

THE FOUNDATION

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WELCOME! ΓΙΑ ΣΑΣ!

This summer comes with a renewal of our spirits and with a welcome respite from this past difficult year for those of us who lost family and friends from the pandemic or who were not able to hug and spend time with our families and friends. As we refresh our spirits and self, our Foundation is also initiating a new start with our first ever newsletter. In this issue you will find some past, some now, and some upcoming events and articles.

Please enjoy our Foundation newsletter! Hope to see you all at the 2021 Cleveland Supreme Convention...

Stay well,
Ellene (Nina) Tratras Contis
Chair

Αυτό το καλοκαίρι έρχεται με μια ανανέωση των πνευμάτων μας και με μια ευχάριστη ανάπαυλα από αυτήν την περασμένη δύσκολη χρονιά για εκείνους από εμάς που έχασαν την οικογένεια και τους φίλους μας από την πανδημία ή που δεν μπορούσαν να αγκαλιάσουν και να περάσουν χρόνο με τις οικογένειες και τους φίλους μας. Καθώς ανανεώνουμε το πνεύμα και τον εαυτό μας, το Ίδρυμά μας ξεκινά επίσης μια νέα αρχή με το πρώτο μας ενημερωτικό δελτίο. Σε αυτό το τεύχος θα βρείτε κάποιο παρελθόν, μερικά τώρα και μερικά επερχόμενα γεγονότα και άρθρα.

Μπορείτε να διαβάσετε την έκθεση στο τέλος του έτους που θα σας παρέχουμε στο Συνέδριο για περισσότερες πληροφορίες. Απολαύστε το ενημερωτικό μας δελτίο του Ιδρύματος!

Ελπίζω να σας δούμε όλους στο Συνέδριο του Κλίβελαντ του 2021...

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THE FIRST DIRECTOR

In the 1960s, many of the philanthropic endeavors were directed toward the Pan-Icarian Foundation that was headquartered in Pittsburgh. In the early stages of the Foundation's establishment, there was an air of uncertainty about the vision of this entity because many members did not understand how it would operate. Luckily, the few who initially understood the Foundation's foresight, such as PSPs Christ E. Aivaliotis and George L. Vassilaros of Pittsburgh, worked tirelessly to influence the local and national membership to accept this proposal.

In September of 1965, The Pan-Icarian Foundation officially became the philanthropic mechanism of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood. The Pan-Icarian Foundation was established with a deed of trust, on September 6, 1965, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Foundation charter states that the Pan Icarian Brotherhood will distribute Funds for "religious, charitable, cultural, and educational purposes."

Christopher Passodelis was appointed Director. He was the driving force behind the newly formed Foundation. Mr. Passodelis began establishing the following goals in accordance with the charter. During many years, the Foundation has undertaken and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars for the following projects: schools, hospitals, scholarships, Icarian nursing home, road building, firefighting equipment, medical assistance, humanitarian aid, academic research, and to support the Pan-Icarian National Archives.

We look forward to many more years!

FOUNDATION VISION:

THE PAN-ICARIAN
FOUNDATION SHALL
ADMINISTER THE
PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS
OF THE PAN-ICARIAN
BROTHERHOOD OF NORTH
AND SOUTH AMERICA.



FOUNDATION MISSION:

TO PROVIDE MEDICAL,
EDUCATIONAL, AND
CULTURAL SUPPORT FOR
ALL PEOPLES,
REGARDLESS
OF CREED, RACE, OR
RELIGION.



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This year's Cultural Enrichment Grant, supported by the Foundation, is helping the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection augment its collection of books on Ikaria with 64 new acquisitions and digitize rare and unique materials already in the collection related to Ikaria and its diaspora for wide accessibility on the internet.

These acquisitions will elevate the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection's holdings on Ikaria to a preeminent level and enable it to become the chief repository preserving and making accessible Ikarian history and culture in the western United States.

Materials to be digitized include a rare pamphlet on the Greek communists exiled to Ikaria during the Greek Civil War, a unique historical album published around 1969 presenting the full history and accomplishments of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood of America, and audio interviews pertaining to the life of the illustrious Greek American priest of Ikarian descent, Fr. Stephanos E. Phoutrides (1891-1946). Consisting of the holdings of the former Speros Basil Vryonis Center for the Study of Hellenism, the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection opened in the California State University Sacramento library in 2003.



The collection currently numbers some 75,000 volumes and 430 linear feet of personal and institutional archives. It is the premier Hellenic collection west of the Mississippi and one of the largest of its kind in the country. We are pleased to aid in this important endeavor to preserve our Icarian heritage!

Visit the website below for more information:
<http://www.library.csus.edu/tsakopoulos>



The Sherwin Williams Company (SW), under the direction of President John G. Morikis (a Hellene!), has pledged to donate to the Pan Icarian Foundation 1% of the combined gross sales of the Ikarian Painting Contractors Association (John A. Papalas Co., Viking Aegean Ltd (both from Detroit) and Atlantic Painting (Chicago) annually. The Association reflects the long-standing relationship that Sherwin Williams has had with these companies as well as with several other Ikarian-owned painting contractors throughout the United States and Canada. To date, the Foundation has received \$8,000. Great start!

It is our hope that we can grow this Association by enrolling more of our contracting community. Contact your local SW representative and voice your desire to participate in this program. We will continue to explore other avenues for fundraising using our collective purchasing power in all industries. If you are in the food and beverage business, medical or financial field, feel free to contact your suppliers and request establishment of similar programs. We are eager to extend our fundraising efforts!



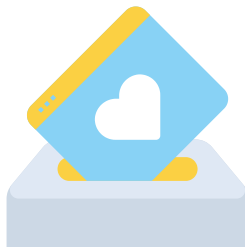
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FAST FACTS:

- *ASSETS REBOUND AFTER PANDEMIC (JUST UNDER \$7M)*
- *DISBURSEMENTS (NOT INCLUDING FEES/EXPENSES):*
 - *SCHOLARSHIPS: > \$250K*
 - *IKARIA MAGAZINE: \$30K*
 - *MEDICAL/PHILANTHROPIC: \$25K*
 - *OLD AGE HOME: \$10K*
 - *HOSPITAL COVID AID: \$10K*



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