

President's Message



My Dear Fellow Evrytians,

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022

I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas together with family and friends to celebrate our Lord's birth and to give thanks for the truly important things in our lives. This past year was challenging, but the development of vaccines and boosters to combat Covid gives us hope that medical research will soon bring an end to this pandemic. Let's pray that with God's help we reach this goal quickly.

As we approach spring, I would like to remind our college age students to seek out all resources for scholarships for the upcoming school year. Do not forget to apply for our Velouchi scholarships (application must be postmarked by May 2, 2022), as well as scholarships sponsored by other Hellenic organizations in America. Our Youth Committee has compiled a list of websites that give financial assistance to students. Please take advantage of these opportunities!

We are constantly trying to improve our Velouchi website. We recently made some modifications to allow for better reading. We added a donation link allowing for donations to be made online by credit card. You can now make and specifically designate a donation to any of our charities through the secure link without having to write and mail a check. As always, your support is greatly appreciated and never taken for granted. May God continue to bless us so that we may help the less fortunate!

In November, I was honored to meet the Consul General of Greece

in Atlanta, Mr. Theodoros Dimopoulos, during his visit to Greenville, S.C. The Consul General wishes to meet Greeks in his district of Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and South Carolina so that he may offer his services and assistance with any affairs they may have in Greece. Our dear friend and Atlanta Velouchi member Mr. Jim Caras arranged the visit and accompanied Mr. Dimopoulos to Greenville to meet the members of Chapter #9 and the parishioners of St. George. His youthful enthusiasm, knowledge, and willingness to help wherever necessary was very impressive.

The support by the membership for our Greek Wildfires Relief campaign has been very encouraging with donations still coming in as we approach our goal. I was hoping to have been able to distribute this money by now, but I wanted to make sure that it was going to trustworthy organizations that would use it wisely in a verifiable and transparent manner. I have asked our representatives in Greece for suggestions and have also discussed the matter with the Consul General during our meeting. He is placing me in contact with persons involved with the Evia wildfire reconstruction efforts so that we can better determine where to channel our monies. If you have not made a donation yet, please consider doing so using our new secure donation link on our website at velouchi.org. I will have a report on our fundraiser during our next Board of Trustees meeting in January, 2022.

Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year 2022!

*With Patriotic Love and Respect,
James N. Chulkas, National President*



The Consul General of Greece in Atlanta, Mr. Theodoros Dimopoulos, visited Greenville accompanied by Atlanta Velouchi member, Mr. Jim Caras, on November 14, 2021. He came to meet the Greeks in Greenville and to answer any questions they may have concerning their affairs in Greece.

