

April 25, 2023

Dear Sisters,

Congratulations, thus far on a successful, joyful 2022-2023 year! Coming out of the COVID years, just look at all we have done and will do together through this year:

- Celebrated our Daughters of Penelope - Founders day with a luncheon at the Oceano restaurant
- Donated books for education
- Successful DOP Christmas Bake Sale fundraiser – selling \$5,419 in baked goods
- AHEPA/DOP Christmas dinner - Collected and donated 40 Health/Hygiene kits (600.00 value) for the IOCC Disaster recovery (<https://iocc.org/take-action/assemble-emergency-kits>)
- Recognized 16 sisters for their years of service (from 10 years to 50 years of service) with a pin presentation and luncheon at the Skyline Kitchen and Vine restaurant
- 8 newly initiated sisters; 1 reinstated sister this year!
- Collaborated on the AHEPA Greek Independence Day Celebration Crab Dinner
- Supported District scholarships and charities with donations
  
- Coming Up! Donating \$1,000 distributed to 4 local charities (Vote pending)
- Coming Up! Daughters of Penelope Greek High Tea (May 13, 2023)
- Coming Up! DOP/AHEPA – Mezze and Cocktails mixer (June 3, 2023)
- Coming Up! Planning for future academic scholarships

### **Great job, Sisters!**

This year we also saw the passing of some of our most beloved sisters – Bernice Kosturos Ferrall (Past District Governor); Catherine “Cat” Andrew and Dorothy Delianides – their combined service years totaling over 100. They leave a legacy of their spirit, dedication, and love for the Daughters of Penelope. May their memory be eternal.

For 2023-2024, we will have a new executive officer – Linda Eliopulos as our new Treasurer. Linda is taking over for Joan Lagios, who becomes a new member of the Board of Governors. We have 2 more new Board of Governor members – Agnes Mannos and Effie Koliastassis. Congratulations to these newly elected officers. I’d like to thank Joan Lagios for her many years of excellent service as our Treasurer – one of the busiest jobs! Additionally, a thank you to outgoing Board of Governors members – Stephanie Tsanas, Despina Hatjopoulos and Maria Hatjopoulos. They have served in many positions in the Chapter and have always provided support for our activities.

2023-2024 will be great! Please take a minute to look below and reflect upon the Daughters of Penelope – traits – embracing these will make us stronger.

### **ΕΝ ΤΟΥΤΩ ΝΙΚΑ! (EN TOUTO NIKΑ) In this, Conquer!**



In Theta Pi,

Yurie Pauls  
President, Elis 89  
Reno, Nevada

## **DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE – APPLYING TRAITS**

**SELF-CRITICISM:** Wise are they who practice self-criticism before they pass judgment on others

**President's observation:**

Many of us are imperfect, yet quick to judge and quick to criticize. If we seek an understanding of the situation and actions of others – the time taken to gain this understanding may slow down any quick regrettable words/actions and allow open communication that is supportive and effective.

**KINDNESS AND TOLERANCE:** Noble are they who moderate their tongue with kindness and tolerance and permit no evil word to cross the barrier of their lips

**President's observation:**

This can be hard to do, but the qualities – to practice self-criticism and to gain understanding will allow us to think before rushing to react and moderate our communications to be collaborative and open. Ask, don't demand.

**UNSELFISHNESS:** Happy are they who have taken selfishness out of their heart

**President's observation:**

We do things for the love of the Daughters of Penelope and the charitable and academic work to which we are committed and for each other. "You can accomplish anything in life, provided that you do not mind who gets the credit" - Harry Truman

## **CULTIVATE TRUTH, GOODNESS AND BEAUTY AND IDEALS WHICH ARE PURITY, LOYALTY, AND PATIENCE**

**President's observation:**

I found a 2019 Grand President's message that brings these qualities to life ...

"What a different world we would be if we all remembered these words. This oath has left an imprint with me because I have been very fortunate this year to have initiated so many new members. The oath has made me realize we sometimes forget to be kind, have tolerance, or just say a kind word. Let us make it our resolution to try a little harder to be kind, tolerant, have patience, be loyal, be selfless, and not allow evil words to cross our mouths." <https://www.facebook.com/163301697165590/posts/grand-presidents-messageevery-sister-bring-a-sister-dear-sisters-happy-new-year-/1219210821574667/>

## **ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SELF-IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICE**

**President's observation:**

I found this article on career development that gives good direction that is applicable in career and life ...

"You want to improve yourself but it's overwhelming to figure out where—or even how—to start. Prioritizing self-development can positively impact all areas of your life, but it can especially help you take on more responsibility at work and move your career forward." <https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/ways-to-improve-yourself>