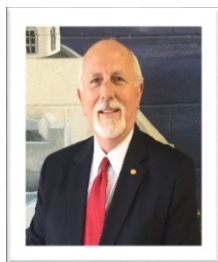




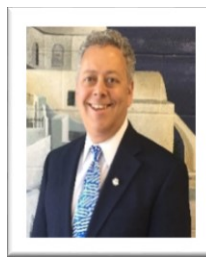
What is AHEPA?

- **AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922** in response to the evils of bigotry and racism that emerged in early 20th century American society. It also helped Greek immigrants assimilate into society.
- Today, AHEPA brings the ideals of ancient Greece, which includes **philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence to the community.**
- Although a majority of the membership is composed of Americans of Greek heritage, application for **membership is open to anyone who believes in the mission of AHEPA.**
- San Antonio AHEPA Chapter 311 **was founded on February 16, 1938.**
- We are a **fraternal organization** - Individuals are invited to join.
- We meet on the **second Monday of the month, at 7 pm.** Annually dues are \$50.00.
- We currently have **55 members, 18 are veterans, 24 are not of Greek heritage, 28 are active members, and the average age is 62** (1 is 91 and 1 is 32).
- **Chapter 311 has been an integral part of the San Antonio community** and established itself as a leader in the AHEPA family within our District.

AHEPA Chapter 311 Leadership



President
Costas Sgagias



Vice President
George Hathaway



Treasurer
John Fotopoulos



Board of Governors
Jim Vamvakias



Secretary
John Graham

- We are very actively involved in the **Annual Greek FUNstival** and support it **monetarily**.
 - ❖ We conduct “**Sponsor a Soldier**” from the Fisher House and the Warrior and Family Support Center to the FUNstival - **Since 2008 - 676** soldiers invited and we raised **\$16,910** for the FUNstival.
- We began to host the award winning “**Greek Booth**” (15 years straight with a ribbon for our Gyro) at the **Texas Folklife Festival** in 2003. We share our proceeds with our beloved Church. So far we have **donated a total \$63,418** to St. Sophia.
- We established the **Dan Anthony Memorial Scholarship** in 2002 that awards a \$1,000 scholarship to deserving high school graduates - we have **awarded \$31,000 in scholarships**.
- We **host/sponsor** the following luncheons:
 - ❖ **Jonathan Dolan Memorial Fund/Oratorical Festival Luncheon.**
 - ❖ **Greek Independence Day Luncheon.**
 - ❖ **Dan Anthony Memorial Scholarship Fund Luncheon.**
- We wrap and provide Christmas gifts in support of the “**Adopt-A-Vet**” Program.
- We conduct **Clothing Drives** to support the Christian Assistance Ministry.
- We conduct a **Box Fan Drive** in support of San Antonio’s “Project Cool”.
- We hosted **4th of July celebration in 2015** - - “Greek” style with Gyros for Lunch.
- We **cleaned and painted the Church kitchen.**
- We **cleaned and rearranged the store room** in Founders Hall.
- We donated **\$1,000 to St. Sophia** in 2015 to help offset the shortfall in the operating fund.
- We donated **\$500 to rebuild St Nicholas National Shrine.**
- **We donate to** – CAM, Miles for Megan, IOCC, GOYA, Philoptochos, Meals on Wheels, etc.
- Some of our **previous accomplishments** are:
 - ❖ We **partnered with YAL** to host the Veteran’s Day Luncheon.
 - ❖ Created a **permanent display** of the founding families of St Sophia in Founders Hall.
 - ❖ Replaced the **handicap entrance ramp** to Mangos Hall.
 - ❖ Donated money to the **Church Directory Projects.**
 - ❖ Donated \$2,000 to the **Land Purchase Campaign.**
 - ❖ Donated \$1,000 for the purchase of an **Orthodox Cross Monument** at the Mission Parks South Cemetery.
 - ❖ Donated \$1,500 to the **Relief Effort** for the People of Greece.
- The leadership and all the Ahepans of Chapter 311 remain **faithful, devoted, and committed** to:
 - ❖ **St. Sophia** Greek Orthodox Church
 - ❖ The mission of the **Order of AHEPA**
 - ❖ The **Greek-American** Community
 - ❖ The **San Antonio** Community

