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The viability of any non-profit organization such as ours relies totally on the dedication and enthusiasm of its members. Like any organization, it requires individuals that are willing to volunteer some time and talent to AFCFC. If you are looking for cause, you have found it. Support the AHEPA Family Charitable Organisation of Canada. Your organisation!

CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE

Brothers and Sisters

To paraphrase Voltaire, “Every man and woman is guilty for all the good things they did not do.” However, we, the members in the family of AHEPA, have nothing to feel guilty about.

We devote our time to organising fundraisers for whatever needs arise – for Greece when disaster strikes, for here at home to help the homeless and hungry and for educational help by giving out thousands of dollars’ worth of Scholarships.

Therefore Brothers and Sisters, be proud to support your Chapters and through them the AFCFC.

Be proud to know of how many children we have helped by fundraising for hospitals. e.g. the Montreal Families have raised over \$1,000,000 over the last 20 years for local children’s Hospitals and Educational institutional organisations, specifically through our Chapters.

Please pay your dues on time thus supporting our headquarters.



Many groups try to emulate what the AHEPA family built and have failed. We are the GOLD standard when it comes to what we do, and you play a crucial role in that legacy. There are thousands of members just like you who wish to maintain their active status in support of either their heritage, culture or the many programs of the AHEPA family.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy COVID-19 free New Year. May the Lord keep you blessed and give you and your family all the happiness in the world.

Fraternally,

Frank Antoniou

AFCFC Chair

2021 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Members of the Scholarship Committee

Chair:

Christina Andrews – Calgary

Members:

Spiro Bonis – Regina

Jim Fabrikis – Toronto

Angela Mouriopoulos – Hamilton, Ont.

Xanthe Vafopoulos – Toronto

Ex Officio:

Frank Antoniou – Chairman AFCFC

DR. DIMITRIADES MEMORIAL MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

(Application Deadline June 1st)

The Dr. Dimitriadis Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student of Hellenic Heritage or AHEPA family enrolled in a school of medicine at a Canadian university.

The total value of the one award is \$2000.

KATSEPONTES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW OR MEDICINE

(Application Deadline June 1st)

The Katsepontes Family Law or Medicine Scholarship is awarded to a Canadian resident enrolled in an accredited law or medical school at a Canadian university and are either members of the AHEPA Family (including spouses, children or grandchildren) or of Hellenic heritage (through a parent, grandparent or spouse). The AHEPA FCFC established this scholarship in 2011 through the generosity of the Katsepontes family.

The total value of the one award is \$1500.

THE AROUTZIDIS FAMILY ENGINEERING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

(Application Deadline June 1st)

The Aroutzidis Family Scholarship is awarded to a Canadian resident enrolled in an accredited Engineering program at a Canadian university and are members of the AHEPA Family (including spouses, children or grandchildren). The AFCFC established this scholarship in 2015 through the generosity of The Aroutzidis Family.

The total value of the one award is \$2000.

NINA AND DEAN ANTONAKES PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

(Application Deadline June 1st)

The Nina and Dean Antonakes scholarship is awarded to a Canadian resident enrolled in an accredited Performing arts program at a Canadian university and is of Hellenic heritage (through a parent, grandparent or spouse).

The total value of the one award is \$1000

NICK LOGOTHETIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS (2) IN FINANCE AND EDUCATION

The total value of each of the awards is \$2000.

Completed applications and all required documents must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than June 1st. c/o Christina Andrews, AHEPA AFCFC Scholarship Committee Chairperson 708 Wilkin Close NW, Edmonton, AB T6M 2H9

For additional information or to email applications:

Christina.Andrews111@gmail.com or call 780-444-4511

APPLY NOW

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

Due to the fact that Washington Headquarters has canceled the Journey to Greece Program, our Board of Directors, on the recommendations of our Scholarships committee, has discontinued the Nick Logothetis Journey to Greece Scholarship. We have replaced it with two new Scholarships to honor the memory of our late brother and benefactor. They are the Nick Logothetis Memorial Scholarships in Finance and Education. It was felt by the committee that these two Scholarships would be ideal to honor our late Brother's memory, for these two disciplines were the closest to his heart.



Pictured here is Elena Aivalikis, winner of the Dr. Dimitriades Memorial Medical Scholarship and the Katsepontes Family Scholarship in Law and Medicine. Certificate and cheques presented to her by AFCFC Chairman Frank Antoniou and AFCFC Secretary James Hutchison.

*Dear Ms. Andrews and the entire AFCFC committee,
Thank you so much for awarding me these scholarships! It is especially helpful during this time with Covid 19.
I am very proud to be representing AHEPA as Greek student pursuing higher education in the healthcare field.*

Kind regards,
Elena Aivaliklis, B.Sc.
Faculty of Dentistry, McGill University
DMD Candidate 2021

Pictured here holding his certificate is Emmanuel Papadatos, recipient of the Aroutzidis Family Engineering Scholarship.



2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Nick Aroutzidis, Treasurer
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UPDATE NOTES

As you may have noticed, most of the Board is made up with the officers of the different orders of the Family. These positions are automatic and change after the elections of each officer. There also four members at large that are voted in at the AFCFC general meeting.

However, this way of making up the Board of Directors is no longer valid according to section 128(3) of the Canada Not-for-profit Corporation Act, which provides as follows:

“Members shall, by ordinary resolution at each annual meeting at which an election of directors is required, elect directors to hold office for a term expiring within the prescribed period.”

Basically, this means that we can no longer have ex officio directors. All directors must be nominated and voted in by the members at the Members General Meeting of the Annual or Biannual Members Meeting.

At this time, Brother Nicholas Katsepontis, our legal adviser, (even though he resigned the position he offered to work on this file) is working to make the changes on our bylaws. The bylaw changes will be circulated to the members for approval. Once approved, we will then proceed to our next AGM where we will hold elections for the new Board of Directors.

FURTHER UPDATES

As you may have noticed, most of the Board is made As you may or may not know, we recently found out that there was a piece of property, one sixth of a bigger piece held by the Late Brother Logothetes estate, jointly with his sister, who holds the balance 5/6 of this of the property. Normally it should have been a straightforward transaction. The estate takes position of the sixth, then turning it over to us. However, life is not that simple when it comes to inheritances and disgruntled relatives. Point being; we had to invest about thousand dollars to hire our own evaluator to establish market value.

This was the right move because the evaluator established that the property was worth between \$500 and \$600 thousand dollars, a long way from the \$100 thousand that the late Brother's sister was claiming. To make a long story short, she had hired a lawyer, and lawyers lead to court, which leads to costs. Fortunately, we have Brother Katsepontis looking after our interests. He is an Ontario registered lawyer. The court ruled that an independent real estate broker sell the property and then settle the value of the property with the portion coming to our foundation.

At this point, we are waiting for the property to be sold.