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- 7:30 pm – Dinner Served in Ballroom
- 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Cigar Roller— The Mobile Host (Coupon in the Goody Bag)
- 9:15 pm - Raffle Drawing
- 10:00 pm —Event Closes (Have a Safe Ride Home)

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13 Annual Cigar Night
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AHEPA Philanthropic Endeavors*





Dear Brothers, and Friends of AHEPA,

May 8th, 2024

We are pleased to celebrate AHEPA's Garden State Chapter #517 Event. We are delighted you have joined us and welcome you for this long-awaited event.

Your support has helped us in undertaking a national initiative for the fundraising of the AHEPA's Service Dogs for Warriors program. The program was presented at the 2016 National Convention and was received with great emotion and pride. The program raises much needed funds to purchase service dogs that rehabilitate wounded warriors suffering from PTSD.

In addition, your support also provides funds that allows us to donate to additional Philanthropic endeavors including Ronald McDonald House, AHEPA District 5 Cancer Research Foundation, Fulfill of Monmouth, and Ocean Counties (Food Bank), just to name a few.

Much appreciation to our sponsors who participated in taking an ad in our journal, which further assists our chapter in fulfilling our goals and programs. We ask that you patronize and support our sponsors. Special thanks to the Grand Marquis for hosting our Event and providing with outstanding food and service.

In addition, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the brothers of Chapter 517 for their hard work, generosity, and determination in organizing this memorable event.

On behalf of the AHEPA Garden State Chapter #517, THANK YOU for joining us, your continued support, and for making this evening once more a success.

Respectfully,

Bill Parlamis – Co – Chairman

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AHEPA GARDEN STATE 517 FOUNDATION

May 8, 2024

Dear Guests and Supporters of AHEPA Chapter #517,

It is with great excitement and honor to welcome you to our 13th Annual Cigar Night and Networking Event, which is our Chapter's most anticipated event of the year. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening amongst colleagues, acquaintances, old and new friends whilst enjoying unsurpassed food and drink, entertainment and prizes which are thoughtfully organized throughout the year for all of our guests to enjoy.

Your charitable contributions to this event and throughout the year make it possible for us to help our philanthropic goals. AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors, a national project that started with our chapter, The Ronald McDonald House, St. Basil Academy, Fulfill of Monmouth County, The Children's Tumor Foundation, The Cancer Research Foundation, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, St. Michael's Senior Home, The Cyprus Children's Fund, Journey to Greece, various scholarships and many more that help our community are just the few that we extend ourselves to.

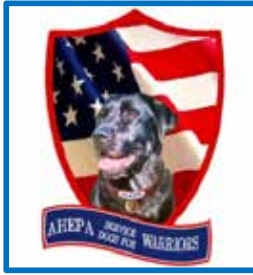
Much time, talent and dedication from all our Brothers goes into our events, such as this one in order to make them a success. We are very fortunate to have a few of them volunteer their time as our board of directors; Steve Anastasatos, VP, Kostas Koufidis, Treasurer, Chris Petrou, Secretary, Nick Fourniadis, Assistant Treasurer and Basil Kostis, Assistant Secretary. My heartfelt gratitude and much appreciation also goes out to the chairmen of this event; Bill Parlamis, Demetri Orfanitopoulos, Demetri Dimitriades, George Scullos and Artie Wassif that come from near and far to ensure that our cigar night is a hit – THANK YOU!

Lastly and above all, without the continued support of our sponsors, Brothers and attendees none of this would be possible to accomplish.

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You see, taking care of our Veterans is a sacred obligation that we must all honor. It is with deep gratitude to the Order of AHEPA and the Daughters of Penelope, for undertaking such a noble effort to help save two lives; the veteran's and the service dog that was rescued from a dog shelter. To date, \$1,300,000 has been raised and our expenses are an unbelievable 1/3 of 1% statistically 0. In other words, 99.6% cents of every dollar go directly to the sponsorship, of a service dog.

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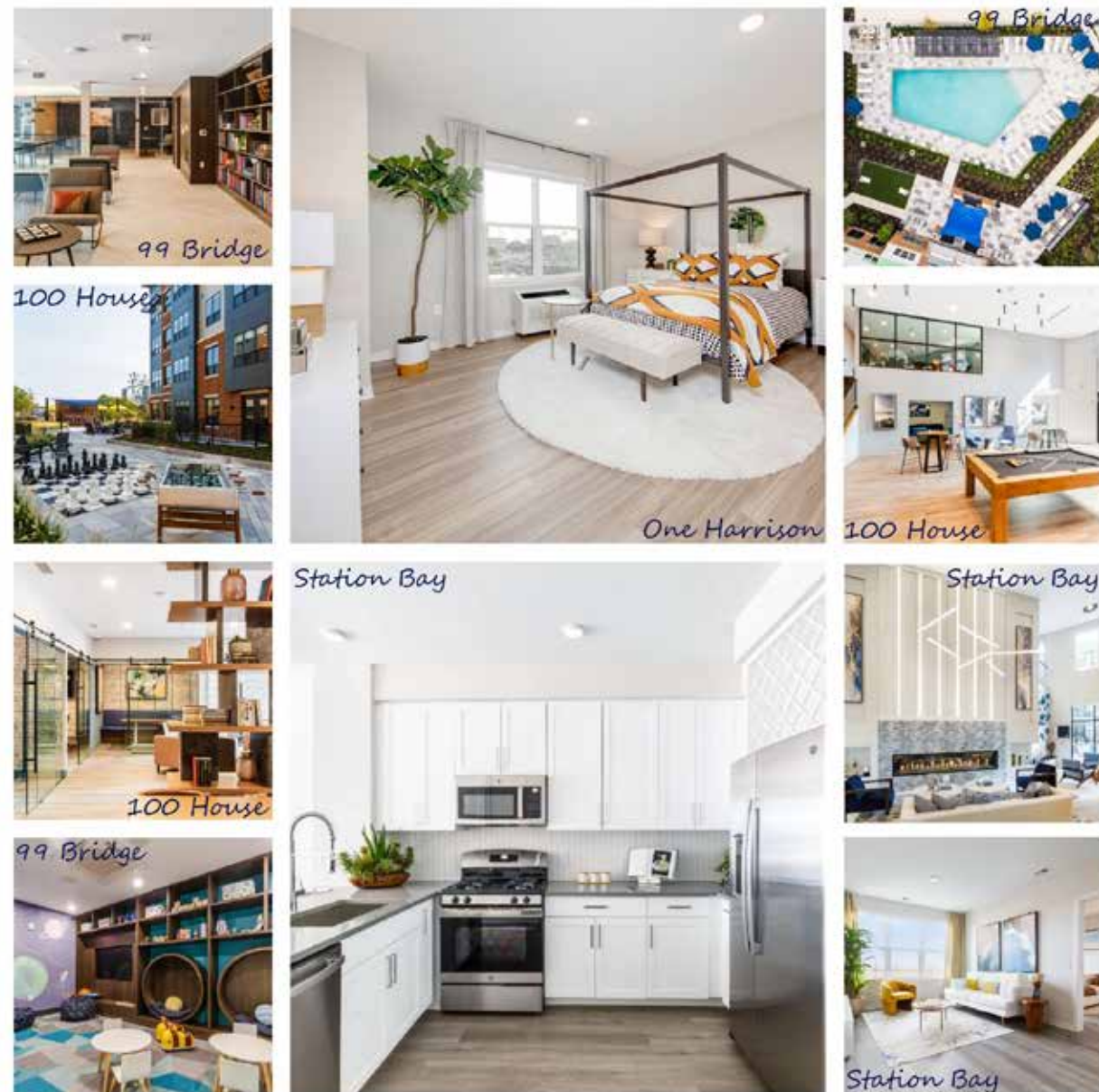


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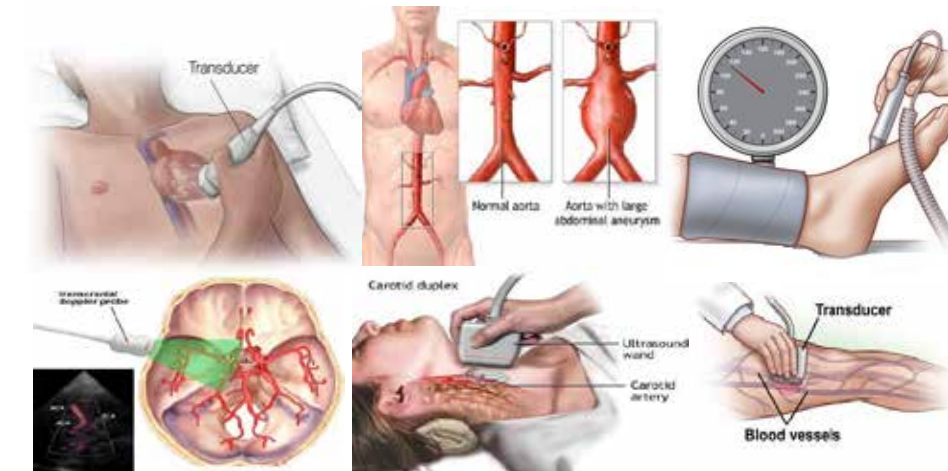


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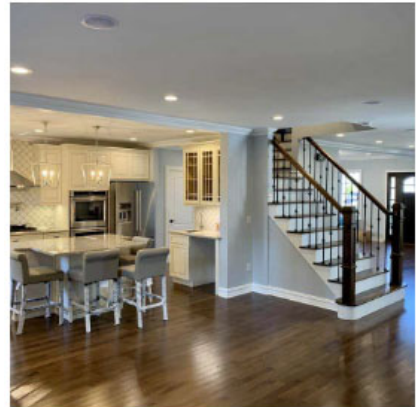
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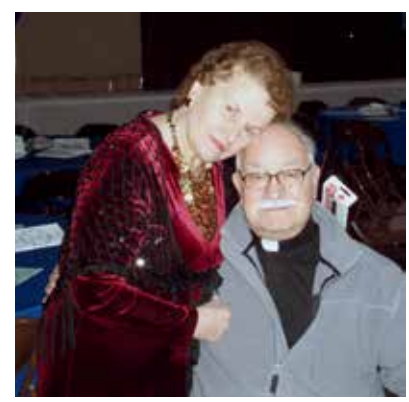
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