



### **Frank Antoniou elected as new Canadian President of AHEPA**

It is with pleasure that AHEPA CANADA announces the election of Fotis (Frank) Antoniou to the position of President, AHEPA Canada. Frank was elected to this position at the AHEPA National Convention, which took place in Hollywood, Florida in July 2006. Frank has been a vital member of the Mount-Royal CJ7 Chapter in Montreal, Quebec for more than 15 years and brings a wealth of experience and an unmatched enthusiasm to this position. Prior to his involvement in AHEPA, Frank has been an active volunteer in Montreal's Hellenic Community for more than 40 years.

### **Biographical Notes**

Frank Antoniou was born on the island of Samos in Greece and spent his childhood in Athens. When he was 12 years old, he immigrated to Canada with his family, and they made a new home in Montreal, Quebec.

In 1964, Frank became active in Montreal's vibrant Hellenic community as an executive member of Junior GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America). He joined the "Pythagoras" Samian Society of Montreal at age 23 and has been an active member since, assuming presidency twice, in 1979 and 1994. He continues to sit on their executive board as an advisor.

In the 1980's, Frank was very involved with the St. Constantine and St. Helen Parish, in the West Island of Montreal. He was a member of the church's building committee and an executive member of the Parents Committee of Pythagoras Greek School for several

years. Most recently, he sat as a Vice-President on the parish's board of directors from 2003- 2005.

Since 1994, Frank has been involved with The Foundation for the Creation of a Hellenic Chronic Care Hospital, including on planning committees, fund-raisers, and the Foundation's public relations committee. He sat on their Board of Directors in 2000.

In 1990, Frank joined AHEPA Mount Royal Chapter CJ7. He quickly became an active member, serving on various committees and getting involved with many events. In 1997, Frank chaired his first Beaver District #23 Convention. The same year, he was voted the district's Ahepan of the Year. Frank held several executive positions until 1999 when he became Chapter Vice-President. In 2000, he was elected Chapter President and remained in office for two years.

In addition to increasing membership significantly and helping to raise the profile of AHEPA in Montreal, one of his achievements as Chapter President was initiating and applying for the issuance of a postal stamp from Canada Post honouring AHEPA's 75-year history in Canada. On March 25, 2003, the Canada Post Corporation officially issued a postage stamp to commemorate this milestone in AHEPA's Canadian history.

In 2002, Frank once again chaired the District Convention and was elected Beaver District #23 Governor. During his term as Governor, he increased membership and reactivated the Belleville, Ontario chapter. He co-chaired "A Tribute to Hellenism: Commemorative Stamp Unveiling Banquet Saluting AHEPA Canada's 75-year History." The event was held March 25, 2003 on Parliament Hill in Ottawa and was attended by many well-known Canadian political figures, including then-Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

Since 2002, Frank has been a member of the board of directors of the AHEPA Family Charitable Foundation of Canada.

Today, Frank continues to be an active volunteer in Montreal's Hellenic community. In 2006, he has been involved in organizing celebrations for the 100th Anniversary of the Hellenic Community of Montreal, including chairing a photo exhibition which chronicles the history of the city's Hellenic community. In addition, he is a committed and active member of AHEPA, both at the chapter, district and national levels.

Frank is married to Elaine Antoniou and has two children, Dimitri and Christina. His career in the graphic arts industry has spanned more than 35 years.