

PIB Supreme President's Message, April 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Dateline: April 2, Atlantic City, NJ. Another successful Pan-Icarian Youth Conference is in the books. It will be an event remembered for the 'Winners', the 'Losers' and everybody else!

The sponsor, Atheras Chapter 12, hosted twelve delegates from member PIB Chapters in Ohio, North Carolina, Maryland and New York for the 2011 Youth Conference. The Chapter held a well attended Friday night reception to welcome their guests. Atheras Chapter President James Houtridis and I greeted everyone. We all enjoyed an appetizing dinner, great music by our own DJ Kappa and good conversations.

On Saturday, the delegates travelled to Atlantic City for the 20th Annual Hermes Expo at Tropicana Casino. The well-attended Expo was flush with businesspersons, exhibitors and guests. After a bit of a wait, the Young Professionals Seminar started. We squeezed into a large boardroom with others to hear the speakers and their presentations. The noted speakers included Dr. Spiro Spireas, President of Sigma Pharma; US Congressman John Sarbanes; Aris Melissaratos, Assistant to the Dean of John Hopkins University; Nick Larigakis, Executive Director of the American Hellenic Institute; and Yiannis Sianis of the firm Calamos Investments.

Each speaker recounted aspects of their life story, their influences and the select choices they made that led them through their successful careers. Though they related accounts of numerous scientific patents held, millions of dollars made, and company shares traded, a few universal messages became clear to the seminar attendees. Work hard, have passion for what you do, respect others & their abilities, and give generously back to the community. These messages are, of course, the timeless advice of Greek parents and grandparents across the world. In life, Dr. Spireas noted, there are winners, losers and everybody else. By following these precepts, success will come and our Youth will truly be 'Winners'.

Hermes Expo founder, Paul Kotrotsios summed up the presentations by saying this was indeed an inspiring venue that offered Greek-American Youth the chance to see the possibilities of what they can do. His generation, he said, was not afforded the benefits of meeting in one place such world-class leaders. How heartening to see Greeks in prominent positions across so many fields.

Our PIB delegates later attended the Hermes Expo Awards Dinner and closed out the evening dancing at Caesar's popular *Dusk* nightclub. As we flew out of Atlantic City back towards the group's hotel, a stream of jokes, contagious laughter and Greek singing filled our small tour bus. I could only think that we had a remarkable time together.

On behalf of the Supreme Lodge and the Pan-Icarian Foundation, I wish all the members of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood a joyous Easter holiday! **Kalo Pasxa!**

Regards,
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