Sunday May 29th your President along with Brothers Fotis Antoniou, Dennis Georgakis, Lazarus Kalipolidis, Peter Papas and George Vassilas, District Governor, represented our chapter at the annual AHEPA Beaver District 23 Convention in Hamilton, ON. We had a full day of meetings on Saturday, discussed and debated issues, heard reports from the Chapter presidents, tabled resolutions, passed motions and elected the new District Lodge for 2011-12.

One of the resolutions passed was the formation of a Canadian Hellenic & Cyprus Affairs Committee for our District which comprises all seven chapters in Ontario and Quebec. This committee will form the nucleus of the AHEPA Canada lobby on Hellenic and Cyprus national affairs. The Committee will be chaired by Br Antony Polyzotis, newly-elected District Vice-President Hellenism.

The newly-elected executive of the District Lodge consist of Jim Fabrikis, Governor, Ken Matziorinis Lieutenant Governor, Andreas Stavropoulos, Secretary, Panos Sechopoulos, Treasurer, Jim Kaldis, Marshall Paul Kalaitzis, Warden and Andy Tzemis, Athletic Director, Antony Polyzotis, VP Hellenism, Larry Vrionis, VP Education, Jack Terzis, VP Civic Responsibility, Bill Bakalis, VP Philanthropy and Dennis Georgakis, Sons Advisor.

Our Chapter was awarded two commendations from the District Lodge this year. **Chapter of the Year** and I was selected for the District 23 **Chapter President of the Year**. They reflect the great efforts our Chapter made this year in advancing the mission and goals of AHEPA.

Next year the Annual District Convention will be held in Ottawa, our nation's capital the week following the Victoria Day Holiday, while in 2013 the District Convention will take place in Montreal, our home town.

On Friday evening we were received warmly in a reception at the AHEPA Suite of the hotel, on Saturday night we had a great dinner and glendi which went on past midnight and on Sunday morning some of us participated in the board of directors meeting of the Ahepa Family Charitable Foundation (AFCFC) and then went for church services at the Panagia Church where we were treated to lunch following the service. In all, we had a great time, worked hard, partied and brain stormed.