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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

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

Please send your donations to: Pan-Icarian Foundation, P.O. Box 79037, Pittsburgh, PA 15216-0037. Checks should be made out to "Pan-Icarian Foundation."

Please reference "Medical Assistance Fund" on the memo line. Your donations to the Pan-Icarian Foundation are tax deductible.

Summer College Student Trip to Ikaria

I am pleased to announce that Sister Argie Manolis, a member of the V.I. Chebithes chapter, will be leading a trip for college students in Ikaria from May 26 - June 16, 2015. The course is entitled "Aging in Greece: Comparative Cultural Practices and Social Policy" and will include a service-learning project at the Old Age Home in Ikaria. Students will have the opportunity to plan activities for the elders who live there and help with projects to improve the home.

This is a four credit college course offered through the University of Minnesota, Morris, but college students at any accredited college or university are welcome to participate, and Sister Argie will work closely with students to make sure the credits transfer. The cost of the trip is estimated to be \$4,800, plus the cost of a plane ticket from the student's nearest airport (the final cost will depend on the number of students and the cost of air and ground transportation at the time of the trip), and

includes four college credits, two days of tours in Athens, a full-day tour of Ikaria, hotel stays in comfortable, modern hotels, daily breakfasts, transportation to and from the Old Age Home and other locations in Ikaria, and airplane transportation to and from the island.

Sister Argie is especially interested in having Ikarian-American students who want to spend time in Ikaria and give back to their “patrida” participate on the trip. If you would like more information, or to apply for the class, please visit the following website: umabroad.umn.edu/programs/europe/aging-greece/. You can also contact Sister Argie directly at 320-589-6276 or manolis@morris.umn.edu for more information about the trip. Please spread the word to college students who may be interested!

Pittsburgh Convention

It’s not too early to start planning your trip to the 2015 Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania! The Convention will be held September 4-7, 2015 at the Wyndham Grand Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh, a great location in a great city. The theme of the Convention will be “Ikarian Women” and the Icaros chapter is planning several special events and guest speakers for us in connection with this theme. The Icaros chapter is also working hard to present an affordable Convention on all levels and has negotiated a great hotel rate for us – only \$99/night!

Chapter Visits

The first chapter I visited as Supreme President was my home chapter, Aristides Foutrides. Since my last newsletter, I attended the chapter’s annual picnic, which was held on September 21, and the chapter’s annual Halloween party, which was held on October 24. There was a great turn out at both events, with many families and young children in attendance.

Earlier this year, the Foutrides chapter lost its oldest and beloved member, Marino N. Tripodis, at the age of 101. Marino was born in Arethousa, Ikaria on the one-year anniversary of Ikaria's independence from the Ottoman Empire, which also falls on the feast day of St. Marina, who he was named after. Marino was a WWII Army veteran and a lifetime member of both AHEPA and the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood.

The Foutrides chapter also boasts Past Supreme President and former Foundation Chairman John Janis Kotsogiannis as one of its members. Under the guidance of Brother John, the Foundation quadrupled in size and reached the million dollar milestone, greatly increasing the Foundation’s philanthropic capacity and paving the way for the Foundation’s future growth. Brother John continues to be actively involved in the Foutrides chapter.

Next Supreme Lodge Meeting and Other Reminders

Our fall Supreme Lodge meeting is scheduled to take place at the Pandiki chapter in New York City on Saturday, November 15. The Foundation will also hold a Foundation board meeting there on the same day.

The Supreme Lodge will be considering chapters that have expressed interest in hosting the 2015 Youth Conference, and will be selecting the host chapter, at the fall Supreme Lodge meeting. If your chapter is interested in hosting the 2015 Pan-Icarian Brotherhood Youth Conference, please email George Karnavas, our Youth Governor, at gkarnavas88@gmail.com, as soon as possible.

Also, at the 2014 Convention, the Convention Delegates approved the formation of an ad-hoc committee to study ways in which we can encourage Convention bids from chapters. We will be discussing the composition of this committee at our fall Supreme Lodge meeting. If you have any interest on serving on this committee, please let me know.

Social Media

Let's keep in touch more frequently! If you haven't already done so, please like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PanIcarian and follow us on Twitter twitter.com/PanIcarian.

Until next time....

Fraternally yours,

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Supreme President