



# DISTRICT BULLETIN

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## Growth & Expansion in D20

On January 3, 2026, District Lodge members came together to activate a brand new Daughters of Penelope (DOP) and Maids of Athena (MOA) chapter in the San Fernando Valley (SVF) in California. We were lucky enough to have Grand Vice President Gretchen Holtsinger attend this event. Never having a DOP chapter in SVF, we initiated 8 members and will be applying to petition for a Charter this month.



After the initiation ceremony for the newly formed DOP chapter, the District Lodge members activated the newly formed MOA chapter in SVF. We were lucky to have MOA Grand Secretary and liaison to D20, Kalliopi Protopapas in attendance. 8 members were initiated and will also be applying to petition for a Charter this month.

On behalf of the District Lodge, DG Sofie would like to thank Grand Vice President Gretchen and Grand Secretary Kalliopi who came to be with us for this event. Lastly, thank you to District Governor Andy Eliopulos who opened his home to host us for the evening. District 20 is off to a great start in this 2026 year!



## Holiday Outreach Activities

As we just finished celebrating the Christmas season, DOP chapters came together to give back to those who need it most, spreading hope, compassion, and the true meaning of the holidays. Below are some of the activities our chapters participated in this holiday season.



**Photo above:** Alkandre #43 asked guests to bring toiletries or gift cards that will benefit Penelope House, Penelope's Place, and the Penelopean Day Care Center.

**Photo below:** Minos #159 helped package bags for the Kathy Ireland Christmas Event.



**Photo below:** Amphitrite #151 raised funds for the less unfortunate in the San Bernardino community.



## Upcoming Key Dates

- District Lodge Visitation to Anthos #395 in Redondo Beach on January 21, 2026
- Midwinter Conference in Anaheim, CA on January 24, 2026
- Hyperia #94 Membership Drive in Camarillo, CA on March 7, 2026
- Sisterhood Conference on April 25, 2026
- Aegina #340's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch on May 2, 2026
- District Convention on June 4-6, 2026 in Tucson, AZ
- Supreme Convention on July 26-Aug 1 in Philadelphia, PA

## DOP

## Raffle Tickets

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their raffle ticket stubs back to DT Niki! If you are unable to sell your tickets, please use the prepaid envelope that was sent to you to return your tickets. This will allow the District Lodge to save on reprinting these tickets in the future.