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TO: District #6 DOP Chapters

FROM: District #6 DOP Governor

October 1, 2022

Greetings to all my lovely Sisters in District #6.

Happy October! Finally, autumn is here. Certainly, my favorite time of the year. With that, our Fall Conference will be here soon on Saturday, October 22nd at St. Basils Academy in Garrison, N.Y. By now you should all have received the flyer and agenda from Sister Demetra Versocki, our District Secretary. Thank you to her and to all the District Lodge members for their tireless work on behalf of our DOP in New York State. It is truly a pleasure to work with all of them. Please Sisters, make every effort to attend the Fall Conference and share some ideas, comradery, an awesome guest speaker and an enjoyable day together. Get those car pools ready ☺

In continuation, it seems that this letter will be one of reminders and hopefully inspirations! I will put them in simple bullet points.

Reminders:

- There is a reinstatement waiver for month of November. Sisters, this means that sisters can be reinstated at no cost of the extra \$15.
- The per capita for National HQ for 2022 is still \$35. Each chapter can decide to increase that amount in order to use it as a fundraiser to build their treasury for philanthropy. For example, some chapters across the nations collect \$45, \$50, even up to \$75 or \$100.
- In January 2023, it will transition to \$40 as per the new legislation which was approved at the Supreme Convention.
- Please remit dues for 2023 from Jan to May.
- National obligations are due on March 31 2023
- Penelope Scroll deadlines are January 1, 2023 and May 15, 2023, please encourage any and all articles from your chapters and submit them to penelopesscroll@gmail.com
- Penelope's emporium catalog is complete and offers many DOP merchandise for chapters and districts such as pins, jewels, certificates, etc. Order form is on website. www.daughtersofpenelope.org
- Also, visit the Café Press store for additional customized DOP merchandise. www.cafepress.com/dophq. If you customize and use them, they send headquarters a small commission.
- Please follow our International SOCIAL MEDIA accounts and comment/like to motivate the algorithm



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Facebook – Daughters of Penelope -A nonprofit organization

Instagram-Daughters of Penelope

- Also, please follow and join our District#6 Facebook page, Daughters of Penelope Empire State District #6. Instagram page is coming soon.
- The Grand Lodge is offering Zoom online membership workshops. If a chapter wants to request a workshop please contact our liaison Antoinette Marousis-Zachariades - amarousis@gmail.com or myself to arrange this.
- Use available resources on National DOP website. www.daughtersofpenelope.org. There are useful flyers, reminder cards, PowerPoints for membership drives and all the forms needed. Take advantage of the wonderful work our National Headquarters continue to do.
- Grand President Georgette would like to receive biographies from Daughters who have reached level of excellence and longevity within and outside our organization. She would like to highlight them in a new initiative on her letters and other publications as a public relations recognition. You can send them directly to her or to me and I can forward them.

INSPIRATIONS AND IDEAS CORNER:

- WE MUST HAVE FUN! This is not a paying job for the officers or members. It is a sisterhood of friendship and philanthropy. When in today's age there is so much divisiveness, we become a steady landing place.
- Encourage women to explore, imagine and share their ideas.
- Inspire women to use their resources and talents for the Good of the Order.
- Know strengths and weakness of your chapter and build and remedy them.
- ALWAYS communicate, promote, celebrate who we are.

So how do we do the 1 x 3? INVITE, INVOLVE, INVEST

- Where do we find new members? Set up a booth at your local Greek festivals, other fairs or Christian churches and local events.
- Contact local universities and colleges where there are no Maids of Athena chapters. 18 years and older can join DOP.
- Social media, emails, newsletters, press releases to local newspaper with ad (if chapter has the funds). In some cities or towns there are free advertising for community service.



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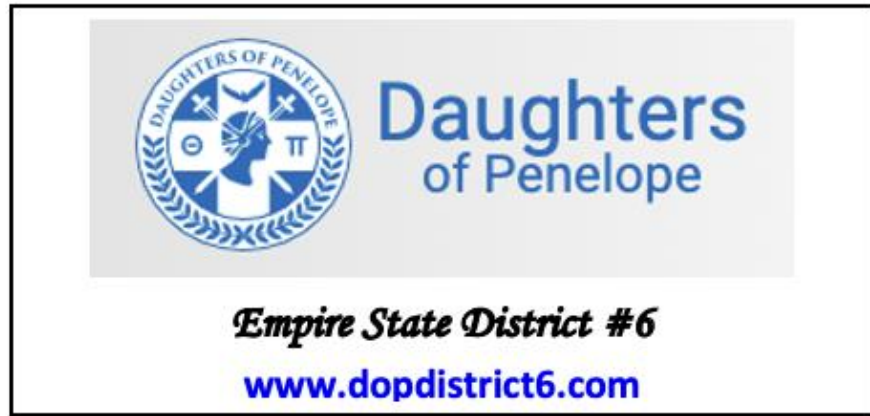
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- Incorporate activities in your meetings, especially when inviting friends for first time. They can attend informal meetings. For formal meetings, only for official voting is when they can't be in the room.
- Some activities could be OPACIZE – Greek Zumba. Our ALOPE chapter in Albany has a fantastic program that unites the community and raises money by charging \$7 per session for their local charity. "It's Greek Dance fitness for a cause" You would have to have volunteers train to be an instructor officially. However, playing a song and doing some fun Zumba for 10 minutes after a meeting can create an energetic mood for all! Reach out to the ALOPE sisters if any other chapters are interested in beginning their own OPACIZE program.
- Maybe a sister is a seamstress or quilter – have them show a demonstration for half an hour and give opportunity for the rest to try while sipping coffee
- Maybe she is a language teacher or knows another language – have fun learning new words and culture in a half hour teaching session.
- Learn a new dance! Anyone can go on you-tube and prepare themselves and then teach the rest of the sisters. What a laugh you can have doing the Macarena or line dancing together just to break up the business side of DOP
- Maybe a Sister is a Banker who can give tips to the chapter.
- Maybe a Sister is a transplant recipient and can give a presentation on the importance of organ donation and speak from personal experience.
- Have a paint and sip class.
- Organize a Bowling Night. Try having your meeting in one of the birthday rooms for a change, order pizza and drinks and then bowl after. Just like your kids' bowling parties!
- Have a baking night. So many of our sisters are tremendous bakers. Pick a Greek pastry or a dessert from another culture and do it together. Use it as a fundraiser after church and sell them in nice bags.
- Organize a Board Game night. Bring in your favorite board games and play while having your refreshments or choose a night just for that without a meeting. Maybe at someone's home. You all can play a variety of games or just one like Taboo, Scategories, Trivia, etc
- Start a Book Club
- Try a Retro sleepover – Why not! Sisters of all ages with jammies and movies!
- S'mores Fire pit night. Does anyone have a fire pit?
- Do a service project together like donating blood and then going out for a meal. Your chapter can host a blood drive and sell pastries as a fundraiser
- Trivia night – fundraiser. Charge \$5 -\$10 and have a host or hire one who is willing to do this. Have people bring their own drinks and snacks or sell some. In some areas there are people that offer this and go to restaurants and bars.



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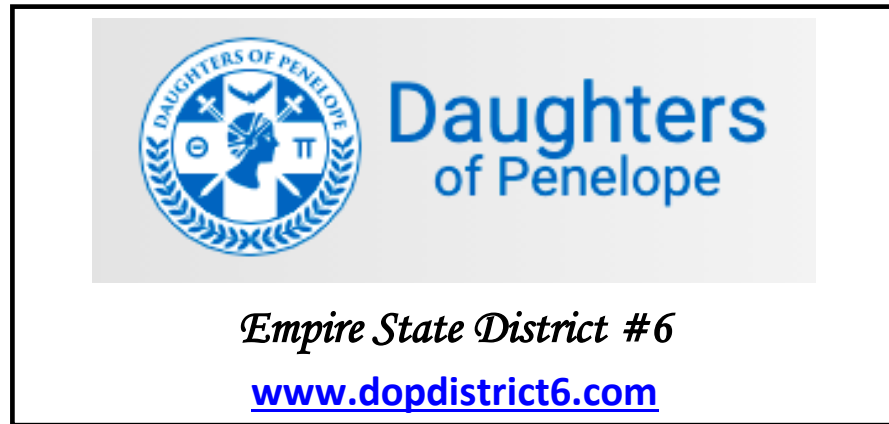
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Next, Our DOP Executive Director Elena Savoliakis said it best , "IF ANYONE IS ASKING WHAT DOES THE DOP DO FOR ME? You respond, "WHAT DOESN'T IT DO FOR YOU!"

- We are the first organization of its kind and the largest Hellenic and Philhellenic in the world.
- We get to help our communities locally and globally through numerous philanthropic commitments.
- We form lasting friendships and partnerships.
- We empower and mentor other women.
- We have dynamic leaders in our organization who inspire, help and believe in our mission.

In closing, to promote the platform of our esteemed Grand President Georgette Boulegeris . THE POWER OF WE is the DOP!

Love in Theta-Pi ΘΠ, (Please don't hesitate to call or email regarding any matter!)

