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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

2015 Youth Conference Recap

I had the pleasure of attending this year’s Youth Conference hosted by the Atheras chapter the weekend of February 20-22. There were 30 delegates from 15 chapters in attendance, as well as several other non-delegates. The Youth Conference included a business meeting at which the Youth’s new website and on-line store was unveiled, goals and initiatives for the upcoming year were discussed and committees were formed to assist with putting those initiatives into action, including a committee on exploring a possible Convention bid by the Youth in the future. The Youth also plan to look into the possibility of doing a service-oriented project in Ikaria in July or August. The business meeting also included a presentation by Dr. Theoklis Zaoutis and Dr. Chris Tzarnas on career advice. On behalf of the Brotherhood, congratulations to Youth Governor George Karnavas, chapter Atheras members Matt Horiates and Fanis Seindanis and Past Supreme President George G. Horiates for hosting a successful conference and thank you for all of the hard work and effort that went into organizing the event.

I left the Youth Conference feeling inspired and confident that the future of our Brotherhood is in good hands. I was impressed with this year’s Youth Delegates’ dedication to the Brotherhood and desire for more participation in Brotherhood life, and I hope that every chapter finds a way to empower its Youth, whether it be by encouraging them to be Convention delegates or chapter officers or serving on a Youth committee. Our Youth are poised to take the Brotherhood in bold new directions, and I personally can’t wait to see what the future will bring!

And if you haven’t seen it yet, please check out the Youth’s new website at www.pan-icarian.net.

Nominate an Outstanding Ikarian Woman

In keeping with the 2015 Pittsburgh Convention theme of *Celebrating Women*, the Executive Committee of the Convention asks that each chapter of the Brotherhood nominate up to 5 outstanding women from its chapter. Each chapter may nominate up to 5 women of Ikarian descent who have exemplified any or all of the following qualities in relation to the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood:

- Community Involvement / Volunteerism
- Innovative Vision and Ability to Lead / Motivate Others
- Ability to Mentor and Serve as a Positive Role Model
- Strength in Adversity / Inspirational
- Commitment / Devotion / Hard Work

Please mail or email your nomination(s) no later than June 1, 2015 to: Joanne Melacrinos, 2015 Convention Co-Chair, 531 Berkshire Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226, email: JLM563@aol.com. Please include all of the following information with your nomination(s): (i) Chapter's name, contact name, address, telephone and email; (ii) the nominee's name, address, telephone and email; and (iii) a brief biography and description of how the nominee exemplifies any or all of the qualities listed above (1-2 paragraphs total; include photo if available). The nominees will be mentioned on Saturday, September 5, 2015 at the Convention's Sweetheart Luncheon.

Attention Chapters!!!

Chapter Events. Are you hosting a chapter event and would like to spread the word? Please let us know and we will do our best to notify the Brotherhood's membership base of your event via our website, email and social media. Please feel free to email me at terryplatis@hotmail.com and/or Dean Tripodes, our webmaster, at dean@baywalk.net about your events.

Chapter Facebook Pages. If your chapter has a Facebook page, please let us know so that we can post a link to the Facebook page on the Brotherhood's website under the "Chapters" tab. We know that many chapters have moved away from traditional websites to Facebook pages as the Facebook pages tend to be much easier to maintain. We would like to gather a comprehensive listing of all chapter Facebook pages in one place as a resource to our members. Please let Dean Tripodes at dean@baywalk.net know if your chapter has a Facebook page.

Membership. Your 2015 membership dues are due!! Please send them throughout the year as you receive them. I cannot stress enough that your dues are the lifeblood of the Brotherhood. As a reminder, rather than submit paper receipts with your per capita checks, we are asking each chapter to email its membership info to Supreme Treasurer, Cathy Pandeladis (her email is cpanda252002@yahoo.com) in the Excel file format attached below.

Convention Bids. If your chapter is interested in bidding on the 2017 Convention, now is the time to get organized and start exploring your chapter's interest and hotel possibilities. If your chapter has any interest in bidding on the 2017 Convention, please let me know!

Next Supreme Lodge Meeting

We will be going to Akron, Ohio on Saturday, March 21 for our next Supreme Lodge meeting. If you are in the Akron area, we hope you to see you there!

Reminders

As we previously announced, the Open Discovery Space (ODS) project, an education research project funded by the EU, would like to establish on-line connections that support learning and teaching in Ikaria and recently approached the Brotherhood about a possible collaboration between our two organizations. We are seeking members of the Brotherhood who are teachers and would be interested in connecting his/her class with a class in Ikaria, or who are researchers, academics, entrepreneurs, artists, etc. who might want to give a short webinar on what they do to a class in Ikaria. If you are interested in participating, please let me know!

And don't forget to like the Brotherhood's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PanIcarian and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/PanIcarian !

Until next time....

Fraternally yours,

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Supreme President