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PAN-ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA "ICAROS"

Headquarters of the Supreme Lodge IKARIA MAGAZINE Fall 2014 SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am incredibly excited about this upcoming year! I thank you for the trust you placed in me by electing me to be your Supreme President at the 2014 Convention in Clearwater, Florida, and I will do my best to serve you. I am a member of the Brotherhood for many of same reasons that you are- a deep-rooted love of Ikaria and my fellow Ikarians, and the pride that comes from belonging to an organization that is rich in history and has a storied tradition of helping others. I want you to know that I am committed to honoring our past by continuing our fraternal and philanthropic mission of uniting and helping Ikarians. Which brings me to my first topic....

Donate to the Medical Assistance Fund

Please honor our Brotherhood's tradition of philanthropy by making an individual donation to the Pan-Icarian Foundation's Medical Assistance Fund.

As some of you may already know, the Foundation recently received an urgent request regarding the plight of a 10-year-old boy from Agios Kirykos afflicted with a rare form of cancer called Langerhans cell histiocytosis. The boy's family is in a dire financial situation that makes it impossible for him to get to Athens for the necessary treatment. Most of his medical expenses are covered by insurance, but not other expenses his family needs to incur in connection with his treatment. Many people in Ikaria have helped the family with small donations, but not enough to continue his medical care. The boy's mother, a single parent and mother of two who lives in Ikaria, has asked the Foundation, as a last resort, for help. A number of you have already made generous pledges and the Foundation will forward any additional donations to the family. I also urge each local chapter to consider making a chapter donation and/or hosting a fundraiser for this worthy cause.

Please send your donations to: Pan-Icarian Foundation, P.O. Box 79037, Pittsburgh, PA 15216-0037. Checks should be made out to "Pan-Icarian Foundation." Please reference "Medical Assistance Fund" on the memo line. Your donations to the Foundation are tax deductible

Convention News

First, a big thank you to the Helios Chapter for hosting the 2014 Supreme Convention! The Brotherhood appreciates all of the hard work that went into hosting the Convention. The Convention was well attended, including by our Ikarian youth, and it was great to see everyone connect with their extended Ikarian "family" while soaking up those final rays of sun before winter arrives (for those of us that live in the polar vortex) and dancing the Ikariotiko into the wee hours of the night.

For those of you that were not able to attend the Convention business meetings, there are several items of Convention business to highlight:

Scholarships: The Scholarship Committee awarded, and the Foundation funded, 60 scholarships at the Convention (28 undergraduate and 5 graduate scholarships in the United States and Canada and 23 undergraduate and 4 graduate scholarships in Greece).

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FALL2014 SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Also noteworthy is that the Convention delegates voted to increase the amount of each scholarship in the United States, Canada and Greece by \$500, i.e., increasing undergraduate scholarships in the U.S. and Canada to \$2,000 and graduate scholarships in the U.S. and Canada to \$2,500. This increase will be effective this year.

This year, every qualified applicant in the United States and Canada received a scholarship. While thirty-three is a commendable number of qualified applicants, we can do even better. I highly encourage every high school senior and college and graduate student that meets the scholarship criteria to apply for a scholarship next year.

2016 Convention: Big Apple, here we come! The Convention delegates approved the Pandiki chapter's bid to host the 2016 Convention in New York City. In 2016 it will be 15 years since our last Convention in New York, but I'm sure the wait will have been well worth it!

Other Projects: The Convention Delegates tasked the Supreme Lodge with compiling a set of "best practices" for chapters to follow with the goal of improving membership. Chapter Lefkas in Baltimore, which recently saw a dramatic increase in its membership, will be providing the Supreme Lodge with insights on this endeavor, but the Supreme Lodge welcomes ideas/suggestions from every chapter and every member as to how to increase our membership. Please let us know what ideas you have!

The Convention Delegates also approved the formation of an ad-hoc committee to study ways in which we can encourage Convention bids from chapters. Please let me know if you have any interest in serving on this committee.

New Officers

We welcome back several familiar faces to the Supreme Lodge- Demosthenis Yiakas, our Counselor, Aspasia Elias, our District 2 Governor, Gus Tsambis, our District 4 Governor, Alexandra Katsas, our District 5 Governor, and Nick Skaros, our District 6 Governor. We also welcome back several familiar faces to the Supreme Lodge in new roles-George Paralemos, our new Vice President, Damianos Skaros, our new Secretary, Cathy Pandeladis, our new Treasurer/Database Manager, Katerina Mavrophilipos, our new District 1 Governor, and James Lakerdas, our new District 4 Governor. We also welcome George Karnavas from the Pharos chapter to the Supreme Lodge as our new Youth Governor. Congratulations to all!

And a most sincere thanks to outgoing Supreme President **George Koklanaris** for his service to the Brotherhood. I have had the pleasure of serving under five past Supreme Presidents and I learned a great deal from each of them.



But the one that has inspired me the most is PSP George Koklanaris. For the past two years, Brother George has demonstrated his passion for that "little pebble in the Aegean" (as he likes to call it) that is Ikaria by spearheading numerous fundraising efforts and working hard to turn them into reality, while somehow always managing to keep things light-hearted and fun. His are very big shoes to fill.

FALL2014 SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Youth Conference

If your chapter is interested in hosting the 2015 Pan-Icarian Brotherhood Youth Conference, please let us know! It is our preference for a chapter to host the Youth Conference in conjunction with a chapter event. We will be considering chapters that express interest (and hopefully finalizing the host chapter) at our fall Supreme Lodge meeting, scheduled to take place on November 15. If your chapter is interested in hosting the next Youth Conference, please email George Karnavas, our Youth Governor, at gkarnavas88@gmail.com, as soon as possible.

Your Ideas (and Contact Info)

We want to hear from you! While I and the other Supreme Lodge officers will do our best to lead the Brotherhood into its next stages of growth and development, our Brotherhood is only as strong as its members. So please, let me know what ideas you have, whether it be ideas for improving our Conventions or ways we can increase our membership. You can always reach me by phone at 917-941-4233 or by email at terryplatis@hotmail.com. I look forward to hearing from each of you.

Also, it has come to my attention that many of the local chapters have better email lists of their members than the Supreme Lodge does. In order to make sure that as many of your members as possible receive Brotherhood news, we ask that each chapter President/Secretary send to our webmaster, Dean Tripodes (at dean@baywalk.net), their latest email list.

Social Media

While I plan to continue my predecessors' tradition of letters in Ikaria magazine and a monthly Presidential newsletter on-line, I would like us to stay in contact more frequently. So if you haven't already done so, please like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PanIcarian and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/PanIcarian.

Fraternally yours,

E. Terry Platis

Supreme President



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Pan-Icarian Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
Visitation of Spanos/Areti #9
Detroit Chapter Clubhouse, Lincoln Park, MI
Saturday, June 21, 2014

Meeting opened at 2:29 PM (EDT) by Chairman Gus Yiakas

Four officers of the Pan-Icarian Foundation were present: Gus Yiakas, Chairman, Nikitas Tripodes, Vice-Chairman, Steve Stratakos, Director Paul Collaros, Director (Ellene Tratras Contis, Director, not present but in Ikaria)

Also participating were Supreme President George Koklanaris, Supreme Secretary George Paralemos, Past Supreme Presidents: John Lygizos and George Contis, Detroit chapter member Nick Koklanaris, and Southern California chapter member Dena Tripodes.

The following topics were discussed:

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the February 22, 2014 meeting were approved.

Finances

Based on our most recent bank statement, our total assets are \$4,967,000 of which a bit over one million is in the Souroumanis fund. In 2012, for comparison, our assets totaled \$4,200,000 for the same time period.

Souroumanis funds

PNC had kept the Souroumanis funds in a separate liquid account, which accumulated almost no interest for years. The funds are now invested like the rest of the assets of the Foundation.

We will submit a formal request to our insurance carrier for reimbursement of any outstanding attorney's fees associated with the lawsuit.

Firefighting equipment

Supreme President George Koklanaris reported that over \$10,000 has been collected by the Supreme Lodge for fire-fighting equipment for the island.

Steve Stratakos has independently arranged for the donation of fifteen sets of used protective firefighting clothing called "turnout gear" from the Roberts Park Fire Protection District outside of Chicago. The items are being shipped to Ikaria at no expense to the Brotherhood and will arrive in the village of Manganitis for the benefit of the whole island.

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Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, June 2014 - Continued

Old age home

Kostas Yiakas will be in Ikaria in July and will meet with the new Mayor, Mr. Stamoulos. He will also try to reactivate the five-person committee outlined in the original agreement with the bishop. A \$30,000 Foundation check will be taken to Ikaria and hand delivered for repairs for the home and a \$10,000 check for financial help for the volunteers.

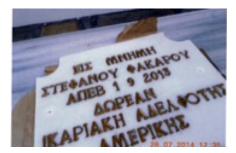
Of the \$100,000 in an Alpha Bank account in Greece for the benefit of the home, only about \$25,000 has been used. We will investigate how these funds can be accessed.

Our attorney, Tony Mavronicolas, was recently in Ikaria and met with the volunteers, as well as Kostas Kavaligos, to apprise them of the Foundation's involvement with the home.



Scholarship for Greece

An additional endowed scholarship for students of Icarian ancestry living in Athens has been proposed by a potential donor. If established, the scholarship recipients would be chosen by John Tsantes, who handles our other scholarships in Greece.



Chrysostomo wall

The protective road barrier in memory of Stephanos Facaros who was killed in an automobile accident near the village of Chrysostomo is complete. The Foundation sent over \$3,000 in funds collected for this project.

Karkinagri storm relief

Ellen Tratras-Contis met with the executive board of Syllogo Kavo-Papas in Athens. They are now recommending a smaller project to reinforce the sides of the river bed. Once the studies are complete and permits obtained, the \$58,000 collected by the Foundation can be used for the project. The Syllogo has set up a bank account in the U.S. to receive funds. The Foundation will send money when there is a proper permit for whatever project is chosen.

Gialiskari playground

Land has been donated to the municipality of Gialiskari by Vangelis Mourselas for a children's playground. Kostas Yiakas will donate \$10,000 for construction of the playground to the Foundation. The project will be overseen by and funds send to the Εξωραϊστικός Σύλλογος Γιαλισκαρίου. Yiakas proposed, and Stratakos seconded, a motion to match the donation with an additional \$10,000 from the Foundation for a total gift of \$20,000. A discussion ensued. All board members felt it was a worthy project, but Tripodes preferred to solicit donations from others to match the Yiakas grant rather than use Foundation money. The motion passed: Yiakas, Stratakos, Collaros voted in favor and Tripodes voted against.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 PM (EDT)

Minutes submitted by Nikitas Tripodes

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Pan Icarian Foundation Board of Directors' Meeting Pandiki Chapter Clubhouse, Elmhurst, NY Saturday Nov. 15, 2014

Meeting opened at 2:45 pm by Chairman Nikitas Tripodes Officers present: Nikitas Tripodes, Chairman George Horiates, Vice Chairman Directors- Ellene Tratras Contis, Stanton Tripodis. Paul Collaros was absent

Others present: Supreme President Terry Platis, Supreme Vice President George Paralemos, Supreme Secretary Damianos Skaros, Supreme Treasurer Cathy Pandeladis, PSP George Contis, PSP Nicholas Batuyios, PSP Petros Tsantes, Past Foundation Chairman Anthony Kayafas, Kostas Tsahas, Dena Tripodes

Chairman Nikitas welcomed the members of the new board. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the previous meeting of June 21, 2014 were approved.

Finances

Total assets were reported at \$4,948,000, an increase of \$83,000 from last month

Scholarships

Chairman Nikitas reported that the Scholarship checks have been distributed and paid directly to the students. There was some discussion about pros and cons of paying the checks directly to the student versus to the academic institution. PNC (the trustee of the Foundation) has said they prefer we pay the academic institution. Director Ellene expressed the opinion that payment should be directed to the student because payment to the school might result in reduction of the student's financial aid package.

Greek Scholarships - a new scholarship for a student in Greece, outside of Ikaria, has been endowed by Demetra Tsantes. There was discussion regarding the best mechanism to notify students of the scholarship availability. Sup Pres. Terry suggested the web site Ikaria mag.gr. Chairman Nikitas said he spoke with John Tsantes in Ikaria requesting a copy of the application he uses for the students in Greece so it can be posted online.

Old Age Home

This past summer immediate past Foundation Chairman Kostas Yiakas distributed \$10,000 for financial help for the volunteers plus an additional \$30,000 was made available for repairs. \$8,000 has already been used for replacing windows.

It was discussed that the distribution of funds from the Souroumanis bequest need proper management. One issue that needs to be rectified, is that the original agreement called for a committee of 5 individuals to be established to manage the Old Age Home finances, consisting of Past Foundation Chair Gus Yiakas, the Eparchos of Ikaria, an appointee of the Metropolitan, the Mayor of Agios Kirykos, and a local Councilman. But there is no procedure to appoint or select replacement members to the com-



mittee. Vice Chair George said proper procedures and documentation need to be in place to manage the fund. He will review the original agreement regarding the establishment of the committee and come up with recommendations for proper regulations and policies.

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Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes- November 2014 - Continued

Souroumanis

Now that the Souroumanis suit has been settled, the Foundation's attorney, Tony Mavronicolas, of New York, has submitted invoices for his professional fees. The Foundation will submit his invoices to PNC for payment but George Horiates will investigate to see if these fees may be reimbursed by the Foundation's insurance company. It was noted that Mr. Mavronicolas has been extremely generous with his services and we deeply appreciate all that he has done to assist the Foundation.

Karkinagri Storm Relief

to release of any funds.

Director Ellene reported the Karkinagri Council is planning to set up a meeting with the Mayor, Stelios Stamoulis, and Vice Mayor, Sotiri Kochilas. Before the Foundation releases any of the \$50,000 that has been collected, various issues need to be addressed, including clarification of land and river bank boundaries, discussion of proposal to shore up the river banks, and proposal to build a new bridge. Necessary permits need to be pulled prior

Clearwater Convention Report

Director Stan gave a report, and submitted an itemized financial report of the Clearwater Convention. The bottom line is that the Foundation will receive a check for \$11,500, which represents 50% of the net proceeds.

Directors' Insurance

Vice Chair George has reviewed the Directors' insurance policy and has noticed that there is an exclusion clause for items related to the Old Age Home. Still, he thinks it is probably not advisable to look for another policy.

Mission Statement and Logo

Chairman Nikitas created a logo for the Foundation, incorporating key words from our Deed of Trust as a brief Mission Statement: Philanthropy, Education, and Tradition. The Directors approved the new logo.

Disbursement of Funds

Chairman Nikitas reported that in addition to scholarship distributions, payments were made to the Verona Archives and Ikaria Magazine.



The case of the sick child in Agios Kirykos was discussed. So far \$8,000 has been collected, not counting money from Pandiki Chapter's Loukoumades Fundraiser to be held later following the meeting. Money raised for this child helps pay for travel expenses for him and his family to the hospital in Athens where he receives treatment monthly.

The Foundation has forwarded \$2080 it has collected for the Firefighters Fund to the Supreme Lodge. So far the Lodge has collected a total of \$12,615. A motion was made, seconded and approved for a donation from the Foundation for an additional \$1,500 to the Lodge sponsored fund to pay for fire fighting equipment for Ikaria.

A request for money from the Foundation to help fight Cystic Fibrosis. No formal motion was made. Chariman Nikitas encouraged members to make private donations for this worthy cause.

Past Foundation Chairman Anthony Kayafas was recognized. He brought up that several years ago there was a bequest of \$25,000 to the Foundation for the Kosikia Community Hall. Of this, \$23,000 has been spent, leaving \$2,000 still available from the Foundation. \$5,000 is needed to finish repairs to the building. He made a request to the Foundation for assistance, and provided the name of the contact person in Kosikia, Mr. George Hatzioannou. No formal motion was made but Mr. Kayafas made a \$500 donation towards this project and others were encouraged to donate.

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Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes- November 2014 - Continued

Fundraising

To encourage fundraising efforts, we discussed utilizing Pay Pal, an online payment service. Chairman Nikitas reported that he contacted PNC about this and they are reluctant to receive funds from PayPal. The Foundation board was unanimously supportive of the idea, so we will discuss this further with the Bank.

The Christmastime appeal for donations will consist this year of a Christmas card, rather than a plain letter, that will be mailed to the membership.

The next issue of IKARIA will feature a prominent fund raising letter with a return envelope stapled in the center of the magazine.

Vice Chair George will work on a program whereby members who are interested may contribute to the Foundation in the form of an annual commitment.

Other Items

Director Paul Collaros is planning to go to Ikaria next week. While there he will check the status of the Old Age Home, the Hospital, and try to meet with John Tsantes to discuss increasing access to the Greek scholarships.

Sup. Pres Terry suggested maybe he could inquire about the feasibility of getting volunteer doctors to staff clinics in various villages throughout the Island that are currently empty.

Director Ellene reports she was made aware of a need for an additional jeep type vehicle, used by the forest rangers on the Island. She suggested we could meet with the forest rangers to discuss that.

Chairman Nikitas reminded that we must exercise caution and good sense in evaluating potential projects to fund.

Past Foundation Chairman Anthony Kayafas made comments regarding expenditures for the Old Age Home, and some comments regarding terms of the Souroumanis settlement.

Meeting was adjourned 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stanton Tripodis





2014 Supreme Convention, Clearwater, Florida



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many other attractions







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August 31, 2014

Presidents Report to the Convention

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

I would first like to once again offer my thanks and congratulations to the Host Chapter Helios of Clearwater, Florida for hosting this 111th Convention. The weather has been beautiful, the philoxenia even better. My personal thanks to PSP Dr. Stan Tripodis and PSP John Sakoutis, both Conv. chairs for putting together a very well attended and enjoyable convention.

The Supreme Lodge met three times this past year. We met in Baltimore in the fall, Los Angeles in the winter and, my home chapter Detroit, in the early summer. I thank all three chapters for Hosting the Lodge, feeding us, chauffeuring us and attending the meetings in large numbers.

At these meetings the Lodge discussed several topics including ideas for improving communications with and increasing membership, improving convention meeting attendance and participation, exploring potential convention bids, the resolution of ongoing issues with the old age home, supporting the operations of the Hospital in Ikaria, supporting both our magazine and our Youth program, and championing project for the benefit of Ikaria. Last year the Lodge took on a fundraising campaign for the Icarian youth Philharmonic orchestra, this year we took on the cause of raising funds for the Volunteer Icarian firefighters.....more on that later.

But perhaps our most important accomplishment these last two years has been the inclusion of the Foundation and its officers at Supreme Lodge meetings. This revival of an old practice, I feel, has been very beneficial to the Brotherhood as a whole. The merging of the two entities, at least on an intellectual basis, has allowed for greater transparency, a more expeditious resolution of problems and the opportunity to act quickly when an opportunity presents itself. In short, when the two arms of the Brotherhood act in an orchestrated manner good things happen. To that end I thank the members of the Foundation for their cooperation and ask that they continue this practice with the Lodge going forward.

Fire Fighters Fund

The fundraising effort for the Fire fighters was initiated following a request from there leadership for help in purchasing a used 4x4 to be used for conveyance of equipment on roads or trails too narrow for the larger vehicles currently in service. Follow up conversation brought to light the need for small tools, hose, and fire retardant clothing which as a result of the ongoing financial crisis in Greece has been either in short supply or non- existent. With the help of my own personal point man, Gus Mavrophiliopas from Baltimore, the Lodge began last winter a campaign to raise money for this cause. I am happy to report that as of today we have raised just over \$13,000. Moreover, thanks to Brother Gus's hard work we have secured a safe, supervised conduit by which to send the funds and where a accounting of funds will be guaranteed.

As such I thank all of you for your contributions; I thank the Lodge and the Foundation for its support, and Brother Gus Mavrophilipas for all his hard work.

These types of projects, be they the support of the firefighters, the purchase of musical instruments for the youth orchestra, the funding of a playground, the construction of a safety barrier near the village of Chrystosomo, our ongoing support for the Hospital in Agios Kyricos, and our assistance for the old age home are important, not only for the benefit they bring to our beloved island, but also for the sense of community and purpose that these endeavors bring to the Brotherhood. Again I hope that both the Lodge and Foundation continue to support these types of projects in the future.

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Our Youth program is also a continuing source of pride for the Brotherhood. As evidenced by the continued growth of the Youth Conference and the involvement of our young people in all offices of the Brotherhood, our investment in the youth program and our kids in general is paying great dividends. Just by way of example, after the conclusion of my duties with this Lodge, (in a mere matter of minutes I think) the avg. age of our new Lodge will be in the mid 30's! In an age when most organizations struggle to merely attract young members, we can boast that our organization is captained by the young!

This is not to say that our Brotherhood is not immune to the ills facing many multi- generational organizations. Our membership numbers continue to be stagnant; the lack of chapters willing to host conventions also continues to plague our Brotherhood. We must continue to explore new avenues to combat these problems, to think outside the box, to possibly revisit who can qualify for membership, and to explore new venues for conventions. Our very successful Boston convention, so capably captained by our own PSP's George Horiates and Nik Pasamichalis, is a wonderful example of what can be done when we challenge the norm.

I close by thanking all of you for the great honor of allowing me to represent this beloved brotherhood for the last two years. My time as Supreme President has left me with a greater appreciation of our History, our legacy, and the hard work and love that those before me bestowed upon this brotherhood. To that end I thank my mentors, Brothers Nick Tsalis, Mike Availotis, John Lygizos, George Contis, and Sisters Sonja Stefanadis and Nina Contis. Your combined guidance and advice was invaluable. To my current Lodge officers, Terry, George, Damianos, thank you for all your support and dedication to the brotherhood....for travelling with me across the country, for putting aside your young families and careers to help spread and craft the gospel that is Ikaria and this brotherhood. Your continued leadership will bring us great things!



I also thank the chapter president and officer throughout our Brotherhood for heeding our calls for support, for providing your ideas, be they critical or complimentary, and for doing the everyday work that makes this Brotherhood work. My greatest regret these last two years was that I was unable to visit many of our chapters... I ask your forgiveness and hope that my successors will do you the honor.

And a very special thank you to my parents, Nick Koklanaris and my late mother Alexandra who instilled in me a love for this Brotherhood and our little pebble in the Aegean Sea: And finally to my wife Toula for always having my back, keeping me humble, proof reading my monthly letters and providing me daily proof that there is nothing more beautiful than an Ikarian wildflower.

Thank you Brothers and Sisters...... With much love!

George N. Koklanaris

Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros" Vice-President's Report - Supreme Convention 2014

2014 Supreme Convention Report of the Supreme Vice President of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

To start, a big thank you to the Helios Chapter for their hospitality and all of their hard work that went into organizing this very successful Convention!

This year, for the second consecutive year, I had the honor of serving as your Supreme Vice President.

As part of those duties, I attended all three Supreme Lodge meetings this past year, one in Baltimore, one in Los Angeles and one in Detroit. Throughout the year I also attended several wonderful events hosted by my home chapter, Aristides Phoutrides, in Chicago.

My official duties as your Supreme Vice President also included updating the Brotherhood's Constitution and By-laws for the amendments approved at last year's Convention and continuing to build on the Convention database that was started by Supreme President George Koklanaris. I am pleased to say that we now have 10 years' worth of Convention data in the database that is available to chapters as they consider future Convention bids.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Youth Conference in Cleveland this past March. I want to commend Youth Governor Katerina Mavrophilipos, together with Brothers Sam Tripodis and George Karnavas from the Cleveland chapter, for putting together a thoughtful and well-organized conference. I was truly inspired by our Youth at the Youth Conference – I was blown away by their enthusiasm for the Brotherhood, but also for their maturity and dedication. At the Youth Conference the Youth asked for more responsibility within the Brotherhood and I believe we should take every opportunity to give them more responsibility and more opportunities for involvement. This next generation of leadership is poised to take the Brotherhood in new and exciting directions, and to reinvigorate the Brotherhood, if we give them the opportunities to succeed. I personally hope to see the Youth bid and host a Supreme Convention in the near future.

One additional item of Brotherhood business is that I would like to report on is the status of the Ikarian Storm Relief efforts. As many of you already know, at the 2011 Convention in Los Angeles, the delegates approved a fundraising effort dedicated to Ikarian storm relief for the devastating storms that hit the Western part of Ikaria in October, 2010, and, thanks to your generosity, \$58,000 will go to a project designed to prevent future flooding in the village of Karkinagri. Just yesterday, I received correspondence from the Syllogo Kavo Papa regarding the status of the project and the next steps they plan to take, which I forwarded to the Foundation. I also spoke with Maria Karapeti from the Syllogo Kavo Papa this past Thursday. I am attaching a full copy of the Syllogo Kavo Papa's correspondence (in Greek) to this report, but wanted to give you the highlights:

- The Syllogo Kavo Papa thanks the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood and its members for its fundraising efforts.
- The Syllogo Kavo plans to meet meeting with the newly elected local government in Ikaria shortly after it takes office on September 1 to discuss its plans for the project and the necessary engineering studies that must be completed, and to ask the local government once more for funding for these engineering studies.
- After its meeting with the new local government, the Syllogo Kavo Papa will engage an engineer (at its expense) to undertake the necessary studies of the river in Karkinagri, which will allow all parties to have a comprehensive understanding of what needs to be done with the river in order to prevent flooding in the future, and then will recommend a specific project to be completed based on the potential impact (i.e., highest priority/greatest impact) and the appropriate chronology of work. After the specific project is identified, the Syllogo Kavo Papa would then proceed to obtain the necessary permits and solicit bids from contractors for the project.

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• The Syllogo Kavo Papa also sent a report from engineer Spyros Koutroumbas, which describes the flooding problems with the river in Karkinagri and possible technical solutions.

It has been a true honor and pleasure to serve on the Supreme Lodge this year as your Supreme Vice President, and I hope that I continue to have the opportunity to serve you in the future.

Fraternally yours, E. Terry Platis Supreme Vice President

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Καρκινάγρι, 28/08/2014

Προς

Πανικαριακή Αδελφότητα Αμερικής

Αγαπητοί συντοπίτες των ΗΠΑ,

Θα θέλαμε να σας ευχαριστήσουμε για την άμεση ανταπόκρισή σας στο αίτημά μας που έχει σαν σκοπό την συγκέντρωση χρημάτων για την αποκατάσταση ζημιών που προήλθαν στην κοινότητα Καρκιναγρίου από την πλημμύρα του Οκτωβρίου του 2010, αλλά και τη λήψη προληπτικών μέτρων για την αντιμετώπιση αντίστοιχων μελλοντικών φαινομένων.

Τα επόμενα βήματα που έχουμε αποφασίσει για την υλοποίηση του έργου αυτού, είναι:

- 1. Συνάντηση με την νέα Δημοτική και Περιφερειακή αρχή, μετά την ανάληψη των καθηκόντων τους την προσεχή Δευτέρα 1η Σεπτεμβρίου 2014.
- Στην συνάντηση αυτή θα ζητήσουμε την συνεργασία και συμβολή τους στην εκπόνηση των αναγκαίων μελετών και την υλοποίηση του έργου.
- 2. Στην συνέχεια θα γίνει ανάθεση σε μηχανικό που θα εκπονήσει τις απαραίτητες μελέτες διευθέτησης του ρέματος (υδραυλική, στατική κτλ) οι οποίες είναι αναγκαίες για την λήψη της άδειας κατασκευής του έργου. Ο μηχανικός θα αποφανθεί και για το ποια είναι κατά προτεραιότητα τα επόμενα βήματα υλοποίησης.
- 3. Τέλος, ανάθεση σε εργολάβο που θα αναλάβει την κατασκευή του έργου.

Για την ενημέρωσή σας, σας αποστέλλουμε κείμενο του συντοπίτη μας μηχανικού Σπυρίδωνα Κουτρούμπα με την περιγραφή των προβλημάτων και τις προτεινόμενες τεχνικές λύσεις για την αντιμετώπιση επόμενων σοβαρών υδραυλικών και πλημμυρικών προβλημάτων της παραρεμάτιας περιοχής, καθώς και χάρτη των υδατορεμάτων του Καρκιναγρίου και φωτογραφίες από την αυτοψία που πραγματοποίησε αφιλοκερδώς.

Θα σας κρατάμε ενήμερους για τις εξελίξεις στο επόμενο διάστημα.

Ο Πρόεδρος και τα μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου.

ICARIAN SPOTLIGHT

Tickets to The Game

As the heavy Brazilian crowd trickled out of the stadium in Fortaleza, my brother and I sat there celebrating not just a soccer victory but also our heritage. Watching Greece live and in-person was literally the most amazing feeling of patriotism – especially, when Greece won by a penalty kick against Cote D'Ivoire. In the 2014 World Cup, as Greek soccer made enormous strides advancing further in the tournament than ever before, so too did our understanding of what it meant to be Greek.

Over Christmas, our oldest brother Theologos suggested we attempt to attend the World Cup in Brazil. It was just a few weeks before the start of the World cup when we finally bought the tickets and made the arrangements. We had to submit applications to the consulate; arrange a pick-up of our tickets; and attempted to learn some basic Portuguese.

We also prepared our voices as we knew we would cheer for our two brothers who could not attend.

When contemplating potential dates and matches, we decided we would attend the final first round, thinking it would potentially prove pivotal. And it did. In the resort town of Fortaleza, the game and surrounding area reverberated in beauty. The beaches, people, food, and nightlife were top quality. It was the same on game day. As we made our way to the game, we took a free shuttle from the beach to the stadium. As we approached the stadium, our cheers grew loud. Not many Greeks attended nor were there many fans of the opposing team but it didn't matter as the Brazilians in the stadium rooted against Greece.





The game itself was a back and forth, with exciting opportunities for both sides. The game was decided when Greece obtained a penalty kick in stoppage time. The team's striker, Georgios Samaras, successfully scored and sent Greece through with a 2-1 victory. The party had begun: congratulatory hugs, high five's, belching songs, pictures with strangers, and cheering on the team as they ran around the field. The bus ride back into the city was pure jubilation.

The locals were very nice and hospitable. We met other travelers of Greek heritage as well. They came from Greece, Canada, America, Australia, Tanzania, and other places around the world. We all connected over our love for Greece.



ICARIAN SPOTLIGHT

Tickets to The Game

continued

We stayed in Fortaleza for a few days. We then went to Rio de Janeiro. We experienced the famous city's culture, Copacabana, and Ipanema beaches. The city is the 2nd largest in Brazil and the atmosphere did not disappoint.

Even though Rio's weather was slightly milder because of the winter season, thousands of Brazilians and tourists buzzed around day and night. As we spent time on the beach in the Fan Zone watching USA and other teams play, we still carried on some relic of Greece's victory.





In our last day, we took a trip to Christ the Redeemer statue. The status is an enormously large and a meticulously erected work of art that is the symbol of Brazil's Christianity. The impressiveness of the statue is remarkable and the panoramic views on top of the Corcovado Mountain are breathtaking.

Sports have an uncanny ability to bring a country together no matter their political, social, or economic differences. That day when Greece won, we felt a sense of hope not only to sustain support but also to make whatever contribution we can for the betterment of Greece; effort and dedication that match our pure exuberance and joy of watching the national team make history.



In conclusion, we hope others are encouraged to chronicle their trips in support of their Greek-Ikarian heritage and to always remember the family members and loved ones that have come before us, helping forge us into who we are today.

Warmest Regards, Dimitri and Zacharia Facaros Chapter Icaros

MINUTES OF PAN-ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA "ICAROS" 2014 SUPREME CONVENTION AUGUST 29TH to SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2014 sponsored by CHAPTER HELIOS #19 at the SHERATON SAND KEY RESORT in CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2014

The business meetings of the convention were opened by Chapter Helios President Katherine Athanasiades and Convention co-chair, PSP Dr.Stanton Tripodis at 4:00pm. The convention opening strength was at 37 delegates and a determination that a quorum was present.

The local chapter president asked Chapter Helios member Dr. Linda Murray, his sister, to lead the delegates in an opening prayer. Dr. Murray did lead an opening prayer and also provided welcoming remarks.

Convention co-chair PSP Dr.Stanton Tripodis, on behalf of Helios Chapter 19, welcomed all of the delegate brothers and sisters to the 111th Annual Supreme Convention of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood. He thanked the members of the convention committee as they have contributed their time and effort to ensure a successful convention. He also thanked the chapters, brothers, sisters and businesses for their support of the convention album.

Dr. Tripodis called upon his convention co-chair, PSP John Sakoutis to say his greetings. He stated that Brother Sakoutis has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the brotherhood over the years. His contributions to the rebuilding and fundraising for the new Chapter Helios clubhouse are an example of the dedication that John has shown to our organization over the years.

PSP John Sakoutis came forward to a large ovation from the delegates present. John also welcomed friends from far and wide to Clearwater as we celebrate our large family reunion and rededicate ourselves to the Brotherhood. He noted that this convention marked the fifth time that Chapter Helios has hosted a Supreme convention and that the members of the chapter are proud of that fact.



The floor was opened to nominations for convention officers. George Vassilaros nominated **PSP John Lygizos** as convention business chair. The nomination was seconded by James Lakerdas. PSP John Lygizos accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, PSP John Lygizos was elected the convention business chair by acclamation.

PSP Nick Tsalis nominated James Lakerdas as convention vice chair. The nomination was seconded by Foundation Director Steve Stratakos. James Lakerdas accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, James Lakerdas was elected the convention vice chair by acclamation.

Supreme President George Koklanaris nominated PSP George Horiates to be the convention recording secretary. The nomination was seconded by Foundation Director Paul Collaros. PSP George Horiates accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, PSP George Horiates was elected convention secretary by acclamation.

Convention Vice Chair James Lakerdas nominated PSP Nick Tsalis to be parliamentarian. The nomination was seconded by Foundation Vice Chair Dr. Nikitas Tripodes. PSP Nick Tsalis accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, PSP Nick Tsalis was elected convention parliamentarian by acclamation.

PSP Sonja Stefanadis was asked to come forward to swear in the convention officers. The delegates stood up for the official swearing in of the officers performed by Sister Stefanadis.

Convention Chair PSP John Lygizos thanked the members present for the honor of serving as chair. He commented he was also chair in 1985 at a convention hosted by Helios at the same hotel where the convention was affected by a Hurricane. The chair had many fond memories and stories concerning that particular convention.

The chair called for reports of chapters and district governors. Brother Nick Scaros, the Governor to the Buffalo, Toronto and Montreal chapters provided his reports.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT – NICK SKAROS DISTRICT 6 Report was provided by District 6 Governor Nick Skaros Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine

CHAPTER REPORTS

- Chapter #26 Panagia Upstate/New York/Buffalo also given by DG Nick Skaros. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.
- Chapter #19 Helios, Clearwater, Florida report was given by Chapter President Kathryn Athanasiadis. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.
- Chapter #14 Oinoe, Southern California report was provided by Dr. Tripodes. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.
- Chapter #17 Christ E. Aivaliotis, Columbus, Ohio report was provided by Jackie Moraitis. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.
- Chapter #20- Kavo-Papas, Houston, Texas report was provided by Chapter President Ben Ringer. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.
- Chapter #12- Atheras, Philadelphia, PA report was provided by District Governor Angelo A. Horiates, III. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.
- Chapter #11 Lychnos, Northern California report was provided by Dorothy Glaros Chapter President. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

At this time the chair recognized PSP Nick Tsalis. Brother Tsalis thanked the delegates for the opportunity to be recognized. Nick announced that he is running for the position of District Judge. He promised to make us proud as he enters the political arena. He also thanked all who have pledged assistance and looks forward to further assistance from those interested. Nick offered to talk to all interested outside of the room. He is proud to be an Icarian.

Supreme Lodge Secretary Damianos Skaros was recognized and provided his report. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

The chair asked for delegates to sign up for committees which would be meeting tomorrow:

District Governor Angelo Horiates was appointed to chair the publications committee.

Nikitas Tripodes was appointed to chair the convention budget committee.

PSP George G. Horiates was appointed to chair the convention city committee.

Dorothy Glaros of Lychnos Chapter 11 was appointed to chair the audit committee.

PSP Nick Tsalis was appointed to chair the resolutions committee.

The Chair recognized the following Past Supreme Presidents:

PSP and former Foundation Chair Gus Stefanadis provided welcoming remarks, commenting that he was particularly proud of the effort put forward by his local chapter Helios.

PSP Sonja Stefanadis welcomed all and deferred further remarks noting that we have a busy Agenda.

PSP Dr. Stanton Tripodis congratulated the Supreme Lodge for a job well done this past year.

PSP George G. Horiates noted that the lodge is a young lodge and that bodes well for our future. He also asked that we support PSP NickTsalis and wished him well on his bid to be elected as a Judge in Michigan.



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PSP Ellene Contis congratulated the chapter, the lodge and was looking forward to seeing everyone again at this year's convention.

PSP George Contis wished that we have a productive convention. He stated he would be happy to serve on the Nominations committee, asking all interested to see him if they wished to hold a national office.

PSP John Sakoutis stated that the chapter enjoyed putting together the convention. He recalled fondly his first Icarian convention in 1942, in New York at the Hotel Empire. The cost for a banquet ticket was \$2.back then.

The chair recognized Former Ikaria Magazine editor Stella Thomas. Stella came forward and congratulated the current editor Mary Deschamps on an outstanding magazine.

The chair recognized Andrew Thomas. Mr. Thomas noted that although he lives and works in Southwest Indiana, he is a proud member of Helios Chapter and wished us a productive business session.

DISTRICT 1 GOVERNOR REPORT – ANGELO HORIATES III Report was provided by District 1 Governor Angelo Horiates. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.



Chapter Helios member **Harry Batuyios** was recognized and welcomed everyone as well. He provided information on the bus trip and tour of Tarpon Springs the chapter has put together for tomorrow. Anyone wishing to be on the bus tour was asked to see him before the end of the day.

Brother Paul Collaros motioned to recess the convention until tomorrow morning. Seconded by many people throughout the room, the chair recessed the convention at 5:30pm.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2014 (morning session)

The convention was called to order at 11:00am.

The chair recognized Christopher Giblin of Helms-Briscoe. Helms-Briscoe is agency used by Helios chapter to assist in contracting with the hotel. They have been used in the past by other chapters as well. Mr. Giblin is the Senior Director of Global Accounts for Helms-Briscoe. He discussed the various advantages of using their services. As an example he was proud to report that Chapter Helios did not have a food and beverage minimum imposed on it for this convention, as many chapters have had that have not used their services. He encouraged that any chapter wishing to put forth a bid is always welcomed to contact Helms-Briscoe. He left his information to the Supreme Lodge and asked that if anyone had any questions or needed their services, that Helms Briscoe would be there for the organization.

The chair recognized and congratulated Marino Moraitis of the Columbus Chapter for winning last night's Ikarian World Series of Poker. Marino rose to applause from the delegates.

PSP Petros Tsantes was recognized. Petros spoke eloquently of the great accomplishments of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood and the need to continue our commitment to Hellenism on all levels. He spoke of the foundation and recalled how Brother Chris Passodellis of Pittsburgh came to Pandiki when the foundation was in its infancy. Petros was proud of Pandiki's involvement, having raised approximately \$10,000 back then for seed money. He concluded that we must not forget to support the Chapter Helios clubhouse and wished great things for Brother Nick Tsalis on his upcoming election for judge.



Chapter #10 – Therma, Wilmington, North Carolina report was provided by George Livanos. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

Chapter #16 – Lefkas, Baltimore/Washington report was provided by George Moratis, Chapter President. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

Chapter #5 – **Pandiki, New York** report was provided by Supreme Lodge Secretary George Paralemos. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.



DISTRICT 5 GOVERNOR REPORT – ALEXANDRA KATSAS Report was provided by District 5 Governor Alexandra Katsas. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

The chair recognized former Foundation Chair Anthony Kayafas. Brother Kayafas reported on the infrastructure repairs in Ikaria. He spoke on the work being done and planned for the limani in Agios Kirikos and in Evdilos.

The chair also recognized former Foundation Chair Socrates Koutsoutis. Brother Koutsoutis thanked the host chapter for it's efforts in planning the convention and asked that we all support the banquet and dances throughout the convention. He noted that half of the proceeds of the convention are given to assist the Foundation and that the entire brother-hood benefits when the convention is a financial success.

It was reported to the Chair by Vice Chair James Lakerdas that 47 delegates were currently registered for the convention.

Supreme President George Koklanaris rose to announce that in lieu of a President's Luncheon after the morning session, the Supreme Lodge voted that all Chapter Presidents would receive a complimentary banquet ticket. He asked that if any Chapter Presidents were present throughout the day to please approach him as he would make arrangements to honor their service to the Brotherhood in this manner.

IKARIA MAGAZINE REPORT

At this time, the Editor of Ikaria Magazine, Mary Deschamps, was asked to come forward and provide her report. She reported that in addition to Supreme lodge messages, minutes, scholarship information, chapter reports and youth reports, that the magazine continues to be our medium for articles of interest and features pertaining to our members and Ikaria. She welcomes all suggestions as the magazine belongs to the brotherhood and she wants to include as many of us that are interested in maintaining and improving the publication.

Mary noted that each chapter should have its own membership database manager, usually the secretary or treasurer. The chapters have to improve on giving corrections, moves, changes of address, new members and all other corrections to the Supreme Lodge database manager, in this case Supreme Treasurer Damianos Skaros.

Supreme Lodge President George Koklanaris explained that updating the database is continuous all year round. He recognized the Supreme Lodge Treasurer Damianos Skaros for a job well done in that regard. Damianos noted that chapters should not wait to hold onto membership receipts, particularly those with changes on them. Send them in immediately. Also, any changes can also be made by merely e-mailing the change, addition or correction to Damianos. Thus, dues should be paid throughout the course of the year not waiting until the summer.

Former magazine editor Stella Thomas rose to commend the editor for a job well done. The report was accepted unanimously.

PSP Stanton Tripodis was called to the podium to present his report as business manager of the magazine. The written report of the business manager of Ikaria Magazine is attached hereto and supplied in the magazine.

After discussion regarding the Foundation's incomplete contribution and assurances that it would be addressed, the report was accepted unanimously.

SUPREME LODGE TREASURER REPORT

The chair called upon Supreme Lodge Treasurer Damianos Skaros to present his report. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

The Supreme President moved to accept the report, seconded by Supreme Vice President E. Terry Platis. The report was accepted unanimously.

SUPREME LODGE SECRETARY REPORT

The chair called upon Supreme Lodge Secretary George Paralemos to present his report.

George was honored to serve as our Supreme Secretary the last two years. He enjoyed meeting people and visiting different chapters. His responsibilities include taking minutes of the Supreme lodge meetings. The minutes are posted on line on our web site. Also, Supreme Lodge meetings are also sent out via e-mail.

It was noted by Supreme President George Koklanaris that in addition to keeping our minutes, Brother Paralemos also serves the brotherhood in many other capacities. From being our spokesperson on Cosmos FM, to apprising the brotherhood of visiting dignitaries from Greece and other diplomatic duties he always has advised the President as to Hellenic issues.

PSP Nick Tsalis moved to accept the report, seconded by Gus Katsas. The report was accepted unanimously.

E. TerryPlatis George Paralemos



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SUPREME LODGE VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

The chair called upon Supreme lodge Vice President E. Terry Platis to present her report. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

Terry thanked the local chapter for organizing the convention. She also thanked the delegates for the honor of serving the past two years as the Supreme Vice President. She attended all of the Supreme lodge meetings, updated the constitution and has compiled a database of 10 years of convention room totals and financial data to better assist chapters. She also spoke on the success of the youth conference in Cleveland and on the status of the Ikarian Storm Relief efforts. Terry concluded she was looking forward to continuing to serve the Brotherhood in the future.

PSP Sonja Stefanadis moved to accept the report, seconded by PSP George Contis. The report was accepted unanimously.

Chairman PSP John Lygizos adjourned the business session at 1:40pm.

Dr. & Mrs. Tripodis and Dr. & Mrs. Tripodes



SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2014 (afternoon session)

The chair called the business session back to order at 4:00pm.

PSP Dr. Stanton Tripodis reported the voting strength of the convention was now 97 registered delegates. Per the by-laws registration is now closed.

Chapter #8 – Foutrides, Chicago, Illinois report was provided by Convention Vice Chair James Lakerdas. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

Chapter #9 – George Spanos, Detroit, Michigan report was provided by Leah Moraitis. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

Chapter #7 – Icaros, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania report was provided by Connie Barlamis. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

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Chapter #3, Pharos, Cleveland, Ohio report was provided by George Karnavas. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

DISTRICT 4 GOVERNOR REPORT – GUS TSAMBIS Report was provided by District 4 Governor Gus Tsambis. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

DISTRICT 2 GOVERNOR REPORT – ASPASIA (TOUVRAS) ELIAS Report was provided by Supreme Lodge Secretary George Paralemos. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine

At this time, Chris Kefalos of Pittsburgh rose and provided a report on the upcoming convention in Pittsburgh next year. The hotel rate is \$99, it is the same hotel we previously were accosted to and he believes the theme of the convention will be "The women of Ikaria."

Cathy Pandeladis rose and was recognized to provide the foundation's scholarship report on behalf of the scholarship chair, Georgia Paneladis. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

The report was accepted unanimously.

At this time, the chair called upon Foundation vice chair Dr. Nikitas Tripodes to present the budgets of both the Supreme Lodge and the Pan Icarian foundation for approval from the members.

LEGISLATIVE/CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

PSP Nick Tsalis was recognized. The only constitutional change sought was to Article 12 Section B. Basically, the amendment seeks to include the current chair of the Foundation as well as all past Foundation Chairs to have a sovereign vote at our conventions.

It was noted the amendment would need to pass by a two-thirds vote. The amendment passed with 45 in favor and 2 opposed.

There were no other changes to the constitution or by-laws proposed.

SUPREME COUNSELOR REPORT

Demosthenes Yiakas reported that there were no legal issues that had arisen to the Supreme Lodge over the year. He did mention the resolution of the Old Age home issue, but the matter has been successfully completed per the agreement between the parties. The brotherhood is in good standing legally.



2014 Supreme Convention Kids' Banquet



Chapter Helios members enjoy the Grand Banquet

Koula Plakas and mother Penelope

Clara Tripodis-Kaster Linda Tripodis-Murray Argie Pastis



CONVENTION CITY COMMITTEE

George Moratis and PSP George Horiates were on the committee. There was one bid, from Pandiki #5 of New York. The bid and rates were discussed by Supreme Lodge Secretary George Paralemos. Pandiki has two bids one from the Hilton at \$245 and another at the Sheraton at \$235. Factoring in taxes and the total nightly would be approximately \$270. Banquet rates would be in the \$150 range. Discussion ensued in support of the bid by Pandiki. It was the consensus of the delegates that Pandiki deserves the convention, and the Brotherhood needs to do all it can to support a

2016 convention in NYC.

PSP Petros Tsantes also spoke in favor of the bid. The members of Pandiki have travelled and supported conventions for years. Now they will need our support. Start spreading the news.

A motion was made by the committee to award the **2016 convention to New York**. The motion was accepted and passed unanimously.

PSP Ellene Contis moved that an ad hoc committee under the Supreme lodge be created to solicit convention city bids. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.





Youth delegates at Business Meeting

Ikarian youngsters get time on the dance floor.



YOUTH DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT – KATERINA MAVROPHILIPOS

Report was provided by the Pan Icarian Brotherhood's first ever "youth" district governor, **Katerina Mavrophilipos**.

It is noted for the record that over 20 young adults came into the delegate room in support of Katerina . She noted that her reports were in each addition of the magazine for the purpose of uniting the youth. She noted that as time goes by we will start to see many more youth leadership conference participants as chapter officers and supreme lodge officers. The growth in youth participation has been amazing all over the country. This year the conference and dance was held in Cleveland where they participated in the Greek Independence Day parade. The youth have created an online store where they will be selling puzzles and pictures of Ikaria and hopefully eventually selling t-shirts , etc. The youth want to raise funds to repair guardrails on Ikaria.



The e-mail blasts of each other's events, facebook, youth web pages have brought the younger generations closer together and have kept them involved.

Supreme President George Koklanaris moved to accept the report, seconded by George Karnavas. A round of applause and ovation proceeded after the report was received unanimously.

The chair declared the convention in recess at 7:15 pm.



Youth Delegates at 2014 National Convention with Supreme President George Koklanaris

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2014

Chair PSP John Lygizos opened the meeting at 2:15pm. The chair called for remaining convention reports.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

District Governor Angelo Horiates presented the report. The committee commends the editor, Mary Deschamps, for her outstanding work. The photos, articles and other features have been well received. Recommendations include utilizing color photography. It was noted this has already been budgeted. There also needs to be an emphasis on the electronic version and reinforcing that any member can opt out of receiving a hard copy of the publication. Supreme Lodge treasurer Damianos Skaros was recognized and affirmed that this process already exists on the membership receipt books.

The report was approved unanimously.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Dorothy Glaros presented the report. She met with and inspected the records of the Supreme Lodge treasurer. All expenses and income for the period of September 1, 2013 through to August 27, 2014 were reviewed and found to be in order.

Dorothy commended Supreme Lodge treasurer Damianos Skaros for keeping excellent records. Her recommendations include the checkbook register should have a running balance and all monthly bank statements must be brought to the convention for next year's audit. She also recommended that bids should be taken for vendors in publishing the magazine as well as for web site hosting and development as those are large expenses.

The report was accepted unanimously.

DISTRICT 3 GOVERNOR REPORT – MARIA TSALIS Report was provided by District 3 Governor Maria Tsalis. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.



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SEPTEMBER 4-7, 2015

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Please note that a much improved website is under development. We hope to have it up and running in January 2015 with more information.

See you in 'Pittsiburgo' in 2015!

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

PSP Nick Tsalis presented the resolutions.

Resolution 1

Be it resolved there be an informational seminar put forth at the Supreme Convention by the Supreme Lodge working with the host chapter. The seminar should be on various pertinent topics, i.e. registering property, obtaining Greek citizenship, immigration to the United States and other topics of interest.

After much discussion Resolution 1 was withdrawn.

Resolution 2

Whereas, hundreds of scholarships have been given out over the years, Be it resolved that all recipients of scholarships be contacted and surveyed for follow up regarding their academic careers, future endeavors and support of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood through membership and involvement.

Resolution 2 was passed unanimously.

Resolution 3

Whereas, this Supreme Convention has been witness to a down turn in paid membership, Be it resolved the Supreme Lodge shall implement and publish a set of best practices to retain and expand membership using new and old techniques.

Brother Nick commented that the membership plaques for membership increases in the different size categories should be emphasized as well as newer social media tools such as Facebook and improvements to the web site.

Resolution 3 was passed unanimously.



Resolution 4

Whereas, tracking dues and membership by writing out carbon copy receipts by hand including addresses is tedious and archaic. Resolved, the Supreme Lodge investigate and implement an electronic system while maintaining a hard copy receipt for members that request them.

Resolution 4 was passed unanimously.

Resolution 5

Be it resolved this convention body honors the outgoing Supreme President George Koklanaris on a job well done in advancing and promoting the Pan Icarian Brotherhood.

Resolution 5 was passed unanimously.



FOUNDATION REPORT

Foundation Chair Gus Yiakas was called to the podium to present his report. Gus recognized the Board of Trustees of the Foundation and passed out a copy of the Pan Icarian Foundation Financial Report covering July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 to the delegates.

He presented an update on the status of the Old Age home, noting that the litigation has been concluded successfully. Along with local officials, various options have been put forth and are awaiting approval regarding the financial assistance to the facility and its operations.

The project in Gialiskari is near completion with the help of \$10,000 from the foundation and \$10,000 donated by Chairman Yiakas and the lot donated by Yianni Mousoulas.

The volunteers at the Old Age home were also given stipends when Gus went to Icaria.

\$3,500 was given to the guardrail repair in Chrysostomos and \$15,000 to the Icarian philharmonic band.

The Foundation board has approved an increase in the scholarship amounts by an additional \$500 per scholarship

Gus was honored this past year to lay the wreath at the memorial in Agios Kirikos on July 17 for Agias Marinas, the day of Icarian Independence.

Gus recommends we utilize professional grant writers to large foundations to assist us as the Pan Icarian Foundation is a great success story.

In closing, Gus again thanked individual donors, chapters and his board of Nikitas Tripodes, Ellene Contis, Steve Stratakos and Paul Collaros for serving with him. He also recognized Maria Vassilaros as our Executive Secretary. Gus informed the delegates that he will not be running again this year.

The report of the Foundation Chair was approved unanimously.

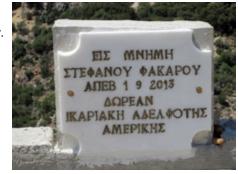
PSP George Contis motioned that if we are able to do, that all convention business, including elections, be concluded today. The motion was approved unanimously.

We would like extend our thanks to the Pan-Icarian Foundation and all our members and other Ikariotes who donated for the construction of the wall along the roadway



in Xrysostomo
in the memory of our dearly
departed brother Steve Facaros.
May his memory
be eternal.

Jerry Gemellas



SUPREME PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Supreme president George Koklanaris was called to the podium to present his report. Written report attached hereto and included in the magazine.

Supreme President Koklanaris thanked the Helios Chapter on an outstanding convention. He reviewed the Supreme Lodge visitations in Baltimore, Los Angeles and Detroit. He said the Lodge was active in supporting our programs here, from theyouth leadership conference to supporting chapters as well as In Ikaria, assisting the philharmonic orchestra and the firefighters.

He stated the most important accomplishment was the inclusion of the Foundation and its officers at Supreme Lodge meetings. He hopes this practice continues in the future.

George thanked his lodge members and his family for their support

The report of the Supreme Lodge President was approved unanimously.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS

PSP George Contis came to the podium as the nominations committee.

The office of Supreme President was opened to the floor. The committee nominated E. Terry Platis. The nomination was seconded by PSP George Koklanaris. The nominee accepted. Terry was elected by acclamation.

The office of Vice President was opened to the floor. The committee nominated George Paralemos. The nominee accepted. The nomination was seconded by PSP Petros Tsantes. George was elected by acclamation.

The office of Secretary was opened to the floor. The committee nominated Damaianos Skaros. The nomination was seconded by Angelo Horiates. The nominee accepted. Damianos was elected by acclamation.

The office of Treasurer was opened to the floor. Cathy Pandeladis was nominated by PSP George Horiates. The nominee accepted. The nomination was seconded by Michelle Kotsegralos. Cathy was elected by acclamation.

The office of Counselor was opened to the floor. The committee nominated Demosthenes Yiakas. The nomination was seconded by PSP Nick Tsalis. The nominee accepted. Demosthenes was elected by acclamation.

The District 1 Governor position was opened to the floor. The committee nominated Katerina Mavrophilipos. The nomination was seconded by Socrates Koutsoutis. The nominee accepted. Katerina was elected by acclamation.

The District 2 Governor position was opened to the floor. The committee nominated Aspasia Elias. The nomination was seconded by PSP Nick Tsalis. The nominee accepted. Aspasia was elected by acclamation.

The District 3 Governor position was opened to the floor. The committee nominated James Lakerdas. The nomination was seconded by PSP George Horiates. The nominee accepted. James was elected by acclamation.

The District 4 Governor position was opened to the floor. The committee nominated Gus Tsambis. The nomination was seconded by James Lakerdas. The nominee accepted. Gus was elected by acclamation.

The District 5 Governor position was opened to the floor. The committee nominated Alexandra Katsas. The nomination was seconded by Gus Frangos. The nominee accepted. Alexandra was elected by acclamation.



The District 6 Governor position was opened to the floor. The committee nominated Nick Skaros. The nomination was seconded by Gus Frangos. The nominee accepted. Nick was elected by acclamation

The Youth Governor position was opened to the floor. The committee nominated George Karnavas. The nomination was seconded by Maria Tripodis. The nominee accepted. George was elected by acclamation.

The Scholarship Chair was opened to the floor. PSP George Contis read a letter from Georgia Pandeladis indicating her desire to stay as scholarship chair. The letter was accepted and the committee nominated Georgia Pandeladis. The nomination was seconded by PSP Gus Stefanadis. Georgia was elected by acclamation.

The Office of Chairman of the Pan-Icarian Foundation was opened to the floor. Dr.Nikitas Tripodes was nominated by immediate former Foundation chair Gus Yiakas. The motion was seconded by PSP George Koklanaris. The nominee accepted. Dr. Nikitas Tripodes was unanimously elected by acclamation.

The Vice Chair of the Foundation was opened to the floor. Two individuals were brought forth by the committee, Steve Stratakos and PSP George Horiates. Both nominees accepted. Steve's nomination was seconded by Paul Collaros. George's nomination was seconded by PSP Nick Tsalis. A secret ballot election was conducted. PSP George Horiates was elected by a majority vote of the delegates.

The Three Board of Director positions were opened to the floor. Four individuals were brought forth by the committee for the three positions, PSP Ellene Contis, Paul Collaros, PSP Dr.Stanton Tripodis and George Livanos. All four nominees accepted. The nominations were seconded by the chair. A secret ballot was conducted. PSP Ellene Contis, Paul Collaros and PSP Dr.Stanton Tripodis were elected by virtue of being the top three vote totals.

The chair and his officers were thanked by PSP George Koklanaris for running the business meetings.

All elected officers of the Supreme Lodge and the Pan Icarian Foundation were sworn in to their respective offices by PSP John Sakoutis.

There being no further business the convention business session closed at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted, George Horiates Convention Secretary



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DISTRICT 1 GOVERNOR - ANGELO HORIATES III

Report was provided by District 1 Governor Angelo Horiates

Greetings and Congratulations to Helios. District 1 chapters were busy this past year.

Atheras Chapter 12 of Philadelphia hosted it's 75th year Chapter Jubilee dance on March 1, 2014. The dance was attended by many other Icarians from around the country. I have already given the balance on my own chapter in my previous report but again, we hope to see you again next year as we are planning on bringing Yianni Frangos from Greece to play violin on February 21, 2015.

Pandiki Chapter 5 of New York continues to be one of our best chapters, with their participation in the Greek Independence Day Parade and annual New Year's Eve party and great youth participation. We wish them well and ask that you support their bid to bring us back to the Big Apple fir a 2016 convention.

Nea Ikaria Chapter 15 of Port Jefferson had a successful summer panagiri, had a meeting and is looking forward to an active year.

Lefkas Chapter 16 of Baltimore had a great dance, also having Niko Facaros on the violin along with their own Theologos Frangos on bouzouki. The chapter is growing, particularly into the WashingtonDC/Virginia area and is experiencing a renewal. We wish them good luck on an Orioles-Nationals potential World Series.

DISTRICT 2 GOVERNOR - ASPASIA (TOURVAS) ELIAS

Submitted by Aspasia (Tourvas) Elias (December 2013)

Report was provided by Supreme Lodge Secretary George Paralemos.

I just began my term after becoming the new District 2 Governor at the Boston Convention. I have been in or attempted contact with all chapters in District 2; following is a brief report of each chapter's activities.

Pramne #1, Youngstown - Officer elections were held in September, when I stepped down as President due to becoming District Governor. Jaclyn-Sarah Elias is the new President, Dana (Elias) Patrick is the new Treasurer, and we have added a new office of Youth Liaison, which is Alexis Elias-Spohn. The current Vice President and Secretary were reelected. Pramne continued monthly meetings, and held their annual Christmas dinner on December 5. Pramne is also looking at planning more events and increasing youth involvement.

V.I. Chebithes #2, Akron - I spoke with President Lia Spithas Fresty. The chapter meets 4-5 times per year and has approximately 75 members. Their Christmas party will be held at a member's home on December 15; 30-40 people are expected to attend. I will continue contact with the chapter and plan a visitation for next year.

Pharos #3, Cleveland - I had correspondence with President Zach Safos. Officer elections were set to be held in November. The chapter usually meets the last Saturday of every month. I plan on visiting this chapter in the Spring to meet the new officers. Also, Pharos is hosting the annual Youth Conference in March. Pramne youth members have offered assistance.

Daedalos #4, Warren - I spoke with the President's mother. The chapter usually holds Sunday meetings approximately 6 times per year. Their Christmas party will be held on December 7. I will visit this chapter sometime next year.

Doliche #6, Steubenville - I spoke with the President's husband. The chapter does not have a particular day they hold meetings, and held no meetings in 2013. Many of the older members have passed away, and there is not a lot of interest from the youth. I will contact this chapter again in the spring to see if they are resuming meetings and plan a possible visitation.

Icaros #7, Pittsburgh - I have received emails regularly from corresponding secretary Anna Aivaliotis. Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month, with many special events, including Halloween, Christmas and Super Bowl parties. Officer elections will be held in January.

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Jaclyn-Sarah Elias (Pramne president) accompanied me to the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown on November 23 to tour the hotel for the 2015 Convention, along with Supreme President George Koklanaris and his wife, and Icaros members. It was a very successful visit.

Christ E. Aivaliotis #17, Columbus - I spoke with Chapter President Jackie Moraitis. The chapter has not been meeting regularly due to the president's health problems. I will contact the chapter again in the spring; they may begin meeting again and if so, I will schedule a visitation.

Drakanon #24, Parma - I contacted President Maria O'Connell through email. The chapter is having a Christmas party on December 22. I will continue to be in contact in order to schedule a future visitation.

DISTRICT 3 GOVERNOR - MARIA TSALIS

Report was provided by District 3 Governor Maria Tsalis.

Clearwater Florida Convention, August 31, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Pan-Ikarian Brotherhood,

I am District Governor #3, Maria Tsalis, covering my home city of Detroit, Spanos-Areti, Chicago's, Foudrides and Indiana's N'Ikaria Chapters.

It has been my honor to serve the Brotherhood over the past year, along with various Chapter visits, I attended the First Supreme Lodge meeting that was held in Baltimore in December. The Baltimore chapter successfully implemented a membership drive that tripled their numbers, Demetra Tsantes along with other chapter officers took it upon themselves to contact every Ikarian in sight and should be complimented for their innovated efforts. We all enjoyed a fabulous authentic Greek Dinner at the Ikaros restaurant. I thank them for the warm hospitality.

In January, my family and I attended the Chicago New Year's Eve Party held at my brother, Chris Sirigas's, restaurant, The Harvest Room. Well over 170 Ikarians and friends attended, it was a wonderful gathering! The Chapter is alive and well, they are producing more Ikarians than ever! President James Lakerdas has been a terrific leader; they fundraised successfully for the Firefighters Fund! I am very proud of their noble endeavors.

Also in January, I along with my husband and parents attended a Holiday Party hosted by the N'ikaria Chapter, at their local church. New officers where elected, John Tsahas was voted in as their new President. The chapter enjoys a spirited group of family and friends, you can see how bonded they are, I see a bright future with a convention in the works.

I attended the Supreme Lodge meeting in June at the Detroit Ikarian Hall, we enjoyed an amazing Goat Roast off the Souvla prepared by our own President Steve Papalas. The event was a big success, many of the Supreme Lodge members attended; A Foundation meeting was also conducted as we welcomed Chairman Yiakas and his entire board to Detroit.

I want to encourage all members to get more involved in the Brotherhood, it has been such a rewarding and memorable experience for me.

Over the past two years I've seen the loyal dedication and hard work of our Supreme President George Koklanaris, his love for Ikaria shines through and he will always be an example to our future leaders.

I want to thank the Clearwater Chapter for hosting such a fun-filled convention, we are having a blast!

Best wishes always,

Maria Tsalis District Governor #3

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DISTRICT 4 GOVERNOR – GUS TSAMBIS

Report was provided by District 4 Governor Gus Tsambis.

Welcome to Clearwater! I hope you all enjoy yourselves in our environment of fun in the sun. I stand before you with a reflection of what type of organization we want to be. So really this is not a district governor's report per se, although I am happy all of the southern chapters are here at this convention and represented.

We know of Icarian longevity. In the 17th century the Bishop of Ikaria described it's habitants as proud people who slept on the ground. He also wrote then that the air and water on the island were so healthful that people lived many years. Ikaria's strong winds are mentioned in "The Iliad", the lack of a natural harbor kept it outside of the shipping lanes of commerce. Icarians were forced to be self-sufficient. In Icaria during holidays people always have pooled their moneys for food and wine. Icaria was never a "me" place, It has been an "us" place.

In 1976 a group of transplanted Icarians got together and formed Chapter Helios. They were fortunate to have a few savvy real estate brokers looking for clubhouse locations. We were born on Pinehurst in Dunedin. We were the place other Icarians came to from all over the country.

We all know of the fire at the clubhouse on February 22, 2009, the history of its reconstruction. We have made that structure better and stronger, and we want to share it with our brothers and sisters far and wide. Our location and climate lend us to continue to be the epicenter of hospitality to the many Icarians that flock here to unwind or relocate.

I ask you to consider making the clubhouse the "us" place it was and will be. I strongly encourage the Lodge to come back to Clearwater with its winter meetings on a regular basis. Let's truly be a people of "us".

Respectfully, Gus Tsambis

DISTRICT 5 GOVERNOR – ALEXANDRA KATSAS

Report was provided by District 5 Governor Alexandra Katsas

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

The past year serving as Governor for District 5 has been an incredible learning experience and I hope to continue in this capacity for another term. I had the opportunity to travel to Cleveland for their annual Ikarian Independence Day dance and attend the youth Conference. My own Chapter Oinoe hosted the Lodge and Foundation in February.

Oinoe #14 is doing well, although membership is down. I plan to brainstorm with the current President, Bryan Gittings, on ways to bring our membership above the 100 person level, as it has been in the past. Events are better attended than are the meetings and for that reason, we try to combine the two to get as much participation as possible. This year, the chapter voted to support up to 3 youth every year with a \$300 travel stipend to attend the youth conference and we sent our first ever delegate, Erini Katopodis. We hope the travel stipend will garner more interest in attending the conference and becoming involved with the Brotherhood. The chapter offered to host a subsequent youth convention in California. They reported that they would consider our chapter's invitations and seemed enthusiastic about bringing the Ikariotiko back to the West Coast.

Lychnos #11 – Their last President, George Mougiannis was ill and unfortunately passed away. Our sincerest condolences to the family and to the chapter. I have stayed in communication with treasurer Diane Fakaros and hope to visit the chapter in the upcoming year.

Mesaria #27- I received an email from president Charles Andrews. He informed me that the membership has had trouble with organizing meetings or events and has asked that they be disbanded. I presented this to the lodge at our February meeting and they tabled the decision until the convention.

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DISTRICT 6 GOVERNOR REPORT – NICK SKAROS Report was provided by District 6 Governor Nick Skaros

Brother Skaros' main goal is to bring the Icarians of Montreal, Toronto and Buffalo together. Due to the distance that has been difficult to do. He stressed the importance of meeting and maintaining communications with the Canadian chapters, stating even e-mail communication has been challenging. Plans were made to meet half-way between the chapters, but that did not materialize. He hopes those efforts continue, even with a possible Supreme Lodge visit this year to Montreal.

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR - GEORGIA PANDELADIS Report was provided by Chair Georgia Pandeladis

Greetings,

I would like to set forth the process that has been established for the evaluation of scholarship applicants. In order to fully and fairly evaluate all applicants in an impartial manner, a committee of five individuals unaffiliated and not related to any applicants has been established. These five individuals are highly qualified people who have significant experience in the field of education and academia. All five of them deal with scholarships at the local, county and state levels. They are not paid for the many hours they give in the selection of the applicants.

These individuals evaluate the applicants solely on the basis of the criteria and rules established and published by the Brotherhood. The criteria are strictly adhered to in order to insure impartiality and fairness.

These criteria are as follows: 1) Grade Point Average; 2) Difficulty in course of study; 3) Academic Activities; 4) Non-academic activities (social activities and volunteerism); 5) Letters of Recommendation; and 6) Letter submitted by the applicant seeking the scholarship.

Each member of the committee evaluated each applicant individually without a comparison to other candidates and gave them a score based upon the evaluation criteria. The applicants were then ranked upon the average of the evaluators' scores. Once these rankings were complete the committee submitted the rankings to me and I forwarded the results to the Chair of the Foundation.

We had 45 students submit materials to the Foundation requesting a scholarship. However, only 33 of these students qualified as applicants because they submitted all of the required materials in accordance with the rules that were provided. Twelve had to be disqualified and could not be evaluated in accordance with the process that was established. Several missed the deadline.

I received feedback from the individuals on the evaluation committee and from individuals within the Brotherhood. While members of the committee praised the level of support that the Brotherhood has committed through the Foundation, they believed that the application should be bolstered and stronger vetting would best serve the process. I received the contrary view in that some individuals who are members of the Brotherhood believed that a more lax approach should be taken and that any individual seeking money should be provided with funds.

I invite the Brotherhood to discuss this matter and if the body feels appropriate to alter the rules it should do so via the process that the by-laws establish and this convention is in place to fulfill.

Thank you, Georgia Pandeladis

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Chapter #3, Pharos, Cleveland, Ohio report was provided by George Karnavas.

Chapter Pharos of Cleveland has had a great year of fun dances, picnics, and Filotimo. Filotimo is that deep seated awareness in the heart that motivates the good that we do. We installed new officers who are carrying on the traditions and filotimo of the brotherhood. The Independence Day Dance was a huge success. We posted many photos of the youth conference participants dancing on our facebook page. The chapter members prepared wonderful mezethes for everyone to enjoy. We also raided monies for the firefighters on the island.

We reviewed our storage and old documents, many dating back 60 years. We shipped many old documents, photos, and other memorabilia to the Supreme Lodge so that other chapters could see the traditions of Chapter Pharos. We did some needed housekeeping as well. The chapter members helped in repairing the damages the rough winter wrought against our hall. It's been really wonderful to see members of varied backgrounds contribute to the continued success of the chapter together.

We had a makaronatha, picnic at St. Sava's Picnic grounds with over 300 people in attendance. The souvlakia and loukoumathes were a huge hit.

Cleveland has been in the national spotlight this summer and that has added to the spirit of the city. The return of Lebron James and the introduction of Johnny Football, as well as the Republican national Convention will bring a great deal of energy to the City of Cleveland. We hope to be a part of the resurgence and a part of the rich cultural diversity Cleveland has to offer. Hope to see you at the Greek Independence day dance on March 21, 2015 at Annunciation Church.

Fraternally, George Karnavas, Chapter Vice President

Chapter #5 – Pandiki, New York, report was provided by Supreme lodge Secretary George Paralemos.

Greetings to all our fellow Ikariotes from the members of Pandiki in the "Big Apple". We wish Chapter Helios best wishes for a successful convention. We know how hard you worked to make this an enjoyable Labor day weekend. This year has been a busy year for us. Our membership went up to 175 members. Every year we keep adding additional members. The continuous support from our youth association and chapter members has resulted in many successful events and improvements to our building. This support has enabled us to continue theBrotherhood's mission of maintaining our strong cultural identity and passing on our Icarian and Hellenic traditions to the younger generations.

Some of our memorable events for the year were as follows:

October 19, 2013 Fall Dance – We held a successful "Fall Dance" where we honored Nicholas Skaros for all his years of service and dedication to our club and community. We had an exzcellent turnout from Ikariotes young and old, each one of them enjoying the "panagiri" atmosphere of the event.

November 1, 2013 Halloween Party – The children and adults enjoyed an afternoon of crafts, games and goodies which were provided by many of our members and community friends.

November 24, 2013 Spaghetti Fundraiser – We served spaghetti dinner as a small token of appreciation for making a donation towards our roof project, which was in dire need of replacement.

December 15, 2013 Children's Christmas party – Santa took time out of his busy schedule to bring presents to the children of our community. While waiting for his arrival the children sang Christmas carols and made holiday crafts with the help of Santa's elves. The children feasted on goodies and treats, and all went home with a special gift. December 31, 2013 New Year's Eve Gala – Many Ikarians chose the warm atmosphere of our leski to ring in the New Year with friends and family. A delicious dinner was served along with complimentary champagne. We had a great time ringing in 2014, and dancing our way into the New Year.

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February 2, 2014 Super Bowl Party – Our youth association hosted their annual Super Bowl party. They created an exciting atmosphere with great food and beverages.

March 7, 2014 Elections – Our newly elected officers are as follows: Panagiotis Evripiotis, President; Leonidas Papalas, Vice-President; Stanton Douris, treasurer; Nikos Vlahos, Secretary. Committee members include Stan Kayafas, Stamatis Tsantes amd Gus J. Tsahas.

March 30, 2014 Greek Independence Day Parade – We participated in the annual Greek Independence Day parade on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. We had excellent participation and the Pan Icarian float proceeded down the heart of Manhattan prominently displaying the Pan Icarian logo of Icaros. The event was televised on one of New York's primetime TV channels, as well as the greek channel. The parade followed that evening with our annual Parade "Makaronatha." June 15, 2014 - Father's Day cookout – We had a Father's Day BBQ. It was a great event with many of our members and their children enjoying a fun filled afternoon and evening.

July 13, 2014 Icarian Independence Celebration – To commemorate the Independence of Ikaria – July 17, 1912, our chapter held a memorial service at the Transfiguration of Christ Greek Orthodox Church. Following the service, breakfast and refreshments were served in the community room of the church.

In closing, our goal has always been to keep Icarians together and to carry on our traditions and assist in any way we can our fellow Ikarians here and in Iaria. However, we also encourage all our members to fulfill their civic duties, support charities and to further Hellenic culture in general. Besides the support we provide to the Hellenic Studies program at Quenns College we contribute financially to the American Cancer Society, The Ronald McDonald House, The American Red Cross, The Federation of Hellenic Societies of New York, various Greek newspaper publications and Hellenic radio programming.

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

Fraternally, Panagiotis Evripiotis, Chapter President Nikos Vlahos, Chapter Secretary

Chapter #7 – Icaros, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, report was provided by Connie Barlamis.

Chapter Icaros continues to mkeet the first Sunday of each month. Our discussions include event planning, hall maintenance and decisions on charitable donations. Our elections were held in January 2014 and the current officers are: President Joanne Melachrinos, Vice President Georgia Barlamis, Treasurer Elaine Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary Koula Facaros and Corresponding Secretary Anna Aivaliotis.

In the past year, Chjapter Icaros events included our annual Halloween/Oxi Day Celebration Dinner, Pizza with Santa, Super Bowl Party, and Fish dinner hosted by the Despina Xenakis family. Plus, we also host the legendary Memorial Day weekend mini-convention golf outing and dance.

We would like to thank Chapter helios for hosting this year's convention and we look forward to hosting our brothers and sisters in 2015. Convention co-chairs Sophia Facaros and Joanne Melachrinos, along with the convention committees, are busy planning what we hope to be a memorable and fun filled Labor day weekend.

In closing, we would like to thank our loyal and wonderful members, who continue to make us the largest chapter in the brotherhood.

Respectfully Submitted, Georgia Barlamis, Chapter Vice president

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Chapter #8 – Foutrides, Chicago, Illinois report was provided by Convention Vice Chair James Lakerdas.

Greetings from the Windy City!

Chapter Foutrides is holding its own. We boast over 60 members. We had a fairly productive year. Our annual Halloween Party is always well received, with both children and adults attending in costume. We hosted a New Year's Eve Party, with a record number in attendance. We were busting at the seams at the Harvest Room, ending the evening around 3:00am. Some of our members showed their Greek Ikarian Spirit by marching in the Chicago Greek International Parade.

In the Spring, we held a fundraiser for the Ikarian fire fighters, raising approximately \$1,700. Like all the other chapters, we had our share of members fall asleep with the Lord, but we also experienced the joy of births and marriages. All in all, our chapter is doing fine, and looking forward to another great year.

Submitted, James Lakerdas, Chapter President

Chapter #9 – George Spanos, Detroit, Michigan, report was provided by Leah Moraitis.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates to this convention, I am Elias Moraitis, Vice President of the Detroit chapter. We had a wonderful year and are proud of the hard work and accomplishments of our own favorite son, Supreme President George Koklanaris. The highlight of the year was the Supreme Lodge visitation and a roasted goat dinner on June 21, 2014. It was cooked with love by our Chapter President Steve Papalas and by honorary member Alec Tzelepis. In September we had a successful golf outing. In addition to monthly meetings we had a Christmas party, an All Saints Party, annual Lenten makaronatha and the chapter marched in the Greek Independence Day parade on April 5, 2014. We concluded with our Icarian picnic in July. Our 135 members invite you all to join us for our scholarship golf outing chaired by PSP John Lygizos on September 20 of this month. Thank you.

Chapter #10 - Therma, Wilmington, North Carolina, report was provided by George Livanos.

Greetings from all Chapter Therma members and officers. We are glad to be here at Clearwater Beach. We wish Chapter Helios a most successful convention weekend. Our year always begins with our fall picnic. There we have our convention report told to us by our delegates. At thanksgiving, we helped sponsor 3 families to have a happy holiday. Our Christmas Dinner was sponsored by Kay Skandalakis in momory of her parents. At the time we collected over \$1200 to help three families in need at Christmas. We once again sponsored a New Year's Dance for our church community and rang in 2014 together. We held our elections and the officers remain the same. In April we held our annual spaghetti scholarship luncheon. At the end of July we held our annual memorial luncheon in memory of all the departed members of Chapter Therma. This year we have 6 high school graduates and 1 college graduate. We wish them much success. We have added 4 new born Icarians to the mix. We also had 4 Ikarians get married. In closing we want to wish everyone a wonderful "Ikarian family" weekend.

Chapter #11 – Lychnos, Northern California report was provided by Dorothy Glaros Chapter President.

Dorothy extended the greetings of the Icarians of Northern California to the convention. Less than a week ago her area experienced a 6.1 Richter scale earthquake. She asked herself, should I postpone going to the convention? Undeterred, Dorothy said to all that Lychnos would not miss this convention for anything in the world. Although the chapter members are spread through several hundred miles they were able to be productive, having several meetings and events. Picnics and a glendi were successful. This fall they are scheduling an outing to Wilderness Park with a barbeque as well as a glendi/social gathering in Napa, California. If anyone is ever in the area, please do not hesitate to contact us, we will show you the famous Icarian Filoxenia, Northern California style.

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Chapter #12 – Atheras, Philadelphia, report was provided by District Governor Angelo Horiates

Atheras thanks Chapter Helios for all of it's efforts in hosting the convention. We had many events over the year, from our October Halloween party, to hosting an Icarian tailgate party during an Eagles game, Christmas and New Year's parties and our very famous Super Bowl hoagie sale.

Later in the year we hosted our local Federation of Hellenic Societies, marched in the Philadelphia Greek Independence Day parade, hosted a skordalia Palm Sunday dinner at our clubhouse and a father's day barbeque. We are active and proud of our Icarian roots.

The highlight of our year was the celebration of our 75 years as a chapter of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood. Icarians from all over North America came to our "Chapter Jubilee" blowout, from Toronto to California, New York, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Baltimore, to all of you whom came to be a part of the over 750 people that attended this, the largest dance of the year on the east Coast, we thank you. We flew in the renowned Nikos Facaros from Greece to play the violin and we pulled out all of the stops, from chandeliers to prime rib, photo booths to honoring all past chapter presidents with a large cake as we sung Happy Birthday... a great time and high water mark for our chapter.

In 2015, our Apokriatiko glendi promises to be an even bigger bash as we will be bringing the incomparable violinist Yianni Frangos from Greece. Save the date of February 21, 2015. We hope to see you again at what will be once again the largest gathering of Icarians in America as we celebrate Atheras style.

Respectfully Submitted, Nick Gasparinatos, Chapter President

Chapter #16, Lefkas, Baltimore/Washington, report was provided by George Moratis, Chapter President.

We have had a very active year since last year's convention. Notable events include a September Picnic and Crabfest in Annapolis, Maryland, which was our first picnic in a long time. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. In December we hosted the Supreme Lodge and Foundation meetings followed by a dinner with many members of the chapter present. A week later we held our Christmas Dinner where we honored our past chapter presidents. Our April dance was well attended and featured music by Melodia along with Nikos Facaros from Ikaria along with our own Theologos Frangos. In June, a group of us attended a Baltimore Orioles game against the Tampa Bay Rays. In recent months, we held our second annual Tavli tournament and prepared sandwiches for a food bank in Baltimore. This upcoming September we will again have a picnic/crab fest in Annapolis – so if you are in the mood for crabs – stop by. We are also looking forward to an I-95 World Series between our Washington Nationals and our Baltimore Orioles.

Sadly our chapter mourned the losses of two longtime members with the passing of Brother Costas Manolis and Past Chapter president and former District Governor Sister Karolyn Krial. May their memories be eternal.

As we look ahead, our chapter is proud of it's 97 members. Through fellowship and our love for the Icarian culture we will work harder to motivate our youth and children to take a more active role in our chapter and the brotherhood. Speaking of youth, our chapter is very proud of the contributions of Katina Mavrophilipos, the Brotherhood's first Youth District Governor. Her efforts these past two years are beyond commendable as she worked to unite our younger members instilling in them a sense of purpose and commitment. Great job Katina! We are very proud of you.

Finally, on behalf of all of our members, I thank Chapter Helios for another fine convention. I have many great memories of conventions past including one night spent in a Hurricane shelter. If you have to weather a storm, nothing beats the Clearwater City Hall Annex with your Icarian friends and family.

Thank you.

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CHAPTER REPORTS

CHAPTER 17 – Christ E. Aivaliotis, Columbus, Ohio

Thank you to Helios Chapter 19 for hosting this year's convention. Winter 2014 in Ohio was quite a challenge! We scheduled and postponed our meeting three times but finally three times was a charm, and we had a very productive gathering in April at Anna's Greek Cuisine Restaurant in Columbus. We are not a large chapter, only 36 paid members, but as the saying goes; "Small but mighty".

This year we added 3 new members to our chapter,, we continued to sell Icarian cookbooks, we contributed \$1,000 to the Firemen's Relief Fund for Ikaria. We hosted our 4th annual Icarian Scholarship and Golf outing at the Safari Golf Club in Powell, Ohio in August. From the first three golf outings, we have donated \$3,000 to the Pan-Icarian National Scholarship Fund. This year, 56 golfers participated and with commitments from Greeks and our non-Greek friends, we will add another \$1,000 to that total. We are proud of that accomplishment.

We planned a trip to "The Wilds" outside of Zanesville, Ohio, which is a non-profit safari park that is home to roaming animals and endangered species. On a more personal level, members Dessine and Albert Fricioni from Dayton, Ohio, became great-grandparents for the second time and welcomed Zaharoula Maria to their family. Tim Leakas, co-author with Jackie Moraitis of the Icarian cookbook, was married in California, and resides there now.

Respectfully Submitted, Jackie Moraitis

Chapter #19 – Helios, Clearwater, Florida, report was given by Chapter President Kathryn Athanasiadis.

The chapter completed its kitchen and restrooms thanks to the generosity of its members. Their first glendi at the new leski was in November hosted by Dessi and Nick Plutis. The hall was decorated, the music and appetizers fantastic. The Christmas Card was a success thanks to PSP Sonja Stefanadis. Their annual dinner dance had over 350 people. On a sad note, Helios lost long time members Peter Zisis, Anthony Safos, Golfo Stephanadis, Argie Johns, Athena Binikos, Nick Vroutos, Andy Kalithas and Eva Rossi. May their memories be eternal. The chapter thanked their convention co-chairs, PSPs Dr. Stanton Tripodis and John Sakoutis for a job well done.

Chapter #20- Kavo-Papas, Houston, Texas, report was provided by Chapter President Ben Ringer.

Ben started by thanking the local Chapter Helios on a successful convention. He also commented that he has been a member of Kavo-Papas for at least 27 of the 30 years of its existence. Sadly, the chapter lost it's Vice President, Phil Moss. His funeral service was attended by former Secretary of State James Baker and current Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Kyle Janek. May his memory be eternal.

Other news included the annual chapter bake sale which raised \$1700 and that the chapter participates in the Annunciation Greek Festival. The chapter has 6 members attending college and looks forward to their future leadership.

Chapter #26- Panagia Upstate/New York/Buffalo, report given by District Governor Nick Skaros.

The Panagia chapter in Buffalo, NY, increased its membership to 22. However there are not many Icarians in the area. Although we are a small chapter, we do enjoy going to the conventions and congratulate Chapter Helios on this year's convention. As a parent and grandparent, Mr. Skaros is very pleased that his family, as well as that of his brother Ted, are involved. The chapter is very proud of Damianos Skaros, the Supreme Lodge treasurer and looks forward to greater involvement from the youth.

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Dear Icarian Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Argie Manolis, and my parents Steve and Joyce Manolis were faithful members of the V.l. Chebithes chapter in Akron, Ohio. I currently work at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Some of you may recall that I have spoken at national conventions in the past about service trips to the Old Age Home in Icaria. I was honored to take a group of students in 2005, 2007, and 2010 and to work with the Cavaligos' at the Old Age Home. I am hoping to lead this trip a fourth time—but this time, I would very much appreciate involving college students with Icarian heritage!

From May 26-June 16, I will be co-teaching a course entitled Aging in Greece: Comparative Cultural Practices and Social Policy. The course will include a service-learning project at the Old Age Home in Icaria. Students will have the opportunity to plan activities for the elders who live there and help with projects to improve the home. We will be reading about cross-cultural aging from many different perspectives, including articles related to medicine, public health, sociology, anthropology, history, and the arts. This is a great opportunity for students with any major or career plan, and the hands-on projects can be tailored to students' interests and majors. An ability to speak, read, and write in Greek is a bonus but is not required.

This is a four credit college course offered through the University of Minnesota, Morris, but college students at any accredited college or university are welcome to participate, and we will work closely with students to make sure the credits transfer. I am especially interested in recruiting Icarian-American students who want to spend time in Ikaria and give back to their Patrida!

The course begins with tours of Athens and continues with a tour of Icaria, daily class sessions, and daily visits to the Old Age Home. There will be free time for students to visit family or travel on weekends, and students can choose to extend their stay after the trip. The cost will be approximately \$4,800, plus the cost of a plane ticket from the student's nearest airport. (Note: the final cost will depend on the number of students and the cost of air and ground transportation at the time of the trip). This cost includes four college credits, two days of tours in Athens, a full-day tour of Ikaria, hotel stays in comfortable, modern hotels, daily breakfasts, transportation to and from the nursing home and other locations in Ikaria, and airplane transportation to and from the island. At most colleges and universities, financial aid packages can be used to cover the cost of the study abroad opportunities like this one.

If you would like more information, or to apply for the class, visit the following website: http://umabroad.umn. edu/programs/europe/aging-greece/. You can also feel free to contact me directly at 320-589-6276 or manolis@ morris.umn.edu for more information about the trip. Please spread the word to college students who may be interested!

Sincerely,

Argie Manolis

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ICARIAN SPOTLIGHT

Constantina Safos Antoniadis, a 7th grader at St. Demetrios School of Astoria, composed the poem below, one of the winners in a contest. Constantina is the daughter of Smaragda Safos of Chapter Pandiki #5.

Icarian sea

A wonderful island has a beautiful beach and sea it is called Ikaria, which is a place you always want to be

The dancing waves Keep me in a daze

The strong wind blows
The cool ocean water tickles my toes

Staying on the beach all day long Listing to the cicadas' song

Looking for colorful seashells While getting a glimpse of fish tails

The islands in the distance are like floating rocks that aren't in existence

The slippery sand Fills all the land

The warm summer sun is shimmering The cool ocean is glimmering

The splashing ocean Is filled with motion

The warm summer air
Is all most impossible to bear.

Here comes the cool sea breeze That blows the heat away with ease

There is no place I want to be Then the Icarian sea



Photo courtesy of Helen Parianos



Fourth of July in Ikaria - photo courtesy of John Gemellas

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10-14-2014

Dr. Nikitas J. Tripodes,

I want to thank the Pan-Icarian Foundation for honoring me with the 2014 Nicholas & Rosina Kotsogiannis Memorial Scholarship. This money will assist me in my journey through college. The Kotsogiannis Family is greatly appreciated by me and the rest of my family in helping me pay my tuition.

I am blessed to be a part of such a wonderful organization with such wonderful people.

Thank you very much! Alexa Xenakis Pittsburgh, PA

Dear Pan-Icarian Foundation,

Thank you so much for the 2014 Oinoe Chapter No. 14, Southern California – graduate scholarship award. It will help greatly to pay for expenses at school.

Sincerely, Allison Rice Poland, OH

October 22, 2014 Dr. Nikitas Tripodes Chairman, Pan-Icarian Foundation

Dear Dr. Tripodes,

I would like to warmly thank you and the Pan-Icarian Foundation for your generous support towards my academic expenses with the Ava Lee Petchakos Memorial Scholarship award. The scholarship in the amount of \$2,000, which was granted to me last month, has been paramount to the completion of my studies and greatly appreciated.

It is especially heartwarming to feel that I belong to a great Brotherhood, such as the Pan-Icarian, and witness its members' diligent efforts to preserve our family spirit, Icarian values and heritage that inspire us all and will continue to inspire future generations for many years to come.

Please convey my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Petchakos family for supporting education advancement and enriching the lives of other fellow Icarians. I am very grateful to them as well as to all those who have worked for the advancement of our distinctive island's values in North America.

I extend to you, the officers and directors of the Pan-Icarian Foundation my heartfelt wishes for happiness and continuous accomplishments, and I assure you that my commitment to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood will be lifelong and truly cherished.

Sincerely yours,

Evangeline Kourtesiotis Proud Member of Nissos Ikaria, Chapter 21, Toronto Canada

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YEAR END APPEAL FROM THE PAN-ICARIAN FOUNDATION



Dear Friends and Family:

The Pan-Icarian Foundation funded over \$100,000 in scholarships this year thanks to the deep support of the Pan-Icarian community. Over the years millions more have been disbursed for medical assistance, disaster relief, youth programs, as well as cultural and educational projects. We are currently raising funds to help a young boy in Ikaria receive cancer treatments.

We not only meet current needs but want to build for the future.

Please remember your Foundation with your tax deductible year end contributions. No amount is too small.

Donations of appreciated stocks, bonds, real estate and other assets can be of particular benefit to the donor.

Consider endowing a perpetual scholarship. A \$25,000 contribution will endow an undergraduate scholarship in perpetuity and \$30,000 will endow a graduate scholarship in perpetuity.

You can name the Pan-Icarian Foundation as a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy, or financial accounts.

Your continued generosity as well as prudent asset management has allowed the Foundation to grow and steadily increase its assistance.

A self addressed envelope accompanies this letter for your convenience.

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On behalf of the Pan -Icarian Foundation Board of Directors I would like to extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2015.

Fraternally Yours,

Nikitas J. Tripodes Chairman Pan-Icarian Foundation

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ICARIAN SPOTLIGHT

2014 Yoga Blue Tour

From September 3rd –12th, a diverse group of adventurous people visited sites in Greece and particularly Ikaria with the specific focus of learning about and participating in a Blue Zones lifestyle. Along with offering almost daily yoga

practice in both locations, the itinerary in Athens included a guided visit to Agios Pavlos monastery in Lavrion that produces local, organically grown and raised products. We also visited and marveled at the ruins of Sounion and the Acropolis (plus new museum), the oracle site at Delphi, the Benaki and National Archaeological museums, while soaking up the pulse of that beautiful city! In Ikaria we visited Afianes Winery which grows grapes that are now certified by the EU as particular to our island. We were guided through an apiary that produces that now famous "anamatomelo" – super charged honey! Our group enjoyed free time on the beaches, a spectacular boat ride along the southern coast of the island and a hike into its stunning, dramatic interior regions. The radioactive baths of Therma were also a pleasant and memorable experience for those who took





the plunge! Of course Ikaria is famous for its many panygeria and we were fortunate to spend an evening at Agios Dimitrios eating, dancing, and celebrating with local inhabitants and other tourists passing through.



As expected, the warmth, pride and energy that the Ikarians displayed enriched this authentic tour. Look carefully at the photos and you will see Ikariotes from Detroit, Dayton and Akron – and many other honorary "converts" to the Greek Blue Zone lifestyle and the unique island that spawned it! *Happily submitted by Argie (Plakas) Spithas-Miner*

The Detroit Four, Kay Papalas Batsakes, Argie Siringas Achidafty, Marilyn Papalas Balog, Marjorie Lorenzon, and



12 other amazing people enjoyed an adventure, The Yoga Blue Zone Tour, with Argie Spithas Miner. In Athens we went to Sounion, Delphi, Acropolis, and many museums. When we flew into Ikaria I danced and sang on the runway, happy to arrive on the homeland of our parents and grandparents. Thea Parikos, a native Detroiter, was waiting to transfer us to her place, Nas. Every day Argie and Thea took us places. At the end of the day we had dinner at Thea's Place. Our parea was great, the food was amazing, and never ending. When we departed from Ikaria my heart was tugging and crying because of the roots we all have. As Larry Miner said," There is one empty table at Thea's Place".

Submitted by Argie Siringas Achidafty.

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Vassilaros, George & Maria	In Memory of James Lardas	50.00	
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Xenakis, Despina	In Memory of James Lardas	25.00	\$3,215.00
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Hardaloupas, Sarantos & Marianthy		80.00	\$80.00
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Kayafas, Anthony & Anna	In Memory of John Mougianis	100.00	\$400.00
Niko & Jenny Yiakas Graduate Scholarship			
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Kazalas, Athnea	In Memory of Steve Pedos	100.00	
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Thomas, Stella	In Memory of Lottie Apostolos	100.00	
Tsounos, Mary	In Memory of Demetra Lardas	100.00	
Vassilaros, George & Maria	In Memory of Lottie Apostolos	50.00	
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Grand Banquet 2014



Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros" **2014 Convention Moments**



Steve Stratakos and Jim Lakerdas both of Aristides Foutridis Great Minds Think Alike



Stella Pappas
kicked off the
Grand Banquet
with stirring
renditions of the
national anthems
of
Ikaria,
Greece,
Canada,
and the
United States



Prof. Anthony J. Papalas, author of books about Ikaria, gave the Keynote Address



Convention Host Chapter Helios President Kathryn Athanasiadis and mother Paula Xenakis



Jim Mavres goes over last minute details with Helen Parianos, Amy Hall and Annette Mavres

Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros" **2014 Convention Moments**





Helen (Collaros) and Steve Parianos, Maria Collaros Tripodis, and Georgia (Collaros) Dadas The Cleveland Connection

Charlotte Pardos and Desi Plutis volunteered all day and looked fabulous all evening

PSP John Sakoutis,
Convention Co-Chair,
presented with a placque of appreciation
for his many years of service
to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood



Gus Tsambis
recognized for his continuous efforts
for the good of the Brotherhood





Chris Tripodis, Linda Tripodis-Murray, and Stanton Tripodis

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October 18, 2014

Dear Pan Icarian Foundation,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the Pan Icarian Graduate Scholarship possible. My family and I were thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

I am an active member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Church and of the Icarian Brotherhood Cleveland chapter.

I am also a graduate student at Baldwin Wallace University earning a MBA with a focus in accounting. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses.

I am so proud to be from an Icarian background and will never forget the support that the foundation has given me. This summer I hope to visit Icaria for the first time. I am looking forward to further exploring my culture and Icarian heritage.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise you I will work very hard and continue to give something back to my church and my Icarian community.

Sincerely, Stephen Peter Madden



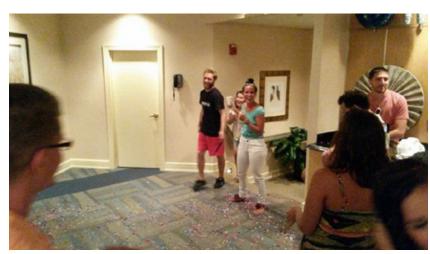


Fall 2014 Pan-IcarianYouth Report George Karnavas Youth Governor

I first want to thank Katerina Mavrophilipos for being a great Youth Governor for the past two years. She has done many great things for the youth and Brotherhood! I am honored to be the next Youth Governor. I am excited to help the Youth grow, be more involved and help out the Pan Icarian Brotherhood of America.

If any chapters is interested in hosting the 2015 Pan-Icarian Brotherhood Youth Leadership Conference, please email me at gkarnavas88@gmail.com. It is our preference for a chapter to host the Youth Leadership Conference in conjunction with a chapter event

I was glad to see my friends and met new ones. I always look forward to the convention to catch up with friends, attend the meetings and dancing the Kariotiko with my fellow Kariotes.



Last year's conference was a huge success. Our goal is to make the conference bigger and better every year and to increase attendance. The Youth Leadership Conferences is a great way for the Youth to be more involved, learn more about the Pan –Icarian Brotherhood and to meet new people.

I have others ideas in mind for the Youth to support and keep the longevity of the PIB!

If you have not already so, please join the Youth Facebook page and the contact list.

A farewell surprise for our First Youth Governor

The youth has many great things planned for the future. We are almost done with our youth online store. We are asking for your support. All proceeds will benefit

the youth and our mission. Our goal is to continue the longevity of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood by involving more of our youth. We strive for local chapter involvement. attendance at the annual Youth Leadership Conference, and participation at the Supreme Conventions; all of this resulting in connecting more youth and following the footsteps of the preceding generations. This online store will assist us financially in accomplishing many objectives, as well as help make the Youth Leadership Conference and other

I can say for myself and the rest of the Youth that the Helios Chapter did a great job at this year's convention.



endeavors even more successful. The online store will be available at the end of November. The website URL will be, http://www.pan-icarian.net/



Congratulations to Lauren Ellis of Boardman, Ohio. She was selected to be this year's "Featured Twirler" for Boardman Spartan High School. She was also selected for the "Silks" flag line. Lauren, now a junior, has been a member of the Boardman Spartan Marching Band since her freshman year in high school, a requirement for all twirlers, majorettes and flag line participants. Lauren also plays trumpet during concert season. Lauren is the daughter of Jenny and Drake Ellis.



Daniel and Alexis (Elias) Spohn recently welcomed their second child into the world. Aletheia Zoe Spohn was born on September 5. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Na sas zisi!







Grand Banquet 2014

Summer was busy and fun for Ikarians in Akron! Now leaves are changing and holiday celebrations are around the corner.

Thank you and congratulations to Chapter Helios on a beautiful, successful Annual Convention. Many Akron members attended and brought back reports of parties, dancing 'til 4am, sunshine and sand! Can't wait to see everyone again next year!

2014 National Convention attendees Jef and Lisa (Chibis) Tapper and family

On August 24th our chapter hosted a meeting at Wolf Creek Winery. The location has become an annual meeting place for us. Ohio wines and gorgeous views - always a great reason to gather. About 20 members were in attendance and we discussed remaining events for 2014, plans for our annual reverse raffle fundraiser and everyone's summer trip to the island.





Collin Wise, Kostas Spithas, and Leonidas Spithas at winery

Happy Raffle Winners



On October 13th, over 150 people attended our annual Reverse Raffle and Dinner. This event is our primary fundraiser and has become an event across generations in Akron. Thank you to all who sponsored, attended and

volunteered their time for this event!
Especially Paula Kasapis. A excellent time was had by all! Winners took home silent auction items and cash prizes, enjoyed delicious food and re-connected with Ikarians and Greeks from all over Northeast Ohio.

Our chapter looks forward to more gatherings and meetings towards the end of this year



PHAROS

Hello Fellow Icarians,

The members of Chapter Pharos hope you all had a great summer. Things in Cleveland have been pretty quiet.

In August we held our annual picnic at St. Sava's Picnic Grove. It was very well attended with over 400 people. We sold all of our souvlakia and loukoumades. That's what we call a great success. Music was provided by Stigma, with special guest star **Victoria Mavrogeorgis** on the violin. Thanks to all the members for their hard work.

Many of our members attended the Clearwater Convention. Thanks to Chapter Helios, we all had a wonderful time.



Our upcoming events include a Halloween Party in October and our Christmas and New Year's parties in December. We will once again be hosting our Annual Independence Day dance on March 21, 2015 at the Annunciation Party Center in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood. Hope to see you all there.

Congratulations to our own George Karnavas the new Youth Governor of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood. Kai s'anotera!!

We hope everyone has a good holiday season and a safe winter.

Submitted by Maria Collaros Tripodis







Greetings from Warren, Ohio's Daedalos Chapter #4. Congratulations to Chapter Helios for hosting an amazing convention...it's hard to beat a location like theirs. It was great seeing old friends and good times were had by all.

We held our annual picnic in July and had a great turnout where old friends reconnected. We are already trying to figure out how to cook αρνι και κατσικη for next year.

We are excited to be hosting a Greek Night on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving. We are hoping this will become an annual event and hope many can attend.

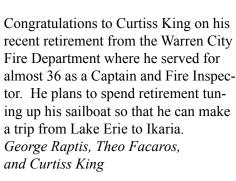


Theologos and Fotini Raptis

Facaros welcome their new baby girl **Sophia Filio Facaros** on August 19, 2014. Mother and daughter are healthy and happy and little Sophia is doing a great job in keeping her parents up all night. Nα σας ζήσει!!



Congratulations to **George and Sarah Raptis** on their marriage on August 23, 2014. It was a beautiful wedding and in typical Ikarian fashion, the kariotiko was played into the wee hours of the morning. Nα ζησετε ευτυχισμενοι!!





Peter and Liberty Mitchell



PSP Maria Chimbidis and friends



Melissa, Elias, Corbin, Marianne, and Abby Raptis



On October 18th we held our annual fall dance. Everyone who attended had a great time dancing the night away.

That said... We want to thank District Governor # 1- Katerina Mavrophilipos and all the Youth from Baltimore, Pittsburgh and New Jersey who took the time and journey to New York to attend the dance. You all made it a memorable night. THANK YOU!









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Congratulations to Sarandos N. Tsouris, past Supreme Treasurer, who was chosen as a 2014 Community Star in the Steubenville/Weirton areas. Each year nominations are taken and a committee selects community members who selflessly give their time and talents to help others. He along with nine others was honored at a banquet October 6.

His family and extended church family surrounded him at the dinner with enormous support and love. He humbly spoke of his parents and how they instilled in him the importance of responsibility. Today at 92 he still helps his neighbors, friends, and strangers when they find themselves in tims of need, and continues to be an inspiration to those around him.

Sarandos and Stella Tsouris



He's been helping his neighbors on a daily basis for his whole life

STEUBENVILLE -

Sarandos N. Tsouris worked hard his whole life, sometimes three obs at a time, but he sever tired of helping thers in his neighbor-ood around Maryland farket

Center.
Tsouris, 92, immigrated from Greece at age 19. He first went to Detroit and then Cleveland, before settling in d, before settling in ubenville in 1948. He red from Wheeling-sburgh Steel after ears of employ-t. During his days is steel mill, he also Icarus Rustproofing began Maryland ket. The neighborgrocery store will

Market. The neighbor-hood grocery store will be celebrating its 50th universary in January. Tsouris said he got the nickname "Clark" after Clark Kent, because he was always changing clothes for his wiber tobs.

ence at his store and in remodeling homes. He bought homes in the neighborhood, remodel-ing the homes to pro-vide housing for the underprivileged. "He touches the lives

of many on a daily basis. He aimed for the American dream of making a difference in his community ity, and cor

said he feels obligated to give back to the community and his neighborhood.

"I was blessed by God to have a nice store, and I am able to help people," he said. "I gave to them because I had extra. I don't feel entitled to be a community star."

"I hope to live a few more years because I have unfinished business," he said.
T souris said he doesn't say "no't people."

n't say "no" to people who ask for rides to a

who ask for rides to a doctor appointment or to the drug store. "I was told by my parents to always live the perfect life. They taught me that today's irresponsibility is tomorrow's failure. They told means to the perfect life. They told means to the perfect life. They told means that is the only way you can accomplish anything in life."
Tsouris said the Labelle section of the city once was home to



Tsouris still works daily at the store. His son, Nick, said his father helps out with the bookwork. "He has taught me so much. The one thing I wish I could learn from him is patience.



Congratulations to **Paul Mastros** who won the long drive competition at the golf tournament at the convention in Clearwater Beach.

Paul is the son of Dr. Niko and Angela Mastros and grandson of Dr. Paul and Pana Mastros all of the Steubenville Doliche chapter.

Paul, Niko and the rest of their foursome were the champions.





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

Upcoming events include our annual Halloween Party/ Oxi Day Celebration Dinner in October, and our annual Pizza with Santa Party in December.

We look forward to hosting the 2015 National Convention and have already begun planning great events and activities! The hotel reservation system is now open, and you can find the link at our website: www.pan-icarian.com/~icaros/

News from the 2014 Clearwater Convention: We are pleased to announce that Chapter Icaros member Cathy Pandeladis was elected to the Supreme Lodge as Treasurer. Chapter Icaros members Georgia Pandeladis and Joanne Melacrinos will continue serving as Scholarship Chair and Archivist, respectively. Also, Chapter Icaros was once again recognized as the largest chapter in the Brotherhood, thanks to the wonderful support of our membership.

Congratulations go out to:

- Nicholas and Maria Tripodes on the birth of their daughter Francesca Rose, born July 12, 2014.
- Theo and Fotini Facaros on the birth of their daughter Sophia Filio, born August 19, 2014.

We were greatly saddened by the deaths of longtime Chapter Icaros members Lottie Apostolos, James Lardas, and Steve Pedos (former Chapter Icaros member and founding member of Chapter Irini 28, Norfolk, VA). May their memory be eternal.

Submitted by Chapter Icaros Corresponding Secretary Anna Aivaliotis

Francesca Rose Tripodes was born on July 12, 2014 at 3:00 AM! She was 6 pounds, 14 ounces and 19 inches.



Proud parents are Maria and Nicholas Tripodes along with big brothers Constantine (11) and John Nicholas (7). Francesca is the granddaughter of Joanne and Frank Tripodes and Georgia and the late John Anetakis. She is the great granddaughter of the late Rose and Dr. Stephen Pamphilis and the late Sophia and Nicholas Tripodes.

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See you in 'Pittsiburgo' in 2015!



During the Memorial Day weekend, once again at Pittsburgh, we had our annual Ikarian whiffle ball game. This year marked the 10th anniversary for our Ikarian game.

It's a great way to start the summer: Warm, sunny weather, great Ikarian parea, food, music, baseball, and beer. And during the 7th inning stretch, we all try to dance the Kariotiko.



The weather was very cooperative. Not surprisingly, we did have a late start, because past chapter president George Halvas had all the equipment, and he was running on Ikarian time. Actually, he was trying to recover from his son's -Christos Evangelos, Halvas- baptism which occurred the night before, and lasted into the early morning hours in the Southside of Pittsburgh. Upon Halvas' late arrival, the whiffle ball court echoed with loud cheers ...or were those loud grunts and boos?

Anyway the excited throng of Ikarians quickly forgave Halvas, because we Ikarians are accustomed to late starts. The game lasted for a few hours, actually I'm sure it's just a coincident, but the game seemed to end when the beer ran out.

The MVP was 9 year old Julia Halvas who caught a line drive to center field and had 2 hits while at bat. Teddy Xenakis was once again showing endless efforts to manage his team and his liver. Unfortunately, once again, the Veronian Ikarians lost and South Hills Ikarians won-pretty standard. The final score was 15 to 6. After the game ended, we all continued the celebration at Simone Koutoufaris' house and swimming pool. I would like to thank all the people who participated, and especially George Mavrogeorgis and Zak Tsambis, who work endlessly every year to make this event happen. Hope to see even a bigger turn out next year.

Autumn Greetings from the Windy City! A big thank you and congratulations to Helios Chapter #19 for planning and working hard to make a very successful convention! The Clearwater Convention took us back to the island where we belong! Beach and poolside fun, our very own chapter's Peter Karnavas on the violin, and dancing into the wee hours of the morning! Afta einai!

Congratulations to E. Terry Platis on being elected to Supreme President! Our chapter is so very proud of our esteemed member and will continue to support the supreme officers and foundation any way we can. Congratulations are also in order to our member, Paul Collaros, for remaining as a director on the foundation and James Lakerdas (our previous chapter president) for becoming District 3 Governor. Congrats to you both! We would also like to thank Steve Stratakos for all of his work and continued dedication to the Foundation and Scholarship Board. Thank you!



On September 19, 2014, Steve Stratakos, Stacey Collaros and Nicki Janis Vessol organized our annual Fall Picnic. The picnic was a nice way to gather together and reminisce over the summer activities (trips to Ikaria, Convention, activities and such) while gearing up for the holiday season. Everyone brought a potluck dish and beverages which again shows that it takes an "Ikarian" village! It was a very successful event. Bravo!





Our chapter also held elections and the new officers are as follows: President, John N Karnavas; Vice-President, Adonis Kohilas; Treasurer, Fotis Karnavas; Recording Secretary, Joseph Spyridakis; and Corresponding, Debbie Spyridakis. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers! Cheers for a great year ahead, and we thank the previous officers for all of their hard work.





In sadder news, our deepest sympathies to the family of Marinos Tripodis. Marinos Tripodis passed away this past August and was a centenarian and lifetime member of our chapter. Thank you for all your time and dedication to our chapter and for showing us the true Ikarian spirit in our church and community. May his memory be eternal.

Congratulations to members Peter and Despina Karnavas along with big sister Rozina and big brother Dimitri on the birth of 7lb. 14oz., 21in. Konstandina Nickoletta Karnavas, on Wednesday, July 23rd, 2014.

Proud grandparents are: Nick and Konstantina Tsahas (Mandria and Agio Kyriko) and Demetrios and Rozina Janis Karnavas (Magganiti). Congratulations also to the greatgrandmothers Despina Markakis Tsarnas (Agio Kyriko) and Dorothea Vardarou Karnavas (Magganiti) and to great-grandfather John Janis Kotsogiannis (Magganiti).



Greetings from Chapter Therma,

Happy Fall y'all! We want to congratulate Helios chapter on a wonderful convention weekend. Wonderful weather,

fellowship, and fun was had by all who attended the convention.

We had our fall picnic with burgers and dogs and the Ikarian "parea." Our delegate George Livanos gave us a convention report. We want to thank him for taking time from his weekend to



be our delegate. Soon we will have our fall meetings and we will get ready for our Christmas dinner and our New Years party.



We offer our congratulations to Stephanie Gallaher and Graham Harrill who were married at St. Nicholas Church in July. Stephanie is the daughter of Marisa Manaloukas and Pat Gallaher. We offer them a lifetime of happiness.



In September we celebrated the baptism of Konstandina Killaris, daughter of Eleni and Leonidas Killaris. She is the granddaughter of Argiro and Gus Karafas. We wish a happy birthday to Dr. Emanuel Koklanaris, who celebrated his 81st birthday in September. Many many more!





You will hear from us in 2015 after we ring in the New Year!

Sincerely, Kay Saffo Skandalakis



Our meeting on October 25h took place at the home of Sarah Glaros in Stockton. Some members had to drive as much as 4 hours one way just to attend. Alexandra Katsas, our District Gov. also came up and attended.

John Papathansis (Lodi) had driven down to San Francisco and purchased a signed copy of Diane Kochilas' latest cookbook. His mother, Kathy Glaros Papathansis, visiting from Connecticut, made one of the delicious dishes from her cookbook for our pot luck. We then raffled off the cookbook along with a coffee basket I made up and collected \$55. We added \$145 to that and will be sending a \$200 check to Helios Chapter for their Christmas card which will go into their building fund. As you know the fire was quite devastating for them. Several of our members in attendance will also be sending in money.



This is a picture from our meeting. John took the picture and is unfortunately not in it but our newest/youngest member, his son, is seen on the right side of the picture.

Chapter #12 Atheras 75th Jubilee











OINOE

Pantele J. Xanthos, past president of the Oinoe chapter, became a great-grandfather for the first time when **Nicholas Eleftherios Delis** was born on November 13, 2013. Pantele was married to Angela Tripodes, daughter of Paris and Joy Tripodes. Nicholas is the first born son of his granddaughter, Alexandra Joy Vlahiotis Delis and her husband Tom Delis of Northbrook, Illinois. Alexandra is the daughter of Zoe Xanthos Vlahiotis and Tony Vlahiotisof San Ramon, California.



Nicholas was baptized on July 12, 2014 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago, Illinois and his "great-papou" was there to take part in this special day. At the baptism reception, Great-papou Pantele was presented with a cake to celebrate his 90th birthday which took place on July 2, 2014.

Bringing California to Ikaria after a lifetime talking about surfing Ikaros' mythical waves, the Yiakas brothers finally made it happen.



George & Toula Balanis (parents) and Thalassa Balanis (sister) are very proud to let our Ikarian friends know that their son, **Nikolas Balanis** (Grandson of Stavros and Polyxeni Koutis), has graduated with a PhD in biophysics from the school of medicine at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. His research was in the area of



triple negative breast cancer. Nikolas is now working at UCLA working in biophysics. Congratulations Nikolas!

Representing Chapter OIONE in Clearwater are, from left to right, **Lucas Saffos**, from Delaware, **Lexi Saphos**, from Clearwater, and Los Angeles Chapter OIONE's own, **Stevie Saphos** garnering young voter support for

2017 LA Convention.



Chapter Oinoe would like to congratulate the Economou/ Karaptis family on the birth of their grandchild, Silas and the Themi/Koula Katsaros on the birth of their grandchild, Oliver.

Lastly, Chapter Oinoe would like to wish Jenny, John Tsouvals and family good luck with their move to Texas and that you will be missed! Thank you for your contributions and let us know if you need anything!

On July 12 Nea Ikaria held its annual Panigiri at the Kariotiko spiti in Sound Beach to commemorate the Independence of our island from the Turks on July 17, 1912 which coincides with St. Marina's Name Day. The Panigiri was a great success. People came from everywhere to celebrate with us. Delicious homemade food and loukoumades were served and the music was great. Plenty of kefi and dancing.





The next day we had our memorial in our church to honor all those who contributed to the Ikarian Independence. Agiasmos followed the memorial in our club.

On October 4 Nea Ikaria had its ψαροταβέρνα night with great food, music and dancing. Everybody had a great time.







LEFKAS

BALTIMORE #16

Greetings and well wishes from Lefkas #16 Baltimore, MD. We would like to congratulate the Clearwater Chapter Helios for a wonderful convention at Clearwater Beach, and also congratulations our very own Lefkas member Katina Mavrophilipos as the new District Governor.

On Sunday, September 14 we had our annual Ikariotiko Picnic in Annapolis, MD.









The picnic was attended by many members enjoying each others company with a beautiful crab feast.





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LEFKAS

BALTIMORE #16

We would like to congratulate our Vice President Dr. Kosta Kohilas and Athina Ploutis Kohilas on the birth of their third child, son Alexandros joining his older sister Georgia and brother Theodossios. Proud grandparents are Theodossios and Georgia Kohilas and Alexandros and Androulla Ploutis.





Baltimore chapter members at 2014 Convention



Congratulations to Tony and Toula (Saffo) Vassilaros, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oc-



tober 11. They are wished many more years of love and happiness by their children, Elaine Steele, Argie, Betty and Leonidas Vassilaros and grandson Gregory Steele. Thank you for your everlasting love and support!

On June 30, 2014 our beloved longtime member Konstantinos D. Manolis passed away. He is survived by his beloved wife Ioanna Manolis, son Demetrios Manolis and wife Stamatoula, son George Manolis and wife Amy, and his six loving grandchildren Ioanna, Konstantinos, Alexandros, Lukas, Mathew and Gabrielle, and loving sister Pari Mavrophilipos.

Submitted by Toula Manolis

CHRIS AIVALIOTIS

Marino and Jackie Moraitis of Columbus, Ohio attended the Pan-Icarian Convention in Clearwater.

There they had lunch with Argiro Sourvanos and her husband Denny. Argiro Sourvanos is one of the founders of Christ Aivaliotis Chapter #17 in Columbus, Ohio and still a loyal member, although she and her husband have retired and moved to Tarpon Srings, Florida.



Denny Sourvanos, Argrio Sourvanos, Jackie Moraitis, Mike Moraitis

Jackie, Marino, Nikki and Martine had a great time at the Clearwater Convention. Nikki took time off from work to attend the convention with her adult children, Martine and Matt (not pictured) to take advantage of the fellowship and some fun in the sun! Nikki is the daughter of Argiro Sourvanos.

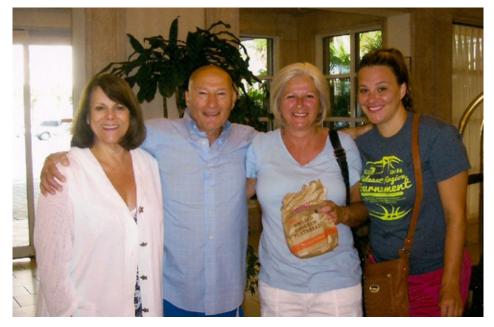
With great joy our family welcomed Zaharoula Maria, born August 14, 2014, the daughter of Dessine and Andrew Ziehler of Dayton, Ohio; granddaughter of Jacqueline and Matthew Kaiser. great-granddaughter of Dessine and Albert Fricioni, and little sister of Matthew Christopher, age 2. We call her "Loula." Beginning with her



great-great-great grandmother in Karavostamon, Ikaria, for the past seven generations, Zaharoula's arrival continues a family tradition of two names--Zaharoula and Despina.

Zaharoula Ekonomou	1875-1937
Despina Pavlos	1895-1988
Zaharoula (Dolly) Raptis	1914-1993
Despina (Dessine) Campaine	1937
Zaharoula (Jacqueline) Fricioni	1964
Despina (Dessine) Kaiser	1987
Zaharoula Ziehler	2014

Dessine Fricioni



Jackie Moraitis, Marino Moraitis, Nikki Mercier, Martine Mercier.

Helios Chapter worked very hard preparing for the Pan-Ikarian Convention that took place at Sheraton Sand Key in Clearwater Beach, Florida over Labor Day Weekend. It was well attended by our fellow Ikarians and local guests. Our Chairmans, PSP Dr. Stanton P Tripodis and PSP Mr. John Sakoutis did an outstanding job and were very grateful to their entire committee who spent countless hours volunteering their time and energy to assure that we would have a memorable convention.



For a fundraiser, in August, we participated in the Macy's card charitable groups where we raised funds to help the chapter expenses. We also hosted a successful rummage sale on October 3rd and 4th at our leski that was chaired by Filio Moshovakis with the help of Helen and Steve Parianos and all the other volunteers. We also held a Glendi night at our leski in November with music, food and dancing. Our chapter is also continuing our recent tradition of the Ikarian Christmas Card.

We are now busy planning our 38th Annual Ikarian Glendi Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at fellowship hall of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Clearwater, FL. We hope to see you there with your Ikarian Kefi!

Sadly, we recently lost a member Andrew Rigas to a motor vehicle accident in which his wife was critically injured. May his memory be eternal.

Best Wishes to everyone and we hope everyone has healthy and happy holidays!

Respectfully submitted by Dr Linda Tripods Murray, Chapter Secretary.

We were blessed with excellent beach weather that was enjoyed by all those in attendance. The Gus Avaliotis Memorial Golf Tournament was chaired by Mr Gus Tsambis and the golfers all had a great time. The evening dances went on all night to the sounds of Odessey and Peter Karnavas playing the Ikariotiko on his violi! Our Youth had fun at the Teen and Youth Banquets. The Grand Banquet featured guest speaker Dr. Anthony J Papalas, Professor of History at Eastern Carolina University, who enlightened us about our beloved Ikaria and its historical significance. We also said Good-Bye to our outgoing Supreme Lodge President, Mr. George Koklanaris who did a remarkable job! We wish him all the best. We want to thank everyone who attended to make this convention a great success for our chapter and we look forward to attending the Pittsburgh convention in 2015!

In other news, our kitchen has evolved so that we were finally able to have our first delicious meal at our last meeting in September prepared by our dedicated members, Nick and Desi Plutis who did an outstanding job. Helena Kountoupis Gonzalez wed David Gavin Jorgensen in November 2013 in Tarpon Springs, Florida. The Bride is the daughter of Frank and Maria Papa of Clearwater and Helios Chapter.



The newlyweds reside in Chicago where Helena is an Associate at the Law firm of Querrey and Harrow, and Dave is with the firm of Austin Sidley.

Congratulations to Kelly McGee, son of Kris and Richard McGee, who graduated from Episcopal High School in Houston, Texas this May. While at Episcopal, he was a member of the cross country, soccer and track teams, and an honor roll student. Kelly received the Athletic Director's Award and was named the Male Athlete of the Year. He celebrated his graduation with a trip to Ikaria in June. Kelly is attending Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee where he is on the cross country and track teams. Kelly is the grandson of Helen and Charles Malachias.



Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros" PAN-ICARIAN FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

To the Pan-Icarian Foundation

As a recipient of the 2014 Pan-Icarian Scholarship, I sincerely thank you for your generosity and support. This scholarship will be wisely used toward my continuing education in the psychological field of speech pathology. I am extremely grateful for the Foundation's assistance and support in my scholastic studies, and for allowing me to follow my dreams and excel in what I would love to do. In return, I hope to one day contribute to the Foundation in the same way to the generations that follow.

Sincerely, Georgia Mavrogeorgis Brooklyn, NY



Chrysostomo Photo courtesy of Helen Parianos

Our Chapter #21 Nissos Ikaria Toronto has 51 active members. who enjoyed many opportunities to meet and share our common Ikarian background.



February 8th, 2014: The year started off with the event "Kopi Vassilopitas". St. Vassilios came to our holiday gathering to hand out surprise gifts to all our children, while the ladies of Chapter 21 made sure to offer an abundance of sweets and snacks for all members.

The surprise of the evening was our guest "Travelling Critters"; a wonderful group of fuzzy animals and creepy crawlers, ranging from furry rabbits, opossums and hedgehogs, to slimy salamanders and snakes, to farm ducklings and piglets! Children and those young at heart had the opportunity to see these animals up close, touch them and learn about their behaviour, natural habitat and so much more! We enjoyed a great turnout, especially from our young generation.

March 25th, 2014: Nissos Ikaria participated in the Annual Greek Parade on the Danforth (Toronto's Greek



Town). The nose nipping cold could not keep our members away from celebrating our independence from the Ottoman Empire! Toronto Mayor Rob Ford honoured our country's celebration in attending the parade. In the photo Rob Ford poses with Chapter member Marc Fafalios





May 24th, 2014: The Hellenic Canadian Federation of Aegean Islands, of which our Chapter is a member, celebrated our 30th Anniversary as a federation. Many of our Ikarian members were present to celebrate and enjoy an evening of

entertainment

Women of the Toronto Chapter enjoy an Aegean Islands dance event



September 7th, 2014. In support of RIDE FOR KAREN, a yearly cycling event raising money for charities that help people living with cancer, youth from our Chapter volunteered their time and talents. Asia Genouzou,

demonstrated patience and creativity while face painting at the kids zone.



Although 2014 was a beautiful year, unfortunately we experienced the loss of three long standing members: Matthew Tsakalos, Arthur Moraites and Ilias Pasvanis. May they continue to live in our hearts.

Members of Panagia Chapter #26 travelled to Clearwater, Florida in August for the Supreme National Convention. Congratulations to Chapter Helios for hosting such a wonderful convention! The location was perfect and the



weather was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Chapter Helios on a job well done, Bravo! This was a great opportunity for our members to catch up with old friends and enjoy the Florida sun together! Thank you Helios.



Our youngest "members"
Theodore G. Skaros (son
of George T. Skaros & Erin
Kratsas Skaros) and Nikolaos
G. Skaros (son of George N.
Skaros & Amal Harb Skaros)
celebrated their 1st Birthdays.
Theo celebrated his birthday
while in Clearwater with
family from Helios – Clearwater FL, Panagia – Buffalo
NY, Icaros – Pittsburgh PA,

and Irini – Norfolk Virginia in attendance. Baby Niko celebrated his first birthday in October with family in





Buffalo! Xronia Polla baby Theo & Niko!

We are looking forward, with great anticipation, to the spring wedding of Damianos Skaros to Deanna Stepanovich. Damianos and Deanna met at a Pan Icarian Convention.

Damianos, who recently served as Supreme Treasurer for two years, was elected to the position of Secretary on the Supreme Lodge at this year's National Convention. Also at the convention, Nikolaos G. Skaros - our Chapter's



founder, was elected once again to District 6 Governor. Nikolaos will continue his work with Chapters from Buffalo, Toronto, and Montreal. We are very proud of Damianos and Nikolaos' service to the Brotherhood.

Fall has come to Western New York and Chapter Panagia

is looking forward to many happy moments ahead with our growing families.



EIRINI SE VIRGINIA #28

Greetings from Eirini, Chapter 28! Congratulations to the Helios Chapter on a successful Ikarian Convention this past Labor Day weekend in Clearwater, Florida! Several members of our chapter attended and had a wonderful time reconnecting with

family and friends from around the country while dancing the Ikariotiko until the early hours of the morning.

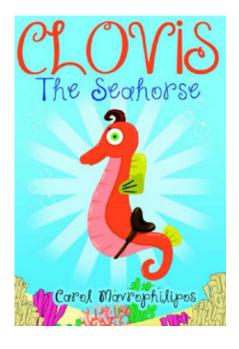
This past August our chapter awarded scholarships to four graduating seniors who were members of the Greek dance Ministry at our Annunciation Cathedral in Norfolk, Virginia. The scholarships were awarded on behalf of the Annette Mavrophilipos Dance Scholarship fund founded by Chapter Eirini.



Our chapter also met this summer for our annual summer picnic, hosted by Dr. Stelianos and Kelly (Pedos) Bredologos. The younger generation of our chapter enjoyed splashing around in the pool while we discussed ideas for the upcoming year. We all enjoyed a delicious

lunch and a wonderful afternoon of fellowship!

We are so proud of member Carol Mavrophilipos who recently published her first children's book, "Clovis the Seahorse." Her book tells the story of a seahorse who has always wanted to be a "real" horse and his journey to learn to love who he really is. The book is available on Amazon.com. Congrats Carol!



Congratulations to member Kosta Plakas and his wife, Ainsley, on the birth of their baby girl! Na sas zisi!

Several of our members also had the pleasure to visit with Nick and Hilda James of Chapter Oinoe from Los Angeles while they were visiting Virginia during their crosscountry trip. Come back soon!

Me agapi,

Eirini-Chapter #28





Elias Pasvanis

Elias Pasvanis, 68, passed away July 6, 2014 in Toronto, Ontario. He was born March 16, 1946 in the village of

Oxe, Ikaria, Greece, son of Konstandinos and Garifalia Pasvanis. Elias came to Toronto in 1970, in search of a better life. With the help of his uncle Nick he began working in various jobs, learned multiple trades and went to school to learn the language. This path eventually led him to his career in construction, which was his passion. In the meantime, Elias brought his parents, brother and sister to Toronto, hoping that they would find a better future. In 1975, Elias won a free ticket to Greece, and as luck would have it he fell in love with Christina Tsantes from the village Miliopo in Ikaria. They married and moved to Toronto, Ontario. In 1977, they had their first son, Konstandinos, and in 1979, their daughter, Garifalia. He worked hard all his life and had built many houses; his proudest work being his daughter's house and his own home. He instilled in his children a love for the island and he dreamt about the day we would retire and be able to move back to Ikaria. Elias was a family man and a true ikarioti, his home always open and welcoming to family and friends. In fact, Elias was known for holding the 'mpriki' as guests entered the house asking how they would like their coffee. He was always smiling and enjoyed teasing his guests and family. Even when Elias was not feeling well, he would insist he was fine and make jokes. Elias was especially fond of his grandchildren, Panayiotis, Elias, and Christina. He would play with them for countless hours and was active in their daily lives. Elias passed away suddenly on the same day he was to leave for Ikaria, Greece for his summer vacation. He was surrounded by family and friends. He is survived by his mother, wife, sister, brother, son, daughter,



son-in-law, and his three beautiful grandchildren. He will truly be missed. May his memory be eternal.

Come With Me
God saw he was getting tired and the cure was not to be.
So He put his arms around him and whispered, "Come with Me."
With tearful hearts we watched him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands laid to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.



Maratho

Evdilos

Photos courtesy of Stacey Kotsanis







Konstantions D. Manolis

If Konstantinos D. Manolis had to be described in a few words, it would be a strong, loyal, hard working man who loved his family and friends. As a young man in Greece, he felt the effects of the Great Depression. He became a merchant marine and traveled the world searching for opportunities. In the 1950's, he thought he found that opportunity in America when he jumped shipped in Pittsburgh. With no money and lots of determination, he began working for a company painting bridges. After two months immigration came looking for illegal immigrants. Konstantinos didn't go down without a fight and ran for two days before being sent back to Greece. A few years later he found another opportunity to come to America, his father, who was working as a head chef in Hunington, New York. Konstantinos joined him at the restaurant and did any and every job, from peeling potatoes to washing dishes, working hard to make money he would send back to help his family in Greece. He began visit his sister Pari and other Ikarian friends in Maryland that had come to America. It was on one of these visits that a friend changed his world, a young Ikarian man named Stamati who introduced Konstantinos to his sister, Ioanna. In 1967, after three months of courtship, they married on November 12. This past November, Konstantinos and

Ioanna were married for 47 fulfilling years, an example of true love and devotion all the way to the end.

In 1967, Konstantinos started his first business venture with his brother in law, a bar named "Come on In". The name rings true of Konstantinos' character – whether a friend, family member or acquaintance, Konstantinos would welcome them with open arms, offering anything he had and telling them to "Come On In." He worked at this bar in the evenings and painted during the day.

In 1968, he started his first commercial painting company and welcomed his first son, Demetrios. In 1972, he welcomed his second son George. Konstantinos worked long hours painting and would come home in the evenings and spend time with his wife in the garden, planting flowers and vegetables and tending to the grass. He always loved the outdoors, especially gardening and flowers. He also loved Ikaria and never forgot where he came from. His hard work enabled Konstantinos to buy a summer house in Miller Place, New York on Long Island for his family, which became known as "Stella Villa" named after his mother. Memories are still



being made today in this little house in Long Island. Konstantinos's grandchildren enjoy this same house, at the same beach, and on the same boat, making similar memories with Demetrios and George.

Konstantinos always put family first. All of the hard work that he did was so that his children could have a better life than the one he had. He knew what it felt like to go hungry and to have nothing and his goal in life was to work hard and to always take care of his family. He became a very successful and respected business man and was able to provide for his family in ways that he had never imagined. One of his most proud days was when each of his sons graduated college. He instilled in his children his same work ethic and love for family. In 1997, Demetrios and George took over Manolis Painting Company. They both continue to work hard and never forget what their father taught them when it comes to hard work and taking care of your family.

Konstantinos was blessed with six grandchildren: Ioanna, Konstantinos, Lukas, Alexandros, Matthew and Gabrielle. You could see his face light up when he spent time with his grandchildren. One of the most special memories was a few years ago when the entire family went on a cruise together. These grandchildren are so blessed with such positive role models in both their fathers and their grandfather.

Konstantinos' legacy will live on – it will always be a Manolis family motto to work hard and always, always put family first.





Despina Pamfelis "Bebe" Saffo

Despina Pamfelis Saffo passed away peacefully at the age of 92. She was born in Tarentum, Pennsylvania in 1922 and came to Wilmington in 1945 as the bride of George Konstantine Saffos. Together they operated



Boots Cafe and later the Ambassador Coffee Shop. After her husband passed, she worked at Sears in the candy department. Despina was a love filled person who lived life with zest. A yellow dog Democrat, she loved politics and was so proud to have been a charter member of the League of Women Voters of

New Hanover County. She spent many hours registering people to vote and teaching people the importance of the vote. She was a member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church where she served as a humble servant of her beloved Lord. She was active in the Ladies Philoptochos Society. She enjoyed baking Greek pastries and she, especially, liked selling raffle tickets at the Greek Festival. She had a passion for reading, swimming, and conversation. She is survived by her daughters, Catherine Saffo-Cox of Wilmington, Marian Saffo-Cogswell of Chapel Hill and her son Dean and wife Mary Margaret Saffos of Shallotte. She is also survived by her three grandsons, George Saffos, of Statesville, Christopher Cox and Alexander Cox of Wilmington and great-grandchildren, Emily and George Ryan Saffos of Statesville. She will be missed by all who knew her and remembered as a person who lived daily by her Christian beliefs. A funeral service was held October 22, 2014, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church with Rev. Fr. Jon Emanuelson and Fr. Regis Alexoudis officiating. Interment followed at Oakdale Cemetery. The family met at Chris' Restaurant for Makaria (Meal of blessed memory). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Youth of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 608 South College Rd. and the New Hanover County Democratic Party. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www. andrewsmortuary.com

Urania and Basile Frangos

Urania Frangos, beloved wife of Basile, born in Perdiki, Ikaria, Greece on 27 July 1925, passed away in Adelaide, S.A. (Australia) on 1 January 2014.

Basile Frangos, beloved husband of Urania, born in Perdiki, Ikaria, Greece, on 23 June 1923, passed away in Adelaide, S.A. on 9 September 2014



Urania and Basile were loving parents and in-laws of Evangelia and Spiros, Sofia and Jim, and Evan.

They were the cherished Yia Yia and Papou of Marie, Sotirios and Katie, Vasilios, Nick and Maria, Bill and Elleni, Susie and George, and Alexia, and Great Grandparents of Giordion, Angelina, Dion, Noah, Luca, Dimitri, Giorgio, Kosta, Kailee and James.

May their memories be eternal.





John Mougiannis

In Memory of John A. Mougiannis September 14, 1909 – June 6, 2014

On June 6, 2014, the Ikarian family lost one of its greatest sons, John A. Mougiannis. I would like to share a story that many of you may not have heard about this wonderful man.

One of John A. Mougiannis' greatest pleasures in life, besides his family, was his dedication and desire to help Ikaria and Ikarians. He served as president of Chapter Pandiki for many years. It was during his time as president of Pandiki that the Ikarians decided to build a hospital in Ikaria. Twice a month we had dinners at the leski in Jackson Heights to collect money to help alleviate construction expenses of the hospital.

Once construction of the hospital was completed, they realized many supplies were needed. John found out that a hospital in Queens was closing its doors. He immediately went to the hospital administrators and told them about the new hospital being built on his beloved island. The administrators congratulated John on his strong desire to help his friends in Ikaria with their new hospital. He was told to bring a truck immediately to the hospital in Queens and remove whatever he needed for the hospital in Ikaria.

John called Peter Tsantes because he knew Peter had a truck. Peter, along with his brother Fotis, went with John to the hospital and they collected beds and other critical items that were needed in Ikaria. They went to the port of New York and located a ship that was leaving for Greece. Within a month, all of the necessary hospital supplies arrived in Ikaria. This was one of the many things that John did for his beloved Ikaria.

To his daughter Irene and her family, we express our deepest sympathies on the passing of your beloved father. We have lost one of our best friends, and Ikaria has lost one of its favorite sons.

I wish to thank the editor of the magazine for printing this memorial for my best friend, John A. Mougiannis. Through the Foundation, my gift to the magazine will be in John's memory.

May his memory be eternal. Submitted by Nicholas D. Scaros

John Mugianis

JOHN MUGIANIS was born in Mavrato Ikaria on September 14, 1909 to Marigo (Papayianni) and Antonios Mouyiannis. He was the oldest of four children. Costas and Christos pre-deseased him and his sister Kaliope Perri (94 years old) lives in Therma. From the time he was young, he protected his siblings often finding food that his mother had set aside for the village priests and giving it to them. His mother couldn't get mad at him because she knew he was right when he said he wasn't going to let them go hungry.

My father did not like school and would often leave to go swimming with his friends. When he was 11 years old his father finally relented and he left to work with my grandfather who had a 3 masted schooner. They sailed between Greece and Egypt carrying building supplies. Grandfather ultimately sold the ship and came to America. My father worked on other ships and began studying to become a sea captain. He had dreams of owning his own ship but when he was 17 years old grandfather, sent for him. His life would be forever changed. He left his childhood sweetheart, Lemonia Tsermega, behind. They agreed that he would stay in America a few years to make money and would return to Ikaria and marry her. He got as far as Marseilles France and was stranded there for 6 months because the ticket agent had stolen money from many people never gave them tickets. It must have been the garlic that his mother had sewn into the lining of his jacket that protected him because a Greek sailor who was on the ship asked John who he was waiting for then informed him that no one was coming for him. My father said you cannot imagine the fear that gripped him. The man realized he had worked on another ship with his father and they were friends. He took dad home, found him a job washing dishes and sent a telegram to his father. It took 6 months to get another ticket but he finally arrived at Ellis Island. He was thrilled to see his and my mother's name on the wall when he returned for a while after my mother's death in 1995. Costas followed and they worked in Steubenville or Pittsburgh. His father returned to Ikaria and the brothers came to New York and settled in Brooklyn where there were many Ikarians. In 1932 he returned to Ikaria to get married. He came back to America to work a few more years so he could build a house in Mavrato. He would send money every month and build a 2 story house, which became the Germans' headquarters during the war on that side of the island because of where it was situated and because of its height. From there they could see all ships in the Aegean. That's what probably saved the house because many others

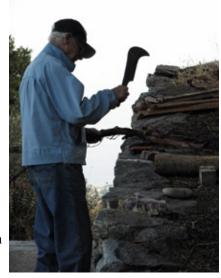




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were destroyed. Dad thought he would be able to return quickly but no one envisioned a depression and a World War. Dad met his son for the first time in 1936 when my

mother and brother came to the US. Dad often talked about waiting in soup lines when there was no work and no money and walking across the Brooklyn Bridge to go to work and back, all to save a nickel. He lived with three other Ikarians in one room. They slept in shifts because there were only two beds.



In spite of this, he was very proud of never collecting unemploymen or ever being evicted like so many others during that time.

My father always worked in the restaurant industry and became Head Chef in 1938 of Pappas Seafood and Steak House where he worked for 35 years untill he retired in 1973. During his tenure he was written up by the Food Critic of the NY Times as having prepared the best Sauerbraten he had ever eaten. He was so good at what he did that the Union made his kitchen a training school for chefs, cooks and pastry cooks. John would be at work at 4:30 AM every day. He made everything from scratch, didn't use anything artificial, and kept a sharp eye on all the 11 cooks under his command.

I was born in 1944 and remember a very loving and caring father who would take us to Prospect Park on Sundays and rent a rowboat. On the way home, we would stop for an ice-cream sundae. He doted on me and when I did something wrong instead of physically punishing me he would explain why it was wrong in a way that I understood. In 1951 we moved to Jamaica and in 1964 to Flushing, NY. He and my mother both retired in 1973 to help care for their first grandchild. They were loving grandparents to 3 beautiful girls who eventually gave him 7 wonderful great-grandchildren. These grand-daughters grew up loving the grand parents who helped to raise them. They all visited him in Ikaria with their families and two of them, Pamela (oldest) and her husband Demos Masoutis and Demetra were there for his surprise 100th. birthday party which they threw for him.

Thanks to SKYPE, my father was always able to see all of us. My husband Takis and our koumbaro George Kollitides surprised dad in October 2013. He couldn't believe they traveled all that way to spend a week with him. My father would often say that Takis who is from Messinia, became an Ikarian citizen when he married me. It was a mutual love and respect between the two of them.

Dad was President of Pandiki from 1960 to 1968 and accomplished many things, but always with his Executive Board and Members. He never solely took credit for anything. During those years the first heart patient from Ikaria was brought here by Pandiki for surgery at Deborah Hospital in Philadelphia. He was a young child and he and his father lived with Gus and Theodora Kostis during his recuperation. Many more heart patients followed and it became apparent that Pandiki could not absorb the costs by itself. Gus Herouvis (PSP) was the Pandiki member who would drop whatever he was doing and drive to Philadelphia to make the arrangements. The doctors would usually waive their fees, that's how persuasive he was. The Foundation was established in New York in 1965 at a meeting in the Pandiki Hall. Pandiki gave \$10,000 to start and Mr. Pasadelis became the first Chairperson of the Foundation.

The Hospital was built with money from all the chapters and private donations and the Ikarians in Ikaria donated their labor. The hospital needed equipment. One day, while waiting for the bus my father looked across the street and saw a big sign saying that Kew Gardens Hospital was closing. He immediately went and explained to the security guard why he wanted to see the director of the hospital. After finding out that beds, linens, equipment and machines were for sale and getting a price, he went home and called John Vassilaros. Mr. Vassilaros called the director and told him what we wanted and they agreed on a price. My father said he almost had a heart attack because it was a lot of money but Mr. Vassilaros said they would get money from all the chapters which they did. He sent his coffee delivery trucks to pick up everything and his warehouse became the storage area. The next problem was how to ship everything and the cost. Mr. Vassilaros called a very good friend of his who was a ship owner. He said he wanted these supplies to go to Ikaria free of charge and it was done.

During his Presidency, Nick Icaris came to the States to take part in a competition for a statue of John Glenn that was going to be placed in front of City Hall. He was a well known sculpter in Europe but not here at the time. The late Tom Kohilas talked my father into letting him use the Leski. After a few days, my father stopped





John Mugiannis

by to see what was happening and the hall was full of smoke. He was melting wire hangers in the cooking pots and molding them. My father called Tom who came immediately. They were relieved to see the Leski was still standing. Icaris' statue won the competition. It stood in front of City Hall for several years then moved to what is now the Kennedy Space Center but we don't know where it is now.

Many wonderful things that took place during these years but due to a flood in the basement all the documents from this time period were destroyed. My father cooked at dinners, weddings, baptisms, dances, etc. Every Friday, he would go after work and prepare snacks for the weekly card players. Finally, in 1968, my mother told him that he had better not run again because if he did he should buy a bed and sleep there. That was that.

He, my mother and brother moved back to Ikaria in 1993 and 2 years later she passed away. From that time on he lived with Tony and finally with a wonderful aide from Bulgaria named Snejana who treated him like a king. They bonded so well that he would often worry about what would happen to her when he passed away. He gave her Greek and English lessons. We are so grateful for the wonderful care she gave him and we were able to SKYPE with them on a weekly basis. The house in Mavrato became an internet cafe where American coffee was served and other Bulgarian women gathered to use the computer. He was the local historia about Ikaria, politics, naval history and US history. He was a voracious reader and loved it when people came to visit so he could tell his stories and they loved hearing them.

He was truly an amazing person and was often visited by many friends from the US, Ausralia, Canada (a Consul member who had read about him and went to Ikaria when she was in Greece to see him) A European journalist who is part Greek and part Swiss was going to Greece to interview Greeks who had come back to their homeland to live and he went to Ikaria and interviewed him. A Greek couple from Florida who are both doctors heard about this magical island, went to Ikaria one summer and went to visit him. Dr. Stefanadis, a renowned cardiologist in Athens went with a group of doctors to examine him. After spending a day examining him, they told him his heart was strong and his circulation was fine. They took blood to examine his DNA to see why he was in such good health for his age. There is something in his genetic makeup responsibled for this. It is still amazing that he lived to 104. A representative from the US Embassy in Athens twice visited him to verify that he was still alive and he was told he was the oldest American on Ikaria collecting SS. He even received a plaque from the Embassy on his hundreth birthday. Too bad Dan Buttner who visited and wrote about Ikaria several times never met him.

We called him the Energizer Bunny because he always kept on going no matter what. He became a permanent fixture and we were so sure he would always

be there waiting for us. Mavrato will never be the same without him, his wonderful stories,



his sense of humor, his beautiful drawings of ships, the last 2 were done when he was 102, which he would give to friends. and his love for his beautiful Ikaria. Young and old would go to see him. Our family will be forever grateful to all the wonderful relatives who would immediately go to the house or hospital when he was not well and to friends who visited him every year from the US. Thank you to all of Mavrato for always being there for him. One neighbor would stop in 3 times a day to check up on him.

We will always remember a gentle person whose love for his family was unconditional and neverending. He had a sense of humor and a ready answer that was often unexpected and when he came back with a reply he would laugh and his eyes would twinkle. He taught us to see the good in everyone, to respect not only ourselves but others, to be proud to be not only Greek but more importantly, to be IKARIAN, to appreciate what we have, to better ourselves and to always hold our family close like he did everytime we SKYPED. He would hug the computer, kiss the screen and say I LOVE YOU, and as wel write this with tears because we will never see him again, we know this special man will always be in our hearts forever. May he rest in peace and forever dwell in that beautiful place in Heaven with my mother and brother. Kaln Andamosei, when we meet again Daddy and Pappou.

Submitted by Peter and Irene Mugianis Balodimas and Family

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