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Brothers and Sisters,

Spring is in full swing and summer is just around the corner! Just wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of a few upcoming deadlines/events:

Greek Language Courses at the Ikarian Centre

May 26, 2015 is the deadline to let us know whether you are interested in taking free Greek language classes in Ikaria this summer at the Ikarian Centre. As announced last month, the Ikarian Centre in Arethousa, Ikaria is offering free Greek language instruction this summer for up to 2 members of the Brotherhood. This opportunity is open to any members of the Brotherhood age 18 and up and all skill levels are welcome. Greek language courses will be offered on the following dates: July 18- August 3, 2015; August 8 – August 24, 2015; and September 1 – September 17, 2015. Note that each course includes 15 lessons in 17 days but students with limited time may elect to attend only the first 9 lessons of the course in the first 10 days of the course. This free language instruction also includes (optional) free accommodation in a dormitory with 2-3 other students of the same gender. All other costs to participate in the language instruction (e.g., travel to Ikaria, alternative accommodations in Ikaria, transportation to and from the Ikarian Centre, meals, etc.) would be the responsibility of the participant. As a condition to participating in this program, participants agree to (i) take a short language skills assessment prior to beginning the course, so that the participant can be placed in the appropriate class, and (ii) following completion of the program, write a review of the program (good or bad), which will be published in Ikaria magazine. Please see the website www.ikariancentre.com for more information about the Ikarian Centre and its language course offerings.

If you are interested in participating, please email me at terryplatis@hotmail.com by no later than Tuesday, May 26. If there are more than 2 members of the Brotherhood interested in participating, a lottery will be held at the next Supreme Lodge meeting on May 30 to determine the participants. As spots are limited, we ask that only members that intend to take the language classes if offered a spot apply. Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity!

Nominate an Outstanding Ikarian Woman

June 1, 2015 is the deadline to nominate an outstanding Ikarian woman for the 2015 Pittsburgh Convention. The nominees will be mentioned on Saturday, September 5, 2015 at the Convention's Sweetheart Luncheon. As a reminder, each chapter of the Brotherhood may nominate up to 5 outstanding women from its chapter 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; and commitment/devotion/hard work.

Please mail or email your nominations to: Joanne Melacrinis, 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).

Membership

June 30, 2015 is the deadline for paying 2015 membership dues!! Members, please pay your 2015 membership dues to your local chapter if you haven't done so already. And chapters, please, please, please send in your dues throughout the year as you receive them! There is no extra credit for holding on to your dues until the Convention! 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 an Excel file.

Scholarships

July 1, 2015 is the deadline to apply for a Pan-Icarian scholarship for 2015. Scholarship applications are available on-line at <http://www.pan-icarian.com/scholarship/>. As in the past, there are opportunities for merit-based undergraduate and graduate scholarships and need-based undergraduate scholarships. We highly encourage every high school senior and college and graduate student that meets the scholarship criteria to apply for a scholarship.

Upcoming Events

Pittsburgh Mini-Convention

Chapter Icaros is hosting their annual Memorial Day Weekend Mini-Convention this coming weekend, May 23-24, which includes the Steve Manners Golf Outing on Saturday, May 23, and a glendi on Sunday, May 24, from 9:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. at the Dormition of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church Hall, 12 Washington Ave., Oakmont, PA 15139. There will also be a memorial service Sunday morning at the same church, and after the service, Chapter Icaros will host the coffee hour. Please contact Anna Aivaliotis at 412-310-7290 or annaca@pitt.edu for

more information about any of the events. It's always a fantastic weekend and I hope to see as many of you as possible there!

Next Supreme Lodge Meeting

We will be going to Montreal, Canada on Saturday, May 30, 2015 for our next Supreme Lodge meeting. If you are in the Montreal area, we hope you to see you there!

And if we're not able to connect in person at one of the events above, please stay in touch through social media! 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,

E. Terry Platis

Supreme President