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PAN-ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA "ICAROS"  
Headquarters of the Supreme Lodge  
SUPREME PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
Fall 2017



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for reelecting me as your Supreme President. I am honored by the trust you have placed in me and my fellow Lodge officers. We are committed to continuing the Brotherhood's mission and at the same time work hard to prepare for the future. But let us not forget that only working together can we accomplish great things!

I would also like to offer my congratulations to the Akron and Columbus Chapters for hosting a great Convention. This Convention was a long time coming, over 40 years in the making. But it was worth the wait. The committee and chapter members put in a tremendous amount of hard work to organize this Convention. It was well attended and organized and more importantly full of Glendi.

#### Convention Highlights

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

**Scholarships:** The Foundation Scholarship Committee awarded 45 scholarships in the United States and 30 for Ikaria. While 75 scholarships are a commendable number, there is always room for growth. I highly encourage every high school senior, college undergraduate and graduate student that meet the scholarship criteria to apply for a scholarship next year.

**Foundation:** The Foundation is still on its quest to amend the Deed of Trust that governs the Foundation. Once amended, it will give greater flexibility to the Foundation members in selecting a new Trustee to replace PNC Bank.

**Donations/Pledges:** The convention body approved to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas, assist with the refugee crises in the eastern Aegean Islands and start a fundraising campaign to help the Diagoras Athletic Club in Raches, Ikaria.

**AHEPA:** Our very own, AHEPA Supreme President Carl Hollister honored us by addressing the delegates. The President also informed the members on AHEPA's efforts to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas.

**Convention City:** The Convention delegates approved the Spanos/Areti Chapter's bid to host the 2019 Convention in Detroit, Michigan. It has been a while since we visited the Motor City. Plenty has changed, and we can't wait to attend!

#### New Lodge

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the new 2017-2018 Supreme Lodge. I want to welcome: Damianos T. Skaros, Supreme Vice President; Cathy Pandeladis, Supreme Secretary; Katerina Mavrophilipos, Supreme Treasurer; Maria Vardaros, Legal Counsel; Chrissa Lefes, Governor District 1; George Karnavas, Governor District 2; Steve Stratakos, Governor District 3; Evangelos J. Fragos, Governor District 4; Alexandra Katsas, Governor District 5; Governor District 6 (Vacant for the time being) and Erica Aivaliotis, Youth Governor District 7. Congratulations to all!

#### Supreme Lodge Meeting

Our first meeting is scheduled to take place in Detroit, Michigan on November 4th. The Lodge will conduct its review of the convention facilities during this meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend this and all future meetings. If there is any other Chapter that would like to host us throughout the year, please reach out to me.

#### Youth Conference



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If your chapter is interested in hosting the 2018 Pan-Icarian Youth Conference, please let the Youth Governor know. It would be ideal for a chapter to host the Youth Conference in conjunction with a chapter event. Please email Youth Governor Erica Aivaliotis at [ericanna17@gmail.com](mailto:ericanna17@gmail.com) if interested or for more information.

### Membership

Our membership numbers continue to be a challenge. We are constantly utilizing new tools and methods to keep our membership at a healthy level. However, more can be done. It is very important that there is constant engagement on the local chapter level to keep up the interest and participation of their members. Let us not forget that everything starts on the local level. That said, please continue to Like Us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/PanIcarian](http://www.facebook.com/PanIcarian) and Follow Us on Twitter at [twitter.com/PanIcarian](http://twitter.com/PanIcarian) or [instagram.com/panicarian](http://instagram.com/panicarian).

### Ikaria Fire Department

The Brotherhood has embarked on a project to assist the Main and Volunteer Firefighters in Ikaria. We just completed the purchase of some much-needed equipment and have collected slightly used uniforms and supplies to ship to the Island.

### Internship and Mentoring Program

Great News! The Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America has completed the first part of the Internship and Mentoring Program that will serve as a career development resource for its members. We are looking to capture a diverse group to ensure that all careers and backgrounds are represented. However, for this program to succeed we need your participation!

There are two ways to fill out an application: Online - [www.pan-icarian.com/members/](http://www.pan-icarian.com/members/) or in the magazine you will find an enclosed form. The application takes only a few minutes to complete so please take the time to fill it out and submit. The submittal of this application is very important as we develop the second part of this internship program, which is the process of pairing our student members and young professionals up with representatives from their desired field of study or profession. Your participation in this new and innovative program will be used to assist and guide our members who are studying or looking to gain valuable experience in their future professions. Whether you're able to offer employment, internship opportunities, or even just discuss your field and experience, you can directly assist our youth as they begin their professional careers.

If you do not fill out the application via online, please email the application to Supreme Vice President Damianos T. Skaros, who can also provide additional information on the application as well as the program goals and process. Damianos can be contacted at [dtskaros@gmail.com](mailto:dtskaros@gmail.com) or 716-983-2024.

### Diagoras Athletic Club

The Brotherhood recently received a request from the Diagoras Athletic Club in Raches seeking financial assistance. Diagoras was established in 1933 and its mission is to provide athletic opportunities to the youth in western Ikaria. Today the athletic club sports 9 divisions for boys and girls. Just this year, the girls' soccer team accomplished a huge feat by becoming Greek National Champions in their league. Congratulations to them and their coaches!

However, aside from all Diagoras' accomplishments, there is a real need to help them continue their mission. Team coaches are all volunteers, but the cost of equipment, uniforms and participating in athletic events and travel are astronomical. The municipality of Ikaria cannot provide sufficient funding due to the current economic crisis. Diagoras is struggling to find ways to cover expenses through funding from athletes, parents and friends.

The Brotherhood believes that it is important for Diagoras to continue its mission of providing athletic opportunities for youth living in Ikaria. The Supreme Lodge is beginning a fundraising drive, beginning immediately, to help raise money for this good cause.

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Please help by sending in an individual donation. We also urge each local chapter of the Brotherhood to make a chapter donation and/or host a fundraiser for this worthy cause. We hope you can lend your support for this worthy cause!

Two methods of donations are accepted:

Credit card donations can be made through our PayPal account:

<http://www.pan-icarian.com/shop/> Click on the “+ Comment” and then write “Diagoras”.

OR

Please send your donations to:

Katerina Mavrophilipos, 2 Southerly Ct. Unit 407, Towson, MD 21286

Checks should be made out to “Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America”

Please reference “Diagoras” on the memo line.

**Ikaria Magazine**

At this year’s convention, the delegates approved increasing the number of issues of *Ikaria Magazine* to four (4) a year. This will allow us to publish information in a timelier manner.

The deadline to submit items for the next issues will be January 15, April 15, June 10 and October 10. As always, in addition to chapter news, we welcome articles for the Ikarian Spotlight, photographs old and new of life around the island, and other items of interest to Ikarians. If you have a service or product that would appeal to our members consider placing a sponsorship ad. Details appear in each issue and it is a tax-deductible donation

In closing, I once again want to thank you for your confidence and support! The Lodge and I promise to do our best to lead the Brotherhood to new levels. I also want to thank all the chapter officers and members of the Brotherhood for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. The effort and commitment that you provide is exactly why our great organization continues to thrive!

Thank you for your time.

Fraternally yours,

George Paralemos  
Supreme President

***Happenings in the Hallways - 2017 National Convention, Columbus, Ohio***



**Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America  
Formal Meeting Minutes  
114TH Supreme Convention, Columbus, Ohio**



Friday, September 1, 2017

A meeting of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America was held at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio on Friday, September 1, 2017. Convention Co-Chairs Jackie Moraitis and Lia Spithas Freesty offered opening remarks and thanked everyone for coming. Supreme President (SP) George Paralemos extended his warm thanks to the Akron and Columbus convention committee and offered best wishes for a successful convention. Past Supreme Presidents (PSP) who were present were also recognized.

Nominations were held for Supreme Convention Chairman, Vice Chairman, Parliamentarian and Secretary. The following individuals were nominated, accepted their nominations and were duly sworn in by Past Supreme President Terry Platis: James Lakerdas as Supreme Convention Chairman, Nick Pasamihalis as Vice Chairman, Sonja Stefanadis as Parliamentarian and Chrissa Lefes as Secretary.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman James Lakerdas and Vice Chairman Nick Pasamihalis presiding.

Chairman Lakerdas reviewed the Supreme Convention Agenda. A motion was made to approve the Agenda by Pat Poulos and was 2nd by Michelle Kotsagelos and so moved with all in favor.

Chairman Lakerdas asked if any PSP would like to make any comments. Greetings and wishes for a successful convention were voiced by PSP Mike Aivaliotis, Terry Platis, Ellene Contis Tratras and Sonja Stefanadis.



Chairman Lakerdas announced the Committees and directed anyone interested to sign up. The Committees are as follows:

Auditing, Budget-Finance, Legislative-Constitution, Membership, Nominations, Publications, Resolution, Supreme Convention City, Youth and Special Committee (if any).

Chairman Lakerdas called for any Chapter Reports. No one came forward.

Chairman Lakerdas called for any District Governor Reports. Chrissa Lefes, District 1 Governor gave her report and written report submitted.

Convention Co-Chair Jackie Moraitis reported there are 38 Delegates paid for and registered as of 6 p.m. and gave a "run-down" of tonight's events as well as Saturday's events.

Chairman Lakerdas called for any discussion for the Good of the Order.

Motion was made by PSP Mike Aivaliotis to adjourn. Motion accepted and meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

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Saturday, September 2, 2017 (Morning Session)

#### Call to Order

A meeting of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America was held Saturday, September 2, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio. Meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. and was presided over by Convention Chairman James Lakerdas and Vice Chair Nick Pasamihalis.

#### Among the Attendees:

2016-2017 Supreme Lodge: George Paralemos, Supreme President; Damianos Skaros, Supreme Vice- President; Cathy Pandeladis, Supreme Secretary; Katerina Mavrophilipos, Supreme Treasurer; Chrissa Lefes, District 1 Governor; George Karnavas, District 2 Governor; Steve Stratakos, District 3 Governor; Evangelos Fragos, District 4 Governor; Athena Charnas Pugliese, District 5 Governor and Erica Aivaliotis, Youth Governor

2016-2017 Foundation Officers: George Horiates, PSP and Chairman; Elenne Tratras Contis, PSP and Vice Chair; Paul Collaros, Dr. Stanton Tripodis, PSP and Director; Christina Contes, Secretary and James G. Lakerdas, Scholarship Chair.

Convention Co-Chair Jackie Moraitis welcomed everyone to Columbus and thanked them for their support. She also encouraged everyone to purchase their event tickets and visit the souvenir table. There are free passes to the Church Greek Festival down the street within walking distance, Comedy Show tonight at 7 p.m. and Dance at 9 p.m.

Chairman Lakerdas reminded everyone to sign up for a Committee as this is the "crux" of the Convention. Each committee will meet during lunch for discussions.

Chairman Lakerdas in memorializing Foundation Chair Dr. Nikitas Tripodis asked for a moment of silence in his honor. May his memory be eternal. PSP Stan Tripodis spoke in honor of Dr. Nikitas Tripodis as well.

Chairman Lakerdas called for any Chapter Reports. The following reports were presented and/or submitted during the morning session:

Pharos #3 - President James Gemelas  
Daedalos #4 - President Fotini Raptis Facaros  
Pandiki #5 - SP George Paralemos  
Spanos/Aretis Chapter #9 - President Steve Papalas  
Therma #10 - President George Livanos  
Lefkas #16 - President George Moratis  
Christ Aivaliotis #17 - President Jackie Moraitis  
Helios #19 - President Linda Tripodis Murray

*Convention Co-Chairs  
Lia Spiethas  
Jackie Moraitis*



Chairman Lakerdas called for any District Governor Reports. The following reports were presented and/or submitted during the morning session:

District 2 - Governor George Karnavas  
District 3 - Governor Steve Stratakos  
District 4 - Governor Evangelos Fragos: Brother Fragos also spoke of how Hurricane Harvey affected the Houston Chapter and asked that the Brotherhood consider contributing to Disaster Relief perhaps through IOCC. Discussion tabled until afternoon session.  
District 7 - Youth Governor Erica Aivaliotis

Scholarship Chair James Lakerdas reported on the 2017 Scholarships as follows:

There were 39 Undergraduate Scholarships awarded and 6 Graduate Scholarships. All those awarded were active in



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their chapters in various ways and were in good standing. Chair Lakerdas also noted that there will be a new scholarship added in the name of Nicholas Pandeladis. He also noted that the list of students who will be receiving a scholarship in Greece is still pending and will be completed soon by Brother John Tsantes. In addition, Governor Steve Stratakos spoke about the endowment Mr. Lakas had made towards the Scholarship Program and that through his generosity 20 scholarships can be awarded for at least a 15 year period and suggested we bring some spotlight to the generosity of Mr. Lakas. The Scholarship Report was approved and accepted.

Chairman Lakerdas called for any comment for the Good of the Order. PSP Nick Tsalis addressed the floor and congratulated the Ohio Chapters for hosting a wonderful Convention, the golf outing was great and spoke of his summer trip to Greece and commented on two people he knew who had to visit the hospital on Ikaria and how both were treated well and the quality of the hospital care was good. He thanked the Brotherhood for the foresight in helping the hospital become a reality for the island.



Foundation Chairman George Horiates thanked Ohio Chapters for hosting the Convention and spoke in memory of Dr. Nikitas Tripodis.

Chairman Lakerdas called for any discussion for the Good of the Order.

PSP Nick Tsalis asked if all the chapters had paid their dues. Some discussion followed regarding some difficulties several Chapters are having and SVP Damianos Skaros followed up with some specifics.

Chairman Lakerdas recessed the morning session at Noon and ordered meeting to reconvene at 2 p.m.

### Saturday, September 2, 2017 (Afternoon Session)

#### Call to Order

A meeting of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America held Saturday, September 2nd reconvened after a lunch recess. Meeting was called to order by Convention Chairman James Lakerdas at 3 p.m.

During lunch, several Committees convened to discuss and address the pertinent issues the Brotherhood faces.

Chairman Lakerdas called for any Chapter or Governor's Reports. The following reports were presented and/or submitted during the afternoon session.:

Icaros # 7 - President Georgia Barlamas

District 6 - Presented by SVP Damianos Skaros on behalf of Governor Nick Scaros.

Chairman Lakerdas asked for the Publication Report. Mary Deschamps, Editor of the *Ikaria Magazine*, reported on the status of the publication. Supreme President George Paralemos made a motion to offer four (4) publications instead of three (3) per year. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Chairman Lakerdas asked for the Convention 2018 Report. Chapter President George Moratis gave an update on the Convention in Washington, DC. The report was submitted to the Convention Secretary and accepted as read.

PSP and Foundation Director Dr. Stan Tripodis reported on the Ikaria Hospital, CAT Scanner Project and Old Age Home: Ikaria Hospital in Aghios Kyrikos presently has three full time doctors. The CAT Scanner is no longer needed by the hospital. There is one presently on the Island. However, now there is a need for a Dialysis machine. Patients are now being treated in Samos or Athens. A formal request is being formulated. Old Age Home: Renovations and financial assistance is needed. Foundation will be considering temporary funds to assist with this project. Some concerns were voiced.





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Convention Secretary Chrissa Lefes read a report on the Old Age Home written by Argie Manolis who brings students from the University of Minnesota to work at the Old Age Home for 2 ½ weeks during the summer. The report will be available in the next *Ikaria Magazine* issue.

Chairman Lakerdas asked for the Treasurer's Report. Supreme Treasurer Katerina Mavrophilipos presented the Financial Report. Motion was made by PSP John Lygzios to accept the report as read. Motion was 2nd by PSP Nick Tsalis. All is favor and the Financial Report was accepted.

Chairman Lakerdas asked for an update by the Special Committee on the Foundation proposal to amend the Deed of Trust. Brother Leo Pandeladis representing the Special Committee presented a report on the status with PNC Bank and the next steps involved towards discontinuing our relationship. Some discussion ensued. PSP Mike Aivaliotis made a motion to move forward to amend the Deed of Trust subject to the changes discussed which include amending the bylaws in addition to allowing Foundation Officers to select a new Corporate Trustee. Motion was passed with 2/3 of the votes of Delegates present.

Chairman Lakerdas asked for a report of the Legislative -Constitution Committee. The following Proposal to Amend the Pan-Icarian Foundation By-Laws (page 58) was approved: Under Item #1. Officers:

Once the Foundation officers, under the revised and approved Deed of Trust, shall have the authority to select a Corporate Trustee, the current or incoming Officers of the Foundation shall be mandated to undergo and maintain fiduciary training during their tenure in office. Such training shall be successfully completed within 60 days or that Officer will be deemed not qualified to serve. Officer Training costs shall be paid by the Foundation.

PSP Terry Platis said a Special Committee will review and amend the bylaws as approved at the Convention Meeting.

Chairman Lakerdas asked for a report from Dr. Dessa Stone on the refugee crisis in Greece. Dr. Stone spoke passionately about the refugee crisis in Samos. These refugees are in desperate need of strollers, baby formula, shoes, medical supplies and so much more. Eight hundred refugees arrived just this week, 16,000 in all. Dr. Stone is currently working with the Timmy Organization and Samos volunteers. A plea was made to help provide financial assistance to ship a huge crate of supplies that they have ready for shipment to Samos. PSP Nick Tsalis stated that this is an ongoing dire situation and the request needs to go before the Budget Committee. We thanked Dr. Stone for her presentation.

Chairman Lakerdas asked for any other reports and reminded all present that after 6 p.m. we can no longer accept delegate registration.

District 4 Governor Evangelos Fragos impressed upon those present that the Houston Chapter Kavo-Papas #20 members suffered greatly from Hurricane Harvey and made a motion to allocate \$500 to Chapter # 20 for hurricane relief. Chairman Lakerdas asked that he bring this request up to the Budget Committee on Sunday.

Chairman Lakerdas adjourned the meeting and reminded all present that Sunday's meeting will begin promptly at 2 p.m.

*Greek Scholarship Chair  
John Tsantes  
and  
PSP John Sakoutis*



Sunday, September 3, 2017

Call to Order

A meeting of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America was held Sunday, September 3, 2017, the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio. Meeting was called to order by Convention Chairman James Lakerdas at 2 p.m.

Chairman Lakerdas announced anyone interested in running for office should see PSP George Contis.

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The Youth Committee Report was made. One proposal made was that Youth Delegates at Youth Conferences should also be a Delegate at the upcoming Convention. Report accepted as read.

Chairman Lakerdas asked for the 2019 Convention presentations: Two Chapters vying to host the convention made their presentations. Therma Chapter #10 presented by Chapter President George Livanos for a Myrtle Beach location and Spanos/Areti Chapter #9 presented by PSP Nick Tsalis for a Detroit location. All registered delegates present voted by ballot and it was noted that all Past Foundation Chairs DO get a vote. The convention bid went to Spanos/Areti #9 for the 2019 Convention to take place in Detroit. They were congratulated and both chapters were thanked for their presentations and willingness to host a convention.



Chairman Lakerdas presented our Guest Speaker Carl Hollister, Supreme President of AHEPA and 100% Icarian who spoke of the devastation in Houston. President Hollister asked for a donation to be made towards either IOCC, Red Cross or the AHEPA Charitable Foundation to aid in assisting those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Chairman Lakerdas also noted that our own George Horiates is the Supreme Treasurer of AHEPA.

Supreme President George Paralemos presented his Supreme President's Report which highlighted all the accomplishment of the Lodge. The report was very well received. Supreme President Paralemos also requested a sponsorship for the Diagoras Athletic Club to be considered. They are in dire need of financial assistance.

Chairman Lakerdas asked for the Supreme Lodge and Foundation Budget Reports. Reports were presented by PSP George Contis and PSP Stan Tripodis. Reports were accepted as read.

Now the following motions were made and approved: \$5,000 to cover shipment of much needed supplies to refugees in Samos and \$1,000 to IOCC for disaster relief of Hurricane Harvey victims.

Chairman Lakerdas asked for the Foundation Report. Report was made by Foundation Chairman George Horiates, which was accepted as read.

Chairman Lakerdas asked for an Old Age Home update. An update was presented by the Foundations Greek lawyer, Mr. Kesses who assured the Brotherhood that they will be working with authorities in Samos for approval to get the work done at the Old Age Home in Ikaria that is desperately needed.

Chairman Lakerdas made a last call for Committee Reports.

Chairman Lakerdas moved forward with the nominations and elections of the Supreme Lodge: President,

Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, seven (7) District Governors and Counselor. The following were nominated and elected unchallenged: George Paralemos, President; Damianos Skaros, Vice President; Cathy Pandeladis, Secretary; Katerina Mavrophilipos, Treasurer; Maria Vardaros, Legal Counsel and Governors Chrissa Lefes, District 1; George Karnavas, District 2; Steve Stratakis, District 3; Evangelos Fragos, District 4; Alexandra Katsas, District 5; District 6 is Pending, and Erica Aivaliotis as District 7 - Youth Governor.



Chairman Lakerdas then moved forward with nominations and elections for the following positions of the Pan-Icarian Foundation; Chair, Vice Chair and three (3) Directors. Several people were nominated for positions and elections were

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held by ballot with the following results: George Horiates, Chair; Elenne Contis Tratras, Vice Chair and the three (3) Directors are Dr. Stan Tripodis, Sonja Stefanadis and George Koklanaris. Chairman James Lakerdas was nominated as Scholarship Chair uncontested and all in favor.



Chairman Lakerdas asked for anything for the Good of the Order and the following comments were made: Convention Co-Chair Jackie Moraitis gave her last Convention update; PSP Nick Tsalis confirmed that in 2012 it was decided that children under 12 attend the convention dances for free and requested that the Supreme Lodge incorporate that into Convention Guidelines; Past Foundation Chair Socrates Koutsoutis informed the members that Nick Tratras is recovering well from cancer and to keep all those suffering from illness in our prayers; Brother John Tsantes spoke of how much the Ikarian students in Greece benefit and need our scholarships; Past Foundation Chair Gus Yiakas made a plea that the conventions "come west" and Chapter President Linda Tripodis Murray reminded us that there is a push for a "mini-convention" in Ikaria in 2018 and to keep in mind that there is a Bi-Centennial in Greece in 2021.

In closing, the Convention Chair, James Lakerdas, Vice Chair Nick Pasamihalis, Parliamentarian Sonja Stefanadis and Convention Secretary Chrissa Lefes were thanked for their hard work. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Chrissa Lefes, Convention Secretary

### *Happenings in the Hallways - 2017 National Convention, Columbus, Ohio*





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### 2017 Supreme President's Convention Report

Good Afternoon Brothers and Sisters,

Let me begin by extending some big congratulations to the Akron and Columbus Chapters for hosting a very successful Convention! This Convention was a long time coming, over 40 years in the making. But it was worth the wait. The committee and chapter members have put in a tremendous amount of hard work to organize this Convention. It is well attended and organized and more importantly full of fun!

During my first term as Supreme President, I had the opportunity to visit several chapters. Our Supreme Lodge meetings took us to Washington, D. C., Clearwater, Florida and Toronto, Canada. Although it was not possible for me to visit every chapter, I did make it a point for my team to visit their respective chapters whenever possible. Everywhere the Lodge and I went we were impressed by the enthusiasm, dedication and the hospitality that the local chapters demonstrated.

I also had the opportunity to visit Ikaria this summer where I met with several representatives from the Mayor's Office and local community leaders. As we discussed several Brotherhood related matters the one thing I was constantly reminded was how the Islanders are struggling to find ways to cover program expenses and fund new projects. The Greek government has stopped funding many programs and projects ever since the financial crises hit the country. I assured our Brothers and Sisters in Ikaria that the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America will always stand by their sides in times of need. Much gratitude was expressed for our continued commitment and efforts to help the Island out.

Throughout the year the Supreme Lodge has been working hard to implement some changes for the betterment of the Brotherhood. You have seen some immediate changes while some will take a little more time to come to fruition. We also kept our commitment to help people and organizations in time of need. What is important to note is that we continue to work hard to achieve the Brotherhood's mission.

Let me share just a few highlights of the year with you:

#### Membership

A new membership database was created that allows us to streamline the way we communicate via email, social media and deliver the Ikaria Magazine. That said, our membership numbers continue to be a challenge. I believe we can grow our membership by constantly utilizing new tools and methods. However, there needs to be constant engagement on the local chapter level to keep up the interest and participation of their members. Let us not forget that everything starts on the local level.

#### Website

The Lodge, along with Brother Dean Tripodes, made some needed changes and updates to our website. Our website is now easier to navigate and our members and guests can find all the information one would need with just a few clicks. We have also added a new shop page where our members at large can easily pay their dues or donate to our many good causes. We hope you enjoy the new look. Visit us at: [Pan-Icarian.com](http://Pan-Icarian.com)

#### Social Media

Another important initiative that we undertook was an effort to increase and improve our member communications through greater use of social media. The way the world communicates today has drastically changed. To survive we need to keep up with the times. By utilizing and expanding social media tools we are hoping to keep our membership (especially our Youth) engaged and communicate at a faster pace. I want to thank Katie Kefalos and Rainia Lardas



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for taking on the responsibility of maintaining and updating the Brotherhoods social media portfolio. Please make sure you Like Us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/PanIcarian](http://www.facebook.com/PanIcarian) and Follow Us on Twitter at [twitter.com/PanIcarian](https://twitter.com/PanIcarian) or [instagram.com/panicarian](https://www.instagram.com/panicarian).

#### Archives

The Lodge and Foundation, with the leadership of Joanne Melacrinis, has started the lengthy but vital process of digitizing all our rich archive material. Once this project is completed the stored material will be available for viewing by all our members and friends around the world. The digitizing of the archives will also help safekeep or texts and photos for generations to come.

#### Ikaria Magazine

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#### Athletic Group of Mesaria

The Brotherhood also continued to honor its philanthropic tradition by hosting a fundraising drive for the Athletic Group of Mesaria / Αθλητικός Όμιλος Μεσαριάς. I am happy to announce that we donated \$3,000 Euros to help the club continue their mission of providing athletic opportunities for the youth living in Ikaria. Our fundraising drive was successful thanks to generosity of several chapters and individuals!



#### Ikaria Fire Department

The Brotherhood has embarked on a project to assist the Main and Volunteer Firefighters in Ikaria. We just completed the purchase of some much-needed equipment and have collected slightly used uniforms and supplies to ship to Island. All this was possible with the help of Brother Steve Stratakos. Stay tuned for more updates.



#### 2017 Youth Conference

A big thank you to Youth Governor Erica Aivaliotis for putting together a successful and well attended Youth Conference in Clearwater, Florida. There were 25 impressive delegates from 13 chapters in attendance. However, there were approximately 40 "Youth" who participated in the weekend's events. The Youth Conference is a great opportunity for our youth to connect, learn more about the Brotherhood and prepare for future leadership positions. I left Clearwater confident that their passion and dedication will help the Brotherhood succeed in the future. I ask all the chapters to encourage your Youth members to stay involved, participate and attend future Conventions and Conferences. Lastly, I hope more donations can be made to the Brotherhood to help sustain and even expand the Youth Conferences in the upcoming years.

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#### June Service Project

For the first time, we did a coordinated Pan-Icarian volunteer campaign in the month of June. A big thank you to everyone, especially our Youth who planed and participated in this important project. Together we helped make a big difference to individuals and the communities we live in. The spirit of the Brotherhood continues to shine high and bright!

#### Internship / Mentorship

The Lodge is working on creating an Internship and Mentoring Program to serve as a career development resource for its members. Though in the early stages of design, the goal of this program is to identify and compile a portfolio of businesses, entrepreneurs, professionals, and skilled tradesmen/tradeswomen willing to enhance the knowledge and skill sets of our members pursuing careers in their similar field.



The Pan-Icarian Brotherhood is fortunate to have a vast number of accomplished men and women with invaluable knowledge and expertise. For many years, the members of the Brotherhood have supported each other through our faith, culture, and traditions. This new initiative allows us to now support each other further by enhancing professional opportunities and career development.

All our success this year as a Brotherhood has been a true team effort. There are several people that I need to thank that deserve most of the credit.

First, I want to recognize my fellow Supreme Lodge members for all their hard work and dedication –Supreme Vice President Damianos Skaros, Supreme Secretary Cathy Pandeladis, Supreme Treasurer Katerina Mavrophilipos, Supreme Counselor Maria Vardaros, our District Governors –, Chrissa Lefes, George Karnavas, Steve Stratakos, Evangelos Fragos, Athena Charnas Pugliese, and Nick Skaros, and our Youth Governor Erica Aivaliotis. I also want to thank the Foundation Board for working closely with the Lodge this past year for the common good of our Brotherhood. I also want to recognize Ikaria editor Mary Achidafty Deschamps and Scholarship Chairman James Lakerdas. A special thank you to my wife, Tina for her support and advice on this long journey. Without her help, there is no way I could be here today.

In closing, I want to once again thank the Akron and Columbus chapters for hosting this great Convention. The hospitality was first rate. I also want to thank all the chapter officers and members of the Brotherhood for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. You have helped pave the way to make the Brotherhood the great organization it is today. It has been a true honor and pleasure to serve you this past year, and I hope I am afforded the opportunity again.

Sincerely,

George Paralemos  
Supreme President  
Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America





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### Introduction

I am the daughter of two Ikarian parents and a member of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America, Chapter 2, V.I. Chebithes in Akron, Ohio. Some of my fondest childhood memories involve Ikaria—visiting my family on the island and attending Pan-Icarian Conventions. At the Pan-Icarian Convention in 2004, I met Costa and Toula Cavaligos, long-term advocates and ongoing volunteers at the Gerokomeio in Ikaria.



Since 2000, I have worked at the University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM), where I teach classes and coordinate programs that encourage students to use their gifts to make their communities better places. Much of my work has focused on improving eldercare in rural areas. After talking with Costa and Toula, I realized I could combine my love of Ikaria with my academic interests. I designed a course entitled Aging and Healthcare in Greece: Comparative Social Policies. I taught the course in 2005 for the first time with a co-instructor, Andrew Hostetler, in the field of psychology. That year, and again in 2007 and 2010, a group of about 15 students worked with us to plan and implement daily recreational and therapeutic activities for the elders living at

the home. The home was thriving, with a paid director who was a registered nurse and paid staff. Studying aging in Ikaria has had a life-changing impact on the students. My students have kept in touch with me and have continued to do work that enhances the lives of elders in their own communities or communities abroad.

### Background about the Gerokomeio

The gerokomeio is located on land owned by the Greek Orthodox Church of Samos between Agios Kyrikos and Hrisostomos. In my understanding, mostly gleaned from conversations with Kosta and Toula Cavaligos, the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood envisioned, raised funds for, and ensured that the gerokomeio was built in 2000, but agreed that the home could be housed on church property and licensed and run by the church. Over the years, there have been ongoing concerns about the church misusing funds that were provided for the gerokomeio; I heard about these concerns from the Kosta and Toula Cavaligos, staff at the nursing home, and community members across the island. This controversy was prevalent and frequently discussed by Ikarrians whenever I explained what we were doing on the island; local media attempted to talk to me about “where I stood” in both 2007 and 2010.



When news spread on the island that a Pan-Icarian Brotherhood member, Mr. Sourounamis, had left a significant donation for the home in his will, the controversy intensified. A 2014 lawsuit determined that the Bishop had, indeed, been withholding funds from the gerokomeio. Soon afterwards, the church attempted to close the home, and its representatives planned to move residents to a church-run nursing home in Samos. The residents, all natives of Ikaria (except one, originally from Crete who married an Ikarian and has lived on the island for most of her adult life) did not want to leave. The residents, staff and other concerned citizens staged a sit in, refusing to abandon the home, after which the church simply pulled its funding and director from the home.

After a leave of absence I returned in 2015 with my co-instructor was Tara Gromatka, RN, PSN, BN. We were shocked to see how the home had changed. There were significant, visible problems with the physical structure. The

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remaining six residents were depressed or unresponsive. The lights were off to save electricity. Four of the original staff chose to continue to care for the elders and run the facility without pay or a clear vision for the future due to their dedication to the Gerokomeio and its residents. When we asked them why they chose to stay, they simply said, "Είμαστε δεμένοι. Οι άνθρωποι εδώ είναι οικογένεια." We decided that in addition to our daily recreational and therapeutic activities, we

would conduct an assessment of the home and write a comprehensive report, which I presented at the convention in 2015.

In the summer of 2015, the gerokomeio was home to six residents. Two were bedridden, one was wheelchair-bound, and the other three were somewhat mobile, although they needed constant assistance and observation. All but one requires assistance with all tasks of daily living, and most had some cognitive functioning challenges. All the residents either never had a spouse or lost their spouses prior to their admission. Most never had or have no living children; two have children who are unable to care for them due to their own health conditions or place of residence. By the end of our visit in 2015, the residents' physical health and life satisfaction had increased, at least temporarily, but we were unable to do anything to help the volunteer staff. We hoped the report would make a difference.

In our report, we noted that the six residents were well cared for. The volunteers provided the best care possible despite many constraints. We interviewed medical personnel working at the hospital in Agios Kyrikos with whom we spoke indicated that there is a need, despite the stigma of placing a loved one in a nursing home. Were the home licensed, more people would benefit from the housing and care the Gerokomeio provides; we were told that until then, adding additional residents would not be possible—or legal.

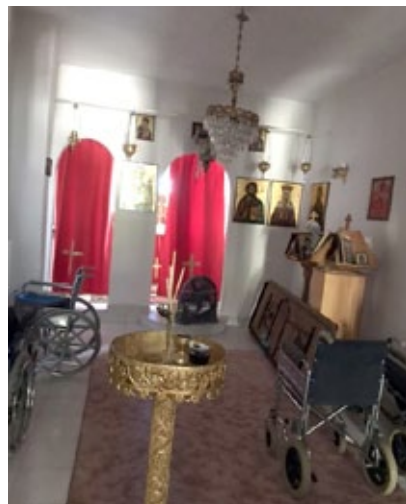
Because the home did not have a tax number in 2015, the bills were in the name of George Kesses, a member of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood who lived in Ikaria. New windows and a new door were installed in 2014 using \$70,000 from the Sourounamis will that had been transferred from the U.S. to a Greek account. Kesses indicated to us that he was waiting to get clear instruction from the Greek Health and Human Services agency to determine what additional upgrades need to happen in order for the nursing home to be licensed by the state.



Leaving in 2015 was difficult; we knew we were leaving the volunteers in a difficult situation. They were facing a lawsuit on charges of running an unlicensed nursing home, which eventually was dropped. We left tearfully, but also with a great deal of hope that the report we had written would make a difference.

### Current Status of the Gerokomeio

This year (June 2017), Tara Gromatka and I took 20 students to Ikaria once again. We had expected that the students would assess the progress that had been made since our last visit,





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but we were sad to find that no visible progress had occurred. There are now three rather than four volunteers, and those volunteers continue to coordinate ALL aspects of the home. In addition to ongoing personal cares, ensuring that medications are dispensed, laundry, cooking, and cleaning, the volunteers coordinate fundraisers to keep the home afloat and manage its finances. They have taken on tasks far beyond their training and are doing all tasks remarkably well. The volunteers have devised a rotation system that allows them to make ends meet: each volunteer spends one week living at the home, and two weeks "off" to do her paid work. Kosta and Toula Cavaligos are aging and facing health challenges themselves; however, they are still incredibly dedicated and regular visitors to the home.

Significantly, there are now five residents—but only three of the five were there in 2015 (the other three had passed away). In 2015, many people had told us that the Gerokomeio would be gone once its current residents died as it could



not accept additional residents, but that turned out not to be the case, even though it is still not licensed. The two new residents include a woman who was wandering the streets of Agios Kyrikos, very confused about her identity and where her home was. She requires significant, ongoing, 24/7 care and has many severe and challenging behaviors. A government official brought her to the home, and she has no living family. The other resident fell and was paralyzed on one side of her body; her only living son cannot care for her. She requires total physical care, as she is unable to do any daily activities without assistance. One of our beloved residents from 2015 bedridden and close to death, and the other two in the same condition they had been in previously. Both have mental health issues and some physical health issues that pre-

vent them from caring for themselves. At the end of our visit, the volunteers were considering two additional admits and discussing whether they could feasibly care for them.

Some progress had been made since our last visit, however. The Greek Health and Human Services representative had visited and outlined three things that needed to be improved in order for the home to be licensed: redoing the flooring so that it is not so slippery; putting call buttons next to each bed; and widening some of the doors for easier access with wheelchairs. These minor repairs could easily be completed with the Souroumanis money in the Greek bank account. In addition, the Diocese of Samos had provided a rent-free lease on the land for 25 years.

For reasons that were not totally clear to me, it was up to the mayor of Ikaria to make the next move. I am not certain if this is because the \$70,000 is now in a government account (we were unable to connect to George Kesses to find this out), if there is paperwork he would need to sign, if licensing the home would mean the island would be responsible for paying staff, or what exactly is preventing the home from moving forward.

We were heartened to learn that a Gerokomeio support group had formed. Its members include a local elementary school teacher, local doctors who work at the hospital, and other citizens. This group has successfully done fundraising to provide the home with food and personal hygiene products; indeed, in 2015 we purchased several such products for the home, but no one asked us to do so in 2017. The group is also politically active and is pressuring the mayor to act. During our last week in Ikaria, we participated in a passionate and lively rally that provided citizens with information about the Gerokomeio's history. Doctors attested to the current need for the Gerokomeio, noting that more and more islanders do not have living family nearby, and those with cognitive, mental health, or medical conditions that make independent living difficult may not be able to be cared for by family. Those who spoke at the rally outlined the next steps that must be taken to license the home.

I was asked to speak at this rally and was able to share my concerns. I explained my involvement in the Gerokomeio and stressed that the three volunteers have been working without pay for more than three years. I also urged citizens to visit the home to provide entertainment, conversation, or activities. The volunteers have difficulty providing for the residents' cognitive and social needs because of all the physical care needs on their plates.

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### Next Steps

The Pan-Icarian Brotherhood has a great deal of clout on the island. We were thrilled with Governor Chrissa Lefes came to visit the home and took an interest in the project. We urge the Brotherhood to contact the mayor and work with him to ensure the home is licensed and the staff can begin to be paid. The hospital is supportive of the Gerokomeio and will continue to provide medical care to the residents there. What is needed now is to use existing funds to complete the building updates and to determine a funding model to pay staff. Other recommendations in the 2015 report would still be worth considering, including determining ways to encourage more visitors and decrease the stigma associated with the home. I am more than willing to help in any way I am needed.

We plan to continue to teach our class once every other year (which is the normal cycle for study abroad courses at the University of Minnesota, Morris), so we will return in June 2019. Governor Chrissa Lefes has asked how we might use funding, should we be offered some from the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood to continue our trips to Ikaria. Students pay \$5,000 for the four credits, travel, breakfast and lodging; in addition, they pay for two meals/day and any incidental expenses. They always choose to donate some money to the volunteers at the end of their visits. The University of Minnesota, Morris has the highest number of Pell Grant recipients of any four year college in Minnesota and provides Native American students with a tuition waiver as reparations for inequalities in Minnesota's education system in the past. We could use funding to provide scholarships to low income students who wish to take the course. We would also welcome Icarian-American and Icarian-Canadian college students to enroll; funds could be provided for scholarships for our own members' children.

But, when I sent out an e-mail to our 2015 and 2017 students about how any money we might be offered should be used, the response was unanimous: if funds are available, they ought to be used to pay for the improvements themselves so that the home may be licensed, and to provide compensation to the volunteers. Our students recognize the pressing need to keep the Gerokomeio open and to compensate the volunteers and would choose those goals over sending more UMM students, as much as the trip benefitted them and changed their lives.

I want to close by saying I am exceedingly grateful to the three volunteers and the many residents and students who have made my involvement in the Gerokomeio possible—but most especially to Costa and Toula Cavaligos. I have been in awe of their tenacity and dedication. I am grateful to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood for the role it has played in this project. First, going back nearly 30 years, I received several scholarships that helped me pay for my own education, leading me to the career I have now—not to mention the cultivation of my pride in my Ikarian heritage and my deep love for Ikaria. Second, if the Gerokomeio had not been conceived and created to begin with, my life and the lives of so many students would not be as rich. Third, I've been honored to speak many times at conventions about my passion for the Gerokomeio and regret that for personal reasons I cannot be at this year's convention; I thank you for the many conversations at and in between conventions over the years. Finally, I am confident that the Brotherhood will play a role in moving the process forward so that we might continue to provide care for our elders in Ikaria for years to come, and feel grateful to have the opportunity to have played a small part in this legacy.



*Longtime supporters and volunteers  
Costa and Toula Cavaligos  
with Argie Manolis*

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### District 1 - Governor's Convention Report

#### Chapter #5 Pandiki New York, President Stamatis Tsantes

We hosted the Convention last year

October 2016: Welcome Back Gathering with food, Fall Dance with Music and Dinner, Halloween Party children.

December 2016: Chapter Meeting, Blood Drive and Coat Drive at our Leski , Christmas Party for the children and Annual New Year's Eve Party which was well attended.

January 2017: Loukoumades Evening with portion of the proceeds to benefit Plutis Medical Fund and the Athletic Group of Messaria (\$750)

February 2017: Youth Sponsored Super Bowl Party and two Youth participating in Youth Conference in Clearwater

March 2017: Marched in Greek Independence Day Parade with live rembetica music on our Float followed by pasta at Leski

April 2017: (8th) Blues night with Tony Santos and the Blues Conspiracy featuring Basil Safos on harmonica and his son Simon on guitar following by Authentic Rembetica music ....Membership Dues Mailing (22nd) Ikariotiko Glendi with live music

June 2017: Mandated Service project collection of clothes, shoes and household items for Salvation Army at our Annual Father's Day BBQ

Biggest Challenge: Membership/dues and transitioning involvement from older generation to younger

#### Chapter #12 Atheras Philadelphia, President Nick Gasparinatos, Secretary Kaliope Kokolis

October 2016: Annual George A. Saffos Memorial Golf Outing and lunch (I attended) 20 golfers

Halloween Party for Adults (costumes required)

December 2016: (3rd) Beef and Beer Fundraiser to benefit Plutis Medical Fund/ New Year's Eve Party

February 2017: (5th) Annual Super Bowl Hoagie Sale (25th) Annual Ikariotiko Dance Cherry Hill, NJ and sent Youth Delegate to Youth Conference in Clearwater Florida

April 2017: Impromptu hosting of Greek Evzones weekend of Parade with live bouzouki & Marched in Greek Independence Day Parade followed by Pizza

May 2017: Cinco de Mayo Taco night and Meeting

June 2017: Donated \$5,000 to Plutis medical Fund AND donated \$5,000 toward renovation of St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church in Cherry Hill, NJ, Father's Day Picnic and Meeting, and June Service Project. Will be fundraising over the next two years with youth to raise 15-20k to go to Pan-Icarian Scholarship Fund in Atheras Chapter name.

Biggest Challenge: Engaging Youth to become more involved in activities and becoming Executive Board Members

#### Chapter #15 Nea Ikaria Port Jefferson, President John Vardaros, Contact: Maria Vardaros

October 2016: Taverna Night with Music/food and Halloween Party for adults and children

November 2016: Annual Thanksgiving Dinner/ Dance with live music

December 2016: Annual Christmas Party

January 2017: Cutting of Vasilopita Event cancelled due to snow and meeting cancelled due to illness

February 2017: Youth Delegates sent to Youth Conference meeting in Clearwater

May 2017: Meeting scheduled for First of May Party and (27th) Ikariotiko Glendi at Clubhouse

June 2017: June Service Project was Beach Cleanup

July 8, 2017: Chapter Picnic to celebrate Ikaria's Independence with live music (I attended)

Biggest Challenge: Membership

#### Chapter #16 Lefkas Baltimore/DC, President George Moratis

September 2016: Chapter Picnic

November: Organizational meeting (13th) and Hosted Lodge meeting and Dance November 19. This was the first dance in Falls Church, VA. To try to attract local churches as chapter events and meetings are typically in Baltimore.

December: Christmas Dinner at Icaros Restaurant and Meeting with elections for new chapter officers

Working on 2018 Convention/working with DC Greeks as web coordinator

February 2017: plan on Chapter meetings every month to include Convention meetings



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April 2017: Greek Independence Day Fish Fry following Parade

May 2017: Convention meeting and BBQ (21st)

June Service Project: Make sandwiches for the homeless

Biggest Challenge: Meeting Involvement and Clubhouse costs

Clubhouse was purchased 20 years ago and keeping up with Laski improvements and costs of basic maintenance is challenging.

Report Respectfully Submitted by,

Chrissa Lefes

District 1 Governor



### District 2 - Governor's Convention Report

Dear Brothers/Sisters,

I first want to thank the Columbus and Akron chapters for hosting this year's convention. I am looking forward to the entire weekend. This was my first year as a District Governor and I was able to attend two SL meetings (D.C. and Toronto) as well visit chapters throughout the year. It was nice to hear on what the chapters were doing. I would like to highlight the key successes, events and fundraiser from each chapter.

#### Chapter #1 Youngstown – Pramne

Held their annual holiday party

Meetings were resumed in March

Hosted their annual chapter picnic, which I attended.

Tommy and Jaclyn Sarah (Elias) Senich welcomed their first child into the world, Melina Julianne. As well Dave and Dana (Elias) Patrick welcomed their first child into the world, Elysi

#### Chapter #2 Akron – Chebithes

Besides planning for the convention.

In August held a meeting at Wolf Creek Winery.

Discussed regular chapter business, our annual Reverse Raffle fundraiser, and holiday party.

In October, held annual Reverse Raffle with silent auction and cash prizes. About 150 people attended, including Brothers from Detroit Chapter and Ikarians from Akron, Canton and Cleveland. This year's event was held at a famous Akron landmark - Tangier. Guests enjoyed a delicious buffet and live bouzouki music. It was a successful event.

In June, annual Lamb Roast and meeting

#### Chapter #3 Cleveland – Pharos

Meetings monthly

Annual New Year's Eve party and had many members in attendance. Even our very young Ikarians stayed up late to ring in the New Year.

Super Bowl Party in February. It's nice to see the youngsters get involved.

Annual Independence Day Dance to be held on Saturday, March 25th at the Annunciation Church. It was another successful turnout and had Peter Karnavas playing wonderfully on his violi.

Fundraiser/ name day celebration and raised money for John Polutis of Indiana by selling loukoumades made by one of our members!

Renovated the house located on our property, and it is currently occupied.

Picnic at the hall

#### Chapter #4 Warren – Daedalos

Chapter Daedalos held a dance on September 10th with Peter Karnavas on the violin. It was the first dance that we have hosted in a long time, which I attended.

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We always have a wonderful turnout and evening for our annual Christmas Party, which I attended as well.

Hosted coffee hour after church

Picnic in June

#### Chapter #6 Doliche – Steubenville

Chapter Christmas party at a local Italian restaurant.

I attended along with thirty present, past and future Doliche members. I updated the chapter on all the upcoming activities and events. He discussed the goals of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood, and encouraged the Doliche Chapter to continue to stay active and pursue new young members. It was determined to use funds from when they hosted the convention to reenergize the club. The evening ended with Icarian fellowship and door prizes were given out.

#### Chapter #7 Pittsburgh – Icaros

Monthly meetings

Annual Halloween Party/Oxi Day Celebration dinner, hosted by the family of Maria and PSP Christ Aivaliotis (and in their memory).

A dinner on November 20, 2016, hosted by the family of John and Vasiliki Viores (and in their memory).

Annual Pizza with Santa Party on December 10, 2016.

Annual Super Bowl Party on February 5, 2017.

Chapter Icaros recently obtained a Bingo license and is planning Bingo Nights at the Ikarian Hall.

Annual Memorial Weekend Mini Convention, that includes the Steve Manners Golf Outing on May 27 and our big Glendi on May 28.

#### Chapter #17 Chirst E. Aivaliotis - Columbus

Busy planning the convention along with the Akron chapter.

I wish all the chapters another successful and healthy year! Καί του χρόνου!

### District 3 - Governor's Convention Report

I'm happy to report that overall things are going well in District 3; the Chicago chapter (Aristides Foutrides) is in very fine financial shape with a solid membership base and has been very active over the past year with both multiple meetings and events which included a fall picnic shortly after the New York Convention, a Halloween party, a New Years Party, bingo night, participation in the Chicago Greek Independence Day parade and several other events.

The Detroit chapter (Spanos Areti) is also doing very well and also has a very solid base of members, as has been the case for a very long time and they too have also been active in holding meetings and multiple events over the last year which have included their annual golf outing, Makaronda, Name's Day Party and goat roast; as always they are very active in the leadership of the Brotherhood with numerous members of theirs having served as Past Supreme Presidents.

The Indiana chapter (N'Ikaria) has not held any events or meetings over the past year and as of this time has no formal structure; however while not having a formal structure their members are very supportive of the Brotherhood as can be seen by their attendance and participation at events held by the Chicago chapter and at the annual conventions. Attempts by me to try and get in touch with some of the members their in order to try and get a more formal structure in place were unsuccessful but I am optimistic that over the coming year some progress will be made.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Stratakos

## **Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros"**

### **District 5 - Governor's Convention Report**

This past year as has been filled with happiness, excitement and unfortunately sadness. The Lychnos chapter was very saddened by the loss of sister Sarah Glaros and Mary Gemellos. We all hope and pray that their families find strength and courage through the love of our Theos to get through this difficult time. The Oinoe Chapter also dealt with the passing of beloved brother Dr. Nikitas Tripodes who was chairman of the Foundation. May their memories be eternal.

A fun-filled day was spent at Small World Park by the Lychnos Chapter in August. Along with the gorgeous weather and great snacks, the fun was shared with children, parents and grandparents. Along with this entire family event a dance was held in October at the Masonic Hall in San Francisco with music straight from Ikaria!

On October 8, a cleanup day was held at Potter's Field in the Martinez Cemetery where one of our own was located. It was discovered that Nicholas Glaros, born in Ikaria and died at the age of 21 in Martinez County, did not have a proper headstone. It was the mission of this chapter to purchase a headstone for this young man. He was the last person buried in California who died of the Bubonic Plague. He had come West to work on the railroad and was laying on a railroad flatbed when a rabid squirrel bit him. A mason company was contacted and a headstone will be built.

A philanthropic event was also sponsored at St. Demetrios Church for a woman who is suffering from brain cancer with three children. She is paralyzed on her right side, unable to speak and confined to a wheelchair. Her condition is unfortunately inoperable. The event was a huge success.

An October meeting was held by the Oinoe Chapter and events were planned for the year. The following activities were discussed as possible events: Glendi/Dance, Ikarian trip to the Magic Castle in Hollywood, attending a live Jimmy Kimmel Show, a trip to the Getty Museum and a possible Christmas meeting.

My daughter Eliana and I had the opportunity to attend a meeting in April at the lovely Beverly Hilton Hotel. We were treated with warmth and the hospitality of our southern Californian Kariotes!

A picnic was held in July in honor of Agia Marina at the picnic gazebo in South Pasadena. The honorary chef, James John Horiates prepared a delectable delight for the feasting. The last 2 events were meetings at the home of Steve Saphos and the Hollywood Bowl Summer Concert.

I also had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Akron, Ohio to attend a fantastic lamb roast hosted by Argie and Steve Miner. As Akron is my home-town I felt as if Argie had planned a welcome home party for me! It was wonderful to spend time with so many relatives/friends--the only thing that would have made it better would have been to have my parents Steve and Moskoula Charnas there!!

Respectively submitted,  
Athena Charnas Pugliese

### **District 6 Governor's Convention Report**

Nisos Ikaria Chapter hosted the Supreme Lodge Meeting on May 20th. In the evening they held their second annual Ikariotiko panigiri.

Panagia #26 held a summer meeting at Crystal Beach Canada which was much enjoyed by all especially our younger members. Some of our members spent time in our beautiful Ikaria.

There is no report from Montreal.

We thank Christ E. Aivaliotis #17 Columbus for hosting this year's convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nikolaos G. Skaros



### **Youth - Governor's Convention Report**

Thank you to Chapters Christ E. Aivaliotis and V.I. Chebithes for hosting this convention. I look forward to the upcoming events and have already enjoyed myself!

My main goal for the Youth was to increase their visibility in the organization by encouraging increased engagement at the local and national level. I feel that, while all progress takes time, we have seen movement in the right direction to accomplish this goal.



Since assuming the position of Youth Governor, I have seen a successful Youth Leadership Conference with 25 delegates from 13 chapters and an additional 20 participants, a first attempt at a Service Project, major updates to our social media accounts, and overall increased participation at all levels.

During the Youth Conference in Florida, I was moved by the passion, interest, and engagement from the attendees. Everybody present attended the meeting, even though it was only required for delegates. Linda Murray, George Paralemos, Mike Aivaliotis, and Steve Stratakos provided very helpful information regarding the history of the PIB, the difference between the Foundation and Lodge, and shared their individual reasons for remaining active. I believe that their passion was contagious

and helped our younger members realize the importance of this organization, why it should be a priority, and how lucky we are to have it. Their remarks led us to a very engaging discussion about increasing membership, assigning liaisons (we have 14), ideas to help at the convention, reassigning members of the Social Media Committee and new initiatives such as the Service Project. What was most impressive was that nearly all of the delegates from the Youth Conference, and those who were attending for social reasons, stayed for the Lodge Meeting to ask questions and share their ideas. They're slowly learning the ins and outs of the brotherhood and before we know it, this room will be filled with those same bodies.

One of the topics discussed at the Youth Conference was a Service Project. While this initiative was meant for all members of the chapters, we encouraged our Youth Liaisons to spearhead the projects. I'd like to give a special thanks to Erin Cope, Chapter Icaros, Hrisoula Mavrophillipos and Tony Nicholas from Lefkas, Yianni Frangos from Therma, and Peter Panagopoulos from Pandiki for their hard work and for executing successful events. I'm looking forward to seeing how this project grows and hope that the Youth continue to be active in planning and executing ideas. It's important to give back to the communities that have supported our own organization and to acknowledge our connection to them.

Another issue we discussed at the Youth Conference was reassigning members to the Social Media Committee. We decreased the size of the committee and gave ownership to Rania Lardas and Katie Kefalos who have been doing a wonderful job. Their creativity and dedication has definitely made a difference.

We discussed fundraising ideas so that the Youth can offer more financial assistance to chapters hosting the Leadership Conference. Peter and Manny Panagopoulos from Pandiki designed a tank top that we have sold at two events, the Memorial Day Dance in Pittsburgh, and the Independence Day Dance in Cleveland. So far, we have raised \$310. I plan to continue fundraising and developing new ideas with the help of my committee. I am hoping to bring back the decals that past Youth Governor, George Karnavas, designed and to redevelop the Youth website. Hopefully with increased funds, the Youth will be able to plan more events throughout the year.

All in all, I believe that because of youth conferences, more regular events and active social media accounts, we have seen an increase in youth participation. This is evidenced by more participation at these meetings, members of the Youth helping with the planning of this convention (bar crawl, souvenirs, panagiri style banquet, etc.), and at the chapter level. I have seen more and more mention of young people in the magazine and I am confident that the efforts of the previous Youth Governors and the Lodge are to thank. I encourage you all to reach out to the younger genera-

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tions on your own accord, plan events aimed at a younger generation, mentor them, and ask for their help and input on events at your chapters. I look forward to continued involvement and more ideas to come.

Finally, if your chapter is interested in hosting the next Youth Conference, please contact me. Like last year, we will vote on a city and date.

Erica Aivaliotis

### ***Ikaria Magazine Editor's Convention Report***

Kalimera,

I would first like to add my thanks to our host chapters for their hard work in making this convention experience pleasant and memorable.

For those who do not know my connection to the PIB, my father was PSP Nick Achidafty and my mother was Irene Kavourias Achidafty, may their memories be eternal.

I have a few items I would like to report regarding *Ikaria Magazine*.

Last year we transferred the process for managing operating expenses to the Foundation and closed local accounts. This provides budget oversight and saves us hundreds of dollars each year in sales tax.

In an effort to reduce costs, Supreme President Paralemos and I solicited bids from various print houses. The result was, with a few adjustments, that our current print company lowered cost while allowing us to continue using full color photos and the clear plastic mailing envelope that helps prevent damage during the mailing process.

Also, thanks to the efforts of Brother Paralemos and Supreme Treasurer and Database Manager Ekaterina Mavrophilippos, the mailing list was cleaned up which reduced the number of magazines printed which helped reduce expenses. That is one reason we remind chapters to report address changes and corrections.

This past year we launched the Sponsor ad feature for individuals and businesses. It is getting more attention and helps to offset some of our costs. To date we have raised about an extra \$850 for the Foundation. If you or someone you know would like to take advantage of this feature to highlight a project, service, event or business, details appear in each issue.

Finally, I would like to propose the idea of publishing four issues a year instead of the current three issues. This would allow us to be timelier with news and events. It would increase the budget, but since it will likely reduce the number of pages per issue, it should not have the impact of adding an issue's worth of cost.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Deschamps

### **2018 Convention City Report**

On behalf of the other officers and members of the Lefkas – Washington DC – Baltimore Chapter. I'd like to present our 2018 Convention City report.

The Convention will be held from August 31, 2018 to September 3, 2018 at The Grand Hyatt Washington located at 1000 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20001.

Shortly after our convention wrapped in 2016 in New York City, we entered into a sales agreement with the Hyatt. We have contracted a minimum of 816 room nights between Thursday August 30 and Monday September 3 and a maximum of 1,020 room nights. The convention rate will be \$179 plus 14.5% tax per night for up to a quad size room. There is a cut-off date for the room rate which is August 9, 2018. In the event we exceed the maximum number of room nights prior to August 9, the Hotel has indicated we may add more to the account if there is availability at the Hotel. Although we don't expect to need an overflow hotel, there are a couple hotels within a block of the Hyatt. (continued next page)

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There is a \$30,000 minimum food and beverage commitment. All meeting and banquet rooms are included in the cost. We expect to exceed the commitment with the banquet and the cash bars at each dance.

We will be hosting a Saturday evening dance which will end at 4:00 AM and the Grand Banquet on Sunday which will end at 4:00 AM as well. The cost of the Banquet is not finalized but we expect to keep it in the range of the convention bid \$99.00-\$110.00. Last Call will be at 1:30. I believe the DC Ordinances cut off liquor at 2:00 AM. Hotel parking approaches \$40 per night. We'll be compiling a list of nearby/adjacent parking lots that are less expensive. We'll try and negotiate a convention rate. The Hotel is connected to the DC Metro so you can use the metro to get to the historical attractions many of which are in walking distance.

Flying into DC, Reagan National Airport (DCA) is within 4 miles of the hotel. You can take the Metro from the airport. A cab fare is about \$20. Dulles Airport or BWI are other airport options. Cab fares are between \$65 and \$95. The hotel is centrally located, there is shopping and restaurants right out the door. The Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Smithsonian's and the Capitol are no more than 15 minutes for the average walker. The Hotel is completing a renovation and the banquet facilities and meeting rooms we have reserved will be renovated this Fall. We haven't finalized many specifics, we'll be trying to obtain guest tickets to tour the White House or Capitol over the weekend for a limited number of people. We're not sure if the Washington Nationals are in town that weekend but if they are we will plan a Friday Evening event at National's Park.

Many of the attractions around the city are free; we'll work with the hotel's concierge to ensure they are well equipped for guest questions or we'll have a table sponsored by the Chapter to serve the same purpose. We're considering guided or bus tours as well but there will be a fee.

For Saturday, we're considering a group athletic-type activity in the morning but we're not positive we'll have one since many people arrive on Saturday.

We expect Basile to perform on Saturday before the Dance. We will have a youth banquet for the children to attend concurrent with the Banquet dinner as well.

We're excited to be hosting the Convention. For our Chapter, it will be a fitting place to have you join us to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

Submitted by,  
George Moratis, Chapter President.

### **Chapter Convention Reports**

#### Chapter #3 Pharos, Cleveland, Ohio

Greetings from Cleveland the home of the red-hot Cleveland Indians! Happy to report Chapter Pharos is doing well! We had a fundraiser/ name day celebration and raised money for John Plutis of Indiana by selling loukoumades made by our favorite member Eleftheria Tsantes!

The youth had a Super Bowl Party in January at the hall which was well attended and got the neoleia together. We also sent two delegates to the Youth Conference in Florida this year.

We have had a productive year so far in 2017; we finished repairs to the rental home that the chapter owns. With the help of Nick Tripodis, myself, Greg Glaros and 360 Construction donations from the Roditis boys we were able to approve the property and make it much more profitable for the chapter. We are pleased with the outcome and the home will provide an income to the chapter for years to come.

We celebrated the New Year at the hall with live music. Everyone enjoyed the evening. George Achedafty cut the Basilopita this year.

We had our annual Greek Independence Day dance in March. It was very successful. The band the Filarakia with Pete Karnavas on the violi played well into the wee hours of the morning at the Annunciation Church hall in downtown



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Chapter #3 Pharos, Cleveland, Ohio - continued

Cleveland. Many thanks to the church for allowing us to continue to use the hall. We are unsure of where the dance will be held due to a new caterer having taken over the hall.

We also marched in the Greek Independence Day parade on March 25th. We had a good showing including Icaros (aka Sam Fouts son of Tina Fouts (Gemelas) as well as many other many other members who showed up in the cold Cleveland afternoon.

The summer event was our annual picnic. It was held at our hall in Cleveland and we turned it into a panagyri style event. We roasted lamb and souvlakia. The loukoumathes were also a big hit. The band played and people enjoyed the new set up.

Our annual Independence Day dance in March of 2018 will be held at a different location. The Annunciation Church Hall has a new caterer and has made it difficult with continuing with the tradition. We will keep everyone informed of where it will be held.

James Gemelas, Chapter Pharos President.

Chapter #4 Daedalos, Warren, Ohio

We would like to thank the Akron and Columbus Chapters for hosting the convention this year. We understand the work that goes into it and appreciate the chapters who are able to put in the work and make a successful convention. We have had a somewhat quiet year with just a few meetings taking place. We had our annual picnic which was a success and will also have our Christmas Party. Officers will change at the beginning of the year and we are excited to see what new motivation they bring! Our membership is at 35 and we hope to increase that number.

Thank you, Fotini Raptis Facaros, Chapter Daedalos President

Chapter #5 Pandiki, New York, NY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We would like to thank the Akron Chapter V.I. Chebithes #2 and Columbus Chapter Christ Aivaliotis #17 for hosting the convention this year. We understand first hand how difficult it is to host a successful convention and appreciate the chapters who are able to put in the work. I have no doubt that both chapters will do a great job and by Monday afternoon we will be talking about how greatly attended and successful this convention was.

I would like to start off by thanking all Pandiki #5 members for doing such a great job, helping in any way, shape or form they can to host a successful convention in NYC last year as well as the multiple events that followed throughout the year.

Labor Day weekend 2016 – Our chapter had the honor of hosting the 2016 Pan-Icarian convention, which was very well attended and had tremendous energy, which was evident by the youth that came to NYC ready to party. Due to the fact that NYC is not always the cheapest, I feel that our convention chairmen and members did whatever they could do to keep the prices reasonable and organize great events for all to participate and have a pleasant time. In addition to all the festivities, the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America came out with new ways to help all fellow Icarians here and abroad.

October 2, 2016 – Welcome Back Gala – Our members came together to enjoy an afternoon filled with good food, drinks and company while reminiscing how their summers were and how great hosting the convention was.

October 22, 2016 – Fall Dance – NY Icarians and their family and friends came together to enjoy a night of great entertainment, which was featured in a local greek newspaper. The writer was impressed with the great vibe and dancing through the morning hours.

October 2016 – Children's Halloween Party – The future of our chapter came together dressed in their impressive costumes to enjoy a fun night.

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Chapter #5 Pandiki, New York, NY - continued

November 2016 – We were happy to host a loukoumades fundraiser. Proceeds were donated to the Ploutis medical fund and the athletic group in Mesaria. The fundraiser was very successful thanks to the generosity of all those who contributed.

December 10, 2016 – Pandiki hosted a blood drive. Our members and local residents came out to help with this great event. The event was put together by Pandiki member and District Governor Chrissa Lefes. In addition, Chrissa also hosted a coat drive. Many thanks to Chrissa for all of her dedicated work.

December 2016 – Children's Christmas Party – Santa made a special appearance to bring presents to the children of our community. They enjoyed singing Christmas carols, making holiday crafts and feasting on goodies and treats.

December 31, 2016 – New Years Eve Gala – Many Icarians and friends chose our Leski to ring in the new year. As always we had a night filled with drinking, dancing, and enjoying each other's company.

February 2017 – Super Bowl Party – Our youth hosted their annual Super Bowl party. As always they did a great job creating a well put together party with food, beverages, and good company,

March 2017 – Greek Independence Day Parade – We participated in the annual Greek Independence Day Parade on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. We had excellent participation and energy spearheaded by the float, which, featured live Icarian music by fellow Icarian violinist, Dimitris Efstratoudakis. All parade spectators were dancing the ikariotiko as our float was making its way up Fifth Avenue. Afterward we headed back to our Leski for our annual makaronada.

April 2017 – Blues/Rebetiko Night – Basil Safos and his band, as well as local Rebetiko band Dervisi, played the night away as our members and friends enjoyed a night full of good music, food, drinks, and most important good company.

April 22, 2017 – Ikariotiko Glendi – Pandiki hosted an Ikariotiko Glendi, which featured music by our fellow Icarians Mimis Efstratoudakis, Lefteris Tsimbidis, Giannis Politis, and friend Christos Stentoumis. Our members and friends danced the night away as they would in any Icarian panigiri.

May 2017 – Queens College Hellenic Studies Scholarship Awards Ceremony – VP Gus Tsahas presented a Hellenic Scholarship at Queens College on behalf of our organization.

June 2017 – Father's Day BBQ – In appreciation of all the fathers we hosted a Father's Day BBQ to bring yet again our members and their families together to enjoy a fun filled afternoon.

July 2017 – Ikarian Independence Memorial Service – The Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of NY held a memorial service at the Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church in Port Washington, Long Island to commemorate the Independence Day of Ikaria, July 17, 1912. Following the service breakfast and refreshments were served.

Overall, it was a great year for Pandiki #5. We had many great, successful, and well-attended evens. We finished the year with 200 paid members. We hope this coming year will be even better in membership and participation. In closing, I would like to thank the Akron Chapter V.I. Chebithes #2 and the Columbus Chapter Christ Aivaliotis #17 in what I'm sure will be one of our better and memorable conventions.

Respectfully Submitted, Stamatis Tsantes, Chapter Pandiki President

Chapter #8 Foutrides, Chicago, IL

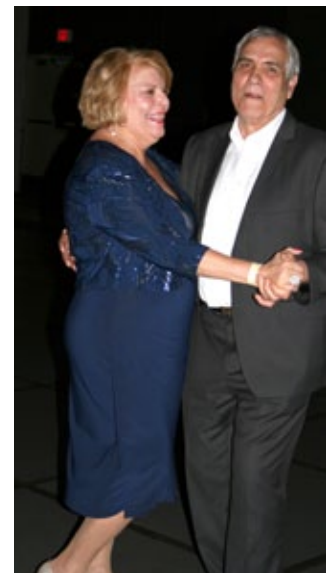
Since the last convention, our Chapter has hosted several events. Those included a fall picnic, a halloween party, New Year's Eve Dance, a Bingo Night, and a fund raiser that benefited John Plutis. We also have provided financial assistance to members of the Ikarian community. Our Chapter is proud to announce that we have established a scholarship program for our Chapter members.

Our Chapter President, John Karnavas and his wife Lana, welcomed our youngest member Iliana Nicole Karnavas, on March 11, 2017.

In September, we plan to hold our fall picnic, so we can all catch up after our summer travels. Also, we plan to have a New Years Party, and hope all can attend,

Submitted, Despina Karnavas, Chapter Foutrides Secretary.

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#### Chapter #9 Spanos/Areti, Detroit, MI

Hello to all our brothers and sisters from Detroit Chapter.

First of all in October of 2016 we hosted a golf outing at St John's in Plymouth. Despite some rain the outing went very well, with a great turnout and a wonderful dinner and prizes afterward. We will have another one this fall at the Eagle Crest Course in Ypsilanti, which is run by Eastern Michigan University.

The name day party, or all saints day, was celebrated at the Ikarian Hall on January 14th. Every year we enjoy this gathering with our brothers and sisters.

Our annual macaronada was held on March 18th. This year it was given in honor of all the members of the Papalas family who have passed on.

On June 24th we hosted what has now become our annual goat roast. Steve Papalas donated the food in memory of his mother and father, Marino and Mary. Thank you to Steve and Alex and Georgia Tzelepis for preparing that wonderful food.

This year we were blessed to have two of our members get married. As it turns out, both were the children of John and Kathy Mourselas. First of all Anthea Mourselas and Jason Paul were married in November at the Church of the Holy Cross in Windsor, Ontario, with a reception following. Also, in July of this year Dean Mourselas and Athina Kouknas of Pittsburgh were married in Athina's mothers village of Petropouli. Both weddings were absolutely beautiful and we wish both couples many happy years together.

Submitted by chapter president Steve Papalas

#### Chapter #10 Therma, Wilmington, NC

Greetings from Chapter Therma #10 Wilmington, North Carolina! We wish the 114th Supreme Convention, hosted by the Akron and Columbus Chapters, much success at this fun-filled annual Ikarian family event.

Our chapter has been very busy this year.

We hosted our fall family picnic.

We had our annual Christmas dinner which supports needy families within our Saint Nicholas Church.

We also held chapter elections and we elected a new chapter president, George Livanos.

We hosted a successful New Year's Eve dance.

In February we saw some of our chapter members attend the Helios Chapter annual dinner dance and we had a great time being with our friends and families in Clearwater. We sent some of our youth to the Youth Conference in Florida. Some of our youth also attended the mini-convention in Pittsburgh in May.

In May we also had our annual church festival with many Ikarians taking leadership positions.

In June we had six of our Ikarian high school students graduate and we wish them much success.

We also had three Ikarian weddings: Nicholas Batuyios married Julia Colton. Angelique Skandalakis married Louis Simpson, and our own chapter president, George Livanos, married Renee Lisander in Ikaria.

We had one baptism, Elena Sophia Tracy.

We also saw the passing of one of our members, George A. (Duke) Saffo – May His Memory Be Eternal.

In July our youth came together to do a service project at Carolina Beach, "Clean-Up Beach Sweep." Yianni Fragos, our co-VP did a great job heading and organizing this community project.

Many of our chapter members enjoyed a great time in Ikaria this summer as they all came back to tell us they look forward to going back next summer. Chapter Therma activities, life, and memories abound!

In closing, we hope that you will have Carolina on your minds as we wish to be your hosts for the 2019 Convention!

Submitted by Kay Skandalakis, Chapter Therma Secretary

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#### Chapter #16 Lefkas, Washington D.C. / Baltimore

On behalf of the Lefkas Chapter, we appreciate the hospitality of our host Chapters. Columbus is a beautiful city and this is a great venue.

We had an active year. Following last year's Convention, our Chapter had a Crabfest/Picnic in Annapolis, MD.

In November, we hosted a Supreme Lodge Meeting at next year's Convention site- the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC followed by our Chapter dance in nearby Falls Church, Virginia which was very well attended.

In December, the chapter held a Christmas Party at the Ikaros Restaurant in Greektown Baltimore, next to our Leski.

In the Spring after the Greek Parade, our youth held a Greek Independence Day Fish Fry at the Laski. This was the first time the chapter held an event like this in recent years. It was great to see them take the initiative on the event.

We had a Bar-b-q in the Spring as well to show off our recently refinished backyard.

Over several weekends from the Fall of 2016 through the Spring of 2017, we put up new fencing, outdoor lights and other refinements to the backyard.

In June we held a community service event by making sandwiches for a homeless shelter. We've done this now for the past 4-5 years and the food pantry is very appreciative.

At 87 members, we ended the year with a few fewer members but we are optimistic that our membership will grow back this year. We can look for new ways to reach our members- regular mail, Facebook and email have all worked well for us. Members pay their dues the old fashioned way, although 50% pay using Paypal and we introduced Venmo this year too.

Regretfully, our Chapter recently lost sister Lemonia Mavrophilipos. May her memory be eternal. We also marked the wedding of Vassilios Mavrophilipos, son of Dimitri and Stella Mavrophilipos. One of our members Marilena Tripoulas and Christopher Rothenberger had a child.

We are looking forward to our upcoming dance November 11th in Baltimore, MD, as well as hosting a memorable Convention in Washington, DC commemorating the Chapter's 50th Anniversary.

I'd like to thank again our host chapter for their hospitality. It may be a bit chilly outside but their warmth definitely warms our hearts.

Respectfully submitted, George Moratis, Chapter Lefkas President

#### Chapter #17 Christ E. Aivaliotis, Columbus, OH

Greetings to all of our fellow Ikarians from the Christ E. Aivaliotis Chapter #17. Along with the Akron Chapter and President Lia Spiethas, we had a very busy year.

We have to date, 40 paid members. Our best memories for the last twelve months are the many successful combined meetings of the Columbus, Ohio, chapter and the Akron, Ohio, chapter V.I. Chebithes #2. We all feel like we have made best friends for life while working together to make this convention successful.

We are excited and gearing up for the Columbus Pan-Icarian National Convention here in 2017!! We have a lot of events planned and we are looking forward to a large crowd.

Marino and Jackie Moraitis attended the Youth Conference in Clearwater, Florida, in February and we were able to attend the Glendi also. The Helios Chapter invited Marino and I to two dinners and I was able to give a speech at the Youth Banquet to give a presentation for the Columbus Pan-Icarian Convention.

From our Chapter are two wonderful sisters, Christina Xidas and Victoria Xidas and each received a \$2,000 scholarship. They are daughters to Tony and Penny Xidas. Bravo!!!!

We are losing Nickie Mercier, our vice-president for many years. She is moving to Clearwater, Florida and joining the Helios Chapter, She will be missed!

One member of our chapter passed away this year. Jack Schoener, the husband of Flora "Fifi" Fronista-Schoener.

They celebrated 64 years of marriage. Jack was 84 years old. Dr. Harry Fronista and his wife Sylvia celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a large party in Dayton, Ohio where they reside.

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Chapter #17 Christ E. Aivaliotis, Columbus, OH - continued

During a meeting at the home of Marino and Jackie Moraitis on May 28, a memorial was held for the mother of Jackie Michaelides, Her mother was Angeliki Kefalos, a devoted member of our chapter and her love for Ikaria was unmatched.

Our golf outing on September 1, 2017, and despite unusually cold weather, was a success. A transit bus picked up the golfers at the back entrance of the Hyatt, a dinner was served and prizes were passed out.

Submitted by Jackie Moraitis, Chapter Aivaliotis President

Chapter #19 Helios, Clearwater, FL

We thank the chapters of Akron and Columbus for hosting the Convention this year!

Helios Chapter enjoyed a very busy year! We have 145 members paid for 2017.

Christmas meeting was a delicious pot-luck dinner on Dec 18, 2016 with elections and Santa surprised over 15 children with gifts. We held our first gift exchange among our members which was a big hit!

Our annual Helios Chapter Christmas Card was supported by not only our own members but also our fellow Icarians. It was mailed out to Icarians across the country. We thank you for your interest with this fundraiser and ask for your continued support. It is only \$20 to submit your name or chapter's name for the Christmas Card. Please see PSP Sonja Stefanadis, or myself to be included.

Feb 17-19, Helios Chapter had the pleasure of hosting our 40th Glendi Weekend which consisted of the Youth Conference, Supreme Lodge meeting, 40th Annual Dinner Dance and Golf Tournament.

Youth Conference - 25 delegates representing various chapters plus non-delegates (over 40 total) gathered at the Blind Goat Bar in Tampa, FL on Friday and enjoyed a night of dancing, delicious food, pool, ping pong, darts and great fellowship. Their meeting took place at Helios Chapter Leski the following day. The Youth Governor, Erica Availiotis, presented fresh ideas to the youth and developed unity among them.

Supreme Lodge meeting was also held on Saturday at our Leski which followed the Youth Conference. It was a great pleasure for us to host Supreme Pres George Paralemos and the Supreme lodge officers who conducted their business meeting. A delicious lunch was prepared by Helios Chapter for all in attendance including the youth.

Dinner Dance 40th Glendi took place on Saturday night in Tarpon Springs, FL. It was well attended with a strong youth presence with a lot of Kefi. Leonidas Tsantiris on violi entertained us.

Golf Tournament- took place the following day with 40 Golfers enjoying 18 holes of golf and a wonderful awards banquet which followed at Wentworth Country Club in Tarpon Springs, FL.

Greek Independence Day Parade took place on a beautiful, sunny March day in Tarpon Springs, FL. Helios Chapter proudly marched and waved banners and flags. Even some of our youngest youth enjoyed all the festivities!

AFGLC (American Foundation of Greek Language and Culture) Conference took place in Tarpon Springs, FL at the St. Petersburg College Auditorium in April. It was attended by over 200 people. President of Helios Chapter, Dr. Linda Murray presented a slide presentation on "Prescription for Longevity" focusing on the secrets of healthy living of the people who live on the beautiful Island of Ikaria.

2nd Annual Greek Heritage Day at the Tampa Bay Rays Baseball Game took place in May. Over 25 people from our group attended as well as fellow Greeks and their friends from other Greek organizations and churches. We all received free Baseball Hats and had a great time!

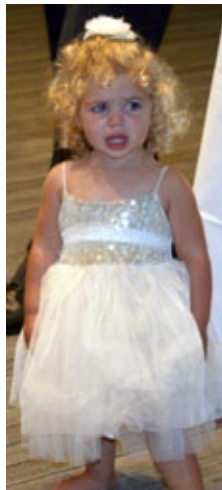
Philanthropic Assistance- contributed to this year: Soccer Team in Greece, and donated to the young boy with mitochondrial disease in Ikaria as well as the Ikarian young man who required a lung transplant. (Mr. Plutis) .

Births- Zoe Andreson, Olivia Pardos, Petra Dorymer, Grandbaby Tsambis

Sadly the Members who have passed-Lemonia Poumakis, Nicholas Kayafas, Penelope Karoutsos, Chrysoula Pardos, Steven Stephanadis, Liberty Mitchell, Steven Sakoutis, Mary Vassilaros, Pete Patellis, John Glaros, George Mantakounis, Chris Moraitis, and Sophia Koutoufaris. May their memories be eternal.



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#### Chapter #19 Helios, Clearwater, FL - continued

Leski- Fire engulfed our building 10 years ago. The new building is complete however we continue to work on fundraising ideas to help decrease the amount owed on the building of over \$120,000. Donations to our chapter are always welcome. Since we are a 501c3 all donations are tax-ductable.

Future events- Our 41st Annual Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday, Feb 3, 2018 in Clearwater, FL. We hope to also have another Golf Tournament as well. See you all there!

Christmas Card-reminder to submit your name and/or your chapter's name for \$20 to be included in this year's Christmas Card. Please see Sonja Stefanadis or myself to be included.

God Bless our Icarian Family and Friends! We hope our traditions live on for many generations to come!

Respectfully submitted by Linda Tripodis Murray, Chapter Helios President

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*PSP times 3*



*A Birthday Celebration*





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Καλα Χριστουγεννα  
και  
Καλη Χρονια

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year*

Katherine Glaros Papathanasis  
Lychnos Chapter 11



**A call to all LEFES Family Members**

I am working on a family tree and would love your help! There are not many of us left, so please contact me if your ancestry includes a Lefes in your family.

**Chrissa Lefes, District 1 Governor**  
**(914) 582-9334 or email CHSJLS@aol.com**



*Part of Chrissa's family tree,  
her three daughters and son-in-law*

## Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros"

### 2017 Supreme President's Address at the Convention Grand Banquet

Good evening everyone! Kalispera sas!

Father Demetrious, Distinguished Guests, Brothers, Sisters, Friends:

First, a big round of applause for Convention Co-Chairs Lia Spithas Fresty and Jackie Moraitis and the entire Akron and Columbus Chapters for hosting this very successful Convention! This Convention was a long time coming, over 40 years in the making. But it was worth the wait. The committee and chapter members have put in a tremendous amount of hard work to organize this Convention. It is well attended and organized and more importantly full of fun! We thank you for your hard work and hospitality.



All our success this year as a Brotherhood has been a true team effort. So, I would like to take a moment to recognize this year's Supreme Lodge. Please stand when I call your name to be recognized.

Damianos Skaros - Supreme Vice President.	Cathy Pandeladis - Supreme Secretary.
Katerina Mavrophilipos - Supreme Treasurer	Chrissa Lefes - Governor for District #1.
George Karnavas - Governor for District #2	Steve Stratakos - Governor for District #3
Evangelos Frangos - Governor for District #4	Athena Charnas Pugliese - Governor for District #5
Erica Aivaliotis - Governor for the Youth	James Lakerdas - Scholarship Chair
Maria Vardaros - Supreme Counselor (Unfortunately, she could not be here tonight)	
Nick Skaros - Governor for District #6. (Unfortunately, he could not be here tonight)	
We have a new addition to the Supreme Lodge for next year- Alexandra Katsas - Governor for District #5. Please also stand up to be recognized:	

I also want to recognize Ikaria Magazine editor, Mary Achidafty Deschamps for the wonderful job she does with the publication.

I also want to take the opportunity to thank my family, especially my wife Tina. She has always supported me in this long journey and I thank her for all that she has done. I could not be here today without her.

This evening, we also have several Past Supreme Presidents in attendance. Through their leadership and commitment, they have made the Brotherhood the great organization it is today. Please stand to be recognized.

Past Supreme President John Lygizos	Past Supreme President George Contis
Past Supreme President John Sakoutis	Past Supreme President Nick Tsalis
Past Supreme President Mike Aivaliotis	Past Supreme President Nik Pasamihalis
Past Supreme President Terry Platis	
Past Supreme President and current Foundation Vice Chair Ellene Tratras Contis	
Past Supreme President and current Foundation Director Dr. Stanton Tripodis	
Past Supreme President and current Foundation Chair George Horiates	
Past Supreme President and current Foundation Director Sonja Stefanadis	
Past Supreme President and current Foundation Director George Koklanaris	

On a sad note, we also had the passing this past year of our beloved Foundation Chairman Nikita Tripodes. Brother Nikita spent a lifetime devoted to the Brotherhood, and he played a vital role being our unofficial historian. Nikita was a kind man, a great Brother and was beloved by all.

May his memory be eternal.



## Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros"

### 2017 Supreme President's Address at the Convention Grand Banquet

Before I continue with my speech, I want to pay special recognition to a few individuals. These individuals are leading advocates for the promotion and preservation of Greek culture and identity and have helped administer philanthropic endeavors for medical aid, scholarships and disaster relief and other charitable causes in North America and Greece.

I first want to call to the podium Past Supreme President Terry Platis to accept a recognition award on behalf of the Brotherhood. I want to thank Terry for her mentorship and inspiration that she has provided to me. Her love for Ikaria and her commitment to the Brotherhood is unwavering.



I also want to recognize two stars who are not only dedicated to the Brotherhood but to another prestigious Greek organization named AHEPA. I would like to call to the podium our very own Carl Hollister who was recently elected to Supreme President of AHEPA (a huge feat) and Tria Charnas Immediate Past Grand President of Maids of Athena. I have witnessed firsthand their leadership and dedication to Hellenism. We want you to know that we are all very proud of you. Congratulations!



As your Supreme President, the constant challenge is how to take the Brotherhood to the next level. Many of us are aware of our Brotherhood's remarkable organizational history and successes. Our forefathers came to this country with very little education and as the old saying goes "just a dollar" in their pocket. They worked hard doing mostly odd and dangerous jobs. However, they never forgot where they came from or the loved ones they left behind.

Ordinary Ikarrians here in America built this Brotherhood and in turn through their collective passion they built High Schools, hospitals, roads, old aged homes and so much more. It's remarkable what we have accomplished the last 114 years. That said, we can not only dwell on the past. The challenges of today are plenty and what will our future look like? How do we continue to fulfill our mission and succeed? The answer to that lies with our Youth. We are fortunate to stand out from other Greek organizations in our willingness to embrace and encourage our Youth to participate in the life of our Brotherhood. However, let us not take that for granted.



The Youth are the back bone of the Brotherhood and they can and will change the future of the organization. Over the past several years, the Youth have stepped up by participating in many meetings, projects and conferences. Today, programs are being developed in partnership with our Youth to be effective at engaging the membership. The continuous push to involve our Youth as partners in making decisions increases the likelihood to setting them on a course to continue the important work of the Brotherhood into the future.



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Therefore, what I ask from all of you here tonight is to support and encourage the Youth in your respective chapters to stay involved, participate and attend future Conventions and Conferences. I know we have a lot of rising stars so let's do our best to help them succeed. Lastly, I hope more donations can be made to the Brotherhood to help sustain and even expand the Youth Conferences and programs in the upcoming years. We need to think big... our future depends on it!



In closing, I want to once again thank the Akron and Columbus chapters for hosting this great Convention. I also want to thank all the chapter officers and members of the Brotherhood for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. The effort and commitment you provide is exactly why our great organization continues to thrive!

It has been a true honor and pleasure to serve you this past year.

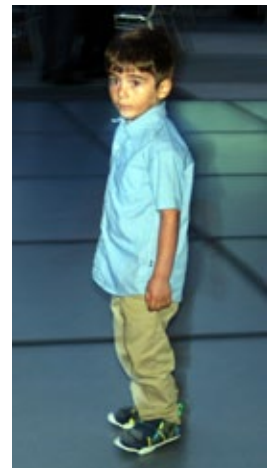
I look forward to a successful partnership in the new year.

Have a good night everyone.  
Sas efxaristo olous!  
Kali diaskedasi!



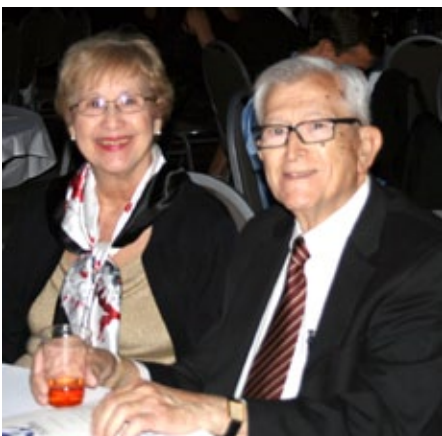


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Pan Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros"  
**ICARIAN SPOTLIGHT**

John Kalambogias is pursuing his PhD from the Graduate Center, City University of New York in Neuroscience. He is currently working in Dr. John H. Martin's laboratory of neuroanatomy and neurophysiology at the City University of New York School of Medicine. His thesis work is investigating the role of a gene important in the development of the corticospinal tract, a motor system pathway between the brain and spinal cord, involved in controlling our voluntary movements and translating our thoughts into action.

John and colleagues recently published an article in the journal, Science, July 2017 titled, "Control of species-dependent cortico-motoneuronal connections underling manual dexterity". The article focuses on a special connection of the corticospinal tract between the brain and spinal cord (called CM connection) critical for fine movements of our fingers. Blocking this molecular mechanism may explain how this connection is formed in baby mice, how they disappear in older animals, and whether this information may one day help people suffering from motor disabilities. John is planning to graduate by next summer 2018. He is the son of Elias and Katerina Kalambogias and was recently married to Maria Kolitsos in May of 2016.



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**PAN-ICARIAN FOUNDATION OF AMERICA**



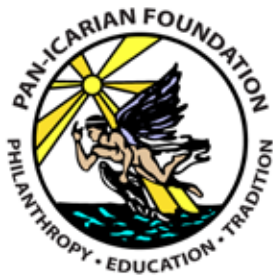
Christmas time is coming again and we say "Merry Christmas" to all of you, members of our large Pan-Icarian family. We know many of you have been fortunate with prosperity, health, and wonderful families.

Sadly, we have some who are struggling this Christmas. From significant medical conditions, natural disasters both here and abroad, including Ikaria, there exists a range of conditions that can disrupt lives indiscriminately and, often, without warning.

We also have a wonderful scholarship program whereby, over the last few years, with your assistance we have ensured through your generosity that no young child has been turned away from assistance from your Foundation.

You have funded cultural endeavors as well, from this magazine, our national archives, youth conferences, and in turn we have instilled a sense of pride in our heritage in our youth.

Will you give a gift this year so we can continue to help to keep Icarian cheer home for Christmas and beyond?



In 1965 a tax exempt "Pan-Icarian Foundation" was established to administer the philanthropic endeavors of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. Since its inception the Foundation has distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars for medical aid, scholarships, disaster relief, and other charitable causes in North America and Greece.

Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible and can be sent to:

Pan-Icarian Foundation  
Post Office Box 79037  
Pittsburgh, PA 15216-0037

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

On behalf of the Foundation Officers,  
George G. Horiates, Chair

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

**Foundation Donations received 6/13/2017 to 10/10/2017**

Bettina Katsaros Medical Fund

Nicki Janis Vessol & Rozina Janis Karnavas	2,000.00	
Chapter Icaros	250.00	
Chapter Icaros	500.00	
Langada Spirit of Icaria Chapter 23	100.00	
Rodites, Alexander	50.00	
St. Barbara's Philoptochos	50.00	\$2,950.00

General Fund

Aivaliotis, Emanuel & Elaine	In Memory of Katherine Kefalos	100.00	
Aivaliotis, Emanuel & Elaine	In Memory of Nicholas D. Scaros	100.00	
Aivaliotis, Emanuel & Elaine		250.00	
Amorgianos, Emanuel & Aprhrodite	In Memory of Vasili Calaboyias	100.00	
Apostolakis, Vasilia	In Memory of Stephanos Sakoutis	100.00	
Chapter Icaros	In Memory of Katherine Kefalos	100.00	
Chapter Icaros	In Memory of Erene Myrianthopoulos	100.00	
Chapter Icaros	In Memory of Vasili Calaboyias	100.00	
Chapter Icaros	In Memory of Harry James	100.00	
Contes, Zachary	In Memory of Steve Sakoutis	200.00	
Hareras, Pennie	In Memory of Eleftheria Koutsouflakis	200.00	
Indovinar, Mary Ellen	In Memory of Katherine Kefalos	50.00	
Kazalas, Angelos & Tula	In Memory of Eleftheria Koutsouflakis	50.00	
Langada Spirit of Icaria Chapter 23	In Memory of John Contogianes	100.00	
Lardas, Nick & Zoe	In Memory of Eleftheria Koutsouflakis	75.00	
Lewis, George & Laurie and George	In Memory of Nicholas D. Scaros	200.00	
Pan-Icarian Brotherhood		1,904.40	
Papathanasis, Katherine	In Memory of Mary Gemellos	100.00	
Papathanasis, Katherine	In Memory of Gus Glaros	150.00	
Pappas, Spiro & Georgia	In Memory of Harry James	40.00	
Politis, Nellie	In Memory of Harry James	100.00	
Polizzi, Hannah	In Memory of Nicholas D. Scaros	25.00	
Saffo, Renee	In Memory of Harry James	50.00	
Skezas, Jacob & Rula	In Memory of Vasili Calaboyias	50.00	
Torris, Shirley	In Memory of Eleftheria Koutsouflakis	20.00	
Tsambis, Dimitri & Constance	In Memory of Mary Aivaliotis	100.00	
Vassilaros, Leon & Maria	In Memory of Harry James	150.00	
Vassilaros, Leon & Maria	In Memory of Eleftheria Koutsouflakis	150.00	
Xexankis, Coleen	In Memory of Eleftheria Koutsouflakis	30.00	
Zaras, Anthony & Becky	In Memory of Eleftheria Koutsouflakis	100.00	\$4,894.40

George Spanos & Areti #9 Scholarship Fund

AHEPA V.I. Chebithes Chapter 391	200.00	
Avalotis Corporation	400.00	\$600.00

Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund

Chapter Icaros	500.00	\$500.00
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**Foundation Donations received 6/13/2017 to 10/10/2017**

**Ikaria Band Fund**

Papathanasis, Katherine	500.00	\$500.00
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**Ikaria Magazine Fund**

Papathanasis, Katherine	300.00	\$300.00
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**John Janis Kotsogiannis Scholarship Fund**

Nicki Janis Vessol & Rozina Janis Karnavas		
In Memory of John Janis Kotsogiannis	30,000.00	\$30,000.00

**Nick & Alexandra Koklanaris Scholarship Fund**

Koklanaris, Dr. Nikki	In Memory of Nick and Alexandra Koklanaris	300.00	\$300.00
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**Nicko Pandeladis Scholarship Fund**

Aivaliotis, Emanuel & Elaine	In Memory of Nicko Pandeladis	100.00	
Batouyios, Dimitrios & Toulia	In Memory of Nicko Pandeladis	30.00	
Kazalas, Angelo & Tula	In Memory of Nicko Pandeladis	50.00	
Pandeladis, Georgia	In Memory of Nicko Pandeladis	5,458.00	
Pandeladis, Leonidas	In Memory of Nicko Pandeladis	5,458.00	
Pandeladis, Cathy	In Memory of Nicko Pandeladis	5,000.00	
Theofolis, Barbara	In Memory of Nicko Pandeladis	50.00	
Tsambis, Dimitri & Constance	In Memory of Nicko Pandeladis	100.00	\$16,246.00

**Dr. Nikitas J. Tripodes Scholarship Fund**

Albeck, Irene & Mary Udria	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	75.00	
Asimes, Dean & Alexandra	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	25.00	
Bessenger, Frank & Janice	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	20.00	
Binikos, John & Chrisanthi	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	50.00	
Buzas, John & Pamela	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	500.00	
Chapter Icaros	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	1,000.00	
Charnas and Family, Stella	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	100.00	
Glaros, George & Litsa	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	200.00	
Herouvis, Vivian	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	200.00	
Katsaros, Nick & Connie	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	100.00	
Katsaros, Peter & Des	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	75.00	
Kayafas, Anthony & Anna	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	100.00	
Koklanaris, George & Stamatoula	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	200.00	
Kontoveros, Bill & Kim	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	200.00	
Lardis, George & Dorothy	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	100.00	
Malachias, Vange	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	50.00	
Malina, Dorothea	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	200.00	
Murray, John & Linda	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	150.00	



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

**Foundation Donations received 6/13/2017 to 10/10/2017**

Dr. Nikitas J. Tripodes Scholarship Fund (continued)

Pandeladis, Catherine	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	50.00	
Pandeladis, Georgia	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	100.00	
Pegadiotes, George & Maria	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	2,000.00	
Pegadiotes, Stelios & Yianna	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	1,000.00	
Stefanidis, Sonja	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	200.00	
Thomas, Stella	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	100.00	
Tripodes, Phokion & Joanne	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	100.00	
Vassilaros, George & Maria	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	50.00	
Yiakas and Family, Kostas & Argyro	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	1,000.00	
Zerlentes, Minerva	In Memory of Nikitas Tripodes	100.00	\$8,045.00

Old Age Home Fund

Facaros, John & Sophia	In Memory of Vasili Calaboyias	50.00	
Houston, Gerald & Sarah	In Memory of Vasili Calaboyias	100.00	\$150.00

Scholarship Fund

Chapter Icaros	In Memory of Eleftheria Koutsouflakis	100.00	
Kayafas, Anthony & Anna	In Memory of Nikolaos Panas	100.00	
Kayafas, Anthony & Anna	In Memory of Nikolaos Poris	100.00	
Papathanasis, Katherine	In Memory of John Steven Glaros (50 years)	250.00	
Raich, Michael & Mary Calaboyias	In Memory of Vasili Calaboyias	50.00	\$600.00

**Grand Total:      \$65,085.40**

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## Headquarters News

### Supreme Treasurer Horiates and Canadian President Argiriou close out official AHEPA visit to Thessaloniki

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On Monday September 25, 2017 AHEPA continued its events leading to the celebration commemorating the 25 years of the Enthronement of our Ecumenical Patriarch at an exhibition in Thessaloniki. Supreme Treasurer George Horiates, on behalf of Supreme President Carl Hollister, and with Canadian President Christos Argiriou and Supreme Governor of Europe Alfred Baruch went on an extensive tour of the AHEPA hospital. They met with hospital board members, its president and discussed the needs of the institution. AHEPA was praised for its past commitments to quality care and it was noted by officials the hospital serves as a focal point for AHEPA in the region. Annually the AHEPA donates much needed assistance to the AHEPA hospital.



On Tuesday, Supreme Treasurer Horiates and Canadian President Argiriou participated in the official reception in honor of the Patriarchal visitation. In addition to AHEPA, city and regional authorities including the Minister of Macedonian Trades Ms. Maria Kolia Tsaroychas, Mr. Tzitzikostas Regional Director, the Chancellors of the Four Universities, all consul generals, General Bikos, Mayor of Thessaloniki Boutaris and local members of Parliament also attended.

The famed Roman Agora of Thessaloniki was the site of the Patriarchal event. As a sponsor the AHEPA lead the way with over 1000 people at the open and makeshift exhibition area. Members of the Greek government, representatives of the Greek Orthodox Church and an overwhelming coalition of AHEPA

members throughout Europe awaited the arrival of His All Holiness, Patriarch Bartholomew. Supreme Treasurer George Horiates extended the formal greeting of the Supreme President on behalf of all the worldwide members of the Order. The AHEPA master of ceremonies was Past District Governor of District 25 Tassos Mastrogiannis. A gift to His All Holiness was presented on the occasion of the AHEPA funded exhibition. Members of the Supreme Lodge along with the AHEPA chapter #78 of Indian (District 12) assisted in funding of the exhibit. Both Brother Horiates and Canadian President Argiriou were presented with a commemorative plaque for the occasion.

Supreme Treasurer Horiates conveyed the warmest greetings of the Supreme President and provided an eloquent address on the occasion of the 25 year enthronement of the Patriarch. Upon conclusion of the ceremony a tour of the exhibition ensued, with the Supreme Lodge officers including Supreme Governor Alfred Barich escorting His All Holiness.

The evening concluded with a reception by AHEPA and the congratulations certainly were in order. Upon learning of the passing of the Supreme President's grandfather, the Supreme Lodge officers contacted Supreme President Hollister to extend their condolences. They also raised a toast to Mr. Space and to his memory. When learning of this action, the Supreme President gave his thanks to all, commenting that his grandfather was a great AHEPA member.



Submitted by Youth Governor Erica Aivaliotis

Thank you to Chapters Christ E. Aivaliotis and V.I. Chebithes for planning and hosting an excellent 2017 Convention. I had fun from beginning to end and was happy to see so many of our youth involved in different events throughout the weekend. This year, my goal



was to follow in the footsteps of past Youth Governors and increase youth involvement at the local and national levels. While progress takes time, I believe we are moving in the right direction.

In February 2017, approximately 50 youth headed to Florida for Chapter Helios' annual dance and the Youth Leadership Conference. The turnout was great, and the youth did not just show up for the social events. A majority stayed for the Supreme Lodge meeting and were incredibly engaged in the meeting of the Youth Leadership Conference.

As a group, it was decided that the youth should spearhead an initiative proposed at the November 2016 Lodge meeting - a 2017 Service Project. Four service projects were successfully planned and executed. Chapters Icaros, Lefkas, Therma, and Pandiki did a great job organizing an array of events, some of which caught the attention of local media. While it is obvious that we are proud of our Ikarian heritage, we thought it was important to give back to the communities that have embraced us throughout the years. Hopefully this project will grow in the coming years and the benevolence of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood (PIB) will reach more individuals outside of the organization.

Another topic of discussion from the Youth Leadership Conference has resulted in a wider-reaching and more interactive social media presence. By decreasing the Social Media Committee to two individuals (Katie Kefalos and Rainia Lardas), the PIB's social media presence is more cohesive and focused. I believe these changes have allowed the PIB to advertise events, meetings, and happenings to many more people across the country. Hopefully, in years to come, we will see the benefits of a strong social media presence to the tune of increased membership and participation.

Finally, the youth recognized a need for more financial assistance for the chapters hosting the Youth Leadership Conference. In an effort to assist with the costs associated with hosting, a Fundraising Committee was created. Many ideas were suggested, and the committee decided on a tank top designed by Peter Panagopoulos from Chapter Pandiki. The top was printed and sold at different events throughout the year. To date, we have raised \$310 from tank top sales and hope to sell more in the future. A per-



sonal goal of mine is to update the Youth Website by end of year, where we will be able to sell the tank top and other merchandise for fundraising efforts.

Throughout the year, the youth demonstrated a sincere gratitude for and interest in the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. Their presence is being felt at the local and national levels and is evidenced by a high turnout



at Convention meetings, a Lodge that consists of at least four past participants of the Youth Conference, youth holding office at the chapter level, a willingness to help where needed (even the Saturday after a Convention Bar Crawl!), and an overall increased visibility throughout the organization. We are currently planning our 2018 Youth Leadership Conference, and I am eager to see what exciting endeavors are in store!



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Pramne # 1 Youngstown has been enjoying summer events as well as the arrival of new future members!

Dave and Dana (Elias) Patrick recently welcomed their



first child into the world. Elysia June was born June 15. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21 inches long. Elysia was presented to

St. John the Forerunner in Boardman for her 40 day blessing on July 23. May God bless the happy family! Syncharitiria!



Pramne #1 ended the summer with a wine and cheese party in August, hosted by Diane and Paul Rice. There was a great turnout! Members and friends enjoyed the evening, complete with a slideshow of pictures from Ikaria.

Five members of Pramne #1 attended the national convention in Columbus, including Chapter President Aspasia (Tourvas) Elias. It was a wonderful weekend; many thanks to the Columbus and Akron chapters for an amazing job planning this year's convention!



Submitted by  
Jaclyn Sarah Senich,  
Chapter secretary

*At the convention  
(top)  
Alexis & Dan Spohn  
(bottom)  
Jaclyn Senich &  
Alexis Spohn*



## *Happenings in the Hallways - 2017 National Convention, Columbus, Ohio*



Greetings from Akron Chapter #2 VI Chembithes!

Much appreciation to all our Sisters and Brothers for making the trip to Columbus over Labor Day Weekend for the 114th Annual Convention! We were so pleased to see you all and to celebrate our beautiful Ikarian heritage!

*Volunteers: George Charnas, Annette Rizopoulos, Georgia Charnas, Michael Wells, AnnMaria Wells*



*Ikarian Ohio State expert Chris Manolis with a campus walking tour group*

Millions of thank-yous to everyone who worked to make this convention possible. There are too many names to list here, but your creative ideas, resourcefulness, collaboration and commitment were the key to our success. We are so lucky to have had an amazing team of volunteers from both the Akron and Columbus Chapters.



*Registration Booth Experts:  
Argie Spithas-Miner,  
Andrea (Parianos) Utrup,  
Lisa Tonies*



*Grand Panygiri dance team from Akron VI Chembithes*

Currently, we are working to finalize the financial obligations of the convention, and plan to wrap up our efforts with a party at the home of Andrea & David Utrup on November 4th. Let's celebrate!



Greetings from the Members of Chapter Pharos.  
Hoping everyone had a great summer!

We've had a busy summer here in Cleveland. We finally finished the renovations on the house behind our leski and have it rented out. We've started some projects on the hall, and are hoping to complete before winter.



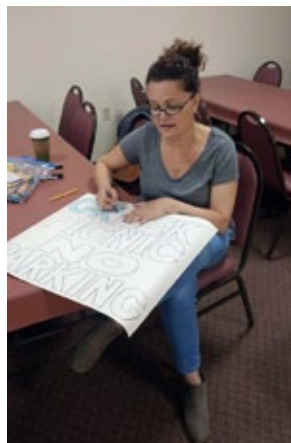
Many of our members attended the Convention in Columbus and had a great time. Thank you to the Akron and Columbus Chapters for hosting such a wonderful event.

At our September meeting we celebrated the 90th birthday of George Achedafty. Congratulations Mr. Achedafty!!



In August we held our first every Paniyiri at the leski. It was very well attended. We had lamb, souvlakia, loucounades, and much more. We also had live music.

Many of our members helped make this a success, and we are planning on making this an annual event.



We are planning some events for the fall. At our October meeting we are planning to celebrate Halloween for the young and old with a loucounades fundraiser. We are also planning our annual Holiday and New Year's parties. Plans are also in the making for our annual Independence Day Dance. Due to a scheduling conflict, we will be holding the dance in April. Stay tuned for more details.

# DAEDALOS

WARREN #4

Greetings to all from charming Warren, Ohio's Daedalos Chapter #4.

Congratulations to the Columbus and Akron chapters for putting on an amazing convention !!! The hotel was great and the dances were packed...what else can you ask for.

Marianna Argyro Facaros born on October 3, 2017 to Theologos and Fotini Raptis Facaros. Everyone is doing well and her big sister, 3 year old Sophia Filio, is excited to welcome another girl to the family.

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas dinner in December.



# PANDIKI

NEW YORK #5



## *Fall Dance*

NY Icarians and their family and friends came together to enjoy a night of great entertainment and good para.





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

On July 15, 2017, over 50 Chapter Icaros members and friends gathered for a day at the ballpark. The fun began at 4:00pm with a tailgate party and continued for the 7:00pm Pirates vs Cardinals game.



Congratulations go out to:

- Christiana Raftis, 2017 high school graduate of Upper St. Clair. Christiana will be attending Slippery Rock University.
- Sideris and Katie (Mihalopoulos) Facaros on the birth of their son, Yianni Thomas, born August 23, 2017.
- Athina Kouknas and Dean Mourselas, who were married in Ikaria on July 29, 2017.
- Tia Vassilaros and Christian Klay, who were married September 16, 2017.

We were greatly saddened by the deaths of Vasili Calaboyias, Harry James, Katherine Kefalos, Eleftheria "Lefty" Koutsouflakis, Erene Myrianthopoulos, and Anna (Calaboyias) Shape. May their memory be eternal.

We wish all our brothers and sisters a wonderful holiday season.

Submitted by Chapter Icaros Corresponding Secretary Anna Aivaliotis



News from the Columbus Convention: Chapter Icaros was once again recognized as the largest chapter in the Brotherhood, thanks to our devoted members. Cathy Pandeladis continues to serve as Supreme Lodge Secretary, and Erica Aivaliotis continues to serve as Youth Governor. Congratulations to both!

Upcoming events include our annual Halloween / Oxi Day Celebration on October 29, 2017; Bingo Night on November 10, 2017; Baking Demo with Barbara Polimus on November 19, 2017; and our annual Pizza with Santa Party on December 2, 2017.

Drs. Sid and Katie Facaros announce the birth of their son Yianni Thomas on August 23, 2017 at 2:44 am. He weighed 11.8 lbs and 21.5 inches long. Proud Grandparents are Ernie and Patti Mihalopoulos of McCandless and Yianni and Sophia Facaros of Oakmont, Pa. Both families could not be happier!



Greetings from the Chicago chapter! Congratulations to the Akron and Columbus chapters for hosting and organizing a wonderful convention! Perhaps some of the best souvenirs we've seen... everyone loved the hoodies and 'Kariotiko' touting bottle opener. Also, we loved having our own chapter's Peter Karnavas on violin and



Ormi Orchestra. Per usual, the music and dancing lasted well into the morning. Bravo! Our chapter members, James Lakerdas is Scholarship Chair and Steve Stratakos is District 3 Governor. Congratulations!

Rewinding to December 2016: Our chapter gathered for a fun Bingo Night. A huge thank you to Olga Manolis, Milton & Patti Manolis, and Toulia Skavdis for organizing a wonderful night benefiting John Ploutis! Another great big thanks to everyone who attended and came with their hearts and hands full! Our chapter is thankful for you all!



Our chapter gathered at the Brookfield Zoo and trimmed our annual Ikarian blue and white Christmas Tree.



We then gathered together to say goodbye to 2016 and hello to 2017 at our annual New Year's Eve dance.

Thank you to Tony & Katherine Kavouris for organizing another successful NYE and for all their hard work! With all of life's happenings, it was just nice to see everyone, connect, support each other, and



ring in the new year together. This is why the continuity of our group is so important. We indeed are one big, fat Greek family! We cannot wait to dance with Paul Colaros soon again, we love you Paul!

On a lovely "Chicago spring" April day, our chapter marched in the annual Greek Independence Day Parade in the heart of Chicago's Greektown. We braved the cold air the Windy City had to offer and our pride for being Chicago's oldest Greek organization warmed up the streets! Kai tou xronou!



In July, we gathered for our annual chapter memorial service at Sts Constantine and Helen Church in Palos Hills, IL. The families of John Janis Kotsogiannis (1 year memorial) and Marino Tripodis (3 years memorial) invited friends and family to join them as they commemorated the lives of their loved ones along with the chapter's dearly departed. It was a special day remembering and honoring everyone's memory. Aiona h mnimi!



It is with a heavy heart that we announce our chapter's sad news. Sofronis Kosteris passed away in December 2016. Our deepest condolences to his family. May his memory be eternal.

Father George Massouras passed away in March 2017. Our deepest condolences to Tom and Nikki (Kotsogiannis) Massouras and their family. May his memory be eternal.

Tony Dinos passed away in June 2017. Our deepest condolences to Nick & Georgia (Dinos) Shizas and their family. May his memory be eternal.

Congratulations to John N and Lana Karnavas on the birth of their daughter, Iliana Nikole on March 10th.



Baby weighed in at 7lbs, 12 oz and measured 19.5 inches long. John is our current chapter president. Proud grandparents are members, Nick J & Vasilina Karnavas.

Na sas zhsei!

Theodora Parianos, daughter of Apostolos & Valerie Parianos, graduated with honors, from Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in May. Theodora is currently attending Illinois State University and is studying Special Education.



Nickolas C. Manesiotis, son of Christ and Olga Manesiotis, grandson of George and Maria Manolis from Magganiti Ikaria, graduated from Columbia College Chicago in May of 2017 with a Bachelors degree in Cinema Arts and Science. We're so proud of you Nick and all that you have accomplished. You followed your passion and let nothing stand in your way. We love you.



### *Happenings in the Hallways - 2017 National Convention, Columbus, Ohio*



Hello to everyone from Detroit.

We are so excited to have the opportunity to host the convention in 2019. Detroit is going through so many positive changes and we know that the convention will be fun and successful.

As for the past few months, as always, our first event of the spring was the macaronada on March 17th. As usual we know that this is a wonderful family gathering where



we see our friends and relatives and where we can visit and share great food and conversation. This year the food was donated in honor of all of the members of the Papalas Family who have passed on.



On June 24th we held another goat roast. Thank you to our president Steve Papalas for donating the food in honor of his parents, Mary and Marino, and Alex and Georgia Tzelepis for cooking. We also auctioned off gift baskets.

Thanks to everyone who donated, brought food, and helped clean and set up.

In the summer Steve Papalas and Dr. Greg Balog joined some of our members on the golf trip to Ireland.





On July 29th Dr. Dean Mourselas and Athina Kouknas were married in Ikaria in the lovely village of Petropouli. Dean is the son of John and Katherine Mourselas and Athina's parents are Magda and Pante-lis Mamatas and Paul Kouknas. So many Ikarians from the states were in attendance and, after some crazy traffic issues in Armenistis, the wedding was amazing.



People danced until the morning. Dean and Athina will be making their home in Naples, Florida where Dean has a dental practice. Fortunately they survived Hurricane Irma without a scratch.

Those of us who attended the convention had a wonderful time. It was great going to see a new city. The venue was perfect. We would like to express our appreciation to everyone who worked so hard to make 2017 a success.

Submitted by Katherine Mourselas



### *Happenings in the Hallways - 2017 National Convention, Columbus, Ohio*





Fall greetings from Chapter Therma.

Our chapter would like to thank our delegates who participated at the convention. We thank them for their time and their dedication to keep us informed.

We had our annual Fall Family Picnic and our delegates gave us their convention report. At our picnic, Tommy Malahias was awarded the Chapter Therma scholarship and George Malahias was awarded the Angeline B. Saffo scholarship. We congratulate them and wish them much success in their college year.



We welcome back all of our chapter members who visited Ikaria over the summer, including the Livanos, below, enjoying a game of tavli on the beach.



Our chapter is looking forward to the Christmas season. Our annual Christmas family event is always fun, and we will be moving forward with our chapter elections.

Congratulations to Irene (Karafas) Voneiff and her husband George, on the birth of their grandson, Nash Daniel Voneiff. Nash was born on August 24th, 2017.

We extend our sympathy to Lambra Koklanaris on the passing of her mother, Despina Kehris. She was 100 years old. May her memory be eternal!

Wishing you all a blessed fall and holiday season!"

Thank you!  
Sincerely,  
Kay Saffo Skandalakis



# THERMA

WILMINGTON #10

Chapter Therma Youth Beach Sweep - The chapter had a very successful weekend for our youth service project. Yi-anni Frangos would like to thank everyone for coming from both near and far to show their support for the Brotherhood and the community. Here's to next year.



# LYCHNOS

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA #11



A small informal meeting was held at the home of then District Governor, Athena Charnas in Los Gatos, CA. After the meeting we were treated to a trip to a Victorian Candy shop around the corner from Athena's house! Everyone had their SWEET TOOTH quite satisfied!



Chapter Atheras hosted their annual Father's day picnic in June. Atheras members enjoyed a BBQ and celebrated a successful year.

In September, Chapter Atheras hosted a Beef and Beer fund raiser to benefit the Bettina Katsaros Medical Fund. With the generous donations of its members we hope this small amount will help in some way.



*Cathy Horiates, Kaliop Kokolis, Eleni Mantagas*



*Nik J Pasamihalis, Dimitris Houtrides,  
Nick S Pasamihalis, Froso Kantarakis, Vaso Pasmihalis*

We had several members attend the National Convention in Ohio. We were happy to support Cleveland Chapter and help make it a successful convention.

Our upcoming events for October include our annual Halloween Parties, George Safos Golf Tournament, and preparations for our annual Ikarian Dance.

-Kaliop Kokolis



*Ikarian teens performing in Hellenic Heritage Dance Group; George T Horiates, Christina Gasparinatos, Alexandra Gasparinatos, Daphne Phillipousis, Nick Kokolis*



*Chapter President Nick Gasparinatos with his wife Denise and their five children at St. Thomas Church's 50th anniversary*

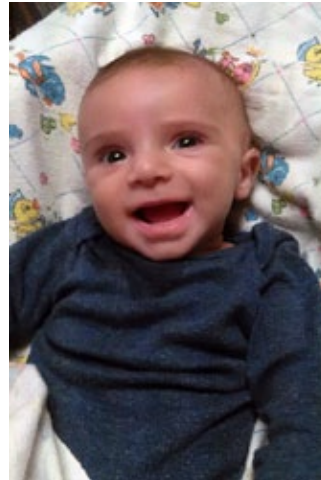
John Chris Kokolis,  
born February 8, 2017,  
7.8 pounds, 19 inches.  
Proud parents  
Angeliki and Denny Kokolis,  
brother Christos and sister  
Cyrena!



Ohio convention... cousins from Ohio, North Carolina, and New Jersey enjoying a fun evening.  
Polixeni Poulos, Eliana Fragos, Erini Poulos, Stavroula Horiates, Koula Fragos



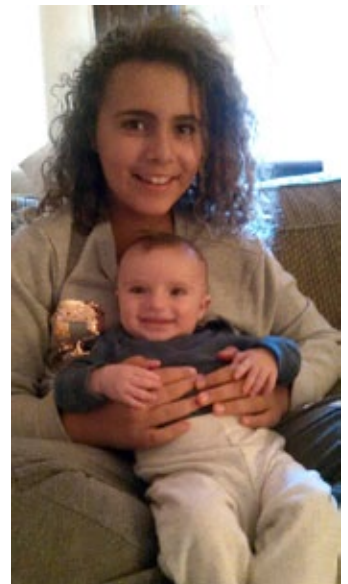
We would like to welcome  
Prodromos Dimitrios  
Houtridis  
on July 1st, 2017.  
Proud parents  
Prodromos and  
Sofia Houtridis



Angelo T. Horiates  
born on May 13, 2017.  
Proud parents  
Theologos and Christina  
Horiates.



Very happy sister Vasiliki  
with baby brother Angelo



An after-hours performance of the Ikariotiko  
in the hotel lobby





As we enter fall, Chapter Oinoe is still going strong in 2017. Chapter Oinoe worked and attended local September Greek Festivals in Pasadena and Covina. Koula Tripodes made her famous fig jam which sold at both festivals. Tony Horaites was the Loukoumades captain at the Pasadena festival. Members worked the food lines, behind the scenes in food preparation, as well as working the entrance gate and greeting visitors.



*Koula & Horaites family*

Chapter Oinoe was well represented at the annual Convention in Columbus, Ohio – including Past Foundation Chairman Gus Yiakas. We enjoyed catching up with family and friends at the annual gathering. Alexandra Katsas was elected District 5 Governor.



*four Horaites brothers*

Many members enjoyed visiting Ikaria this summer and also had an opportunity to visit family and friends from home while on the island. Some of the Oinoe members who visited Ikaria included Gus Yiakas, Vincent Lappas, Michael Binikos, Chapter President Constantino Z. Frangos and his mother Mary Frangos, Ari and Georgia Katopodis. Our apologies for missing any other members who visited Ikaria too.



*At left,  
Lappas  
family  
members*

*Katsaros & Yiakas families*





On Saturday, July 22, 2017, we held our annual Ikarian Independence Day and Agias Marinas Picnic in Garfield Park in South Pasadena, California – a location we had not visited for many years. Executive chef Jim Horaiteis cooked for an army of Ikarrians and friends. It was a wonderful afternoon and evening. Garfield Park has many park lights, allowing us to stay later and enjoy the picnic.



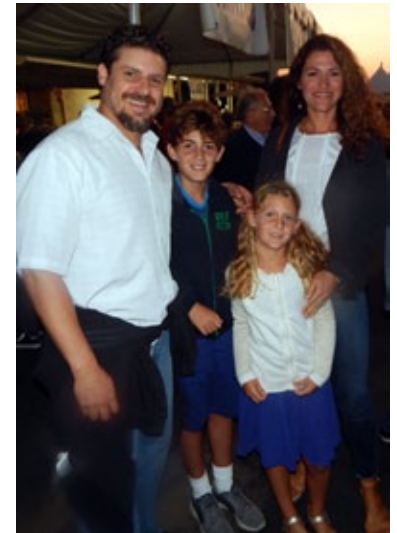
*Steven, Dean Tripodes, Tony Horaiteis*

On Monday, July 3, we did our annual Oinoe pilgrimage to the Hollywood Bowl. Past President Nicolas James organized our annual night at the Hollywood Bowl. We had over 60 participants attend this event. We started the evening picnicking on the grounds and celebrating Alexander James's 14th birthday. The Icarrians were treated to an amazing night of music and fireworks. We listened to the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra lead by conductor Thomas Wilkins playing patriotic songs then the a capella group Pentatonix wowed us with

their amazing voices. The evening ended with a fantastic fireworks show to get us all ready for the 4th of July. Other members

attending included the Lappas family including Virginia, Andrea, and Maria; brothers Jim and Tony Horaiteis; and Steve Saphos and family.

On June 4th – our Chapter and the Brotherhood suffered a tremendous loss with the passing of Nikitas "Nick" John Tripodes, D.D.S. (January 13, 1956 – June 4, 2017). For many years now, Nikitas has been a big part of the heart and soul of the Oinoe Chapter. Nick was incredibly active in the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood where he was a lifelong member, an active officer of his local chapter, and a delegate to many of the annual conventions. He eventually became a board member of the Brotherhood's charitable organization, the Pan-Icarian Foundation, and was elected Foundation Chairman in 2014 and remained Chairman until his passing.



On April 23, 2017 – the Oinoe Chapter met at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Under the leadership of Chapter President Frangos and Past Foundation Chairman Yiakas, the chapter had a productive meeting. Investment chairman Steven G. Tripodes reported on the chapter's financial investments, and reported we had a good quarter. The chapter is fond of meeting at the Beverly Hilton, as it reminds us of the successful Convention Oinoe hosted in 2011.



*Costa Frangos  
Jim Dimitriou*

Lastly, the Oinoe Chapter would like to thank the Pan-Icarian Lodge, the Pan-Icarian Foundation, and the Atheras Chapter which held a Chapter fundraiser to support cancer survivor Bettina Katsaros and her daughter Zoe. Bettina's father Tom (Themistocles) Katsaros and her grandparents Mike and Leona Katsaros were long time members. Bettina continues to share her gratitude with the Pan-Icarian community.



*Gus Yiakas  
Bettina Katsaros*

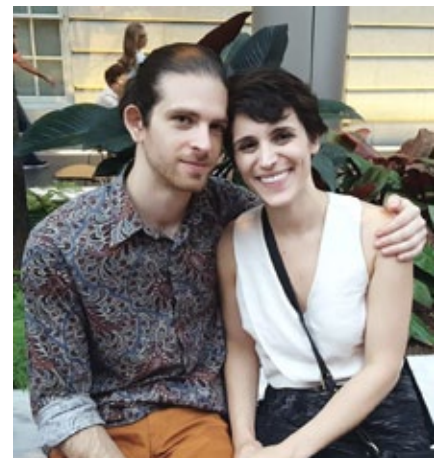
Chapter Oinoe wishes everyone a blessed fall, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Congratulations to one of our youngest Chapter Oinoe#14 members Peter James (far right) who did an amazing job dancing at this years St. Sophia Cathedral Greek Food Festival! Opa Petros!

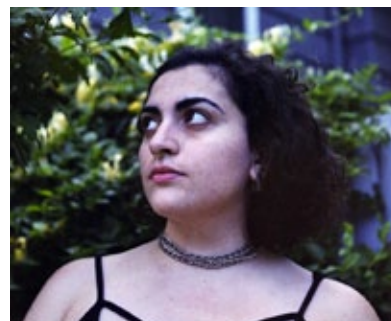


Chapter Oinoe member Nicole Saphos, daughter of Steve and Cheryl Saphos were married on October 15th to Ele Rubenstein.

The bride hails from Agoura Hills, California, and the groom from Takoma Park, Maryland. They met while students at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. The wedding took place at the East Lynn Farm in Round Hill, VA.



Erini Katopodis graduated in May from Emerson College with a BFA in Fiction, Magnam Cum Laude.



She has since relocated to Boston to work on her writing and music and released an EP which includes a song that draws on her Greek heritage.



Chapter Lefkas recently held a BBQ at the Leski.



We are very excited to jump into planning the upcoming convention in our nation's capital, Washington D.C!

Stay tuned for the details!

Hrisoula Mavrophilipos, daughter of Konstantinos and Stamatoula Mavrophilipos, graduated with a Masters of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Towson University.



### *Happenings in the Hallways - 2017 National Convention, Columbus, Ohio*





August 20, 2017, a combined meeting of the Columbus and Akron Chapters was held at the home of Argie Spithas-Minor in beautiful Bath Ohio.

Wonderful food was served and our meeting lasted from 3 pm 7 pm.

The meeting was well attended and we were able to wrap up all of the final touches for a great 2017 Convention!

Pictured is Jackie Moraitis, president of the chapter #17, and Lia Spithas Fresty, president of Chapter #2.



Thank you, Argie for hosting such an important event!

Submitted by: Jackie Moraitis

Congratulations to Harry and Sylvia on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Dr. Harry Fronista and Sylvia Acosta were married 60 years ago in Dayton, Ohio on June 15, 1957.

Their family has grown with five daughters and eleven grandchildren! Today they still reside in Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Harry is a family physician and still practicing. Harry's father, Zachery Fronista, is from Agios Kritikos, and his mother, Angela Glaros is from Glarethos. Harry and Sylvia met at the University of



Dayton. Sylvia received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton but first received her RN in Porta Rico, where she was born. Congratulations to Harry and Sylvia on your 60th Wedding Anniversary! A large party was given by their family in Dayton Ohio at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. It was a great time and a tribute to a wonderful couple and their family.

115th National Convention in Washington D.C.  
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Greetings from Helios Chapter to all our Brothers and Sisters throughout the country.

Many of our members enjoyed their vacation in Ikaria this summer visiting with relatives and feasting on the delicious foods and homemade wines of Ikaria.

*Plakas and Tripodis families*



Dancing until 6 in the morning to the sounds of the Ikariotiko violi ignited our youth's passion for their forefather's homeland as they long to return to this precious island. Swimming in the beautiful blue waters of Ikaria refreshed their minds and spirits.



*Cousins  
Constantine  
Vessol,  
Nicole and  
Cara Tripodis*

*PSP Stanton Tripodis  
at Seychelles*



Some of our chapter members attended the Convention in Columbus, Ohio, which was a great success. Congratulations to Akron and Columbus Chapters! Great to connect with our relatives!

*Leo Manta (Chicago)  
Chris Tripodis (Atlanta)  
and  
PSP Stan Tripodis  
(Clearwater)*



*Cousins  
Christina Murray  
(Clearwater) and  
Oliva Koklanaris  
(Detroit)*

*Cousins  
Christina  
Murray,  
Andrea Tripodis,  
Olivia  
Koklanaris,  
Nicole Tripodis*



*Cousins Toulia Koklanaris (Detroit)  
Olga Manesiotis (Chicago)  
Linda Tripodis Murray (Clearwater)*





Miracles do indeed happen! Great to see cousin Paul!



Chris Tripodis, PSP Stan Tripodis,  
Paul and Stacey Collaros (Chicago)  
Linda Tripodis Murray



Linda Murray, Nick Caggia  
Kaliope Parianos and Chrissoula Parianos

While in Columbus,  
some of us visited Ohio  
State University.

Harry Portellos  
and daughters  
Katerina and Theodora



On Sept 11, 2017 Hurricane Irma hit the state of Florida causing flooding on our east coast, with uprooted trees as well as widespread power outages to the majority of the state. Some neighborhoods did not have electric restored for over a week. Fortunately, our area survived relatively well including our leski which served as a last minute shelter for members who lived in flood zones. We are all so grateful to have made it through the Hurricane! Thanks to all who prayed for us!

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Puerto Rico as they suffered through Hurricane Maria and to the families of the victims who lost their lives in Las Vegas shooting.

May God be with us all.

Submitted by,  
Linda P Tripodis Murray, DO  
Chapter President

*Do you have photos from Ikaria that you'd like to share in this magazine?  
They can be old or new, village or beach, panegyri or mountain hike,  
from the air, land or sea, people, churches, goats, olive trees,  
friends and family at home or a cafe; anything Ikarian.  
Please contact the Editor at [IkariaMag@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:IkariaMag@tampabay.rr.com)*



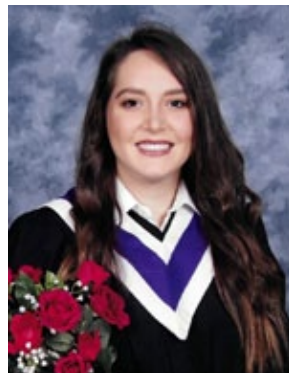
Aspasia and Irini Genouzous are daughters of Panteli Genouzous and Sissi Makri.

Aspasia graduated Intermediate School on Honour Roll and received the prestigious Principal's Leadership Award.



She is now attending Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate Institute, where she was accepted into their Performing Arts program.

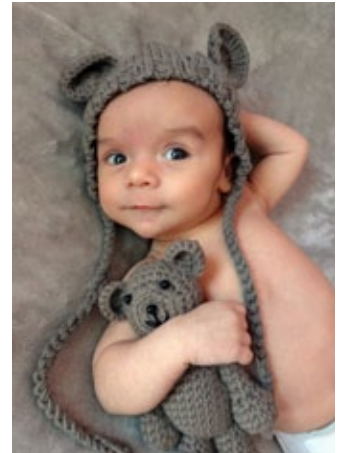
Irini graduated on Honour Roll from Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute this spring.



She was accepted in University of Toronto and is now attending the university's program of Social Sciences.

Congratulations to our Chapter President, Renos Manolis, and his wife, Litsa, on the birth of their son. Michael Elias Manolis was born on August 17, 2017, weighing 9 lbs.

His older sisters, Maria and Alexandra, are very excited about their baby brother. Na sas zisei!



## ***Ikarian Spotlight***

Hobby, sport, travel, creativity, internship, achievement, mission, discovery, adventure...  
...Ikarrians have all of these in abundance.

If you or someone you know would like to share these highlights or other interests with fellow Ikarrians in the Spotlight feature of this magazine please contact the Editor at [IkariaMag@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:IkariaMag@tampabay.rr.com)

It was a busy summer for Chapter Panagia - Buffalo, NY as our Chapter members gathered for events, attended youth baseball games, and enjoyed the beautiful summer weather.

Our last meeting was held on the beach of Lake Erie, where we enjoyed the day and planned our Convention travel plans and fall activities.



would like to commend the hosting chapters for their hard work and dedication. It was a great convention and we all had a memorable time participating in the planned events, dancing the Ikariotiko, and seeing our Ikarian brothers and sisters from around the country.

Our members attended this year's Supreme Convention in Columbus Ohio, and we

We look forward to next year's convention and the Ikarian events being held throughout the year.

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Greetings from Southeasten Virginia! We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season! Our chapter members went to the Columbus convention and had a fabulous time. We thank the Akron and Columbus chapters for hosting such a wonderful convention. We also had members travel to Ikaria over the summer, and of course, had a battery charging, wonderful time.

We also got together for a summer pool party at the home of George Georgiades.



*The Mavrophilipos cousins*

Congratulations! John and Anna Maria (Contes) Stepanovich are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Stepanovich to Sam Tripodis, son of Maria Tripodis and John Tripodis of Cleveland, Ohio. The sacrament of Holy Matrimony will take place at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Norfolk, Virginia, in June of 2018. Kala Stefana!



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# IN MEMORY OF



## Pantelis H. Bratsis

Pantelis H. Bratsis, age 89, passed away on March 14, 2017 surrounded by his loving family at his home in Pennsauken NJ.

Pantelis was born in the village of Katafidi stou Kselinou, Ikaria on November 18, 1928. His father was Haralambos and his mother was Angeliki Panteladis. He was the eldest of 6 children, Andreas, Gianni, Vaso, Despina and Athena.

When he was very young, his parents moved the family first to Bratchatato and then settled in the village of Panagia. There, he first met our mother, Ioanna Koklanaris. Their life long journey together began in elementary school.

On February 25th, 1951 they married and enjoyed a short honeymoon, because a month later, Pantelis enlisted in the Greek Navy serving on a PT Boat. This past February they celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Pantelis and Ioanna have 3 children, Zacharias, who is married to Sofia Saffos. Argyro who is married to Dionisios Gasparinatos and Haralambos Bratsis who is married to Stella Pet-sakos. Pantelis was very skillful and his jobs in Ikaria ranged from a certified gun smith to an Agrofylakas.



On November 12th, 1966 Pantelis and his family immigrated to America. They traveled on the Christopher Columbus Oceanliner and once arriving in America, stayed with Anthoula and Nicko Koletas and their children Leonidas and Argie. Ioanna's sister and brother-in-law in Roxborough PA.

Pantelis worked very hard during the early years in America. He took a factory job making boxes and was employed there for 7 years. After the factory job, he worked as a painter until he retired in 1990. Pantelis and Ioanna moved to Pennsauken NJ in 1989 to be closer to family and the Ikarian community.

Pantelis was a loving and proud grandfather to 9 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. Petro Bratsis, wife Stephania and daughter Sylvie. Pantelis Bratsis, wife Melana, daughters Emma and Olivia. Vangeli Bratsis wife Viann. Nickolaos Gasparinatos, wife Denise, daughters Alexandria, Christina, Anastasia, Mariella and son Niko. Ioanna Gasparinatos-Spanos, husband Georgios and sons Dennis and Georgie. Pantelis Gasparinatos, wife Stephanie and daughters Isabella and Julianna. Pantelis H Bratsis. Catherine Henwood. Stephanie Henwood Curl, husband Richard and daughter Ava.

Pantelis was a member of the Pan Ikarian Chapter Atheras #12 Philadelphia since 1967. He was very active and enjoyed the company of his fellow Ikarians. He loved returning back home to Ikaria to rekindle his Ikarian spirit with family and friends. He looked forward to all the panagiria, but especially from his hometown, Panagia. Enjoying the music and food with lots of Ikariotiko wine was his enjoyment.

We take great comfort he is at peace now but he will be missed dearly.

Argyro (Bratsis) Gasparinatos



# IN MEMORY OF



## IN MEMORY OF MY FATHER NIKOLAOS PORIS

ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ ΠΟΡΗΣ  
20 ΜΑΙΟΥ, 1930 – 15 ΙΟΥΝΙΟΥ, 2017



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# IN MEMORY OF



## Harry Christopher James

Our beloved Harry went with the Lord on June 1, 2017. He was 86 years old, and young at heart. He was the loving son of the late Michael (Sanditsis) James and Mary (Wasaliski) James.

Harry was born on December 26, 1930, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Schenly High School in 1949. He attended Business College where he majored in Accounting. He was very athletic. When he was in high school, he was on the track and field team. He ran the 440 as though he had wings. He also played the violin along with my brother Nick in the high school orchestra. He was a great athlete. He loved football, baseball and played tennis like a pro.



Harry served in the Army, and was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a Corporal in the 63rd Battalion. He had many talents. He was blessed in writing beautiful poetry. He started writing in grade school and continued writing as an adult.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 wonderful years, Elaine Kazalas James, and his loving sons, Michael (Shernet), Nicolas (Hilda), George (Carol), Christopher (Samantha). His wonderful grandchildren, Sophia Anna, Alexander, Brianne, & Peter. We

love you pappou. His brother George M. James (Lee). His brother in law Angelo (Toula) Kazalas and Sisters in Law Athena Kazalas (Nicholas), Annette Kazalas (John) also forty nieces and nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Harry was a member of Chapter Icaros #7 and the Masons Corinthian Lodge. He was also a member of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, where he enjoyed working at the June Food Fair. He also worked for the Pittsburgh Post Office for over 30 years. In his retirement he worked for the Mt. Lebanon Police Department as a school guard. On holidays he always treated the children with many treats. They called him Mr. Harry and Special Guard.

Harry had a kind and gentle nature. He always had a sweet smile for everyone who knew him. He was a great storyteller. He also made cartoons. Harry was always there for all of us. He helped doing taxes for people, or writing stories for us. He still kept his ticket stub from the 1960 Pirates World Series Game with New York. He and my older brother were at the game at Forbes Field. They were so excited when Bill Mazeroskie hit the home run, they were talking about it for days. Our beloved Harry will be missed by all who knew him. Time and distance fail to dim the love we all have for him. Harry was the constant husband, father, grand-father, brother, uncle, friend. Harry's agapi/Love will always be with us. Thank you Dearest Harry, Papa, Papou for all the beautiful memories, and all the wonderful lessons you taught us so well. Agapi from all of us. May his memory be eternal.



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