

Celebrating 100 Years of Leadership, Stewardship and Service

As the curtain fell on the 19th century, the beleaguered progeny of the ancient civilization of Greece, tortured by centuries of Ottoman rule, set their sights on a new life in America.



"The Mother Lodge"
AHEPA Chapter #1 - Atlanta, GA, 1922

These immigrants had battled the invaders, buried loved ones, and faced seemingly insurmountable odds. To America came the strongest and bravest, with more hope in their hearts than money in their pockets. But for many, there would be more challenges to face.

Many were met by the unconscionable hatred of xenophobic locals, whose unfathomable fears came to life in the form of economic oppression and, in some cases, violence. Against the backdrop of the nefarious actions of the Ku Klux Klan, eight men made their stand in 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia. They chose as their touchstone the celebrated principles of Hellenism which had guided their ancestors yet remained topical and relevant in modern times. The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), the organization they created, helped their countrymen and their families build a new life as responsible members of their communities and loyal American citizens.

For thousands, AHEPA became the bridge to a new life of prosperity and security, a protector and connector to the men and women who sought only to experience life with honor and dignity.

Today, as its outreach and mission continue to adapt to the times, AHEPA serves new generations of responsible citizens bound by their appreciation of Hellenic ideals.



The Faces of AHEPA, 2019

