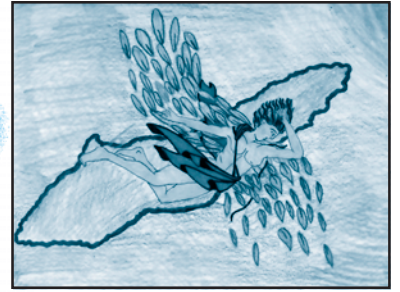


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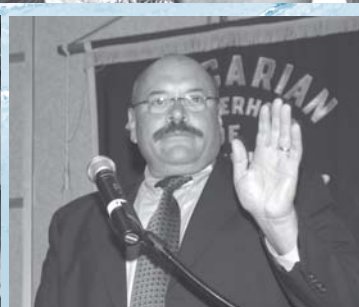
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# PAN-ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA "ICAROS"

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Headquarters of the Supreme Lodge October, 2008

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all and thank you for allowing me another year to serve as your President.

As you may have experienced, or at a minimum heard, the Convention in Philadelphia was a wonderful and successful event. Congratulations and thanks to all those in Chapter Atheras who contributed to that glorious Labor Day weekend.

I am combining my message and Convention report in this letter.

The state of the Brotherhood is fine. We had the privilege of announcing another new Chapter in the Norfolk, Virginia area. I cannot stress how hard Vice President Sonja Stefanadis has worked on the creation of not only the Virginia Chapter but one in Washington State and Northern New York as well.

Thank you Sonja!

Unfortunately many of our more established Chapters are faltering in their membership drives. I urge all to do whatever they can to support their local chapter by reminding existing members that their memberships may be in danger of lapsing and by helping recruit new members. During my tenure as an officer of this organization there were three questions asked. Those questions lingered in my thoughts as I searched for answers.

*How can we find a way to involve our younger members?  
How can we promote a steady growth in membership?  
Why are we doing this?*

After eight years of involvement it came to me. The answer was simple, the Pan Icarian Foundation. Let us look only at one contribution the Foundation offered our community this year. Eighty-two scholarships were awarded, and I am happy to report that every student of Ikarian descent, who is (or has a parent who is) a member of the Brotherhood, and who properly applied, received a scholarship.

Just this one aspect answers all three questions. The Foundation through membership in the Brotherhood can guarantee Ikarian families help for their children's education.

Knowing this should make promoting membership an easier task. Our younger members would get involved to

perpetuate a strong Brotherhood and a stronger Foundation, and that is why we are doing this.

If we together started earnestly donating money as individuals and as chapters we could build a Foundation that could offer so much more than the \$1,500.00 scholarship of today.

Imagine the peace of mind we would offer a couple starting out in life knowing that they, together with their extended families' donations, could eighteen years from now receive help for their child worth upwards of \$10,000.00 a year.

Until we realize that our work as a Brotherhood is to support and make a financial commitment to our Foundation, we will remain stuck in the antiquated misconceptions of what the Foundation means to us.

The promise of our Foundation is that our tax deductible donations will ultimately be returned to our community in the form of scholarships, medical assistance, and help for our elderly. This is a guarantee. Your delegates at our annual national convention, through the powers granted in our constitution, see to that.

The Foundation was created by us to offer help to us, and the

more it has the more it can return. Think of it as a savings plan that we all contribute to in order to help our Ikarian brothers and sisters who are seeking assistance.

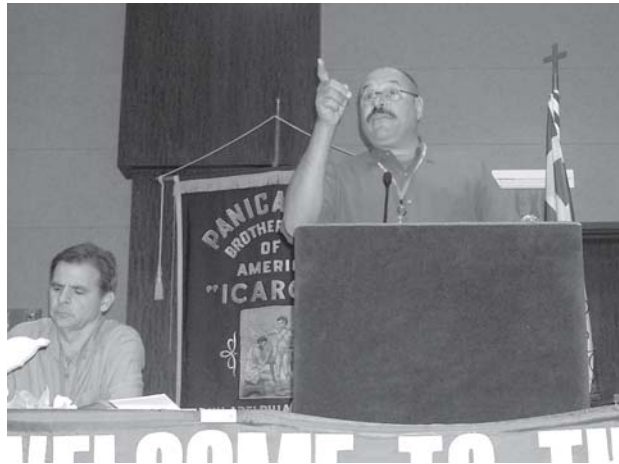
At the convention I asked your chapter presidents and delegates to bring this message back to their membership, to try and better explain the importance of our Foundation. I ask that you please heed their words and help. I am looking forward to the Supreme Lodge meeting on November 15, 2008 in Detroit, Michigan. Please forward any questions you may have for the Supreme Lodge to your District Governor or me at [mikea@avalotis.com](mailto:mikea@avalotis.com). Additional contact information is available in past issues *Ikaria* Magazine or the Pan-Icarian website. I would like your input and suggestions.

Again, thanks to all for entrusting me with another year.

Faternally yours,

Mike Aivaliotis

President, Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America



**REPORT OF THE SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT SONJA STEFANADIS**  
**PAN-ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA “ICAROS”**  
**LOWE’S PHILADELPHIA HOTEL**  
**AUGUST 29, 2008**

I thank the delegates of the 104<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention in Baltimore for electing me to serve as your Supreme Vice-President this past year. I considered it an honor and a privilege to serve the Brotherhood.

**Supreme Lodge Meetings:** I attended the first Supreme Lodge meeting in Baltimore immediately following the convention. I also attended the second meeting in Cleveland where we toured the hotel facilities for the 2009 convention. Following the meeting, the Pharos chapter hosted the Supreme Lodge for dinner at their clubhouse. In January 2008, Helios #19 hosted the Icarian Youth Leadership conference where the Supreme Lodge Officers had an opportunity to address the attendees. We were quite proud of the organization that went into preparing for this event and hope the attendees left with a better understanding of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood. The third meeting found the Supreme Lodge in Clearwater at the Helios clubhouse where the members were provided with a delicious lunch prepared by the chapter members. The evening concluded with the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Glendi where approximately five hundred danced to the Greek band and violin of Peter Karnavas. The final Supreme Lodge meeting in May was hosted by Therma Chapter in Wilmington, North Carolina with their traditional southern hospitality at the Fellowship Hall of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. We sincerely thank all of the chapters for their hospitality.

**Membership:**

I am proud to welcome our newest chapter, Agia Eleni #27, of the Pacific Northwest. It has been a pleasure working with Sister Carlene “Irimi” Karimalis-Kitchin, in realizing the dream of a chapter in the Pacific Northwest. It was a challenge organizing and bringing individuals across state lines to be united in a common goal. We look forward to working together and visiting this part of the country.

Efforts to start new chapters still continue in the Norfolk, Virginia and Boston, Massachusetts areas. Anyone having contacts in these areas is asked to please get in touch with me. In fact, if you have any other areas that may need a “nudge” to get a chapter started, please let me know.

**Recommendations:**

- 1) We continue our efforts to **reinstate old members** and **recruit new members** to join our organization. This should be a **responsibility** of each and every officer on the chapter and national level.
- 2) We encourage our students to join at the cost of \$15.00 per capita, enabling them to receive the **Icaria Magazine** and mailings while they attend school.
- 3) A workshop for officers be scheduled during the Supreme Convention to better prepare officers—especially the secretaries and treasurers as to their duties.
- 4) When communicating via e-mail, use PIB or Pan Icarian Brotherhood in the subject line to avoid being deleted or marked as a spam.

In closing, I thank the many chapters for their hospitality and would be remiss if I did not thank my chapter for their support through the years. I have been blessed with an understanding family and a spouse who has led the way through the Brotherhood and the Foundation.

It has been an honor to serve you.

Sonja Stefanadis  
Supreme Vice-President





## PAN ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA "ICAROS"

### DISTRICT 1 - GOVERNOR REPORT

The President of the Republic of Cyprus Demetris Christofias addressed Greek-American leaders and representatives on Friday, September 26, 2008 at Terrace on the Park. The event was organized by the Cyprus



Federation of America and the International Coordinating Committee Justice for Cyprus (PSEKA). The President warned that the negotiations that began with a view to reunify Cyprus will not be easy and pledged to continue working hard in order to reach a solution, based on fundamental principles. He also expressed satisfaction with his meetings on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, noting that "our policy is convincing".



On Friday, September 26, 2008, Pandiki Chapter # 5 held its first meeting since the summer. During the meeting many issues were discussed, including raising the membership dues to help cover the club's extensive expenses. Also preparations are being made to bring the convention to New York in 2011.



On Saturday, October 4, 2008, Congressman Zack Space, the first Icarian Member of Congress visited our Chapter. We all posed for a group photo (above).

Submitted by George Paralemos

# PAN ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA "ICAROS"

## DISTRICT 2 - GOVERNOR REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving, as your governor for another year. As my second year in office comes to a close, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you and attend some of your functions. It seems that time is ever speeding forward making it difficult to attend everything that I would like. I have thoroughly enjoyed all the challenges and cherish all the friendships created from this vantage point.

My schedule this year allowed me to attend the Supreme Lodge meetings in Clearwater, Cleveland and Wilmington. I also attended the Winter Glendi hosted by Chapter Helios, the Halloween Party and the Memorial Weekend Mini Convention hosted by the Pittsburgh chapter. I got to visit with the Warren Chapter at their Father's Day Picnic. I danced into the wee hours at the Cleveland Independence Day Dance. I shopped and boated with the Akron Chapter. What a year!

First, I would like to thank all the Chapter Presidents in my district, along with all of their officers and dedicated brothers and sisters whom without we would not have the organization that is the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. If any of these officers are present I would like you to receive my heartfelt "Thank you" for all of your hard work and dedication. I know personally if my parents had not asked me to help them I would not be here today. They became involved because of my grandparents, whom were part of the beginnings of the club.

Pramne #1 Youngstown- Aspasia Elias  
V.I. Chebithes #2 Akron - Argiro Spithas-Miner  
Pharos #3 Cleveland- Maria Tripodis  
Daedalos #4 Warren- Koula Glaros King  
Doliche #6 Steubenville- Stacy Kotsanis  
Icaros #7 Pittsburgh- Michelle Kotsagrelas  
Christ E Aivaliotis #17- Aristotle Hutras  
Drakanon #24 Parma - Maria (Parianos) O'Connell  
Panagia #26 Upstate New York - Nick Skaros

Secondly, I think the chapters overall, has done a great job in keeping it interesting to keep members. We all can learn from each other and most importantly is keeping our youth involved and interested.

### CHAPTER OVERVIEWS

#### #2 Akron

Oct fundraiser reverse raffle  
Dec 1<sup>st</sup> annual Christmas Party  
Feb appreciation lunch/meeting-elections  
June market day excursion to Ohio City  
Aug lakeside picnic/meeting  
Looking forward to helping at 2009 convention

#### #3 Cleveland- Pharos

Sept- Supreme Lodge  
Oct - spaghetti fundraiser for orphanage in Greece  
Nov - elections  
Dec - Christmas Party  
Jan - New Years Party  
March- Independence Day Dance  
May- spaghetti fundraiser for a family from Icaria  
Aug - annual picnic

#### #4 Warren

June - Father's day picnic

#### #6 Steubenville

June - awarded 2 scholarships

#### #7 Pittsburgh

Has a meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month  
Oct - Atlantic City trip & Halloween Party  
Nov - appreciation dinner  
Dec - Santa Party  
Jan - elections  
Feb - super bowl party  
March - spaghetti dinner  
May - a tea party & Mini Convention

#### #17 Columbus

March - lunch meeting  
Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 annual dinner dance

#### #24 Parma

July - fishing trip  
Fall 2008 joint venture with #2 Akron

#### #26 Upstate New York

Busy electing officers and all the paperwork needed for a new chapter.  
Instrumental for cooking the loukamathes dough at annual church festival. (We may start a recipe exchange. I had a New Years day loukoumathes making and eating party last year.)

Thirdly, I would like to say, e-mail is the norm these days of communicating and would invite you, just as the Supreme Lodge has, to provide an e-mail to communicate with. I would be happy to help, to the best of my ability, with communication issues any chapter may be having with this.

Respectively submitted,  
Venette Argiro LaRocca, Governor District #2



PAN ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA "ICAROS"

DISTRICT 4 - GOVERNOR REPORT

Brothers and sisters, with much regret, I am unable to attend the convention in Philadelphia due to my mothers health. We both look forward to seeing everyone in Cleveland next year. Atheras, I bid you much success this wonderful weekend.

My report as district governor for district 4, is as follows:

**Chapter 23 Langada (the spirit of Ikaria, Atlanta)**

Officers: President: Bill Androutsopoulos  
Vice Pres.: Despina Vodantis  
Recording Sec.: Irene Mavroudis  
Corresponding Sec.: Irene Lafakis  
Treasurer: Demas Galaktiadis

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

This past spring Langada hosted a Hellenic scholars library luncheon at the Winfrey Galeria Hotel to benefit book holdings on Greek topics for the special collection at Stanford University in Birmingham Alabama. The guest speaker was Dr Speros Vryonis. Dr. Vryonis is founding director of the Alexander S. Onassis Center for Hellenic Studies

A tentative fall meeting is planed at one of the local area lakes. Langada has an outstanding web site at [www.pan-icarian.com/~langada/](http://www.pan-icarian.com/~langada/)

Langada has 55 members strong residing in Georgia and Alabama. They welcome all Icarians in their area and surrounding suburbs to join as members of their chapter.

**Chapter 20 Kavo Papas (Houston, Texas)**

Officers: President: George Saphos  
Vice Pres.: Giovanni Recine  
Secretary: Melissa Saphos  
Treasurer: Kiki Tratras

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

Due to illnesses, Kavo Papas has not been able to have regular meetings. After September they hope to be back up and running.

Their web site is [www.pan-icarian.com/~kavo-papas/](http://www.pan-icarian.com/~kavo-papas/)

**Chapter 10 Therma (Wilmington, North Carolina)**

Officers: President: George Brunetti  
Vice Pres.: Nancy Batounis  
Secretary: Kay Skandalakis  
Treasurer: Connie Ronner

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

Chapter Therma hosted the spring Supreme Lodge meeting with an excellent luncheon. Therma meets in the local Greek church with whom they participate in many voluntary church functions. Every year they sponsor a family at Christmas time

Their web site is [www.pan-icarian.com/~therma/](http://www.pan-icarian.com/~therma/)

**Chapter 19 Helios (Clearwater, Florida)**

Officers: President: Stanley Pardos  
Vice Pres.: Steve Parianos  
Vice Pres.: Niki Salame  
Secretary: Anna Tripodis  
Corresponding Sec.: Fran Sharp  
Treasurer: Ann Lia Andreson

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

Chapter Helios held their winter dance at Holy Trinity Church January 26th. It was a great success with Icarians from all corners of the country came.

They also hosted the Supreme Lodge meeting at this time along with the 4th annual Pan Icarian Youth Leadership Conference.

Helios meets every month and host their regular spaghetti dinner

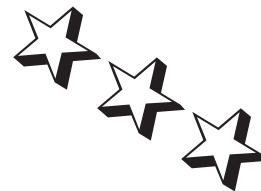
They participated in the Greek Independence Day Parade in Tarpon Springs on March 30th. Many members came out to enjoy the blue skies and gorgeous day. This was followed by a spaghetti dinner at the Leski

The Agias Marina picnic was held at Anderson Park on Lake Tarpon. Many members came to celebrate Icarian Independence Day

The Helios web site is: [www.pan-icarian.com/~helios/](http://www.pan-icarian.com/~helios/)  
Helios currently has 150 members.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Pardos, District 4 Governor



# IKARIAN YOUTH PAGE

## PAN-ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Michelle Marie Kotsagrellos, Cathy Pandeladis, co-chairs  
Members: E. Terry Platis, Foutrides  
Stephanie Sakoutis, Langada "Spirit of Ikaria"  
Chris Tsambis, Helios

8/30/08 4:30 p.m. Sole Food Restaurant/Bar

1. The Youth Committee would like to establish a Youth link on the website (to be updated regularly) on Youth Events throughout the Brotherhood (even if it is a Bulletin Board posting) and an e-mail list of all Icarian Youth (list serve).

2. The Ikaria Magazine (Niki Plutis Salame) has been great with listing Youth Events on a page, but events need to be submitted early enough for publication.

3. An Outstanding Icarian Youth Achievement Award to be established.

a. One (1) member per chapter (18-30) who is active in:

1. Chapter/Brotherhood

2. Community (civic, church and philanthropic)

b. Each person would receive a certificate of recognition and one (1) person would become "Outstanding Icarian Youth (year)" during the President's Luncheon.

4. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Conference

a. To be held in Cleveland, OH in 2009, in conjunction with the March 25<sup>th</sup> Parade and Dance (Friday-Sunday, March 27-29, 2009).

b. The age of delegates to attend the Youth Leadership Conference is 18-30.

c. The Youth Leadership Conference should rotate to different cities throughout the country in conjunction with local Icarian events.

d. The Brotherhood/Foundation will cover the cost of hotel, food, local transportation and local event.

e. Two (2) delegates per chapter are encouraged to attend. If more than two (2) delegates would like to attend from a chapter, based on availability, more delegates from a chapter may attend at the cost of the Brotherhood/Foundation.

f. The committee would recommend that individual chapters assist the 'delegate' with transportation to the host city.

g. Inform the Youth Committee in writing (via the Supreme Lodge) by August 1<sup>st</sup> (prior to the Convention) to bid to host the next Icarian Youth Leadership Conference. At the Supreme Convention, it will be announced the date and location of the next Icarian Youth Leadership Conference.

h. At the Conference a short background of the Supreme Lodge and Foundation should be given (5-10 minutes).

i. At this year's Conference, "How to run a meeting" will be the topic. The delegates will count off (1, 2, and 3) and 1s will be officers, 2s and 3s will be members (passive and aggressive).

j. A brainstorming session with the delegates as to what changes they would like to see within the organization will be held.

k. The host chapters' youth should participate.

5. Encourage chapters to have at least one (1) Youth Delegate (18-30) at the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood National Convention.

6. Establish relation with the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood chapter in Greece to meet up with the 'Icarian-American Youth' who are visiting in the summer.

7. The Pan-Icarian Brotherhood has been around for over 100 years and the 'YOUTH' will be the ones who will lead it into the next 100 years, so please give them the chance to prove themselves.

## Save the Date

# Youth Conference

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Conference Cleveland, OH. March 27-29, 2009



I'd like to congratulate Atheras chapter on a fabulous job this year. Everything has been top notch – great job to you guys.

This year as editor has gone very well. I believe the magazine is still on an upward path, improving with each issue. This improvement in large part is due to the creative matter that our members send in. I am very pleased with the influx of informative, artistic and literary content that members have been sending. While the main focus of the magazine is to keep open communication throughout our Brotherhood, the creative matter that appears in the last few pages only enhance each issue, attracting more interest. These submissions come in many forms, for example - say a letter of recognition such as one young woman from our host chapter who wrote a lovely article honoring her 93 year old papou. I ask all members to continue to send their creative work to me for submission and thank those who have already done so...keep it coming!

I've also seen a continued improvement in chapter contacts sending their chapter news in on time and with lots of photos. Photos are a great way to showcase your chapters' activity - it is best if they are e-mailed, but I can scan photos as well.

A lot of work goes into each issue and I don't do it alone. I must thank the following people for their help: thanks to my cousin Supreme Treasurer George Koklanaris for managing the database; to PSP Dr. Stan Tripodis for serving as the magazine's business manager; to my parents, Nick and Dessi Plutis the #1 proofing team and to my husband and graphic design guru, James.

All in all it's been a year of improvement and inspiration. I very much enjoy serving as editor as it is an opportunity that allows me to learn more and more about our Brotherhood, our island and our goals.

Thank you  
Niki Plutis Salame

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Του Σταύρου Μαρμαρινού

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Συγκεκριμένα, θα συγκληθεί το 105ο Υπατο Συνέδριο της Πανικαριακής Αδελφότητας Αμερικής «Ικαρος», την οργανωτική ευθύνη του οποίου έχει αναλάβει το Τμήμα «Atheros» της Φιλαδέλφειας και θα διεξαχθεί στο «Lows Philadelphia Hotel».

Επικεφαλής της οργανωτικής επιτροπής είναι οι Νικόλαος Πασιμιάλης και Γεώργιος Χωριάτης, με τη συνεργασία των Τζέιμς Χουτρίδη, Θεολόγου Χωριάτη, Καλλιόπης Σεϊντάνη, Χριστίνας Χωριάτη, Φανούριου Σεϊντάνη, Νικόλαου Χωριάτη και Τζον Σάφφου.

Το βράδυ της προηγούμενης ημέρας του Συνεδρίου, θα πραγματοποιηθεί για τους συνέδρους και τα μέλη των οικογενειών τους, που θα αρχίσουν να καταφθάνουν, ψυχαγωγική επίσκεψη στα καζίνο του Ατλάντικ Σίτι.

Η έναρξη των εργασιών του Συνεδρίου θα γίνει στις 3 μ.μ. της Παρασκευής, 29 Αυγούστου. Νωρίτερα, για το πρωί της ίδιας ημέρας, έχει οργανωθεί πρωτάθλημα γκολφ, μετά το οποίο θα αρχίσουν οι εγγραφές των σπινδελών, οι οποίες θα συνεχιστούν και τις επόμενες δύο ημέρες.

Οι εργασίες του Συνεδρίου κατά τη δεύτερη ημέρα θα αρχίσουν στις 9 π.μ. και μετά τη μεσημβρινή διακοπή, θα συνεχιστούν στις 2 μ.μ. Στα πλαίσια του Συνεδρίου έχουν προβλεφθεί διάφορες ψυχαγωγικές εκδηλώσεις για τα μέλη των οικογενειών των συνέδρων.

Το βράδυ του Σαββάτου θα δοθεί χοροεσπερίδα στην αίθουσα «Millennium Hall» του ξενοδοχείου, όπου θα διεξάγεται το Συνέδριο.

Οι συνέδροι και οι οικογένειές τους θα εκκλησιαστούν στον ιερό ναό του Αγίου Θωμά, όπου θα τελεστεί και μνημόσυνο, το πρωί της Κυριακής, 31 Αυγούστου, πριν επαναληφθούν οι εργασίες του Συνεδρίου στις 1 μ.μ. οι οποίες και θα διαρκέσουν μέχρι τις 5 μ.μ. Στις 7 μ.μ. της ίδιας ημέρας θα δοθεί η μεγάλη επίσημη χοροεσπερίδα της Πανικαριακής Αδελφότητας στο «Regency Ballroom» του ξενοδοχείου, ενώ θα υπάρξει παρόμοια εκδήλωση για τη Νεολαία.

Οι εργασίες του Συνεδρίου θα ολοκληρωθούν το πρωί της Δευτέρας.

Το περυσινό συνέδριο της Πανικαριακής Αδελφότητας Αμερικής είχε πραγματοποιηθεί από 31 Αυγούστου μέχρι 3 Σεπτεμβρίου στη Βαλτιμόρη και σύμφωνα με την ίδια την οργάνωση είχε σημειώσει επι-



ΑΡΧΕΙΟ ΕΘΝΙΚΟΥ ΚΗΡΥΚΑ

Αξιωματούχοι και άλλοι παράγοντες της Πανικαριακής Αδελφότητας κατά το περυσινό συνέδριο που πραγματοποιήθηκε η οργάνωση στα τέλη Αυγούστου στη Βαλτιμόρη, όπου έδωσαν το «παρών» πολλοί νέοι.

τυχία.

Στο Συνέδριο εκείνο είχαν συμμετάσχει πολλοί αντιπρόσωποι ουλλόγων-μελών της Πανικαριακής Αδελφότητας, ενώ έδωσαν το παρών τους και πολλοί φίλοι της οργάνωσης και διάφοροι παράγοντες. Είχε υπογραφιστεί τότε η έντονη παρουσία της νεολαίας.

Κατά τη διάρκεια των εργασιών οι συνέδροι ασχολήθηκαν με διάφορα ζητήματα που αντιμετωπίζουν οι Ικαριώτες της Βόρειας Αμερικής και της Ελλάδος.

Τα κυριότερα σημεία του Συνεδρίου περιελάμβαναν:

- τον σχηματισμό μιας νέας οργάνωσης στην περιοχή Μπάφαλο της Νέας Υόρκης.
- τα βραβεία υποτροφιών του ιδρύματος σε Ικαριώτες φοιτητές στις ΗΠΑ και την Ελλάδα.
- την απόφαση να σταλεί ένα σημαντικό χρηματικό ποσό στην Ελλάδα ως ενίσχυση για τα θύματα των πυρκαγιών του περασμένου Αυγούστου.
- την ομιλία του Ζακ Σπέις από το Οχάιο, που είναι και ο πρώτος Ικαριώτης στην καταγωγή Έλληνο-αμερικανός βουλευτής.

Ο κ. Σπέις σε κάθε ευκαιρία που του δίνεται κάνει αναφορά στην ιστορία της οικογένειάς του και στην Ικαριώτικη καταγωγή του. Μιλώντας, μεταξύ άλλων, κατά την μεγάλη εκδήλωση της ΑΧΕΠΑ τον Μάρτιο στην Ουάσιγκτον, ο κ.

Σπέις, που ήταν και ο κεντρικός παρουσιαστής της εκδήλωσης, αναφέρθηκε στις καταβολές της οικογένειάς του από την Ικαρία. «Είμαι στο Κογκρέσο πάνω από ένα χρόνο», είπε πει. «Η εμπειρία αυτή ήταν μεγάλο ταξίδι για μένα και την οικογένειά μου. Οι γονείς μου ήλθαν από την Ικαρία, πριν 90 ολόκληρα χρόνια. Η ιστορία της οικογένειάς μου είναι κοινή με τη δική σας. Ήλθαν με τίποτε, έχοντας μόνο τις αξίες της ελληνικής οικογένειας και της Εκκλησίας. Ο παππούς μου ήταν πολύ φτωχός. Ο πατέρας μου ο Σωκράτης, αν και δεν είχε τίποτε, έλεγε πως είναι πλούσιος, λόγω της οικογένειας που είχε».

Ο παππούς του Ζακ Σπέις, Ζαχαρίας, πήρε την αμερικανική υπηκοότητα επειδή πολέμησε στις τάξεις του αμερικανικού στρατού κατά τον Α' Παγκόσμιο Πόλεμο. Ο εγγονός, όμως, δικηγόρος ειδικευμένος στην προστασία καταναλωτή, δεν πιστεύει στον αμερικανικό πόλεμο στο Ιράκ και ζητεί την επιστροφή των στρατευμάτων.

Η νήσος Ικαρία, βρίσκεται ανάμεσα στο Μύκονο και τη Σάμο, και παρουσιάζει κοινά στοιχεία τόσο με τις Κυκλάδες όσο και με τα νησιά του Ανατολικού Αιγαίου, ενώ διαθέτει και τα δικά της μοναδικά χαρακτηριστικά. Διοικητικά ανήκει στην περιφέρεια του Βορειοανατολικού Αιγαίου και στο νομό Σάμου. Η επαρχία της Ικαρίας είναι η δεύτε-

ρη και η μικρότερη στο νομό. Περιλαμβάνει τη νήσο Ικαρία και τη συστάδα των Φούρνων. Από τις 12 κοινότητες της επαρχίας οι 11 είναι ορεινές και μόνο μία, ο Εύδηλος στη βόρεια πλευρά του νησιού, είναι ημιορεινή. Το νησί ονομάζεται από τους ντόπιους Νικαριά. Στην αρχαιότητα ονομαζόταν Μάκρις ή Δολίχη, λόγω του επιμήκους σχήματός του. Αναφέρεται επίσης με την ονομασία Ιχθυόδεσσα, που οφείλεται στους πλούσιους ψαρότοπους στο Ικαρικό πέλαγος, και Ανεμόεσσα, όπως και άλλα νησιά, εξαιτίας των πολλών ανέμων. Η ονομασία Ικαρος και Ικαρία δόθηκε αργότερα. Έχουν εκφραστεί γνώμες περί ανατολικής, φοινικικής πιθανόν, προέλευσης του ονόματος. Η επικρατέστερη θεωρία όμως που παρτίθεται ήδη από τους γεωγράφους της αρχαιότητας συνδέει την ονομασία της Ικαρίας με το μύθο του Ικάρου. Σύμφωνα με τη παράδοση, ο Ικαρος παράκουσε τη συμβουλή του πατέρα του Δαίδαλου, κατά την απόδρασή τους από την Κρήτη, και πέταξε ψηλά, με αποτέλεσμα να λιώσουν τα κέρνα φτερά του από τη θερμότητα του ήλιου και να πνιγεί στο πέλαγος κάπου στα ανοικτά της Δολίχης. Ο Δαίδαλος έθαψε το άψυχο σώμα του γιου του στο κοντινό στενόμακρο νησί, το οποίο κατά την παράδοση προς τιμή του τολμηρού νεαρού ονομάστηκε Ικαρία.



# MINUTES OF THE 105<sup>TH</sup> SUPREME CONVENTION OF THE PAN-ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA, ICAROS

Loew's Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, August. 29<sup>TH</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

## Friday, Aug. 29, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Supreme Secretary and Convention Co-Chair Nicholas J. Pasamihalis at 4:30 p.m. Other members of the Convention Committee were introduced: George A. Horiates, and James Houtridis.

Atheras Chapter President Nick S. Pasamihalis was introduced and gave welcome remarks.

PSP Nicholas Tsalis led the opening prayer.

Supreme President Emanuel "Mike" Aivaliotis was introduced and gave welcome remarks. The members of the Supreme Lodge were introduced. President Mike mentioned the Lodge's sadness over the loss this year of District 1 Governor Steven Mavronicolas.

The Secretary reported the voting strength of the convention was 30.

President of the Agia Marina Ladies Auxiliary Chapter of Philadelphia Argyro Gasparinatos was introduced and gave welcome remarks.

Nomination of Convention Officers was conducted. The following nominations were made and seconded and approved:

Chairman-	PSP Dr. Stan Tripodis
Vice Chairman-	PSP John Sakoutis
Secretary (English) -	James Houtridis
Secretary (Greek) –	to be appointed later
Parliamentarian-	PSP George G. Horiates

PSP's who were in attendance were recognized to give welcome remarks:

PSP Nicholas Tsalis, PSP Gus Stefanadis, PSP George Contis, PSP George G. Horiates, PSP Ellene Tratras Contis, PSP John Sakoutis, PSP John Lygizos, PSP Dr. Stan Tripodis, PSP George Achedafty

Standing Committees were announced and the following Committee Chairs were selected:

**Resolutions-** Steve Alexander

**Nominations-** PSP George Contis

**Constitution & Convention City** - PSP Ellene Tratras Contis

**By Laws-** PSP Nick Tsalis

**Publications-** Angelo Horiates

**Audit-** Demo Galactiades

**Youth-** Cathy Pandeladis, Michelle Kotsagrelas

**Budget-** Dr. Nikitas Tripodes & Stephanie Sakoutis

President Mike read a letter from Argie Manolis, Service and Learning Coordinator, Univ of Minnesota, regarding the program she is operating to send students to serve as interns in Geriatric Studies to study and work at the Old Age Home in Ikaria. Several students have participated, and the program will send more students in the future.

Interested students can find out more in the IKARA magazine, or contact Pres. Mike.



PSP John Lygizos announced that Dr. Archontoula Georgiou is conducting a study in life expectancy of Europeans, and plans to interview some of our senior Icarians. It is reported that Icarians have among the longest life expectancy of all Europeans.

Convention Co-Chair PSP George G. Horiates reviewed the Convention Schedule of Activities.

Sup. Vice Pres. Sonja Stefanadis announced that our Brotherhood is adding more Chapters. Last year, Chapter # 26, Panagia, of Upstate

New York, was chartered. This year, a charter was granted to Chapter # 27, Messaria, of the Pacific Northwest. And a group in Norfolk, VA also is organizing a Chapter.

## Chapter Reports-

Chapter 23, Langada – report given by Steve Alexander.

Recess was called at 6 p.m.

## Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008

The meeting was reconvened by Chairman Stan at 10 a.m. He reminded everyone who gives a report to the Convention that they are kindly requested to submit their report in writing to the Convention Secretary, and to submit it electronically to the IKARIA Magazine Editor, Niki Salame.

Chairman Stan recognized PSP Peter Tsantes, who gave welcome remarks.

**Governors' Reports-** District. 5 Governor Steve Facaros gave his report.

## Chapter Reports-

Chapter 11, Lychnos- report given by Steve Facaros  
Chapter 7, Icaros – given by Michelle Kotsagrellos  
Chapter 19, Helios- given by Chapter Pres. Stan Pardos  
Chapter 20, Kavo-Papas – given by Ben Ringer  
Chapter 3, Pharos – given by Chapter Pres. Maria Tripodis

A young student from Pittsburgh, Katie Kefalos, who is a past Pan-Icarian Brotherhood scholarship recipient, was recognized. She expressed her appreciation for having been awarded a scholarship.

## Governors' Reports –

District 1 Governor Lonnie Papalas gave his report.  
District 4 Governor Charlotte Pardos could not attend, but her report was read by her son, Helios 19 Chapter Pres. Stanley Pardos.

## Chapter Reports-

Chapter 21, Nisos Ikaria of Toronto - report was submitted by Vicky Poris  
Chapter 17, C.E. Aivaliotis – report given by Jackie Moraitis

A special guest, **Nomarchiakos Symbolos George Tsakalias of the Pan-Ikarian Board of Athens** was recognized. His comments included issues of the new property laws in Greece, and he made a plea for the Brotherhood to consider holding its Supreme Convention in Ikaria in the year 2012, which is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ikarian Independence. He brought some photos, and a DVD showing some highlights of Ikaria that he offered to show to the Delegates if time permitted.



The delegate strength was reported at 11 a.m. as follows:

PSP's - 8  
Lodge officers - 7  
Regular delegates - 58  
Total delegate count = 73

## Chapter Reports-

Chapter 5, Pandiki - given by Kostas Tsahas  
Chapter 10, Therma - given by Kay Skandalakis  
Chapter 27, Messaria – given by Charlie Andrews

**Governors' Reports-** District 2 Venette LaRocca gave her report.

Meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 2:45 p.m. by Chairman Stan.

## Chapter reports-

Chapter 2, V.I. Chebithes- given by Chapter Pres. Argie Spithas-Miner  
**Chapter 8, A. Foutrides - given by Debbie Karnavas**

**IKARIA Magazine** report was given by Editor Niki Salame.

A guest, Mr. Dimitris Rozanitis, member of the Exec. Board of the Hellenic American National Council, or HANC, was recognized. He explained that HANC is comprised of representatives of other organizations. He said it is similar to SAE, but it is not international. He gave some remarks explaining what his organization does, and said that the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood is welcomed to be represented in the Council.

## Chapter reports-

Chapter 16, Lefkas- report given by Panagiotis Karoutsos  
Chapter 26, Panagia- report given by Chapter Pres. Nick Skaros

## 2009 Supreme Convention Preview-

Chapter 3, Pharos President Maria Tripodis previewed some of the planned activities for the 2009 Supreme Convention in Cleveland.

As of 3:30 p.m., the Secretary reported the Convention delegate strength as follows:

PSP's- 8  
Lodge Officers - 7

Regular Delegates - 86  
Total delegate count = 101 (max total is 114)

Chairman Stan reminded the delegates that the deadline for delegate registration is Saturday 6:00 p.m.

**Supreme Vice President's Report** – was given by Sup. Vice President Sonja Stefanadis.

In her remarks she congratulated new Chapters #26, Panagia, and # 27, Messaria.

She announced that the group in Norfolk has completed their paperwork to be recognized as our newest official chapter.

**Supreme Treasurer's Report-** was given by Sup. Treasurer George Koklanaris.





He reported the total membership of the Brotherhood this year is 1887, which is a slight decrease from last year.

### **Committee Reports-**

#### **Budget and Finance Committee -**

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Motion made by Sup. Vice Pres. Sonja Stefanadis to accept budget, motion passed.  
There was discussion regarding the funding of Pandiki's Greek Independence Day Float.

Members of Pandiki rose to remind the members that in years past the Foundation have traditionally funded half of the Float's expense. They asked why there was no line item for float expense in this year's budget. It was discussed that the Float expense should perhaps come from another source, such as the Lodge.

A motion made by Peter Karnavas of Chapter 8, A. Fourtides, to ask for \$1,200 for funding for their Chapter's Independence Day Parade Float from the Lodge budget. After some discussion, motion was made to table, and it passed.

**Governors' Reports-** District 6, Zacharias Lefas gave his report

### **Committee Reports-**

**Auditing Committee-** report was given by Committee Chair Demos Galactiades.

He reviewed the books of the Sup. Treasurer, and of the IKARIA Magazine. He found the books to be in order, and made some recommendations, including:

- 1) We should ask the banks to waive the monthly bank fee
- 2) Chapters should cover the subsidy from the Foundation to the Magazine (which was approx. \$6,000 last yr.)
- 3) We should look for ways to maximize the interest on the Lodge account balance

Motion made to accept the report, motion seconded and passed.

### **Chapter Reports-**

Chapter 22, Ikaros of Montreal - report was submitted by Irene Antypas.

Chairman Stan announced that in the interest of time, the reading of Chapter Reports would be allowed only until Saturday 6:00 p.m. After that it was requested that the reports be submitted in writing to the Convention Secretary.

A motion was made by Sup. Vice Pres. Sonja Stefanadis, that the convention body should proceed with selection of the Convention City, and Election of Officers at our Sunday session if all other unfinished business is completed. Motion seconded and passed.

Session recessed at 5:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, August 31, 2008**

Session reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

A moment of silence was held to honor the memories of PSP William Lacios, Governor Steven Mavronicolas, Past

Governor Nicholas Katinos, and long time member and Past Supreme Secretary Nicholas Kavourias. May their memories be eternal.

### **Committee reports-**

**Constitution and By Laws-** report given by PSP Nicholas Tsalis. He reported that

Governor E. Terry Platis is nearing completion of the project to convert the Brotherhood's Constitution to a digital electronic form available on-line. And she is updating the Constitution and by laws with all of the changes that have been passed since 1991. The changes to the Constitution shall be published in the Magazine or on the website for review.

George Paralemos, made a motion to re-open the Budget Committee to provide funding for the Pandiki Greek Independence Day Float, the amount of \$ 850, being half of the Float's expense, to be provided from the Lodge budget. PSP Petros Tsantes seconded and spoke in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Convention Co-Chair George G. Horiates provided a review of the Convention schedule, and reminded the delegates to purchase their tickets for the Banquet and Dance. PSP John Lygizos congratulated the Convention Committee for their fine work.

Christine Tsantes, daughter of John Tsantes, read a letter of greetings from her father, who is in Greece. In the letter, he makes a plea for financial support for the Old Age Home.

He also mentions that he has identified 24 Greek students who are candidates for scholarships from the Brotherhood. These names shall be passed on to the scholarship Committee chairman, Steve Stratakos.

### **Committee Reports-**

**Resolutions-** report given by Steve Alexander. The following resolutions were received by the committee:

1) Chapters should consider making a contribution to the Foundation in their yearly budgets.

Motion was seconded. PSP Petros Tsantes spoke against the motion. Motion passed.

2) The Lodge shall publish, in the IKARIA Magazine, information about the new property laws (xtumatologio) taking effect in Greece. Motion seconded. It was discussed that there are web sites where this information can be found, and perhaps a web site suggestion could be published in the magazine. Motion passed.

3) The Brotherhood should plan or coordinate activities to celebrate the Centennial of Ikaria's Independence in

Ikaria in 2012. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

4) In order to promote our presence in the National Greek Community, the Brotherhood should communicate its news to the National Herald, and other media outlets as it sees fit. A friendly amendment was offered by Charlie Andrews that the "National" community is more correctly an "International" community, including Canada. Amendment accepted. At this time, PSP Petros Tsantes spoke in favor of the motion, and suggested that the Brotherhood is capable of doing a lot more. Motion passed.

5) A resolution was submitted in writing by PSP Petros Tsantes, stating, "The Brotherhood shall take the calculated steps to select a committee, consisting of appropriate members such as businessmen, politicians, academicians, etc. to study the feasibility and possibility to establish a Center of Hellenic Studies at a prestigious U.S. university." After some discussion, Gus Yiakas made a motion to table. Motion to table passed.

**Gus Frangos**, described the multitude of construction projects going on in Ikaria. He suggested that the Brotherhood needs to coordinate with the E.U. to get funding to help with improvements on Ikaria.

PSP John Lygizos motioned that the Lodge designate a project coordinator for this purpose. Motion seconded, and passed.



### **Committee reports-**

**Youth Committee-** report given by Michelle Kotsagrellos & Cathy Pandeladis. They reviewed the Youth Conference that took place in Clearwater in January, 2008. Over 30

Youth delegates participated from several Chapters. They made some recommendations:

1) Establishment of a Youth link on the Brotherhood web site.

2) Establish an "Outstanding Youth Award" from each Chapter, youths from ages 18-30 are eligible, criteria include service to the Brotherhood and the community. At

the Supreme Convention, a national “Outstanding Pan-Icarian Youth of the Year” would be selected from the Chapter candidates.

3) The next Youth Conference is planned to be held in Cleveland, in March, 2009.

4) At the Supreme Convention, the Youth shall get together to select the location of the following years’ Youth Conference.

5) Every Chapter shall try to have at least one Youth delegate, between the ages of 18 to 30.

Motion made to accept the report, including the establishment of the “Outstanding Youth Award” in each Chapter, and a national winner to be announced at the Supreme Convention. Motion seconded, and passed.

#### **Foundation Report-**

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(The full Foundation report shall appear elsewhere in this Magazine issue.)

The Foundation report was accepted.

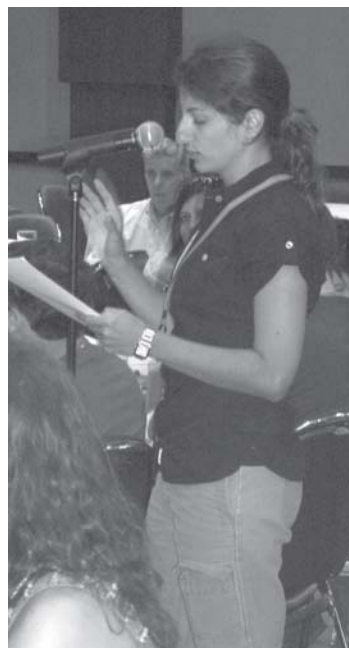
Supreme Vice President Sonja Stefanadis introduced members of the Brotherhood’s newest Chapter, # 27, in Norfolk, Va.

Peter Karnavas of Chapter A. Foutrides, made a new motion regarding funding for a Parade Float. He asked for \$600, which is half of the cost of the Float, to be provided from the Lodge budget. Motion was seconded, and passed.



**Scholarship Committee Report-** was given by Chairman **Steve Stratakis** (above). He reported that this year the Brotherhood will fund 51 undergraduate scholarships, and 11 graduate scholarships.

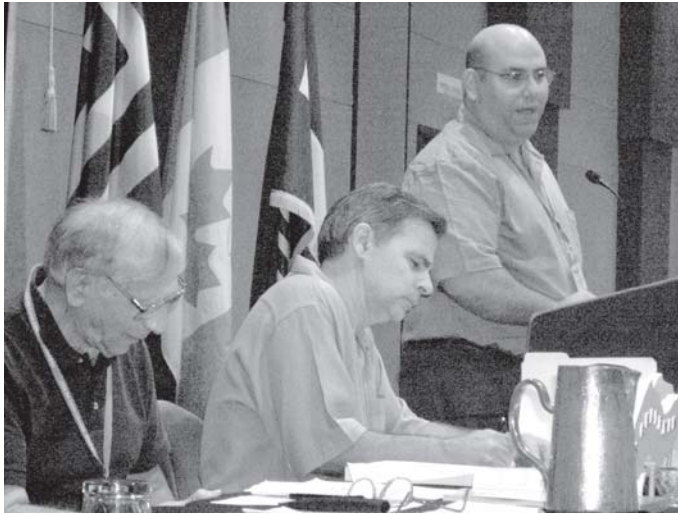
Later he amended his report to include that the Brotherhood also hopes to fund 24 scholarships for students in Greece. A motion was made by Socrates Koutsoutis to fund the 24 scholarships at \$1.000 each to the students in Greece after all necessary documentation is completed. Motion seconded and passed.



**Governors’ reports-** District 3 Governor **E. Terry Platis** gave her report.







**Supreme Secretary's Report-** was given by **Supreme Secretary Nicholas J. Pasamihalis.**

**Supreme President's Report-** was given by **Supreme President Emanuel "Mike" Aivaliotis.**



He focused his remarks on how to attract the Youth to the Brotherhood, how to grow as members, and why we should support our Foundation. His full report appears elsewhere in this Magazine issue.

#### **Committee reports-**

**Convention City Report** – was given by Committee Chair PSP Ellene Tratras Contis.

Two Chapters submitted proper bids for the 2010 Supreme Convention, **Chapter 9 Spanos/Areti of Detroit** (pictured, right), and Chapter 10 Therma of Wilmington. Both Chapter delegations were allowed to present their bid to the Convention body. Then, a secret vote was carried out. The winner who will host the 2010 Supreme Convention is Chapter 9 Spanos/Areti of Detroit.

**Nominations Committee-** report was given by Committee Chair PSP George Contis.

The following nominations were submitted:

Sup. President - Emanuel "Mike" Aivaliotis  
 Sup. Vice Pres. - Sonja Stefanadis  
 Sup. Secretary – Nicholas J. Pasamihalis  
 Sup. Treasurer- George Koklanaris  
 Counselor - Athena Sirigas

Governor District 1- George Paralemos  
 Governor District 2- Marino Moraitis  
 Governor District 3- E. Terry Platis  
 Governor District 4 - Charlotte Pardos  
 Governor District 5- Steve Facaros  
 Governor District 6- to be appointed

All the above nominations were approved unanimously.

Foundation Chair - Socrates Koutsoutis  
 Foundation Vice Chair- Gus Yiakas  
 Foundation Directors- Chris Aivaliotis, PSP John Lygizos, Costa Mavrophilippos  
 Scholarship Chairman – Steve Stratakos

The above nominations were approved unanimously.

#### **Good of the Order-**

Eleni Lygizos spoke about avoiding confusion in the future regarding funding of parade floats by including this as a line item in future Lodge budgets.

She also expressed concern and asked that we pray for the victims of Hurricane Gustav.

She also asked that we pray for the health and recovery of Bessie Bornino, former Chapter Oinoe President, and one of the Brotherhood's most beloved and active members, who is very ill in the hospital in California. We send our prayers to Bessie and to her husband Jim.



Supreme Pres. Mike congratulated the Convention officers. PSP Gus Stefanadis congratulated Chairman Stan. PSP George Contis congratulated the Convention Committee members and members of Chapter Atheras for a job well done.

The oath of office was administered to the newly elected officers by **PSP Gus Stefanadis**.

The convention was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

Convention Secretary James Houtridis, with assistance by  
PSP Stan Tripodis



## **PAN ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA "ICAROS"**

### **SUPREME LODGE MINUTES – MEETING 1**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

**PHILADELPHIA, PA • LOEWS PHILADELPHIA HOTEL**

President Mike Aivaliotis called the first meeting of the newly elected 2008-2009 Supreme Lodge of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros" to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 1, 2008. He welcomed new Lodge members District 1 Governor – George Paralemos and District 2 Governor – Marino Moraitis.

#### **ATTENDEES:**

The following members were in attendance and a quorum was reached:

Supreme President – Mike Aivaliotis  
Supreme Vice-President – Sonja Stefanadis;  
Supreme Secretary – Nikolaos J. Pasamihalis

District 1 Governor – George Paralemos  
District 2 Governor – Marino Moraitis  
District 3 Governor – E. Terry Platis  
District 6 Governor – Zacharias Lefas

#### **ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

· Treasurer's Report: Supreme Treasurer George Koklanaris was not in attendance. — The group decided to ask if he could provide Database reports of membership to each of the Chapters as well as the yearly Pan-Icarian membership report to the Governors.

· Treasurer to also pursue setting up interest bearing Certificate of Deposit (cont. next page)



# PAN ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA "ICAROS"

## SUPREME LODGE MINUTES – MEETING 1

SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA • LOEWS PHILADELPHIA HOTEL (continued from page 17)

· Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the last Supreme Lodge meeting in Wilmington, N.C. were accepted and approved.

· Correspondence: There was no correspondence to be read.

· Pan-Icarian Convention 2009: Preparations for the Cleveland Convention continue. Convention table signs will be sent from Philadelphia to Cleveland. Additional signs for the new Chapters of Panagia No. 26, Mesaria No 27 and for the Norfolk, VA are to be made and forwarded.

· Pan-Icarian Convention 2010: The Lodge discussed scheduling the trip to Detroit to visit with Spanos/Areti Chapter No. 9 and review their hotel selection for the 2010 Pan-Icarian Supreme Convention. The trip will be planned for either mid October or mid-November.  
· The Supreme Lodge reviewed the assigned Chapters for each District with each Governor. They are to be as follows:

District 1: Pandiki, Atheras, Lefkas, Kousaros, Nea Ikaria

District 2: Pramne, V.I. Chebithes, Pharos, Daedalos, Doliche, Icaros, Christ Aivaliotis, Drakanon

District 3: Foutrides, Spanos/Areti, N'Ikaria

District 4: Therma, Helios, Kavo-Papas, Langada, Norfolk

District 5: Oinoe, Lychnos, Mesaria

District 6: Ikaros of Montreal, Nisos Ikaria, Panagia

· The following Committee assignments were made:  
National Archives, Joanne Melachrinou  
· Joanne has made computer purchase for archive management

Constitution and By-Laws, E. Terry Platis, Athina Siringas

· Terry still researching for missing minutes from '94, '96, and '98 Convention

Membership, Sonja Stefanadis

· Sonja will follow up Norfolk Chapter representative Kelly Pedos and her family to solidify their start-up. She recommended that we develop how-to chart for incorporating Chapters in each of the States currently populated by the Brotherhood. She also recommended that the Governors try to encourage regular monthly meetings for each Chapter as a way to strengthen their vitality.

Young Adults

2009 Youth Conference to be held in Cleveland on March 28, 2009.

Greek-American Relations

PSP George Contis, Lonnie Papalas, Kostantinos Frangos

· SAE's next meeting to be held in 2010

· Kostantinos Frangos will pursue business development for Ikaria

Convention Committee Gus Stefanadis, Stanton Tripodis, Nikolaos J. Pasamihalis

· Will work towards updating Convention Guidelines

2012 Centennial Committee, Nikolaos J. Pasamihalis

· Consensus was that hosting a Pan-Icarian Supreme Convention in Ikaria would be prohibitive at this time given the current and projected availability of hotel and conference space.

· Lodge suggested that there be representatives from each Chapter to participate in any ceremonies scheduled in Ikaria

Publications

Niki Plutis Salame, *Ikaria* Mag. Editor; PSP Dr. Stanton Tripodis, Business Manager; Dean Tripodes, Pan-Icarian website

· Chapter and other event information to be posted on the website

· Survey of Greek Properties registration link will be added to the site; George and Elene Contis have information.

· As noted above, the next Supreme Lodge meeting is tentatively set for the fall in Detroit to review the 2010 Pan-Icarian Supreme Convention hotel selection.

· Meeting was closed and adjourned at approximately 11:30pm

The above represents, as written, the statements discussed, and decisions reached during the meeting, and are assumed to be a true and correct representation of those items and issues. If there are additions or corrections, please notify the author.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikolaos J. Pasamihalis

Supreme Secretary

Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America 'Icaros'

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# CONVENTION 2008



## ROCKY'S BAR RUN



## ATHERAS ARCHIVES

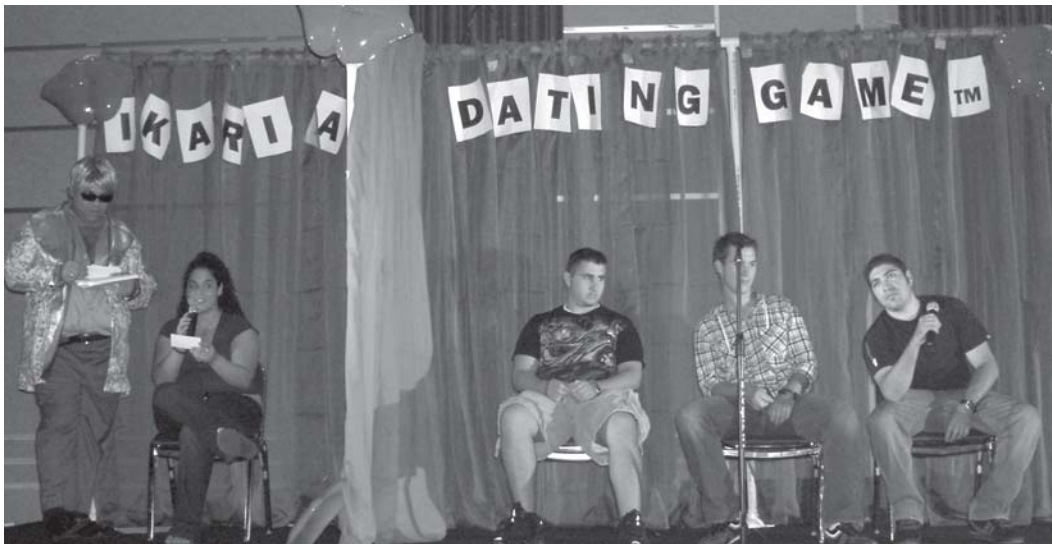




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## PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON



## IKARIAN DATING GAME



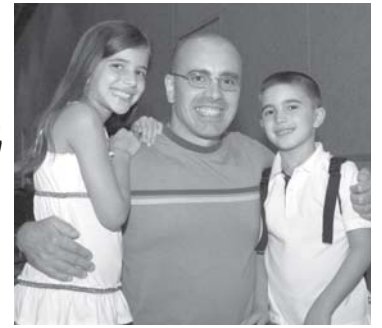




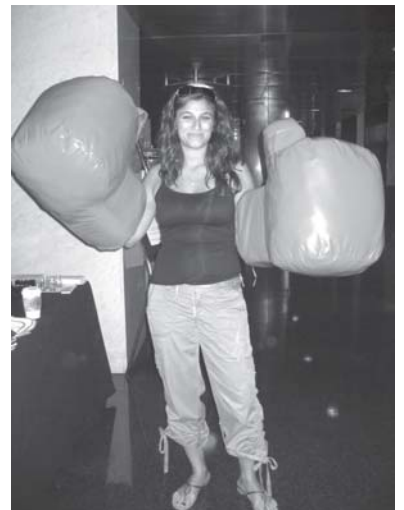
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## YOUNG IKARIAN MAGIC MATINEE



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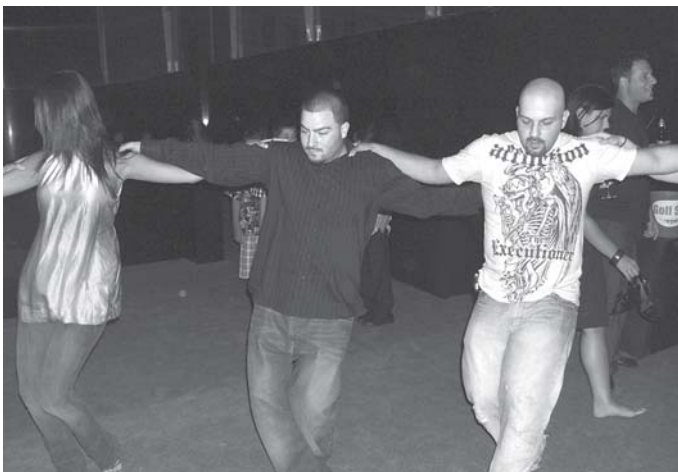




# CONVENTION 2008



## SATURDAY GALA DANCE / MONTE CARLO NIGHT





# CONVENTION 2008



## GRAND BANQUET DINNER







# CONVENTION 2008



## GRAND BALL ☆☆☆☆☆ IKARIAN VIOJAM





# PRAMNE

YOUNGSTOWN #1

The Sirigas family of Youngstown, Ohio, Pramne Chapter #1, is proud to announce the graduation of **Kyra Alexandra Tabak**. Kyra is the daughter of Cheryl Sirigas Tabak, and the granddaughter of Dorothy and the late Lewis Sirigas.

Kyra received an honors diploma from Springfield Local High School. Kyra was a member and Director of Public Relations of the National Honor Society. She was a member of the Speech and Debate Team, concert choir, Science Club, and Drama Club, and has been on the National Honor Roll all four years of high school. Kyra won first place at the "Daytona Discovered" singing competition, and has been singing the National Anthem at various sporting events throughout the area. Kyra was on the volleyball team, soccer team, and fast-pitch softball team throughout high school.



Kyra was awarded the "Young Women With Bright Futures Award" from the YWCA and Youngstown Vindicator her senior year. She also received scholarships from Waste Management and 'Big 33' for an essay she wrote, Matt Root Memorial Scholarship, Springfield Local High School Teachers' Association, and our St. John parish. Kyra won first place in the Youngstown State University Math Fest essay contest. She participated in History Day at YSU where she placed third and qualified for the state competition in Columbus, Ohio. Kyra is an active member of GOYA where she was secretary for four years and enjoyed being a part of the GOYA basketball and volleyball teams. She sings in the church choir and is a part of the Greek dance troupe for St. John. She has participated as a speaker every year in the Oratorical Festival where she placed as a regional qualifier last year.

Kyra has been accepted and will attend The University of Pittsburgh this fall. With God's will, she will pursue a degree in pharmacy.

God Bless You Kyra! Se' Anotera!

Submitted by Dorothy Sirigas (Proud Yiayia)

# V.I. CHEBITHES

AKRON #2

## Convention Report

The past year was satisfying and eventful for all of us in the Akron chapter. Our annual Membership Appreciation Lunch and meeting in February was a demonstration of thanks to new and old members alike and generated much enthusiasm and many ideas for future events. "V.I." treats the participants to lunch each year and this has been an ongoing tradition among us.

Our spring event found the group traveling to the Ohio City area of Cleveland for a visit to one of the largest open air markets in the area. All enjoyed browsing, shopping, supporting local Ikarian shop owners and of course lunching together.

Thanks to hosts Nick and Jackie Carpas, our summer picnic and meeting was a huge success and attracted a large group of Akron and out of town Ikarrians. The setting was relaxing and conducive to settling in and sharing stories as our previous generations used to do. The lakeside setting added to the beautiful day!



We are looking forward to a unique "Meet and Make Wine" event coming in October, immediately following our annual Reverse Raffle & Dinner fund raiser that same month. To celebrate the holidays, Lee & MaryAnn Plakas have volunteered to host our family Christmas party.

Our Akron chapter continues to generate attractive and meaningful events that engage our members, despite the lack of a physical meeting facility. Our membership numbers nearly 60 and encompasses people of all ages. There is interest in supporting environmental efforts on Ikaria and other progressive and philanthropic efforts.

Submitted by Argie Miner  
President, Chapter #2

(L to R) Helen Nicholaides, Maria Manolis, Bessie Carpas, Irene Lioces, Kiki Koutsouflakis, & Steve Manolis

## Chapter News

Akron Chapter enjoyed a very successful summer meeting & picnic in August at the lake home of Nick and Jackie Carpas. We reviewed the year's activities and planned for our annual fund raiser and future meetings and celebrations. We welcomed families and friends from the Cleveland area, as well, which added to the camaraderie and scope of the para.

We also sent five delegates to the Philadelphia Convention, who shared information and ideas that were generated there. Best wishes to all of our Ikarian Family in the coming holiday season!

Submitted by Argie Miner



(L to R) Joanne Manolis, Nancy (Koutsouflakis) Cintron, & Joann Manolis take boat tour around the Portage Lakes during the picnic



#2 District Governor, Venette LaRocca and George Tonies enjoying the view and para at the summer meeting & picnic

# PHAROS

"Xairete" from the members of Cleveland Chapter Pharos. We have had a very busy and productive year in Cleveland. Last year at the Baltimore convention we were awarded the National Convention for 2009. We are all very excited about hosting this event. Our Chapter President, Maria Tripodis, had the honor of serving as the Convention Secretary in Baltimore. This was a wonderful learning experience.

In September the Supreme Lodge visited Cleveland to view the hotel facilities for the 2009 Convention. After a tour of the hotel, we returned to our Chapter Hall for a Supreme Lodge meeting. Afterwards, we enjoyed a light dinner. Many of the members then went out for night on the town at the famous Tick Tock Tavern.

In October, the members of Chapter Pharos donated our hall for a spaghetti dinner to raise money for an orphanage in Greece. The dinner was a success and we raised over \$1,000.

In November we held elections. The same officers were re-elected. President, Maria Tripodis, Vice President, Sarandos Krokos, Secretary, Maria Asser, and Treasurer, Maria Parianos.

On December 9<sup>th</sup> the young Moms of Chapter Pharos hosted a Christmas Party for the children. Santa made an appearance and everyone had a great time. We also held our annual New Year's Eve Party, which was very well attended. We try to keep the cost at a minimum so that this can be a family affair.

In March we had our Independence Day Dance. Once again we were honored to have so much "neolea" dancing

the "Ikariotiko" to Pete Karnavas' "violi". That same day was also the Independence Day Parade in Cleveland. However, due to a snowstorm the previous night, we really did not march, but many of our members attended the program.

In May we, once again, donated our hall for a spaghetti dinner to raise money for a family from Ikaria. There was much support for this event and we raised over \$3,200. Also in May some of our members attended the mini convention in Pittsburgh. Several of our boys participated in the golf outing and a few of us attended the dance the following evening.

On August 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter Pharos had our annual picnic. Although the weather did not cooperate, we still had a good turnout and we had a lot of fun eating our "souvlakia and loukoumades". We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Ikarian friends who come from near and far to party with us in Cleveland at both our picnic and our dance.

This year we were saddened by the loss of our fellow Ikarians, Gus Karnavas, Vasilis VROUTOS, Nick Kavouriaris, and Nick Karnavas.

In addition to our regular monthly meetings, we have begun holding monthly convention planning meetings. We have gotten our "neolea" involved in the convention planning and are thrilled about hosting this gala.

Once again, "**Sas Perimenome**" in Cleveland in 2009!!!

Respectfully submitted by Chapter Pharos President, Maria Tripodis.



Greetings from New York!

We hope everyone had a restful summer. We would also like to congratulate the Atheras Chapter for hosting such a wonderful convention. Our summer in New York was quiet as usual, since so many of our members vacation in Ikaria for the summer. We did host a church memorial in commemoration of Ikarian Independence Day on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Bayside. Following the service our members were treated to a tasty breakfast. Despite the rain we also hosted a BBQ for our members the same day.

We were unable to make a submission for our magazine's Spring/Summer Issue so we would like to back track a bit and show some pictures from several events we had during that time period. On February 23<sup>rd</sup> our Leshi was transformed into an **Ikarian Ouzeri**. Our members and friends indulged in ouzo, wine, and a traditional "pikelia", while enjoying live Greek music. It was a wonderful night

that made us feel as though we were in Ikaria.



On March 9<sup>th</sup> to gather our members together Pandiki hosted a delicious spaghetti dinner. It was a fun event where we could all get together and catch up, while enjoying a "makaronada".

On Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> many of our members attended in special dinner hosted by the **Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York in honor of the Greek Independence day** that was to follow that Sunday. It was a lovely event where we had the honor of meeting Greek dignitaries and viewing wonderful traditional Greek dancing from a variety of troupes.





Then on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> we all gathered on the streets of Manhattan despite the cold weather and marched together in honor of Greece's freedom from oppression. As always, a delicious and warm spaghetti dinner followed the parade at our leschi. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> we hosted our annual Spring Dance where we had the honor of being entertained by the sounds of fellow Ikarian Leonida Tsantiri and his band members. All had a great time.

We would also like to take a moment to honor the memory of two of our beloved brothers who passed this year. Stephen Mavronicolas and Nikos Katinos left us suddenly and too soon. They served the brotherhood for many years with great dedication and a true love for our organization and what it stood for. They are greatly missed and may their memory be eternal.

Submitted by Lefkie Fradelos



## Convention Report

Pittsburgh's Icaros Chapter #7 extends its best wishes to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood and wishes Philadelphia's Atheras Chapter #12 a successful Supreme Convention. Once again our chapter has had a prosperous year. The officers (President Michelle Kotsagrellos, Vice President Joanne Melacrinis, Treasurer Cathy Pandeladis, Recording Secretary Koula (Tsahas) Facaros and Corresponding Secretary Anna Aivaliotis) kept the chapter moving for a second year. A thriving community of well over 250 members, we enjoyed our monthly meetings and Macaronades/Dinners, trips to Atlantic City, Children's Halloween/OXI Day Party, a Chapter Appreciation Dinner, Pizza with Santa Party, Super Bowl Party, Hat/Tea Party and our legendary Memorial Day Celebration with the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Steve Manners Open and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mini-Convention Memorial Day Dance. With these numerous successful events, our chapter is still growing in new directions.

Submitted by

Michelle Marie Kotsagrellos, President

## Chapter News

Chapter Icaros continues to meet the first Sunday of each month. Our meeting discussions include event planning, hall maintenance and decisions on making charitable donations. At our September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, we voted to donate \$500 to the Konstantinos Tsantiris Medical Fund and \$2000 to the Pan-Icarian Foundation General Fund. Recent events include a dinner on September 21<sup>st</sup> hosted by Mike and Elaine Aivaliotis.

Upcoming events include our annual Halloween Party/OXI Day Celebration dinner on October 26<sup>th</sup> hosted by Maggie and Lee Mamatas; a dinner on November 23<sup>rd</sup> hosted by the Chiotis family; and our annual Pizza with Santa Party on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

A big thank you to Chapter Atheras for hosting a fantastic convention in Philadelphia! We are pleased to note that Chapter Icaros was once again the largest chapter in the Brotherhood and had one of its best membership years ever at 265 paid members!

## Congratulations to:

Chapter Icaros member and Supreme President, Mike Aivaliotis, on completing a productive first year, culminating at the Philadelphia convention, and being re-elected for a second term. We wish him much success in the coming year.

Chapter Icaros member, Chris Aivaliotis, for his re-election as a Pan-Icarian Foundation Director.

Dr. Armando Romero, poet, professor at the University of Cincinnati, philhellene, and husband of Constance Lardas, who was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree



in Philosophy from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

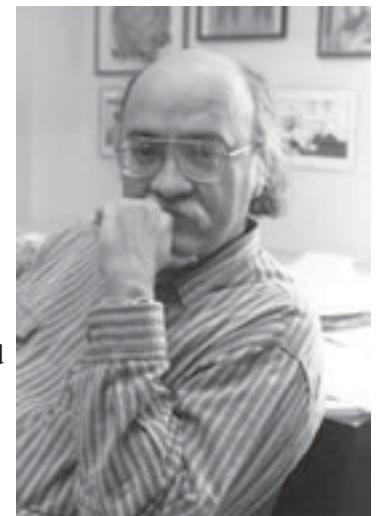
Alfonso Demetri Romero, son of Constance

(Lardas) and Armando Romero, who graduated with his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Cincinnati.

Submitted by Chapter Icaros Corresponding Secretary Anna Aivaliotis

Prior to running the US Air Force Marathon in Dayton Ohio this past September, **Christen Katsas** posed with the statue of Icarus at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base Museum. Submitted by proud husband Fotie

On April 14, 2008, **Dr. Armando Romero**, poet, professor at the University of Cincinnati, philhellene, and husband of Constance Lardas was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Philosophy (Doctor Honoris Causa) from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, in Athens, Greece for his accomplishments both academic and creative, in the field of Latin American Literature. In attendance at the afternoon ceremony were his wife, as well as colleagues and friends and many members of the Ikarian community living in Athens, Greece (Dr. Stamatis Vassilaros and sister Roula, Dr. Debbie Vassilaros, Dr. Themis Speis and friends, Maria Mougiani, and Matina Mavronichola.) Kai s'anotera!.



On June 14, 2008, **Alfonso Demetri Romero**, son of Constance (Lardas) and Armando Romero, graduated with his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Cincinnati. Congratulations!

Submitted by Constance Lardas Romero



# FOUTRIDES

CHICAGO #8

Autumn Greetings to all from the Chicago chapter! Congratulations to the Atheras chapter for hosting a wonderful, fun filled convention! Everything was planned spectacularly and a great time was had by all who attended. The Flight of Ikaros and our chapter's own violinist, Peter Karnavas, did a marvelous job of providing great music and kefe all night long. Bravo and congrats Philly!



#8 Chicago Foutrides' good looking officers conducting business- L to R Despina Karnavas-Spyridakis, Lambrini Karnavas, Georgia Shizas, Nick Shizas, and Peter Karnavas

So far our chapter has had a busy 2008:

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, Nick Shizas hosted a Super Bowl XLII at the leski clubhouse. Pizza, wings, beer, and good company were enjoyed by all. Hopefully, we will be celebrating the next Super Bowl with a Bear's victory. Go Bears!



Cheering on the Bears! Theofilos & Thrasivoulos Kotsoures

Our chapter marched again in the annual Greek Independence Day Parade on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Next year's parade will be especially exciting as we are planning a fund raiser to purchase a float. The parade and float brings together all Ikarian-Americans in the area and aids in bonding our relationship with our Ikarian-Greek heritage. Opa! Nikaria mas!



Peter Karnavas making flap jacks for the leski breakfast



Cousins Theodore Poulos and Theofanis Parianos



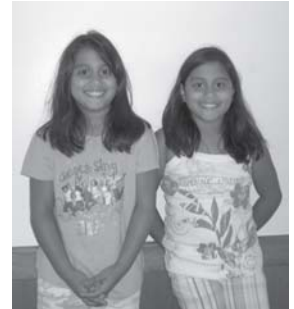
President, Peter Karnavas & Vice-President, Nick Shizas, cook breakfast



Theodora Parianos helps at the breakfast meeting



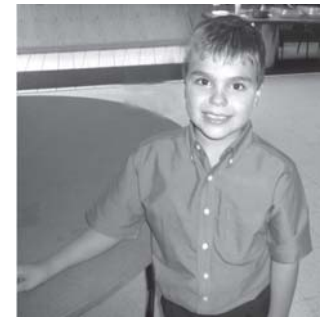
Maria(Shizas)Vatougios shows her support at the leski



Double the fun - Argyroula & Michalena Kohila



Adorable daddy and daughter team Steve & Sofia Maria Stratakis



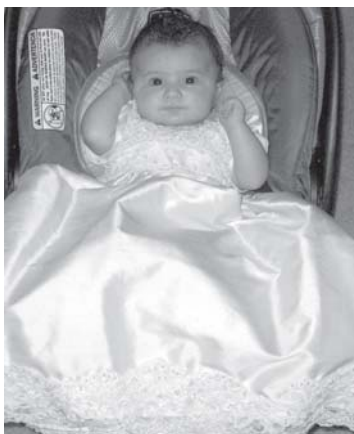
Isidoros Vatougios - our future chapter president in 2020



Friends enjoying each other's company and breakfast



**Eleftheria Irene Shizas**, daughter of Nickolas and Georgia Shizas (vice-president and recording secretary of our chapter) was baptized on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The baptism



was held at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Palos Hills, IL, and a beautiful reception followed at the Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. Proud godparent to Eleftheria Irene is Joanna Bisioulis. Na sas zhsei!



**Paris Poulos**, son of George and Maria (Fountis) Poulos, was baptized on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The baptism took place at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Palos Hills, IL. Guests were treated to a Parisian night and lots of dancing followed at the Palos



Country Club. Proud godparents to Paris are Maria Mavronicola, Leia Roditis, and Maria Roditis. Na sas zhsei!

Congratulations to Maria Roditis for receiving the



Fulbright Award for the 2008-2009 academic year! Maria is currently a graduate student at Indiana University (Bloomington) and will be spending the following year conducting epidemiological studies on childhood obesity in Greece. We are so proud and happy for Maria and look forward to reading her publications. Maria's press release follows. Kai se anoteri!

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008, **Antonios Roditis and Erika Langle** were united in marriage at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Palos Hills, IL. The sponsors were Joseph and Despina Spyridakis. Guests then re-treated to Woodbine Golf Course for a reception that

included a delightful surprise from the bride and groom. Cold Stone Creamery provided a refreshing treat to all. The celebrating and dancing made for a very memorable experience for everyone. Antonios is the son of Nick and Elena (Xynesteri) Roditis of Arethousa, Ikaria and Ora, Cyprus. Erika is the daughter of Edward and Theresa Langle of Mexico City, Mexico. Congratulations to the newlywed couple and best wishes as they start their new life together! Na zhsete!



Congratulations to Theofilos and Jamie Kotsos on the birth of their beautiful daughter,

**Sophia Claudia Kotsos!**

Our newest little member was born on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and weighed in at 5 lbs., 13.5 oz and was 18in. long. Proud big brother to Sophia is Thrasivoulos Theofilos Kotsos. Na sas zhsei!



Submitted by Despina Karnavas Spyridakis

**Kristina Rousos** (daughter of Marianthi and Elias) and **Socrates Klitsas** (son of Eugenia and Aleko) were married on July 19, 2008 in Magganiti, Ikaria. The wedding was done in traditional Ikarian style. We started the celebration with the bride's "krevati" night, which consisted with lots of eating, drinking, and dancing. In traditional fashion, before Kristina took her walk to church, all the single girls signed the bottom of her wedding shoes. As Kristina walked with her family and friends (all one thousand plus!), she was accompanied by



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CHICAGO #8

the violi and bouzouki playing wedding songs with all the women in attendance singing. The reception followed at the school courtyard, where tables were set with home-made wine, "kopanisti", "gourounaki psito", fresh baked bread, and lots of homemade bite size appetizers, and of course, let's not forget the traditional "gamopilafo" as the main course. The guests were surprised with a three tier wedding cake; "pastakia" monogrammed with the couple's initials, and of course, the tossing of the bouquet. Last but not least, in keeping with the true Ikarian wedding tradition, the music and dancing lasted until the next afternoon, finishing off with what else but the "piperi" dance with the bride holding the belt! A big thank you to everyone who made a very special day memorable, and all the help and good wishes they offered. Na mas zhsoun! Love you always, Mom and Dad (Marianthi and Elias)  
Submitted with much love and best wishes always,  
Mom (Marianthi Rousos)

## Maria Roditis Receives Fulbright Award

Maria Roditis of Indiana University, Bloomington has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student scholarship to Greece in Anthropology, the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board announced recently.

Roditis is one of over 1,450 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2008-2009 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since its establishment in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program has provided approximately 286,500 people with the opportunity to observe each others' political, economic, educational and cultural institutions, to exchange ideas and to embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. The Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.

# SPANOS/ARETI

DETROIT #9

Greetings to everyone from the members of the Detroit chapter. First of all, we would like to thank the members of the Philadelphia chapter for the wonderful convention. All of those who attended had a great time, so great in fact that our youngest and newest members, **Anna Michalakis,**

**Antonia Kyrilangitses and Anthea Mourselas** made an earnest and effective bid for the convention.



The delegates who sensed their enthusiasm granted us the honor of becoming the host city for 2010. We are excited and have already started planning, along with our youth who are able to contribute new and fresh ideas. Our convention chairperson is **PSP Nina Contis (far right) with co-chairs George Koklanaris and Athina Siringas.** We are looking forward to seeing you all in Cleveland next year and then in Detroit the year after that.

On Friday September 26th we hosted a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Icarian Hall for

**Jim A. Plakas,** who is running for judge for the cities of Northville, Plymouth and Canton. Jim has been endorsed by over 60 district and circuit court judges, various



Angelo Plakas, Jim Plakas, Braden, Pam, Emma & Jim Plakas

community leaders including Kym Worthy, Wayne County Prosecutor, and the Detroit Free Press. We are proud to support a fellow Icarian in his endeavor, especially someone who is so outstanding and well qualified. We wish him well at the polls in November.

Right now we are busy going back to school and work after an eventful and relaxing summer. We wish all the members of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood a happy season and we are anticipating a wonderful autumn.



Angeliki Papalas celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Icarian Hall

Submitted by Kathy Papalas-Mourselas



Fall greetings from Chapter Therma. We hope that everyone is well rested from the Philadelphia convention. Our chapter was well represented at the convention. We are very proud to have had two of our young delegates attend the meetings. They were Josh Tracy and Angelique Skandalakis. Our Ikarian youth takes a leadership position.



We had a "hurricane free" **fall picnic**. Many youth and older members of our chapter came out and enjoyed the wonderful food and weather. Our thanks go out to our chefs George Brunetti, and Louie Andrews. A job well done! A great day was had by all. We are now preparing for our New Years Eve dance. We hope to ring in the New Year together. We wish everyone a wonderful fall season. Submitted by Kay Skandalakis, Secretary

It has been an eventful year for Dr. Emmanuel and Lambra Koklanaris.....three blessings have been bestowed on them and their family.

On January 9th, their third grandchild was born to their daughter Dr. Nikki Koklanaris and her husband Scott Sanders in Charlotte, N.C. He was named William James Sanders (Will) after his paternal grandfather.

On June 22nd, their son George was married to Eleftheria

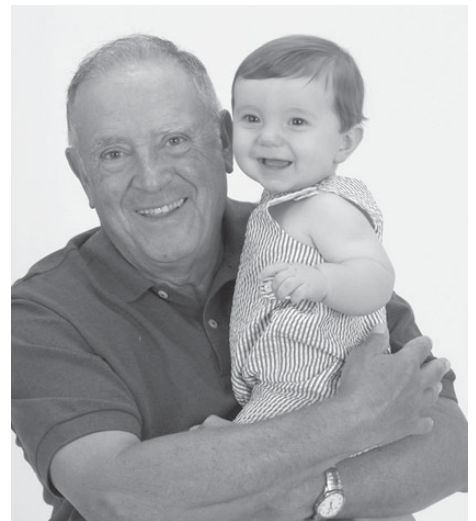
Kozanas (Libby) in Wildwood, N.J. at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. After a honeymoon in Tahiti, the couple now resides in the Washington DC area.

George met Libby two and a half years previously at St. Sophia



Cathedral in Libby and George Koklanaris on their wedding day Washington, DC. He then left for a year of service in the Middle East where he served as a Major in charge of logistics for the 377th Battalion Tactical Combat Group of the Army Reserve in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. After returning to the states, he proposed to Libby who is an oncology research nurse at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md. She coordinates and manages patients who participate in bone marrow transplant clinical trials. Libby is a graduate of La Salle University with a Bachelor of Nursing degree. George is the Chief of Staff of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Cooperation of the federal government. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Georgia State University's College of Public and Urban Affairs.

Little Will's baptism took place on July 26th at St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte, N.C. He was blessed with the name of Vasili, and his aunt, Dena Koklanaris and her husband Bill Murphy flew south from the Big Apple to be his Godparents.



Proud papou Dr. Emmanuel Koklanaris and his grandson, Will Sanders

Emmanuel, Lambra, George, Nikki, Scott, Dena and Bill are all members of the Therma Chapter and are looking forward to the day when little Vasili will join our Ikarian fellowship.

Submitted by Lambra Koklanaris



Greetings from Northern California, Chapter Lychnos!

Our **summer family picnic** was held in July at a great Castro Valley park. There was plenty of food and fun for everyone - music, swimming, horseshoes, hiking .... Members and friends traveled up to 2-1/2 hours to attend our picnic. It was a very enjoyable day for everyone. Our next meeting will be held in October at Pappas Greek Restaurant. Adding a bit of dining and dancing is a nice extension at the conclusion of our business meeting.



Costas Kratsas, Elaine Kratsas and Maria Facaros



Costas Kochilas and Pandelis Bratsis



Alex Kouloulis, Kalliopi Kouloulis and Lavendar Kratsas



Pandelis Bratsis, Ioanna Bratsis, Morfea Triggas, Stellios Petsakos, Maria Facaros, Steve Facaros and Joanna Petsakos

**Stellios and Joanne Petsakos** of Ukiah recently celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup>

wedding anniversary on June 26. Congratulations for a lifetime rich in memories and overflowing with love. Family and friends wish you many more years of an abundance of health, happiness and love shared together.

Συγχαρητηρια για την 60 επατειο των γαμων τους!

Submitted by Stella Bratsis, Secretary



**Angelo and Jessica Hatzistratis** were married on June 28, 2008 in Los Cabos San Lucas, Mexico.



Angelo is the son of Fotis and Alexandria Hatzistratis and the grandson of George Kouloulis from San Francisco, CA. Angelo graduated from San Francisco State University in 2006 with a B.S. in Business Administration.

He received a scholarship for his studies at San Francisco State University from the Pan Ikarian Brotherhood in 2004. Congratulations!

Submitted by Alexandria (Sandra) Hatzistratis

## Convention Report

We would like to congratulate Atheras, Chapter 12 on their warm hospitality and hosting the 105<sup>th</sup> Pan-Icarian Supreme Convention at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel. We send greetings from all of our brothers and sisters from Oinoe, Chapter 14 in Southern California who were not able to attend the convention. They hope all of our fellow Pan-Icarian brothers and sisters are doing well and have a wonderful time at the convention.

We are mourning the loss of a long time Pan-Icarian brother, **Michael Stambolis** who passed away in January, sister, **Olga Karaptis** who passed away in July and brother, **Steve Horaite**s who passed away in August. They were all dedicated member who will be sorely missed, *Zoi se sas*.

Please keep Oinoe Past President **Bessie Bornino** in your prayers. Bessie suffered a stroke in January 2008 and has just been re-admitted to the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. We are all praying for a full recovery for this very special lady.

Our new year started off with our annual election meeting held on January 27, 2008 at St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church Hall in Pasadena, CA. We started the evening with a delicious meal prepared by **Asimina Katsas** in lovingly memory of her dearly departed mother, **Dimitra Mantaga's** 13<sup>th</sup> memorial. We then held our meeting and elected our 2008 officers. Congratulations to our 2008 Chapter Oinoe #14 officers: **Nicolas James**-President, **Demosthenes Yiakas**-Vice President, **Bryan Gittings**-Treasurer, and **Maria Katsas-Gittings**-Secretary. We ended the unusually cold and rainy evening with a 50/50 raffle.

Our second chapter meeting was held on Saturday, March 22, 2008 at St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church Hall in Pasadena, CA. We discussed donating money to the Greek Heritage Society and Icarian Foundation, as well as discussing the possibility of hosting the Pan-Icarian National Convention in 2010. We then ended the evening with a *Night at the Movies*. **Maria Katsas-Gittings** projected an old classic Greek Film and we all enjoyed it with popcorn and ice-cream sundaes.

We celebrated Greek Independence Day on Sunday, March 30, 2008 with our Annual Greek Independence Day Program at St. Sophia Cathedral in Los Angeles, CA. **Sophia Anna James** and **Alexander James** did a wonderful job representing the Chapter Oinoe Ikarrians with their Greek Poems and Songs.

Our final meeting before the summer was held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at the home of President **Nicolas and Hilda James** in Glendale, CA. We enjoyed a nice dinner in the backyard and enjoyed some fine Ikarrian fellowship. We were very pleased to have **Kostia & Petros**

**Pariamos** from chapter Pharos #3 in Cleveland join us for our meeting while they were vacationing in Southern California. We then held our annual Mother's Day meeting inside the house. We discussed our upcoming fundraiser at the Hollywood Bowl on July 3rd and our annual Ikarrian Picnic on July 12th in Tournament Park, Pasadena and our Day at the Races on September 27<sup>th</sup>. After the meeting we honored all of our Mothers and future Mothers with long stem roses.

On Thursday, July 3, 2008 we had our annual fundraiser at the legendary Hollywood Bowl in Hollywood, CA. The fundraiser was a sellout. We had 100 people in attendance. We all picnicked on the grounds at the bowl and later enjoyed listening to the Los Angeles Philharmonic, with special guest Randy Newman. A spectacular fireworks show followed the concert.

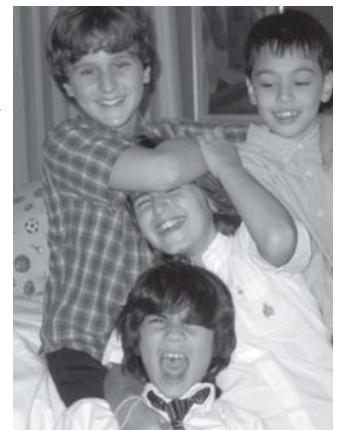
Our last event for the summer before attending the National Convention was our annual Icarian Picnic celebrating the 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ikarrian Independence and The Feast Day of Agia Marina. This fun event was held on Saturday, July 12, 2008 in Tournament Park, Pasadena. We relaxed in a serene setting, enjoyed an endless bounty of food and the company of our Icarian brothers and sisters.

For the fall we will be hosting our annual Day at the Races at the Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia on Saturday, September 27, 2008. We will also have two more meeting before the end of the year.

Submitted by **Nicolas G. James**- Chapter President,  
Read by **Demosthenes Yiakas**-Vice President, Oinoe #14

## Chapter News

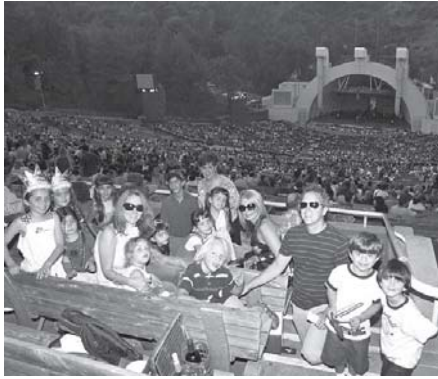
Greetings and Yia sou, from Southern California, and Congratulations to Atheras, Chapter 12 of Philadelphia for hosting such a memorable Supreme Convention at the Loews Hotel in Philadelphia, all of our members who attended had a wonderful time. It is a great opportunity for our youth across the country to meet and form lasting friendships.



Stevie Saphos, Chapter- Oinoe, Christian Tsounos, Chapter-Icaros, Lucas Saffos & Elias Houriates from Chapter- Atheras. Had a great time at the Philadelphia Youth Banquet



The summer has finally come to an end, but we look back with fond memories of our two very enjoyable events that were hosted by our chapter this past summer. The first event was our summer fundraiser.



James, Brice, Perdis & Karavedas Families



President Nicolas James and family



Lappas, Xanthos, Saphos & Lianos Families

It was the 2nd annual Night at the Hollywood Bowl in Hollywood, CA. President Nicolas James organized this event for the second year in a row. It took

place on Thursday, July 3, 2008. We had a tremendous turnout for this event selling out all 100 tickets for this event. The evening started out with a picnic on the Bowl grounds



Alexander & Alex enjoying the Fireworks



Dino & Virginia Lappas celebrating their 48th Anniversary at the Bowl

followed by a great concert by the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Edwin Outwater was the conductor, and Randy Newman, was the special guest star performer.

The event was also a salute to The LA Dodgers celebrating

their 50th Anniversary in Los Angeles for this great American extravaganza we were also treated to appearances by Dodger greats and the Bowl's dazzling fireworks spectacular at the end of the evening.

Alexander James celebrating his 5th Birthday at the Bowl



Potato Sack Races Junior Division

Our second event this summer was our Ikarian Picnic, celebrating the 96th Anniversary of Ikarian

Independence and The Feast Day of Agia Marina. This great event was held on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 3 P.M. till dusk at Tournament Park, Pasadena. Once again our dedicated officers put together quite a picnic. Secretary- Maria Katsas-Gittings secured the grounds and with the help



Xenya & Sophia take the lead!



Potato Sack Races Senior Division

of her husband treasurer- Bryan Gittings did a great job setting up the picnic before the guests arrived.. Vice President- Demosthenes Yiakas and Bryan Gittings served us some awesome hotdogs and hamburgers during the

picnic. President- Nicolas James kept us all entertained with a variety of games like; hot potato, water-balloon toss, potato-sack races and a new cooperative learning





Ikarian Pool Party

game. We also had a wonderful time swimming in the pool adjacent to the picnic grounds, and enjoying some wonderful side-

dishes put together by our great Ikarian cooks.



Dino & Virginia Lappas



Pres. Nicolas James comes in 1<sup>st</sup> place!



Future Olympians Sophia James & Xenya Safos



Water Balloon Toss



LtoR Asimina Katsas, Hilda James, Sophia & Alexander James, Maria & Katerina Gittings

Markos Douris, Jim & Julie Achedafty-Balloon Toss Champions!



Demosthenes Yiakas & Bryan Gittings at the grill



Ikarian Kids: John, Alexander, Xenya, Sophia, Erini & Katerina

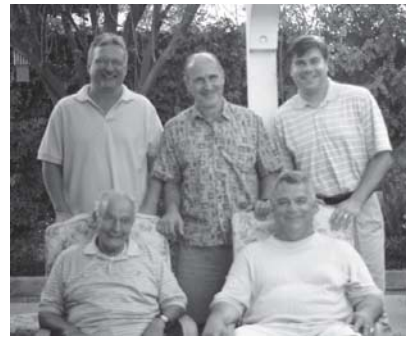


Katerina Gittings, with Yiayia & Pappou Katsas and Koula Tripodes





We were all saddened by the passing of our longtime member **Olga G. Karaptis**: Beloved wife, sister and thia, died on June 30, 2008 at the age of 72 after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Gregory Karaptis, as well as siblings James Maller, Constance Maller, Virginia Kordaris, Georgia Renteria and George Kordaris. Olga's extended family, including several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews in both the U.S. and Greece, also mourn her loss. Olga was born in Los Angeles and attended Belmont High School. Before marrying Gregory Karaptis in 1957, she worked for Pacific Bell and Desmonds. As the eldest of six children, she assumed the role of family matriarch after her mother's death in 1970. Olga had an uncanny memory for dates and never missed a birthday or special event in her family or friends' lives. She had a way of making every person in her life feel special and loved unconditionally. Funeral services were held on July 3rd at 11:00 A.M. at St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church, in Pasadena. Zoi se sas.



Alex Saphos, Stephen Saphos, President Nicolas James, Michael Megaludis, & Manuel Politis

Young Ikarians **Sophia and Alexander James** once again dazzled the crowds at the St. Sophia Cathedral's 10th annual Greek Food Fair held on September 5th-7th, 2008 in Los Angeles, California.



Their dance group Sinefakia was a great crowd

pleaser during this year's food fair. Opa, Sophia & Alexander!

Alexander & Sophia James welcome Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa to the food fair

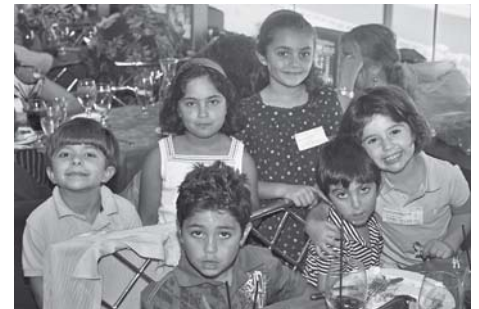


East meets west this summer in Southern California. Stephen and Sheryl Saphos hosted a delicious Ikarian Barbecue in



Ikarian kids enjoying the pool

Our fall event this year was our Annual Ikarian Day at the Races, Past President James Bornino and current President Nicolas G. James once again put together a wonderful event which was held on Saturday, September 27, 2008. We once again rented out the legendary



Ikarian Kids enjoying the Races Turf Club, in the Santa Anita Race Track and enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch while we enjoyed the races and some fine Ikarian fellowship.



Nicole, Sheryl, Stephen, Kalli & Stevie Saphos

party Chapter Oinoe #14, Icaros #7 and Helios #19 it was a great time to catch up with old friends and relatives.

Sheryl Saphos, Dr. Alexis Politis, Hilda James & Luanne Saphos

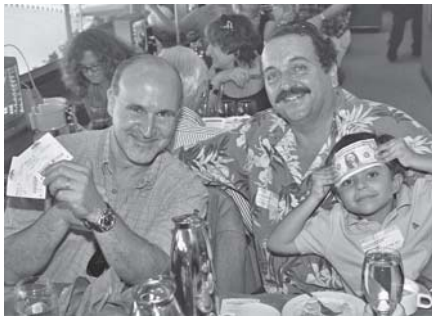


Dino, Andrea & Virginia Lappas



# OINOE

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA #14



Stephen Saphos (with the winning ticket), Constantinos Frangos & Alexander James

The officers and members of chapter Oinoe wish all of our Ikarian brothers and sisters a healthy and prosperous rest of the year.



Ikarian Kids waiting for the Horses

Submitted by  
President- Nicolas  
G. James, Chapter  
Oinoe #14

# LEFKAS

BALTIMORE #16

As summer drew to an end, hundreds of Kariotes made their way to the historic city of Philadelphia for one last Ikarian glendi. We would like to thank Atheras Chapter #12 for hosting an unforgettable convention. Our youth enjoyed themselves at the dance as it reflects true Ikarian style, lasting until the sun rose the next day. The Lefkas members are looking forward to the next convention in Ohio!



Beautiful Ikarian cousins getting together



Panagioti  
Karoutsos and  
Sarandos  
Tripoulas  
dancing



LEFT:  
Lemonia  
Mavrophilipos  
and Despina  
Costalas  
enjoying the  
dance



RIGHT:  
Moshoula  
Karoutsos,  
Georgia  
Frangos, Katina  
Mavrophilipos  
having fun

# CHRIST E. AIVALIOTIS

COLUMBUS #17

Zack Space, our U.S. Congressman of the 18th Congressional District in Ohio and a member of the Chris Aivaliotis Chapter #17, is running for re-election for his second



Zack Space with Jackie Moraitis and Mike Moraitis

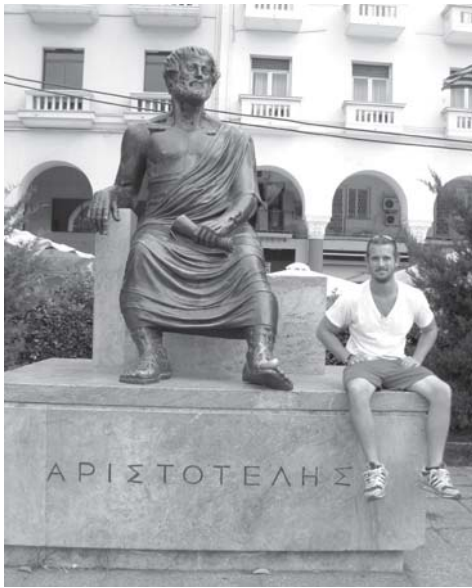
term this November. He presently serves on three full committees dealing with Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and also with Veterans Affairs.

The Chris Aivaliotis Chapter #17 is proud to announce that we are hosting a dance on November 1, 2008 at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church at 7 P.M. Heavy horsd'oeuvres by Milo's Catering will be served and the Orion Express (a five piece band with violin and accompanying DJ) will be entertaining us. The cost is \$35.00 per person and \$20.00 for anyone after 9 P.M. For more information and hotel accommodations, call Marino "Mike" Moraitis at 614/529-8738 or Dessine Fricioni at 937/426-9932.

# CHRIST E. AIVALIOTIS

COLUMBUS #17

Congratulations to **Aristotle Elias Hutras** (son of our chapter President, Aris and Beth Hutras) on his recent



graduation from The Ohio State University this spring. Aristotle received his BS degree in sociology and was awarded a postgraduate scholarship to study Modern Greek language at the Aristotle University in Thessaloniki. Congratulations also to his sister Alexa for

succeeding him as President of The Ohio State University chapter of Sigma Epsilon Phi.

Submitted by Jackie Moraitis

Congratulations to **Carl and Cynthia Hollister!** In June 2008, the couple was elected to serve dual positions as District Governors for AHEPA Buckeye District #11 (Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky). For the 2008-2009 year, Carl will serve as the District Governor for the AHEPA and Cynthia will serve as the District Governor for the Daughters of Penelope. Carl is the grandson of George and Bessie Space of Dover, Ohio, and Cynthia is the daughter of Georgia and Spiro Pappas of Verona, PA. The couple resides in Mason, Ohio with their daughter Alexandra.



# HELIOS

CLEARWATER #19

## Convention Report

Greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters. Helios is proud to report that our chapter remains strong and active. We continue to hold monthly meetings on the forth Sunday of every month, with a dinner for all our members. Our total membership for this year stands at 154 members. We are proud to be the home of Supreme Vice-President: Sonja Stefanadis, District #4 Governor: Charlotte Pardos, IKARIA Magazine Editor: Niki Salame, Past Supreme Presidents: Nick Achidafty, Gus Stefanadis, John Sakoutis, and Stan Tripodis, and Past IKARIA Editor: Stella Pastis Thomas. Our Chapter officers, elected at the end of the calendar year, are President: Stanley Pardos, Vice-Presidents: Steve Parianos and Niki Salame, Secretaries: Fran Glaros and Anna Tripodis, and Treasurer: Ann Andreson. Our Membership Chairperson is Katherine Athanasiades.

Steve Parianos is also our House chairman, and he and his wife Helen continue to make many improvements to our clubhouse. The most recent improvement was the installation of new windows in the restrooms.

At our December 2007 meeting we had the pleasure of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox youth choir visit and sang Christmas Carols for our members.

On the weekend of January 25th-27th Helios Chapter had the pleasure of hosting the Ikarian youth and the Supreme lodge meeting and the Ikarian Foundation meeting. It was hosted at Shephard's Beach Resort on Clearwater Beach and our 31st annual glendi was held on Saturday evening at

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church hall. The dance featured the music of Bobby Koulaxizis, and also Peter Karnavas from Chicago on the violin. We had about 450 people in attendance and raised approximately \$5,000. On March 25th, we participated in the Greek Independence Day Parade held in Tarpon Springs.

On July 19th we held our annual picnic at Anderson Park in Tarpon Springs.

During this year, we were saddened of the loss of beloved members: Catherine Zizes (wife of Peter Zizes), Phillip Vassilaros (husband of Julie Vassilaros), Billy "K" Kratsas (uncle of the Stefanadis and the Petchakos families), George Martinos (brother-in-law to Stella Thomas), Antigone Pakoulis (sister of Irene Achidafty), Maria Fletcher (sister of Kathryn Athanasiades), Danny Loizos (son of the Rose and the late Louis Loizos), Manny Petchakos (cousin to the late Emanuel Petchakos), and former Helios Chapter Presidents: Nick Kavourias, Bill Portellos and James Tsouris. May their memories be eternal. However we are pleased to report on the birth of Theodora Portellos daughter of Harry and Vicky Portellos. Also Garry and Gina Parsonis had a new baby boy, Nathan, born December of 2007.

Helios Chapter extends best wishes to Atheras Chapter 12 for a successful and enjoyable Supreme Convention weekend. We hope to see all of you for our 32nd annual dinner/dance January 24th of 2009. Thank you. Respectfully submitted by Stanley Pardos, Helios Chapter President.



# HELIOS

CLEARWATER #19

## Chapter News

Greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters. Here's the news from Helios Chapter in Clearwater, Florida.

First, we wish to join other Chapters in congratulating Atheras Chapter for a job well done hosting the Supreme Convention. We are proud that our own Sonja Stefanadis was re-elected as Supreme Vice President, Charlotte Pardos was re-elected as District Governor, and Niki Salame was re-appointed as Editor of IKARIA Magazine. Also, two more members of Helios, PSP's Stan Tripodis and John Sakoutis, served as the Business Chairman and Co-Chairman at the Convention



meetings. Back home in Clearwater, on July 19<sup>th</sup>, members of Helios



celebrated **Agias Marinas Day** with a picnic at Anderson park .

In September, our Chapter President, Stanley Pardos, completed his studies in graphic design. We're very proud of him.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Dr. Isidoros "Dory" Moraitis was married to Alicia Lea Ebersole. Dory is the son of Stella and the late Dr. James Moraitis, and grandson of founding Helios members the late Isidoros and Maria Moraitis. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

Best wishes to all.

Respectfully submitted, PSP Dr. Stan Tripodis



Congratulations to **Elizabeth Mary Stamoulis** who graduated in June from Dartmouth University Summa cum laude, with a B.A. degree. She is the daughter of Nina and the Honorable Judge, Paul A. Stamoulis and granddaughter of Mary Lukes Stamoulis. Everyone is extremely proud of her! Mary Lukes Stamoulis



# NISOS IKARIA

TORONTO #21



Visit of Governor Zaharias Lefas to the Toronto Chapter - May 2008

## Convention Report

Greetings from Ikaros of Montreal Chapter 22!

We sincerely hope that all of our Ikarian brothers and sisters enjoyed their summer and that hopefully some of you were able to visit our beautiful Greece homeland. Now we are gathered here in Philadelphia the renowned city of independence to continue the Ikarian glendi at the 105<sup>th</sup> Pan-Icarian Convention. Our sincere thanks and congratulations should be extended to the Atheras Chapter for all their efforts thus far in organizing this successful convention and for being such excellent and welcoming hosts to us all.

We will now begin our Annual Chapter synopsis which is as follows:

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 we gathered with our members to celebrate the New Year and distribute gifts to our Ikarian youth. A great festive evening was had by all and we welcomed 2008 until the wee hours of the night despite the very uncooperative blizzard like weather.

On Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> our annual Greek parade took place along the designated greek street of Jean-Talon to commemorate our March 25<sup>th</sup> Greek Independence day. With the cooperative weather conditions this year we were blessed with a bright sunny day permitting a record number of our members and the rest of the Greek Community to attend and participate in this annual Greek tradition rendering it a great success.

We gathered on April 6<sup>th</sup> As a seasonal ritual in Quebec, at a traditional Cabane a Sucre (Sugar Shack) in a rural village to feast on the delicious traditional delicacies all made with the pure maple syrup of the thousands of maple trees surrounding the village. Our members enjoyed a horse-drawn wagon ride through the woods, while other stayed to taste the hot maple taffy freshly served on snow and scooped up with wooden sticks.

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, we held the General Assembly in which we reviewed our chapter's annual progress, discussed upcoming activities and set forth the annual agenda. We would like to congratulate the council committee for their hard work in preparing and presenting all pertinent documents and we were pleased that so many members participated in this important gathering. We then offered our members that were present a complimentary lunch at Rodos Bay Restaurant which prepared an excellent meal including hors d'oeuvres and a traditional veal makaronada.

On May 9<sup>th</sup> our members, Rosa Foley and Aristidis Mavrogiorgis (son of Haralambos and Filio Mavrogiorgis) welcomed the birth of their new son Haralambos Mavrogiorgis. Congratulations Rosa and Ari. May he always be blessed!!!

And finally on Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>, we gathered at Lugano's restaurant to celebrate our Ikarian Mothers with our annual complimentary Mother's day luncheon. In com-

pany of delicious food, abundant wine and each other, a grand time was had by all and all the Mothers were deeply appreciative of the recognition.

That was all our recent Chapter events for now, and since most of our chapter's members were away vacationing in beautiful Ikaria our summer was quite uneventful in terms of specific organized outings. The fall season is upon us though and we are hoping that we will soon set the pace to organize new and exciting upcoming social events for all our members, as well as focus on our priorities of engaging our youth involvement and increasing membership.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a most pleasant autumn season and may we all continue to progress and strive within our Chapters to maintain and preserve our valuable and unique Ikarian heritage by continuing the great work that our Ikarian ancestors initiated.

Respectfully submitted,

Chryssa Efstratoudakis, Chapter President

Θερμούς Χαιρετισμούς σε όλους από το τμήμα 22 'Ικαρος του Μόντρεαλ.

Ξεκινήσαμε το καινούργιο έτος με την ετήσια

Πρωτοχρονιάτικη γιορτή που έγινε στην 1 Ιανουαρίου.

Παρόλο που εκείνη την ημέρα λάβαμε περίπου 20 πόντους χιόνι και είχε μεγάλη κακοκαιρία, η γιορτή είχε μεγάλη επιτυχία

Ο χρόνος ξεκίνησε με την καθιερωμένη Εθνική μας Παρέλαση που έγινε την Κυριακή 30 Μαρτίου στη ελληνική οδό της "Jean Talon" για να γιορτάσουμε την απελευθέρωση της Πατρίδας μας το 1821. Χάρη στον καιρό που αποφάσισε να συνεργαστεί μαζί μας ευτυχίσαμε να έχουμε μια θαυμάσια ηλιόλουστη ημέρα, δίνοντας την ευκαιρία συμμετοχής στα περισσότερα μέλη μας όπως και στην υπόλοιπη ελληνική παροικία κάνοντας αυτήν την εκδήλωση μια μεγάλη επιτυχία.

Στης 6 Απριλίου έγινε η καθιερωμένη μας εκδρομή σε ένα μικρό χωριό του Κεμπέκ, φημισμένο για τα δέντρα (Πλατάνια) του από τα οποία προέρχεται το γνήσιο σιρόπι του Καναδά. Μαζευτήκαμε να απολαύσουμε τα φημισμένα γλυκά, όλα περιχυμένα με το ζεστό και γνήσιο γλυκό σιρόπι που προέρχεται από τα χίλια δέντρα που περιτριγυρίζουν το χωριό. Επίσης γυρίσαμε την περιοχή κάνοντας μια βόλτα με τα συρόμενα καρότσια από άλογα. Στης 13<sup>ης</sup> Απριλίου έγινε η ετήσια Γενική Συνέλευση μας όπου βρεθήκαμε για να κάνουμε την ανασκόπηση της χρονιάς και να πάρουμε κατεύθυνση από τα μελή μας για ότι αφορά τον σύλλογο μας και για να προγραμματίσουμε τις υπόλοιπες φετινές εκδηλώσεις μας. Ένα μεγάλο ευχάριστο στο Συμβούλιο για τις ετοιμασίες της Συνέλευσης και στα μελή μας που λάβανε μέρος εκείνη την ημέρα. Ύστερα από το τέλος της Συνέλευσης, ο σύλλογος πρόσφερε ένα δωρεάν γεύμα στο Εστιατόριο Ρόδος σε όλα τα μελή που συμμετείχαν.

Στης 9 του Μάη, η Ρόζα Φολεϊ και ο Αριστείδης



Μαυρογιώργης (γιος του Χαράλαμπου και της Φιλίου Μαυρογιώργη) χάρηκαν την γέννηση του γιου τους Χαράλαμπου Μαυρογιώργη. Να σας ζήσει !!!

Στις 25 Μάιου , γιορτάσαμε στο εστιατόριο “Luganos” τις μητέρες μας με ένα τιμητικό γεύμα δωρεάν για τα μελή μας που είναι μητέρες και με καλή παρέα και πλούσιο φαγοπότι περάσαμε μια θαυμάσια βράδια.

Αυτά ήταν τα πρόσφατα νέα του τμήματός μας, με την ευκαιρία αυτή θα ήθελα να σας ευχηθώ να περάσετε ένα ωραίο φθινόπωρο και εύχομαι να τα ξαναπούμε στο επόμενο τεύχος του περιοδικού.

Με εκτίμηση,  
Η Πρόεδρος, Χρυσά Ευστρατουδακη

## Chapter News

Dear fellow Ikarians, the summer came to a close with the highlight of the **Philadelphia convention** which some of our members were lucky enough to attend and as the enclosed photos display a great time was had by all. The participants were: our own District Governor **Zack**



**Lefas** , his spouse and our Vice President **Irene Antypas**, her parents, **Miltiadis and Froso Antypas** and **John Karras** along with his companion **Andree Mercier**. Regrettably though our Montreal Chapter for this issue had nothing else to

submit as the majority of our esteemed members are still basking in the Ikarian sun with their prolonged but well deserved vacations. But we hope to soon report new and



upcoming events in the upcoming magazine submission. We wish you a very pleasant autumn to all.



Αγαπητοί Ικαριώτες, το καλοκαίρι έφτασε στο τέλος του με το φετινό Συνέδριου της Φιλαδέλφειας, κάποια από τα τυχερά



μέλη μας είχαν την ευκαιρία να λάβουν μέρος και όπως δείχνουν οι φωτογραφίες όλοι πέρασαν θαυμάσια. Οι συμμετοχοί του συνεδρίου ήταν ο Κεντρικός Κυβερνήτης μας ο Ζαχαρίας Λεφας, η σύζυγος του και η Αντιπρόεδρος μας, Ειρήνη Αντυπα , οι γονείς τις Μιλτιάδης και Φροσο Αντυπας. και ο Γιαννης Καρρας και η Ανδρει Μερσιε. Δυστυχώς εκτός από αυτό το γεγονός , δεν έχουμε τίποτα επιπλέον έως νέα του Συλλόγου μας λόγος του ότι τα περισσότερα μας μέλη έχουν αποφασίσει να απολαύσουν την ζεστασιά του Ικάριου ήλιου και να μείνουν λίγο ακόμη στο όμορφο νησί μας. Ελπίζουμε όμως ότι στην επόμενη έκδοση του τεύχος του περιοδικού θα σας μοιράσουμε τα καινούργια νέα και τις μελλοντικές μας εκδηλώσεις. Σας ευχόμαστε σε όλους καλό φθινόπωρο.

# LANGADA "SPIRIT OF IKARIA"

ATLANTA #23

Langada Chapter # 23, Atlanta, Georgia sends greetings to the brothers and sisters of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. First of all, we would like to thank the Philadelphia Chapter Atheras for your hospitality in hosting the 105th Pan-Icarian Supreme Convention.

Our highlights for 2008 included the following:

This past spring, our chapter hosted a Hellenic Scholar's Library Luncheon at the Wynfrey Galleria Hotel to benefit book holdings on Greek topics for the special collection at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Our guest speaker for this event was Dr. Speros Vryonis, founding director of the Alexander S. Onassis Center for Hellenic Studies at New York University. Dr. Vryonis spoke on the contributions of Hellenism to the Western World. A special guest in the audience was last year's featured speaker, Nicholas Lardas of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Our chapter congratulates two college graduates and one high school graduate. These three outstanding young women have achieved excellent academic records and have completed many hours of volunteer work for their communities.

Argie Lafakis – University of Alabama, B.S. in Biology

Anna Zarna – University of Alabama, B.S. in Health Administration

Katie Zarna – Guntersville High School

Also, our chapter now has a webpage [www.pan-icarian.com/~langada](http://www.pan-icarian.com/~langada) on the Pan-Icarian website! We are currently posting calendar of events, meeting notices, photo gallery and how to get involved. A special thanks to Elizabeth Sakoutis for constructing this site!

Our new chapter officers for 2008:

President: Bill Androutsopoulos

Vice-President: Despina Vodantis

Recording Secretary: Irene Mavroudes

Corresponding Secretary: Irene Lafakis

Treasurer: Demosthenes Galaktiades

In closing, we would like to extend our best wishes to Atheras, Chapter # 12 for a successful and enjoyable Supreme Convention weekend!

Submitted by Bill Androutsopoulos

Chapter President, Lanagada # 23, Atlanta, Georgia

*Johns Creek girl wins Miss Georgia Girl Jr. Teen*

**Cara Tripodis**, daughter of Chris and Susan Tripodis, competed with girls across the state of Georgia for the title of Miss Georgia Girl. The competition consisted of

interview, casual wear, formal wear and community service. In addition, Cara was very excited about being chosen as cover girl for the pageant program.

Cara is an 8th grader at Taylor Road Middle School, a Jr. Cougar Cheerleader and a



member of the Jr. Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian

Athletes and Chorus .She

also stays involved in the community by working with Muscular Dystrophy Association, Special Olympics, March of Dimes, and Families First.

Miss Georgia Girl is a scholarship pageant that promotes positive attributes in young women and offers numerous opportunities for them to broaden personal experiences to increase their level of confidence and self esteem, friendships, close family ties, encouragement from peers, personal growth and giving back to our community.

Submitted by Susan Tripodis



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# DRAKANON

PARMA #24

## Convention Report

Chapter Drakanon sends its best wishes to Chapter Atheras for a successful 2008 national convention. We continue to have monthly meetings with high attendance and participation of our members.

As winter settled on Cleveland elections were held. In December a change of leadership occurred. The newly elected officers are: President Maria O'Connell (Parianos), Vice-President Icaros Chacalos, Treasurer Paul and secretary Jeannie Parianos. All officers have served many years in elected offices for the club. We would like to thank Marina Casey (Parianos) for her hard work and dedication the past year serving as our president.

With the elections over we concentrated on having our 3rd annual New Year Eve party, which is the biggest event of the year. The 2008 party was a great success. The event was well attended by friends and family. We had a local Greek DJ come in who really did a great job as we all danced into the late hours of the night. The dinner was catered but all members contributed by bringing in desserts and helping with the cleanup of the hall.

As we started into 2008 we established new goals to grow our chapter membership. We formed a membership committee to help concentrate on that goal. We continue to work on our website to help communicate with other chapters and the National Headquarters. We invite all

members to view our site at [www.pan-icarian.com/~drakanon/](http://www.pan-icarian.com/~drakanon/).

Mike Karniotis has worked very hard and continues to do so. He is a real asset to our organization. Mike also produces our Drakanon Quarterly to our members. We have plans to have a garage sale this summer with all the items to be donated by our club members. This is a great event for our members and chance to clean out our closets and raise some funds for the club.

As a newly elected president I hope to bring a lot of ideas for the club for fundraising in 2008. Also along with my fellow members I hope to grow our membership and grow our revenues 10% by year end.

As we all prepare for the convention this year we would like to congratulate all the hard work of Chapter Atheras. The convention is the place to come together as a National organization to establish the strength of our brotherhood and discuss concerns.

In conclusion on behalf of our members and families we hope to continue to contribute to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood to help and serve our fellow Icarians. We are looking forward to 2009.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Maria O'Connell (Parianos) President, Chapter #24 Drakanon

# N'IKARIA

NORTHWEST INDIANA #25

**Marianthi C. Dalis** graduated from Merrillville High School on June 4, 2008 with an Academic Honors Diploma. She is the daughter of Zack and Angie Dalis and granddaughter of Pantelis and the late Marianthi (Lili) Dalis. Marianthi has been on the honor roll and high honor roll for all her high school years. She received her letter by being part of her school's dance team for four years, two of which she served as captain. She also received leadership and most responsible awards during that time. Her love for children helped her organize several dance camps which served as fund raisers. Marianthi received numerous other awards including



the U.S. President's Education Award for outstanding academic achievement, the American Legion Award and medallion for outstanding attributes and National Society of High School Scholars. Marianthi was also part of the school's Student Government where she helped arrange several food drives. Her future plans are to attend Purdue University to major in Elementary Education where her passion for children can be sustained. Congratulations, Marianthi. Kai sanotera!

Greetings from Western New York! To start off, the Panagia chapter hopes everyone had a great summer. We have had numerous chapter gatherings throughout the summer & fall seasons, where we discussed upcoming events and the future of our chapter. We intend to host a fundraising bake sale and possible church dance in the upcoming months.

This past summer, half of our members traveled to the homeland of Ikaria. We stayed at the homestead in Panagia and met many Pan-Icarian Brotherhood members while traveling throughout the island. It was amazing to see three generations of Skaros' enjoying the Ikarian lifestyle together.

Philip & Nickolas Marcello meeting their relatives for the first time in Ikaria



Nickolas Marcello, Nikolas G. Skaros, Elizabeth Menegis, George Menegis; enjoying the dance in Pangia, Ikaria



Cousins, enjoying the island lifestyle: George T. Skaros, Vicki Menegis, Damianos T. Skaros, and Agiro Menegis



Members of the Panagia chapter meeting with relatives at the homestead in Ikaria

Theodore and Marcia Skaros, are proud to announce the engagement of their son, **George Skaros, to Erin Kratsas**, daughter of George and Kathy Kratsas. The couple is planning a fall 2009 wedding in Pittsburgh, Pa. George and Erin met while attending the Brotherhood's annual convention, which was hosted by the Toronto Chapter!



The Panagia Chapter wishes everyone an enjoyable holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in Cleveland and congratulate Philadelphia on a well hosted convention.

Go Bills!

Sincerely,

Nicholas G. Skaros (*President*)

Theodore G. Skaros (*Vice President*)

Damianos T. Skaros (*Secretary*)

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Thanks to everyone who followed the deadline and got their fall submissions in on time!



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Greetings and love from the Pacific Northwest to all our fellow Icarian brothers and sisters.

We would like to say *thank you* for the warm welcome we have received over the past few months from all the other chapters. From the call we received from Mrs. Tula Kazalas of Pittsburgh, to the *congratulations* cards sent by #24 Drakanon chapter, thank you!

It is great to be here and represent Icaria in the Pacific Northwest. It is unbelievable to watch people come forward, out of nowhere and say, "My family is from Icaria" neighbors from small towns that are barely on the map! And to think I never thought we could put together enough people for a chapter? We are now 22 families and growing! News for the reading; Chapter 27's name change of "Agia Eleni" to Mesaria # 27, Pacific Northwest was

decided upon to reflect direct reference to Ikaria. An election of officers was conducted and the following names will represent chapter 27 for the coming year. Charley Andrews – President, Carlene "Irimi" Karimalis-Kitchin – VP, Anna Papalas-Koch – Secretary & Susan Karimalis-Raygoza – Treasurer



Congratulations to our newly elected team!

We were proud to have our President, Charley Andrews as a delegate for the 105<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention, representing Mersaria # 27 Pacific Northwest. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 2008. Time and location to be determined.

Memorials; Argyrios Karimalis, 31 years. May your name be eternal baba.....

Birthdays; Aris Karimalis-Kitchin (Oct) celebrates 10 years old, Evanthis "Ava" Karimalis-Kitchin (Nov) celebrates 8 years old, Carlene "Irimi" Karimalis-Kitchin (Nov) celebrates a very young 37. In closing we wish you all a very blessed, healthy and happy holiday season!

August Meeting: Back row: Anne and George Papalas-Koch, Susan Karimalis-Raygoza, Carlene "Irimi" Karimalis-Kitchin, Pres. Charley Andrews. Front row: Robert Kitchin, Ava Kitchin, Argyrios Kitchin. Not pictured: Aristides and Betty Phourides and Steve Phourides.

Respectfully submitted by: Vice President, Carlene "Irimi" Karimalis-Kitchin Mesaria #27

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FINALLY, our Brotherhood has seen the light! The way to our future is through music!

Our Brotherhood's greatest desire should be to thrive outside of Ikaria and Fournoi, creating noteworthy and positive agendas and achievements, while keeping our heritage strong in the hearts of our children. Aside from our idealistic goals of philanthropy and education, we are finally getting the recipe to attracting our modern youth back to our down-home roots. The way to our future is through our very unique music. Music unites, makes happy, and offers the ability to artistically express the unseen emotion of the soul of the artist, whether that artist is a musician, singer, dancer, hand-clapper, table-drummer, finger-snapper, whistler, head-bobber or listener.

Every living human being is naturally musical. Our hearts beat our own unique rhythms and we are exposed to this wonder from the very first heartbeat in-vitro until the end of our earth dwelling lives. Prenatal infants feel and hear the music of their parents' choice, the timbre and quality of the spoken word, the lullabies and songs. This musical and lyrical experience affects all of us before we draw our first breath. Music is non-verbal, sensed aurally, tactually, and visually; it is memory laden, therapeutic and a relationship builder. It is universally natural to love music. What is unique to our culture is the Kariotiko's syncopated dance. The band this year at the Philadelphia Pan-Icarian Conven-

tion was a group that, for the first time ever, considered all the non-performers in the room as well as the wonderful dancers. Finally, convention organizers got this one right. Congratulations! The lyrical and technical quality of Ikaros's sound offering a non-blaring, undistorted and clear, even tone throughout the room and the band's attention to the dancers' desires were all movements in the right direction.

The real test in a city like Philadelphia (which doesn't have to hold convention-goers hostage to the hotel, due to many all-night venues nearby) is in the number of people that stayed until they got exhausted. To see 7 and 10 year olds dancing an hour-long Kariotiko enthusiastically until 5 or 6 in the morning is a testament to their parents' desire to bring their precious children to our Brotherhood's future! What a vision-made-reality for Atheras members to be proud of!

This was truly a wonderful convention! The chairs' and committees' concern for the entertainment of the "Crowd", (which is at least equal in importance to the meetings and agendas) was apparent and well received.

Congratulations to Philadelphia's Atheras Chapter for setting a new standard!

See you all in Cleveland (2009) and Detroit (2010)!

Fraternally yours,

Rozina Janis Karnavas, Foutrides Chapter Member



## IN MEMORY OF



**Stephen T. Mavronicolas**

July 18, 1956 – March 9, 2008

Stephen

Theologos

Mavronicolas

slipped away like a sudden breeze that passes barely touching one's face. He left us so swiftly, never realizing how many lives he touched: all the children he gave his time to, and the people he helped.

Stephen was a man with the

greatest characteristics a human being can possess; a warm, generous, loving heart. He was a man who was always willing to come to the aid of friends and strangers alike. No matter what the task, Stephen was always willing to volunteer his time and energies to help his family, his friends and the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. Stephen was there for us all.

His motto was: "I CAN DO IT! NO PROBLEM!"

There is a huge void in our hearts. We will all miss his smiling eyes, his hearty laughter and most of all his love.

Submitted by his loving family



I write in tribute to a true friend, Stephen Mavronicolas. Stephen's heart, was golden. In times of true hardship, he came to the aid of many a friend or stranger. He always put the needs of others before his own.

I first met Stephen almost 20 years ago, at a the 1989 convention in NYC. He was a longtime friend of my husband-to be Vasili. Vasili and Stephen were on the convention committee together. Through the years we enjoyed wonderful vacations together, we shared the joy in the births of our respective children, along with the sadness and loss of several friends (who like Steve) left us too early.

Stephen was a dutiful and loving son. He was loyal and compassionate brother and friend. I do not think that there is a person within his very large circle of friends that was not the beneficiary of an act of kindness and friendship. Be it a ride to the airport, financial help, or a shoulder to cry on . . . The list of good acts bestowed upon others by Stephen are overflowing.

He always looked for the good in his fellow man, and was always there for all of his friends. His kind and giving nature was exemplified by the hours he volunteered selflessly on behalf of the Pandiki Chapter, and the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood.

If a friend was sick in the hospital, Stephen would rush to their side for a visit. If a friend was in need, he would rush to their aid with a solution.

My husband and I are blessed to have been able to call Steve our friend. When Vasili fell suddenly ill 2 years ago, not only did Steve rush in to offer me comfort, he selflessly assisted me by running Vasili's business for several weeks, and helped find other people to ultimately service Vasili's Customers. He also provided comfort and support to our son as he adjusted to a drastic change to our families lifestyle.

I know that there are many like Vasili and I who were the receiving end of Steve's benevolence. There was no end to his capacity for love, sharing and compassion. We pray that he is at peace, and for his family and friends, as they deal with his untimely passing. He is dearly missed by all of us.

Submitted by  
Theodora Portelos







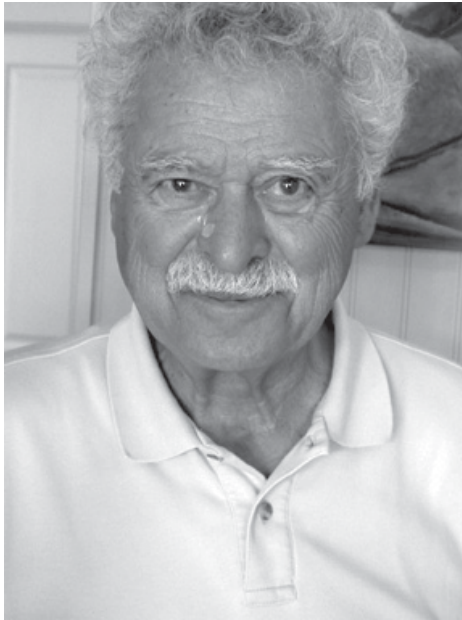
## IN MEMORY OF



### Remembering James Emanuel “Jimmy” Tsouris

January 9, 1921-July 6, 2008

In the course of a  
life so many  
changes happen  
so quickly  
You feel your  
eyes blinking  
wildly  
Winds churning  
as a consequence  
You feel blown  
in one direction  
and then another  
Then one day  
you look out  
from those same  
eyes and find  
yourself some-  
where where you  
never believed



you would be, taking long laborious breaths and surren-  
dering

“I never thought I would really have to go,” you told us  
“We never thought you would really go,” we told you  
back

All of us surrendering our breaths together  
All of our time together evaporated now, in the thin air  
You told me once about the tear jars that old Greeks used  
“They collected the results of their mourning,” you said  
Beautiful little hand-blown jars, reverently lined up on  
mantles across villages in that dry brown mountainous  
land that mothered you

We will need a house full of those little jars now  
You were to us a great father and a beautiful man, kind  
and wise and fun and loving and generous and proud  
You were an irrepressible storyteller who wove so many  
tales that it has taken Alice and I fifty years to unravel  
them, discovering more than a kazillian dramatic elabora-  
tions underpinning them all

You were a painter and a builder, a husband, a brother, a  
friend and a father, and if you were here you would add  
to that list some further accomplishments: a magician and  
an acrobat; a sailor and a chef, a candy maker and a  
flower shop owner

Some of that list could be contested by more than a few  
observers, but as far as I am concerned, you were all that  
and a heck of a gin player too

Everyone who knew you loved you for the rich character  
you were, the light and the compassion you allowed us to  
see

Your favorite line was “when I am elected king...”

Remembering your voice with that pronouncement will  
keep a smile on all of our faces and that twinkle you had  
in your eye in ours

Of the many gifts you leave behind, I will remember your  
more interior spaces filled with poetry

Our road trips across this country that you loved so much  
Your lovely paintings of the southwest and how you  
looked the day you laid your eyes on the gorgeous red  
rocks of Sedona

I will remember your friends calling you “Hollywood”  
for your tall, dark, handsome good looks,  
and I will visit the place where you engraved in stone  
your deep gratitude for your parents, bringing you here to  
the United States to discover all that hope and all those  
dreams you had inside

You were the man who loved to jump out of bed just  
before the crack of dawn and dig into the day  
You loved all of yours, no matter what they delivered to  
you

You were the last man standing at my New Years Eve  
party just a year ago

You weren’t really the last man standing, you were the  
last man dancing

We nicknamed you Chatty Cathy that same year; you  
loved to talk and be the center of attention; you had ours  
always, always will

We will be looking for you every day and remain hopeful  
that we will find each other again

We are all of a piece, you said, and we are

Michel Tsouris

July 6, 2008





## IN MEMORY OF



### Remembering James Emanuel “Jimmy” Tsouris

Dear Dad,

When I was a little girl you held me in your arms  
You danced with me atop your wing tips  
I felt the sparkle of you, the fun  
And gently, you let me know  
That you loved me  
When I was pride to you, when I maliciously chopped off  
those perfectly blond bouncy curls of Michel’s and even  
when I threw those bologna sandwiches down the sewer  
You understood the coming of the ice cream man  
You loved me  
You loved me when I was wrong, praised me when I made a  
better choice, even told me fiction and non-fiction accounts  
of your imperfections  
I was beside you to see you soar in a glory of accomplish-  
ment and sat near to see you fall short by one of your own  
mistakes  
There were few secrets  
You tossed me high into the world with both roots and  
butterfly wings  
And I knew you would catch me  
I knew, too, that I was ready to fly  
I like you, didn’t want a safety net  
I didn’t want to fail you or myself  
I gave you smiles  
You gave lessons in history, cultures, geography, and you  
explained our family dynamics  
You gave me a work ethic as well the appreciation of the  
simple pleasures gained in sharing time with another human  
being  
You proved that both could be accomplished to enjoy a life  
  
We solved many a world crisis as we raised our voices to  
the pros and cons we knew to be correct  
You mastered the true art of storytelling, took it to a level  
that delighted your family, awed those unaware that your  
non-fiction accounts were some of the most creative oral  
literature  
You entertained us  
You made us demand to be heard  
You made us smile from our hearts  
You taught me about “fair,” and shrugged your shoulders at  
“not so fair”  
You always said, “THAT THAT IS, IS; THAT THAT IS  
NOT, IS NOT; IS NOT THAT IT?”  
I really thought you coined that one  
I knew long before my BIG FAT GREEEK WEDDING that  
every word, tradition, original oration and cultural refine-  
ment came from THE GREEK  
I will always believe that to be your truth  
You showed remorse for your wrongdoings, proved “I’m  
sorry” need be said by both sides to make a relationship

strong, and convinced me long ago no matter how hurt I  
am, how right I think I am, that nothing is more important  
than the bond of making an amendment in a loving family  
Learn to understand one another and forgive  
Our time together was truly a friendship  
I would pick you every time to be one of my friends  
You sat with courage atop the pedestal I carved for you  
I allowed your weaknesses though I gained strength  
because you never gave in to a challenge  
To the end you tried your best, fought the hardest  
I will do this to honor your determination  
You accepted those I chose for friends, those I loved, and  
you trusted far more that you questioned me  
For that I thank you  
With mom you built my foundation, my first floor  
Because of my beginnings and your confidence in me, I  
found my voice and knew I could build a high-rise of a life  
Each floor has a landing, where I can look forward, fear-  
lessly, and you will always be there with a miraculously  
matching antidote  
Because of this family’s inspiration and talent, I have a  
dwelling with art from both you and Michel  
I have the taste and simplicity of mom’s lovely style  
I found I could partner with another strong man, be devoted  
to him, respected by him and respectful of our differences  
I could mother; I could share, give and accept love  
I am my son’s friend, as you were mine  
This is the finest of life’s gifts  
Like you, I glory in the ions from the sun, the greens of the  
land, the rusty crags of a mountain, and the hues of heav-  
enly sunrises and sunsets  
I am sorry I didn’t learn to speak Greek to yiayia, to you  
and to our family  
I am sorry I didn’t learn to use your paints and pencils to  
create my dreams on canvas as you and Michel have done  
My painting is in my words to you today  
I am more appreciative than sorry, mostly twice blessed  
than sad today  
I so appreciated being able to take your hand so long ago,  
hold it surely and today I felt honored to hold your hand  
tightly as you gently rose above us all  
I watched your spirit separate  
I feel that spirit, and know how deep in my soul you will  
always live  
You are in my every smile, each narrative I orate, and you  
rest in my heart  
You allowed me to see the light of life  
I know the blessing you were to me, and that life is to me  
Yours was a life lived to the fullest, and you passed that to  
your family  
With our family and friends, I thank God for the grace of  
your Being in our lives  
My Father, I will miss you. Love, Liki  
Alice “Liki” Meek

July 6,

2008



# PROPERTY CONCERNS IN GREECE

## ΚΤΗΜΑΤΟΛΟΓΙΟ ΚΑΙ ΑΚΙΝΗΤΗ ΠΕΡΙΟΥΣΙΑ ΣΤΗΝ ΕΛΛΑΔΑ

**Πολύς θόρυβος έγινε τον τελευταίο καιρό γύρω από το θέμα του Κτηματολογίου στην Ελλάδα .**

**Οι νέες ρυθμίσεις στο μέτρο που δεν είναι γνωστές προκάλεσαν ανησυχία στους ιδιοκτήτες ακινήτων .Παρακάτω θα γίνει προσπάθεια να δοθούν μερικές συνοπτικές πληροφορίες για το Κτηματολόγιο και τις υποχρεώσεις και δυνατότητες όσων έχουν ακίνητη περιουσία στην Ελλάδα**

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Συγκεκριμένα υπόχρεοι σε υποβολή δήλωσης είναι:

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Θα πρέπει να σημειωθεί ότι η δήλωση αφορά δικαιώματα και όχι ακίνητα. Δηλαδή εφόσον ένα ακίνητο, το οποίο βρίσκεται στις 107 υπό κτηματογράφηση περιοχές, είτε είναι αστικό, είτε αγροτικό, είτε είναι οικοδομημένο είτε όχι, ανήκει σε περισσότερα από ένα άτομο θα πρέπει να δηλωθεί από όλους όσους έχουν δικαίωμα σε αυτό το ακίνητο.

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Α) Σε περίπτωση συγκυριότητας, υπόχρεος είναι ο κάθε συγκύριος για το ποσοστό συγκυριότητάς του.

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Γ) Σε περίπτωση μεταβίβασης της ψιλής κυριότητας με παρακράτηση της επικαρπίας, υπόχρεοι είναι τόσο ο ψιλός κύριος όσο και ο επικαρπωτής του ακινήτου.

Δ) Σε περίπτωση σύστασης κάθετης ή οριζόντιας ιδιοκτησίας επί ακινήτου, υπόχρεος είναι κάθε ιδιοκτήτης για το δικαίωμά του επί οριζόντιας ή κάθετης ιδιοκτησίας.

Ε) Σε περίπτωση που έχει συσταθεί πραγματική δουλεία επί ακινήτου, π.χ. διόδου, θέασης κ.λπ.. Ο δικαιούχος της δουλείας υποβάλει τη δήλωση για το δικαίωμα της δουλείας του επί ξένου ακινήτου και για το δικαίωμα κυριότητας επί του δικού του ακινήτου. Ο κύριος δε του βεβαρημένου με τη δουλεία ακινήτου υποβάλει δήλωση για το δικό του ακίνητο.

ΣΤ) Σε περίπτωση χορήγησης ενυπόθηκου στεγαστικού δανείου από τράπεζα, υπόχρεος είναι ο ιδιοκτήτης για το δικαίωμα της κυριότητάς του αλλά και η τράπεζα για το δικαίωμα της εμπράγματης ασφάλειας.

## 2 . Πως συμπληρώνεται η δήλωση.

Η πρώτη σελίδα αφορά τα στοιχεία του δικαιούχου και συμπληρώνεται μόνο μια φορά, ανεξάρτητα αν ο δικαιούχος έχει πολλά δικαιώματα. Συμπληρώνουμε διαφορετική δήλωση μόνο στην περίπτωση που δηλώνουμε δικαιώματα σε διαφορετικούς δήμους.

## 3 . Υποχρεωτικά έγγραφα.

- 1) Δήλωση του Ν.2308/1995 για φυσικά πρόσωπα
- 2) **Απλά** φωτοαντίγραφα των τίτλων
- 3) Αποδεικτικό καταβολής πάγιου τέλους κτηματογράφησης
- 4) Κατά την υποβολή της δήλωσης επιδεικνύεται α) δελτίο ταυτότητας ή διαβατήριο και β) έγγραφο από το οποίο να προκύπτει το ΑΦΜ του δηλούντος (π.χ. εκκαθαριστικό εφορίας)

## 4 . Προαιρετικά έγγραφα

- 1) Πιστοποιητικό μεταγραφής του οικείου Υποθηκοφυλακείου
- 2) Τοπογραφικό διάγραμμα
- 3) Φωτοαντίγραφο της σύστασης διηρημένης ιδιοκτησίας.(οριζόντια ή κάθετη)

## 5 . Που και πως υποβάλλεται η δήλωση

Η κατάθεση της δήλωσης γίνεται:

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A) στα κατά τόπους Γραφεία κτηματογράφησης. **Αν κάποιος τρίτος καταθέσει τη δήλωση απαιτείται απλή εξουσιοδότηση.**

B) Με συστημένη ταχυδρομική αποστολή μέσω ΕΛΤΑ ή courier στο γραφείο Κτηματογράφησης. Σ' αυτήν την περίπτωση θα συνυποβάλουμε φωτοτυπία της αστυνομικής ταυτότητας, φωτοτυπία εγγράφου από το οποίο προκύπτει το ΑΦΜ και το πρωτότυπο αποδεικτικό καταβολής πάγιου τέλους κτηματογράφησης.

Γ) Ηλεκτρονικά μέσω διαδικτύου (internet). Σ' αυτήν την περίπτωση θα πρέπει να έχουμε e-mail, τα έγγραφα σαρώνονται και στέλνονται ηλεκτρονικά ή και ταχυδρομικά

## 6 . Υπολογισμός Πάγιου τέλους κτηματογράφησης

Στις αστικές περιοχές καταβάλλονται 35,00 για κάθε δικαίωμα και 20,00 για τους βοηθητικούς χώρους , εφόσον βέβαια έχουν χιλιοστά στο οικόπεδο.

Οι βοηθητικοί χώροι που δεν έχουν χιλιοστά στο οικόπεδο δηλώνονται στην ενότητα Β.5 του εντύπου Δ1.

Στις αγροτικές περιοχές τα φυσικά πρόσωπα που δηλώνουν περισσότερα από δύο δικαιώματα θα καταβάλλουν πάγιο τέλος μόνο για τα δύο στον συγκεκριμένο ΟΤΑ (Δήμο ή Κοινότητα).

Ο υπολογισμός και η καταβολή του τέλους προηγείται της υποβολής της δήλωσης και το αποδεικτικό καταβολής επισυνάπτεται στο έντυπο της δήλωσης.

Για τον υπολογισμό του τέλους χρησιμοποιείται το ειδικό «Έντυπο πληρωμής πάγιου τέλους Κτηματογράφησης», το οποίο διατίθεται μαζί με το έντυπο της δήλωσης Κτηματολογίου του Ν.2308/1995 (Δ1 κα Δ2).

## 7 . Γενικές και χρήσιμες πληροφορίες.

- Οι ημιυπαίθριοι χώροι δεν δηλώνονται στο εθνικό κτηματολόγιο.
- Τα τετραγωνικά μέτρα του ακινήτου τα γράφουμε με ακέραιους και δεκαδικούς αριθμούς
  - Αν έχει αλλάξει η ονομασία ή η αρίθμηση του δρόμου που γράφεται στο συμβόλαιο, στη δήλωση γράφεται η σημερινή διεύθυνση .
  - Αν για κάποιο ακίνητο υπάρχει συμβόλαιο και δεν έχει μεταγραφεί στο υποθηκοφυλάκειο δηλώνεται κανονικά
  - Προκειμένου η δήλωση να είναι πλήρης, είναι απολύτως απαραίτητος και ο προσδιορισμός της θέσης του ακινήτου στο οποίο αφορά το δηλούμενο δικαίωμα. Στην περίπτωση που το δηλούμενο δικαίωμα αφορά σε

ακίνητο που έχει οδό και αριθμό, ο προσδιορισμός της θέσης είναι κατά κανόνα απλός και συνήθως αρκεί η αναγραφή της πλήρους διεύθυνσής του ακινήτου, στην περίπτωση όμως που το ακίνητο βρίσκεται σε περιοχή εκτός σχεδίου ή σε αγροτική περιοχή, ο εντοπισμός της θέσης του θα πρέπει να γίνει με υπόδειξη του δηλούντα σε εξειδικευμένο προσωπικό του Γραφείου Κτηματογράφησης. Σε κάθε περίπτωση, είναι χρήσιμο μαζί με τη δήλωση να προσκομίζονται αντίγραφα τοπογραφικών διαγραμμάτων ή άλλων εγγράφων που διευκολύνουν την ορθή αποτύπωση του δηλούμενου ακινήτου στα κτηματολογικά διαγράμματα. Εφόσον δεν καταστεί δυνατός ο εντοπισμός του δηλούμενου δικαιώματος κατά την υποβολή της δήλωσης, στη συνέχεια της κτηματογράφησης, ο δηλών θα κληθεί να παράσχει κάθε δυνατή πληροφορία για τον εντοπισμό του.

## **Προσοχή όλα τα στοιχεία να είναι με κεφαλαία γράμματα**

. Η διεύθυνση επικοινωνίας και τα τηλέφωνα να είμαστε σίγουροι ότι έχουν συμπληρωθεί σωστά.

Να έχει υπογραφεί η δήλωση και να έχει συμπληρωθεί η ημερομηνία.

**8. ΕΙΔΙΚΑ ΓΙΑ ΤΟΥΣ ΑΠΟΔΗΜΟΥΣ ΠΑΤΡΙΩΤΕΣ ΚΑΙ ΤΟΥΣ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΟΥΣ ΕΞΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΥΗ προθεσμία υποβολής δηλώσεων για τους Έλληνες Ομογενείς είναι έως τις 30 Δεκεμβρίου 2008 .Σημειώνεται ότι η προθεσμία αυτή δεν είναι καταληκτική για όσες και όσους έχουν ακίνητα στην Ικαρία . ΚΑΝΕΝΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟΥΣ ΤΡΕΙΣ ΔΗΜΟΥΣ ΤΗΣ ΙΚΑΡΙΑΣ ΔΕΝ ΕΧΕΙ ΑΚΟΜΑ ΕΝΤΑΧΘΕΙ ΣΤΟ ΚΤΗΜΑΤΟΛΟΓΙΟ ΚΑΙ ΑΡΑ ΘΑ ΕΠΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΗΣΕΙ ΝΕΟΤΕΡΗ ΑΝΑΚΟΙΝΩΣΗ ΤΗΝ ΟΠΟΙΑ ΘΑ ΣΑΣ ΚΑΝΟΥΜΕ ΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΣΩ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΡΙΟΔΙΚΟΥ . Σε όλο το Νομό Σάμου μόνο για τα ακίνητα που βρίσκονται στο Δημοτικό Διαμέρισμα Σαμίων του Δήμου Βαθέως στο νησί της Σάμου ισχύει η προθεσμία της 30-12-2008 .**

Οι Έλληνες Ομογενείς και οι κάτοικοι εξωτερικού, που διαθέτουν ακίνητη περιουσία σε κάποια από τις 107 περιοχές καλούνται να τη δηλώσουν στο Εθνικό Κτηματολόγιο μέχρι τις 30 Δεκεμβρίου 2008. Σημειώνεται ότι η δήλωση στο κτηματολόγιο είναι υποχρεωτική για όλους όσους έχουν ακίνητη περιουσία στην Ελλάδα και δεν σχετίζεται με τη δήλωση του Ε9. Για την εξυπηρέτηση των ομογενών, αποφασίσθηκε για την υποβολή δήλωσης



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ιδιοκτησίας στο κτηματολόγιο αντί πληρεξουσίου **να χορηγείται από τις Πρεσβείες/Προξενεία** ειδική εξουσιοδότηση με θεώρηση του γνησίου της υπογραφής ατελώς. **Επομένως μπορούμε εύκολα να κάνουμε μία απλή ειδική εξουσιοδότηση χωρίς την γραφειοκρατία του συμβολαιογραφικού πληρεξουσίου και να τη στείλουμε στο δικηγόρο μας ή σε άλλο πρόσωπο που γνωρίζει καλά τα θέματα του Κτηματολογίου .Προσοχή στην εξουσιοδότηση πρέπει να αναφέρονται και να περιγράφονται τα ακίνητα .Σε περίπτωση συνιδιοκτησίας πρέπει να υπογράψουν όλοι οι συνιδιοκτήτες .Συγκεκριμένα, οι δυνατοί τρόποι υποβολής δήλωσης από τους ομογενείς είναι:1). Εφόσον η δήλωση συντάσσεται, υπογράφεται και κατατίθεται για λογαριασμό του δικαιούχου από τρίτον, απαιτείται **ειδική εξουσιοδότηση** με επικυρωμένο το γνήσιο της υπογραφής από τις Πρεσβείες/ Προξενεία της χώρας διαμονής τους **ατελώς δηλαδή ΔΩΡΕΑΝ** .2). Με πληρεξούσιο δικηγόρο ή μη που έχουν ήδη ορίσει με ειδικό ή γενικό πληρεξούσιο για τη διαχείριση της ακίνητης περιουσίας τους στην Ελλάδα.3). **Μέσω τρίτου** με μια **απλή εξουσιοδότηση**. Στην περίπτωση αυτή θα πρέπει να αποστείλουν ταχυδρομικά τη δήλωσή τους **συμπληρωμένη και υπογεγραμμένη** και να επισυνάψουν τα απαραίτητα συνυποβαλλόμενα. Το πρόσωπο που εξουσιοδοτούν θα πρέπει να πληρώσει το πάγιο τέλος σε μία από τις συνεργαζόμενες τράπεζες και να καταθέσει τη δήλωση στο αρμόδιο Γραφείο Κτηματογράφησης.4). Για πρώτη φορά **υπάρχει η δυνατότητα υποβολής της δήλωσης ηλεκτρονικά** μέσω ειδικής εφαρμογής στην ιστοσελίδα της Κτηματολόγιο Α.Ε. [www.ktimatologio.gr](http://www.ktimatologio.gr). Σε αυτή την περίπτωση τα συνυποβαλλόμενα έγγραφα αποστέλλονται ταχυδρομικά στο αρμόδιο Γραφείο κτηματογράφησης και η πληρωμή του πάγιου τέλους πραγματοποιείται με **πιστωτική κάρτα**. Τηλέφωνο 24ωρης επικοινωνίας με το Κτηματολόγιο **+30210 6505600** **Επίσης μπορείτε** να αποστέλλετε τα ερωτήματά σας στο e-mail: [ktimagen@ktimatologio.gr](mailto:ktimagen@ktimatologio.gr) ή ταχυδρομικά στην διεύθυνση :Κτηματολόγιο Α.Ε.Λεωφ. Μεσογείων 288, ΤΚ 155 62 Αθήνα..Η ακίνητη περιουσία είναι οι κόποι μία ολόκληρης ζωής δικής μας ή των προγόνων μας και γι αυτό πάντα πρέπει να αντιμετωπίζεται με ιδιαίτερη σοβαρότητα .Γι αυτό συνίσταται και προτείνεται η ανάθεση της τακτοποίησης της διαδικασίας κτηματογράφησης στον δικηγόρο μας ή σε όποιον γνωρίζει πολύ καλά τις διαδικασίες κτηματογράφησης .Έτσι αποφεύγουμε κόπο αλλά και ενδεχόμενα λάθη.**

Αγαπητές συμπατριώτισσες και αγαπητοί συμπατριώτες μπορείτε να απευθύνεστε και σε εμένα και στους συνεργάτες μου . Το γραφείο μας είναι στη διάθεσή σας για οποιαδήποτε απορία ή πληροφορία . Αν επιλέξετε να επικοινωνήσετε με email , διευκολύνεται και επιταχύνεται η εξυπηρέτησή σας αν βάλετε ως θέμα: «Κτηματολόγιο »

Όσες και όσοι όμως έχετε ακίνητη περιουσία στην Ικαρία, απλά κάνετε λίγη υπομονή μέχρι να επισκεφτεί και το νησί μας το Κτηματολόγιο!

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# POETRY

## *Icaros* by Zaharati Morfesis

oh, Icaros  
dream  
young boy with big dreams  
your father  
told you, warned you  
of flying too high  
but, the blaring brilliant sun  
beckoned you, pulled you  
nonetheless  
Icaros  
young boy with big eyes  
with wings  
that could take you  
to eternity  
and they did  
when you were close enough  
to kiss the searing sun  
that brought you down  
Icaros  
young boy with a big heart  
whose crafted and sturdy wings  
melted in the face of God  
your fragile and beautiful  
body  
fell to its  
death  
yet your story remains  
for all to hear  
dream  
dream till your very wings  
can sustain  
the heat no longer  
dream  
even if it takes you on a journey  
fraught with danger  
into the unknown and alone  
you may be viewed as a  
misguided youth  
but I honor you  
the boy who  
flew too high  
and dared  
to be  
invincible  
oh, Icaros  
dream

## *At our grandmother's kitchen* by George Vassilakis

At our grandmother's kitchen  
we have a great time  
because whenever we go,  
something to eat we find.

And after the meal  
grandmother gives us ice cream.

Today we will eat chicken with potatoes  
and tomorrow the stuffed tomatoes.

When we smell lamb in the oven  
we know grandma will also cook the rice.

To grandmother's house we go  
not only to eat  
but we go to tell her  
that we love her very much.

When we grow up  
we will never forget  
that our good grandmother  
loved us very, very much.

### ΣΤΗΣ ΓΙΑΓΙΑ ΜΑΣ ΤΗΝ ΚΟΥΖΙΝΑ

Στης γιαγιάς μας την κουζίνα,  
εμείς περνάμε φίνα,  
γιατί πάντα όταν πάμε,  
κάτι βρίσκομε να φάμε.

Και μετά το φαγητό,  
η γιαγιά μας δίνει παγωτό.

Σήμερα θα φάμε κότα με  
πατάτες, κι' αύριο τις  
γεμιστές ντομάτες.

Όταν αρνί στο φούρνο... μάς μυρίζει,  
ξέρομε η γιαγιά θα ψήσει και το ρύζι.

Στής γιαγιάς το σπίτι πάμε,  
όχι μόνο για να φάμε,  
αλλά πάμε να της πούμε,  
πως πολύ την αγαπούμε.

Όταν θα μεγαλώσομε,  
ποτέ δεν θα ξεχάσομε,  
πως η γιαγιά μας η καλή,  
μας αγαπούσε πάρα, πάρα πολύ.



Granddaughters Aletha and Georgia



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