



Message from the Daughters of Penelope Foundation Inc.
Joanne Booras, President

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc., I would like to thank all of the members of our wonderful Sisterhood for their continuous support this last year. Through your generosity and the fundraising efforts of the DOP Foundation many programs and projects have been established by the Foundation. Some have been for a limited time and others have been ongoing. This is truly appreciated.

As you are aware the DOP Foundation was organized exclusively for charitable, civic, educational and scientific purposes. The Daughters of Penelope Foundation is committed to promoting the social, ethical, philanthropic, cultural, educational and intellectual interests of its members while preserving and promoting the ideals and traditions of Hellenism and supporting the programs and goals of the **Daughters of Penelope**.

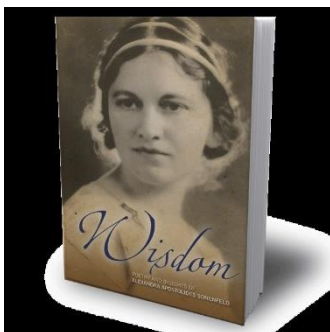
Our **chapters** each year enhance the scholarship program by contributing to the **Mandatory Obligation Scholarship Fund** of which **100% of the funds** is used to establish the **Daughters of Penelope Annual Scholarships**. At the **2016 Supreme Convention the Foundation** awarded on behalf of the **Daughters of Penelope** 22 scholarships, nine annual and fourteen perpetual awards. The list of the receipts is included. These scholarships are possible because of your past, present and future support, which enables the DOP Foundation to continue making a difference in the lives of these young women, and to many others, assisting them toward their achievements of their academic goals.

The **2016 Chapter Mandatory Obligation to the Scholarship Fund** is establishing 7 additional annual scholarships along with the Foundation's Perpetual Scholarships. The **2017 Scholarship Application** are being mailing to the chapters and is available on the Daughters of Penelope and DOP Foundation Inc. websites.

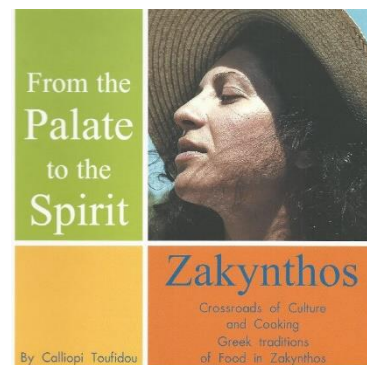
The DOP Foundation is in full swing in establishing the **Daughters of Penelope Pay it Forward Alumni Scholarship**. Letters have been sent to past scholarship recipients giving them an opportunity to *Pay It Forward* and just like them to make a difference in the lives of other young women. Donations have started to roll in so, if a family member who received a scholarship in the past has not received a letter please let me know or visit our website for further information on how you can contribute.

When the DOP Foundation is **selling books** at the national convention, on line or thru Amazon.com those contributions are establishing additional perpetual scholarships. We have two books available for purchase at \$20.00 each- Interested in purchasing email: joanne16@sbcglobal.net

*"Wisdom- Poetry and Insights of
Alexandra Apostolides Sonefeld.*

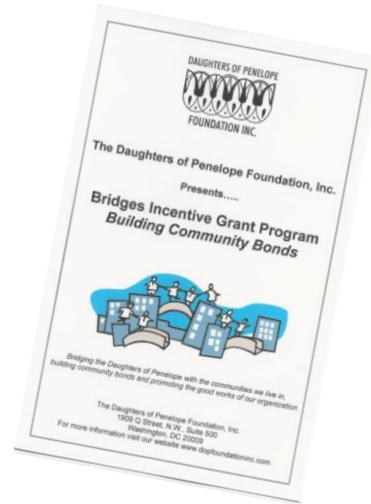


*"From the Palate of the Spirit
Zakynthos Crossroads of Culture and
Cooking- by Calliopi Toufidou"*



When the DOP Foundation is selected as a **Voluntary Project** the chapter's voluntary donations are assisting the DOP Foundation with its programs and projects, such as the **District Governor's Seminar** and the **Bridges Incentive Grant Program** to name a few.

The **Bridges Incentive Grant Program** was established as an incentive for chapters/districts to **build community bonds** and promote the good works of our organization. The **2016 grant recipient** is **EROS CHAPTER 356 of New Port Richey Florida**. This Daughters of Penelope chapter adopted the **CYPRESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for the Pack-A Sack 4 Kids Program**. This program ensures that children in Pasco County do not go hungry over the weekend. Many children are on the "free" or reduced lunch program at school during the week, but are still "FOOD INSECURE". This means they are at risk of being hungry over the weekend due to various reason. This DOP Chapter wanted to help and they are making a difference for these children.



The **2017 Bridge Grant application** is being mailing to all chapters and districts. It will also be available on the Foundation website. The DOP Foundation Inc is there to help the chapters and districts in bonding with the communities and so the name of the **Daughters of Penelope** become more recognized.

Don't forget to apply!

And if you don't know another way to contribute to the DOP Foundation Inc. is



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The DOP Foundation is a **partner** of the Daughters of Penelope and has a long history of achieving valuable and important goals that have been accomplished with the support and love from **YOU**, the members. The Board of Directors of the DOP Foundation are members of the Daughters of Penelope who have given their time and effort in a variety way to make sure our Foundation continues to grow. Any time you have questions about the Foundation don't hesitate to contact me. Visit the Foundation website at www.dopfoundationinc.com for additional information about the Foundation endeavors and show how your participation can assist our programs.