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## Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America “ICAROS”

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Greetings from Ikarria!

### *2nd Annual Brotherhood Summer Service Project in Ikarria*

A big thank you to everyone that attended the Brotherhood's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Service Project in Ikarria this year on August 9! We helped the new Mikis Theodorakis Museum in Vrakades clear the path to the museum. And a special shout and thank you to James Lakerdas, Katerina Mavrophilipos, Argie Spithas-Miner and Eleni Plaka for helping organize the event, and to the members of the Syllogo Kavο Papa who joined us!

### *Brother John Janis Kotsogiannis*

On a sad note, the Brotherhood mourns the loss of Past Supreme President and former Pan-Icarian Foundation [John Janis Kotsogiannis](#) who passed away on July 25, 2016. Brother John spent a lifetime devoted to the Brotherhood, and he played a vital role in establishing philanthropy as the cornerstone of our Brotherhood. He was the true “Million Dollar Man” as it was under his helm that our Foundation reached the \$1 million mark for the first time, which paved the way for its future successes. Brother John will be dearly missed, but he leaves behind a lasting legacy. May his memory be eternal.

### *Share Your Stories With Us!*

Every family has a story, tell us yours! The Brotherhood is asking for your help in capturing the individual stories of Ikarrians in the U.S. and Canada. Please send us quotes or short anecdotes about your Ikarrian relatives/friends (or yourself) which you believe in some way chronicle or reflect the Ikarrian spirit and that you would like to share with your fellow Ikarrians.

For example, you could send us:

- Quotes – that inspire, make us laugh, etc.
- Advice – on life, matters of the heart, etc.
- Memories – of Conventions, dances, picnics, family life, friendship, etc.
- Stories – of Ikarians fleeing war and economic hardship in Greece, of their immigrant lives here in the U.S./Canada, both the challenges and the triumphs, of returning to, or traveling to, Ikaria for the first time, etc.

And those are just some of the possibilities. The quotes/stories can be inspiring, heartbreaking, funny or all three! There is no limit to how many quotes/stories you are allowed to submit, and it doesn't matter if they are old history or recent. The only limit is that each individual quote/story should be no more than 1 paragraph at the maximum.

The exact format of how these stories will eventually be shared with the members of the Brotherhood is a work in progress. We hope to one day compile these stories into some type of publication that touches, entertains and inspires our members, chronicles the Ikarian experience in the U.S./Canada, and provides people with a glimpse of some of the amazing personal/family histories of Ikarians in the U.S. and Canada. We also hope that this project will serve as inspiration for some of you to record your own individual family histories, if you haven't already done so, so that you can preserve those stories for future generations.

**Please send submissions to me by email at [terryplatis@hotmail.com](mailto:terryplatis@hotmail.com) and don't forget to include your name and chapter. Please send your submissions this summer before the Convention if possible!**

Thank you for your help with this project, and thank you to those of you that have already sent in your stories!

### *New York City Convention*

This year's Convention, which will be held in New York City on Friday, September 2 - Monday, September 5, is just a week away! As a reminder, the Convention hotel is the Sheraton New York Times Square and reservations can be made on-line at [www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/PanIcarian](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/PanIcarian) or by calling the hotel at 212-581-1000 (be sure to ask for the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood block).

And don't forget to make your reservations for the Grand Banquet and to sign up for activities that the chapter has planned for everyone in advance! The New York chapter has planned a boat cruise around Manhattan and other exciting tours and activities. Reservation forms can be found on the Convention website at [www.icarianyc.org/convention](http://www.icarianyc.org/convention). There is a discount for purchasing your banquet tickets early!

And chapters, if you haven't sent in your 2016 membership dues and/or your delegate registration yet, please send those in ASAP!

Let's all do our part to make our long-awaited return to New York City the Brotherhood's best Convention yet!

***Thank You!***

This is my last presidential newsletter, and I want to thank all of you, our members, for your support over the past two years. It has been a true honor and pleasure to serve you. You placed a great deal of trust in me by electing me to be your Supreme President, and for that I am forever grateful.

See you at the Convention!

Fraternally yours,  
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