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**“THE FUTURE OF THE BROTHERHOOD
LIES IN THE HANDS OF OUR YOUTH”**

— XENOPHON PAPASIMAKIS
PANDIKI CHAPTER #5



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PAN ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA "ICAROS"

16036 Crystal Downs E, Northville, MI 48168
Headquarters of the Supreme Lodge June 2007
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With Memorial Day behind us and summer fast approaching it is time for all of us to take stock of our Ikarian heritage and make plans to convene once again as one big family in Baltimore. It is a real privilege for all of us to renew our fraternal bonds and uphold the traditions of our forefathers.

Aristides Foutrides, the great scholar poet and name sake of Chapter #8, was an early proponent of education for our youth. His advice to the early Ikarian immigrants was to promote and foster education. The central theme of this year's young adult conference in New York City was education and the opportunities it affords. Our main speaker was professor Louis Klarevas of New York University (and Karkinagri) who highlighted the importance of higher education and scholarship opportunities to our 26 young adult delegates. The delegates also had a breakout session where they meet in groups of four to get to know each other and brainstorm ideas for improving the convention. A tavli tournament and longer dances were some of the ideas.

It was a pleasure for me to return to my youth in Pandiki, meet young adults whose parents I grew up with; and comforting to see them all mingling; their potential and ethnicity alive and limitless. I am confident that future leaders of our brotherhood are among them. A sincere thank you to Chapter Pandiki and President Stephen Mavronicolas for the hospitality and barbeque. Also a big thank you to Xeno Papasimakis for coordinating the event and the terrific Dance that followed Saturday Night.

I would like to acknowledge all the young adults that participated in this year's conference: Kathy & Leo Pavlos, George & Joanna Loizos, Stathis Tsagas, Vasiliki Fradelos, Fani Seindanis, Eo Constantatos, Marina & Nick Tsapaliaris, George Mavrodontis, Chris & Nicolette Tsambis, Stephan Sanchez, Grigoria Mavrogeorgis, Isidoros Mavrogeorgis, Labrini Karras, Ari & Rose Mavrogiorgis, Peter Panagiotakos, Celia Atsidaftos, George Vatougios, Dimitra Melissinos, Litsa Kanetos and Kostas Pasvanis.

Senior Living Survey

Mike and Elaine Aivaliotis working with an academic have prepared a survey for all our families. After much consideration it was winnowed down to some basic questions with room for your comments. Please discuss this issue with your own families and complete and return the survey upon receipt. We would like to go through your thoughts and comments in order to determine a consensus. An organization without growth and worthy goals is not moving forward; your responses will help focus the debate at the Baltimore convention.

We have expanded much time and effort to assist approximately 25 fellow Icarians in Greece. We should move forward on our own project. Sadly we are not the first Greek-Americans organization to do a senior living facility, but we can learn from their experiences and do it better. I kindly request all chapter presidents to submit their dues now and urge their delegates to attend all the scheduled sessions; the business meetings are a critical part of the convention.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the chapters and members from around the brotherhood who sent condolences on the passing of my mother Koula (Lygiozos) Tsalis. It was truly comforting. She is resting with all the other immigrant mothers who enriched our lives and left us such special memories. All our pride and love is a reflection of all of them.

In their memory, with Brotherly Love,

Nicholas J. Tsalis,
Supreme President

IKARIAN YOUTH PAGES

3RD ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE - A SUCCESS!

On behalf of the Ikarian Youth I would first like to thank the Supreme Lodge and President Nick Tsalis for the opportunity to attend the 3rd Annual Youth Conference. I would also like to thank New York's Chapter Pandiki for their hospitality. Overall the weekend was a success.

It was very nice to see many new and old faces present at the conference. There were youth present from New York, New Jersey, Montreal, Toronto, Baltimore, Florida, Connecticut, Chicago, and Pennsylvania.

The conference was held Saturday at New York's Ileshi. While there the youth were fortunate to hear many motivational and informative speeches. Speakers for the day included Supreme Lodge President Nick Tsalis, Supreme Lodge Counselor Terry Platis, Pandiki's President Stephen Mavronicolas, and Pandiki's member Louie Klarevas Phd (Professor at NYU). Information was given on the history, structure and organization of the Pan Ikarian Brotherhood. Many stories were also told on the "old days" of the Ileshi. The conference is an opportunity for



youth to get involved and offer any ideas or ask any questions they may have regarding the Brotherhood. Pandiki hosted a BBQ following the conference for those in attendance.

Saturday night, Pandiki's Youth entertained their youth as well as their visitors from out of state with one of their parties. There was a great turnout. Everyone had a nice time drinking and dancing the night away. As always the party ended Ikarian style, finishing in the wee hours of the morning.

Although we had a great presence at this years youth conference, I wish to see many more new faces next year. I strongly urge youth from all chapters to take the initiative and attend the next youth conference. The future of the Brotherhood lies in the hands of our youth and their involvement is crucial to the continuation and growth of our organization. Thank you.

Pan-Ikarian Youth,
Xenophon Papasimakis
Pandiki Chapter #5



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3RD ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE



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INVOLVEMENT



IKARIAN YOUTH

FUTURE LEADERS



PAN-ICARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA "ICAROS"
LIST OF ELECTED DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES
TO THE 104th SUPREME CONVENTION

This is to certify that during a regular meeting of the _____ Chapter No. _____ in _____ held on _____, 2007, the following members in good standing were elected delegates to the 104th Supreme Convention to be held in Baltimore, MD from Friday, August 31st through Monday, September 3rd, 2007.

Signed by _____ Chapter Pres. & _____ Chapter Sec.

DELEGATES

NAME	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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ALTERNATES

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Please mail form by **Aug. 15, 2007** to:
 Sonja Stefanadis, Supreme Secretary
 460 Palm Island SE
 Clearwater, FL 33767

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Ενα γευμα αγάπης εις μνημην των προσφιλων σας!

30 κουρασμενοι οδοιποροι της ζωης ερριξαν αγκυρα
στο Γηροκομειο μας στην Ικαρια!
Ενα γευμα ειναι μια προσφορα αγάπης!

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Η-Αρχειοθεσία
Αρ. Λογ/σμού Αποδοχής

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- Κτισμένο σέ μία ειδυλλιακή τοποθεσία της Ίκαρίας στή Λευκάδα Ἀγίου Κηρύκου δίπλα στήν Ἱστορική Ἱερά Μονή Εὐαγγελισμοῦ τῆς Θεοτόκου, ἀποτελεῖ καταφύγιο πολλῶν κουρασμένων ὁδοιπόρων τῆς ζωῆς.
- Προσφέρει στέγη, τροφή καί περίθαλψη σέ μία ἀτμόσφαιρα οἰκογενειακῆς θαλπωρῆς καί χριστιανικῆς ἀγάπης.
- Εἶναι τῆς Ἐκκλησίας! Αὐτό ἀποτελεῖ σπουδαία ἐγγύηση!
- Κτίσθηκε μέ θυσίες τῶν ἀπανταχοῦ τῆς γῆς Ἰκαρίων.
- Ἀρχισε τήν λειτουργία του στίς 16 Ἰουλίου 1997 ἀπό τόν Σεβασμιώτατο κ.κ. Εὐσέβιο.
- Τώρα χρειάζεται ἐνίσχυση γιά τά λειτουργικά του ἔξοδα!



**104TH PAN-IKARIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION
PAN-IKARIAN BROTHERHOOD OF AMERICA
LEFKAS CHAPTER 16, WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE**

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Dear Fellow Ikarians:

June 1, 2007

As our **104th National Convention** approaches ever more rapidly, we are working hard to ensure that all activities are carefully planned, from meetings to social events.

The glass-fronted **Renaissance Harborplace Hotel** sits directly on **Harborplace**, Baltimore's **limani**, a pleasant combination of Icaria and America. Convention rates are \$149.00/night, single or double. **ALL** rooms with double beds have been reserved. Still available are rooms with a king-size bed, with a roll-away bed at an extra charge. Suites are available at a higher rate. **The enclosed flier has instructions for reserving rooms via telephone or web site. DEADLINE FOR CONVENTION RATES IS AUGUST 8.**

Grand Banquet reservation forms are included again. **SEATING FOR THE GRAND BANQUET IS LIMITED TO 400.** Only prepaid reservations will be honored.

A **Youth Dinner** for children 9-years-old and up will be held Sunday from 7:00-9:00. **Parents must pick up children no later than 9:00; no child care will be available.** Call Brother Koutsoutis toll-free, 1-866-775-3010, to make reservations.

Please note: unfortunately, outside vendors will not be permitted to display or sell items.

Album ad contracts are included: please take this opportunity to greet fellow Icarian family and friends, and to remember those who are gone and to honor those who are still with you. Please note the firm **JULY 15 DEADLINE.**

Our **free Friday Evening Wine, Coffee, & Dessert Welcome** will feature a violi and guitar performance by youth members of our Chapter. (There will also be a cash bar.) Also, if we have enough submissions, we will have a photo exhibition during the Convention. Those interested should send photos of Icaria to the address on the letterhead: **only two (2) per family**; color or black-and-white; **at least 8" X 10"**, **no larger than 14" X 16"**; put your name and the scene on the back. Photos should be mounted but **not** framed, and may be picked up on Monday.

A special **breakfast for Chapter Presidents** will be held Saturday, September 1, from 8:00 to 10:00; the **breakfast** is free for Presidents, and \$21, including tax/tip, for others.

We in **LEFKAS CHAPTER 16** are looking forward to seeing our brother and sister Icarians at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel on Labor Day Weekend!

Fraternally,

Socrates Koutsoutis
Convention Chairman

PALI...STO LIMANI!

**BALTIMORE, THE RENAISSANCE HARBORPLACE HOTEL,
AND BALTIMORE'S OWN LIMANI AWAIT YOU
AUG. 31, SEPT. 1, 2, 3, 2007**

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AND HARBORPLACE AWAIT YOU
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, AUG 31	4:00 - 6:00	Business Sessions; Registration
	9:00 - 12:00	Free Wine, Coffee & Dessert Welcome; Violi- Guitar Recep. (Cash Bar)
SATURDAY, SEPT 1	8:00 - 10:00	Presidents Breakfast
	9:00 - 12:00	Business Sessions
	9:00am- 6:00pm	Registration
	2:00 - 8:00	Business Sessions
	1:00 - 4:00	Walking Tours: Orioles' and Ravens' Stadiums; MD Academy of Science; National Aquarium
	1:00 - 8:00	Free Time--Harborplace <i>Galleria Indoor Mall</i> , Boats, Food, Shops;
	9:00pm-2:00am	Greek <i>Glendi</i> (Cash Bar- closes at 1:30 am)
SUNDAY, SEPT 2	1:00am-4:00am	Youth Disco
	1:00am-3:00am	Breakfast
	10:00 - 1:00	Church/Memorial Service, Annunciation Cathedral
	9:00 - 1:00	Business Sessions
	2:00 - 5:00	Business Sessions
		Free Time--Harborplace - <i>Gallery Indoor Mall</i> , Boats, Food, Shops
	4:30 - 6:30	Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)
MONDAY, SEPT. 3	7:00 - <u>9:00</u>	Youth Banquet
	7:00 -10:00	Grand Banquet
	10:00 - 2:00am	Grand Ball (Cash Bar 'till 1:30 am)
	1:00 - 4:00am	Youth Disco
	1:00 - 3:00am	Breakfast
	10:00am-3:00pm	Business Sessions

PHOTO EXHIBITION DURING CONVENTION (TENTATIVE)



**104TH PAN-IKARIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION
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RENAISSANCE HARBORPLACE HOTEL**

ROOM RESERVATION PROCESS

IN ORDER TO PREVENT EVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF IDENTITY THEFT, THE HOTEL IS NOT SENDING OUT ROOM RESERVATION FORMS.

THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO RESERVE A ROOM OR ROOMS FOR THE 2007 CONVENTION, YOU MUST CONTACT THE RENAISSANCE HARBORPLACE HOTEL DIRECTLY EITHER BY TELEPHONE OR BY WEBSITE.

BY TELEPHONE: Dial 1-800-HOTELS1 (1-800-468-3571); say you want to reserve for the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood Convention at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore.

BY WEBSITE: Go to www.renaissanceharborplace.com and click on Find & Reserve; fill in the room information and dates of arrival and departure, and scroll down to Additional Information; near the bottom of that section, in the box titled Group Code, type in panpana; then click on Check Rates & Availability.

Please NOTE: As of mid-May, rooms with double beds are all booked. Double rooms with a king size bed are still available, with a rollaway bed for an extra charge, if needed.

The Convention room rates are \$149 per night plus tax for single or double rooms. Suites are available, but at a higher rate.

PLEASE NOTE: TO ENSURE CONVENTION RATES, ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 8, 2007. After that date, rates return to the normal hotel rates.

GRAND BANQUET RESERVATION

Please reserve _____ GRAND BANQUET Seats for:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

GRAND BANQUET PRICE (INCLUDES GRAND BALL): \$85.00 per person

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR: _____ (Number of Seats x \$85.00 per person)

TABLES SEAT TEN (10) PEOPLE. IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE A FULL TABLE, PLEASE SO INDICATE AND INCLUDE A CHECK FOR \$850.00 (10 x \$85 = \$850). IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE MORE THAN ONE FULL TABLE, PLEASE SO INDICATE AND INCLUDE A CHECK FOR \$850.00 FOR EACH TABLE.

PLEASE NOTE: RESERVATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF 400 PEOPLE.
TABLE RESERVATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 8, 2007.



Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America "Icaros"
Baltimore Washington Chapter Lefkas #16
104th ANNUAL Convention
Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore, MD
August 31 - September 3, 2007

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V.I. CHEBITHES

AKRON #2

In January, the Akron Ikarians held their annual member appreciation lunch at the New Era Restaurant. Election of officers was held and events for the year were determined. We enjoyed food, fellowship and wines at our annual Wine Tasting event in May graciously hosted by George and Dru Tonies at their lovely home. We are

looking forward to an outing to historic Ohio City in Cleveland, visiting our friends at the Warren meeting and picnic, and planning for the Baltimore convention - see you soon!

Submitted by Argie Spithas

PHAROS

CLEVELAND #3

Greetings from Cleveland Chapter Pharos. Hope everyone's summer is going well.

Our winter was quite busy. In January our chapter hosted a spaghetti dinner to help a family from Ikaria. We raised over \$1500.

Thank you to all who came.

On March 10th Chapter Pharos held our annual Independence Day dance.

Over 400 people attended and we danced away to the sweet sounds of Panagiotis Karnavas' violin.

On March 24th our members marched in Cleveland's

Greek Independence Day Parade. We had a great turn out and even Ikaros made an appearance.

On August 5th Chapter Pharos will be hosting our annual picnic at St. Sava's Picnic Grove in North Royalton, OH.

For more information please call 216-741-4194.

Congratulations to our recent graduates. Faye Asser, daughter of George and Maria (Bratsis) Asser. Faye graduated from Brecksville Broadview Heights High School and will be attending Cuyahoga Community College.

Anthony Voutsinas, son of Andreas and Kaliopi (Karnavas) Voutsinas. Anthony graduated from Lakewood High School and will

also be attending Cuyahoga Community College. "Kai S'Anotera"

Congratulations to Steve and Calypso (Pontikos) Roditis on their recent marriage. "Na Zisete" Congratulations to Greg Glaros and Katie Woodbridge on the birth of their daughter, Elpida. "Na Sas Zisi"

Hope to see you all in Baltimore. Remember, Cleveland in 2009!!!

"Kalo Kalokairi"

Submitted
by Maria
Tripodis



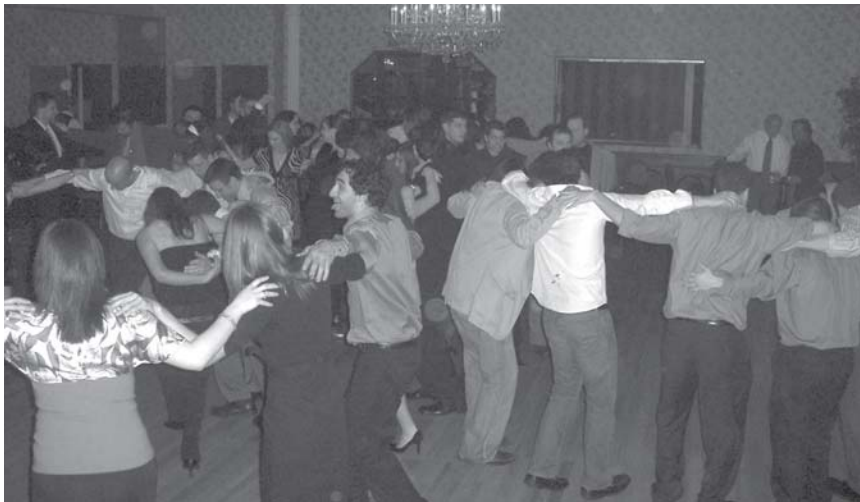
Ikaros aka Sam Tripodis



Memorial Day weekend our Cleveland boys participated in the Steve Manners golf outing, on Saturday and then we attended the Pittsburgh dance on Sunday. Thanks to Chapter Icaros for hosting a wonderful event.



Our three cooks Despina Gemelas, Matthew Krokos and Maria Parianos



Panagiotis Karnavas and Greg Glaros entertain us with the Ikariotiko



Chapter Pharos Group Photo

PANDIKI

NEW YORK #5

Greetings from New York! After a long and cold winter we looked forward to spring's arrival. It has been a lovely time for our chapter during which we hosted several events.

We were scheduled to march in the Greek Independence Day Parade on April 15th but due to the extreme weather, which hit New York that weekend it was re-scheduled for April 22nd. It wound up being a beautiful day with warm weather and blue skies. Many of our members marched in the parade, which was televised for the first time ever on channel 9 and hosted by Ernie Anastos and Nick Gregory.

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After the parade our chapter had the esteemed honor of hosting a spaghetti luncheon for our members and other fellow Greeks from various societies at the leshe of The Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York. Towards the end of the evening many of us enjoyed the festivities planned, which included speeches made by Greek dignitaries and traditional Greek dances from various troupes of the New York area. It was truly a wonderful way to celebrate our rich culture.





Members of Chapter Pandiki attending the pre-parade dinner on April 13, 2007 at Terrace on the Park



Stephen Mavronicolas, Sup. Sec.
Sonja Stefanadis, Sup. Pres.
Nicholas Tsalis, Arch Bishop
Demetrios, Gov. Gus Frangos,
PSP Gus Stefanadis, PSP Petros
Tsantes

After the parade our youth began preparations for the Pan-Ikarian youth conference, which we hosted on Memorial Day Weekend. Several young Ikarians came from all over the United States to partake in this special event. Festivities for this weekend included a BBQ and a Youth Dance both of which were held at our leshi. It was truly an honor to put together this special event and I would like to commend Xeno Papasimakis (President of Youth) for all the hard work he put in to make this weekend a memorable one for our youth.

We would like to congratulate John Kazalas (Son of Dimitri and Efthima Kazalas) on his marriage to the lovely Sandi Ordolis. The couple wed on February 17th at the Greek Orthodox Church: Transfiguration of Christ.

We wish them the best of luck and a life filled with happiness.

We hope everyone has a healthy and happy summer and eagerly await to see you all at the 2007 Convention in Baltimore.

Submitted by Lefkie Fradelos



Post parade festivities

Chapter Icaros continues to meet the first Sunday of each month and has frequent activities for its membership. Recent events include: our Super Bowl party on February 4, 2007; another great trip to Atlantic City February 25-27, 2007; and spaghetti dinners on March 11, 2007 and April 29, 2007. On May 20, 2007, fellow Ikarians enjoyed Greek Day at PNC Park, where the Pittsburgh Pirates took on the Arizona Diamondbacks.



Lto Rt: Annie Kefalos, Donna Kefalos, & Jerome Jocuns working hard at Chapter Icaros spaghetti dinner



Front LtoR, Mike Xenakis & Markos Xenakis
Back LtoR, Dean Stambolis & Steve "Moon" Papalas



From left, Marc Grant, George Zaras, Elias Plutis, Chris Raftis, Artie Aivaliotis, Carl Dozzi, & golf outing chairman extraordinaire Mike Aivaliotis

Our annual Memorial Weekend Mini Convention commenced on Saturday, May 27 with the 7th Annual Steve Manners Icarian Golf Open. This year we hosted approximately 85 golfers, who enjoyed a great day of golfing and dinner afterwards at the Alcoma Golf Club. On Sunday, May 28, there was a Trisagion in memory of our departed brothers and sisters at the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church. Chapter Icaros hosted the coffee hour afterwards. Later that evening we

had our big glendi, with great entertainment by Melodian/Flight of Ikaros, featuring Pete Karnavas on the violin! We had a wonderful turnout and everyone enjoyed

themselves as we danced late into the night.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all those who donated their time and/or money to help ensure another successful Mini Convention!



Alex Barlamas and George Halvas sharing a Pan-Icarian brotherly moment.



Dimitri Facaros, Zoe (Saffos) Wilson, and Andrea Contes enjoying the dance.



Zacharia Facaros and Eleni Champagne looking pretty!



Violinist Pete Karnavas working his magic, as always.



Our dancing youth! Zachary Lardas, Michael Aivaliotis, Theodore Lardas, and Christos Mavrogeorgis, hiding behind his sister Victoria Mavrogeorgis.



Pan-Icarian Archivist and Chapter Icaros V.P. Joanne Melacrinis with her son Steve Melacrinis.



Koula (Tsahas) Facaros looking on as John Gemellas and Theologos Facaros do the Chrisostomiotiko Ikariotiko!



Erica Aivaliotis, Liz Buechli, Isabella Aivaliotis and friends dancing the Piperi.



Maggie Mamatas and Chapter Pharos President Maria Tripodes show the youngsters how it's done.



Piperi taskmasters



Octogenarian Maria Aivaliotis dancing the Ikariotiko with Zoe (Saffos) Wilson, as Nicholas Koutoufaris looks on.



Cleveland's Stamati Tripodes dancing with Isabella Aivaliotis.



Stathis Mamatas goes airborne, with support from Sideris Facaros!



Sid Facaros, son of John and Sophia Facaros at his high school graduation from Riverview High School in Oakmont, PA. He is holding **Sofia Grace Gallahue** daughter of Raymond and Argie (Facaros) Gallahue of Baltimore, Maryland. Sofia was born on May 9, 2007. She weighed six pounds and eleven ounces. She is the granddaughter of Steve and Grace Facaros of

Verona, PA and Xilosertis, Ikaria.



Tina Koutoufaris, Mike Xenakis (celebrating his 50th birthday!), Simon Koutoufaris, and Maria Aivaliotis.

Congratulations go out to:

Angela (Kouknas) and Bob Schafer on the birth of their son Robert William, born April 22, 2007.

Holly (Hudale) and John Guna on the birth of their daughter Sophia, born May 3, 2007.

Argie (Facaros) and Raymond Gallahue on the birth of their daughter Sofia Grace, born May 9, 2007.

2007 graduates:

Isabella Aivaliotis, Shady Side Academy

John Chirigos, Howard High School (Ellicott City, MD)

Matthew Cope, Riverview High School

Zachary Donatelli, Phoebus High School (Hampton, VA)

Sideris Facaros, Riverview High School

Zachary "Jack" Grant, Shady Side Academy

Katherine "Katie" Kefalos, Woodland Hills High School

Despina E. Xenakis, University of Pittsburgh

We were greatly saddened by the deaths of Eleftherios Battis, Athena (Loution) Chartofilis, and Mary (Andriotis) Moraytis. May their memory be eternal.

We wish you all a great summer and look forward to seeing you in Baltimore.

Submitted by Corresponding Secretary Anna Aivaliotis

Congratulations to Scott and Stacey (Kotsagrellos)

Whipple on the birth of their son

Tasso

Curtis on

October 24,

2006. He

weighed 6

lb. 6 oz. and

was 21

inches long.

Tasso is the

first grand-

child of Tasso and Estair Kotsagrellos.



Congratulations to **Christ E. Aivaliotis**, 2007 graduate of the California College of Arts. The April 22-29, 2007 exhibit "I Want to Remember" highlighted Christ's work

at the Center Gallery in Oakland, CA. Christ is the son of Supreme Vice President Mike and Elaine Aivaliotis.



Sid Facaros, son of John and Sophia Facaros of Oakmont, Pa. has committed to play football for Allegheny College. Sid was a 4 year varsity letterman for the Riverview Raiders earning 1st Team All Conference Tight End. Sid was also the Captain of the football, basketball and baseball teams. His older brothers also played for Riverview and college football, Theo-Case Western, Zach-Franklin & Marshall and Dimitri-St. John's University/University at Buffalo. Sid is Senior Class President, a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Peer Mediation, School Musical, Key Club, S.A.D.D., President of his Church youth group G.O.Y.A. and a member of the Grecian Odyssey Dancers. In addition, he was also the recipient of the American Legion Award. Sid plans to study the sciences with a career in medicine.

Theo Facaros, 96' graduate of Riverview High school and a 2000 biomedical engineer graduate from Case Western, received his MBA from the University of Sioux Falls. He works for Lincoln Electric.

Zach Facaros, 99' graduate of Riverview High School and a 2003 molecular biology graduate from Franklin & Marshall will graduate in May from the New York College of Podiatry Medicine and complete his residency at Fountain Valley Hospital in Huntingdon Beach, California.

Dimitri Facaros, 2002 graduate of Riverview High School, graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University at Buffalo, in May with a double major in English and Communications. He attends the Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan.



Dimitri, Theo, Zach & Sid Facaros

Zachary "Jack" Grant (top page right) graduated from Shady Side Academy in June 2007. Jack received the Gargoyle Award for Theatre and Music, the Presidential Award for academic excellence, as well as awards for math and science. He was also involved in sports, includ-

ing cricket and lacrosse. Jack spent the past three years shadowing his University of Pittsburgh pediatric surgery mentors, Drs. David

Hackam, Jeffery Upperman, and Henri Ford. During this educational experience, Jack observed pediatric surgery and attended clinical rounds and meetings.

This enriching opportunity served to enhance Jack's goal of becoming a pediatric surgeon one day. To this end, Jack will begin his undergraduate life at

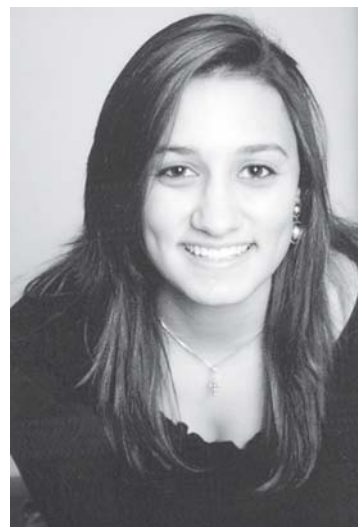
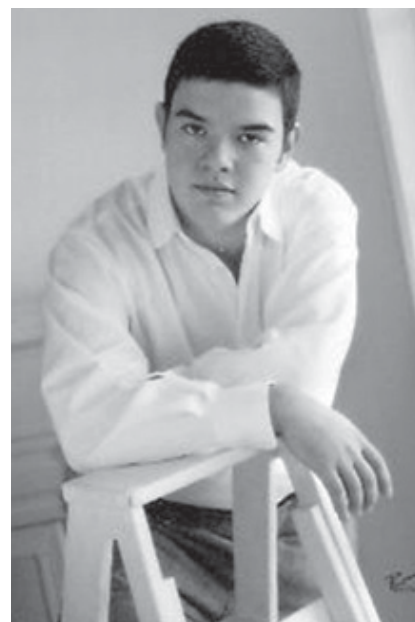
Kenyon College in Gambier, OH. Jack is an active member of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood and GOYA. He is also a community service volunteer for various local organizations, including Contact Pittsburgh.

Jack is the son of Suzie (Moraitis) and Marc Grant and the grandson of Dr. C.Z. and the late Anna Moraitis and Vivian Moraitis, and Gerry and the late Stuart Grant. Submitted by proud parents Suzie and Marc Grant

We are pleased to announce the graduation of **Isabella Rose Aivaliotis** from Shady Side Academy on June 8, 2007. Isabella has attended all three schools of Shady Side Academy, from K-12. She has been involved in

soccer, basketball, and track and is very active in GOYA as well. During the 2007 spring semester, Isabella fulfilled her senior project by interning with the business office of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Isabella will be heading to Chicago to attend DePaul University in September 2007.

Isabella is the daughter of Michelle (Polimus) and Chris Aivaliotis. She is the granddaughter of George and the late Isabella Aivaliotis and Barbara and the late Dr. Michael Polimus. Her family is very proud of her accomplishments and determination, which will lead her to great success! Submitted by Michelle Aivaliotis



ICAROS

PITTSBURGH #7

Despina E. Xenakis graduated April 2007 as the “Valedictorian” in the Chemical Engineering Department from the University of Pittsburgh . Despina received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. She has continually demonstrated strong academic achievements throughout her school years, receiving the Omega Chi Epsilon Senior of the Year Award, and the “University Scholar” award presented to the top 2% of students at the University of Pittsburgh . Despina’s leadership abilities were recognized by attaining the position, “President - Chemical Engineering Honor Society Omega Chi Epsilon”. Despina is very grateful to the Pan-Icarian and AHEPA foundations for their generous gifts during her college years, which have made these successes possible. Despina plans to provide a positive contribution to the Pan-Icarian and AHEPA foundations and continuing their

high educational standards. Despina is the daughter of proud parents Dee and Mike Xenakis!

Submitted by
Dee Xenakis



FOUTRIDES

CHICAGO #8

Greetings from the Chicago Foutrides chapter! We look forward to seeing everyone at the convention in Baltimore this year. Our chapter has been busy since the holiday season with several events.

Congratulations to **Maria Manolis and Michael Campas** who were married on January 7th, 2007. Maria is the daughter of



Philip and Sophia Manolis of Magganiti, Ikaria, and Michael is the son of Mike and Julia Campas. The ceremony was performed at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Palos Hills, IL and was followed by a beautiful reception and dinner at DiNolfo’s Banquets. Everyone celebrated and danced into the early hours of the morning. We wish the newlywed couple much love and all the happiness in the world. Na zisete!

Congratulations are also in order for Maria Kotsores and Konstantinos Politis who were married on April 28th, 2007. The ceremony took place at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Baltimore, and a Kariotiko style glendi followed at the Holiday Inn. We wish them both all the best as they start their new life together. Na znsete!



Chicago Kariotakia celebrating the wedding of Maria Kotsores & Kosta Politis in Baltimore

Congratulations also to Marina Tsapaliaris who graduated from St. Xavier University in December 2006 with a double bachelor’s degree in finance and international business. Marina is the daughter of George and Popi Tsapaliaris of Frandato and Plagia, Ikaria. Kai eis anotera!

Congratulations are in order for another one of our graduates. Jerry Kavouriaris graduated from Columbia College in Chicago with a bachelor’s degree in film. Jerry is the son of Vasilis and Diana Kavouriaris. Kai eis anotera!

Elections for 2007 took place and the new officers are:

Peter-John Karnavas – President
Nickolas Shizas – Vice President
Lambrini Karnavas – Treasurer
Georgia Shizas – Recording Secretary
Despina Spyridakis – Corresponding Secretary
Congratulations to the officers of 2007!

DA BEARS! Our annual Super Bowl Party, hosted by Tony Roditis, was a success this year, and everyone

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enjoyed a Chicago dinner with Italian beef, Chicago style pizza, and sausage. Go Bears! We hope to see them go to the Super Bowl again next year.

Our chapter also held a St. Valentine's Day Party on February 10th. The party was hosted by Valerie Parianos and Despina Spyridakis, and everyone generously brought a delicious dish for the pot luck dinner. The children especially enjoyed the party as they created special Valentine's arts and crafts.

On March 4th, Kay Karnavas and Marianthi Hardaloupas hosted an afternoon Makaronada at the leski. A thank you goes out to them as they both personally cooked and prepared the tasty lunch. The afternoon proved to be delightful with good food and great pareia!



Peter Karnavas on violin providing Chicago with Karitotiko and Taki Z



George Skavdis, Theodora Parianos, Eirini & Fotis Collaros, & Constantinos Vessel



The Greek Independence Day Parade on March 25th was also a success! This was the first year our chapter had a float thanks to Valerie Fountis and American Family Insurance who sponsored the float. Much thanks goes out to Lambrini Karnavas and Marina Tsapaliaris for organizing the parade and our chapter's march.

Our float was unique thanks to **Dimitri Tsahas who transformed into Ikaros for the day** and to Peter-John Karnavas who provided the float with Kariotiko kefe and music. Our computer whiz, Alexandros Kotsores, also



Nicoletta Rousos shows her Greek pride



Stelios Tsahas and his grandson, Panayiotis Glaros

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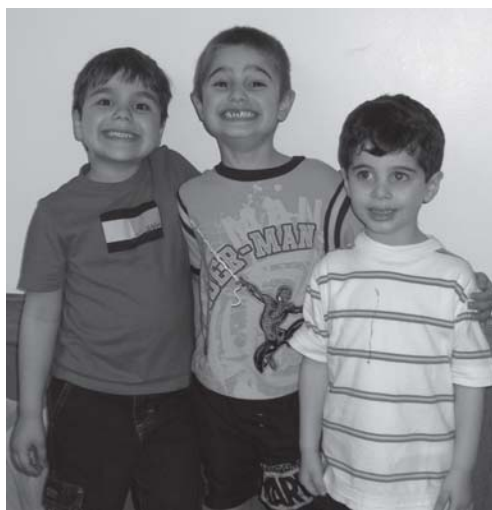
created the Greek Parade's first ever website for Enosis, the organizer of the Chicago Greek Parade. Visit www.chicagogreekparade.org to check out the site and to learn more details about the parade. We appreciate all who organized, helped, attended, and waved us along!



Spring Bash kouventa - Stamatios Vatougios, Nick Karnavas, Harilaos Karnavas, Evangelos Karnavas, Demetrios Kelaiditis, Tom Karnavas, Philip Manolis, & George Tsapaliaris

Our leski also had its 1st ever Spring Bash hosted by Rozina Janis Karnavas on April 21st. Everyone gathered at the clubhouse to celebrate the beginning of spring with homemade food and Kariotiki para.

Maria Poulos & Olga Manesiotis hosted the leski's 2nd annual, Girl's Shopping Night Out on May 4th. Different vendors displayed their



The 3 musketeers - Sideri Vatougios, Theofanis Parianos, & Theodore Poulos

unique products at the leski, and a great raffle took place with exceptional gifts. The ladies of Foutrides enjoyed each other's company and shopping.

On a sadder note, we are greatly saddened by the loss of Lambrini Collaros, who passed away this February. Our condolences to Fotis & Maria Collaros and their families. Condolences also to the family of Nicholas Glaros, who passed away in April.

Our condolences to George & Maria Poulos for the loss of George's grandmother, Kalliopi Kassiotis, who passed away in Greece in January.

Our condolences to Steve & Moshoula Stratakos and his family for the loss of Steve's grandmother, Helen Aivaliotis, who passed away in February.

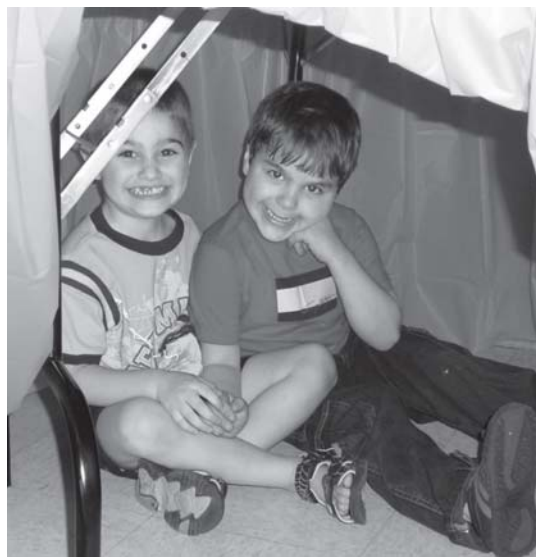
Our condolences to Supreme President Nick & Maria Tsalis for the loss of Nick's mother, Angeliki Tsalis, who passed away in February.

May their memories be eternal.

Best wishes to Baltimore for a successful and great convention this year!
Submitted by
Despina Karnavas
Spyridakis.



Sofia Vatougios & Theodora Parianos



Little mischievous Kariotakia - Sideri Vatougios & Theofanis Parianos



Joseph Spyridakis, Peter-John Karnavas, & Despina Tsahas

The members of the George Spanos chapter send their greetings to all of our fellow Icarians. We began the year with election of new officers: President, Nick Manolis, Vice-President, Christos Michalakakis, Secretary, Kathy Mourselas and Treasurer, Kay Batsakes. Governors are Nicholas G. Koklanaris, Dr. Dean Mourselas and Chrysostomos Michilakis.

Our annual macaronatha was a success measured not only by attendance (which is great every year) but by the contributions of many of our members. We would especially like to thank John Mourselas for providing the sauce from the Redford Grill and Nick



Connie Manolis, John Manolis and Bill Loizon hard at work.



Achilles Manolis, Katerina and Elena Tyler, Lia Tsalis, Natasha Ali, & Nicholas Koklanaris

Manolis and John Moraitis for cooking the spaghetti at the Park Restaurant. Kay Batsakes brought a special cake and played an important role (as always)

making sure the event stayed organized. We also would like to thank Panayota Kandrevas for bringing her famous yalatombouriko fresh and warm from the oven. Everyone who attended had a great time.



Betty Logothetis, Toula Moraitis, Toula Moraitis, and Nick Moraitis



Our newest member is **Gianni Victor Mourselas** born on December 10th in Naples, Florida to Dean and Keri Mourselas. Dean moved to Florida to practice dentistry in Fort Meyers but remains loyal to the Detroit chapter where he grew up. Congratulations to the proud parents kai NA SAS ZISI!!!



On the same day while Gianni was being born, the Christmas party for the children was going strong at the Icarian Hall in Lincoln Park. Many children attended with their parents and were rewarded with a visit from Santa Claus who, strangely enough, bore a strong resemblance to Brother John Manolis. Thanks to Maria Tsalis for all of her hard work planning the party and helping Santa with the gifts.

Congratulations to our graduates for the year 2007! Anna Michalakakis just finished her bachelors in education from Eastern Michigan University and will be continuing her education working on her masters degree in public health.

Anthea Mourselas graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in early childhood



education, and will be teaching kindergarten in the fall in Torreon, Mexico teaching at the Collegio Ingles, a private English immersion school.

Amanda Tsermengas just finished her bachelors at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in chemistry and psychology. She plans to continue her education in pharmacology.

Mary Balog is graduating from Trenton High School and plans to attend the Lyman Briggs program at Michigan State where she will be majoring in biology.

Ernie Gillard is the valedictorian at Lincoln Park High. He will be attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where he will be majoring in engineering.

Zachary Lygizos is graduating from Deerfield High in Illinois and will be attending Colorado College in the fall.

Stella Kiliaris graduated from Lincoln Park High School and will be attending Wayne State University in the fall.

We are very proud of all of our graduates and wish them all a bright future!



Brother George Koklanaris waves the flag



Past Supreme President John Lygizos & Kali Siringas



Icarians lead the way!!!!

Many of our members attended the Greek independence day parade in downtown Detroit's Greektown in March.

Our annual golf outing is planned for June 23rd at the Eagle Crest Country Club at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. The registration fee is \$110 per person

which includes 18 holes, lunch, dinner and drinks. For more info. contact George Contis at 734 604-5290. On Sunday, July 15th we will hold our annual picnic at Camp Dearborn in Milford, Michigan. The shelter is reserved for the entire day and we will have access to electricity and a running water restroom. The Camp Dearborn Golf Course is located nearby. Camp Dearborn also has a lake, paddle boats, nature trails, and playground equipment for the children. For more information call Nick Manolis at 313 277-6779 or email at Manganitis@aol.com or katpm@umich.edu.

We wish all the members of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood a safe and happy summer and we hope to see you all in Baltimore for the convention.

Submitted by Kathy Mourselas.



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Chapter Therna in Wilmington sends greetings to all our brothers and sister across the country and wants to let you all know that even though we had no news in the last edition of the magazine we are alive and well. We have been very busy and hope you enjoy our report in this edition.

Our biggest news is that we held elections and have a new slate of officers at the helm. Our president is Argie Poulos Brown, Vice President is Bette Fronista Parrett, Secretary is Tia Kratsa Saffo and Treasurer is Connie Batounis Ronner. Lookout! The women are in charge and they are planning lots of fun activities. Our first outing will be a Casino Boat Cruise on June 16. Stay tuned and we will let you know who the big winner is. We also have an end of summer party planned when everyone returns from Ikaria. Chapter Therna will be well represented on the island this summer. So stick with us-we are not going anywhere and we'll keep you up to date on our comings and goings.

This past Easter weekend the Batuyios family held a reunion in Wilmington. The family members traveled from all over the country to spend this holiday weekend together. In many cases 3 generations from the same family attended. In one case however, four generations were present. In this picture is our own Chapter Therna member **Angeline Batuyios Saffo, her son Peter V. Saffo, her grandson Billy Saffo and newest member of the family, her great grandson Nicholas Jay Saffo.** Nicholas was born in March and made his Wilmington debut at the family reunion in April. Great Grandmother Angeline is in great shape and we wish them all many happy years together.



It seems that leadership roles run in the Saffo family. Along with having the Mayor of Wilmington, Bill Saffo as one of our members we are also pleased to have his

brother Tony Saffo as the President of our St. Nicholas Church. Both young men are always busy and on the move and as usual always cheered on by parents Doky and Des Saffo. We are looking forward to helping Bill with his election this fall.

On January 29 Dr. Emmanuel Koklanaris treated us to a lecture in a continuing series at St. Nicholas Church. The subject of his speech was "The History of Ikaria". It had the highest number of people attending out of the entire series and Manuel did not fail to impress us all. He was informative and entertaining at the same time. The crowd was not just made up of Ikarians but also several members of the church community. Dr. Koklanaris spoke about all the villages on the island and was also able to talk about the different families in Wilmington and where they came from. He continues to be our most treasured member and we enjoy him more and more.

We extend sincere congratulations to **Alexandra Parrett** on her graduation from East Carolina University on May 4, 2007. Alex graduated with a degree in secondary English education. She is the daughter of Bette Fronista Parrett (who is sitting here writing this little article) and the granddaughter of Harry and Jenny Diniaco Fronista all of Wilmington. The best part of this from her mother's point of view is that she did it in 4 years! She will continue her studies at East Carolina in Graduate School pursuing a Master's of Education so there goes my raise. Her family is truly proud of her and the chapter wishes her continued success.



Submitted by Bette Fronista Parrett

Angelique Lambrini Skandalakis

Angelique is a graduate of the class of 2007 at John T. Hoggard High School with a grade point average of 3.8. She is a member of the Voyagers Choral Group, the Key



Club and the Beta Club. She was on the Azalea Festival Youth Committee and an Azalea Belle.

Angelique played JV girls softball, is listed in the "Who's Who of American High School Students" and is an inductee for the National Honor Society.

Angelique has been the GOYA secretary and vice-president. She is a member of the Romosini Dance

Group and the St. Nicholas Choral Group. She was chosen as one of the participants for the dance scholarship trip to Greece. She has participated in many of the youth group activities such as Sunday school, vacation church school, the St. Nicholas Basketball team, the festival and she carried the dove in the Epiphany services. Angelique is the daughter of Kay Saffo Skandalakis of Wilmington, NC and Mitch J. Skandalakis of Atlanta, GA. She is the granddaughter of Angeline Batuyios Saffo and the late William P. Saffo of Wilmington, and Dr. John and Mimi Skandalakis of Atlanta. She is a member of Chapter Therma #10 of Wilmington.

In the fall, Angelique plans on attending East Carolina University in Greenville, NC.

Archives:

Sister Jackie Pastis Margoles came across this article from Tuesday, September 3, 1957 highlighting the events of the 1957 Cleveland Convention. This was the first time a "Miss Icaria" was crowned!

Lakewood, Cleveland Men Elected by Pan-Icarians

A Lakewood man and a Cleveland man were elected officers of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America at the group's closing convention session yesterday in Hotel Statler.

They are Nick Koululias, 17487 Clifton Boulevard, Lakewood, treasurer and James C. Mylonas, 1260 E. 145th Street, counselor. Mylonas will be starting his 26th year in the office.

John Papalas of Detroit was elected president. Others elected were John L. Manta of Chicago, vice president and Nick Achidafty of Detroit, secretary.

The convention also adopted a resolution favoring membership in the Hellenic Culture. Miss Dorothy Pastis, 20 of Wilmington, N.C., reigned as Miss Pan-Icaria of 1957 at the farewell dance of the 53rd annual convention. Miss Pastis, who defeated 25 other contestants, including her 18 year old sister, Jacqueline, was the first beauty queen named by the organization.

At the final business session of the three-day gathering, the delegates established a \$10,000 fund to be used for scholarships for needy students in this country and in Greece. Additions will be made to the fund to increase its scope.



Sister crowns sister Miss Icaria; Miss Jacqueline Pastis, Miss Dorothy Pastis

LYCHNOS

Greetings from Northern California!

We held our winter meeting at the beautiful home of Stamatis and Kalliopi Kouloulis this February. It was well attended and everyone had a wonderful time. Our membership covers a fairly large area. On the average our members travel 1 1/2 to 2 hours to attend our meetings.

We will be holding our annual family picnic this summer. We are also in the midst of planning a dance to be held this fall. Some of our members will be attending the convention this year. See you sto limani!

Our new Chapter officers for 2007 are: President-Kalliopi Kouloulis, Vice President-Lavendar Kratsas, Secretary-Stella Bratsis, and Treasurer-Despina Mougianis.

Submitted by Stella Bratsis

ATHERAS

PHILADELPHIA #12

Warm summer greetings from Atheras Chapter No. 12. Through the efforts of the Chapter's volunteers and supportive membership, the 2007 season has been great to date and we are thankful. We are excited about summer vacations and the Pan-Icarian Convention in Baltimore.

Fun and laughter have graced all our fundraising events this year. We had another successful Super Bowl XLI



Hoagie Sale on February 4 as well as our annual **Pan-Icarian Dinner/Dance on February 17**. Thank you to all the volunteers who

helped to give out tickets, set-up the hall, and managed the evening's events. We send special thanks to our members from the Gateway Diner for their culinary expertise. As



usual, the Ladies of Agia Marina should be commended on their decorations which made the hall look great.

This spring, Atheras participated in the

parade in Philadelphia to celebrate the **186th Anniversary Celebration of Greek Independence**. A packed school bus loaded with flags, strollers and happy Greeks left our Clubhouse in Pennsauken to attend the event in Philadelphia. After the spirited outing, the group returned to the Clubhouse for a delicious Pizza Party!

On May 14, the Chapter helped to organize a memorial Beef & Beer for George T. Horiates at the Adelphia Restaurant in Deptford, NJ. Our Sympathies and prayers go out to his family. May his



memory be eternal. Our annual Memorial service for the past members of the Chapter and the Brotherhood will be held on June 3, 2007 at the St. Thomas

Greek Orthodox Church.



All of our members look forward to the upcoming Supreme Convention in Baltimore. We wish the Lefkas Chapter great strength and success in their planning efforts. We'll be watching closely as Atheras is planning



ATHERAS

PHILADELPHIA #12



for the 2008 Convention and keeping our exciting ideas for your visit close to the vest. We wish the entire

Brotherhood a safe, happy and fun-filled summer. We will see you in Philly soon!!!

Submitted by PIB Treasurer Nikolaos J. Pasamihalis

I would like to honor my granddaughter, **Simone Miliareisis**. I am so proud of her accomplishments and I would like to thank the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood for her scholarship. Simone graduated from Washington Township High School of South Jersey 2006 with advanced placement classes. She was a member of the National Honor Society, National Business Honor Society, DECCA, Future Business Leaders of America as well as a peer facilitator. She is currently enrolled at Rowan University and



carrying a 4.0 GPA while working at a tanning salon and working at the school's crisis hotline. In the fall she will be doing an apprenticeship through her school with Disney Corporation in Orlando, Florida.

Submitted by Themistocles H. Speis (Lifetime member of Atheras Chapter)



OINOE

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA #14

Greetings from Chapter Oinoe #14 in Sunny Southern California. We hope everyone has a wonderful relaxing summer. We started the New Year with our annual

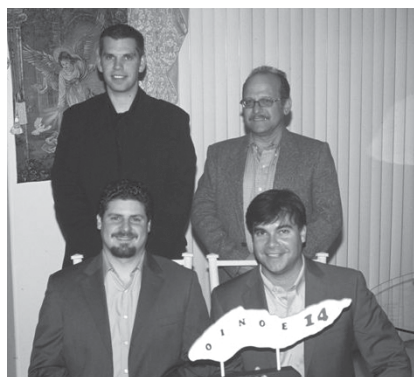
officers election held on Saturday, January 27, 2007 at St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Church



L to R Bessie Bornino, Argyro Yiakas, Georgia Katopodis, Helene Tripodes, Hilda James

in Pasadena. We had a light dinner and fellowship hour before the meeting began. Then we covered new and old business at the meeting before we elected our new

officers for 2007. Congratulations to Nicolas James-President, Demosthenes Yiakas-Vice President, Bryan Gittings-Treasurer, and James Horaïtes-Secretary.



L to R bottom: Demosthenes Yiakas, Nicolas James
L to R top: Bryan Gittings, James Horaïtes
2007 officers



Konstantine Papadakas (right) with a certificate for his 13 consecutive years as our treasurer. We then ended the meeting with a 50/50 raffle run by past presidents **James**

We honored the legendary **George Achedafty** (left), Past President for all of his service to our chapter over the years. We also honored the extraordinary

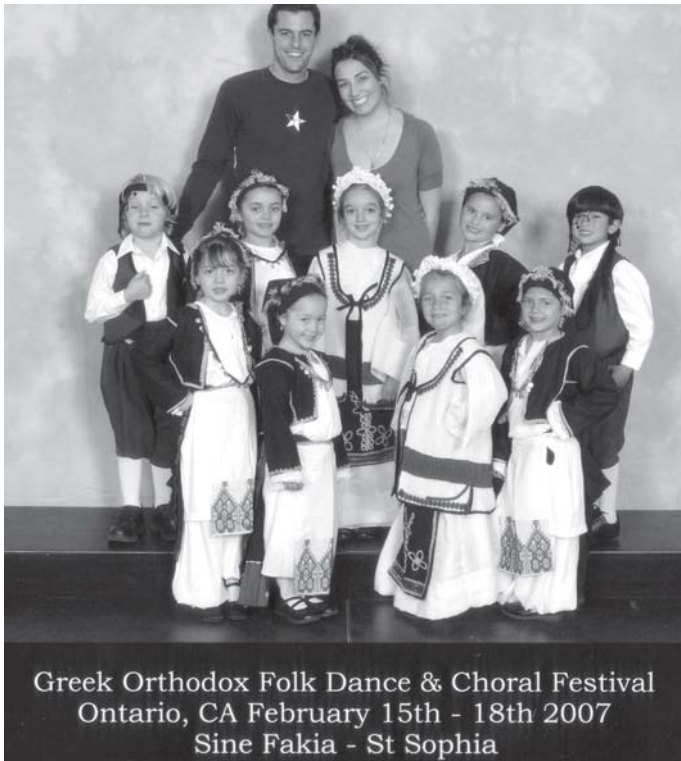


Bornino and Gus Yiakas.

On February 15-18th in Ontario, California, One of our youngest Chapter Oinoe members

Sophia Anna

James (6 years old, second from the left in the second row), participated in the Metropolis of San Francisco Folk Dance & Choral Festival. The festival is a celebra-



Greek Orthodox Folk Dance & Choral Festival
Ontario, CA February 15th - 18th 2007
Sine Fakia - St Sophia

tion of our Orthodox Christian faith through music, dance, and Hellenic culture. Sophia did a wonderful job in the Division III Exhibition leading her group *Sinefakia* from St. Sophia Cathedral-Los Angeles in one of the two dances before a crowd of about three thousand. The directors of her dance group were Nicholas Manolelis and Joanna Callas (pictured right).



On March 25th in Los Angeles, California **Sophia Anna James and Alexander Joseph James** represented our Ikarina chapter in the Annual Greek Independence Day Ceremony at St. Sophia's Cathedral. The young Icarians who attend the St. Sophia Cathedral Academy Greek School on Saturdays did a great job reciting their poems in the hour long program after church.

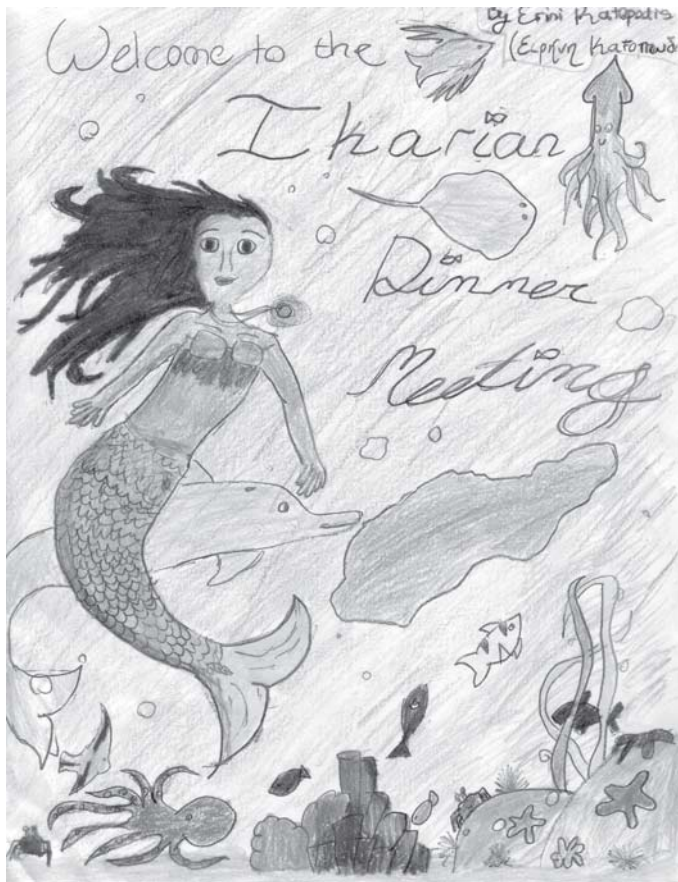


Our final event this spring has an Icarian Meeting graciously hosted by Georgia and Aristotle Katopodis in their beautiful home in South Pasadena, CA on Saturday, May 12, 2007. It was truly a family affair their daughter Erini even designed the



Aristotle, Georgia and Erini Katopodis

beautiful artwork for the flyer (next page, left). **Georgia Katopodis and Koula Tripodis** (next page, middle left) worked hard on a delicious meal which included lamb, pastitsio, spanakopita, tiropita, Greek salad, rice pilaf, and potatoes. The



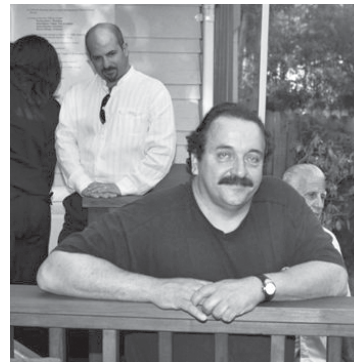
meeting was well attended with over fifty members attending. After the delicious meal we all gathered in the back yard and held our meeting from the patio. We began the meeting with Past



President George Achadafty swearing in our 2007 Chapter Officers. We then discussed our summer and fall fundraises and our Annual Icarian Picnic. We also chose our delegates for the Na-



tional Convention in Baltimore, MD, then our governor **Constantinos Frangos** gave us some National Icarian



News. We then ended the meeting by honoring our Mothers, God-Mothers and future Mothers, who attended the meeting with long stem roses.

Our chapter is looking forward to the 104th Pan-Icarian National Convention in Baltimore, MD. We hope to see everyone there. Have a wonderful summer!

Submitted by
President Nicolas
G. James



Greetings and Best Wishes from Baltimore Chapter Lefkas - home of the 2007 Pan-Icarian Convention! We are tying up all loose ends to ensure that this is THE MOST memorable and enjoyable of conventions. Please join us in Baltimore this Labor Day weekend. Rooms are going fast and don't forget to order your album ad so your family will be remembered at this wonderful event. Convention information may be obtained at www.pan-icarian.com or contact us at mavrophilipos@msn.com or by calling our chapter president Stella Mavrophilipos.

On May 6, 2007, Chapter Lefkas held a barbecue at their clubhouse in Highlandtown, Maryland. Food, companionship, and convention planning - that is our life!! What a great time we had and we're so fortunate so many were able to attend.



On March 25, 2007 our chapter marched in the Mid-Atlantic Greek Independence Day Parade in Highlandtown, Maryland. Our wonderful youth proudly led our group and a glorious time was had by all. (photo courtesy of DCGreeks.com)



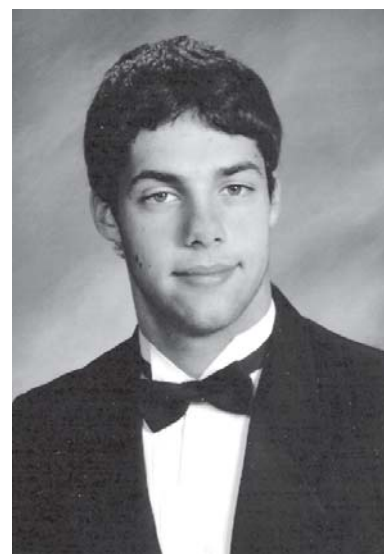
Baltimore Lefkas is pleased and proud to announce the graduation of several of its members:

Katina Mavrophilipos, daughter of Lefkas members Kosta and Toula Mavrophilipos and granddaughter of lifetime Lefkas members Katina and Yango Mavrophilipos and Hrisoula and Elias Horiates of New Jersey. Katina graduated from Towson High School. Katina has been accepted at several schools including University of Notre Dame and Villa Julie College. Katina has been active in a Greek dance troupe for over 10 years and enjoys swimming and playing basketball. She has also been her Goya chapter historian, secretary and now President. Mom, dad and sister Hrisoula wish all the best for Katina!

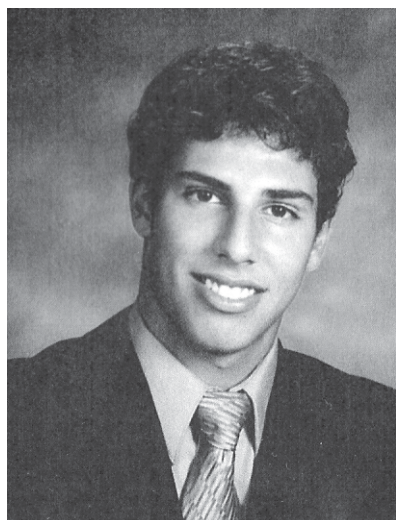


Panagiotis Karoutsos, son of lifetime Lefkas members Demetra and Nick Karoutsos. Panagiotis graduated from Wheaton High School and when he returns from Ikaria this summer he will go on to college

to pursue his dreams. Panagiotis enjoys playing the bouzouki, is an active Goya member and enjoys wrestling, lacrosse and basketball. His parents, brother and sister want to congratulate him and wish him the best of luck in all of his endeavors!



Tom Pappas, son of Maria and Dean Pappas and grandson of lifetime Lefkas members Pari and Paul



Mavrophilippos, is graduating from St. Mary's High School in Annapolis. Tom was Captain of the Varsity wrestling team and member of the golf team. Tom also enjoys snowboarding and surfing. He will be attending West Virginia University where he will pursue his dreams. Mom, dad and brother Nick are so proud!

Athena Passamichalis, daughter of Gus and Dawn Passamichalis and granddaughter of lifetime Lefkas members Stamatis and Diamanta Passamichalis, graduated from Carroll Christian High School in Westminster, Maryland. Athena sings in several choirs, plays clarinet in an orchestra and will be working towards a degree in music at Hyles-Anderson College in Crown Point Indiana. She also works as a lifeguard and is very involved in swimming. Mom, dad and sister Alex wish her well in all of her endeavors!

Grigorios Savvas Pastis, graduated from Dulaney High School and will be attending college in the fall. Grigorios is proud of his Greek heritage and is one of the founding members of the Hellenic Club of Dulaney High School. Grigorios plays the guitar, and will be playing on the opening night of the 2007 convention!



Irene Savvas Pastis, graduated with honors from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Irene will be attending Medical School in the

fall. Irene, also is proud of her Greek heritage. She is the founding member of the Hellenic Association of UMBC and served as Vice President for the years 2006-2007. The proud parents of Irene and Grigorios are Lefkas chapter members, Savvas Pastis and Dr. Maria Mavrophilippos-Pastis. Proud grandparents are lifetime Lefkas chapter members, Vasilios and Lemonia Mavrophilippos.

Chapter Lefkas would also like to congratulate Lefkas member **Konstantinos Politis** on his wedding to his beautiful bride

Maria Kotsores of Chicago. Several hundred family and friends helped Kosta and Maria to celebrate their marriage on April 28, 2007 at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Baltimore and to



further the celebration into the wee hours with food, dance (left) and a music by an Ikarioti violinist.

Lefkas members Litsa and Nikita Karoutsos would like to announce the engagement of their son **George Karoutsos**

and Alexandra Petropoulos. The beautiful couple will celebrate their wedding on May 31, 2008 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Baltimore with a reception at Martin's East. Everyone is looking forward to a wonderful Ikarian wedding to celebrate this beautiful couple.

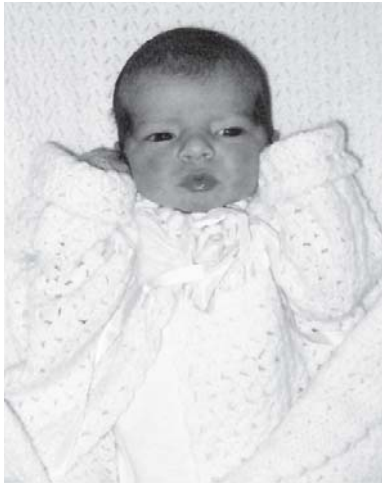


LEFKAS

BALTIMORE #16

Lefkas members Vasilios Kavarligos and Demetra Tsantes are pleased and proud to announce the birth of their

beautiful daughter **Aryiro Kalliopi**. Aryiro Kalliopi was born on March 15, 2007, weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was an amazing 20 inches tall! Her parents couldn't been more in love with their wonderful gift from God!



Chapter Lefkas would again like to invite everyone to join us in Baltimore on September 1st through 3rd, 2007 at the Renaissance Hotel in Baltimore for an incredible convention that we're working so very hard on. We know a wonderful time will be held by all - so make your plans to head for BALTIMORE!!!!

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Mavrophilipos

HELIOS

CLEARWATER #19

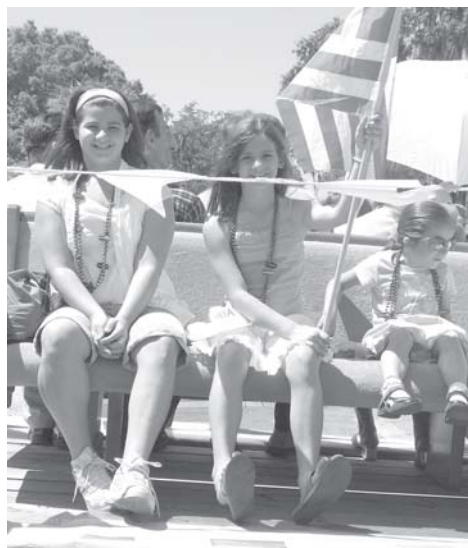
Greetings to all members and friends of the Brotherhood. Here's our chapter news.

Helios Chapter continues to grow and to stay active and strong, led by **President Stanley Pardos**. Our monthly meetings are always accompanied by a meal, prepared by our kitchen crew members, including Mary Tsambis, Charlotte Pardos, Nick VROUTOS, George and Jennie Patellis, Argie Glaros, and many others. Our House Committee Chairman is Steve Parianos, who has been busy the past several months doing various renovations that were needed in our clubhouse.



the Bobby Koulaxizis band, with Peter Karnavas from Chicago playing violi.

On Sunday March 25th, Helios members participated in the Greek Independence Day Parade in Tarpon Springs.



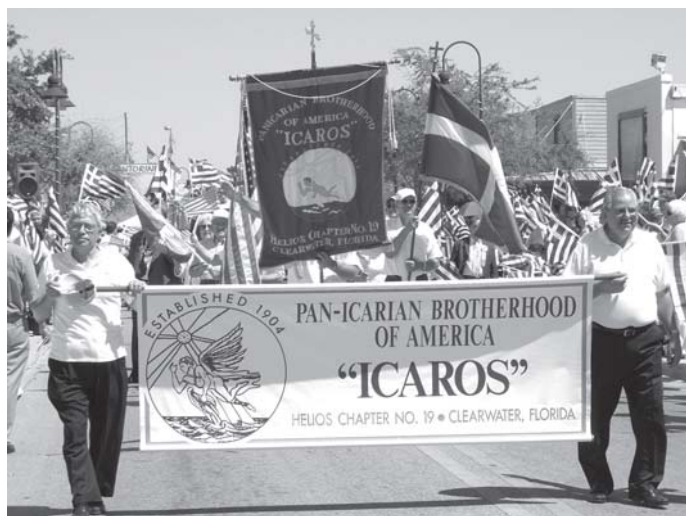
Our Annual Dinner Dance Glendi was held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Clearwater on Jan., 27, 2007. Over 400 attended, which allowed us to raise nearly \$5,000. Entertainment for the evening included



HELIOS

CLEARWATER #19

This year, for the first time, Helios members were able to ride in a float rather than walk. The float was provided and decorated by Gus Tsambis and his crew.



In March, we were saddened by the loss of member Virginia Tsouris. Her husband Jim, who served as Helios Chapter President for several years, remains active in the Chapter.

We wish everyone an enjoyable summer, and look forward to seeing our friends and relatives at the Baltimore Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
PSP Stan
Tripodis



Congratulations and best wishes to lawyer **Andrew D. Thomas** who was selected one of “Indiana Super Lawyer, 2007.” Only 5 percent of total lawyers in the state of



Indiana are selected and listed in *Super Lawyers, Law and Politics*, a publication by attorneys, exclusively for attorneys.

Law and Politics, Indiana Super Lawyers publication adheres to a rigorous selection process with the goal of evaluating quality.

The evaluation process uses a system of balloting, peer evaluation and recognition, and professional achievement. It also searches for outstanding Indiana lawyers by reviewing national

and local periodicals as well as legal trade journals and professional databases.

During his 30 year legal career, Andrew has been in private practice, primarily in the area of “Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights.”

Andrew is the son of Stella Pastis and the late Louis A. Thomas (Τσουνοϋς).

Alexa Samantha Mantas, daughter of Dennis and Maria (Collaros) Mantas, graduated from Ralston Valley High School on May 25, 2007. At high school, Alexa served as a mentor and tutor to mentally challenged children and was also a cheerleader. Alexa is a member of St. Catherine’s



Greek Orthodox Church in Arvada, CO, is active in GOYA, and played Diocesan basketball. Alexa will pursue her education at Colorado State University in September, majoring in Sociology. She is the granddaughter of Stamatoula and the late Christ Collaros and the late Lila Mantas and Kosta Mantakounis. Alexa’s brothers, Jason and Daniel, and her parents wish her all of God’s blessings.

Submitted by Dennis Mantas

Visiting Toronto Chapter – Zacharias Lefas Gov #6 from Quebec, Canada.



From top left: George Touras (President), Zacharias Lefas (Governor), Mathew Tsakalos, Christina Pasvanis, Elias Pasvanis Seated from left: Litsa Pasvanis (Symboulos), Vicky Pori (Secretary), Kostas Pasvanis (Vice President)

Congratulations to **Filitsa Pasvanis and Christos Karakousis** who were married on April 14, 2007 in Toronto. Friends and family enjoyed a wonderful reception after the wedding that lasted well into the morning. Filitsa is the daughter of Elias and Christina Pasvanis, long-time active members of our chapter. Christos is the son of Panayioti and Kaliopi



Karakousis, natives from the island of Mitilini. We would like to wish you both much love and happiness as you begin your life together. Na Zisete!



From top left: George Touras (President), Zacharias Lefas (Governor), Elias Pasvanis, Christina Pasvanis Seated from left: Litsa Pasvanis (Symboulos), Litsa Kanetos (Treasurer), Kostas Pasvanis (Vice President) and Mathew Tsakalos



Memorial service for Strati Tsambis March 2007



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IKAROS OF MONTREAL

MONTREAL #22

Greetings to all from Chapter 22 "Ikaros of Montreal"!

This year's events began with our annual General Assembly on March 11th where we summarized last year's events and discussed the upcoming year's agenda. Several new ideas and suggestions were brought forth in this meeting which will be addressed by the new Executive Council.

Greek Independence Day on March 25th was commemorated by the members of our association attending and participating in the annual Greek parade and then we followed with a luncheon of the traditional cod platter at Rodos restaurant.

The new Executive Council was elected on April 1st and the governing Council officers are as follows: Chryssa Efstratoudakis-President, Irene Antypas-Vice-President, Xeni Stenos- Treasurer and Labrini Karras-Secretary. The remaining Executive Council members are: John Lefas, George Efstratoudakis, Isidore Mavrogeorgis, Petro Mavrogeorgis and Elefterios Katsipis. Congratulations to everyone for their commitment to our chapter and we wish them much success!

As a tradition in the province of Quebec, we gathered on April 15th to enjoy the delicious Quebec delicacies involving maple syrup at the Cabane-a-Sucre excursion.



Chapter members enjoying the eggs, ham and maple syrup on our annual trip to Cabane a Sucre on April 15, 2007.



Mother's day was celebrated on May 20th in a Greek restaurant where the association invited all our Ikarian mothers for a complimentary dinner.



This year a number of our youth had the opportunity to attend the Youth Convention held in New York City this May 25-28th. The association is proud to see our Icarian youth participate in such an event which gives them the opportunity to gain more knowledge about the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America and its vision, to exchange ideas amongst their fellow Ikarian youth and at the same time make new and lifelong acquaintances.



On a different note we were deeply saddened by the passing away of our beloved Vasiliki Kokkini on January 31st. Our sweet "Kiria Vasso" as we all knew her, was a truly kindred spirit who supported our association at all times and who we all looked forward to seeing at Ikarian functions. She was perceived as the "Ikarian grandmother" for all our members and we will definitely miss this loving lady. May her memory be eternal.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Baltimore Convention and for those of you visiting our native Ikaria we wish you all a safe trip and a very pleasant summer holiday to all! Sincerely, Secretary Labrini Karras

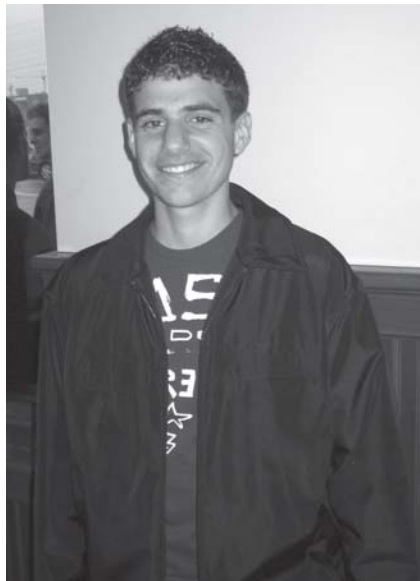
Θερμούς χαιρετισμούς σε όλους απο το τμήμα 22 «Ο Ικαρος» του Μοντρεαλ.

Εφέτος, οι εκδηλώσεις μας ξεκίνησαν με την ετήσια Γενική Συνέλευση στις 11 Μαρτίου όπου έγινε μια ανασκόπηση των εκδηλώσεων τις τελευταίες χρονιάς και καθοριστικά οι καινούργιοι στόχοι του Συλλόγου που θα αναλάβει το καινούργιο συμβούλιο.

Στις 25 Μαρτίου παραλάσαμε με τον Συλλογο μας για να γιορτάσουμε την επαιτιο της ανεξαρτησίας μας και αμέσως μετά συναντηθήκαμε στο εστιατοριο Ροδος όπου απολαυσαμε τον παραδοσιακο μπακαλαο.

Στις 1 Απριλίου έγιναν οι εκλογες για το νεο Συμβούλιο της Αδελφότητας για τα δυο επομενα χρονια και καταληξαν

εως εξής: Χρυσά Ευστρατουδακή-Προεδρος, Ειρήνη Αντυπα-Αντιπροεδρος, Ξένη Στενού-Ταμίας, Λαμπρινή Καρρά-Γραμματέας και τα υπολοιπα 5 μελοι του νεου Συμβουλίου είναι: Γιάννης Λεφάς, Γιώργος Ευστρατουδακής, Ισιδορος Μαυρογιωργής, Πέτρος Μαυρογιωργής και Ελευθεριος Κατσιπής. Συχαριτιρια



We would like to wish our very own Icarian Nick Mavromaras good luck with his tryouts this summer with AEK in Greece.

σε όλους για την εκλογή τους και τους ευχομαστε καλή προοδο!

Μια ακόμη εκδήλωση έγινε στις 15 Απριλίου όπου επισκευτήκαμε ένα μικρό χωριό του Κεμπέκ και απολαυσαμε τις λιχουδιές του "Cabane a Sucre".

Για την γιορτή της Μητέρας, τιμήσαμε τις γλυκές μητέρες του Συλλογου μας σε ένα γευμα δωρεαν σ'ένα ελληνικο εστιατοριο.

Εφέτος οι νεολαία μας είχε την ευκαρία να συμμετεχοι στο Συνεδριο Νεολαίας στην Νέα Υορκη στις 25-28 Μαΐου. Ο Συλλογος μας είναι πολυ περιφανος που βλέπει την νεολαία μας να ενδιαφερεται και ευχαριστούμε την Παν-Ικαριακή Αδελφότης Αμερικης για την οργάνωση αυτού του συνεδριου. Σιγουρα τέτοιες εκδηλώσεις βοηθούν την νεολαία μας να μαθαίνει για τους στόχους και τα έργα της Αδελφότητας, και επίσης ταυτοχρονα οι νεολαία μας δημιουργει καινούργιες φιλιες και γνωριμιες με άλλα «Ικαριοτακια».

Με όλες τις ευχαριστες στιγμες της χρονιάς μας ζήσαμε επίσης και πιο λυπηρες στιγμες όπως στις 31 Ιανουαριου όταν πεθανε η λατρευτη μας Βασιλική Κοκκίνου. Η αγαπημένη μας «Κυρία Βασο» ήτανε μια δυναμική γυναίκα που παντοτε υποσტიριζε τον Συλλογο μας και ολοι μας χαιρομασταν ιδαιτερα να την ανταμώνουμε σε κάθε εκδήλωση μας. Ήτανε για όλους μας η «Ικαριοτινα γιαγιά» μας και σιγουρα θα μας λειψει παρα πολυ. Αιωνία η μνήμη της.

Αυτά ήτανε τα προσφατα νεα του Συλλογου μας, το καλοκαιρακι πλησιαζει και για οσους απο εσας που θα επισκευτήτε το ομορφο νησι μας σας ευχομαστε καλές

και ασφαλες διακοπες και για τους υπολοιπους καλή ανταμωση στο Συνεδριο της Βαλτιμορης !!!

Με εκτήμηση,
Λαμπρινή Καρρά



The Montreal Chapter wishes everyone a great summer!

LANGADA "SPIRIT OF IKARIA"

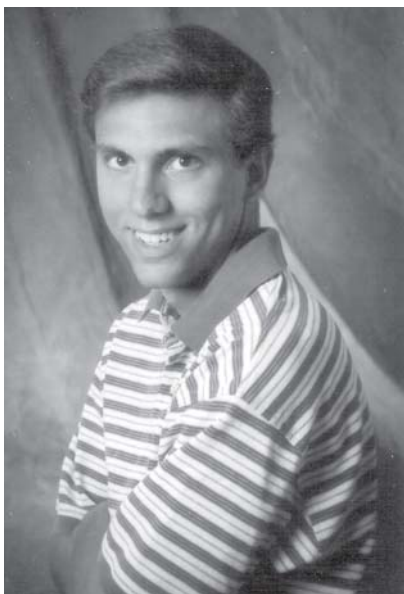
ATLANTA #23

Members of Atlanta's Langada Chapter 23 are making plans to attend the Baltimore Convention. Inner Harbor here we come and we're bringing many family members with us. However, we do lament the passing of two dear loved ones. Theodore P. Lafakis, father of Pete Lafakis and father-in law to Irene, passed away in Houston, Texas, February 24th. Shortly after, Steven (Stellios) Pamfilis of Huntsville, Alabama, passed away. Steven was the beloved son of Evangelia Pamfilis and the late Jimmy Pamfilis. May their memory be eternal.

On a celebratory note, we congratulate **Nick and Genie Lukes** (nee Lardas) who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 23 at a surprise luncheon given by their children in Pensacola, Florida. The couple was married in Pittsburgh, PA. at the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, but have been residents of Mobile, Alabama, for the last 50 years. They have five children: Mary Lukes, George (Sophia) Lukes, Suzanne (Mark) Erwin, Cynthia (Todd) Hall, and Valerie (Tim) Cockrell and six grandchildren. God grant them many more happy years of marriage.



Congratulations to **Christos Lafakis** who graduated with a Master's Degree in Economics from the University of Alabama. He is now an associate economist with Moody's Economy.com in West Chester, Pennsylvania.



Kudos goes to Stephanie Lefes, who has successfully established her own business in Palm Beach, Florida. It is called Royal Palm International Real Estate and she will soon be attending an international real estate meeting in Madrid, Spain.

Stephanie is the daughter of Eve (Zarna) Lefes and the late George Lefes, whose career spanned many years in New York banking.

Also, congratulations to two talented brothers, author Nicholas Lardas and artist Zacharias Lardis, who recently published a book of short stories entitled *Ikaria Remembered*. Nicholas and wife Betty were honored at a luncheon and book signing at the Wynfrey



LtoR Steve Alexander & author Nicholas Lardas

Galleria Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama, which was hosted by Langada members, sister Ellie Zarna, and



Seated L to R Ellie Zarna, Betty Lardas, Savannah and George Zarna, Standing Nick Lardas, Mathew, Ashton, Tommy and Anna Zarna

cousin Despina Vodantis. Over forty people attended the event and Nicholas spoke eloquently of his early childhood memories of Icaria when he and siblings Zacharias, Ellie, and Anna Lardas lived there with their mother Koula during the Great Depression. According to younger brother, Zacharias of Beacon Falls, Connecticut, the book is an act of love, consisting of a unique collection of



Despina Vodantis, Nicki and Deno Jovaras

LANGADA "SPIRIT OF IKARIA"

ATLANTA #23

stories, poems, myths, and artwork that creates a compelling view of the family's ancestral island. After 70 years, octogenarian and retired architect Nicholas of Ann Arbor, Michigan, became inspired to write about his early childhood experiences in Icaria. He



He teamed up with brother Zacharias, who has spent a lifetime in the art world, and together, the two created a multi-media labor

of the soul. The book is a must read for all Icarians and promises to be a keepsake for many years to come. An article will soon appear in *The Hellenic Voice* elaborating further on the two brothers' work. Anyone wishing to order copies of the limited soft cover author's edition may contact Lardis Fine Arts, P.O. Box 73, Beacon Falls, Connecticut, 06403, or call 203- 729-0800 to place an order.



Despina Vodantis & Steve Alexander

Langada members attended a May meeting at the White House, an upscale diner owned by Demosthenes Galaktiades, in

Atlanta's Buckhead district. New officers were elected. They are: Bill Androutsopoulos, President; Despina Vodantis, Vice-President; Irene Mavroudes, Secretary; and Demosthenes Galaktiades, Treasurer. See ya'll soon in Baltimore.

Submitted by Irene Lafakis



L to R Demos Galaktiades, Ari Argas, Stella Chagares

Excerpt from "The Fortune Teller"

from *Icaria Remembered*, by Nicholas Geroe Lardas

"For a long time we three stared at the shape as it lay in the bottom of the pail. Finally, Lolo Angerou reached and removed it from the water and began to study it. My mother had not spoken one word. She stared at the still warm blob and then looked toward the sorceress. A slow inquisitive raising of the eyebrows was the only expression on her face. As she looked onto Lolo Angerou's face, apprehension slowly began to creep into the corners of her mouth. A fear was suddenly present in her posture.

I did not move. Only my eyes looked back and forth from my mother's face to that of Lolo Angerou. I watched while the sorceress peered very closely at the lead creation and was suddenly aware I had been holding my breath. Very slowly, I exhaled as quietly as I could, and as if that was what the sorceress was waiting for, she turned to me and said, 'Go outside, Kostakee. Wait there until we call you back.'

To this date, almost sixty years ago, I can still see the gesture of my mother's hand to her throat, and I can still hear the gasp of fear and the hollow moan from deep inside her. With great reluctance and fear, I left them. I sat outside the door hugging my knees and resting my chin on them. I gazed out into the pine tree grove, my ears tuned to the murmuring voices behind me.

Presently an anguished wail rose in crescendo, piercing my heart, and I found myself weeping. I did not know why I wept, but I was young then, and unsophisticated. I reacted only with my natural animal responses. So I wept and knew not why. Then."



Listening to Nik Lardas speak on his book

The Drakanon Club members hosted a Christmas party for the children and grandchildren of our members at a



local pizza restaurant in Parma, OH. Each child received a gift from the club and participated in games planned by our Vice-President Marina

Casey. Following the Christmas party, our membership voted on the club officers for 2007-2008.

Marina Casey-President
Mike Karniotis-Vice President
Maria O'Connell-Treasure
Jeannie Parianos-Secretary



We held our second annual New Years Eve Dance at the Saint Clements Church in Parma, Oh. About 40-50 people attended this event and had a very fun time. Music was provide by a local Greek Disc Jockey who out matched any idea we had about how the music should be played. The disc jockey had the members and guests dancing to Greek and American music, both fast and slow.



Petro, Kostia and grandson



In January, we continued to hold our meetings at the Panera Bread Restaurant in Parma, but this time we added some new flavor. We chose to taste the desserts of



Marina and Paul

Panera instead of making members bring in desserts. At the January meeting we decided to begin

planning our Spring'07 and Summer'07 activities. Members provided ideas such as traveling to the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton Ohio to view the statue dedicated to flight of Icaros.

In February, the club moved forward with the summer planning by including activities such as a visit the Amish Country; going to a Cleveland Indians Game; Visiting the Science Museum and traveling to Sandusky, OH to tour many new and existing wineries.



Petro entertains us on New Year's Eve

Mike Karniotis continues to update the club at meeting about the Drakanon Website that is up and running, always under construction with new items being added. Mike has advised the club he hopes to have pictures of club activities; members, and other photos including

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documents and stories uploaded to the site by June 07. The site is available through the National Brotherhood Website and by clicking on the Drakanon Chapter link. Mike also advised the club he is continuously working on the Drakanon Quarterly, our chapter newsletter that was



Phillis and Kostia

displayed to the members attending the 2004 National Convention. Our newsletter continues to display articles about members, pictures of events, and

general stories of the Drakanon Chapter. The newsletter will also be uploaded to the website in late 2007.

In March 2007, many of our members lined the streets of Cleveland to support those members of the Greek Community marching in the Independence Day Parade. While many of the members watching the parade wanted to march along, they enjoyed the event from the sides anyway. Our membership showed their support to all Greeks at the event by yelling praises of joy to those who marched.



Tim and Maria enjoy the dance

The Drakanon Chapter continues to show their support to the activities of all chapters by offering a communication to all Ohio Chapters to join in an effort of joint cooperation in hosting a National Convention in Ohio. Possibly a National Convention could be hosted and held in one of the other areas of Ohio with the



Chris and Jeanne

support of all Ohio Chapters. We in the Drakanon Chapter are looking to help any of the other smaller chapters host this event or possibly just a District Convention to get the process started.

The Drakanon Chapter will conclude the Spring'07 season with a trip to Berlin, Ohio in late June. This is the home of Amish Country, and



the central location to most of the Amish events. We will hope to include many of the pictures from this event in our Fall'07 magazine submission.

Sincerely,
Mike Karniotis-Vice-President



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Angeliki “Koula” Tsalis

January 15, 1915 - February 2, 2007

My Mother Angeliki or “Koula” as she was known to family and friends was born on the island of Ikaria in 1915. If you count the number of people who remembered her as one of their favorite people, you come to realize how special she was to everyone. Among all of the good, kind immigrant mothers, she stood out, she was exceptional. The hardship and loss she encountered in life was a crucible, and from that a woman of great character emerged.



She was uncomfortable with receiving, but she lived to give. A good pareia, visits to friends and cousins, a good party, these were all reward enough. For her family she provided unquestioning, unconditional love, and to her friends, empathy and understanding. Pain, sickness and loss were met with steadfast faith in God, and also the family refrain “tha perasi” (It will pass). Koula counseled gently, she practiced patience and she never judged others. Through her unending faith she always knew things would be better.

My Mother was orphaned along with her brother Anthony at 6 years old, but she found much love in the embrace of her grandparents. The legendary Ikarian boatman Stamatis Fokianos and his wife Angeliki raised 8 orphan grandchildren along with 13 of their own. One of those grandchildren Angela Triantafilis along with her daughter Flora from Baltimore was present for Koula’s funeral to honor her memory. Sadly Angela Triantafilis passed away very recently and we will always keep her memory near.

The family made do with very little, but there was much love in their uncomplicated life that all of the children and grandchildren remembered those years with papou and yiayia as the best of times. Koula and most of her

family survived the occupation of World War II. She stayed with and cared for her grandparents until they passed on in the early 1950’s. Her uncle Manoli “Kastoulee” arranged a dinner with a visiting Ikarian-American and as a result at age 40 she was married to Zachariah Tsalis in 1955. She was welcomed into New York’s Ikarian community and experienced her new nieces Tula, Mary and Mina Tsalis, who she adored. Seventeen years of rich experiences and one child, Nicholas followed.

However, she was widowed in 1972 and moved to Lincoln Park, Michigan, to live near her favorite nephews John and Nick and her new niece Eleni, and of course Anthony and Isabella who loved her so much. She lost her dear brother in 1977. She was in mourning again but through her great faith, this too would pass. She spent her senior years with other Ikarain ladies known as “The Golden Girls”.

When I married Maria in 1991, a loving daughter was added to the family. At age 85 she held her first grandchild Zachariah. In 2001 she danced at his baptism. Slowly robbed of her wonderful memories by Alzheimers, she fought to keep her great sense of humor. In 2003 she smiled at baby Lea whose big dark eyes are so like her yiayias.

A life so simple yet so rich ended February 2, 2007, we thank all of you so much for being part of her life and remembering her. We will miss her always.

Maria and I would like to thank everyone for all of the beautiful cards, kind and loving words, flowers and most generous donations that were sent to us.

Nick and Maria Tsalis



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Antonios Douris

January 20, 1926-June 21, 2006

We had to say good-bye to Antonios Douris, AKA Kaparessi, AKA Big Tony on June 21, 2006 at the age of 80. He was known as Kaparessi in his youth because he was tall and svelte. He acquired a new nickname when he became older, Big Tony. This man had the largest feet for an Icarian (size 13 5E width) and also the largest heart with which he bestowed a lot of love to his



family and friends. He grew up very poor as most people did in Icaria in the early part of the twentieth century. One time he had enough to purchase a toy gun only to have his older sister Despo return it for a new pair of pants. He would tell us stories of walking over the mountain barefoot to go from his native village of Evdilos to Agios Kirikos for bread, only to eat it because he was hungry on the way back. His feet were wide because he did not own a pair of shoes until he joined the Royal Greek Navy towards the end of WWII. He served on a submarine, one of only four that Greece possessed. After finally receiving those shoes from the navy (they had a very hard time finding a pair to fit), he decided to see the world and he became a Merchant Marine for 3 years.

He finally came to America in 1948. A young Icarian-American girl Sylvia Mavrikis met him at an Icarian youth meeting in Manhattan. She thought he would make a great couple with a friend of hers. Then a bell went off in her head, "what am I doing, I want him". So she claimed the tall good-looking young man for herself. That Icarian couple were married for 55 years and produced 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

My father worked for Utilities Painting Corporation for 40 years. In my youth, I thought our house was the steel painting capital of the universe. Workers were always coming by for their pay and assignments; potential workers were always calling Big Tony for work. He deservedly retired at 65 years old and began to enjoy spending extended time in Greece with his wife. When I was growing up I had my boyhood heroes like Mickey

Mantle, but as I become older my father who never missed a day of work, always put his family first and always expressed his love and affection for us became my hero. He leaves behind his wife Sylvia, sons Stanton and Peter, daughter Maria, daughter in-laws AnnMarie and Susan, son in-law Chalarambos, grandchildren Christopher, Alexander, Ourania and Anthony. May his Memory be Eternal. With Love and Affection, Your Son Peter



I, Maria Katinou Ploutis, loved...

...my family: Argyrios. *Don't call him "Harry"!* Daughters, four: *Angie-ie-ie!*, Georgia—gone-too-soon, Popie and PhD/tsouloufa Joann. Sons-in-law. *We welcomed all palikaria into the house. Pappou ate the fish eyes and left the good stuff for them, so they'd keep coming back.* Grandchildren, ten: From Peter, the oldest. Down to Eric, the youngest and funniest. *You know what makes me climb the walls, yiayia? When you say "O Eric to kalo paidi, tis manas tou kamari. 'O, he was funny alright.* The sleepovers, girls two at a time; but boys only one, after Gary and Dimitri started the fire. *The happiest days of my and pappou's lives were watching our grandchildren grow up. Great-grandchildren, twenty in all—biological and step—at the time of my death. I loved them all the same, no matter what.*



...my home: Built by my husband. "This is my kitchen, and I'll do as I darn please." Graduation pictures of daughters and grandchildren on shelves built by pap. The Mellon Bank Calendar. The many boxes of cereal in the freezer. *They were on sale.* The meat dish left out overnight. *Then se vlafti. Look at me. I'm still here.* The smell of freshly-baked bread, when I could still make it. The Greek Hour, Sundays at two. Sitting at the kitchen table. *Kalos ilthate, kai panta na'rcheste.* The way I kept the house clean and free of clutter. The house

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my hands knew so well, when my eyes started to go.
 ...my gardens: basiliko, mantano, maratho. Italian broad beans, tomatoes, peppers, kolokithi, onion, vlita for soufiko, stuffing and pita. Honeysuckle, rose, iris, lily of the valley, four o'clock, peony, poppy, sweet pea.
 ...my church: walking to Oakmont each Sunday, dragging grandchildren on occasion. The stained-glass of the Falling Asleep Of The Virgin Mary. The hymns I knew by heart, but sung a bit off-key when the ears started to go. Working at the festival. Eating at the festival. Eating from the festival.
 ...my adopted country: a witness to countless Greek immigrants from Verona. *I always told the relatives back in Greece, "It took coming to America for Greeks to get civilized."*
 ...my stories: *Did I ever recite to you the poem about... Did I ever tell you the story about... Did I ever tell you about the time that Pappou... Did I ever tell you about the time your mother... Did I ever tell you about the time you... Did I ever tell you...?*

This has been a remembrance of Mary Ploutis, written on the one-year anniversary of her death by her granddaughter Dina Lardas. Yes, Yiayia, you DID tell me!



John Skegas

November 5, 1929 – October 13, 2006

John Skegas, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend passed away suddenly October 13, 2006. He was born in New Kensington, Pennsylvania, the youngest of 7 children, to George and Magdalene Skegas. In his early 30's he left



Pennsylvania for Southern California and made his home in Torrance with his wife.

He was an avid gardener who looked forward every spring to planting his garden in his backyard. He had a

natural gift for cultivating plants that brought an abundant number of vegetables each year, which he shared with neighbors.

One of the things he had always wanted to do was to learn how to fly, so after 25 years of working at The Dow Chemical Company he retired and achieved his dream of receiving a pilot's license to fly small planes. Many of his days were spent down at the city airport "soaring through the skies" visiting different places and meeting many friends along the way. He also had a passion for computers. Back when the first computers made their debut, he couldn't wait to own one. It wasn't soon after, that he finally did and had enjoyed building and working with them ever since.

One of his greatest loves was for the sport of fast pitch softball, which I had played from an early age. Many years of his life were devoted to driving me to and from lessons, games, and tournaments, even flying to other countries to watch me compete. He enjoyed the many great times and friends he met in the "softball world". One of his proudest moments was when he traveled to Athens in 2004 and watched me play for the first ever Greek Olympic Softball Team. He played a very large part in my successes and gave me every opportunity, growing up, to be able to compete at that level. Without him my dreams couldn't have come true.

The love he had for his family was immeasurable. The many cross country driving trips to visit family on the East Coast and the sacrifices he made for us, his children, to achieve our dreams, will never be forgotten. He was a supportive father and friend whose presence will be deeply missed by his family and everyone who knew him. We will truly miss his wisdom, encouragement, sense of humor and generosity he shared with everyone and he will undoubtedly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Helen; children, Alexander Skegas and Stephanie Skegas-Maxwell; son-in-law, Michael Maxwell; sisters, Karolyn Krial of Aberdeen, Maryland, Artemis Johnas of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, Evangeline Maier of Wildwood, New Jersey; grandchildren, Zachary Reed, Mackenzie Reed, and newest granddaughter (11 mos.), Alexia Maxwell. (She knew John as "Pa pou"); and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Kelly and Mary Mills; and brother, Nicholas Skegas.

May his memory be eternal.
 Submitted by daughter,
 Stephanie Skegas-Maxwell



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Love and War

Eleftherios Battis served in the Greek Navy as a mine sweeper and in the Merchant Marines. One night as his ship was docked in Norfolk, VA, he seized the opportunity to jump ship to travel to Pennsylvania where he moved in with his relatives, Nick and Violetta Yanouzos.

Vasiliki and John Viores who immigrated to Verona, PA from Icaria had a daughter named Kyriaki (Koula). One summer night in 1951, the family attended a Greek dance held at Grubbs Hall in Oakmont, PA. Lefteri also attended



the dance. When he and Kyriaki saw each other, it was love at first sight. The whirlwind romance culminated in a civil marriage within two weeks. In August, Koula and her family traveled by train from Verona to War, WV, where Koula's godmother lived. There the two married and returned, although Lefteri continued to live with his relatives. Each day he traveled to Verona to see his beloved Koula.

That October, Eleftherios and Kyriaki were wed in the Greek Church.

They were the first couple married in the Dormition Greek Orthodox Church in Oakmont, PA.

After the birth of their first son in 1952, Lefteri was turned into immigration authorities by a Verona local. At that time immigration provided monetary compensation to individuals who provided the information. Lefteri was deported to Greece, where he remained until 1953 when paperwork could be completed to bring him back as the husband of a citizen.

Lefteri went to work for Edgewater Steel in Oakmont, PA and volunteered as a fireman with the Verona Fire Department. He studied to become a citizen and also

joined the Eagles. He sponsored his brother and his family so they could immigrate to the U.S.

During this time, Koula stayed home to raise their three children. Through her great sense of humor and humble attitude she taught her children many things; making beds and bread, worshipping God, and valuing their Greek family and heritage. She even taught them that sometimes the random shapes of pancakes looked like Mickey Mouse or Donald Duck. She made ordinary things more fun.

At night, Eleftherios would teach the children Greek, how to paint and repair things and save money. If they asked nicely, he would even ride the children on his knee, or draw them a picture of a donkey from his home village of Chora.

Eleftherios and Kyriaki taught their children the value of education, and they managed to save enough money to send all three to college. In their 55 years together, they raised a son, a baker in Pittsburgh; a daughter, a teacher in Norfolk, VA, and their

youngest son, an artist in Brooklyn, NY.

Katherine (Koula) Battis was born January 13, 1925 and fell asleep in the Lord on August 4, 2006.

Eleftherios Battis was born December 15, 1925 and fell asleep in the Lord on January 29, 2007.



May their memories be eternal.

Submitted by Phyllis (Battis) DiTommaso



LETTERS TO THE BROTHERHOOD

Dear Nicholas J. Tsalis and Anthony Kayafas,

On the behalf of the athletes and the members of the committee of the athletic team "Diagoras" from Rahes of Ikaria, please receive our sincere wishes for a happy New Year.

The reason for which we took the decision to send you this letter are the big needs of our sport team, concerning the installations and facilities of the athletic court that we use. Our team has 100 members from all ages, departments of children's, teenagers' and adults' football team, girls' volleyball team and lately we try to create a section of chess. Since 1998, we participate in the local football (soccer) championship and in 2004 it started our participation in the local volleyball championship. As you can imagine, the problems we face are many, due to the lack of financial resources and basically, the absence of athletic establishments and facilities in our island. The Municipality of Rahes funds the team with the amount of 4000 euros, while only the cost of the team's transportation for the games in the region of Samos is around 8000 euros.

The greatest problem, though, is the lack of sport facilities and at this point we consider valuable your contribution: The installation of lights in the football court of Agios Dimitrios would resolve a huge problem that we face all these years and it has to do with the athletes' training schedule. In other words, during wintertime, the training takes place only between 16.00 - 17.30, because later it gets dark and it is impossible to go on without lights. Take into consideration the fact that "Diagoras" is the only "sport club" in North Ikaria –in this sense, it offers the only opportunity for young people to practice sports- and moreover, that in the North part of the island there isn't another proper athletic court. The court of Agios Dimitrios began to function in 1957 but only in 1977 had the proper dimensions for football games. We can assure you that the funding for the installation of lights in the court of Agios Dimitrios will have a positive impact on our community's life. It is an investment for society's most important part, for its future: the youngsters. We all love them and try for their best, often under the difficult circumstances of living in an isolated island. Thank you in advance.

Respectfully yours,
Giorgos Mazonakis
President of the athletic team of "Diagoras"
samiotigr@yahoo.com

Call to Artists

Ikaria Magazine is always in need of original artwork, poetry, stories, interviews, photographs etc. for publication. It is apparent that we have many creative members in our Brotherhood. Feel free to display your talents proudly in the pages of *Ikaria Magazine*. Please send any and all submissions to nplutis@yahoo.com.

A new Icaros: A new image of Icaros is needed for the cover art of *Ikaria Magazine*. Any interested artists should e-mail me original artwork of Icaros and it will run on the cover for the next year. What do you think Icaros looked like? There is no limit, let your creative juices flow!

Submissions must be accepted by October 1, 2007. Please send to nplutis@yahoo.com.



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Thank you,
Niki Plutis

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT LETTERS OF THANKS

Dear members of the Pan-Icarian Foundation,

Thank you for your generosity in honoring me as the recipient of this year's Konstantinos Lardas Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship has been a tremendous help to me with my tuition expenses. Please know that your gift is helping me to make possible what has already become one of the most enlightening and exciting times in my life.

I am about to start my second semester as a freshman at the University of California, Berkeley. As an entering freshman in August, I was a typical undecided student without a major, but with a great eagerness to learn. I enrolled in a variety of classes in the hope that one would pique my interest and motivate me to pursue a major. Luckily, my idea worked. My first semester at Berkeley has inspired me to pursue a degree in astrophysics. College has stretched me in ways that range beyond academics. I have been in a position to make new friends for the first time since high school, and I have come to know and value more people than I can even keep straight. I lived my first semester in a Berkeley co-op with 120 other people, including a few other Greek-Americans (sadly, though, no other Icarians). Next semester I will be living in an even larger house, hopefully one that is just as rich in culture and soul. When I applied for this scholarship a year ago, I never dreamed of it making such great experiences possible. Once again, thank you for supporting my college endeavors.

Sincerely,
Konstantinos Horaites
Medford, OR

Dear Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America,

I just wanted to express my gratitude for being awarded a graduate scholarship this year. Thank you for extending the Brotherhood's charity to students. The scholarship is helping me finish my dissertation research much sooner than what otherwise would have been possible. Again, this generosity toward students is much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Lisa Nunn
Encinitas, CA

Dear Pan-Icarian Foundation,

It is an honor to have been selected as a scholarship recipient. I would like to sincerely express my appreciation. I wish to thank you for your encouragement in helping me achieve my goals. With the support of the Brotherhood, I have recently completed my first quarter at Stanford University.

I aim to earn a degree from the department of engineering. My courses so far have proven challenging, but exciting as well. The professors are incredible in that they not only reiterate discoveries, but are innovators themselves. Even so, the faculty is surprisingly approachable, and the administration encourages us to get to know our professors. The experience is truly inspiring. Receiving this scholarship motivates me further in my academic endeavors. I wish to thank you again for your support and encouragement.

Sincerely,
Stellios Leventis
Stanford, CA

Dear Foundation Officers,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Scholarship Committee and to thank the Pan-Icarian Foundation. The Pan-Icarian Brotherhood has provided an invaluable service to its younger brothers and sisters and without the scholarship I might not have been able to afford college. I am in my last year of school and the tuition has taken quite a jump. This scholarship came just at the right time and I thank you for it very much.

Yours in gratitude,
Christ Aivaliotis



GREEK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT LETTERS OF THANKS

30/01/07
Ευχαριστώ θερμά την Πανεπιστημιακή
αδελφότητα Αμερικής ή προσωπικά
τον κύριο Αντώνη Καϊάφα για το
φοιτητικό επίδομα του υιού μου
Πάμηρου Λιδωρίκη. Είναι μεγάλη
βοήθεια για την συνέχιση των
σπουδών του στην ΚΟΖΑΝΗ.



Ευχαριστώ
ΦΛΩΡΑ ΛΙΔΩΡΙΚΗ (ΜΟΕΚΟΒΑΚΗ
ΤΟ ΓΕΝΟΣ

Αγαπητέ κ. Καϊάφα Αντώνη

Θα ήθελα να σας ευχαριστήσω για το χρηματικό ποσό που μου στείλατε το
οποίο θα χρησιμοποιήσω για την διεκπεραίωση των μεταπτυχιακών μου
σπουδών.

Εύχομαι να συνεχίσετε ν' απονέμετε αυτή την υποτροφία και στο μέλλον σε
άτομα που πληρούν τα κριτήρια που έχετε θέσει.

Εύχομαι σε σας και στο ίδρυμα κάθε επιτυχία και σε ότι χρειαστείτε μη
διστάσετε να επικοινωνήσετε μαζί μου.

10-5-06

Με εκτίμηση,
Τσαπαλιάρης Νείλος

Αγαπητοί συγγραφείς και μέλη της
Πανεπιστημιακής Αδελφότητας Αμερικής
Χαιρόμαστε ιδιαίτερα που άνθρωποι σαν
εσάς, οι οποίοι περναστένε, δεν έχουν
ξεχάσει τον τόπο από τον οποίο μαζεύονται
και σας ευχαριστούμε γι' αυτό και για την
αγάπη που δείχνετε.

Κυρίως όμως θα ήθελα να σας ευχαριστήσω
για την φιλοξενία και την βοήθειά σας. Με
τον τρόπο σας μας εφάρμαξε να μάθουμε
βήματα προς το καλύτερο και να βελτιωνόμαστε.

Σας ευχαριστώ πολύ για τη χρηματική βοή-
θεια που μας προσέφερε και σας ευχαριστούμε
οτι θα προσπαθήσω να την αξιοποιήσω με
τον καλύτερο τρόπο.

Με ευγένεια
Δαυλίδα Λύκου



PYTHAGORAS OF SAMOS: THE CONDUCTOR OF THE GLOBAL PHILOSOPHICAL THINKING

When asked to describe the significance of Pythagoras' philosophical influence into the shaping of contemporary science, Dr. Sfekas employs an anecdote by way of introduction.

The first world philosophy Congress was held in Amsterdam in 1946... There were two philosophers giving the opening speeches, considered the most important living philosophers in the world at that time. One was Bertrand Russell ... and the other was Arthur Koestler, a Hungarian-born philosopher living in Britain and writing in English.

Arthur Koestler has praised Pythagoras. He has written a book on the history of Cosmology called "The Sleep-walkers", and he says in the introduction to the book, that Greek philosophy, and in fact all philosophical speculation the best of which was Greek philosophy, prior to Pythagoras was like an orchestra caterwauling.... Then, Pythagoras of Samos walks in, steps up to the podium, takes his baton, taps three times, and the great symphony music of Western civilization begins. This is said by the greatest living philosopher in the 20th century about Pythagoras of Samos. He started everything; he is considered the seminal mind, perhaps the greatest intellect that ever lived.

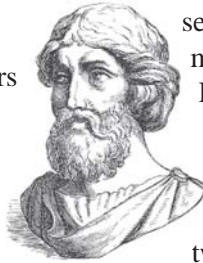
Dr. Stanley (Στυλιανός) Sfekas' admiration for Pythagoras is obvious in the excitement of his voice. On the desk of his office at the University of Indianapolis in Athens, in the neighborhood of Plaka, just a few minutes' walk from the Acropolis, he keeps a replica of the 'δίκη κούπα', a ceramic cup that, according to the tradition, Pythagoras had designed to prevent his students from excessive wine drinking. When the cup is filled beyond a marked line, all of its content is pouring on the floor from a hole in the center.

Even Plato, according to Dr. Sfekas, has been called a Pythagorean, a fact that makes Plato's philosophy derivative, owing its originality to Pythagoras. To illustrate his point, Dr. Sfekas begins with the original words that the Samian philosopher gave us. "He gave us the word mathematics; he gave us the word philosophy... which he describes as a way of life. It does not end in -ology... it is not 'sophology', it's philo-sophy, love of wisdom, which means it is a lifestyle, it's a commitment, a whole way of life."

For Pythagoras, his discipline was indeed his lifestyle and his commitment in his secret societies. In those days, all higher knowledge was a mystery, reserved for those privileged few initiated members of the secret societies. These mystery societies would recruit children that were genius children, otherwise they wouldn't be able to

understand the 'arts' practiced in those schools.

Pythagoras was a 'μυημένος', an initiated, and they used to call him a 'man of powers', a magician. In the literature, as Dr. Sfekas explains, this means that he had secret healing knowledge, since there was not a medical establishment at that time. In addition, Pythagoras probably had parapsychological powers, like telepathy and clairvoyance.



As for the contents of that secret knowledge, Dr. Sfekas refers to the existence in every religion of two different dimensions- the exoteric and the esoteric. The exoteric is for the masses. The esoteric is mainly kept secret. It incorporates teachings, which are on a much deeper level, and talk of the origins of the cosmos, and other issues which only an advanced intellectual consciousness can comprehend. That's what Pythagoras' studies were about. "His society had become so powerful, even after his death, that it was wiped out as part of a political conflict in Syracuse in Sicily".

"Pythagoras of Samos is responsible for giving us mathematics". Even counting *seriatim*, (in series), is an abstraction that took ages for humanity to reach. Dr. Sfekas narrates a story from the history of mathematics, where a shepherd boy would take a bag of rocks, where there had already been a one- to- one correspondence of the rocks with the number of the sheep. Then the boy would sit at the entrance of the field where the sheep was pastured, and as they came out, one came out, he took a rock out, another one, he took a rock out and so on. If he looked in the bag and there is still one rock, there is a sheep missing. That was on an earlier stage of counting. After that, we were able to count in series, "which is an amazing gap of abstraction, a conceptual leap" as Dr. Sfekas describes it.

Pythagoras had raised the entire conceptual level of humanity to a higher level of abstraction. He learned land measurement from the Egyptians, who would use ropes tied where the Nile River would overflow. But Pythagoras was able to make those triangles into conceptual triangles. "He was able to draw them in the sand when he was teaching, and then he was eventually able to conceptualize them in his mind, to create all the geometrical figures in his mind, and he saw the geometrical construction of the cosmos".

Koestler praises the Samian philosopher for another contribution; in discovering that mathematics and music were one and the same. "Since music depends on mathematical intervals, he is able to show that the most qualitative, abstract thing in all human experience, the

listening to music... can all be explained mathematically.” The reason that you cry when Tchaikovsky’s violin concerto is playing, as Dr. Sfekas puts it, is explained by principles of harmonics, which are mathematics. So, Koestler has written that ‘the nexus between the domain of quantity and the domain of quality were linked by Pythagoras’.

Music is based on the mathematical vibrations of the cosmos. Because everything has a mathematical relationship, the entire universe is mathematically arranged according to vibrations. This is now proven in contemporary physics with what is called ‘theory of the string’, or Pythagoras’ Ding- Dong Theory, adds Dr. Sfekas. The Pythagorean world view was adopted by Sir Isaac Newton, leading to Deism, the religion of the 17th and 18th centuries that competed with Christianity. According to Deism, there is a God, but He is a mathematical intelligence. He is Λόγος (the Word), Νούς (the Mind), the infinite mathematical mind that makes the whole universe mathematically arranged. That’s the view of God that Einstein had, as Dr. Sfekas observes, which makes Einstein a Pythagorean.

Another perspective to the ding-dong theory is the Pythagorean Theory of the Music of the Spheres. The planets were thought to be at harmonious intervals one from the other, producing a sound as a result of friction. Therefore, the whole cosmos was turned into “a cosmic music box”, as Dr. Sfekas phrases it. Following, he cites a Shakespeare’s line from *The Merchant of Venice* about the music of the spheres:

Sit, Jessica. Look how the floor of heaven
Is thick inlaid with patines of bright gold:
There’s not the smallest orb which thou behold’st
But in his motion like an angel sings,
Still quiring to the young-eyed cherubins;
Such harmony is in immortal souls;
But whilst this muddy vesture of decay
Doth grossly close it in, we cannot hear it.
(5.1.65-71) ¹

In these lines, the ‘muddy vesture of decay’, the human flesh, is what led Plato- Pythagoras’ theory to the notion of the body as the tomb of the soul. As Dr. Sfekas explains, when the soul is free of the body, it can hear the music of the spheres. When it enters the body, the body is too gross, it blocks the soul from apperceiving the music of the spheres. “So, only when someone has cleaned the windows of the soul through ‘Hellenic meditation’, while still being alive, can one be in a state of ecstasy and hear the music of the spheres”.

Upon death, however, when we have liberation of the soul from the body, the soul goes into the cosmic dimension. There, it is in eternal attunement with the music of the spheres, which proves that the soul always had ‘a

priori’ knowledge, but when it enters the body there is an act of forgetting. It is only through education, an act of recollection by itself, as Plato took it up later, that the soul begins to remember parts of its previous knowledge. “That’s why the theory of recollection has to do with the music of the spheres as the vibration of all things in the ding dong theory...the soul knows all things, so education is a process of stimulating the mind of the other person, so that the soul remembers things.”

Dr. Sfekas exemplifies that through a Pythagorean experiment that Plato conducted. In the dialogue *the Memmon*, he had Socrates bring in an uneducated slave boy and he asked him to draw a right triangle. Then, with very careful analytical questions from one step to the next, they had the boy give them a version of the Pythagorean Theorem. That shows the connection with Socrates, Plato, and the whole notion of recollection (Ανάμνησις), music of the spheres and the body as tomb to the soul.

A more recent proof of the recollection theory that Dr. Sfekas recalls, is the 19th century discovery of the, Boyles and Charles Laws of Gases. The two scientists used equations in algebra that had no application in physics before. They were just exercises for students. But then, when the laws of gases were discovered, those equations fit, an indication that the mathematics existed before the physical phenomena. “Every equation we have ever done, every combination of numbers, will fit some physical phenomenon. So, the reality of the world is the mathematical relationships”. What scientists today call ‘Counter -Intuitive Truths’:

Does the sun rise and the sun sets?
Not really, the earth rotates.
Is the earth stationary?
Feels like it is stationary, but it is moving.

Every synonym for Counter- Intuitive Truth is mathematical truth. “Counter intuitive truths are reality, mathematical truths are reality, and mathematics is reality. And that’s Pythagoras, the Pythagorean world view; it is the most important view in science technology of the world today. So, he is the maestro of all human thought”.

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