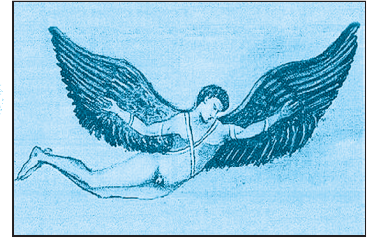


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Headquarters of the Supreme Lodge October, 2010

SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you all most sincerely for the confidence you have placed in me. It is indeed an honor to have been elected as the Supreme President of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "ICAROS". I greatly look forward to meeting and working closely with many of you over the course of the next year.

Congratulations to the Spanos/Areti Chapter No. 9 on a successful 107th Supreme Convention in Detroit. With gratitude, we express our appreciation to all the volunteers who made the weekend so enjoyable for their extended Ikarian family.

I would like to commend all the outgoing officers of both the Supreme Lodge and the Foundation for their years of service to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. Thanks especially to Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis for her untiring commitment and to Foundation Chairman Socrates Koutsoutis for his honorable leadership. We sincerely hope their voices will continue to help council our organization into the future.

Your new 2011 Supreme Lodge is a mix of familiar and soon-to-be familiar faces who I know will be most capable stewards of the Brotherhood. I am thankful to have George Koklanaris and Terry Platis by my side in their respective positions of Supreme Vice-President and Supreme Secretary. I welcome George Paralemos and James Lakerdas to their new offices as Supreme Treasurer and PIB Counselor. Additionally, I welcome your District Governors: Tom Kochilas, Michelle Kotsagrellos, Paul Collaros, Stanley Pardos, Athena Charnas Pugliese and Damianos Skaros. I count each of them as friends and pledge that our team will do its best in your service.

I look forward to working closely with the newly elected Pan-Icarian Foundation Chairman, Gus Yiakas, and the entire Foundation Board. The Foundation is the ultimate expression of the charitable principles on which the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood was founded. We must continue to recognize not only the beneficial work the Foundation accomplishes each year but also acknowledge its potential to do more with our fervent support.

Amongst the goodbyes and farewells following the Convention, the Supreme Lodge started its work on Monday morning September 6, 2010 with a kick-off meeting. We agreed to an agenda that will keep us on track and in touch with the membership over the coming year. We plan to carry on efforts to finish projects like the 'Blue Zones' inspired Icarian Cookbook and work towards distribution of the updated Pan-Icarian Constitution and By-Laws. We will

foster closer involvement with the membership by being receptive to your thoughts and wishes. I hope that you too will reach out to the Lodge by always keeping us in mind regarding individual Chapter events and happenings.

The next two years will be very important for the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood as we head into the 2012 celebration of Icarian Independence. We have been invited to participate in events on Ikaria as the Icarian Diaspora returns to its beloved island. We must commit ourselves to this once in a lifetime event with the same enthusiasm by which we celebrated our Brotherhood's centennial in 2003. Let us not be bystanders to this momentous occasion but rather proud participants befitting a philanthropic organization that generously donated to build the Icarian High School and the Icarian Hospital. We have done great thing as the sons and daughters of Ikaria.

Let us also plan to bring the celebration home from Ikaria that summer to the 2012 Pan-Icarian Supreme Convention here in the United States. By late October, the Supreme Lodge will have hosted a Special Meeting of the Brotherhood in Chicago to review qualified 2012 Convention City bids. We will then visit the sponsoring Chapter to review the hotel and set the groundwork for the culmination of this forthcoming milestone year.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not thank my wife Jill for her understanding and forbearance of the time I will spend away from our family this year. Despite the alleged trouble I cause, she remains my best friend and most trusted advisor. I hope to find the opportunity to bring her and the kids along with me when I can, as they are my greatest loves.



Again, thank you for your trust. With your support, I am sure that we will have a fantastic year together.

Fraternally yours,
Nikolaos J. Pasamihalis
Supreme President

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REPORT OF THE SUPREME VICE PRESIDENT

Good Afternoon Brothers and Sisters,

I am Nikolaos J. Pasamihalis, the Vice-President of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. I would like to extend my compliments to SPANOS / ARETI Chapter No. 9 for what is great 107th Supreme Convention of our Brotherhood here in Detroit.

I have had a wonderful year serving in this office and doing as much as I could to keep up with our dynamic Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis and all my fellow officers on the Lodge.

As some may know, my wife and I had a heart-wrenching scare with our daughter Truly who developed very serious complications after her birth in November of 2009. I would like to thank those that sent their prayers and best wishes and afford us the time to see her through her complete recovery. We are blessed to have her love and laughter fill our home daily with joy.

Supreme Lodge and Chapter Visits:

Last fall, I was with the Lodge as we travelled to Los Angeles to review the Hollywood Renaissance hotel selection for the 2011 Convention. The hotel was beautiful. The sampling of masterful culinary creations with my fellow Officers tableside in a Wolfgang Puck kitchen has now become one of the highlights of my time on the Lodge. Mom's Icarian specialties may be still be the best but hey, come on, this was Wolfgang! While circumstances have led to a change of venue to the Beverly Hilton hotel, there is no doubt that the Oinoe Chapter will definitely have the red carpet rolled out for all of us in California.

In the spring, I represented the Brotherhood in two back to back Greek Independence Day Parade celebrations with Atheras Chapter 12 in Philadelphia and Pandiki Chapter 5 in New York. The Chapters each had fantastic turnouts.

In New York, PSP George Horiates and I were welcomed by Pandiki Chapter President Evangelos Karoutsos, who graciously escorted us to the parade near Central Park. The parade always includes many distinguished Greek Americans and I was pleasantly surprised to spot our Icarian favored son, U.S. Congressman Zack Space of Ohio whom I brought over to Pandiki. He greeted everyone and joined our delegation in the march.

On April 24, 2010, I travelled to Atlantic City, NJ with the Atheras Chapter Officers to attend the 19th annual Hermes Expo Dinner, one of the largest Greek-American trade shows in the United States. At Expo dinner, we sat

with Congressman Zack Space. That evening, I was called upon to present recognition awards to Mr. William Karras of Wilmington, DE and also to Congressman Space.

Lastly, this summer I was fortunate to be at the inception of the Brotherhood's newest Chapter, Agios Kirikos No. 29 of Charlotte, N.C. Legendary southern hospitality abounded in the warm smiles that welcomed Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis and I to the Agios Nektarios community. How appropriate for the saintly relics of Agios Kirikos to tie the new Chapter state-side with our beloved Ikaria. If enthusiasm counts for anything, expect great things from this group in the future.

Membership:

My one regret this year has been the drop in membership across the Brotherhood. While each of us in a way is responsible for membership, the Vice-President has traditionally had the responsibility to lead that effort. Whatever the exact factors for this down turn, I hope to get another chance at helping to lift the membership figure.

Special Projects:

My role this year has also included work on special projects. Building on Terry Platis's efforts to catalogue nearly a decade of updates, the Lodge is poised to release a comprehensive and more user friendly edition of the Pan-Icarian Constitution. When approved, the new version will be made widely available in book and disk format. Hmmm, maybe even as a smart phone app.....?

Recommendations:

The recommendations I would like to make to the Chapters and the Brotherhood would be as follows:

1. The Lodge should make readily available information regarding membership stats to the Chapters.

· We need to partner more closely with the Chapter Presidents who are intimate with their expected membership on the local level. If we can apprise them of their per capita standings on a regular monthly basis through the magazine, website or by direct mail, we will go a long way in improving communication and responsiveness.

2. The Lodge should develop a Chapter Start-up Guide

· It would be most beneficial in overcoming the growing pains of our newest Chapters if they had a checklist to follow in establishing a firm foundation - (i.e. what

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recordkeeping efforts are necessary, what are best practices regarding meetings times and frequencies, what are good chapter building events) – thus setting the stage for development of a strong and rich Chapter legacy to look back upon.

3. Continue to innovate.

Every Lodge team can positively impact the business of the Brotherhood. In the last half dozen years, the magazine and membership databases have been unified, (3) new PIB Chapters have been added, and a revised constitution is in development. Anything is possible when you ask "*Why can't we do it better?*".

This mindset also includes fostering the novel ideas of our members including such examples like the new 'Blue Zone' inspired Ikaria Cook book and Youth sponsored Ikaria Puzzle

In closing, it has been my pleasure and passion to have worked as your Vice-President. I look forward to the opportunity to continue in your service. Thank you,

Respectfully submitted,
Nikolaos J. Pasamihalis
PIB Vice-President

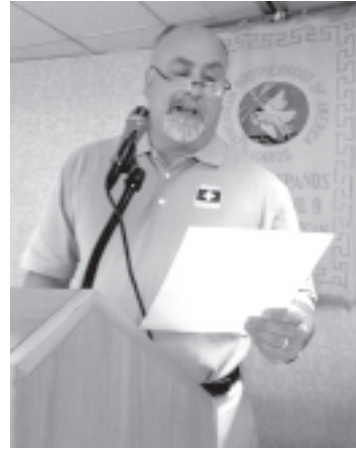
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REPORT OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY

Dear Members of the Supreme Lodge, Delegates and Brothers and Sisters of the Brotherhood,

I begin by welcoming all of you to my hometown and the



107th National Convention. We Detroiters have toiled these last two years to prepare for you a weekend which we hope will be filled with the joy of reuniting with family and friends, and one that is affordable and memorable.

My duties as Secretary this year took me to both sunny California, where I, along with other members of the Lodge, met with the the Oinoe, Los Angeles chapter who are preparing to host the Convention in 2011 and to Clearwater, Florida, where the Lodge hosted the annual Youth Conference. I thank the members of both chapters for their hospitality and efforts in not only hosting what were productive meetings, but also for undertaking the task of ensuring the continued growth and prosperity of the Brotherhood.

In my capacity as Secretary I transcribed the minutes for both the California and Florida meetings and transmitted those minutes to the members of the Lodge and the magazine. I also sent numerous correspondences to the various chapters of the Brotherhood regarding the collection of per-capita dues, the obligation to hold elections, and the registering of Convention delegates. I also served my local chapter as Co-chair of the Convention. This duty, as one might imagine, was both a labor of love and, well.... just labor! Hopefully, those many hours of work will be reflected over these next several days.

I close by thanking my fellow members of the Lodge, especially our Supreme President, Sonja Stefanadis, for all their efforts and dedication to this beautiful Brotherhood.

Again, welcome to the "D"!

Respectfully Submitted,
George Koklanaris
Supreme Secretary/Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America

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REPORT OF THE SUPREME TREASURER

Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to start by thanking the Spanos/Areti Chapter for their generous hospitality and congratulate them on a successful "paradosiako" Convention.

1. Current Account Balance

As of August 31, 2010, the balance in the Brotherhood's checking account with PNC bank was \$43,966.20.

2. Expenses

The checks that have been written from the 2009 Convention through September 3, 2010 are listed on the following page.

The Brotherhood has retained Anthony Mavronicolas to represent the Brotherhood, Sonja Stefanadis and myself in the Old Age Home/Souroumanis estate litigation. We have not yet received an invoice from Anthony Mavronicolas for his legal fees and expenses. The Foundation has agreed to pay for all of the legal expenses of the Brotherhood and its officers in connection with the Old Age Home/Souroumanis estate litigation.

3. CDs

(i) The CD with National City was renewed on December 14, 2009. The CD balance as of December 14, 2009 was \$36,706.79. The interest rate on this CD is 1.69% and it will mature on January 17, 2011.

(ii) The CD with the Private Bank was renewed on June 10, 2010. The CD balance as of June 10, 2010 was \$15,678.98. The interest rate on this CD is 1.35% and it will mature on December 10, 2011.

4. 2010 Membership

As of September 3, 2010, the Brotherhood has 1,560 paid members. Attached to this report is a detailed per-chapter summary.

Several chapters had not sent in any per capita dues as of September 3, 2010. Those chapters are Doliche (Steubenville), Lychnos (San Francisco), Nea Ikaria (Port Jefferson) and Agios Kirikos (Charlotte).

Several chapters should be commended for increases in membership from 2009. Those chapters are Pramne, Pandiki, Athereas, Oinoe, Lefkas, Chris Aivaliotis, Kavo Papas, Nissos Ikaria and Eirini. Membership at two chapters (Koursaros and Panagia) was unchanged from 2009; all other chapters have had a decrease in membership to date from 2009.

5. Income:

As of September 3, 2010, total per capita membership income since the last convention was \$28,545.00 and breaks down as follows:

2008: 17 members paid late (\$255.00)

2009: 322 members paid late (\$4,840.00) (includes 1 at large member accounting for extra \$10)

2010: 1,560 members (\$23,420.00) (includes 2 at large members accounting for extra \$20)

Beyond 2010: 2 memberships (\$30.00)

Additional income:

(i) The Brotherhood received \$34.99 from John and Karla Saffos of Middletown, Delaware for the documentary DVD.

(ii) The Brotherhood received \$512.12 of interest income from the Private Bank CD and \$1,579.99 of interest income from the PNC CD.

Total income since the convention through September 3, 2010 was \$30,672.10.

6. Database

All address and other similar changes requested from chapters/members since the last Convention have been entered into the database. I want to encourage all of the Chapters to submit any address and similar changes that they have to ensure that all paid members continue to receive the *Ikaria* magazine.

I'd like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Supreme Treasurer this year. It has been a true pleasure and an honor. I am passionate about the Brotherhood's mission and my experience this year has only served to strengthen my belief that the Brotherhood serves a critical function in bringing Ikariotes together, maintaining our unique culture and giving a helping hand to our brothers and sisters in need. I hope you give me the opportunity to continue to serve you in the future.

Submitted by E. Terry Platis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>
10/30/2009	3280	\$1,000.00	Niki Plutis Salame	Ikaria Magazine - Fall 2009
10/30/2009	3281	\$3,995.00	Baywalk Development	PIB Website Redesign
11/6/2009	3282	\$750.00	Athina Siringas - PIB District Governor	Officer Travel Expenses
11/6/2009	3283	\$750.00	Nik Pasamihalis - PIB Vice President	Officer Travel Expenses
11/13/2009	3284	\$840.00	Chapter # 3 – Pharos	2009 Youth Banquet
11/13/2009	3285	\$207.00	Chapter # 3 – Pharos	2009 Presidents' Luncheon
11/28/2009	3286	\$750.00	George Koklanaris – PIB Secretary	Officer Travel Expenses
1/16/2010	3287	\$300.00	Nicole Androutsopoulos - PIB District Governor	Officer Travel Expenses
1/16/2010	3288	\$1,500.00	Chapter # 5 – Pandiki	Reimbursement of Parade Float for 2008 and 2009
1/25/2010	3289	\$636.00	George Paralemos – PIB District Governor	Officer Travel Expenses
1/25/2010	3290	\$664.08	Michelle Kotagrelas – PIB District Governor	Officer Travel Expenses
2/2/2010	3291	\$600.00	Chapter # 8 – Aristedes Phoutridis	Remibursement of Parade Float for 2009
2/10/2010	3292	\$5,500.00	Niki Plutis Salame	Ikaria Magazine - Winter 2010
4/23/2010	3293	\$60.00	Chapter # 7 – Icaros	2010 Mini-Convention Ad
6/22/2010	3294	\$5,500.00	Niki Plutis Salame	Ikaria Magazine - Summer 2010
7/8/2010	3295	\$200.00	Chapter # 9 - Spanos/Areti	2010 Supreme Convention Ad
7/8/2010	3296	\$750.00	John Ferra CPA	Tax Return Preparation Fees for Tax Years ended 8/31/2008 and 8/31/2009
7/14/2010	3297	\$850.00	Chapter # 5 – Pandiki	Reimbursement of Parade Float for 2010
8/24/2010	3298	\$2,500.00	Sonja Stefanadis – PIB President	President Travel Expenss
8/24/2010	3299	\$1,000.00	Sonja Stefanadis – PIB President	Travel Expenses re New Chapter Development (Buffalo, Pacific NW, Virginia, Charlotte)
8/24/2010	3300	\$142.50	Amy Wills	Pan-Icarian Cookbook Expense (Typist)
8/24/2010	3304	\$25.60	Tim Leakas	Pan-Icarian Cookbook Expense (Printing Labels)
8/24/2010	3305	\$113.52	Jacqueline Moraitis	Pan-Icarian Cookbook Expenses (Supplies/Postage)
8/31/2010	3306	\$750.00	E. Terry Platis - PIB Treasurer	Officer Travel Expenses
8/31/2010	3307	\$141.52	Nikolaos J. Pasamihalis - PIB Vice-President	Reimbursement of Chapter President and Supreme Lodge Certificates for 2010 Convention
Total		\$29,525.22		

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REPORT OF THE SUPREME TREASURER



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No.	CHAPTER NAME	MEMBERSHIP						2010	2009 to 2010 change	2010 convention delegates
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009			
1	PRAMNE	22	16	20	15	15	20	25	5	2
2	V.I.CHEBITHES	58	54	65	52	67	74	38	-36	4
3	PHAROS	144	154	153	137	167	189	122	-67	7
4	DAEDALOS	37	49	44	41	22	47	16	-31	2
5	PANDIKI	209	205	207	186	159	156	161	5	8
6	DOLICHE	64	59	59	56	51	50	0	-50	0
7	ICAROS	257	250	255	239	256	261	244	-17	9
8	FOUTRIDES	155	128	121	99	146	115	85	-30	6
9	SPANOS/ARETI	148	143	139	139	139	139	135	-4	7
10	THERMA	96	92	76	56	62	73	44	-29	4
11	LYCHNOS	41	43	55	46	35	41	0	-41	0
12	ATHERAS	78	104	100	79	79	58	85	27	6
14	OINOE	197	140	132	113	104	82	121	39	7
15	NEA IKARIA	82	87	87	83	60	73	0	-73	0
16	LEFKAS	92	80	87	86	62	37	60	23	5
17	CHRIS AIVALIOTIS	42	46	37	32	32	33	34	1	3
18	KOUSAROS	31	15	19	13	8	12	12	0	2
19	HELIOS	150	162	174	153	155	206	126	-80	7
20	KAVO PAPAS	21	26	33	28	29	32	33	1	3
21	NISSOS IKARIA	46	55	58	61	43	43	47	4	4
22	ICAROS OF MONTREAL	43	55	53	57	55	55	50	-5	4
23	LANGADA	50	50	51	56	55	54	30	-24	3
24	DRAKANON	36	36	29	25	34	28	23	-5	2
25	N'IKARIA	21	30	37	41	40	27	22	-5	2
26	PANAGIA	0	0	0	18	18	18	18	0	2
27	MESARIA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11	10	-1	2
28	EIRINI	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	16	16	19	3	2
29	AGIOS KIRIKOS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0
		2120	2079	2091	1911	1909	1950	1560	-390	
		TOTALS						1560		103
										Delegates

Constitutional Delegate Allowance Per Membership

8 to 25=	2
26 to 35=	3
36 to 50=	4
51 to 75=	5
76 to 100=	6
101 to 150=	7
151 to 200=	8
201 to 250=	9
251 to 300=	10

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REPORT OF THE SUPREME COUNSELOR

It has been my honor to serve as counselor for the Supreme Lodge of the Brotherhood, and I have been especially grateful to work closely with our president, Sonja Stefanadis, and our treasurer, Terry Platis.

For the most part, the simplest tasks during the year have been interpreting our constitutional answers to various questions that arose from September 2009 through August 2010. On one occasion giving a constitutional interpretation required a greater expenditure of time and effort.

Namely, the Brotherhood and two of its officers were named in a lawsuit concerning a bequest being managed by the Foundation. Our position has consistently been that neither the Brotherhood nor its officers are proper parties to a lawsuit over a special fund that was made by a private party to the Foundation for a specific purpose over which the Brotherhood and its officers lack authority to direct (specifically see Pan-Icarian Foundation Bylaws, item 5. SPECIAL FUNDS).

Due to some unfortunate occurrences over the summer (illness of an attorney's family member), as well as more complicating issues (chicken and egg questions of what events could most quickly resolve the substantive issues of the lawsuit), the Brotherhood and its officers have yet to be dismissed from the lawsuit. However, we have retained the services of an attorney who practices in the jurisdiction of the lawsuit for the specific purpose of having the Brotherhood and its officers removed from the lawsuit.

The issue of hiring counsel also raised another issue for us. Our constitution currently lacks indemnification language that would protect the officers of the Brotherhood from having to pay from their own funds to resolve legal issues of the Brotherhood. I would suggest amending the constitution to include such language. For instance:

The Brotherhood shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless any officer of the Brotherhood acting in good faith on behalf of the Brotherhood who becomes a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was an officer of the Brotherhood against all expenses, liabilities and losses (including attorney's fees) incurred by such officer in connection therewith.

I would suggest that the indemnification language be added at Article 14 The Supreme Lodge, Section A. Supreme Officers, in a new item 3.

Finally, I would encourage the chapters of the Brotherhood considering hosting the convention to begin availing themselves of the services of organizations whose business it is to coordinate conferences for organizations like ours. We have already heard a representative of such a company in the past and will hear from another one this year. The protection of each convention's monetary bottom line is too important to leave to the vagaries of our unique personalities. When such an organization becomes fully aware of our contractual needs, securing sound contracts for conventions should be substantially simpler than at present.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve a Brotherhood beloved by my ancestors, my family and myself.

Respectfully submitted,
Sophia Sakoutis, Counselor

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DISTRICT 1 - GOVERNOR REPORT

Chapter Pandiki

On Sunday, September 20, 2009, I attended Chapter Pandiki's Welcome Back BBQ for all the members and greater community. It was a perfect opportunity for everybody to see each other and catch up on old news.

On Sunday, October 4, 2009, I attended a fundraiser that was organized by members of Pandiki for a young Icarian that has fallen ill and is in financial need. The fundraiser was well attended and over \$10,000 was raised.

On Saturday, October 10, 2009, Pandiki Chapter #5 held their annual Fall Dinner Dance. This year the dance was given in honor of Brother Kostantinos (Gus) Safos for all his years of service and dedication to our club. During the dinner aspect of the event Brother Safos was presented with an award by President Lefkie Fradelos-Hunt.

On Saturday, October 17, 2009, the Youth Association hosted their annual Oktoberfest. The Leshi was turned into a German pub, serving their guests ice cold beer, hot dogs, sausages and hot pretzels.

On Friday, November 20, 2009, Chapter Pandiki held one of its most important meetings in the Chapter's history. During the meeting many issues were discussed. However, the important topic of discussion was Pandiki's recent transition to a 501 © 3 nonprofit organization. Also preparations are being made to bring the convention to New York in 2012.

On Sunday, December 10, 2009, Chapter Pandiki hosted a delicious spaghetti "Makaronada" dinner and "Loukoumades". As always these events provide an opportunity for all the members to congregate and socialize.

On Wednesday, December 23, 2009, the Pandiki Youth Association hosted their first "School Is Out" party. As always, the Youth turned out in large numbers. Keep up the good work George Vatougios and Peter Panagopoulos!

On Sunday, December 27, 2009, Chapter Pandiki hosted a blood drive to help out our community hospitals. More than 30 Icarian's showed up to donate blood. Every donation helps to save up to three lives.

On Tuesday, December 29, 2009, Santa made a special visit to bring presents to the children of Pandiki and the greater community. The children feasted on goodies and treats, and all went home with a special Santa gift.

On Thursday, December 31, 2009, Chapter Pandiki held its annual New Year's Eve Gala. Many Icarians chose to ring in the New Year with friends and family. A delicious dinner was served along with complimentary champagne. There was plenty of dancing through the morning hours.

On Sunday, January 17, 2010, I attended a fundraiser that was organized by members of Pandiki for an Icarian that has fallen ill and is in financial need. The fundraiser was well attended and over \$10,000 was raised.

On Saturday, February 6, 2010, another fundraiser was organized by members of Pandiki for a young Icarian that has fallen ill. The fundraiser was well attended and over \$7,000 was raised.

On Friday, February 19, 2010, Pandiki Chapter # 5 held their election meeting. The newly elected officers are as follows: Evangelos Karoutsos, President; Kostas Tsahas Vice President; Demetrios Koutsouras, Treasurer and Francesco Portelos, Secretary. The newly elected board pledged to increase membership and start preparations to bring the convention to New York in 2012.

On Saturday, May 15, 2010, I attended Chapter Pandiki's Ouzeri Night. The members and their friends indulged in Ouzo, Wine and "Pikilia", while enjoying live Greek music. It truly felt like being in an Ikarian Ouzeri.

On Sunday, June 13, 2010, I attended Chapter Pandiki's annual BBQ. The day was marred by rain; however it didn't dampen their Ikarian spirits. The members were honored to have Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis at the BBQ who discussed current affairs of the Brotherhood.

Chapter Atheras

On Sunday, September 20, 2009 Chapter Atheras held its first meeting since the summer. During the meeting many issues were discussed, including preparations for their annual Halloween **Parties** and most importantly their upcoming Dinner Dance, which will mark the chapter's 70 year anniversary.

On Friday, October 30, 2009, Chapter Atheras held their annual Halloween Party. Everyone showed up in their costumes with the spirit of eating, drinking and dancing until the morning hours. A children's Halloween Party, was held a few days later.

On Saturday, February 13, 2010 Chapter Atheras held their annual Dinner Dance at their local church community hall. Many Icarians and Greeks from the community attended the dance. This Dinner Dance marked the chapter's 70 year anniversary.

Chapter Nea Ikaria

On Saturday, November 28, 2009, Chapter New Ikaria held a Loukoumades fundraiser to help raise money to keep their club operating. As always many Icarians took part at this important event.

On Saturday, December 5, 2009, Chapter New Ikaria hosted a Giouvesti Dinner. It was an opportunity for all the members to congregate and socialize.

On Thursday, December 31, 2009, Chapter Nea Ikaria held a New Year's Eve Dance at their local church community hall. Many Icarians and Greeks from the community attended the dance. They had a great time ringing in 2010, and dancing their way into the New Year.

Chapter Lefkas

On Saturday, November 21, 2009, Chapter Lefkas held their annual Dinner Dance at their local church community hall. The dance was well attended. It was an opportunity to feel like you were at an Icarian Festival.

Submitted by George Paralemos

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DISTRICT 2 - GOVERNOR REPORT

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as District Governor #2 this year. Serving in this position has been a most rewarding experience and I thank you all so much. I appreciate the support of the membership and our Supreme President, Sonja Stefanadis, during this year on the Supreme Lodge. I also have enjoyed working with Nik, George, Terry, Sophia, George, Athena, Nicole, Athena and Damianos.

The chapters in this District are: Pramne #1 Youngstown, OH; V.I. Chebithes #2 Akron, OH; Daedalos #4 Warren, OH; Doliche #6 Steubenville, OH; Icaros #7 Pittsburgh, PA; and Christ E. Aivaliotis #17 Columbus, OH.

In my duties as District Governor for the Brotherhood this past year, I attended the Supreme Lodge Meeting and Icarian Youth Conference in Clearwater, FL January 15-17, 2010. It was wonderful to see all of the "youth" (the "you" of tomorrow) exchange ideas and start working together for the good of the Brotherhood, especially from "my" chapters of Youngstown, Akron, Warren and Pittsburgh.

I wish to extend my best wishes to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood and wish Detroit's Spanos/Areti #9 a successful Convention.

After the 106th Pan-Icarian Brotherhood Convention in Cleveland, OH, Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis had the opportunity to visit all of District #2's Chapters!

Pramne#1 Youngstown:

A chapter of approximately 25 members, they enjoy their monthly meetings (excluding the winter months), their annual Christmas Party and a 'Spring Picnic' at chapter President, Estee Elias' home. It was great that the Elias girls represented their chapter at the Youth Conference this year.

V.I. Chebithes #2 Akron:

An enthusiastic chapter, who enjoys their Reverse Lottery (ask a member for details), annual Christmas Party and Summer Lamb Roast (which has become a tradition)!

Daedalos #4 Warren:

A very small chapter who is trying to find a home to have meetings, but they definitely enjoyed their annual Christmas Party and took great pride in marching in the Greek

Independence Day Parade in Warren, OH.

Doliche #6 Steubenville:

This past year Doliche enjoyed their annual Christmas Party and "Dairy Queen" Ice Cream Social. Yum! FYI: They may have a future Heisman Trophy winner hailing from their chapter in Zach Collaros (University of Cincinnati Quarterback).

Icaros #7 Pittsburgh:

A thriving community of over 250 members, they enjoyed their monthly meetings and Macaronades/Dinners, Children's Halloween Party, Pizza with Santa Party, Super Bowl Party (despite the "Snowmagedon") and their legendary Memorial Day Celebration with the 8th Annual Steve Manners Open and the 33rd Annual Mini-Convention Dance.

Christ E. Aivaliotis #17 Columbus:

No report was received. Please write, call or e-mail! What is happening in Columbus, besides the Golf Outing/Picnic?

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Marie Kotsagelos
District Governor #2

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DISTRICT 4 - GOVERNOR REPORT

Your southern brothers and sisters send best wishes to Detroit for a successful convention this year! District #4 once again has proven that 2009 has been both a busy and successful year for its chapters.

Houston, Texas: Kavo- Papas #20

With the help of all of its members, Kavo- Papas once again pulled off their annual Bake Sale at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Houston last November. The Bake Sale is the club's largest fundraiser for the chapter and the club has made quite a reputation for itself with repeat customers who come looking for specific baked goods made by some very special Kavo-Papas hands. Chapter membership has increased this year with a total of 33 members and they report they are targeting the local community in an effort to continue their expansion. While busy schedules may keep the group from frequent formal meetings, this does not derail them from having various social gatherings.

Atlanta, Georgia: Langada #20

Many of Langada's members have been traveling near and far this past year all in the spirit of Icarus, visiting the island as well as the rest of our country. The chapter hosted a luncheon for visiting Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis with over 30 people in attendance and numerous members taking part in various social activities such as baseball games, working the Greek Festival and pool parties over the past year. Unfortunately the club has suffered a decline over the past year in membership numbers but this decline appears to be due to members moving out of state for employment opportunities. Langada wishes them the best!

Wilmington, North Carolina: Therma #10

Therma has been very busy over the past year and has had a lot to celebrate! Just like their sister chapters, the club has been involved in various fundraisers and social gatherings. Several of their younger members have gone on to graduate from both high school and college over the past year in pursuit of excellence. Speaking of excellence, fellow Therma member, Basile Katsikis, was honored this past year with an Emmy nomination for his "Jimmy the Greek" documentary and was the recipient of the AHEPA Aristotle Award for Excellence. Congratulations Basile!

Charlotte, North Carolina: Agios Kyrikos #29

Most exciting is the news that the Brotherhood has expanded with the creation of this newest chapter under the leadership of President -Elect Maria Padgett. Charlotte, welcome, we wish you much success!

Respectfully Submitted, Nicole Androutsopoulos

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DISTRICT 5 - GOVERNOR REPORT

The past year I have felt quite honored and blessed to have served as District Governor District # 5. This position has given me a wonderful opportunity that has enhanced and strengthened my Icarian roots and has created lifelong friendships that otherwise would not have occurred. My chapters include Northern California – Lychnos Chapter 11, Southern California – Oinoe Chapter 14, and the Pacific Northwest – Mesaria – Chapter 27. At times throughout the year the distance between members proved to be a major obstacle, however, events were planned to the best of each chapter's ability. There were several states that were involved in these Chapters which made membership quite a difficult task.

On October 11th 2009 I had the pleasure of attending my first Supreme Lodge meeting in Hollywood California, which was hosted by Oinoe Chapter 14. Minutes were approved from the Cleveland Convention and reports were given by the SL members. Discussion, regarding the 2011 convention in Hollywood took place as we were treated to a wonderful luncheon in the kitchen of Wolfgang Puck. Costantinos Frangos was instrumental in leading us in a tour of the Renaissance Hotel which is being considered for the 2011 Convention. The youth leadership informed President Stefanadis that the 2010 conference would be held on January 16th at the Shephard's Resort in Clearwater Florida.

In November I had the opportunity to attend the annual dinner dance hosted by the Lychnos Chapter which was held at the Elkhorn Country Club in Stockton CA. The music, the food, and the Kariotiko Kefi, was only out done by the wonderful Parea that attended this event. I also had the honor of meeting and chatting with Stelios Petsakos, who is believed to be one of the oldest members of the Ikariotiko club. A surprise birthday party is to be held in February.

In January 2010 I attended the Sixth Annual Youth Leadership Conference in Clearwater Florida hosted by the Helios Chapter #19. Many new and excellent ideas were discussed as possible fund raising opportunities, such as an Ikarian puzzle that would hopefully be sold at the Detroit Convention. Many other activities such as an Ikarian Cookbook demonstration and Ikarian Jeopardy took place. The highlight of the weekend was a dinner dance, where Peter Karnavas played his magical violi.

At this time, I would like to thank all of the members of the SL and especially Sonja Stefanadis, for sharing a wonderful and memorable year. I look forward to seeing all of you on the West Coast next year!

Respectfully Submitted,
Athena Charnas Pugliese

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YOUTH REPORT

The Ikarian youth is going strong! Once again, we met at the convention and it was decided that the next youth conference will be sponsored by Chapter Atheras #12, Philadelphia. It will be held April 1-3 2011.

SAVE THE DATE!

We will be attending the Hermes Expo in Atlantic City. Details will be coming.

It was discussed that maybe the youth should attend the convention meetings to get a better understanding of how the brotherhood works.

We are still looking for chapters to host future conferences. The youth conference should be in conjunction with an event and all the guidelines remain the same. The age of delegates to attend is 18-30. The Brotherhood will cover the costs of the hotel, food, local transportation and local event. Up to two (2) paid members per chapter should attend. If more than 30 delegates sign up then it will be on a first come basis. Each chapter is encouraged to send new people to be delegates.



We had the puzzle (shown above) that had been in the works since the Cleveland convention to sell. It was a successful first run. WE SOLD OUT! We are now taking additional orders. They make great presents (Christmas is coming). They are \$15 plus shipping. For more information please contact cpanda252002@yahoo.com or 412-418-6954. All proceeds benefit the Ikarian youth. Please support them.

Respectfully submitted Cathy Pandeladis, Youth Chair

2011 Ikarian Youth Leadership Conference hosted by Chapter Atheras #12, Philadelphia

April 1-3 2011
SAVE THE DATE!

New this year:

THE HERMES EXPO INTERNATIONAL

Trade Shows & Exhibition Seminars Since 1992: Culture, Trade, Communication Networking forum for Greek American, American and Southeastern European businesses

Details to follow

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Head table acknowledgements: Toastmaster of the John Lygizos, PSP, Rev. Tom George; Foundation Chair-Socrates Koutsoutis; Convention Chair Ellene Tratras Contis; Chapter President Nick Manolis; Guests of the Dias; Brothers, Sisters and Friends; Congratulations to Spanos/Areti for their efforts in hosting their 8th Supreme Convention since 1948. All I can say that it keeps getting bigger and better. Bravo Sas! Those that have hosted a Supreme Convention realize that it is no easy task to gather the Icariotes and keep everyone on schedule.

I had a great year as Supreme President because I was fortunate to have a great Supreme Lodge. I would like to introduce them at this time. Please stand and be recognized:

Vice-President—Nicholas J. Pasamihalis; Secretary—George Koklanaris; Treasurer—E. Terry Platis; Counselor—Sophia Sakoutis; Governors: George Paralemos, Michelle Kotsagrellos, Athina Siringas, Nicole Androutopoulos, Athena Charnas Pugliese and Damianos Skaros. Serving as *Icaria Magazine* Editor—Niki Plutis-Salame; Scholarship Chair—Steve Stratakos and Web Manager—Dean S. Tripodes

It is my pleasure to also introduce the newly elected and installed officers for the 2010-2011 year: President—Nikolaos J. Pasamihalis; Vice-President—George Koklanaris; Secretary—E. Terry Platis; Treasurer—George Paralemos; Counselor—James Lakerdas; Gov. #1; Tom Kohilas; Gov. #2, Michelle Kotsagrellos; Gov. #3—Paul Collaros; Gov. #4—Stanley Pardos; Gov. #5—Athena Charnas Pugliese and Gov. #6—Damianos Skaros. Serving as Scholarship Chair is Georgia Pandeladis.

I was blessed to follow in the footsteps of our past Supreme Presidents. We had communications throughout the year and I am pleased to welcome them this evening: George D. Achedafty; John A. Lygizos; Gus D. Stefanadis; Ellene Tratras Contis; George N. Contis; John Sakoutis, Stanton P. Tripodis, George G. Horiates, Nicholas J. Tsalis and Mike Aivaliotis.

One of the benefits of being Supreme President is to have the opportunity to recognize members that depict excellence in our organization. I ask Dr. Nikitas Tripodes and

Dr. Stanton Tripodis to escort PSP Mike Aivaliotis to the podium.



The first member to be recognized could not join us this year, but I ask Dr. Nikitas Tripodes to take back this plaque to Dean S. Tripodes which reads:

Presented to Dean S. Tripodes for his dedication to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros: as Webmaster and Consultant. On behalf of the Supreme Lodge and Chapters, thank you for uniting Icarians globally, with sincere appreciation presented by Sonja B. Stefanadis, Supreme President on September 5, 2010.

Next I would like to acknowledge the work Dr. Nikitas

Tripodis has done for our Brotherhood with a plaque that reads: *Presented to Nikitas Tripodes, D.D.S. For his untiring efforts in recording the Icarian history of Southern California and the entire Brotherhood. He has proven the importance of preserving our history and culture. Dr. Nikitas Tripodes, historian extraordinaire, presented by Sonja B. Stefanadis, Supreme President on September 5, 2010.*

At this time I would like to present a plaque to a brother, doctor, son of a past Supreme President that excels in all of his efforts which states:



Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis posing with PSP Dr. Stanton Tripodis, who received an award for service to the Brotherhood, and with Dr. Nikitas Tripodes, who was honored for his efforts over the years in compiling and documenting the Brotherhood's history.

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Presented to Stanton P. Tripodis, M.D., Past Supreme President Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America “Icaros: for his outstanding support in all capacities on chapter and national level. As a true role model that we desire in all our members and leaders, he can readily be referred to as the “go-to person” to get the job done. We thank you for your dedication. Presented by Sonja B. Stefanadis, Supreme President on September 5, 2010.

The next presentation goes to our immediate Past President, Mike Aivaliotis, who served from 2007-2009. Brother Mike is another son following in the steps of his father as a Past Supreme President. Those that have met and worked with Mike know that he is never reluctant to speak what is on his mind. This plaque reads: *Presented to Mike Aivaliotis, PSP for his dedicated service to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America “Icaros” as Supreme President 2007-2009. A Leader with a passion and zest for life. We thank you for your leadership. Presented by Sonja B. Stefanadis, Past Supreme President on September 5, 2010.*

I was once presented with an engraved paperweight with the following inscription:

“WHAT YOU DARE TO DREAM, DARE TO DO”

I dared to dream that someday I would serve as Supreme President of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood and last year the dream came true. I had the opportunity to travel from coast to coast to visit all of our 28 chapters. It was a learning experience that will last me a lifetime. I was not afraid to travel to new places—alone most of the time—as I knew the English and Greek Languages and had my American Express Card with me. However, this experience made me reflect on our protopateres, our forefathers, and what thoughts went through their minds as they left our beautiful Island of Icaria to venture into the New World of America—traveling without the English language, many without a job or promised income. They came with a determination to provide a better life for their families. Fortunately for us, they maintained their language, their religion and many of the traditions that we practice today.

Speaking of traditions—my great grandfather, Pericles Kratsas, who raised nine children despite the fact that he lost his sight during an accident in Hopewell, Virginia, managed to develop a bakery that was nurtured by his son until it was closed only recently upon the death of my great uncle known to many of you as “Billy Kay”. That little bakery permitted the family to

prosper and led into other areas of business. The values and traditions handed down by Papou Pericles and Yiayia Maria are still in practice today. Our grandchildren have worked with their great grandmother, Yiayia Athena Binikos, also known as “Cookie Yiayia” in baking bread using their Great-Great-Great Papou Pericles’ Recipe. Do we take our history for granted? During my visits to our chapters, I would ask about the number of times the chapter hosted a Supreme Convention or who from their chapter served as Supreme President. I was delighted when they could answer the questions, but concerned when they could not. This little experiment started me thinking as to what steps we need to take to ensure our history is not lost. What can we do to protect our history as individuals, as chapters and on the national level?

Individuals—We could go back to the beginning of our lives to learn how our families recorded our development. Was it with photos, journals, diaries or videos? How were our grandparents and great-grandparents documented? We may have some old family photos from Icaria, and wonder how many can identify the individuals in the photos? Start documenting your own family records.

Chapter Level—make certain that your records are kept in a safe location and keep track of your minutes and your history—not only when you may have hosted a convention but also who were the members that served the chapter and as national officers. Photo albums and scrap books also preserve the chapter history.

National Level—We do have our national archives housed in Verona, PA under the care of Joanne Melacrinos. Joanne has also worked on the traveling archives that have been shared with many during our Supreme Conventions. Who hasn’t been excited to see photos of their loved ones over the years at picnics and banquets?

Icaria Magazine—Under the leadership of Niki Plutis-Salame, the magazine continues to grow and provide us with the happenings of our chapters throughout the United States and Canada. A reminder that your dues must be paid to the chapter and submitted to the Supreme Treasurer to ensure your receiving the magazines throughout the year.

Pan-Icarian Website—We have expanded and improved upon our Pan-Icarian website with the help of our webmaster, Dean Tripodes. Not only the masthead with photos of our members and chapters but with the devel-

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opment of the Facebook and Group Facebook. I encourage every Icarian household to work on setting up a computer in their home with the intent of having the seniors—Yiayias and Papous—view the Pan-Icarian website. There are links to Icaria that are indescribably beautiful.

Pan-Icarian Foundation—Although we heard from our Chairman Socrates Koutsoutis this evening, I would like to reiterate the importance of our contributions to the Pan-Icarian Foundation. We have assisted individuals in Icarian, the United States and Canada through the years. We have supported the hospital, schools or gymnasia in Icaria and the gerokomio—the old age home. Individuals have received medical assistance through the years and the scholarships granted to students is remarkable. Can one person make a difference in promoting the Brotherhood? I say "Yes". What was Ioannis Pittakas able to do with his will in building the road in Icaria from Frandato to Marantho and Pigi? Thanks to the research of Dr. Nikitas Tripodes, we were able to obtain the records from the bank that not only names the individuals working on the road, but also what they were paid. With the help of Marina Tsapaliaris, who took pictures of the marker that was placed in recognition of Ioannis Pittakas, we were able to respond to the request of the Greek government looking for the funds. Yes, one individual did make the difference.

I have come to the conclusion, that not only do we need strong leadership on the national level, we need strong chapter leaders as well that can motivate their members. You have heard me say that "Enthusiasm is contagious". I attempted to share this enthusiasm this year as I visited with the chapters and can only hope that I was able to spread this enthusiasm.

Let us not take our history for granted. Let us leave a legacy that will have future generations proud of their Icarian heritage. Record your history and take a part in establishing it. Support the national projects including the Pan-Icarian Foundation and this year's Icarian puzzle developed by our Governor Damianos T. Skaros and his cousin George Skaros from the youth members and the Icarian Cookbook co-chaired by Jackie Moraitis and Tim Leakas of the Columbus Chapter. I also have a dream, that we could reach each individual that would become a member and our membership would grow and reflect the hard work and efforts put forth by your national and chapter officers.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not thank my family—our children; Annette, Arlene and James, their spouses and their children for their support. I am delighted that Arlene was able to join us this year with two of our seven grandchildren, Anastasia and Nicholas. I thank my parents and grandparents for their love and support and am sorry that my mother was unable to join us this year. A special thanks to my sister, Nikki Limberis and her husband, Peter, a prayer for my brother, Stephen, who left us too early, and my many nieces and cousins.

A special thanks to my role model, soul mate, mentor and at times my "toughest critic", my husband, Gus. We are both thankful that God permitted us to walk this path together and lead the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. You see, what "we dared to dream, we dared to do", with the help of God. Gus, I tried to fill your shoes and must admit it hasn't always been easy. We can only hope and pray that we made "You, the members" proud.

Thank you, good night and may God continue to bless us all.

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Friday, Sept 3rd

The meeting was called to order by Spanos/Areti Chapter President, Nick Manolis. He gave opening remarks.

PSP Gus Stefanadis was called on to give an opening prayer. PSP Ellene Tratras Contis, chair of the Convention, gave opening remarks and reviewed the planned convention activities. Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis was introduced. She recognized the Convention Officers. Next she recognized the Officers of the Supreme Lodge:

Vice Pres.- Nikolaos Pasamihalis
Treas.- George Koklanaris
Secretary- E. Terry Platis
Counselor -Sophia Sakoutis
Governors- Michelle Kotsagrellos
Athena Siringas
Athena Tsarnas Pugliese
Damianos Skaros

Sup. President Sonja next recognized PSP's who were present:

Ellene Tratras Contis, Dr. Stan Tripodis, George Contis
George G. Horiates, Gus Stefanadis, Nick Tsalis, John Sakoutis, Emanuel "Mike" Aivaliotis

The Convention delegate strength was reported to be 36, (At large -20, Sup. Lodge - 8, PSP's - 8) 30 is needed for a quorum.

Election of Convention Officers was carried out. The following Officers were elected:

Chair- George G. Horiates, Vice
Chair- Dr. Stan Tripodis
English Sec'y- Maria Tripodis, Greek Sec'y- none
Parliamentarian- Demosthenes Yiakas

The Convention Officers were sworn in by PSP Gus Stefanadis



Chairman George recognized the PSP's to give brief remarks:

John Sakoutis said he has attended many conventions, and wished success to the Detroit Chapter.

Gus Stefanadis expressed his wish for the youth to continue our traditions.

Ellene Tratras Contis welcomed the delegates, and hoped for "omorfes doulies".

George Contis welcomed all and wished for success.

Mike Aivaliotis thanked the Detroit Chapter for their hard work.

Stan Tripodis said the Renaissance Hotel was unrecognizable since the last convention held here, and hoped for success.

Gus Stefanadis reminded the delegates that Mike Aivaliotis and Stan Tripodis are both sons of PSP's. The Chair recognized Foundation Chair Socrates Koutsoutis for remarks.

Committee Assignments

The following Standing Committees of the Convention were announced, and Committee Chairs appointed.

Members were encouraged to sign up to be part of any committee they so desired:

Resolutions- PSP Nick Tsalis

Auditing- Bill Androutsopoulos

Budget/Finance- Dr. Nikitas Tripodes

Publications- PSP's Gus Stefanadis and Stan Tripodis

Nominations- PSP George Contis

Legislative/Constitution- Demos Yiakas

Convention City- PSP Mike Aivaliotis

Youth- Cathy Pandeladis

2012 Ikarian Independence Celebration- Gus Yiakas

Chapter Reports

Icaros #7- report given by Governor Michelle Kotsagrellos

Lychnos #11, Oinoe # 14, Mesaria # 27 – reports given by Governor Athena Tsarnas Pugliese

The Chair recognized Governor Damianos Skaros, who is from Panagia # 26, for remarks.

Chairman George congratulated Sup. Pres. Sonja and the Supreme Lodge for their successful efforts in adding 3 new Chapters to our Brotherhood in the past 2 yrs.

The Chair asked for a moment of silence in memory of our departed members.

Sup. Pres. Sonja announced that the firm of



HelmsBriscoe, who deal with organizational meeting planning, was invited to make a presentation to the Convention body on Saturday afternoon. Some members expressed their concern that any such presentation should have a time limit, so as not to cause a long delay of our convention business.

The Chair recognized Jackie Moraitis of Aivaliotis # 17, who is in charge of the Ikarian Cookbook project. She said she will give a formal report later.

The session was recessed at 6 p.m.

Saturday AM, Sept. 4th

The meeting was reconvened at 10 a.m.

Foundation Vice-Chair Gus Yiakas was recognized and offered remarks concerning his recent trip to Ikaria. He talked about the Old Age Home in Ikaria, and about the upcoming 2011 Supreme Convention in Los Angeles.

PSP and Foundation Director John Lygizos was recognized and gave remarks.

Chapter Reports

Ikarios of Montreal #22 report was given by District Governor Damianos Skaros.

Governor Damianos also exhibited an "Ikaria" jigsaw puzzle, a project of the Youth Committee, which is being sold for \$15, with proceeds to go to the Sup. Lodge.

PSP Nick Tsalis was recognized and gave some remarks.

District Governors' Reports

District #5 Governor Athena Tsarnas Pugliese gave her report.

District #2 Michelle Kotsagrellos gave her report.

Chapter Reports

Therma #10 report given by Lambra Koklanaris

Pramne #1 report given by Sup. Secretary George Koklanaris

Pandiki #5 report given by Kostas Tsahas.

PSP Mike Aivaliotis, Chair of the Convention Committee, reported that so far no Convention City bids had been received. Some discussion followed on what course of action would be followed if no qualified bids were received.

Supreme Lodge Officers' Reports

Sup. Secretary George Koklanaris, who is also Co-Chair of the Convention, gave his report.

District Governors' Reports



District #6 Governor Damianos Skaros gave his report.

Chapter Reports

Panagia #26 report given by District Governor Damianos Skaros.

C. Aivaliotis #17 report given by Tim Leakas.

PSP Nick Tsalis recognized Antonia Kyrilangitis, who was responsible for providing the cookies in the meeting room..

Supreme Lodge Officers' Reports

Sup. Counselor Sophia Sakoutis gave her report. She reported that the Brotherhood and two Officers were named in a lawsuit regarding a special fund of the Foundation. The lawsuit hasn't been dismissed. She proposed new language in our constitution to protect and hold harmless Officers who may be named in a lawsuit. She will submit this to the Legislative/ Constitution Committee for consideration.

Some discussion followed, with a question from the floor asking for clarification of the Counselor's opinion regarding who has the authority to direct special funds of the Foundation.

Sup. Vice President Nikolaos Pasamihalis gave his report. His recommendations include

- 1-Better sharing of info between the Chapters and Sup. Lodge.
- 2-Developing a Chapter start up guide.
- 3-Continue to find ways to innovate.

He also reported that the project, spearheaded by Sup. Treasurer E.Terry Platis and himself, to update the Constitution of the Brotherhood and publish it in loose leaf form is nearing completion.

PSP George Contis, Chair of the Nominations Committee, asked for members interested in running for office to see him.

District Governors' Reports

District #1 Governor George Paramelos gave his report. District #4 Governor Nicole Androutsopoulos gave her report.

Chapter Reports

Drakanon #24 report given by Mike Karniotis.

IKARIA Magazine Report

PSP Dr Stan Tripodis, who is IKARIA Magazine Business Manager, gave the Magazine Editor's report submitted by Niki Plutis Salame, and the Business Manager's report.

There were 3 issues of the magazine published last year, 2100 copies each, at a total cost including publishing and postage of approximately \$5500 dollars per issue. The cost is shared by the Sup. Lodge and the Foundation. The delegates applauded to show their appreciation for the fine work done by Editor Niki Plutis Salame. PSP John Sakoutis reminded the members that the Magazine accepts no paid advertising in order to qualify for tax free status.



Chapter Reports

Langada #23 report given by Bill Androutsopoulos.

The Chair recognized Mr. Alexandros Skaros, who served as CEO of the Pan-Icarian General Hospital in Agios Kirikos from 2008-2010. His comments included the following:

- 1 -Some event should be planned to commemorate the upcoming 50th anniversary of the hospital.
- 2 - The hospital is in desperate need for a CT scanner machine. A new machine costs approximately \$200,000. He recommends that if the Brotherhood or Foundation decides to fill this request, that an actual machine be provided, as opposed to donating money that could easily be misappropriated.
- 3 -He answered a question regarding the number of physicians on the Island. There are twenty physicians of different specialties, and 15 physicians in training.
- 4 - He answered a question regarding the level of support to the hospital provide by the State. There is some support.

Scholarship Chair Steve Stratakos was recognized and gave some preliminary remarks.

Chapter Reports

Kavo Papas #20 report was given by District Governor Nicole Androutsopoulos.

NW Indiana #25 report given by Paul Collaros.

Helios #19 report given by Chapter Pres. Dessi Plutis.

The meeting was recessed at 1 p.m.

Saturday PM, Sept. 4th

Meeting called to order at 3 p.m.

The chair recognized Joanne Melacrinis, Director of the Archives, for her report.

She reported that the Archives has not received any funding for the last 2 years. For 2008, the Archives was supposed to receive \$3500, but the money wasn't issued. And no funds were allocated in the 2009 budget. She presented a CD of Archives materials to each Chapter table. Sup. Vice Pres.

Nick Pasamihalis asked about protection of the Archives in case of fire. There is a sprinkler system in place. Motion was made by Maria Tripodis/Gus Katsas to appropriate \$3500 for the Archives, from the Foundation, that was promised in 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

Chapter reports

Pharos #3 report given by Chapter Pres. Zach Safos.

The Chair recognized Past Foundation Director Anthony Kayafas for remarks. He spoke about the 2012 Ikarian Independence Celebration.

Special Presentation

Sup Pres. Sonja had announced earlier that she had invited a representative for a meeting planning company to make a presentation. The Chair recognized Julie Crider, a representative of HelmsBrisco, a national company that deals with conference and meeting planning. She gave a presentation explaining what her company offers, and how their services could benefit our organization when negotiating and planning a convention. She explained that their services are paid by the hotel, not by us.

Convention City Committee chair PSP Mike Aivaliotis announced that so far, only New York's Pandiki Chapter had expressed interest in hosting the 2012 Convention. An announcement was made that the Ikarians of Ikaria also were interested in hosting the Convention in 2012, along with planned Ikarian Independence Celebration activities. Some discussion followed.

Supreme Lodge Officers' Reports

Sup. Treasurer E. Terry Platis gave her report. She reported that the Brotherhood's membership fell from 1950 in 2009, to 1560 in 2010. She gave the Sup. Lodge account totals: checking- \$ 43,966, CD's \$36,706, & \$15,678.

College student Lisa Kefalos of Pittsburgh, was recognized and expressed her thanks in being awarded a Pan-Ikarian Scholarship last year.

District Governors' Reports

District #3 Athena Siringas' report was presented by PSP Nick Tsalis

Committee Reports

Budget Committee Report

The Budget Committee report was presented by Committee Chair Dr. Nikitas Tripodes.

Please see complete budget report on page 13.

Motion to approve report by Gus Yiakas/ Socrates Koutsoutis. Motion Passed.

Business Chair George announced that Delegate registration would close at 6 p.m. today.

Resolutions Committee

Committee report given by Committee Chair PSP Nick Tsalis. He presented the following resolutions:

1) The Supreme Lodge shall send a letter to recognize and congratulate U. of Cincinnati football quarterback Zack Collaros, who is of Ikarian descent, for his accomplishments. Motion passed.

2) The Supreme Lodge shall send a letter of recognition to Entertainer Tina Fey, who is one fourth Ikarian.

Motion to table by Gus Frangos of Oinoe Chapter #14, who explained that there are plans to recognize her at next year's Convention in Los Angeles. Motion to table passed.

3) The Supreme Lodge shall send a letter to recognize and congratulate Mayor Billy Saffo of Wilmington, who is of Ikarian descent. Motion passed.

4) The Supreme Lodge shall send a letter to honor U.S Congressman Zach Space, from Ohio, who is of Ikarian descent. Motion passed.

5) Convention Business Chair PSP George Horiates offered a resolution to thank members of Spanos/Areti Chapter #9 for their excellent work in hosting this year's Sup. Convention. Motion passed.

Gus Frangos of Oinoe Chapter #14 spoke about next

year's Sup. Convention in Los Angeles. He urged members who plan to attend to make their hotel reservations early.

Gus also spoke about his ongoing involvement in a project in Ikaria to try to raise 3 million Euros from the Greek government to fund a new Old Age Home in Ikaria. The project has been under way for the past few years.

John Tsantes of Ikaria was recognized and gave remarks.

Meeting was recessed at 5:05 p.m..

Sunday, Sept 4th

Business Chair PSP George Horiates reconvened the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Delegate strength was reported at 113.

The Chair recognized Past IKARIA Magazine Editor Stella Pastis Thomas for remarks.

PSP George Achedafty was recognized.

Committee Reports

Publications Committee consisted of PSP's Gus Stefanadis and Dr. Stan Tripodis.

Magazine Editor Niki Plutis Salame was again recognized for the excellent job she does.

The Committee offered a suggestion that it would be nice, though perhaps not feasible due to time constraints, for a late summer issue of IKARIA Magazine to be published that would include the budget report of the Foundation as well as the names of that year's scholarships recipients. That would necessitate the Scholarship committee completing its work in time for the Magazine deadline. The matter will be further researched.

Legislative/Constitution Committee report was given by Demosthenes Yiakas. The following items were presented:

1)& 2) Regarding Committees of the Convention, to clarify that Membership and Youth shall be separate Committees, as per Article 12, section K, and as per Agenda of the Convention. Motion passed.

3) Regarding the Indemnification clause for Officers of the Brotherhood, Article 14. the following change was offered by the ad hoc committee consisting of PSP John Lygizos, Sup. Counselor Sophia Sakoutis, and Sup. Treasurer E. Terry Platis: "The Brotherhood shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless any Officer of the Brotherhood acting in good faith on behalf of the Brotherhood who becomes a party to any action, suit, or proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was an Officer of the Brotherhood against all expenses, liabilities and losses, including attorneys fees, incurred by

such Officer in connection there with.” Motion passed.

4) To establish that the Foundation shall have an Emergency or Contingency fund of a minimum of \$5,000.

Motion passed.

5) To replace the word “National” with “Supreme” in all references to the Lodge and its Officers, and the Convention. Motion passed.

6) Regarding Scholarships in perpetuity, to clarify that the gift amount needed to establish such a scholarship shall be \$15,000 for undergrad, and \$20,000 for grad. This is so that the principle shall generate enough interest to fund the scholarship award. The gift should be paid in a lump sum.

7) Regarding the Undergrad scholarship for Greek students that the selection committee shall consist of the 4 Principals of Greece and Fourni. The grades of the recipient and 1st runner up candidates shall be forwarded to the Scholarship Chair of the Brotherhood. Motion passed by 2/3 majority vote.

2012 Ikaria Independence Celebration Committee

Committee Chair PSP Mike Aivaliotis gave a report. Ikarians in Ikaria have sent a letter to members of our Brotherhood that, as part of the Independence Celebration in July 2012, they plan to hold a 4 day international conclave, inviting Ikarians from all over the world. Representatives from the Brotherhood are invited to participate.

Convention City Report was given by Chair PSP Mike Aivaliotis. Pandiki Chapter #5 has expressed interest in hosting the Sup. Convention in 2012, but their committee has been discouraged by high hotel prices in Manhattan, in the range of \$299 per night.

District Governor George Paralemos said that Pandiki Chapter therefore is not prepared to make a formal bid for the Convention. Some discussion followed on the feasibility of Pandiki hosting the Convention in another location, such as Queens, or Boston.

Gus Yiakas reported and then presented a letter that he received from the Eparchos inviting the Brotherhood to hold its 2012 Supreme Convention in Ikaria. Discussion followed.

Rozina Karnavas of Foutrides Chapter #8 said that Chapters should make their intentions known prior to the Convention if they want to make a bid.

Chairman George asked for a nonbinding straw vote of the Convention body’s wishes on whether to hold our 2012 Supreme Convention in Ikaria. Hand vote was conducted, and the result was approximately 50:50.

Parliamentarian Demosthenes Yiakas explained that Article 14 of our Brotherhood’s Constitution provides for the scenario where there is unfinished Convention

business.

In such a case, unfinished business can be taken care of in a special meeting with the Sup. Lodge and representatives of the Chapters. A quorum would consist of a quorum of Sup. Lodge Officers and 51% of the Chapters. Such a meeting would require 30 days notice. It was discussed and agreed upon that Chapter representation could be via telephone.

It was determined that the Sup. Lodge shall host a special meeting with 30 days notice to take care of the unfinished business of 2012 Convention City.

Youth Committee report was given by Cathy Pandeladis. She reported that the next Youth Conference will take place in Philadelphia during the first week of April, 2011, to coincide with the Hermes Expo in Atlantic City. And, the Youth Committee has been successfully selling an “Ikaria” jigsaw puzzle, at \$15 each, monies to go to the Sup. Lodge.

Auditing Committee members were Bill

Androutopoulos and Tim Leakas. They reviewed the books of the Sup. Lodge Treasurer and found all to be in order. Their report was accepted.

2011 Supreme Convention

Gus Frangos and Gus Yiakas of Oinoe Chapter #14 gave remarks for the 2011 Sup. Convention in Los Angeles. The Convention Hotel is the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, short walking distance from Rodeo Drive. Room rates are \$149 per night. He urged members to make reservations early.

Scholarship Committee Report was given by Chair Steve Stratakos. He reported that in the future, criteria for scholarship eligibility will be changed to increase the minimum requirement for years of membership in the Brotherhood from 2 years to 5 years. He explained some of the other criteria the Committee looks at, including candidate’s GPA, whether the candidate has been awarded a scholarship previously, whether the candidate is an underclassman or upperclassman, course load, and level of involvement in the Brotherhood of both the candidate and the parents. Chairman Steve acknowledged the help of John Tsantes and Paul Collaros. This year there were 43 applicants who met criteria, of whom 35 were determined to be most deserving to be awarded scholarships.

There was a question regarding to whom the Foundation actually issues the check..

Last year checks were issued directly to the school. But this year, Foundation Chairman Socrates Koutsoutis arranged for checks to be issued to the recipients themselves.

There was another suggestion that recipients should be encouraged to send a thank you letter, especially for

those who receive one of the named scholarships.

The Chair recognized Chryssa Moisidou, a member of Pandiki Chapter #5, who is a social anthropologist. She gave some remarks.

Foundation Report was given by Chairman Socrates Koutsoutis.

He mentioned the following items:

1) The Foundation will consider the request for a CT scanner machine for the hospital in Agios Kirikos. There is a fund that was donated for support and assistance of the hospital. That will provide a portion of what is needed.

2) He reported how he arranged to change the policy to enable the awarding of scholarship checks directly to the recipient instead of to the school.

3) He urged fiscal responsibility in awarding scholarships, so that we don't reduce the principle of the Foundation funds.

The General Fund balance increased from \$2,086,000 in 2009 to \$2,294,305 in 2010.

There was discussion concerning the Souroumanis estate. Motion made by PSP John Lygizos that such discussion should be considered part of "executive session". Motion passed.

Chairman Socrates concluded his remarks by announcing that he would not run for re-election as Chairman of the Foundation.

Supreme President's Report

Sup. President Sonja Stefanadis gave her farewell remarks. She also presented certificates to the Sup. Lodge Officers and to the Chapter Presidents.

Motion was made, seconded to proceed with Nominations today. Motion passed by 2/3 majority.

Nominations Committee Report was presented by Committee Chair PSP George Contis.

Supreme Lodge

The following were nominated for the Sup. Lodge and unanimously approved:

President- Nikolaos Pasamihalis

Vice Pres.- George Koklanaris

Secretary- E. Terry Platis

Treasurer- George Paralemos

Counselor James Lakerdas

The following were nominated for District Governors and unanimously approved:

District #1 - Tom Kochilas

District #2 - Michele Kotsagrelas



District #3 - Paul Collaros

District #4 - Stanley Pardos

District #5 - Athena Tsarnas Puglilese

District #6 - Damianos Skaros

The following was elected for Scholarship Chair- Steve Stratakos.

Foundation

Foundation Chair- The names of Gus Yiakas and PSP Emmanuel "Mike" Aivaliotis were placed into nomination. Election by secret ballot was conducted, and the new Foundation Chair is Gus Yiakas.

Foundation Vice –Chair- PSP John Lygizos was elected without opposition.

Foundation Directors- the following names were placed into nomination, of which 3 will be elected:

Costas Mavrophilipos, Steve Stratakos, Dennis Thomas Leonidas Papalas, Dr. Nikitas Tripodes, PSP Emmanuel "Mike" Aivaliotis

Secret ballot was conducted, and the new Foundation Directors are: Dr. Nikitas Tripodes, Steve Stratakos PSP Emmanuel "Mike" Aivaliotis

This necessitated that Steve Stratakos resign his position as Scholarship Chair.

He did so, and Georgia Pandeladis was nominated, seconded and elected to the position of Scholarship Chair. The newly elected Officers were sworn in by PSP George Achedafty.

Chairman George Horiates made closing remarks. He thanked Spanos/Areti Chapter for a job well done. Vice Chair Stan Tripodis congratulated Chairman George, and Parliamentarian Demos Yiakas for a job well done.

PSP Nick Tsalis announced that the winner of the tavli tournament was his sister-in-law, Carrie Sirigas of Chicago.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PSP Dr Stan Tripodis, and Maria Tripodis



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PRAMNE

YOUNGSTOWN #1

Pramne Chapter #1, Youngstown has had a busy and productive year. We have increased our membership, from 15 in 2008 and 20 in 2009, to 25 members, our highest in many years. Elections were held for officer positions that needed filled. Current officers are: President – Aspasia Tourvas Elias; Vice President – Anastasia Koutsounaris; Secretary – Pauline Magoulakis; and Treasurer & Webmaster – Jaclyn Sarah Elias. For the first time, Pramne #1 has a website, which can be accessed from the official Pan-Icarian Brotherhood website.

In addition to monthly meetings, members of Pramne #1 also enjoyed an annual Christmas party at the Olive Garden in December, followed by a picnic hosted by the Elias family in June. Several members enjoyed the festivities at the Pan-Icarian Convention in Cleveland, and three youth members attended the annual Youth Conference in Clearwater, Florida: Jaclyn Sarah Elias, Alexis Elias-Spohn, and Dana Elias. Several members of



2010 Youth Conference Delegates Alexis Elias-Spohn, Dana Elias, Jaclyn Sarah Elias

Pramne #1 also attended the 2010 Convention in Detroit and enjoyed a very memorable weekend.

Submitted by Jaclyn Sarah Elias

V.I. CHEBITHES

AKRON #2

Greetings to all our fellow Ikarians from Akron, Ohio!

Our chapter has had busy and productive summer months this year are looking forward to our all and winter events!

In June, chapter members gathered at the home of past-president Argie Spithas-Miner for a lamb roast. We had a quite a crowd, plenty of food, storytelling, Ikarian dancing and wonderful pareia! Even the rainstorm didn't dampen our mood! Thank you to all chapter members who helped with this event!

In August, our officers gathered to make initial plans for our annual reverse raffle. It is our only fund raising event of the year and will be held on October 11th. A committee was selected and is headed by Aryiro Paula Kasapis. The committee has been working diligently to plan this event. Over 150 tickets have been sold, donations for silent auction items are rolling in, and our program book will be full of ads from local Greek businesses and individuals. A sincere thank you to our committee members and fellow Ikarians who support this event!

Over Labor Day weekend, many Akron-ites traveled to Detroit for the Convention. What a memorable time we had! Thank you to the Spanos/Areti chapter for hosting a fun Ikarian weekend. We explored your city and danced into the wee hours of the morning both Saturday and Sunday nights! The hotel accommodations were beautiful and comfortable and the pareia was perfect!

Congratulations to proud parents Paul and Evangelia

(Spithas) Fresty on the birth of their son

Stephanos

Giorgos who

was born May

29th. Proud

grandparents are

Argie Spithas-

Miner & Larry

Miner, and

Steven Spithas.

Na sas zise!



Congratulations to Akron chapter secretary **Alyssa Plakas**, who is engaged to be married! The groom-to-be is Collin Wise of Memphis, TN. Parents of the bride are Leonidas and Maryann Plakas of Canton, Ohio. The couple is planning their wedding for June 2011.

Evangelia (Spithas) Fresty

Convention Report

Since I was elected in November 2009, along with Dean Glaros; Vice President, Koula Pipinias; Secretary, and Maryann Poulos; Treasurer-we held our annual Christmas Party, December 12 with over 30 children in attendance along with their parents, grandparents, and a visit from Santa Clause bearing gifts.

On New Years Eve, Chapter Pharos celebrated their annual party together at our leski with mezethakia, singing the kalanda, and cutting the Vasilopita at midnight. Everyone danced till very late that night. Then, this past January, we also held a Super Bowl Party with food, beverages, and "parea" which was a nice break in the winter.

In February, Chapter Pharos held a makaronada benefit for young Ikariotina Leah Dadas, who is battling breast cancer. The event was a great success and attended by many. The food and beverages were donated by the chapter, and members donated their time to cook. Music was also generously donated by Dimitri for entertainment and Ms. Dadas was grateful for the wonderful support of so many.

Our annual Greek Independence Day Dance was held in March with Pete Karnavas and the band "Flight of Icarus" played. Members and friends from all over danced late into the night. Our dance is well-known in Cleveland and it's always a good turnout. The Ikarians usually march in Cleveland's Greek Independence Day Parade as well with a float with Ikarian youth on it and the Ikariotiko blaring every March.

In June, a group photo was taken at our monthly meeting. We had our annual Ikarian Picnic in August and this year it felt special because it was on Sunday, August 15. It was an extremely hot day and everyone turned out for the souvlaki, loukoumades, refreshing beverages, and great music from the popular local band Stigma.

We are planning another fundraiser this October 30th with a makaronada and Halloween party for the children-along with our monthly meeting. This was my first year as a chapter president and a memorable one. I learned a lot this year, and at the convention in Detroit; I realized how much pride and respect I have for the Pan Icarian organization.

Submitted by Zach Safos, Chapter President

Chapter News

Happy holidays from the members of Chapter Pharos. Cleveland was pretty quiet this summer. Some of our members were in Ikaria vacationing, the rest just tried to stay cool, as it was a very hot season. On August 15th, however, we got together for our **annual picnic**. We had sumptuous souvlakia and delicious loukoumades and lots of beverages to drink on a very hot day. We were entertained by our own local band, "Stigma." We also had a guest violinist, Victoria Mavrogeorgis, from Pittsburgh, who played a great rendition of the "Ikariotiko." Together with Stigma, they brought the house down. Everyone was on the dance floor!!



Our bartenders taking a break



Frying the loukoumades



The loukoumades sales ladies



Cooking the souvlakia



Victoria Mavrogeorgis playing the Ikariotko

Congratulations to Erin Dadas and Milan Kubat on their recent marriage. "Kaloriziki." Erin is the daughter of Mike and Georgia (Collaros) Dadas. Congratulations, also, to Jerod and Christina (Dadas) Downing on the birth of their daughter, Isabella. Proud Grandparents, Mike and Georgia (Collaros) Dadas. Mike and Georgia had a very busy few weeks there.

We were saddened by the loss of fellow Ikarian Diane (Pastis) Manos. May her memory be eternal. Thanks to the Detroit Chapter for a great convention. Many from Cleveland were there, and we all had a wonderful time. We hope to see everyone in Beverly Hills next year.

Cleveland Chapter Pharos will be hosting our annual Independence Day dance in March at the Annunciation Party Center in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood. Make sure you all come, because it is the dance of the year.

In the meantime, everyone have a great holiday season!!

Submitted by Maria Tripodis

DAEDALOS

WARREN #4

Congratulations to **Tommy and Jennifer Kotsanis!** Tommy Kotsanis and Jennifer Schoppe were married July 17, 2010 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Steubenville Ohio. Tommy is the son of Tom & Stacey Kotsanis of Steubenville, Ohio and Jennifer is the daughter of Fred & Susan Schoppe of New



Alexandria, Ohio. Nicholas Kotsanis, brother of the groom, was koumbaro. Following a trip to St. Thomas, Tommy & Jennifer are residing in Steubenville.

New births:

On May 31, 2010, George and Melissa Raptis celebrated the joyous arrival of twins Abigail Paige and Corbin Alexander. Big brother Elias welcomed his new siblings and can't wait till they're bigger so they can all play together. Proud grandparents are Ilias and Marianne Raptis.

Graduates:

Mary Lee King, daughter of Curtiss and Koula Glaros King, graduated with honors from Howland high School June 2010. She is pursuing studies with an interest in marine archeology at the University of Akron. She is an accomplished musician, earned national awards in marksmanship and placed in several discus and shot put events. She also was a senior studio artist invited to display her work at a local gallery.



Raptis-Facaros

September 26, 2010 Tribune Chronicle



The families of **Fotini Raptis and Theologos Facaros**, together with the couple, are announcing their engagement and upcoming marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Ilias and Marianne Raptis of Warren. Parents of the groom-elect are Yianni and Sophia Facaros of Oakmont, Pa. Miss

Raptis is a graduate of Howland High School and a 2005 graduate of Youngstown State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is an owner of Raptis Coffee. Mr. Facaros is a graduate of Riverview High School, a 2000 graduate of Case Western Reserve University with a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering and a 2008 graduate of the University of Sioux Falls with an MBA. He is employed by Lincoln Electric and just returned from a three-year assignment in Singapore.

[Theologos proposed to Fotini during an elephant ride in Thailand, but waited until they disembarked to give her the ring.] After getting engaged on the back of an elephant in Thailand, the couple will be united in marriage during a wedding ceremony to be held in the fall of 2011.

Speaker tells of human trafficking in Ohio - September 10, 2010

By SEAN BARRON *Vindicator*

YOUNGSTOWN- If you think that human trafficking and forced labor are confined to Eastern Europe, the Far East and other foreign regions, think again, a local attorney says. Victims of such exploitation, as well as youngsters sold in the sex trade and their perpetrators, aren't just in foreign countries, but in many cities, towns and rural areas throughout the United States, Atty. Koula E. Glaros-King told about 100 health-care workers who attended a program Thursday at St. Elizabeth Health Center on the subject. Sponsoring the one-hour lecture was Humility of Mary Health Partners' diversity and special needs department.



Atty. Glaros-King

"This is a growing industry. ... It's about to pass the industry of selling drugs in volume and money made," noted Glaros-King, whose practice includes protecting people from trafficking, finding asylum for victims and helping women who are domestic-violence victims. Glaros-King, who also works for Northeast Ohio Legal Services, was unable to provide local figures on the problem, in part because traffickers and their victims tend to be highly transient. Nevertheless, many such criminals likely pass through the area on Interstate 80, for example, while shipping people from place to place, she explained. The attorney cited a situation near Chesterland, an affluent community in Geauga County, in which she was part of a group that tried to get housing and other assistance for several women who worked at a massage parlor and were thought to be part of a trafficking ring. The women were arraigned on charges related to the case, she continued. Many law-enforcement personnel often have treated victims as criminals, arresting, for example, young girls on charges of prostitution, Glaros-King pointed out. To that end, Ohio is one of 10 states that ranked lowest in a recent study on the strength and inclusion of statutes addressing sex and labor trafficking, training of law enforcement on the problem, providing safe harbors for victims and several other categories. A bill to prohibit human trafficking is stalled in the Ohio Senate, she said. Glaros-King noted that the FBI considered Toledo a major recruiting area for underage prostitution as well as a crossroads for traffickers largely because of its network of interstate highways. The three ways someone typically gets out of enslavement are by seeking help, suffering illness and becoming worthless to the trafficker or by death, she said, adding that getting help is rare. Glaros-King cautioned her audience to be aware of a patient suffering from chronic malnourishment, depression and deep fear, all of which could be signs of such abuse. She also praised the hospital's Spanish-outreach program, designed in part to help those with limited proficiency in English.

Three generations flying high

September 20, 2010 - By VIRGINIA SHANK *Tribune Chronicle*

WARREN: He's maneuvered more than a dozen types of aircraft through three wars. But it was that moment when he, his son and grandson stood together on the platform at the Pensacola Naval Air Station this summer that outshone every other milestone Steve Charnas experienced as a U.S. Navy pilot.

He passed his own gold wings on to his 27-year-old grandson, Nicholas Charnas. "It was a magical moment," the 83-year-old veteran recalled. "I had a lot of high points in the Navy. I could say that when I made my first landing. I could say a lot of things. But in the end, after all of that, I would have to say that was the moment. That was it, the greatest experience. That was truly the most magical moment in my life." Nicholas Charnas was the most recent member of the family to receive his wings during a ceremony at Pensacola in May. His grandfather, who got his wings in 1955, said it was an honor to stand on the same platform with the other pilots in his family. His son Chris, Nicholas' father, had also served as a Navy pilot before becoming a commercial pilot, earning his wings more than 20 years ago.

The three men stood proud of each other as other service personnel, friends and family members offered them a standing ovation. "I guess it's a rare thing," Steve Charnas said. "It's one thing to have a father and son, or even to have three generations serve in the military. But I guess it's rare to have three generations earn their wings and all of them still be alive to talk about it and to be standing on the same platform together. That's rare. That's special. It was very special for me."

The elder Charnas' Navy career was initiated when he was a senior at Warren G. Harding High School. That was in 1944, during World War II. He didn't want to be drafted into the Army, so he enlisted in the Navy - his first choice of military service. "I didn't even graduate with my class," he said. "My sister got my diploma for me. I just didn't want to risk it. I had wanted to be in the Navy and I wanted to make sure that's where I went." He spent the next 25 years traveling around the world, often taking his wife and children with him. His passion for the Navy and his service as a pilot inspired his son, Chris, to follow in his path. "I had gone to Kent State

like my father, but I really didn't know what I wanted to do," Chris Charnas, 55, said. "My dad had always been so excited about the Navy. So that's what I did. You could say his enthusiasm rubbed off on me. "Now we have three generations of pilots and I know he's really proud of that. We're just as proud of him as he is of us. I'm proud of my son and I'm glad my dad was there to share in that. It was a great moment."



Steve Charnas, Nicholas Charnas and Chris Charnas in Pensacola Florida.

Steve Charnas served as part of the occupying force in Japan in the late 1940s. The initial call was to invade Japan if they didn't surrender. "But she did," he said. "I spent 10 months there and they started sending people home. I was going to stay. I liked it there. But a friend of mine talked me out of it, so I came home." He came home to Warren and attended Kent State University on the GI Bill, earning a bachelor's degree in commerce. By then he had his first stripe. He joined up with the

Navy Reserves. When the Korean War started he wanted to try out his stripe and requested active duty. He met his wife, Maureen, on Catalina Island. They married in 1954. Then one day, at the age of 26 while in San Diego, he was watching the planes break formation. "I was just sitting there, watching on deck, and I said 'I gotta try that,'" he said. "But the cutoff age to start training was 26-1/2. So I didn't have much time. I just made it. It was one of the best things I've ever done." Although he was active military during Vietnam, he didn't have to go there. And although he saw three wars during his career, he said he never fired a shot at anyone in anger. He served as a pilot and a flight instructor before retiring in 1969. Afterward, he continued flying, working as a commercial pilot for several private companies and corporations and continued flying for pleasure until recently. "It's something that gets in your blood," he said. "Not all of it was easy. But I would rather focus on the better parts of it than the bad. I have no regrets about my time in the service. I wouldn't trade it. It gave me a lot of opportunities and I am very grateful for that." He said he was stunned when the crowd of about 100 people stood up for him, his son and grandson at Pensacola. "A standing ovation?" he said softly, shaking his head slowly. "That still amazes me. I was proud. I'm not ashamed to say that. I was really proud. Stunned, but proud. Now that was something special. That was my magical moment."

Convention Report 2010:

Greetings to all our fellow Ikarioties from Pandiki in the "Big Apple." We wish Spanos/Areti best wishes for a successful convention. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the convention this year, however I look forward to visiting California and partaking in the 2011 convention.

As usual, Pandiki was very active this year. Following the 2009 convention in Cleveland, we held our annual Fall Dance in October, where we honored a long time member of Pandiki, Kostas Safos. We had an excellent turnout from Ikariotes young and old, each one of them enjoying the "panigiri" atmosphere of the event.

Of course our Ikarian infants and children also relished in the festivities at Pandiki this year, with our annual Halloween and Christmas parties catered especially for them. The children enjoyed wearing their costumes and participating in the arts and crafts that were provided. Our Christmas party also did not disappoint, with a cameo appearance from Old Saint Nick himself the children were excited with all the gifts from Santa.

Our next big event was the annual New Year's Eve dance. Although turnout wasn't what was anticipated due to inclement weather, the Ikariotes who did make it claim it was one of the best times they had ringing in the New Year. Following the New Years dance, we had several loukoumades events and the youths' annual Super Bowl Party. All events were well attended.

Ikariotes once again showed their concern and generosity when we held two separate fund raisers for two Ikariotes battling life threatening illnesses. Most of our members had never met these Ikarians in need, however their support was awe-inspiring. When you see the sizable monetary donations and a turnout on a scale that you would expect at a dance, one only feels pride in being Ikarian.

In the Spring of this year, Pandiki unveiled its new website, www.pandiki.com. Our website was designed by Francesco Portelos, with the intent of keeping our members informed of upcoming events, providing information about Pandiki and the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America, providing our members images of past events and allowing members to conveniently pay with a credit card their annual dues online. Our membership went up this year to 160 members, thanks in part to our new website.

In late April we participated in the annual Greek Independence Day parade on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. We had excellent participation, including past Supreme President George Horiates and current Vice President Nick Pasamihalis. In addition, we were honored to have Congressman Zach Space march alongside us. The parade followed that evening with our annual Parade

"Macaronada". Needless to say we had a great turnout. In May we held our third annual "Ouzeri Night" complete with a live Ikarian band. We enjoyed our "pikilies", drank our Ouzo and danced the night away. In June we held our annual BBQ which is held outside. The day was marred by thunderstorms; however it didn't dampen our spirits. We had a good turnout, we enjoyed our burgers, hot dogs and souvlakia and look forward to the next one. We were happy to have current President Sonja Stefanadis at the BBQ who discussed current affairs of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood with the members. Pandiki wasn't all fun and dances this year. We also fulfilled our civic duties to our community and to Pandiki members alike. We held two successful blood drives and had our first CPR course, taught by the FDNY mobile CPR unit, they provided us with instructors and CPR kits to practice on.

We wish all the Chapters a successful 2011, and hope to see you all next year in Los Angeles.

Evangelos Karoutsos, President

Chapter News

One thing that can greatly sustain the success of a chapter is communication. The members must be able to be easily and quickly notified of meetings and events. Acknowledging that this is now 2010, the Pandiki chapter of NY has created www.pandiki.com. There, members can get information about upcoming events, see photos, read meeting minutes almost as soon as the meeting is over and even



pay their dues via [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com). We also have links to [live](#) Ikarian radio from "Radio Ikaria" and Ikariaki Radiofonia". In addition to

that we started compiling an ever growing list of email. The members can opt to not receive paper (snail mail) notifications and rather receive quick message via email and Facebook.com. Since the new board has taken over we have over 80 members that get emails thus receiving the news quicker and causes them to stay "in the loop". The Pandiki chapter has had an **Ouzeri Night** with table

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service and has hosted a few *Loukoumades*. It's always nice to stop our busy schedules and meet up for a

drink and social gathering. In addition to planning a huge and "kefi-full" Fall Dance on October 23rd, the chapter has been busy looking to find a great deal and location for the 2012 Convention. New York is the best city in the



world, but also on the pricey side. One location that we are working on is the new Brooklyn Marriott. Close to Manhattan, it is located in and great and up and coming part within minutes of the famous Brooklyn Bridge.

Please come join us for our Fall Dance or touch base with us via pandiki.com and look us up on Facebook.com.

DOLICHE

STEUBENVILLE #6

Congratulations to Nicholas & Christina Kotsanis of Steubenville, Ohio on the birth of their son, **Constantine Kotsanis**. Constantine was born June 1, 2010. He joins his brother Athanasi and sister Anastasia. He is the grandson of Tom & Stacey Kotsanis of Steubenville, and Father Dean & Daisy Dimon of Cleveland, Ohio.



ICAROS

PITTSBURGH #7

Convention Report

Chapter Icaros continues to meet the first Sunday of each month. Our discussions include event planning, hall maintenance, and decisions on making charitable donations. Since our last report at the 2009 Cleveland convention, Chapter Icaros has held many events, including a dinner on September 20, 2009, hosted by Maria Aivaliotis; our annual Halloween Party/Oxi Day Celebration dinner on November 1, 2009, hosted by the Chiotis family; our annual Pizza with Santa Party on December 5, 2009; a New Year's Eve Celebration on December 31, 2009; our annual Super Bowl Party on February 7, 2010 (despite a 20+ inch snowstorm that hit Pittsburgh that weekend, 20 members braved the weather to attend and all enjoyed themselves); a dinner on March 14, 2010, hosted by Barbara Polimus and Bunny Manners; and our annual Memorial Weekend Mini Convention, which included the Steve Manners golf outing on Saturday, May 29, 2010 and our big glendi on Sunday, May 30, 2010. Both events went very well! We thank all those who helped to make the Mini Convention a success by donating their time and/or money. Chapter Icaros was honored to host Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis at the June 6, 2010 meeting.

Chapter Icaros elections were held on January 10, 2010. Chapter Icaros officers for 2010 are: President Joanne Melacrinis; Vice President Elaine Aivaliotis; Treasurer Cathy Pandeladis; Recording Secretary Koula Facaros; and Corresponding Secretary Anna Aivaliotis.

We are proud to have Chapter Icaros members serving at the national level, including Chris Aivaliotis, who is a Foundation Director, Michelle Kotsagrelis, who is District Governor 2, Cathy Pandeladis, who is a Youth Conference Chair, and Joanne Melacrinis, who is the National Archivist. We would also like to congratulate Mike Aivaliotis, who ended his two-year term as Supreme President in 2009. We were greatly saddened by the deaths of the following Chapter Icaros members: Costa Coutsoumbis, Nicholas J. Glaros, Richard Goedel, Katherine "Kay" Kanakis Lewis, Bessie Loizes, Hermione Malachias, George Nyapas, Christopher Randas, Athena Saphos, Gust Tsouris, and Christopher Passodelis, who was key in the establishment of the Pan-Icarian Foundation and served as its first chairman. May their memory be eternal.

We wish all our brothers and sisters an enjoyable time in Detroit and thank our host, Chapter Spanos/Areti, for organizing a wonderful event!

Chapter News

Chapter Icaros continues to meet the first Sunday of each month. Our discussions include event planning, hall maintenance, and decisions on making charitable donations.

Upcoming events include a picnic on Saturday, October 9; our annual Halloween Party/Oxi Day Commemoration on Sunday, October 24; and our annual Santa Party on Saturday, December 4.

At the 2010 Detroit Convention, the following Chapter Icaros members were elected to national office: Mike Aivaliotis - Pan-Icarian Foundation Director; Georgia Pandeladis - Pan-Icarian Scholarship Chair; and Michelle Kotsagrellos - second term as Pan-Icarian District Governor 2. Cathy Pandeladis was appointed to another term as Pan-Icarian Youth Chair, and Joanne Melacrinis continues to serve as Pan-Icarian Archivist.

Also at the Detroit Convention, Chapter Icaros was once again recognized as the largest chapter in the Brotherhood. We thank our loyal members for their continued support!

We congratulate all of the newly elected national officers and wish them a productive year.

We also congratulate Chapter Icaros members Stella (Loizes) and James Kallis on the birth of their daughter Vasiliki Matina, born May 8, 2010; Anthony and Despina Xenakis, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 27, 2010; and Kellie (Tsouris) and Kristian Hughes on the birth of their daughter Mousxoula (Lucy) Ann, born August 30, 2010.

We were deeply saddened by the death of Chapter Icaros member Peter Economos. May his memory be eternal. Submitted by Corresponding Secretary Anna Aivaliotis

On August 27, 2010, **Anthony and Despina Xenakis** celebrated 60 years of marriage at a gathering of friends



and family at their son Mike's home in Pittsburgh, PA. During their long and

happy life together, they had five children: Kathy (John) Mantagos, Ergetti Fatuiese, Mike (Dolores) Xenakis, Alex (Vinci) Xenakis, and Ted (Colleen) Xenakis. They also have 12 grandchildren.

The families of **Fotini Raptis and Theologos Facaros**, together with the couple, would like to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The parents of the bride-to-be are Ilias and Marianne Raptis (Karavostamo) of Warren, OH. The parents of the groom-to-be are Yianni Facaros (Xilosyrti) and Sophia Calaboyias



Facaros (Karavostamo) of Oakmont, PA. The couple met through Theologos' Thea while on holiday in Ikaria. Miss Raptis is a graduate of Howland High School and a 2005 graduate of Youngstown State University with a bachelors of science in business administration. She is currently an owner of Raptis Coffee in Warren, OH. Mr. Facaros is a graduate of Riverview High School, a 2000 graduate of Case Western Reserve University with a bachelors of science in biomedical engineering and a 2008 graduate of the University of Sioux Falls with an MBA. He is currently employed by the Lincoln Electric Company in Cleveland, OH and just returned from a three year assignment in Singapore.

After being engaged on the back of an elephant in Thailand, the couple will be united in marriage during a wedding ceremony to be held in the fall of 2011.

Congratulations to Jason and Emorfia Aimee (Kotsagrellos) Walker on the birth of their daughter, **Brooke Elexa**, on March 31, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21.5 inches long. Brooke is the third grandchild of Tasso and Estair Kotsagrellos.

Mousxoula Ann Hughes (Lucy), born, August 30, 2010 to Kristian and Kellie (Tsouris) Hughes. She weighed in at 10lbs. 7oz., and was 22 inches.

Proud grandparents are Marsha Tsouris and James & Delores (Dee) Hughes. Even prouder great-grandmother is Caliope Gemelas.



FOUTRIDES

CHICAGO #8

Congratulations to Detroit Chapter, Spanos/Areti, for hosting a wonderful convention! Our members who attended had a jamming time dancing to the violin all the night long and catching up with relatives and friends. Our chapter's members also made history as Terry Platis became Supreme Secretary, Apostolos (Paul) Collaros is our District 3 Governor, Steve Stratakos is now a director on the Foundation Officers Board, and James Lakerdas was elected Supreme Counselor! Congratulations! In addition, Carri Sirigas won the convention tavli tournament and our youngest member, Sophia Faith Manta, made her first appearance at the convention. What a jam packed weekend for Chapter Fourtrides that was! We cannot wait to see everyone again in LA next summer!



Theodore & Paris Poulos with their Ikarian friends and cousins

Our condolences to George and Maria Poulos and their family for the loss of George's father, Theodore Poulos, of Gialiskari, Ikaria in January 2010. May be his memory be eternal.

SPANOS/ARETI

Greetings from Detroit to all of our fellow Icarians, Summer is over, the children are back in school and the Detroit convention is now just a memory. Our members really enjoyed hosting the convention this year, and having the chance to show-off a city with so much to



John Mourselas, Kathy Mourselas, Dr. Dean Mourselas, Dr. Christopher Papalas, Tony C. Papalas

Fotis Karnavas and Terry Platis were married on July 24, 2010 at St. Nicholas Church in Karkinagri, Ikaria.

The groom is the son of Sophia Giampilis Paxos (of Karkinagri) and George Karnavas (of Magganiti). The bride is the daughter of Charikleia Platis and the late Christ Platis (both of Karkinagri). The ceremony was performed by the bride's grandfather, Fr. Kostantinos Plakas, of *Blue Zones* fame.

Koumbaroi were Christos Vratsafolis, cousin of the groom, and Monika Maggoura, friend of the bride. The ceremony was followed by a traditional Ikarian glendi at which guests enjoyed local food, wine and music until 11:00 a.m. the next day. The couple currently resides in Chicago, Illinois.

Please join us Friday, October 29th, 2010 at 6:00pm as Supreme President, Nikolaos J Pasamihalis, will be joining us for a meeting and our annual children's Halloween Party!

Debbie Karnavas-Spyridakis



DETROIT #9



Ikarian date auction

attended. We are excited to see everyone next year in California.

On a sad note, within one month before the convention we lost two very important members of our chapter. Brother Angelo Plakas was not only a longtime member but played a very active role in the community. Some of his many accom-

offer. From the bar crawl at the Mosaic in Greektown, to the cruise on the river, to the dances with the real Ikarotiko played by Skazakas, we hope that everyone had a great time. We extend our thanks to everyone who worked so hard and to all of those who



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plishments included being instrumental in helping retrieve money from the state that was set aside for the Westland public library, which is arguably one of the best libraries in Wayne County. Angelo, a former history teacher, who later attended Wayne State Law School and eventually became city attorney for the city of Westland credited his mother Katina, and his brother Jim for teaching him "loyalty and to appreciate the very simple things."

Brother Alex Papalas was an astute businessman who was incredibly devoted to his family. Part of the "greatest generation," Alex was the one whose opinion was greatly respected. One of the managing partners of the John A. Papalas Company he ran the company with an amazing amount of insight and strength that defined so many men of his generation. He was the true leader of a large extended family and he watched over them with a gentle firmness. His generosity extended to so many aspects of the community, including the Icarian Club. Alex was truly a remarkable man, and those who had the good fortune to know him will always remember his wisdom, generosity, warmth, and integrity.

Brothers Alex and Angelo were a positive influence to all of us and they will truly be missed. May their memory be eternal.



Eleni Lygizos and her husband John A. Lygizos, PSP (who was MC at the Banquet) his Mother Isabella (Tsouris) Lygizos, Nicholas A. Lygizos, MD and his wife Karen Jaffe Lygizos and their daughter Melissa Isabelle Lygizos who is in her final year at the U of M Medical School.

Submitted by Kathy Papalas Mourselas
See convention photos section for more photos

THERMA

WILMINGTON #10

Convention Report

After the Cleveland convention, our year began with the annual fall picnic where a convention report was presented. Halyburton Park was an excellent site for our third annual gathering - our youngest Ikarians had a great time playing games planned by the committee and enjoying the facilities at the park.

During Thanksgiving and Christmas, our chapter sponsored two needy families in our community with baskets of food and gifts, making their and our holiday season brighter.

Our first annual family Santa dinner at the beautiful Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort overlooking the Atlantic Ocean was a huge success. We are planning to have this become an annual tradition. Following dinner and our business meeting, election of officers was held. The officers elected are:

President - George Brunetti

Vice-President - Arthur Patelos

Secretary - Kay Skandalakis

Treasurer - Peter Malahias

On New Year's Eve we had our annual dinner dance with a live Greek band. Our St. Nicholas parishioners supported our galas as always.

We sent two delegates, Angelique Skandalakis and Gregory Steele, to the Florida Youth Convention. They came

back energized and ready for our chapter to plan a future mini youth convention. We have beautiful beach facilities in Wilmington where we can play host to everyone at a hotel right on the water overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. We had two business meetings in the spring where we discussed plans for our New Year's Eve Dinner Dance. Sophie Johnson gladly offered to be our chairwoman. In May, our Ikarians came out in force to help at our St. Nicholas Festival. We cooked and worked the doors and the food lines. Many of our young Ikarians led the traditional Greek dances. Dancing to routines choreographed by Zaharoula Katsikis, they provided spirited entertainment that the whole community enjoyed.

Stephanie Gallagher, Nathan Poulos and Joanna

Skandalakis were our high school graduates. We wish them success in college, a long and healthy life, and all the good things they wish for themselves.

Sadly, we saw the passing of three of our loyal members.

May the memory of Koula Fragos, John Fragos, and Andy Margolis be eternal.

We wish the Detroit chapter all the success they deserve to match the hard work and dedication they contributed to this great convention.

Submitted by,

Lambra Koklanaris for Kay Skandalakis, Secretary

THERMA

WILMINGTON #10

Fall greetings from Wilmington, North Carolina. We send our best to Detroit on a well done convention. Our delegate Dr. & Mrs. Emanuel G. Koklanaris will give us a convention update at our October "Fall" Picnic.

In August, our Chapter was saddened by the sudden loss of Andy Margoles. He is survived by his wife Jackie Pastis Margoles and daughters and his grandchildren. Our sympathy to his family. May his memory be eternal. We welcomed a new Ikariataki to our Chapter. **Micah Emanuel Poulos** was baptized on September 18th. Proud parents are Jack and Danielle Poulos. Godparents were Elizabeth Poulos and Chrysanthos Tsimbidis. Grandparents are Mike Poulos and Pat Poulos of Wilmington. Great Grandmother is Toulia Conzaman of Clearwater, Florida. "Na Mas Zisi"



LYCHNOS

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA #11

Convention Report

Ah, the joys of summer are always best in the welcoming home of Lavendar and Zack Kratsas of Castro Valley! The B-B-Q showcased the culinary skills of Zack and Lavendar Kratsas and highlighted their generosity in Mt. Olympus style! Our chapter members applaud their incredible work ethic and extend a hearty salute to the stalwart Kratsas Family for hosting such great parties in scheduling our chapter elections and other important business matters.

In November, Paul and Chrisoula Tsampis orchestrated a lovely dinner dance at the Elkhorn Country Club in Stockton, CA. The event heralded the beginning of another fabulous year for our members were greeted with warm Ikarian hospitality and IBM efficiency – such a winning combination! It was a wonderful evening enhanced with old friends welcoming another generation of children in the Ikarian tradition. The Tsampis Family is a beacon of Ikarian strength at Chapter Lychnos and always manages to entertain in gold medal style!

The Kratsas, Tsampis and Kochilas Families joined forces to celebrate the 96th birthday of Stellios Petsakos at the Crushed Grape Restaurant in bucolic Hopland, CA. The complimentary dinner hosted by Lychnos Chapter was such a memorable event. Athena Kochilas offered a beautiful poetic reading rendered with artistic grace. Athena was also instrumental in honoring the legendary friendship of Costas Kouloulis and Stellios Petsakos in the planting of two trees in Ukiah Municipal Todd Grove Park, symbolizing the foundation of their Ikarian roots. May 22nd at the beautiful Crow Canyon Country Club was such a spectacular setting for the wedding of Sara and Tom Kratsas, son of Zack and Lavendar (Kouloulis) Kratsas, grandson of George Kouloulis. The wedding

couple and Kratsas family charmed their guests with their amazing Ikarian hospitality, five-star dinners and incredible bands played music from the Ikarian classics to more contemporary dance tunes.

Another incredible wedding was the sweet union of Aaron and Patricia Abood, daughter of Paul and Chrisoula Tsampis. The July 17th wedding in Pleasant Hill was another favored event done in the classic style. The sweet mingling of love, laughter, and life were the hallmark characteristics of this beautiful wedding. It was such an honor to be included in this special time of love highlighted with incredible food, music and festivities. On July 10th, Jessica and Angelo Hatzistratis were blessed with the birth of a baby girl, Ariana. Proud grandparents are Fotis and Sandra Hatzistratis, great grandfather George Kouloulis.

July 13th was the welcoming birthdate of Benjamin, son of Ben and Joanna Noonan. Proud grandparents Zack and Georgia Leventis and great grandparents are Stellios and Joanne Petsakos and Elpitha Leventis.

Congratulation to Stellios Leventis on receiving his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Stanford University.

We extend heartfelt wishes for a prosperous 2010 Ikarian convention to our wonderful Detroit chapter family and remain committed to your ideals of love and friendship.

Greetings from Northern California – Chapter Lychnos. Fellow Ikarians and friends joyfully visited with one another at the beautifully remodeled home of **Costas and Diane Fakaros**.

Stunning interiors with beautifully prepared gourmet

entrees combined with engaging hospitality offered by



our hosts made for a wonderful afternoon and evening gathering. Our future little Ikarians frolicked in the sparkling



warm pool, as the adults socialized around the BBQ & fully

stocked bar. A perfect recipe for summers end. Next order of business, our



quarterly meeting and election of new officers. Plans for our annual fundraiser at the San Francisco Yacht Club are under way for this coming Fall.

The holiday season encourages deeper connections within our community. As a philanthropic organization, we are fully engaged in visiting local hospitals and homes for the elderly to offer joy as we sing traditional Christmas carols.

As the rebirth of Spring arrives and the weather is in our favor, we will address the issue of environmental stewardship and social responsibility by directing our collective energy towards assisting Habitat of America.



Chapter Lychnos wishes to express our gratitude and admiration to our out-going officers, President - Lavender Kratsas, Vice-President

Despina Tsampis, Treasure – Zack Kratsas and Secretary - Stella Bratsis.



The success enjoyed by Lychnos Chapter was achieved through the incredible administration of Lavendar and Zack Kratsas. This dynamic duo was instrumental in defining our Northern California experience, Ikarian style! For many years, Lavendar and Zack were diligent in their efforts by investing endless hours of planning and preparation to ensure vital growth. Their beautiful home epitomized island hospitality and provided a wonderful setting for organizing events and fundraising for worthy causes.

With heartfelt gratitude we honor the dedication of Lavendar and Zack and remain committed to their ideals of Ikarian hospitality.

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As one term concludes, another begins – our **newly elected officers** are George Mougianis – President, Maria Katinos – Vice – President, Diane Fakaros – Treasurer, and Janice Spiegel – Secretary.



In closing, we look forward to our future with high hopes and offer all our chapter members a most productive year.

Submitted by Stella Bratsis



Lychnos Group Photo

Congratulations to 3 of our young Chapter members who married this summer!

Tom and Sara (Stecz) Kratsas
- Married on May 22nd, 2010.
Son of Zack and Lavendar Kratsas, long-time active members of Lychnos Chapter.



Aaron and Panayiota (Tsampis) Abood -
Married on July 17th, 2010. Daughter of Paul and Chrisula Tsampis, long-time active members of Lychnos Chapter.



George and Christina (Dinneen) Hatzistratis
- Married on August 21st, 2010. Son of Foti and Sandra Hatzistratis, long-time active members of Lychnos Chapter.

“And the Two shall become One”

Together family and friends witnessed a beautiful wedding ceremony of the couples Love and Commitment to one another. The ceremonies then lead us all in to a wonderful and enjoyable wedding reception in celebration of their union together as Husband and Wife. We wish them a lifetime of Love, Health and Happiness as they begin their new lives together making their dreams come true.

Na Mas Zisoune!

ATHERAS

PHILADELPHIA #12

Greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. Atheras Chapter #12, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania extends its best wishes to the Spanos/Areti #9 for a successful convention.

The newly elected Chapter officers for 2010 are as follows:

James Houtridis, President

Nick S. Pasamihalis, Vice-President

Kaliopse Seindanis, Treasurer

Theologo A. Horiates, Secretary

Stavros N. Pasamihalis, Executive committee

George Facas, Executive committee

Atheras is proud to report that our Chapter remained active with various activities including our 3rd annual Halloween party last fall. We held our annual Christmas party for the children hosted by the The Ladies of Agia Marina, our auxiliary women's chapter. After the New Year, we held another successful Super-bowl Sunday Hoagie Sale at our club house. Our Annual Icarian dance was held on February 13, 2010, at St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. The Tsantires band provided much *Kefi* and it was a great turnout by both our local members and by Icarians from afar.

Our own PSP George G. Horiates is the President of the Federation of Hellenic-American Societies of Philadelphia and Greater Delaware Valley. The Federation sponsors Philadelphia's Greek Independence Day Parade, in which Atheras proudly has participated for years. Atheras, as a chapter of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood, is recognized as one of the strongest Greek-American groups in the South Jersey-Philadelphia area. Atheras is also proud to say we filled an entire school bus for a very well attended parade march. Following the parade we had a wonderful pizza party at the leski.

In the spring, we installed a new kitchen floor and purchased a large 50 inch plasma TV to make our Super Bowl Parties even more enjoyable. We plan to continue renovations to our meeting hall including installing new windows and painting to give it a more family feel.

We have had an amazing year. The chapter was privileged to have **Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis**



visit our leski in June, 2010. We had a wonderful dinner prior to the meeting. Afterward she spoke at our meeting



SP Sonja Stefanadis and VP Nik Pasamihalis hold her welcome cake as created by Theologos Horiates

touching on various topics regarding the Brotherhood. Our last meeting of the year was held on June 27, 2010. This day coincided with the annual picnic sponsored by the Ladies of Agia

Marina. As always, the picnic provided us with a great opportunity for our **Chapter Atheras group picture**.



Our membership is strong at over 86 members and their families. This year, Chapter Atheras continues communication via the Internet site, Facebook. It now enjoys over 395 friends. We utilize this site to advertise chapter gatherings and post pictures from our events. Check out our pictures from our Halloween party, Super-Bowl hoagie sale, Atlantic County wineries ride, and our 3rd annual Canoe/Kayak trip at Atsion Lake.

Once again Atheras Chapter extends its best wishes to Spanos/Areti #9 for a successful and enjoyable Supreme Convention weekend. Best wishes to all.

Submitted by Chapter President
James Houtridis

Convention Report

Greetings from Chapter Oinoe in sunny Southern California. We started off the year with our chapter meeting in January at the home of Nicolas and Hilda James in Glendale, CA. After a pizza and salad dinner we held our annual elections for the 2010 officers and send out a congratulations to; Nicolas James-President, Demosthenes Yiakas-Vice President, Bryan Gittings-Treasurer and James Horaites- Secretary. The big news at the meeting was the 2011 National Convention that our chapter would be hosting would be changing venues from the Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood to The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills. The change was due to contract disputes with the Renaissance Hotel that we could not come to an agreement with. Gus Yiakas and Constantinos Frangos were appointed as the Chairman of the 2011 National Convention at this meeting. Our second meeting was held on March 14, 2010 at the home of Steven and Sherly Saphos in Agoura, California. The main topic of discussion was the contract with The Beverly Hilton. Constantinos Frangos and our newest member Zachary Frangos let us know that the negotiations were going very well and a contract would be signed soon. President Nicolas James also announced that our chapter members went up! We had set a goal to reach 110 members in 2010 and we surpassed that goal with 113 members by the March meeting.

On April 12, 2010 we were all very saddened to hear of the passing of our beloved past president Bessie Bornino. She had been in the words of Gregory Karaptis' eulogy *"a great lady who departed life leaving a legacy, as one of the most loved, respected, and revered people by everyone who met her."* She will be sorely missed by her beloved James Bornino, family and many friends. May her memory be eternal.

On May 22, 2010 we held a meeting at the site of our 2011 Convention The Beverly Hilton. We met at the hotel restaurant Circa 55 next to the legendary bar Trader Vic and took a tour of the facilities. The Convention Committed was very impressed with the spacious lobby, gorgeous Grand Banquet Hall. The same hall that hosts the *Golden Globe Awards* each year and the newly renovated hotel rooms that are completely modernized with flat screen TVs and modern bathrooms. The contract is signed with the hotel now and our committee is putting together a convention that we hope will surpass your every expectation.

In June we meet at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Oxnard, CA to finalize the blueprint for who would be working in which committees for the Convention in Beverly Hills. It was a very productive meeting.

We also had a very successful fundraiser at the Holly-

wood Bowl on July 2, 2010. We raised \$500 and had a sell out crowd once again for this event. Our last event for the summer was our annual Icarian Picnic at Tournament Park in Pasadena. This event was also very well attended with over 60 people at the picnic enjoying some fine Icarian fellowship.

After the Detroit Convention we plan on meeting once a month to finalize the details for our chapter to host the 2011 National Convention at the Beverly Hills Hilton in Beverly Hills, California. We can't wait to see you all there next year.

Submitted by

Nicolas G. James Chapter President Oinoe #14

Read at the Detroit Convention by Vice President- Demosthenes Yiakas

Chapter Report

Congratulations to chapter Spanos/ Areti#9, Detroit for hosting such a wonderful convention. All of our members who attended had a great time at the convention and enjoyed your beautiful city and hospitality. We are very busy at chapter Oinoe preparing for the 2011 National Convention at the luxurious **Beverly Hills Hotel** in the center of glamorous Beverly Hills, California. Check out our website and book your room early and do not forget to prepay for your Grand Banquet tickets so you can be a part of the first ever red carpet extravaganza before the Grand Banquet begins. Tickets are going fast so please reserve your tickets today. Our website is PIBLA2011.org or IKARIOTIKOLA.org.



Our summer was very busy preparing for the 2011 Convention with our official kickoff meeting held in June at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Oxnard. We strategized about who would chair each event and how we would delegate the Herculean task of putting together one of the most memorable conventions in the Icarian history. We can't wait to share our city with you.

President Nicolas James and his wife Hilda celebrated the baptism of their third child Peter Varoojan Harry James at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral on June 26, 2010. It was a beautiful service officiated by V. Rev. Fr. John S. Bakas. Godparents are Nick and Anna Xeros and Dr. Victor and Odette Khalil. Baby Peter was very blessed to have all 4 of his proud grandparents in attendance (Harry & Elaine (Kazalas) James and Dr. Varoojan & Irmen Kianian)as well as his great grandmother Jnik Davidian at this blessed event. Na Sas Zisis!



Nicolas, Hilda & Peter James and family, Anna & Nick Xeros and Dr. Victor & Odette Khalil and family

We had our annual summer fundraiser at the Hollywood Bowl on July 2, 2010. It was a sell out crowd of 100 gathered to hear legendary country western star Vince Gill perform his hits with the LA Philharmonics and then we were treated to a spectacular fireworks show to kick off the July 4th weekend. A great time was had by all who attended.



Sophia James, Elaine James, Harry James and Alexander James



Steven, Sherly, Nicole, Kalli & Stevie Saphos



President Nicolas & Hilda James and family



Howard & Lynn Bloch



We celebrated Alexander James' 7th Birthday at the Bowl

Our final event of the summer was our annual Ikarian Picnic! The Celebration of the 98th Anniversary of Ikarian Independence and The Feast Day of Agia Marina was held on Saturday, July 17, 2010 at Tournament Park in Pasadena, CA. It was a very well attended event with over 60 Icarians in



Zacharias & Nikitas Tripodes

attendance for this fun day of food, games, raffles and fellow-ship. We barbecued hot dogs, and hamburgers and feasted on many delicious



Chapter Oinoe 2010 Officers: Demosthenes Yiakas, Nicolas James, Bryan Gittings & James Horaite



Chapter Oinoe's Future

side dishes prepared by our expert Icarian cooks. We wish you all a safe and happy fall and look forward to seeing you all in LA, LA Baby!!!!!!

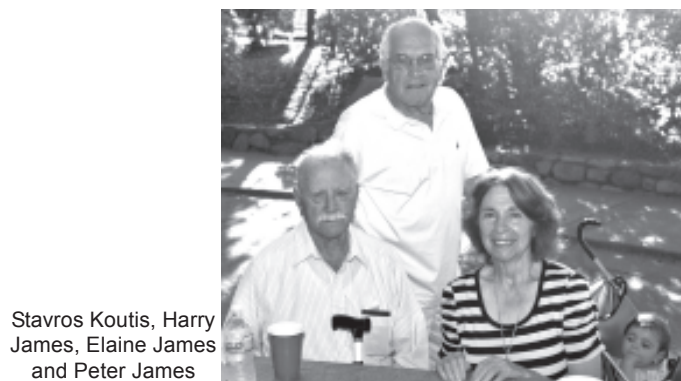
Submitted by
Nicolas G. James Chapter President Oinoe #14



Sophia James and Katerina Gittings



Preparing the boat Kaieiki for the 2011 Ikariotiko fishing tournament, Brothers Safos, Yiakas and Captain Zachary Frangos



Stavros Koutis, Harry James, Elaine James and Peter James



Convention Comittee meeting Nick Yiakas, Demo Yiakas, Georgia Katopodis(Tripodes) Gus Yiakas, Marianthe Tripodes, Anthony Horiates



Junior division potato sack racers getting ready to begin

Shawn Michael Chacalos became engaged to his High School sweetheart, **Cassie Jolene Zeroski** on August 16, 2008. On June 5, 2010 they were married in Columbus, Ohio at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. The newlyweds had a very exciting honeymoon, first they were in Santorini, then Mykonos, Ikaria and Athens.



While in Ikaria, Shawn and Cassie visited Xilosirti where many of Shawn's relatives still live.

The couple will reside in Columbus, Ohio. Shawn is an electrician and works for Roehrenbeck Electric and Cassie is an elementary school teacher in the Upper Arlington School System. Shawn is the grandson of Icaros Chacalos from Plomari, and the son of Emmanuel Michael Chacalos. His proud Thea and Nouna is Kathy Chacalos Poulos.

James Xidas graduated from Miamisburg High School in Miamisburg, Ohio-fourth in his class out of 370. He graduated with honors and with a GPA of 4.21. He was varsity basketball captain, on student council, National Honor Society, and Homecoming Court. Outside activities included GOYA, acolyte, volunteering at Miami Valley Hospital. He is attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He is in the Honors program and will be staying in the Honors dorm.



James plans on majoring in Chemistry/zoology with the intentions of pursuing a career in medicine. He started college with 23 credits from the AP classes he took in High School. His proud parents are Tony and Penny Xidas. His grandparents are James and Catherine Arvanetes Xidas.

Marino "Mike" and Jackie Moraitis went to Egypt and Israel in April and took a Journey into the Land of the Bible, along with 30 members of the Annunciation



Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Columbus, Ohio and Father Michael Kontos, Jr. On April 16th we embarked on a Holy Land Pilgrimage, a

Pilgrimage that will long live in our hearts. We saw Cana, Nazareth and the Jordan River. We sailed on the Sea of Galilee, went to Capernaum, Mt Beatitudes, and Caesarea Philippi. We visited Jerusalem, Bethany, Mt. of Olives, Gethsemane Gardens, Cave of the Betrayal and the Church of the Pater Noster. We walked along Via Dolorosa, went to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, St. Anne's church, venerated the Western Wall and the Church of the Dormition. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was unbelievable, it houses the Rock of Calvary, the Prison of Christ, Chapel of the Finding of the Cross, and the Stone of Unction. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher is in the Old city of Jerusalem and where the New Testament says that Jesus was crucified. It is said to also contain the place where Jesus was buried, probably this Church was the most important place we visited on this tour. Today it serves as the headquarters of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem. We also saw Jericho, Mt. Temptation, Mt. Nebo, the Dead Sea and Masada. We hiked Mt. Sinai and visited the Monastery of St. Catherine, and Eliat. We touched the Burning Bush that is housed in the Chapel of the Burning Bush. This was truly a fantastic journey. We saw many more sights, too many to mention.

CHRIST E. AIVALIOTIS

COLUMBUS #17

Chris Fountas, a founding member of the Christ



Aivaliotis Chapter #17 of Columbus, Ohio, passed away in June 2010 while residing in Hollywood, Florida. He was born Oct 28, 1940 in Columbus, Ohio to Maria "Mary" Pardos Fountas and Yianni Fountas. His mother was born in Tsouretho, Ikaria and his father was from Lamia. He graduated from North High School and attended Ohio State University.

He pursued a restaurant career, his most famous was the Roman Gate Pizza at OSU Campus. In the Sixties he managed the Coventry Inn in Columbus, Ohio.

In the Seventies he managed Arthur Treacher's in Florida. His sister Argrio Fountas Sourvanos still lives in Columbus, Ohio and she is a member of our chapter. His brother Lou Fountas is also a member of our chapter and he lives in Deerfield, Florida. His sister Bessie Lambidis lives in Coral Springs, Florida. May his Memory Be Eternal.

Submitted by Jackie Moraitis



HELIOS

CLEARWATER #19

Convention Report

Greetings from Chapter Helios, #19 Clearwater, Fl. The main focus of our chapter this year has been the monumental task of rebuilding our clubhouse which Brother Gus Tsambis has been overseeing. There have been many setbacks and delays due to the difficult process of obtaining a building permit from the city of Dunedin. Now there are some other developments that have occurred so things are at a stand still. We will have our general meeting this month to discuss the status of this building. Brother John Sakoutis had spearheaded the fundraising portion of this endeavor. Our annual winter glendi in January was a very successful event, especially since we hosted the youth conference. Our Kariotakia add so much kefi and we are always happy to see them here. Diana Plutis and Stephanie Tserpekis did an outstanding job in organizing a fun and informative weekend for them. We are in the planning stage for this upcoming year's dance which will be held in February, for a change. In January we had elections and the following officers were named: President, Dessi Plutis, Vice President, Ann Anderson and Lynn Stenger, Treasurer, Mary Deschamps, recording secretary, Stan Pardos and corresponding secretary, Fran Glaros.

On a sadder note, in March we lost our beloved Maria Tsambis, who was the pillar of Chapter Helios. From the beginning, she always gave 100% to this chapter. We miss her very much.

We've also had several new babies this past year. A daughter for Stephanie and Chad Blakely (proud grandparents are Argie and Bill Pastis), a son for Penney and Louis Christopher (proud grandparents are Koula and Ted Plakas), and a son for Niki and James Salame (proud grandparents are Nick and Dessi Plutis).

The Greek Independence Day parade in Tarpon Springs was a wash out this year, along with our picnic. We had two trips to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino where we had no big winners, but a lot of fun. In May we wrapped things up with a picnic at Fred Howard Park. Respectfully yours, Dessi Plutis Chapter President

Chapter News

Greetings to all from Chapter Helios in Clearwater, Florida. We would like to send a big "Bravo" to our brothers and sisters in Detroit for hosting a great convention. Many of our members that attended had a wonderful week-end. It was a real treat to have Skanzakas play the Ikariotiko for us on his magical violi. After taking a break during the long, hot summer, we began our season with a meeting at Kally K's restaurant, where we discussed the future of the clubhouse. There was a birthday cake for **Stan Pardos**, and we also congratulated him on becoming the new district governor. We also congratulated our own Sonja Stephanadis on her year as Supreme President. Our members continue to get together once a month for a meeting and to enjoy a dinner among friends. We are planning for our winter glendi which will take place Feb.19, 2011. We hope to see you all there. Submitted by Dessi Plutis Chapter President



34th Annual Icarian Glendi Dinner Dance

Hosted by Helios Chapter # 19

Saturday, February 19, 2011

~ *President's Day Weekend* ~

New location: Conmy Center at Our Lady of Lourdes Church
750 San Salvador Dr., Dunedin, Florida

Music by: Odyssey

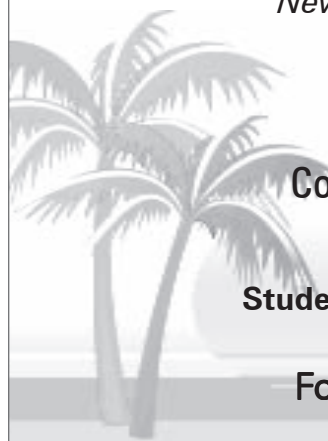
Cocktails & Mezedakia - 6:30 p.m. Dinner - 7:30 p.m.

Donation: Dinner/ Dance – Adults \$45.00

Students (12 & under) \$15.00 Dance only (9:00 p.m.) \$15.00

For reservations call Kim VROUTOS (727) 424-0360

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KAVO-PAPAS

HOUSTON #20

Convention Report

Well friends, another year has come and gone and the Pan Icarian Brotherhood has once again continued its march towards excellence with its ongoing efforts to promote our proud Hellenic culture all across these United States. The new and exciting cookbook is going to be a great tool for promoting our rich culture and heritage. I hope our members show the finished product to many of their American friends and spread the joy and culinary talents of our group.

Our chapter membership has grown by a few this past year to 33, and we have a few more individuals we are targeting in the local community to continue our expansion. The Kavo Papas family has enjoyed another year of continued fellowship amongst our clan, and is gearing up towards another successful fundraiser at the Annunciation Orthodox Church this November, which is the site of our annual bake sale. Hope all our chefs and bakers are getting ready.

Our membership sends their warmest regards and congratulations to the people of Detroit for their hard work and hope this year's festivities are memorable. We also recognize the continued efforts of our charitable foundation and all the good deeds it provides, as well the personal time allocated by our honorable president, Sonja, and the rest of her nationwide team, Job well done. Respectfully Submitted, George Tratras Chapter President

Chapter News

Greetings and salutations from the great Southwest. Fall and the month of October have arrived along with cooler weather and football season, and neither could have gotten here fast enough for us down in Texas. Our chapter has been plugging along and is searching for new member candidates as well as preparing for our up in coming annual bake sale to bolster our coffers. It is a great event at our cathedral for the parishioners who enjoy all the home baked goodies. It is always a great success and our members enjoy preparing all the traditional ethnic treats. It will, as always, take place the week before Thanksgiving.

All our members would like to send our sincere thoughts and prayers to our members across this great nation and abroad as the Holidays approach. Take the time to embrace your family, friends and rekindle your Ikarian heritage with those people you might only see sparingly throughout the year.

Warmest wishes,
George Tratras
President Kavo Papas

Προς τους Ικαριους Συμπατριωτες μας, Θελουμε να σας ευχαριστησουμε για την προσκληση σας στο 107τη Χονδρεντιον της Πανικαριακης Αδελφοτητας και σας ευχομαστε καλη επιτυχια!

Το τμημα του Τοροντο αποτελείται απο 47 εγγεγραμμενα μελη.

Η Γενικη μας Συνελευση πραγματοποιηθηκε στις 7 Φεβρουαριου του 2010. Απο τις εκλογες εκλεχτηκε Προεδρος ο Γεωργιος Τουρας, Αντιπροεδρος ο Βασίλειος Φραδελος, Γραμματεας η Βασιλεια Πορη, Ταμειας ο Νικος Καρρας και 7 αναπληρωματικα μελη.

Το Τμημα # 21 ειναι επισης μελος της Γενικης Συνομοσπονδιας Νησων Αιγαίου και μελος της Ελληνικης Κοινοτητας του Τοροντο.

Η χρονια αυτη ηταν πολυ αξιολογη.

Καταρχην ειχαμε την χαρα να φιλοξενησουμε την Προεδρο της Πανικαριακης Κα Σονια Στεφαναδη. Η Κα Στεφαναδη ειναι πολυ αξια Προεδρος και με μεγαλη κατανοηση ακουσε τα προβληματα του Συλλογου μας δινοντας μας πολυ καλες συμβουλες. Νοιαζεται παρα πολυ για το καλο της ανικαριακης και κανει τα παντα για να ειμαστε ολοι κοντα στην Αδελφοτητα.

Στην παρελαση της 25η Μαρτιου, το λαβαρο της Ελευθερας Πολιτειας Ικαριας ανεμισε θριαμβεφτηκα σε ολο του το μεγαλειο στην οδο Ντανφορθ οπου και μας χειροκροτησε ολος ο Ελληνισμος της Παροικιας.

Στις 16 Μαίου πηραμε μερος στο Συνεδριο των Νησων Αιγαίου. Το προγραμμα του Συνεδριου περιελαμβανε την Πολιτιστικη Βραδυα με τιτλο: Η Λαμψη του Αιγαίου. Καθε νησι κατεθεσε για το σκοπο αυτο

παραδωσιακα αντικημενα και νοστημα νησιωτικα φαγητα οπου ειχαν την ευκαιρια ολοι να θαυμασουν. Η παρουσιαση του παραδωσιακου Κλειδωνα εκλεψε την παρασταση.

Στις 13 Ιουνιου μας επισκεφτηκε ο Κυβερνητης μας **Δαμιανος Σκαρος** μαζι με την οικογενεια του. Ο Δαμιανος ειναι ενας πολυ αξιολογος νεος Ικαριος. Μας



μετεφερε την αγαπη του και τον ενθουσιασμο του για την Πανικαριακη και μας ακουσε με απλοηκοτητα και σεβασμο. Οι ιδεες του για το πως να φερούμε πιο κοντα στο Συλλογο τα νεα παιδια ηταν πολυ σημαντικες για μας. Ο Κυβερνητηςεπισης μας ειπε πως ειμαστε και το καλυτερο Τμημα γιατι οπως ειπε ειναι και τοπρωτο και το μονο που ειχε ως τα τοτε επισκεφτει. Για τον Οκτωμβριο θα εχουμε τον χορο μας, με συνεργασια και αλλων νησιων της Συνομοσπονδιας Νησων Αιγαίου. Ελπιζουμε σε μεγαλη επιτυχια.

Το πιο σημαντικό ομως γεγονος απο ολα ειναι οτι ο Συλλογος μας ειναι τυχερος γιατι τα τελευταια 2 χρονια εχουνε γενηθει ως σημερα 14 νεα μελοντικα Καριωτακια. Νεο αιμα λοιπον στον Συλλογο για να συνεχιστει η Καριωτικη παραδοση. Θελουμε και παλι να σας ευχηθουμε καλη επιτυχια στο Συνεδριο!

Σας ευχαριστουμε και καλη ανταμωση στην Ικαρια.

Τμημα # 21
Τοροντο



Greetings from Ikaros of Montreal Chapter 22!

We hope that all of our Ikarian brothers and sisters enjoyed their recent summer break and hopefully some of you were either blessed to visit our beautiful Greece homeland or had the opportunity to partake in the festivities of the very successful Detroit convention. Our members who did attend the convention wanted to extend a sincere thank you and congratulations to the local host Chapter for all their efforts and for being such welcoming hosts. Kudos to Chapter 9 Spanos/Areti for an excellent job!



As we resume our Chapter's meetings and take upon organizing the upcoming events, we wish you all as well, much success and growth within your respective Chapters and a most pleasant autumn season. Our chapter news will promise to be much more eventful at the next magazine edition. For now, all we have to share with you are recent social family events that some of our Montreal members recently celebrated with all of us.



On June 6th 2010, George Efstratoudakis (son of Antonis and Anna Efstratoudakis) and Demetra Mangafas celebrated the baptism of their beautiful son, **Antonis Efstratoudakis**. Congratulations to the proud parents. May he be blessed and Na sas zisei to Neofotisto!!



On July 8th 2010, Nafsika Antypas (daughter of Miltiadis and Frosso Antypas) and John

Spiropoulos welcomed their first child, a beautiful son, **Theodore Antypas Spiropoulos**. Congratulations to the proud parents, may his life be blessed and Na sas zisei to Neogennito!!



Lastly, on July 26th 2010, our Chapter President, Irene Antypas (daughter of Miltiadis and Frosso Antypas) and



past District Governor, Zacharias Lefas (son of Ioannis and Lemonia Lefa) welcomed the birth of their first child, a beautiful baby girl, **Zoe Antypas Lefas**. Congratulations to the proud parents, may her life be blessed and Na sas Zisei to Neogennito!!

Here's to sharing in the future many more such happy occasions!

Respectfully submitted,
Chryssa Efstratoudakis

Θερμούς Χαιρετισμούς σε όλους από το τμήμα 22
Ίκαρος του
Μόντρεαλ.

Ελπίζουμε
πως ολοι σας
περασατε ενα
ευχαριστο
φετινο
καλοκαιρι και
πως ειχατε
την ευκαιρια
να
επισκεφτειτε
την ομορφη
Ελλαδα μας
και οτι
καποιοι απο
εσας
συμμετηχατε
στο προσφατο



συνεδριο του Detroit. Οσοι απο τα μελοι μας
παρευρεθηκαν στο συνεδριο εμειναν εκπληκτοι απο
την καλη συνεργασια που υπηρχε και στελνουν τα
συχαριτηρια τους στο Τμημα 9, Σπανος/Αρετι για μια
εξαιρετικη δουλεια!

Με τον ερχομο του Φθινοπωρου, ξαναξεκιναμε τις
εργασιες μας με το Συμβουλιο μας και μ'αυτην την
ευκαιρια, ευχομαστε σε ολα τα Τμηματα καλες
δουλειες και καλη προοδο. Ελπίζουμε να σας
μεταφερουμε καινουργια νεα απο το τμημα μας στο
επομενο τευχος με πολυ ενδιαφερον εκδηλωσεις για τα
μελοι μας. Προς το παρον ομως, εχουμε πολλα
ευχαριστα γεγονοτα να μοιρασουμε μαζι σας,
οικογενειακες στιγμες, που γιορτασαν προσφατα
καποια απο τα μελοι μας.

Στης 6 Ιουλίου 2010, ο Γιώργος Ευστρατουδακης (γιος
του Αντώνη και της Άννας Ευστρατουδακη) και η
συζυγος του Δημητρα Μανγαφα γιορτασαν την
βαφτιση του γλυκου γιου τους, **Αντώνη
Ευστρατουδακη**. Συχαριτηρια τους γονεις και να σας
ζησει το νεοφωτηστο!



Στης 8 Ιουλίου 2010, η Ναυσικα Αντυπα (κορη του
Μιλτιαδη και Φώσος Αντυπα) και ο συζυγος της
Γιαννης Σπυροπουλος καλοσωρισαν την γεννηση του
γλυκου γιου τους, τον **Θεωδορη Αντυπα
Σπυροπουλο**. Συχαριτηρια στους γονεις κα να σας
ζήσει το νεογέννητο!

Επισης στις 26 Ιουλίου 2010, η Προεδρος μας, Ειρηνη
Αντυπα (κορη του Μιλτιαδη και Φώσος Αντυπα) και
ο συζυγος της Ζαχαριας Λεφας (γιος του Ιωαννη και
Λεμονιας Λεφα) καλοσωρισαν την γέννηση της
γλυκιας κορης τους, **Ζωη Αντυπα Λεφα**. Συχαριτηρια
στους γονεις και να σας ζήσει το νεογέννητο!
Ελπίζουμε παντοτε να ζουμε παντα τετοιες χαρες και
ευχαριστες στιγμες!

Με εκτίμηση,
Χρύσα Ευστρατουδακη

LANGADA "SPIRIT OF IKARIA"

ATLANTA #23

Convention Report

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 Detroit Chapter for your hospitality in hosting the 107th Pan-Icarian Supreme Convention.

Also, we would like to thank Supreme President, Sonja Stefanadis for her continual leadership this past year along with all of the Supreme Officers of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood, the Foundation Officers, District Governors and all others involved with the Brotherhood.



Here are a few highlights from our chapter since the last Supreme Convention:

On November 8, 2009, our chapter hosted a luncheon and were blessed with a visit from our Supreme President, Sonja Stefanadis with thirty members & friends in attendance.

On January 31st, our chapter elected officers for 2010. The officers are as follows:

President: Demosthenes Galaktiadis, Atlanta, GA
Vice-President: Despina Vodantis of Birmingham, AL
Rec. Secretary: Irene Mavroudis, Lawrenceville, GA
Corresponding Secretary: Irene Lafakis, Birmingham, AL
Treasurer: Bill Androutsopoulos, Lawrenceville, GA

During the summer, our chapter attended a cookout/pool party at the house of our President, Demosthenes Galaktiades. During this meeting, our chapter agreed upon sending a donation towards the Building Fund for the Helios Chapter for construction of their new building.

Unfortunately, we've struggled to maintain our membership numbers as prior years. Currently, our chapter is down 45% in membership this year.

In closing, we would like to extend our best wishes to the Spanos/Areti Chapter #9 for a successful and enjoyable Supreme Convention weekend!

Submitted by Demosthenes Galaktiadis
Chapter President, Lanagada # 23, Atlanta, Georgia

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Hello from Drakanon Chapter of Parma, OH ! Bravos Spanos Areti!! The convention was wonderful! We are looking forward to seeing all of your pictures!

I hope this message finds all of you well. A warm heart-felt congratulation goes out to member Nick Hazinakis, Jr. who married the love of his life Anna Tomaro on April 2. The newlyweds welcomed all of us into their lives by combining their Greek and Italian backgrounds into one glorious Gretalian night of folk dancing, food & wine, pastries and of course The cake! Congratulations Nick & Anna!!! Chronia Polla!!!



his fiddle with the band for several songs and then serenaded Kostia with a melancholy, but romantic song in the rebetika form. Congratulations Peter & Kostia on this amazing milestone!



In June, founding members **Peter & Kostia Parianos** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a surprise party thrown by their children, sons-in-law and daughter-in-law - Chris & Jeannie Parianos, Edward & Joanne Samunek (Parianos), Paul & Marina Casey (Parianos), and Tim & Maria O'Connell (Parianos). The Golden couple looked dashing together as they danced across the stage. Their children and then other couples were invited to join them for some romantic waltzes. Of course it wouldn't be a Greek party without folk dancing, so the live band performed several favorites including: the Ikariotiko, Tsamiko and Zorba. Peter honored all of us by playing





Due to an above average snowfall, March marked our first meeting for the year. We drafted a new set of by-laws that went into effect this summer. We have changed our meeting frequency to bi-monthly, updated our website to include our 2009 Christmas party that Santa graciously attended with his usual round of goodies for the kids that were of course taken by the adults to play with!

Our itinerary for this summer included attending several Cleveland Indians games, including the September 12 game against the Minnesota Twins at Progressive Field. We unfortunately lost, but it was great to relax and enjoy the lovely afternoon weather with friends, while eating yummy ballpark food.



Coming this fall, Treasurer Maria O'Connell has joined our Activities Coordinator Denise Lefas to plan a trip to Mountaineer Casino and an outing to the New Orleans Showboat restaurant for a night of gambling, shows and scrumptious food and drinks. Next summer we are also hoping to share a picnic with the Cleveland area Chiotikos club.

Our fall agenda includes finalizing our new by-laws, planning our Halloween and Christmas parties and discussing a fundraising New Year's Eve dance. We are

also planning a dinner outing to Niko's Taverna in Lakewood , Ohio and a second outing to Pappou's in Parma .

We hope all of you have a wonderful season and are able to get out and enjoy the fall weather. It's time for apple picking, hot chocolate and football!

Connie Karniotis
Drakanon secretary



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Convention Report

Panagia, Chapter 26, has been very active since last year's convention in Cleveland, Ohio. We have held many meetings in which we discussed the future of our Chapter, the importance of preserving our Ikarian heritage, and ways in which we can better serve the Ikarian Brotherhood.

Shortly following the Cleveland Convention, we held our first meeting where the first order of business was the election of Chapter officials. Nikolas G. Skaros and Theodore G. Skaros maintained their positions of President and Vice-President, while Nicole Skaros-Marcello was re-elected as our Chapter's Treasurer. George N. Skaros was nominated and elected as Chapter Secretary, a position which had been vacant since our previous holder, Damianos T. Skaros, was selected to serve as District 6 governor to the Supreme Lodge. Since the creation of Chapter Panagia, George has played an active role in its establishment and we are confident he will help us grow, as we move towards the future.

In September of last year, our Chapter was pleased to host a visit from our Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis. During her visit, we were able to discuss our thoughts, offer suggestions, and gain a better understanding on the way the Brotherhood operates and the ultimate goals for the future. This was a valuable visit and we would like to thank Sonja for taking the time to visit us in Buffalo, New York.

Throughout the winter, we were able to gather during the holiday season to socialize and discuss important Chapter business. We were pleased that one of our youth members, Damianos Skaros, was able to attend the annual Youth Conference which was held in Clearwater Florida this past January. This is a valuable event, in which the future leaders of the Brotherhood are able to gather to discuss concerns, offer ideas, network, and learn the inter-workings on how the Brotherhood functions. Damianos was very proud to serve as our Chapter's youth representative and would like to offer his sincere gratitude, for the warm hospitality given by the Clearwater Chapter as they hosted a very successful youth conference.

The Paska season is always a memorable time for our Chapter, as it has become tradition to prepare and serve the *Μαγειρίτσα* following mid-night liturgy at our Greek Orthodox Church in Buffalo, New York. This has become a greater success each year as more and more parish members look forward to this annual event. We

feel this is a great way to give back to the Greek community while also enlightening people on the Brotherhood and Ikarian traditions.

Two of our Youth members, George N. Skaros and Damianos T. Skaros, have been working throughout the year on creating an Ikarian jig-saw puzzle. The idea of this project was proposed by Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis while meeting with the Brotherhood's youth members at last year's convention. The objective of the project was to create a product that could be sold in order to raise funds for the Youth Conference while also serving as a learning tool to help children and adults identify the landscape and landmarks of our island. George and Damianos have dedicated many hours in spearheading this project and working closely with Supreme President Sonja Stefanadis and Vice President Nikolaos J. Pasamihalis. We are proud of their leadership.

We are pleased to announce that Chapter #26, Panagia, has a total of eighteen (18) members, all of which have memberships which are paid in full. Though our membership count remains the same as the last fiscal year, we remain hopeful that our Chapter will grow in years to come. Though small in numbers, our Chapter has a strong foundation as each member plays an active role in Chapter events, affairs, and overall direction. We will continue to search for additional Ikarian members in the surrounding areas in hopes that our Chapter can grow in size.



Panagia would like to give our sincere thanks to Chapter Spanos/Areti Chapter #9, of Detroit, for hosting us at this year's national convention and we look forward to the prosperous future of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood of America!

Sincerely, Nikolas G. Skaros, *President, Chapter #26*
Theodore G. Skaros, *Vice President, Chapter #26*

Chapter News

Greetings to all from Panagia Chapter #26 Buffalo, NY. We would like to thank our friends from Spanos/Areti Chapter #9 for hosting this year's National Convention. They did a superb job and we would like to congratulate them for putting together such a wonderful program. It is obvious that the Ikarian Brothers and Sisters of Detroit certainly know the meaning of φιλοξενία.

At this year's Convention we were proud to see our own Damianos T. Skaros re-elected as District 6 Governor of the Supreme Lodge. We wish him well as he continues his duties.



We were also happy to see that the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood Puzzle fund raiser was such a success. The puzzle was former President Sonja Stefanadis' brain child and our members worked hard to bring it to life. All sales went to support the Pan-Icarian Youth Convention. Thanks to all of you the entire run sold out.

We were very sorry to hear the sad news from Ikaria about the tragic accident that claimed the life of one of our συνχωριανόν ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΣ ΠΑΠΑΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ. Many of our members remember him fondly from their time growing up on the island. He was one of the best bricklayers and a talented σοβατζισ from Panagia. We send our deepest condolences to his family.

George N. Skaros, Secretary Panagia Chapter #26

Convention Report

Greetings to all of our Brothers and Sisters in Detroit from the far off, Pacific Northwest's only Ikarian Chapter, Mesaria Chapter 27! We hope that everyone had a wonderful year and have survived the snow and the heat around the country while we have experienced some cooler weather, this past year. We had a short cold snap followed by the usual fall/winter rain and snow in the mountains and the summer months have been unusually cool except for a several dry days above 90 on the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains while some of our brothers and sisters in Central and Southern Oregon have had the usual dry and 100 degree weather!

Mesaria Chapter is continuing to work on increasing and maintaining membership across several states. We have eleven paid members and are working towards identifying other Ikarians in the Pacific Northwest and encouraging their participation. Since we are spread out between several states we attempt to coordinate a time that is convenient for all to meet, we typically get together in Portland, Oregon.

We had a pleasant visit and meeting, which was a 1st by our Supreme President, Sonia Stefanadis on Monday October 12, 2009 in Portland, Oregon. Some of our activities during President Stefanadis' short visit were a hilltop view of the "Rose City" and a visit to the Hellenic-American Cultural Center & Museum at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. We also met with Father Paul Schroeder who's Parish Council is in the capable hands of fellow Ikarian and President Steve Phoutrides. A Greek lunch followed at one of the many fine Greek establishments in Portland.

In November several of us enjoyed an evening with BASILE, at St. Demetrious Greek Orthodox Church in Seattle. The audience of non-Ikarians were assured by those of us Ikarians singled out, that BASILE and his lovely wife Koula are for Real and one of us!

The Fall Chapter meeting was held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 in Portland, Oregon. A late afternoon meeting was followed by a wonderful meal and lively conversation at one of Portland's fine Greek Restaurants. Our membership grew that evening with some new "faces" (distant relatives) when we finally met Greg Lakides from Salem, OR, Andreas Horiates and his lovely wife Lorna from Medford, OR, and Deborah Andreades from Portland.

The Summer Chapter meeting, to commemorate the Ikarian Independence Day was held in the backyard of Andreas and Lorna Horaites' lovely home on Saturday, July 17th 2010 in beautiful Medford, Oregon. An outstanding and sumptuous Ikarian meal was prepared from home

grown garden vegetables and other delectable items prepared from family recipes by the Horaites family, that were transplanted from Southern California to the Pacific Northwest. Attending our meeting via conference call was a special guest, Morfea Triggas of Lychnos Chapter #11 of Northern California.

A Fall 2010 get together is planned for early November, possibly in Seattle. We encourage all of you that know someone who is relocating or lives in the Pacific Northwest to contact and join us.

In closing, please remember one of our Brothers, Gus Mavrolas of Portland. He has been ill for the past two years but has maintained a strong will and spirit that has been his style. We pray for his healthy return to join us once again.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone after a successful time in Detroit somewhere closer to home on the West Coast in 2011.

Sincerely,

Charley Andrews,
Chapter President

WRAPPING UP THE REVVING UP IN THE “D”

October 3, 2010

Memo to our Icarian family:

On behalf of the Spanos/Areti Chapter #9 of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America, we congratulate all our recent Convention attendees, benefactors, and cohorts. The “ABC’s” of our successful convention began with your trek to our town. Thank you for your confidence in our ability to offer you a great inter-generational party in Detroit, Michigan during Labor Day weekend.

From the very first day, our host hotel, the Detroit Marriot

at the Renaissance Center, offered us a cordial reception under the direction of events manager, Paul Theofanous and our very own Icarian brother Kyriakos Katros, operations manger. Together with the assistance of all hotel personnel, we quickly got our act together to prepare the way for you to enjoy your Icarian Odyssey in our town. Kudos to our headquarters — the Marriot! This congratulatory note only underscores what the Detroit chapter and its friendly neighbors have known all along... when you do it, “Do it in the D!”

Your comments — from both young and old convention attendees alike — have been very positive: From the Friday-night Ouzo Cruzo Bar Crawl, the nightly dances with Kariotiko violi, the Tavli Madness, Kids’ Banquet, Kid’s Olympics, the Grand Banquet that ended at 10 p.m.

(exactly), and the Sunday memorial service at Annunciation Cathedral, to cruising the Detroit River, walking the Riverwalk or grooving to Jazz at the Volt Lounge or Hart Plaza’s Jazz Fest, your Detroit Icarians rocked!! We would be remiss not to give credit where credit is due; it is directed to the committee chairs

and their respective committees. All were very busy making your Paradosiako Panigyri unforgettable. Thank you committee chairs...

In conclusion...I want to thank you all, Sisters and Brothers, for joining us for a traditional “PARADOSIAKO” Icarian Convention. I wish you all a safe, happy, productive year and look forward to seeing you all in Beverly Hills in 2011!

With warmest regards,
Ellene Tratras Contis, PSP, 2010 PIB Convention Chair





IN MEMORY OF



Bess Bornino

March 11, 1922 – April 12, 2010

Bess Bornino 88, passed away peacefully at her Los Angeles home. Her devoted husband of over 50 years James was at her side.

Born in New York City, Bess was raised in Wheeling, West Virginia by her parents Marika Xenakis Lardas and Steve Lardas. She moved to Cleveland, Ohio in the 1940s and was an active member of the Ayias Marinas Ladies auxiliary of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. In 1955 she met James Bornino at the Cadillac Tank Plant in Cleveland where Bess was a secretary to the resident ordinance inspector. This was the beginning of a long wonderful relationship which lasted over 50 years. Jim and Bess were married May 23, 1959 at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Cleveland. They moved to California in 1962 to work for the US government space program in El Segundo, near Los Angeles.

Bess soon became active with the local Greek community. She was the first female member of the southern California (Oinoe) chapter of Pan-Icarian Brotherhood and served as president from 2002 to 2005. She was also president of the Adrasteia Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope in Pasadena, and a dedicated volunteer at St. Sophia Cathedral in Los Angeles. Bess served as president of the St. Sophia V.I.P. senior citizens group and was very active with Philoptochos.

She was a tireless worker for the Icarian chapter hosting numerous dinner meetings at her scenic Mt. Olympus home in Los Angeles over the years. Bess adopted the entire Icarian community as her family and loved, nurtured, and comforted them all. She never failed to remember the less fortunate, ailing or distressed members with phone calls, visits, cards, letters, and food. Bess remembered her many, many friends with personalized cards on birthdays, anniversaries or name days and would often help them celebrate with a tray of her signature dessert, *galactobouriko*. In many ways she was the glue that bound the disparate southern California Icarians together. As banquet chair of the 1991 Icarian convention in Long Beach she personally called Icarians all over the country encouraging them to attend. It was the first and

only time an Icarian convention banquet was sold out before the convention started. Bess and Jim enjoyed attending Icarian conventions all over the US and Canada as well as traveling to Icaria, Las Vegas and many other places together.

Bess and her husband Jim had an enchanted life together. They were an inseparable couple who truly enjoyed each other's company.

She leaves behind her beloved husband Jim, her sister Angela Stefanades, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, many nephews, nieces, cousins, godchildren, and innumerable friends.



Donations in memory of Bess Bornino can be made to the Pan-Icarian Foundation.



IN MEMORY OF



Peter J. Economos

April 11, 1959 - September 9, 2010

Peter Economos was the son of Calliope (Mougianis) and Jack Economos, and brother of Dean Economos.

Peter left this world too soon. He was a beautiful person whose love of family and friends was plain to see by all who knew him. He was compassionate and loving, always speaking straight from the heart.

He was a great storyteller with a sense of humor like no other. His was the best company to keep.

Peter was happiest when he was in Ikaria, relaxing at the family home in Pharos, spending his days in the sea that he called his 'true love' and his evenings enjoying the company of his relatives and friends, always teasing, bringing joy to the para.

Peter's true colors shined brightest when he was in the presence of children, who loved being near him because of his unending patience and playful nature.

Peter will be missed by so many but never forgotten. All who knew him will undoubtedly have great memories to smile and even laugh about...because that's who Peter was.

Submitted by Anna Aivaliotis



Pete the Greek, as he used to answer his cell phone, passed away on September 13, 2010. He was the beloved son of the late Jack Economos and the late Kalio Mougianis. Pete was born in Pittsburgh and was a proud worker for the city all his short life. Here I would like to thank my good friend George Aivaliotis for his role in helping Pete to get his job for the city of Pittsburgh.

I knew Pete from the day he was born, as his parents lived near us in Oakland. I loved him as a son, and he always called me

"Uncle George". His death came as a complication of his heart problem. Pete was a good human being and loved his fellow man. He also loved Ikaria, which he visited regularly. Pete was a warm-hearted, fun-loving individual who brought joy to all those around him. He

will be a sorely missed member of the Ikarian family. May his memory be eternal.

George L. Vassilaros
-Chemist, Past Supreme President



LITERATURE

THREE IKARIAN AUTHORS SPEAK AT THE DETROIT CONVENTION



"Meet 3 Ikarian Authors" was presented during the 2010 Pan-Ikarian Convention in the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Hotel on September 6th. (Left to right) Kay Papalas Batsakes, Archives Chairwoman, authors Anthony Papalas, Nick Lardas, John Chrysochoos, and illustrator Jack Lardis.

DETROIT – During the Pan-Ikarian Convention at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Hotel three Ikarian authors presented background information about their books and ancestral home in Greece to attending members on Sunday, September 6th from 3-4PM. The authors were Anthony Papalas, John Chrysochoos, Nicholas Lardas, and illustrator Jack Lardis.

Jack Lardis of Beacon Falls, Connecticut conceived of the presentation for three writers to talk about their books about Ikaria. Once he had agreement from the authors Jack contacted Ellene Nina Tratras Contis, Convention Chair, and Kay Papalas Batsakes of Lincoln Park, Michigan. Nina agreed to have the author's seminar and arranged to have it presented in the Ikarian Archives located in the Joliet Room on the 5th floor of the hotel. Nina also arranged to have promotional flyers about the event distributed during the registration of in-coming members.

Kay Batsakes, who was in charge of the Ikarian Archives Center, was instrumental in organizing the room with chairs, speaker's podium, and collecting the money from the book sales. The three authors agreed to donate 30% of the sales to the Spanos/Areti Chapter #9. Also Anthony Papalas and Nick Lardas donated some of their books to the local chapter for sale in the future.

Jack Lardis was the narrator for the event and introduced **Tony Papalas** who lives in North Carolina and teaches at East Carolina University. Tony has written "Ancient Icaria" and "Rebels and Radicals." He spoke about Communism on the island and mainland before and after World War II. He answered questions from the audience and later signed his books purchased by the guests.



Next Jack introduced **John Chrysochoos, Ph.D.** professor emeritus of Chemistry at the University of Toledo,



Ohio. John has published over 150 scientific articles and abstracts and has written "Beyond the Blue Ikarian Sea" and "In Reason We Trust." He spoke about his soon-to-be-published book "Ikaria – Paradise In Peril" and expressed his concern

regarding the "spoiling" of the majestic and natural beauty of the island in the name of progress. He answered questions and later signed books.

Lastly, Jack, who illustrated his brother's book, "Ikaria Remembered" presented **Nick Lardas**, retired architect from Ann Arbor, Michigan. Nick is a recent author of a series of short stories and poems that described his semi-fictional adventures as a ten-year old transplant from America on the Island of Ikaria during the Great Depression. He also demonstrated the simple games and handmade toys they created that entertained the youngsters during the 1930s. Afterwards Nick and Jack signed books for the guests.



LITERATURE

MUSIC



The “Meet 3 Ikarian Authors” event was a new addition for the Ikarian Convention and was well attended by the membership and guests. The format of inviting Ikarian authors and artists to speak at the next convention in the Beverly Hills, California, will be under consideration by the 2011 Pan-Ikarian Executive Committee.



Four covers of books by Anthony Papalas, John Chrysoschoos, Nicholas Lardas and illustrator Jack Lardis

Congratulations to **Mary Lukes Stamoulis** who was honored by her alma mater, Edison State College in Trenton, NJ. The college spotlighted Mary with an interview in the college magazine “Inventions” as alumni who has made good.

Mary has had five of her books published, has won a number of first place awards for her poetry and has also made a number of appearances at public libraries. She has also appeared at Barnes and Noble and for the Red Hats society to speak about the process of writing, and what inspired her in the writing of her five historic novels. Congratulations!



A YOUNG AND TALENTED VIOLIN PLAYER

Victoria Mavrogeorgis, who is eleven years old, of Pittsburgh, loves to play her violin. She has played at school and public concerts, in hotel lobbies, church festivals, in her father’s restaurant, in Cleveland at the Icarian picnic, Pittsburgh’s mini convention, and finally at the Pan Icarian Convention.

Victoria has been a student of the Suzuki Method of violin since she was four years old. In addition, she receives music lessons through the Pittsburgh Public School’s music program.

Victoria is a member of the Honor Society, the Joy Club of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church,

Greek School, Taekwondo and loves to play soccer.

Victoria loves math and science and aspires to be a mathematician or scientist. One of her additional goals is to become an ethnic violinist. She is the daughter of Dimitrios and Alea (Melacrinos) Mavrogeorgis, and sister of Christos and Yanna.



~ Ikarian Laughs ~



Dancing the Ikariotiko

“Otan mbeis sto horo, prepei na horepsis”

“When you enter the dance, you have to dance.”

—An old Hellenic proverb

If you want to dance the Kariotiko,
you have to surrender yourself
to bouzouki and clarinet, play
every string, every mournful note.
You must start out slow, with
the Kalamatiano or the Hasapiko,
until the music convinces you

That you know Maria with the yellow dress,
who cannot choose between her husband
and her neighbor. Run with the sailor
up the stairs, five and ten at a time,
to kiss your lover. Fall in love
with Evangeline, dance off a cliff with
the Souliotes, learn how to make a man want you
by jingling your bracelets.

Then you will be ready for
the more complicated dance,
the song of the black pain in the heart,
the longing for that mountainous place
in the Aegean Sea. You have to call
Ikaria your home, to believe its mountains
are your breasts, the ocean that surrounds it,
your blood. Be ready to make wings
of wax and feathers, to fly
against the sun.

If you want to dance the Kariotiko,
you have to know
how to give yourself to grief
until you sink deep
into the pain of your family, your village,
your people, until
it is all you see,
all you are.

You have to know that dancing
is the way we climb
out of our sorrow, how we
emerge from a period of mourning
to prove we are unscathed,
the way we stamp our pain
out of ourselves
and into the ground.
It's not enough to learn the steps.
You must put your grief into it,
turn it with the turning of the line
into joy.

And don't forget about memory.
The steps take you forward and backward
at the same time. Remember
you had a father once
who loved the stark mountains, the blue sea,
good food and wine, his family. Picture
your mother making mousaka,
that woman with a hard spirit
and a warm heart.

You have to trust your people enough
to let them lead you through the crowd,
on and off the dance floor, in and out the door.
And if they surrender the kerchief to you,
you have to be ready to lead
with your head held high, your movements perfect.
You have to love them enough
to wrap your arms around their shoulders.
Finally, there is the matter of endurance:
promise yourself
that when you step onto the floor
you won't stop until the music stops,
until the sun rises
tomorrow morning, pulling itself
out of the black depths
of a cold, mysterious sea.

—Argie Joanna Manolis

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