



ORDER OF AHEPA COWBOY CHAPTER #211 NEWSLETTER



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AHEPA Family Helps at COMEA House

The Cheyenne COMEA House is an emergency shelter for men, women and families. Individuals that find themselves homeless can receive a hot nutritious meal at night and Cowboy Chapter 211 and Daughters of Penelope, Olympus Chapter 6 recently helped.

During 2014, AHEPA scheduled three evening meals with the COMEA House. Most recently, on November 1, 2014, Brothers Rory Cross and Jim Haeefe along with Daughter Estelle Haeefe served a total of 110 individuals at the evening meal.



Shown Lt. to Rt. are Joe Yokish and Dave Metcalf from the COMEA House and Rory Cross and Estelle Haeefe.

Cowboy Chapter #211 Celebrates Their 85th Birthday

Several businessmen in the Cheyenne area formed the "Hellenic Association" in the 1920s.

The organization had a four-fold purpose: Aid in the assimilation of Greek-Americans into American Society, to act as a protective body for members in dealing with discrimination acts against them, to aid members in relations with governmental agencies, and to serve as an advisory body for those in need of charitable, legal or social assistance. With the concurrent formation of AHEPA nationally and in the Rocky Mountain region, the Hellenic Association of Cheyenne applied to AHEPA and a Charter was granted to become Cowboy Chapter 211 as of February 9, 1929.

Daughters of Penelope Officers & Fundraising

Olympus Chapter #6 in Cheyenne recently held our installation of officers. We were honored to have Demi Cross, who is serving this year as DOP District #17 Governor, conduct the installation. New officers include, Adrienne Johansen, President; Susie Havner, Vice-President; Julie Lehman, Secretary; Helen Dudash, Treasurer.

Chapter members completed a successful fundraiser this fall to support local organizations. We donate annually to our local holiday empty stocking fund and CLIMB Wyoming, a non-profit organization which trains and places low-income single mothers in careers. We have also established a Daughter's of Penelope scholarship which will help provide an education to a young woman attending Laramie County Community College.

A Message From Your Supreme Governor

2014-2015 Initiatives

1. Increase District membership through Chapter development. Share results from national survey, identify areas of concern, discuss and help implement best practices. Note to Chapters: National has waived initiation and reinstatement fees.
2. Review AHEPA's Mission Statement at every Chapter meeting.
3. Update membership and officer data and deliver to District. Data to include: Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code, email address, cell phone, home phone, work phone of each member.
4. Institute a Chapter calendar that can be updated and shared with the District highlighting Chapter meetings and events.
5. Synchronize Chapter elections, transfer duties to coincide with Supreme elections.
6. Develop new and grow existing Sons of Pericles Chapters.
7. Encourage Chapters to attend the District Convention in Ogden, UT on June 12 & 13, 2015; and attend the Supreme Convention in San Francisco, CA July 1st-July 4th, 2015. Discuss sponsorship and underwriting opportunities for both events.
8. Promote support for the St. Nicholas Church in New York City.

Cowboy Chapter's Meeting Schedule:

Cowboy Chapter's meetings for the Winter of 2015 are scheduled for:

January 6, 2015 • Holiday Inn

February 3, 2015 • TBD

Please mark your calendars, notices will be E-mailed prior to meetings.

Rocky Mountain District 17 Mid-Year Conference

AHEPA Rocky Mountain District 17 Governor, Troy Cutrubus, held a Mid-Year Conference November 1, 2014 in Ogden, Utah. The Conference was attended by AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope officers/members from the surrounding States of California, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. Highlights from the Conference were:

- (1) The 2015 Rocky Mountain District 17 Conference will be hosted by Chapter 184 in Ogden, Utah.
- (2) Better Communication.
- (3) Rebuilding the St. Nicholas Shrine in Manhattan, New York City.
- (4) Involve Daughters and AHEPA Chapters in local activities.
- (5) Increase membership by 10 percent.
- (6) Reading the AHEPA Mission Statement at every Chapter meeting.

Supreme Governor Tim Joannides receiving a Supreme Governor's Belt made and presented by Brother Jim Cutrubus with District Governor Troy Cutrubus



AHEPA 50 year (lifetime) recipients receiving awards from Supreme Governor Tim Joannides and District Governor Troy Cutrubus. Pictured Lt. to Rt.: Jim Kogianes, Harry Papageorge and Jim Cutrubus

AHEPA Family Christmas Party

The 2014 AHEPA Family Christmas Party will be held December 7th at the Cheyenne Country Club. Invitations have been sent to AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope members. Join us for great food, raffles, door prizes and fellowship.