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## Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America “ICAROS”

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Headquarters of the Supreme Lodge

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from the Big Apple! As we prepare for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations, I want to make sure I provide you with some recent updates/reminders.

### 2018 Membership Drive Winner

I want to thank all the Chapters that participated in our first Membership Drive. Your commitment and spirit were outstanding. This was the first time in many years that we were able to get more than 1,000 dues submitted so early in the year. Once again, thank you. That said, I'm happy to announce that the winner of the Membership Drive Contest is... Toronto Chapter Nisos Ikaria #21! Congratulations for submitting the greatest percentage of dues based on last year's membership numbers. Job well done. For all the other Chapters that didn't win, please do not feel discouraged. Next year, you will have another chance to win.

### Pan-Icarian Volunteer Project

A big thank you to everyone, especially our Youth, who participated in our second Pan-Icarian volunteer campaign in the month of June. We are lucky to have individuals such as yourselves who are willing to give their time, skill set and talents for a great cause. Together we helped make a big difference to individuals and the communities we live in. I want you to know just how much we appreciate all the work you all did to make good things happen.

### Scholarships

**July 1, 2018** is the deadline to apply for a 2018 Pan-Icarian scholarship! Please do not forget to send in your application! Scholarship applications are available on-line at <http://www.pan-icarian.com/scholarship/>.

### Membership

With the 2018 Supreme Convention quickly approaching, it's time to pay your 2018 membership dues! Please submit your dues to your local chapter as soon as possible. I cannot emphasize enough how important your dues are to the

continued success of our Brotherhood. If you have any membership questions, please contact Supreme Treasurer, Katerina Mavrophilipos at [ekatmavro2@gmail.com](mailto:ekatmavro2@gmail.com).

Also, the Supreme Lodge emailed and mailed the "Convention Delegate" and "Chapter Officer" forms to each of the Chapter Presidents. Please complete the forms for your Chapter, and return them to our National Secretary, Cathy Pandeladis, by August 1, 2018. It is important to return these forms as soon as possible, to ensure that all necessary Chapter and Delegate information is available by the start of the convention.

### **Washington D.C. Convention**

This year's convention, which will be held in Washington, D.C. from Friday, August 31 to Monday, September 3, 2018, is quickly approaching! If you haven't already done so, please book your hotel room ASAP, as the room block is almost full and the deadline for obtaining the convention rate is **August 5<sup>th</sup>**.

As a reminder, the Convention hotel is the Grand Hyatt Washington. Please use their website [www.pan-icariandc2018.com](http://www.pan-icariandc2018.com) for room reservations (\$179 +tax/night), weekend events, purchasing tickets, travel information and more!

The Convention album is the most important fundraising tool for the convention, so please consider submitting a journal ad. The form for the album can be found on the website. The deadline is **July 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Let's all do our part to make our return to Washington, D.C a memorable one by having a successful convention.

### **Internship and Mentoring Program Reminder**

Please remember to do your part and go online to [www.pan-icarian.com/members/](http://www.pan-icarian.com/members/) to submit a form to either provide internship opportunities or to be a mentor. This program was created to serve as a career development resource for our members. Its success depends on everybody's participation!

### **Cultural Enrichment Program**

Great news! To help preserve our Icarian culture, up to \$3,000 has been budgeted by the Pan-Icarian Foundation for 2018 to fund one or several mini grants relating to the Icarian diaspora or the island of Ikaria (i.e. the culture, history, art etc.). An application form has already been emailed out to our membership. For those that are interested, it should be filled out and returned by September 1, 2018 to our mini-grant chair Ellene Tratras Contis at [etcontis@comcast.net](mailto:etcontis@comcast.net)

### **Ikaria Magazine - 4<sup>th</sup> Issue is Back**

As was voted on at the last convention, we are now preparing the fourth issue of the *Ikaria Magazine* for publication. Adding an issue helps to bring news of events, celebrations and

announcements, as well as organizational business items, to your mailbox in a timelier manner. This issue is scheduled to be delivered before the convention weekend. Please begin sending in your chapter reports, photos, *Ikarian Spotlight* and other items to [IkariaMag@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:IkariaMag@tampabay.rr.com) **Please submit all items prior to July 7<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Ikaria Summer Volunteer Project**

Calling all members who plan to be in Ikaria this summer! The Pan-Icarian Brotherhood in conjunction with the Municipality of Ikaria has put together an Ikaria Summer Volunteer Project. All members are urged to meet at the Centre of Arethusa on Monday, July 23 at 16:30 PM (4:30 PM). We are going to walk the old trail to Phinikas and end up at the beach of Kiparisi. During our walk we are going to be cleaning the path from bushes and branches. In addition, we will be placing trail signs. If time allows it, we will also clean the beach and have a swim. The Mayor's Office will have a bus to take us back to Arethusa, where the Sylogos (society) will prepare dinner for all the volunteers. All participants are urged to wear closed toe shoes, hats and sunscreen. Also, pack plenty of water and consider bringing a bathing suit.

District Governor, Alexandra Katsas is the lead on this project. Please contact her at [katsas@rocketmail.com](mailto:katsas@rocketmail.com) for additional info and to let her know if you plan to participate. We need to know the number of participants to properly plan a successful event and examine the possibility of providing transportation to Arethousa and back.

Thank you for your time. I hope everyone enjoys the summer.

Fraternally yours,

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