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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Evrytanians and Friends,

Christmas is that special time of the year when we turn our hearts and minds into thinking about ways to aid others. And in that very special endeavor, during our September and November Meetings, the Evrytanian Velouchi Board had the blessing of being able to help out eight families in Greece who were in difficult circumstances and had requested our assistance.

It is so heart-warming to read the letters of thanks that come to our office. It is our hope that we can, in next year's budget, increase the amount we dedicate to altruistic assistance.

We offer a big thank you to the Asheville Chapter for the gracious welcome and great food that was prepared for us at our November meeting!

Once again this year the Fayetteville Chapter held their annual Christmas party and invited all at the Asheville meeting to attend. The annual financial report that was given by the treasurer Paul Kanos was so impressive! The Chapter gives out very generously to so many worthy causes! Kudos to President Alfred Barefoot and the Marko Botsaris Chapter for their wonderful work! The recipient of their annual award this year was Vic Kalevas for his

extraordinary support of the Chapter projects.

At our Asheville Board meeting the president of the Winston Salem Chapter, Kostas Hodges, gave a report on the great progress of the 2017 Convention. They are putting a lot of effort into making this a wonderful convention. Please mark your calendars for June 16, 17 and 18, 2017, and await further information.

Chapters presidents and representatives, don't forget to send in your membership information for a new telephone and address directory -- our current one is 11 years old, but all the good intentions don't mean a thing if the office doesn't receive the information.

We wish everyone a blessed Christmas Holiday, filled with delight, laughter and good health, and a joyous New Year!

Laura Nixon, President



---Thank You Letters---

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Καρπενήσι, 21 Νοεμβρίου 2016

Αγαπητή Κυρία Πρόεδρε,

Δεχθείτε τις θερμές ευχαριστίες όλης της οικογένειάς μου, τόσο εσείς, όσο και όλα τα μέλη του Συλλόγου Ευρυτάνων Αμερικής «Το Βελούχι» για την ευγενική προσφορά των \$500 που μου αποστέιλате και παρέλαβα δια μέσω του κ. Αθανασίου Νικόπουλου.

Θέλω να ξέρετε ότι τα χρήματα αυτά ήρθαν σε μια χρονική στιγμή που τα είχα άμεση ανάγκη, προκειμένου να ανταπεξέλθω των οικονομικών εκκρεμοτήτων μου (ΔΕΗ, Φαρμακείο, κ.λ.π) και ήταν Δώρο Θεού.

Σας ευχόμαστε ολόψυχα Χρόνια Πολλά για τις Άγιες ημέρες των Χριστουγέννων και ο Καινούργιος Χρόνος να σας χαρίζει υγεία και οικογενειακή ευτυχία, προκειμένου να συνεχίζετε το θεάρεστο έργο σας, απαλύνοντας έτσι τον πόνο πολλών οικογενειών που έχουν ανάγκη.

Με απέραντη ευγνωμοσύνη.

Οικογένεια Α. Μ.



Προς το Σύλλογο Ευρυτάνων «Το Βελούχι»

Καρπενήσι, 29 Νοεμβρίου 2016

Αξιότιμες κυρίες και κύριοι,

Δια της παρούσης επιστολής, θα ήθελα να εκφράσω τις θερμότερες ευχαριστίες μου για τη μεγάλη οικονομική βοήθεια και υποστήριξη που μου παρείχατε. Σήμερα σπάνια συναντά κανείς ανθρώπους να ενδιαφέρονται για τον πλησίον τους.

Σας εύχομαι καλές γιορτές, με υγεία και ευτυχία το Νέο Έτος για σας και τις οικογένειές σας.

Και πάλι σας ευχαριστώ για όλα όσα έχετε κάνει και συνεχίζετε να κάνετε.

Με εκτίμηση,

I. A.



MEMBERSHIP DUES - Dispelling a Myth

We would like to take this opportunity to dispel the misconception that senior citizens are exempt from paying their annual dues to the Association and their local chapter. After researching, we found no past decisions or by-laws stating senior citizens are exempt from paying Association dues. Therefore, anyone wishing to be in good standing may pay their annual Evrytanian Association dues regardless of age.

Bobby Tsiabassis, Velouchi Second Vice President

ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ*Αγαπητά Μέλη, Φίλες και Φίλοι,*

Τα Χριστούγεννα είναι η ιδιαίτερη στιγμή του έτους, όταν οι καρδιές και τα μυαλά μας αναζητούν τρόπους να βοηθήσουμε τους συνανθρώπους μας. Και σε αυτή την πολύ σπουδαία προσπάθεια, κατά τη διάρκεια των συνεδριάσεών μας τον Σεπτέμβριο και Νοέμβριο, το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο της Ένωσής μας είχε την ευλογία να είναι σε θέση να βοηθήσει οκτώ οικογένειες στην Ελλάδα, οι οποίες έχουν οικονομικές δυσκολίες και ζήτησαν τη βοήθειά μας.

Είναι τόσο συγκινητικό να διαβάζουμε τις ευχαριστήριες επιστολές τους που έρχονται στα γραφεία μας. Ευελπιστούμε, στον προϋπολογισμό του επόμενου έτους, να καταφέρουμε ν' αυξήσουμε το ποσό που αφιερώνουμε στην αλτρουιστική βοήθεια.

Εκφράζουμε τις θερμότερες ευχαριστίες στα μέλη του Τμήματός μας στο Asheville για τη θερμή υποδοχή που μας επεφύλλαξαν και το καλό γεύμα που μας πρόσφεραν κατά τη συνεδρίαση του Δ.Σ. στις 20 Νοεμβρίου 2016.

Για άλλη μια φορά φέτος, το Τμήμα μας στο Fayetteville πραγματοποίησε την θαυμάσια ετήσια Χριστουγεννιάτικη γιορτή των μελών του. Είχαν επίσης προσκληθεί και όλα τα μέλη του Δ.Σ. που έλαβαν μέρος στην συνεδρίαση του Νοεμβρίου στο Asheville.

Η ετήσια οικονομική έκθεση που παρουσίασε ο ταμίας, κ. Paul Kanos, ήταν ιδιαίτερα εντυπωσιακή. Το Τμήμα αυτό είναι πολύ γενναιόδωρο για πολλούς ευγενείς σκοπούς! Συγχαρητήρια στον Πρόεδρο κ. Άλφρεντ Barefoot και στο Τμήμα «Μάρκος Μπότσαρης» για το εξαιρετικό έργο που επιτελούν. Ο παραλήπτης του ετήσιου βραβείου του Τμήματός τους φέτος ήταν ο κ. Vic Kalevas. Το Βραβείο το παρέλαβε από τον πρόεδρο του Τμήματος ως ελάχιστο δείγμα της ανιδιοτελούς προσφοράς και υποστήριξής του στην επίτευξη των σκοπών του Τμήματος.

Στη συνεδρίαση του Διοικητικού μας Συμβουλίου στο Ασβίλ, ο πρόεδρος του Τμήματός μας στο Γουίνστον Σάλεμ, κ. Κώστας Hodges, ενημέρωσε τα μέλη σχετικά με τις μεγάλες προσπάθειες που κάνει η Οργανωτική Επιτροπή για την επιτυχία του ετήσιου Συνεδρίου μας το 2017. Σημειώστε στα ημερολόγιά σας τις ημερομηνίες 16, 17 και 18 Ιουνίου 2017 και αναμένετε περισσότερες πληροφορίες.

Απευθύνουμε έκκληση στους προέδρους και αντιπροσώπους των Τμημάτων μας να κάνουν κάθε δυνατή προσπάθεια να στείλουν στα Κεντρικά μας Γραφεία, το γρηγορότερο δυνατόν, τις

πληροφορίες που ζητήσαμε για τα μέλη όλων των Τμημάτων μας, έτσι ώστε να συμπεριληφθούν στο νέο κατάλογο συνδρομητών/μελών που θα εκδόσουμε σύντομα. Ο προηγούμενος κατάλογος έχει εκδοθεί πριν 11 χρόνια και είναι ανάγκη τώρα να τον ανανεώσουμε.

Ευχόμαστε σε όλους Ευλογημένα Χριστουγέννα, γεμάτα χαρά, γέλιο, υγεία, και ένα χαρούμενο Νέο Έτος!

Ελευθερία Κ. Νικοπούλου



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Greece In America

President Obama visits Athens, the birthplace of Democracy



President Obama visited Athens, the first stop of his final planned foreign trip and met with President Pavlopoulos and Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras. The President held a press conference with PM Tsipras and attended a state dinner with President Prokopis Pavlopoulos at the Presidential Mansion. President Obama visited the Acropolis and delivered a speech at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center.

In view of his visit to Greece, President Obama spoke to Kathimerini English Edition about the importance Americans place on the alliance with Greece, which is a close counterterrorism partner. He also commended the Greek government and the Greek people for the very difficult and painful steps they've taken to show that Greece is working to help itself.



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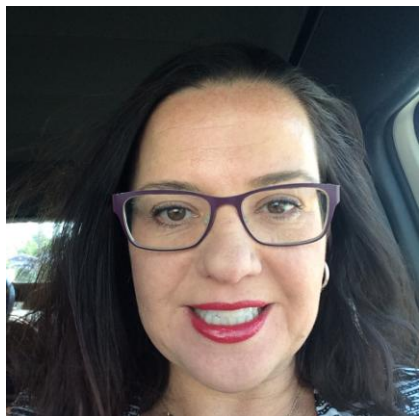


Best wishes for A Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Haris Lalacos, Ambassador

==ΟΥΓΑΤΕΡΕΣ ΕΥΡΥΤΑΝΙΑΣ==

President's Message



Dearest Evrytanians,

Greetings to all of you, and very best wishes to all of you and your families for the New Year.

It is the time for evaluating 2016 and setting goals for 2017. This year has been good for the Daughters of Evrytania. We had a wonderful meeting (and excellent lunch)! In Asheville on November 20th and have once again extended thousands of dollars of assistance to those in need both in Greece and the US. Through the hard work and patience of Katina Zoumbos and our Treasurer Helen Clonaris, we obtained bank account information for the schools in Evrytania. This allowed us to wire funds directly the schools so that it can be used immediately for the greatest needs. Katina also obtained the lists of students enrolled in the schools so that we can direct our donations proportionally (we donate \$100 per student to each of the schools chosen). We are grateful for her tireless efforts on behalf of the children in Evrytania.

These funds are the result of the generosity of many- from the annual raffle to the funds that chapters send in from their activities; it all adds up and allows us to continue to help those who need it the most. In addition to financial support, there are people in our communities who need our time. January and February are cold and often lonely months for many people. Once Christmas is over many people find themselves isolated from their families.

My mother in law sets a good example by visiting folks from the Church community in nursing homes. She and some of her friends do this

often and without fanfare. It can mean the world to a shut-in to see a familiar face and either reminisce about days gone by or create new memories. With that in mind, I am setting a goal for myself to reach out to at least 3 people during the often dreary winter months and I ask my Sisters in the Daughters of Evrytania to do the same. We have well over 300 paid members (and many more who read this newsletter). Imagine if each of us reached out to 2 or 3 people? If we stopped by with a card or a plant and shared a coffee and a few minutes of our time we could have a positive impact on hundreds of people.

I wish each of you health and happiness for 2017 and I look forward to seeing you all in Winston Salem in June for another amazing convention!

Gratefully,
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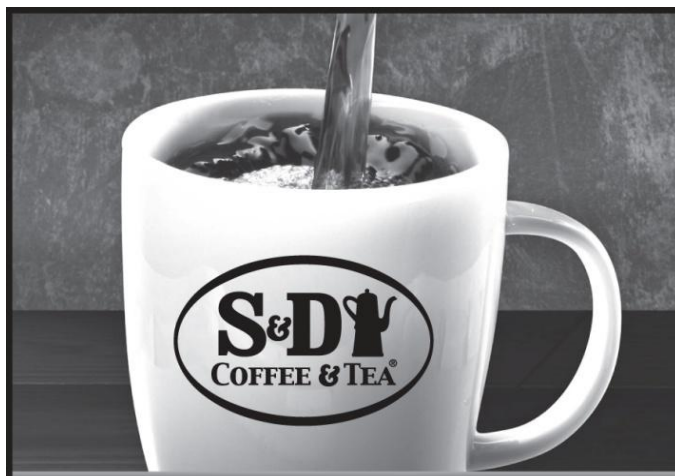
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♣CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON♣

The Charlotte Chapter of the Daughters of Evrytania had their Christmas luncheon on Saturday, December 17th. The event was at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Fort Lawn, SC. The Katargaris Family offered us a delicious meal and plenty of warm hospitality. President Angie Kastriches welcomed the 43 members and guests and presented all with lovely Christmas mugs. The Daughters hope everyone has a blessed New Year.



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Είναι γεγονός ότι έχουμε ένα δραστήριο Τμήμα, το οποίο συμμετέχει ποικιλοτρόπως σε οποιαδήποτε ευκαιρία του δίνεται όπως:

- Στο ετήσιο Διεθνές Φολκλορικό Φεστιβάλ (International Folk Festival) στις 24 & 25 Σεπτεμβρίου, συμμετέχοντας με περίπτερο με ελληνικά φαγητά, μουσική και με παραδοσιακούς ελληνικούς χορούς και παρέλαση με όλα τα μέλη της ελληνικής κοινότητας και με άρχουσα θέση την ένδοξη ελληνική μας σημαία.
- Στις 11 Νοεμβρίου μαγείρεψε και σέρβιρε φαγητό για 300 μέλη της οργάνωσης τυφλών ατόμων της πόλης μας
- Στις 4 Δεκεμβρίου οργάνωσε τον ετήσιο καθιερωμένο δείπνο για τα μέλη του Τμήματος, τις οικογένειές τους και φίλους, στο εστιατόριο Captain Jerry's Seafood. Φέτος είχαμε αρθρόα συμμετοχή, σε μια ζεστή, φιλική και αδελφική ατμόσφαιρα.

Ευχαριστούμε θερμά που μας τίμησαν με την παρουσία τους, την πρόεδρο του Βελουχιού κ. Ελευθερία Νικοπούλου και τον προσφάτως τιμηθέντα από τον Οικουμενικό Πατριάρχη Βαρθολομαίο με τον τίτλο του Αρχонта του Αγίου Ανδρέα, του Αποστόλου, κ. Αθανάσιο Νικόπουλο, τον Γραμματέα των Κεντρικών Γραφείων μας κ. Ελευθέριο Περούλα και το καταξιωμένο μέλος του Βελουχιού κ. Αθανάσιο Παπασπύρου μετά της συζύγου του Λούσης.



♣ΘΕΡΜΟΤΑΤΑ ΣΥΓΧΑΡΗΤΗΡΙΑ♣



Ως τον καλλίτερο Βελουχιώτη της Χρονιάς (Best Velouchian of the Year), το Τμήμα μας υπέδειξε και τίμησε τον κ. Βησσαρίωνα (Vick) Καλύβα, ως ελάχιστο δείγμα της ανιδιοτελούς εργασίας, αγάπης και γενικότερης προσφοράς του στο τοπικό μας Τμήμα. Την Τιμητική Πλακέτα απένειμε εκ μέρους του Τμήματός μας ο περσινός νικητής, ο νεαρός Γεράσιμος ((Jerry) Αναγνωστόπουλος. Απ' όλους εμάς Χίλια Ευχαριστώ!



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CHAPTER #2 - FAYETTEVILLE, NC



♣ΓΕΝΗΣΗ♣

Στις 27 Σεπτεμβρίου, το ζευγάρι Κων/νος και Κων/να Φραγκάκη απέκτησαν το δεύτερο αγοράκι τους, τον χαριτωμένο Γιάννη. Το νεογέννητο είναι εγγονάκι του Θωμά και της Μαρίνας Φραγκάκη, από την ενορία μας, και του αείμνηστου Ιωάννη Γαλλή και της Μαρίκας Γαλλή, από το Γουίνστον Σάλεμ. Είναι δισέγγονο του Κων/νου και της Μαργαρίτας Φλώρου και του αείμνηστου Παύλου Γαλλή και της Μαρίας Γαλλή, από το Γουίνστον Σάλεμ. Να σας ξήσει το νεογέννητο!

♣ΒΑΠΤΙΣΗ♣



Στις 6 Νοεμβρίου, στην εκκλησία του Ευαγγελισμού της Θεοτόκου του Γουίνστον Σάλεμ, έγινε η βάπτιστη της μικρής κόρης των Θωμά και Στέλλας Τσιάρα. Οι ανάδοχοι του μυστηρίου, Δημήτριος και Ελένη Σιαλμά, της έδωσαν το όνομα Ελευθερία. Μετά τη βάπτιστη ακολούθησε δεξίωση στην όμορφα στολισμένη κοινοτική αίθουσα, με πλούσια φαγητά και γλυκίσματα. Το πανέμορφο νεογέννητο είναι εγγονάκι των Κων/νου και της Ελευθερίας Τσιάρα, κατοίκων Ελλάδας, και επίσης εγγονάκι του Γεωργίου και της Ελένης Αναγνωστοπούλου.

Να σας ξήσει η νεοφώτιστη Ελευθερία.

♣ΒΡΑΒΕΥΣΗ♣

Συγχαρητήρια στον Γρηγόρη Καλύβα και Νικόλαο Σταθόπουλο για την τιμητική τους αναγνώριση με το Βραβείο του Αρχάγγελου Μιχαήλ από την Μητρόπολη της Ατλάντας τον Νοέμβριο του 2016.

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CHAPTER #2 FAYETTEVILLE, NC

---Obituary---

MARGARET B. PAPPAS



1930-2016

Margaret B. Pappas, 86, passed away on Friday, September 16, 2016.

Margaret was born on April 26, 1930 in Stenoma, Evrytania, Greece to Bill and Sperethoula Pappas. Her father came to America in 1912, and later followed relatives to Fayetteville in 1918. Margaret and her sister, Helen, joined their father in 1948.

Margaret was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 64 years, George Peter Pappas. She was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was known for her sweet,

vivacious, generous and loving spirit. She was loved and cherished by all who knew her. Margaret was small in stature barely standing 4' 9", but her love for others was as vast as the universe. She never met a stranger, and could always find common ground with everyone who crossed her path. She was an avid reader and gardener, and her intricate crochet designs won many blue ribbons at the NC State Fair.

She was a lifelong member of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, where Margaret and her husband, George, were instrumental in the financing and construction of the church sanctuary. She was a Member of the Velouchi Organization and a 50 year plus member of the Philoptochos Ladies Society, where she served as Treasurer for many years. Margaret was a woman of strong faith which she instilled in her children and grandchildren. She loved helping with the Greek Festival, church spaghetti dinners, and other community fundraisers and activities, and was always entrusted with running the cash register.

She is survived by three children, son Bill Pappas and wife Debbie of Raleigh, son Peter Pappas and Dr. Mary John Baxley of Greensboro, and daughter Sperethoula (Lula) Griffin and husband Dan of Fayetteville; five grandchildren Marianna P. Whitson and husband Micah of Belmont, MA, Caroline P. McCall and husband Lathan of Brooklyn, NY, George William Pappas of Los Angeles, CA, and Daniel and Margaret Griffin of Fayetteville; great granddaughter, Annie Whitson; and great grandson, Gus McCall. Mrs. Pappas is also survived by her sister, Helen P. Dais and husband George of Fayetteville as well as a large extended family.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to sister and brother-in-law,

George and Helen P. Dais for their devotion and loving care of the Pappas family over the years, as well as her wonderful extended family, caring neighbors and friends.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

"When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek." Psalms 27:8

ΘΑΝΑΤΟΙ

Τα θερμά μας συλλυπητήρια:

• Στην οικογένεια της Σπυριδούλας (Λούλας) Griffin για το θάνατο της μητέρας της Μαργαρίτας στις 16 Σεπτεμβρίου 2016.

• Στις οικογένειες των Ελευθερίας και Γεωργίου Σκεντέρη και Βασίλη και Μαρίας Παπασπύρου για τον θάνατο της αγαπημένης τους αδελφής Βασιλικής Παπασπύρου στην Ελλάδα στις 15 Οκτωβρίου 2016.

• Στην οικογένεια των Έφης και Γρηγόρη Καλύβα για τον θάνατο του εξαδέλφου της Έφης στην Ελλάδα

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CHAPTER #3 "O Platanos" - WINSTON SALEM, NC

73rd VELOUCHI NATIONAL CONVENTION



*The Winston Salem Velouchi Chapter 3 "O Platanos" wishes everyone a **Blessed Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!** We look forward to hosting and welcoming you to our beautiful city of Winston Salem, NC on June 16-18, 2017. We hope everyone of all ages make an effort to join us in good fellowship in honor of this historic association and its cause.*

♣ Congratulatiions ♣



Kostas and Maria Hodges of Winston Salem, NC celebrated 30 years of marriage on November 30, 2017. They met in 1986 at the Evrytarian Velouchi Convention in Karpenisi, Greece, where they also became engaged and married in Newport News, Virginia. Kosta and Maria have been blessed with three wonderful children, Nia, Bobby, Demetri and son in law John Kazakos and three beautiful grandchildren (Lillian, Andreas and Mary).

---Open Letter---

It's my honor to announce that our Velouchi Chapter 3 "O Platanos" will host the 2017 Evrytarian Association Convention in Winston Salem, North Carolina on the weekend of June 16-18th, 2017. We have begun preparing to make this a wonderful and unforgettable weekend for everyone. The "Platanos" Organizing Committee is working hard on making this a weekend full of exciting activities and entertainment for all ages.

Winston Salem, North Carolina is a vibrant and innovated city nestled between Charlotte, Pilot Mountain and Raleigh. It is known as the City of Arts and Innovation and our beautifully revived downtown area and city reflects that. You can experience the vibe of our beautiful city with great restaurants, museums, history, shopping, theatre, night life and hospitality.

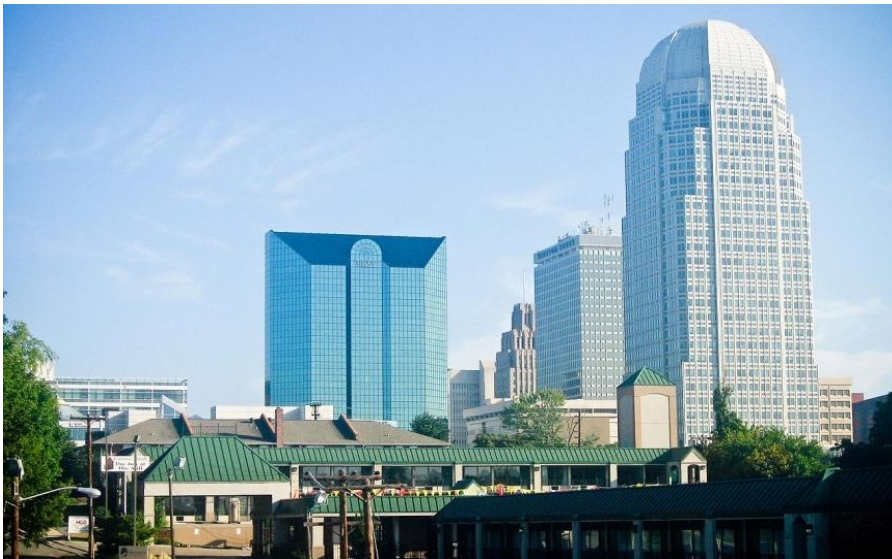
We promise to give everyone a taste of fun and enthusiasm from the night life, Greek music dancing, soccer tournament, food, excursions and fellowship.

Let's come together with friends, family and patriots for the greater cause of keeping our Evrytarian heritage strong for our children and grandchildren.

Let's make this a wonderful weekend for everyone of all ages to remember.

Respectfully yours,

*Kostas H. Hodges, President
Velouchi Chapter 3 "Platanos"*



CHAPTER #4 “Ο Elatos” CHARLOTTE, NC

♣ CONGRATULATIONS ♣

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has bestowed Mr. Tom Nixon of Charlotte, NC & Evrytania, Greece the honor and title Archon Order of St. Andrew the Apostle of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for his outstanding service to the Church, and a well-known distinguished, and well-respected leader of the Orthodox Christian community.

Congratulations and Always Axios!



The Elatos Chapter President, Mr. Tom Nixon, has been bestowed the title of Archon of the Order of St. Andrew at the Annual Meeting in New York, October 16th at the Archdiocesan Cathedral.

Οι Μαθητές των Ελληνοαμερικανικών Σχολείων στο Σάρλοτ της Β. Καρολίνας γιορτάζουν με υπερηφάνεια την ημέρα του ιστορικού «ΟΧΙ»



Επάνω: Οι 100 περίπου μαθητές του Ελληνικού Απογευματινού Σχολείου Αγίας Τριάδος υπό την αγίδα του νέου Προϊσταμένου του Καθεδρικού Ναού Αγίας Τριάδας, π. Βασιλείου Τσουρλή. Κάτω: Το Ημερήσιο, καταστατικού τύπου, σχολείο τσάρτερ «Ακαδημία Σωκράτη» το οποίο απαριθμεί 700 μαθητές απ' όλο τον κόσμο.



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Happy New Year!

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CHAPTER #4 CHARLOTTE, NC

---Obituary---

Panagiotis "Nick" Peroulas



(1949 - 2016)

Έφυγε για πάντα από κοντά μας σε ηλικία 67 ετών ο αγαπητός μας Δυτικοφραγκιστιανός Παναγιώτης Περούλας. Ως αδελφός, πατέρας, παππούς και φίλος έδωσε χαρά σε όλους που τον γνώρισαν.

Ο Παναγιώτης γεννήθηκε το 1949 στη Δυτική Φραγκίστα Ευρυτανίας, σε μια εποχή μεγάλης φτώχειας αλλά και ισχυρής θέλησης για επιβίωση, τόσο από την οικογένειά του όσο και από τους χωριανούς του που υπεραγαπούσε. Ήταν αυτές οι μνήμες που τον έκαναν να χαμογελάει όταν κάποιοι μιλούσαν για το χωριό του, την Ποταμιά Δυτ. Φραγκίστας.

Ο Παναγιώτης, όπως και πολλοί άλλοι συγχωριανοί του, έφυγε πολύ νέος από το χωριό του, αναζητώντας μια καλύτερη ζωή στην ξενιτειά με πρώτο σταθμό τη Γερμανία. Η επιθυμία του όμως για ένα καλύτερο μέλλον για τους γονείς και συγγενείς που άφησε πίσω αλλά και για την μελλοντική του οικογένεια τον έφερε τελικά στην Αμερική και συγκεκριμένα στο Σάριλντ της Β. Καρολίνας, όπου, με την αμέριστη συμπαράσταση και δυναμική στήριξη της αγαπημένης του συζύγου Διαμάντως, δούλεψαν σκληρά έφεραν στον κόσμο τα δυο τους αγαπημένα παιδιά, την Ελένη και το Νίκο, και όπου είχε την ευτυχία να πραγματοποιήσει όλα τα όνειρά του.

Ο καλόκαθος Παναγιώτης, περιτριγυρισμένος από την οικογένειά

του και τα αγαπημένα του πρόσωπα, έφυγε πολύ νωρίς και μας λείπει πολύ.

Αιωνία του η μνήμη και να είναι ελαφρύ το χόμα που τον σκεπάζει.


Panagiotis Nick Peroulas passed away at his home the 10th of October, 2016 surrounded by his family. He was born in Ditiki Fragista, Evrytania, Greece, the 4th of May 1949.

Pete lived in Dusseldorf, Germany prior to moving to the US. He initially went to Chicago, IL, but decided to settle for the warmer climate of Charlotte, NC in 1979. Pete worked at Lance Inc for 40 years, working hard to help raise his family, which he adored. He believed in family hard work, faith and his paraea of friends.

Panagiotis, enjoyed his time with friends and family. He never missed a moment to reminisce about his beloved village, never missing a moment to tell stories of his child hood. This mostly occurred when visiting his friends at the "kafenio".

Panagiotis, is survived by his beloved wife of 37 years, Diamando; son Nikolaos and his fiancée, Michelle; daughter Eleni, and her husband Peter; sisters Alexandra and Athina, grandchildren Yianni, Georgia and Diamando and many nieces and nephews.







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CHAPTER #6 “Athanasios Karpenisiotis” ASHEVILLE, NC

==By Mr. Gus Dermas==

♣HOLIDAY GREETINGS♣

Greetings to all our Velouchi members, wishing you health and happiness.

Our Chapter as always maintains its function and unity, participates and contributes to the call of any ongoing project of beneficial activity that arises.

Although we don't maintain the membership we used to, the rest of us are dedicated, activated and willing to participate.

On November 20th we had the pleasure to host the 2nd Velouchi Board meeting in our city. It was a pleasure to see our Delegates again and have the opportunity have lunch with them and listen to their agenda. Admired and acknowledged their zeal efforts, time and travel and the energy they dedicate towards the life of our Association.

Our Chapter's Daughters of Evrytania sponsored and organized an event that honored all the veterans of wars of our community, American and Greek, who participated and served both countries. Displayed with their picture name, rank unity and year at our Hellenic Hall on November 14.

Also, our oldest member of our Chapter, Mr. Constantinos Siatis, 96, was awarded the Archangels Metal Award on November 27th. The same man who served the army during the civil war in Greece with the rank of Sergeant. Noted as a mediator between left and right parties and who helped protected and prevented the after atrocities that were taking place after the war, and who saved many souls. *Axios may he be!*

♣BIRTH♣

Congratulations to Kostas & Amy Dotsikas on the birth of their beautiful twin daughters, who were born on 9/13/16.

Να σας ζήσουν.

CONDOLENCES

Our Chapter expresses its condolences to the family of Charlie Zogzas and sons for the departure of their beloved wife and mother Dena who died on November 8, 2016 at age 86. A beautiful person with genuine love, affection and charisma. She will be missed by all of us. *May her memory be eternal!*



CHAPTER #7 “Sotira” KNOXVILLE, TN

---By Dr. James Kotsianas---

♣Family Picnic♣

The Velouchi Knoxville Chapter held its annual Fall Family Picnic at the Norris Lake home of John and Mary Beth Peroulas on Sunday, Oct. 16. A wonderful BBQ buffet was enjoyed by many members and their families.

♣Two New Members♣

A casual chapter meeting was held on November 10. Our Vice President, Charlie Peroulas, hosted the meeting at his house and treated the members to a most outstanding pizza and

spaghetti dinner! Two new members were introduced at the meeting, cousins Franklin and Matthew Kotsianas. The 29 year olds' initiation includes cooking at the Apokreas Party and a 2 hour shift in the bar. And boys, don't forget to pay your dues!

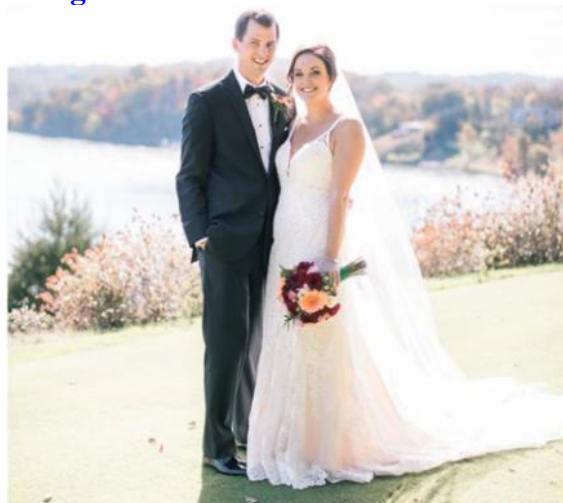
The Board Members of the Velouchi Knoxville Chapter wish to all Evrytians Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year



A snapshot from Knoxville Chapter's last meeting



♣Wedding♣



Ellen Kleto and Dean Vavalides were married on Oct. 22 in Knoxville. Ellen is the daughter of Dr. Dean and Marcia Kleto. Dean is the son of Jim and Connie Vavalides. After a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, the couple is at home in Knoxville. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Fr. Anthony Stratis of Knoxville, and Rev. Fr. Stavros Ballas of Chattanooga.

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CHAPTER #9 "Kefalovriso" GREENVILLE, SC

---By Katie Chulkas---

♣BIRTHS♣



Kosta and Amber Sialmas proudly welcomed a daughter on September 29, 2016. She joins big brother, Sam and big sister, Lea. Να σας ζήσει!



Ricardo and Fani (Hrysikos) Mendez happily announced the birth of their second son on November 19th. He joins big brother Ioannis. Grandparents are Mrs. Aggeliki Hrysikos and the late Stavros Hrysikos. Να σας ζήσει!

♣WEDDING♣



Efthimia Lagares, daughter of the late Sam Lagares, was married to Mr. Matthew Legg on November 20, 2016. Koumbara was Mrs. Dina Stathopoulos. Καλορίζικα!

On October 30th, "Kefalovriso" hosted a luncheon in conjunction with the St. George Greek School Program celebrating OXI DAY following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you to all who attended and helped make it a success.

The "Kefalovriso" Chapter along with the Daughters of Evrytania held their annual Christmas party at Mama Maria's Restaurant on December 13, 2016. Bill Skenteris was awarded a lifetime achievement award for all his hard work within the chapter.



Greenville Chapter #9 "Kefalovriso" would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Χρόνια Πολλά!



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CHAPTER #10 "Itia" WASHINGTON, DC

--By Mr. Sotirios Nasios--



Στις 14 Νοεμβρίου 2016 απεβίωσε η αγαπητή σε όλους μας Αργυρώ Κουτσούκου σε ηλικία 89 ετών. Γεννήθηκε και μεγάλωσε στο Νόστιμο Ευρυτανίας και ήταν κόρη του Δημητρίου και Σπυριδούλας Νικοπούλου και σύζυγος του Σταύρου Κουτσούκου.

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CHAPTER #13 "Evrytania" CHICAGO, IL

==Της Δήμητρας Στρατάκου==

«Το 13^ο Τμήμα του Βελουχίου
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Φεβρουαρίου στο Chateau Ritz in Niles, Illinois. Σας προσκαλούμε!

We wish all of our Evrytanian members, families, and friends a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year! May it be filled with health, love, and happiness for everyone!

Our chapter completed its one year commencement with a Christmas celebration for
our children on December 11. It was a jovial occasion with a special visit from Άγιο Βασίλη!



We would like to welcome and invite everyone to join us in celebrating our
Annual Dinner Dance, which is scheduled for February 4
at Chateau Ritz in Niles, Illinois.



Velouchi Chicago Chapter

Invitation

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Annual Dinner Dance, which is scheduled for

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CHAPTER #15

"To Psilo Nero"

SEATTLE, WA

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Pete Athanasios Vlahos**



1927-2016

Pete Vlahos passed away October 3rd, 2016, at the age of eighty-nine. Born and raised in Stenoma, Greece, Pete immigrated to the United States in 1959, bringing with him his strong character and unbridled enthusiasm for starting a new life in Seattle with his family.

Pete's loving, generous spirit beamed brightly with the great joy he took in sharing with children his strong passion for his Greek heritage and the stories of his life there. He also loved history, Greek mythology, animals and above all, his family. He was known for his selflessness, always putting others first.

He is survived by his loving wife, Titika, and his devoted daughters Vivi and Angelike, who continue to be nurtured by his lifelong gift of guidance, love and kindness. Thank you to all of our friends who have been impacted by Pete, and who honor his life.

*"I hope for nothing. I fear nothing.
I am free."*

(Nikos Kazantzakis)

CHAPTER #17 "Ο Αετός" ATLANTA, GA

--By Golfo Vastakis--

The Atlanta Chapter 17 held their fall potluck meeting in November which was well attended and enjoyable. We have a rather busy January in the coming New Year beginning with serving coffee for Philoptochos every Sunday during the month. We are also sponsoring the Golden Group seniors luncheon, the middle of January. We are planning our annual Vasilopita celebration the latter part of January for our membership.

*All of us in Atlanta wish one and all
a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year
filled with happiness, hope and peace.*



Snopshots from the Velouchi 2nd BOT Meeting in Asheville, NC



Asheville Chapter President, Mr. Pete Apostolopoulos, welcomes and greets the Board of Trustees members in the beginning of the 2nd BOT meeting in Asheville on Sunday, November 20, 2017



VELOUCHI DVD AT OUR NEW WEBSITE

To watch the Velouchi DVD, please visit our new Website
at www.velouchi.org and click on Velouchi DVD
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PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

We need additional contributions to support and increase the number of children serviced. It is a special honor to donate to this outstanding program that has given our Association recognition for our caring philanthropy. You may send in any amount you wish, but for \$1500/year you may "adopt" a specific child for the year. To donate, visit our website at www.velouchi.org or call: 704-366-6571

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**JUNE 16-18, 2017
WINSTON-SALEM, NC**

Dear Chapter Representatives and Presidents,

We are preparing to have a soccer tournament during the Velouchi Convention in Winston-Salem, NC in June 2017. We are extremely excited about this potential tournament. We ask that you, as chapter heads, spread the word about this event and gauge any level of support and interest that exists in your chapter. Details are listed below:

- ❖ 7v7 format
- ❖ 2 age divisions:
 - 12 to 18 years old
 - 18 years and up
- ❖ Indoor/outdoor fields (TBD)

Please contact our tournament directors with level of interest results and any questions:

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Jimmy Strates | (336) 414-1983 |
| Mike Kangelaris | (336) 682-1981 |

More details to follow as we draw closer to the convention!!

Thank you,
Winston-Salem Platanos Convention Committee





**The Hellenic Rescue Team of Eurytania wishes you
a merry christmas
and a happy and safe new year 2017**



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Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year, full of health, love, and happiness