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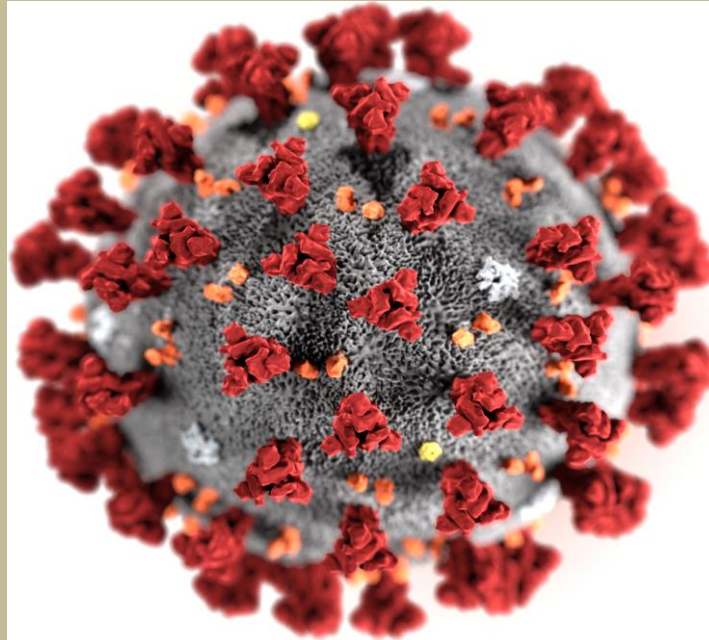


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Evrytians,

After much discussion and deliberation, I must regretfully announce that the Executive Board, in conjunction with the Convention Committee, has decided to cancel the 2020 Velouchi Convention in Karpenisi. Considering the current state of events concerning the Coronavirus outbreak, we have decided that it would be unwise and irresponsible to further pursue holding the convention in Greece this year.

Our utmost concern revolves around the health and wellbeing of our members, especially our elderly ones who are most vulnerable to this virus. As you all know, practically all public events have been cancelled throughout America, Greece, and the rest of the world. Although we were all looking forward to this auspicious gathering of friends and family, we do not want to jeopardize the health of anyone planning to travel this year for the purpose of attending the convention. Since there is no certainty as to when conditions will significantly improve, any other choice would simply be reckless. I, the Executive Board and the Convention Committee hope you understand what a difficult but necessary decision we had to make.

Although the convention will not take place, the annual raffle will continue as planned. This is still the main source of funding for our scholarship program and it is very important we support it, and in turn, help our youth in their collegiate studies. Tickets have been mailed out to all our members. If perhaps you did not receive one in the mail, please see your chapter president to purchase one.

Since it is not necessary to follow a convention timeframe, we are extending the application deadline for our Velouchi scholarships to July 20, 2020, to give our students additional time to gather required information during this difficult period.

On a lighter note, I and my family, along with Daughters President Elizabeth Contogiannis and her sister Mary Ann, visited Chicago Velouchi Chapter #13 "Evrytania" for their annual Apokreatiko Glendi in February. We were very warmly welcomed by the entire Chicago membership and enjoyed a beautiful evening of dinner, dancing and fellowship. On March 1, 2020, Asheville Velouchi Chapter #6 "Athanasios Karpenisiotis" hosted our 3rd Board of Trustees meeting. It was a pleasure visiting the sister city of Karpenisi in the picturesque mountains of western North Carolina.

In my last President's Message, I was optimistic and excited about visiting Karpenisi for the 2020 Convention. Obviously, things have changed. Once conditions improve, I will call a Special General Assembly for later this year to address our required organizational obligations. Many thanks to Nick Apostolopoulos, Bobby Tsiabassis and the Convention Committee for their hard work preparing for the convention. Their efforts will not go to waste. The framework is there for a future Karpenisi convention when we will all be together for the biggest and best "glendi" ever! We are experiencing unprecedented events and trying to live our lives with an uncertain future. As we approach Holy Easter, let's not forget to continue to pray. O Theos einai Megalos! He won't forget us! This too will pass. In the meantime, be careful, stay home and stay safe. With the help of our ever-loving God and the Panagia, we will overcome this. Καλο Πασχα!

*With patriotic love and respect,
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===ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ===

Αγαπητοί μου Ευρυτανές,

Μετά από πολλή συζήτηση και συσκέψεις, σας ανακοινώνω με λύπη ότι η Εκτελεστική Επιτροπή, σε συνεργασία με την Επιτροπή του Συνεδρίου, αποφάσισε ν' ακυρώσει φέτος το ετήσιο συνέδριό μας στο Καρπενήσι. Λαμβάνοντας υπόψη την παγκόσμια κρίσιμη κατάσταση που δημιουργείται με την έκρηξη του Κορωνοϊού, και τις σχετικές απαγορευτικές διατάξεις των διαφόρων κυβερνήσεων, αποφασίσαμε ότι θα ήταν ασύνητο και ανεύθυνο να προχωρήσουμε στη διεξαγωγή του. Η μεγάλη μας ανησυχία περιστρέφεται γύρω από την υγεία και την ευημερία των μελών μας και ιδιαίτερα των ηλικιωμένων μας, εδώ και στην Ελλάδα, που είναι πιο ευάλωτοι σε αυτόν τον ιό. Όπως όλοι γνωρίζετε, σχεδόν όλες οι δημόσιες εκδηλώσεις έχουν ακυρωθεί σε όλη την Αμερική, την Ελλάδα και τον υπόλοιπο κόσμο. Παρόλο που όλοι προσβλέπαμε σε αυτήν την ευόωτο συγκέντρωση οικογενειών και φίλων, εντούτοις δεν θέλουμε να θέσουμε σε κίνδυνο την υγεία όσων σκόπευαν να επισκεφθούν την Ελλάδα για τις εργασίες και εκδηλώσεις του συνεδρίου μας. Δεδομένου ότι δεν υπάρχει καμία βεβαιότητα σχετικά με το πότε οι συνθήκες θα βελτιωθούν σημαντικά, οποιαδήποτε άλλη επιλογή θα ήταν απλώς απερίσκεπτη. Εγώ, το Εκτελεστικό Συμβούλιο και η Οργανωτική Επιτροπή του Συνεδρίου ελπίζουμε να συνιδητοποιείτε τη δύσκολη, αλλά απαραίτητη, απόφαση που έπρεπε να πάρουμε.

Αν και το συνέδριο δεν θα πραγματοποιηθεί, η ετήσια λαχειοφόρος μας θα συνεχιστεί όπως έχει προγραμματιστεί. Η λαχειοφόρος εξακολουθεί να είναι η κύρια πηγή χρηματοδότησης των υποτροφιών μας και είναι πολύ σημαντικό να την υποστηρίζουμε για να βοηθήσουμε τη νεολαία μας στις παναπιστημιακές τους σπουδές. Λαχνοί έχουν σταλεί σε όλα τα μέλη μας. Εάν δεν λάβατε λαχνό, σας παρακαλώ επικοινωνήστε με τον πρόεδρο του Τμήματός σας για να εξυπηρετηθείτε. Επίσης, και δεδομένου ότι δεν είναι απαραίτητο να ακολουθήσουμε το χρονοδιάγραμμα διεξαγωγής του συνεδρίου μας, αποφασίσαμε να επεκτείνουμε την προθεσμία υποβολής των φετινών αιτήσεων μέχρι τις 20 Ιουλίου 2020. Με τη νέα αυτή ημερομηνία, δίδεται περισσότερος χρόνος στους υποψήφιους για να συμπληρώσουν τη σχετική αίτηση και να την υποβάλουν εμπρόθεσμα με τα απαιτούμενα δικαιολογητικά.

Τον περασμένο Φεβρουάριο, εγώ και η οικογένειά μου, μαζί με την Προέδρου των Θυγατέρων Ευρυτανίας Ελισάβετ Κοντογιάννη και την αδελφή της Μαίρη Αν, επισκεφτήκαμε στο Σικάγο το εκεί τοπικό Τμήμα #13 "Ευρυτανία" για να παρευρεθούμε στο ετήσιο αποκριάτικο γλέντι τους. Μας καλοδέχθηκαν όλοι με μεγάλη χαρά και απολαύσαμε με όλα τα μέλη και φίλους μια όμορφη βραδιά με πλούσια φαγητά, εξαιρετική μουσική και ελληνικούς χορούς. Την ίδια βραδυά έγινε και η καθιερωμένη ετήσια απονομή των υποτροφιών του Τμήματος. Επίσης, την 1η Μαρτίου το Τμήμα μας #6 "Αθανάσιος Καρπενησιώτης" στο Άσβιλ, αδελφή πόλη του Καρπενησιού στα γραφικά βουνά της Δυτικής Β. Καρολίνας, φιλοξένησε την 3η Συνεδρίαση των μελών του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Ενώσεώς μας. Είχαμε μια λίαν παραγωγική συνεδρίαση, με μεγάλη συμμετοχή και με καλές αποφάσεις για το μέλλον του ιστορικού μας Συλλόγου.

Στο τελευταίο μήνυμά μου, ήμουν ιδιαίτερα αισιόδοξος και ενθουσιασμένος για την επίσκεψή μας στο Καρπενήσι για το 76ο Συνεδριό μας. Προφανώς, τα πράγματα έχουν αλλάξει. Μόλις βελτιωθούν οι συνθήκες, θα καλέσω αργότερα φέτος μια Ειδική Γενική Συνέλευση για το πως θα αντιμετωπίσουμε τις απαιτούμενες οργανωτικές υποχρεώσεις μας. Πολλές ευχαριστίες στον Νίκο Αποστολόπουλο, τον Χαράλαμπο Τσιαμπάση και τα μέλη της Οργανωτικής Επιτροπής του Συνεδρίου για τη σκληρή δουλειά τους για την προετοιμασία του Συνεδρίου μας στο Καρπενήσι. Οι

προσπάθειές τους όμως δεν θα πάνε χαμένες. Το πρόγραμμα εκδηλώσεων παραμένει για ένα μελλοντικό συνέδριο στο Καρπενήσι, όπου θα είμαστε όλοι εκεί για το μεγαλύτερο και καλύτερο ξεφάντωμα!

Βιώνουμε πρωτοφανή γεγονότα και προσπαθούμε να ζήσουμε τη ζωή μας με ένα αβέβαιο μέλλον. Καθώς πλησιάζουμε προς το Άγιο Πάσχα, ας μην ξεχνάμε να συνεχίζουμε να προσευχόμαστε. Ο Θεός είναι Μεγάλος! Δεν θα μας ξεχάσει! Κι αυτή η κρίση θα περάσει. Εν τω μεταξύ, προσέξτε, μείνετε σπίτι και ασφαλείς. Με τη βοήθεια του πάντα αγαπημένου μας Θεού και της Παναγίας, θα το ξεπεράσουμε κι αυτό.

Εύχομαι σε όλες και όλους

Καλό Πάσχα!

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===DAUGHTERS OF EVRYTANIA===

President's Message



Dear Daughters of Evrytania,

I Hope this letter finds you all well. May the Lenten period be a blessed one and as we approach Pascha, may we remember God's perfect love for us all. Καλη Σαρακοστή. I would like to thank all our members for their endless and untiring efforts in fundraising and love for our beautiful Evrytania. Please know that everything we do is appreciated. Our help and donations help many people and offer opportunities to people in the homeland that truly need our assistance, so let's sell those Raffle Tickets!!!! Let us know if you would like more!!!!

Just wanted to remind everyone of the wonderful things we strive to do to help those in need:

- We have a Dental Fund which helps with dental work for women who cannot afford to pay their own dental expenses, as well as, a Medical Fund that helps a family who cannot afford to pay their medical bills or need surgery.

- We helped our youth raise money to help buy a vehicle for the First Responders in Karpenisi. This group is an all-volunteer search and rescue organization to help save lives in dangerous situations. May God keep them safe!

- The Daughters of Evrytania also provides funds for the Food Banks in Karpenisi and Agrafa.

- We have sent money for children to go on educational trips to help them

enrich their minds. Some of these kids were not financially able to take these trips or have never left their villages to see what's out there to explore and learn, as well as, providing for educational individual school needs for the children by rotating villages.

- We donate to the Children with Special Needs program that helps with the expenses of families with children of special needs.

- We also award annual college scholarships to female students of our sisters in the Daughters.

- One of our newer endeavors is to raise money for the Fight for Life facility in Athens (Αγώνας Ζωής). This facility is available to cancer patients of Evrytania who require outpatient therapy and need a place to stay as they have their treatments.

- These are most of the things we are involved with in the Daughters. We are always open to a good cause which can be brought up at a meeting, discussed and voted on.

Unfortunately, it is with deep regret to tell you that a decision has been made to postpone the Convention in Greece until next year 2021 because of the Coronavirus epidemic spread worldwide. I know some of you have already bought your airfare and made your accommodations, but we are looking at the safety issues at the moment concerning the Coronavirus and the containment of the virus in Greece. We are fortunate here in the USA, but Greece may not be as fortunate, and we don't want to take any chances with our fellow Evrytians especially our elder members. We know they were counting on us to help boost the economy around Karpenisi and all the planning that has been done but the conditions are beyond our control. Both Boards are very upset and disappointed but decided this is the only thing to do for our fellow Evrytians to be safe. We are always open to suggestions as we are going through new and uncertain times.

On the bright side, everything for the Convention is in place and we could possibly be celebrating our freedom of 200 years from the Turks!! and be in Greece at the same time with all our fellow Evrytians!!! Who knows? How wonderful is that? I remember 1821 from the Greek poems my Mother and Father made me memorize and say in my younger years in front of the whole Parrish and these were long ones because they always demanded our best and I thank them for that today.

See you at our next meeting in Charlotte on May 31, 2020. At that meeting, we will decide what to do about the raffle, so keep selling and remember let us know if you need more! If you can't come, we still want to hear your voice, so send a representative or you can send a letter or short note to let us know what your thoughts are and what the Chapters have been up to since the end of the year.

As we get closer to Easter, we must pray for all during this trying time.

Καλό Πάσχα!

Respectfully and with love,

Elizabeth Contogiannis, President

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ΘΑΝΑΤΟΙ

Στις 9 Φεβρουαρίου απεβίωσαν δυο εκλεκτά μέλη της ενορίας μας σε προχωρημένη ηλικία και μετά από σύντομη ασθένεια:

- Η Βιργινία (Νίνα) Σκεντέρη Παρούτσα γεννήθηκε στο Στένωμα Ευρυτανίας. Γονείς της ήταν οι Αθανάσιος και Γεωργία Σκεντέρη. Το 1947 και σε νεαρή ηλικία παντρεύτηκε στην Αθήνα τον Βησσαρίωνα (Vick) Παρούτσα, βετεράνο του Αμερικανικού ναυτικού. Αμέσως μετά το γάμο τους εγκαταστάθηκαν στο Fayetteville, NC, κυνηγώντας το αμερικανικό όνειρο. Δημιουργούν οικογένεια, αποκτώντας δυο παιδιά, την Ελένη και Φωτεινή. Δουλεύοντας και οι δυο τους σκληρά ανοίγουν το εστιατόριο "Vick's Drive In", το οποίο για χρόνια υπήρξε σημείο αναφοράς για την ευρύτερη περιοχή της πόλης μας. Μετά από 54 χρόνια γάμου, ο Βησσαρίων απεβίωσε και μετά από 18 χρόνια τον ακολούθησε και η Βιργινία για να συναντηθούν και πάλι.

Εκφράζουμε τα θερμά μας συλλυπητήρια στις κόρες της, Ελένη και τον σύζυγό της Charles Roupas από το Charleston, SC και στη Φωτεινή και το σύζυγό της Henry Angelo από το Miami, FL, στα 4 εγγόνια της και 3 δισέγγονα και στον οικογενειακό φίλο William (Bill) Thigpen.

- Ο Γιάννης Χριστοφόρου Καστάνης γεννήθηκε στις 20 Νοεμβρίου 1927 στην πόλη Charleston, SC. Γονείς του ήταν οι Χρήστος και Μαρία Μερκούρη-Καστάνη. Παντρεύτηκε την Ελένη από το High Point, NC και απέκτησαν δυο παιδιά, την Μαρία και το Χρήστο.

Ο εκλιπών υπηρέτησε στον Αμερικανικό Στρατό και υπήρξε βετεράνος στον πόλεμο της Κορέας. Ήταν μέλος της εκκλησίας μας των Αγίων Κωνσταντίνου & Ελένης και μέλος της ΑΧΕΠΑ, την οποίαν υπηρέτησε και ως District Governor. Στην κόρη του Μαρία και στο σύζυγό της Mark Kresho από την πόλη Middletown, PA καθώς και στο

γιο του Χρήστο και τη σύζυγό του Amy από τη Myrtle Beach, SC, στις 4 εγγονές και στον εγγονό του και τα 3 δισέγγονα εκφράζουμε τα συλλυπητήριά μας.

Ας είναι αιωνία η μνήμη τους!



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===Scholarship Applications 2020===

Eligible for scholarships are Evrytanean Association members' children of the US or Canada, who will be attending Canadian or American Universities & Colleges for the academic year 2020-2021. Parents or students must be of Evrytanean descent and members in good standing of the Association for minimum 3 years prior to application for scholarship, including the year in which application is submitted.

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===ΝΕΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΑ ΤΜΗΜΑΤΑ===

Daughters of Evrytania**CHAPTER #3****WINSTON SALEM**

---By Bessie Strates---

ΘΑΝΑΤΟΙ

- Στις 31 Δεκεμβρίου απεβίωσε ο Παναγιώτης Μάριος Μπομποτσιάρης 49 ετών, ανηψιός του Σταύρου και της Γεωργίας Μπομποτσιάρη. Θερμά συλλυπητήρια στην οικογένειά του στην Ελλάδα.

Panagiotis Bobotsiaris, age 49, passed away unexpectedly New Year's Eve. He is survived by his mother, Diamanto, his brother Dimitris and his sisters, Stella and Romina. He was born and raised in Karpenisi, Greece, which was always his favorite getaway. He moved to the United States 30 years ago, after completing his service in the Greek Army. He developed into a successful businessman in Raleigh, earning the love and respect of everyone around him. He used to visit Greece a lot, and was blessed with many close friends and a loving family back home.

- Στις 27 Ιανουαρίου απεβίωσε η Αικατερίνη Γαλλή, κόρη του αείμνηστου Ξενοφάντα και της Βασιλικής Γαλλή. Θερμά συλλυπητήρια στον σύζυγό της και το γιο τους, στη μητέρα της και στα αδέρφια της Αριστείδη, Νίτσα και Σάντι.

Ο Θεός να τους αναπαύσει!

♣ **ΒΑΠΤΙΣΕΙΣ** ♣

- Στις 23 Νοεμβρίου τελέστηκε η βάπτισμα της κόρης του Ιωάννη και της Ρωμυλίας Παπαδοπούλου. Ανάδοχοι παρέστησαν οι Σπύρος και Ελένη Στραβομύτη χαρίζοντας στο νεοφώτιστο το όνομα Μαρία-Σεραφίνα. Παππούδες και γιαγιάδες είναι οι Σταύρος & Γεωργία

Μπομποτσιάρη και οι Δημήτριος και Μαρία Παπαδοπούλου.

- Στις 27 Νοεμβρίου τελέστηκε η βάπτισμα της κόρης του Ευθυμίου και της Ελισάβετ Ρούσση. Ανάδοχοι παρέστησαν οι Ιωάννης και Σοφία Βγενόπουλου χαρίζοντας στο νεοφώτιστο το όνομα Ευαγγελία. Παππούδες και γιαγιάδες είναι οι Κώστας και Ευαγγελία Καζάκου και Περικλής και Ελένη Ρούσση.
- Στις 26 Ιανουαρίου τελέστηκε η βάπτισμα του γιού του Νέστορα και Βασιλικής Κατσούδα. Ανάδοχος παρέστη ο Χαράλαμπος Τσατσαρώνης. Παππούς και γιαγιά είναι οι Δημήτριος και Αφροδίτη Κατσούδα.

Να σας ζήσουν τα νεοφώτιστα!

DAUGHTERS OF EYRYTANIA * CHAPTER #4 - CHARLOTTE, NC♣ **Meeting & Bingo Night** ♣

The Charlotte Chapter of the Daughters of Evrytania hosted their annual Mother-Daughter meeting and Bingo night on Monday, February 17th at the Velouchi Headquarters.

Attending were close to sixty members, daughters, granddaughters, and guests. After a delicious meal, Chapter President Angie Kastriches led a short business meeting detailing the recent activities and philanthropies that the chapter has accomplished. The evening culminated in several exciting rounds of bingo enjoyed by all!

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΔΙΑΣΩΣΤΙΚΟ ΣΩΜΑ ΕΥΡΥΤΑΝΙΑΣ

ΔΩΡΕΑ ΔΙΑΣΩΣΤΙΚΩΝ ΥΛΙΚΩΝ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΠΕΡΙΦΕΡΕΙΑΚΗ ΕΝΟΤΗΤΑ ΕΥΡΥΤΑΝΙΑΣ

**DONATION OF RESCUE EQUIPMENT BY THE REGIONAL UNIT OF EYRYTANIA**

A meeting at the office of the Regional vice governor of the R.U. of Evrytania, Mr. Aristidis Tasios was held by the coordination council of our association on 03/02/2020. There, the activity and training of the active team members, as well as the needs for equipment renewal that have arisen, were discussed. Also mentioned was the service provided by the Hellenic Rescue Team of Evrytania by contributing to the work of Civil Protection, voluntarily and crucially, for the location and rescue of civilians, as well as the attendance of the members to the activities and needs of Civil Protection since 2007, when the General Secretariat of Civil Protection was officially accredited.

Mr. Tasios, after expressing thanks once more, for the significant service they provide and their contribution in the field of Civil Protection, he stated: "The donation of equipment to the Hellenic Rescue Team of Evrytania is intended to supplement the means of action for the members as well as replace existing equipment that have degraded and require renewal, and as such it will amplify their operational capability". Afterwards Mr. Tasios delivered the operational equipment that had been requested by the management board of the association in early 2019 with a document submitted to the R.U. of Evrytania. The requisition described the needs to acquire new rescue equipment that should comply with all required safety regulations, as well as the quantities needed to further equip the action team of the association. The total expense reached the amount of 12.686,57 euro.

Lastly the management board thanked Mr. Tasios for this donation, which is crucial for the needs of the action team, as well as for the acknowledgement from his part of the service offered by our members, contributing voluntarily to the activities and needs of Civil Protection, offering assistance whenever and wherever is required to operate.

===NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS===

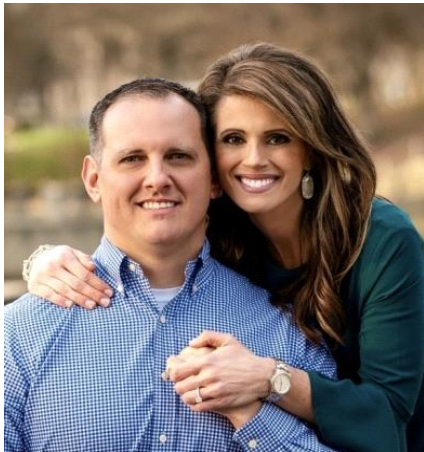
CHAPTER #4 - CHARLOTTE, NC

---By Harry Cavalaris---

♣ENGAGEMENTS♣



Zoe Cavalaris, daughter of Jim & Joanna Cavalaris and granddaughter of the late Tom & Zoe Cavalaris is engaged to Ike Belk of Charlotte. Καλά Στέφανα!



Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sam Poulos joyfully announce the engagement of their daughter, Timi, to Mr. Alan Lee Clack, son of Mrs. Sharon Swygart Clack and the late William David Clack.

Timi is a graduate of The University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina School of Law. She is an attorney with The Poulos Law Firm, LLC in Chester, South Carolina. She is the granddaughter of the late Sam K. and Efthemia Poulos and the late George & Mary Contos.

Alan is a graduate of The University of South Carolina - Lancaster. He is the President and co-owner of D & C Trucking of Chester, LLC. He is the grandson of the late William W. and Beatrice Clack and the late Henry and Mildred Swygart.

A summer wedding is planned for July 18, 2020 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

CHAPTER #6 - ASHEVILLE, NC

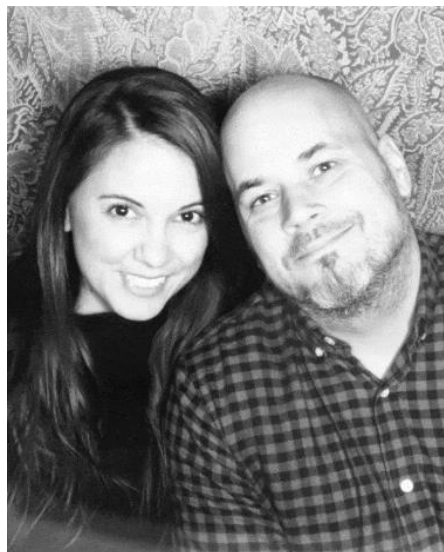
---By Paula Apostolopoulos---

♣WEDDING♣



Vasileios Katsadourous, son of Sokratis & Dora Katsadourous, and Elizabeth Doragh, daughter of Pete and Cindi Doragh, were married on July 27th, 2019. George and Joanna Pappas of Raleigh served as the Koumbari. The proud grandparents are Maria Katsadourous of Charlotte (Neohori, Evrytanias) and Phillip Poulos of Asheville (Klafsio, Evrytanias). Vasili is a third year medical student completing his rotations at The VA hospital in Asheville and Elizabeth is the Associate Director at Kantar. The happy couple is living in Asheville. Να μας ζήσουν!

♣ENGAGEMENT♣



Mr. and Mrs. Panagiotis Apostolopoulos are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Vickie to Mr. Christopher Keller. The wedding will take place in Chicago this June.

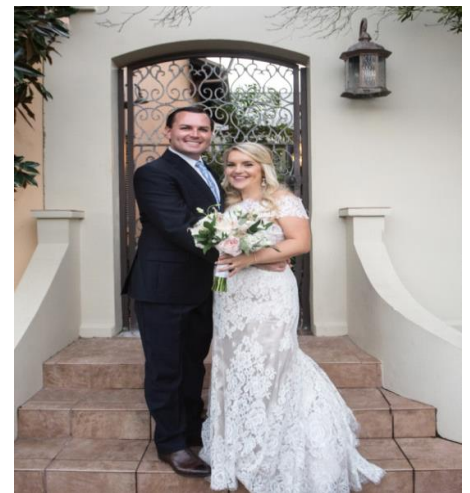
CHAPTER #7 - KNOXVILLE, TN

---By Dr. James Kotsianas---

♣WEDDINGS♣



On November 10, 2019, Miss Vicki Caracostis married Mr. Scott Gardiner at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Knoxville. Vicki is the daughter of Mrs. Eleni Caracostis and the late Harry Caracostis. The Koumbara was Victoria Peroulas Zurcher. Rev. Fr. Anthony Stratis officiated. The newlyweds reside in Louisville, KY. Congratulations!



Congratulations to Katherine Kotsianas and Taylor Massey who were married on October 12, 2019, in Rosemary Beach, Florida. Katie is the daughter of James and Fannie Kotsianas. After a honeymoon trip to St. Lucia, the couple is home in Knoxville.

*Ευχόμαστε σε όλα τα ζευγάρια
Καλά Στέφανα!*

===ΝΕΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΑ ΤΜΗΜΑΤΑ===

CHAPTER #9-GREENVILLE, SC

---By Katie Chulkas---

♣BIRTH♣



Evangelos Bantias, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lazaros Bantias, & Jordan Pallotta welcomed a beautiful daughter on February 6, 2020.

Να σας ζήσει!

♣WEDDING♣



Valerie Garilas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Garilas, was married to Hristos Lironis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Panagiotis Lironis, on January 4, 2020 at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Mr. Thomas Cavalaris of Atlanta, GA served as koumbaro. The happy couple will be living in beautiful Greenville, SC.

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===NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS===

CHAPTER #10-WASHINGTON, DC*--By Mr. Sotirios Nasios--*

♣Engagement♣



Congratulations to Maria Nasios (daughter of Sotiri and Ioanna Nasios) and Vishal Hemnani (son of Mohan and Savita Hemnani) on their engagement! They are high school sweethearts finishing up their graduate programs in May of this year. We wish them lifelong happiness.

Η Ωρα η Καλή!

Easton AHEPA Chapter Named in Honor of Peter S. Zavitsanos

TNH __Katherine & Athena

Easton, PA

Members of AHEPA Chapter #56 honored their Secretary of over 65 years, life member Peter S. Savitsanos, by bestowing his name on the chapter. Zavitsanos, a World War II veteran who served in the China-Burma-India theater of war, is 94 years old. His wife, Xanthe, passed away in 2016 and he has two daughters, Katherine and Athena.

Zavitsanos was selected Ahepan of the Year in 2014 and has been serving as Secretary of his chapter from 1954 to the present.

A dinner was held at the Marblehead restaurant in Easton with Chapter President Joseph Black and AHEPA dignitaries in attendance. The Chairman of the Board of Governors George Zissis was the Emcee.

Warmest congratulations!

In loving memory of Steve Stathes (Stavros Stathopoulos)



Steve Stathes (Stavros Stathopoulos) of Bethesda, MD, passed away on January 3, 2020 surrounded by his loving family after a long and exhausting battle with Lymphoma.

Stavros was born in the village of Megalo Horio in December of 1940. He was the youngest of 7 surviving children of Konstantinos and Maria Stathopoulos. Like so many others, he left the village for Athens as a young teen to find work after living through the hardship of war. He proudly served in the Greek Army and spent a significant amount of time on the island of Samos at the ready for war with Turkey. It was around this time that he met the love of his life Maria Stergiou and on February 6, 1966 they got married in Athens Greece. They would spend the next 53 joyful years together. Soon after their marriage, they immigrated to the United States and settled in the Montgomery County, MD area, where they raised their two children (Konstantinos and Irene). Stavros worked long and hard to provide for his family and built a successful business along the way. He was a kind, playful man of principle and great integrity who enjoyed making his own wine and spending time with his family. In his retirement, Stavros enjoyed traveling back to Greece and spending his summers in Megalo Horio visiting with old friends. Stavros was passionate about helping and serving the people of Megalo Horio, and Evrytania, and was a longstanding member and officer of both the Association Megalohoriton of America and the Evrytania Association of America.

May God grant him everlasting peace!

===Important===

Please Remit Your 2020 Dues!
It is by each member's willingness to support that we can give impetus to the various projects that our wonderful organization promotes and sponsors.

In loving memory of Demosthenis T. Rantis



Demosthenis was born in Vrachia, Evrytania on December 1930 and grew up there with his three brothers, George, Arthur, Jimmy and his sister Rosalie. When World War II came to Greece in 1940, schools were suspended and when the occupation ended in 1944, he took an exam that skipped him from 5th grade to high school. For high school, he moved to the "big city" of Volos.

In 1950, he followed the rest of his family (who had already emigrated) to America and settled in Bluefield, WV. He worked in his father's restaurant until 1953, when he was drafted into the US Army. He served as a translator, stationed in Germany. When he completed his service, he returned to Bluefield and enrolled in Concord College in Athens, WV. Upon his graduation, he went to the West Virginia University School of Dentistry, where he made life-long friends and graduated in 1963. He took his first job working for the health department in Winston-Salem NC, and then moved to Springfield, VA in 1963 for a job with the health department there. In 1965, he opened his dental practice in his home on Queensberry Avenue. In 1966, he married his beloved Sophia Anagnostos at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Manchester, NH, the first wedding officiated in the new church. For 30 years, he was the neighborhood dentist who opened his doors whenever he was called on - nights or weekends - with Sophia always at his side as his receptionist.

He retired in 1995 and found cooking as his hobby. Demosthenes, or Dan as he was often called, served on St. Katherine's Parish Council and enjoyed working at many church festivals. He also was a proud member of the AHEPA and the Evrytania Association of America "Velouchi," where he served as an officer in Chapter #10 "Itia." In that role, he helped plan many dances and dinners that kept the community from that region of Greece connected. He was a wonderful husband for 54 years, a father who deeply loved his children and grandchildren.

*He will be greatly missed.
May his memory be eternal!*

===ΝΕΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΑ ΤΜΗΜΑΤΑ===

**CHAPTER #10
WASHINGTON, DC****In loving memory of
Chriss George Stathopoulos**

Chriss George Stathopoulos, 90, of Winchester, VA passed away Thursday, March 19, 2020, surrounded by his loving family at his home. Surviving are his wife Panagiota, daughter, Helen Poulos and husband, Carl Freedman of Elkins Park, PA; son, George Stathopoulos and wife, Mary of Herndon, VA; grandchildren, Nikolaus and Christopher Freedman of Elkins Park, PA and Christopher and Theodore Stathopoulos of Herndon, VA; sisters, Eirini E. Mageras of Karpenision, Evrytania, Greece; Evanthia Haralambou of Charlotte, NC; and numerous beloved nephews and nieces.

Along with his parents Chriss was preceded in death by his sister, Georgia Aganostopoulos and brother, John Stathopoulos.

Mr. Stathopoulos was born in 1929 in Nostimon, Evrytania, Greece. He was the youngest of five children of the late George and Helen Stathopoulos. Chriss grew up in Nostimon during the 1930s and '40s in the difficult conditions imposed by a country going through World War II and the Greek Civil War. During this time his sister died while trying to escape from the Communists in the mountains of Evrytania. The family continued to live in Greece with the financial support of Chriss' father, who came to the United States in the early 1930s and eventually settled in Winchester, VA where he began a restaurant business, The Winchester Restaurant, and focused on serving meals

to local factory and mill workers in the surrounding area.

Chriss came to the United States in 1951. He entered through New York where he simplified his name to "Poulos", as a show of belonging in his newfound homeland. Chriss lived in numerous cities including Macon, GA, Charlotte, NC, Petersburg, VA and eventually settled in Winchester, VA where his father resided. He joined his father in the restaurant business and always remembered serving "blue plate specials", which consisted of the best fried chicken, Greek style chili and spaghetti, or homemade meatloaf. His strong work ethic was in line with him taking over the restaurant business when his father passed away in 1959. In the early years of the business, he worked with his brother-in-law, Evangelos Kremydas to grow the business. Chriss maintained the family business as one of the longest running restaurants in Winchester which was in operation for over 60 years.

Chriss went back to Greece in the late 1950s, where he met and married Panagiota Kremydas in September 1960. They returned to the United States and settled in Winchester, VA. In their early years of marriage their focus was on their family, the restaurant and helping found the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church.

Chriss and Panagiota are active supporters of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Winchester. Since their early support for the construction of a chapel and hall in 1962, they have assisted the church through their work on numerous boards and committees where Chriss served as Parish President for many years. It is through this work that Chriss' two favorite organizations, the Velouchi and the Church, crossed paths. At the church's consecration, The Dormition of The Virgin Mary Board of Trustees, awarded the key to its building to the "Itia" Chapter for its generosity and support of the church.

Chriss has been a member of the Evrytania Association of American since 1957 and is a founding member of the Washington, DC Chapter, "Itia" for which he served as President from 1977-1980, 1983-1986, and 1990-1992. In 1980 he led the efforts for Itia to host the National Convention for the first time ever in Washington DC. He was a Velouchi National Board Member since 1978 and had the distinct honor to serve as The Velouchi National President from 1979-1981. Chriss was instrumental in the Velouchi Association's efforts to support the Gerokomio in Karpenisi in the early 1980's. He was recognized for his efforts in 2007 by the Itia Chapter for his over 30 years of "Commitment and Dedication" to the chapter. In 2010 he was recognized at the 66th Velouchi Convention in Myrtle Beach by then President Tom Skenteris for "his great interest, leadership, and outstanding services to our Association". Throughout his life, Chriss and his family were annual attendees to the Velouchi Conventions every summer as well as the many dances and picnics held by the Itia chapter. His true joy was to socialize with family and friends, reminisce about Evrytania, and dance to the classic Greek folk music. In his later years, he loved to spend time with his four grandsons watching them grow from toddlers to young men.

Our Saint Katherine community is deeply saddened by the falling asleep in the Lord of Chriss George Poulos. May his memory be eternal and may God grant him rest among the saints. Many of you may know his daughter-in-law Mary who was very active with our Saint Katherine Sunday School program and his grandsons, Christopher and Theodore, who were active in our Sunday School, and served in the altar.



When I look for inspiration, I look to the past. This picture was taken nearly 40 years ago. From left to right: The late Nikolaos Karanikas, the late Periklis Apostolou, the late Christos Stathopoulos, Kostas Tzaferis, Iordanis Skenderis, Kostas Liappis, the late Dr. Demosthenis Rantis, Panagiotis Liappis and the late Christos Paspalis.

===NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS===

Chapter #17 –ATLANTA, GA*---By Bess Dimos---**Dear Members and Friends,*

The 2020 has been busy for our local chapter.

One of our service projects is to cook lunch for the Golden Group at the Annunciation Cathedral. We prepared a delicious meal for the 80+ who attended. Thank you to the sisters Bakatsias (Georgia Vastakis, Pauline Giannakopoulos and Martha Lucas) as well as Eleni Katsoudas, Niki Bouras, Golfo Vastakis Odenwelder, Yeoryia Vastakis, Anna Kostoupoulos, Bess Dimos, Kiki Sakis, Jerry Odenwelder and Steve Vastakis for prepping, cooking and/or serving.



We also served coffee after Liturgy during the month of January. Our Atlanta Chapter had a very nice afternoon gathering to celebrate the New Year on Sunday, February 2nd. Frank Vastakis, our vice-president cut the vasilopita as we enjoyed sipping champagne and mimosas. We conducted a short meeting, welcomed new members and celebrated a special birthday boy – Mr. Pete Giannakopoulos on turning 89 years young.

**In loving memory of
Vassiliki "Bessie" Andros**

Vassiliki "Bessie" Andros, age 88, of Albany, GA, passed away peacefully Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Funeral services for Bessie were held on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation in Atlanta, GA with Father Paul Kaplanis and Father Christos Mars officiating. Burial followed at Crown Hill Cemetery in Albany, GA.

Bessie was born on January 1, 1932 in Karpenisi, Evrytania, Greece to the late Christos Nikopoulos and Kaliope Frangaliou Nikopoulos. Bessie's mother passed away when Bessie was 15 so she helped to raise her 2 younger brothers & take care of her father until she married Harry on January 31, 1960. They came to the United States in September 1960 with Bessie pregnant with their first child. They had 3 children, Perry, Chris & Georgia whom they raised in Albany. Bessie remained in Albany until 2013 when she moved to Suwanee, GA to live with her daughter, Georgia & her family.

Bessie was preceded in death by her loving husband of 47 years, Harry P. Andros; her son, Chris H. Andros; and her brother, Pete Nichols. She loved cooking, gardening and afternoon coffee with the ladies. She loved caring for her family and especially spoiling her grandchildren.

Bessie is survived by her loving children; Perry H. Andros and wife Lenore, Georgia McClure and husband Philip; grandchildren, Harrison Andros, Elizabeth Andros, Margaret Andros, Bess McClure, Zoe McClure and Jack McClure; brother, Athanasios Nikopoulos, his wife Vassiliki along with numerous nieces and nephews.

May her memory be eternal!

===ΝΕΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΑ ΤΜΗΜΑΤΑ===

CHAPTER #18 - CAMP HILL, PA

---By Maria Pestis---

Vasilopita/Dinner

Velouchi Chapter 18 "Agios Taxiarchis" held its annual vasilopita dinner which was hosted at Gilligan's West on January 12th. A good time and great fellowship was had by all.



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Humanitarian Relief for Evrytania

A plea to all Velouchi Members and Friends

This plea went out to all our members in a separate letter a month ago to please consider our many blessings and to send in your donation to fill up again the two "Pantopoleia" (Food Banks) of the Municipalities of Karpenisi and Agrafa and help our fellow brothers and sisters in need. Please make out your check to the **Evrytanian Association**, marked "**Humanitarian Relief for Evrytania**" and mail it in the enclosed envelope we sent you. *All donors' names will be published in an upcoming issue.*

---Έκκληση προς Όλα τα Μέλη και Φίλους---

Κάνουμε και πάλι σήμερα έκκληση μέσω του περιοδικού μας προς όλα τα μέλη μας και σας παρακαλούμε να βοηθήσετε με τις δωρεές σας για να συνεχίσουμε τον εφοδιασμό των δυο Παντοπωλείων που έχουν δημιουργηθεί στους Δήμους Αγράφων και Καρπενησίου, έτσι ώστε με την αλληλεγγύη μας να συμβάλουμε κι εμείς στην ανακούφιση των οικογενειών εκείνων που έχει κτυπήσει η μεγάλη οικονομική κρίση. Γράψτε την επιταγή σας στην Ένωσή μας "**Evrytanian Association**" με την ένδειξη "**Humanitarian Relief for Evrytania**" και στείλτε την στα Κεντρικά μας Γραφεία.

===NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS===

TO ALL VELOUCHI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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The 2020 scholarships Awards for the United States and Greece college students and Evrytania high school graduates will be presented in Karpenisi during our Annual Convention - Evrytanian Youth Day Event on Thursday, July 23, followed by an Evrytanian Youth Night.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE... TAKE THE CHALLENGE TODAY!

Write a letter and make a check **NOW** payable to "Evrytanian Association", and mail it to:

*Evrytanian Association of America Headquarters
121 Greenwich RD. Suite #212, Charlotte, NC, 28211.*

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Στις 23 Οκτωβρίου 1944 μερικοί Ευρυτάνες στην Αμερική, με μεγάλη αγάπη και πατριωτισμό, συναντήθηκαν στο Σάρλοτ της Βόρειας Καρολίνας και αποφάσισαν να ιδρύσουν την Ένωση Ευρυτάνων Αμερικής «Το Βελούχι». Αρχικός σκοπός της Ένωσης ήταν να βοηθήσουν με κάθε τρόπο την καταστραμμένη από τον Δεύτερο Παγκόσμιο Πόλεμο γενέτειρά τους Ευρυτανία. Με την πάροδο όμως του χρόνου, η αποστολή της Ένωσης διευρύνθηκε και περιέλαβε την εκπλήρωση πολύ υψηλών φιλανθρωπικών, εκπαιδευτικών, κοινωνικών και πολιτιστικών στόχων καθώς και τη διατήρηση της ελληνικής ταυτότητας και ελληνοχριστιανικής κληρονομιάς μεταξύ των απανταχού μελών της και ιδιαίτερα των νέων της.

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ΒΡΑΒΕΙΑ/ΜΕΤΑΛΛΙΑ/ΑΝΑΓΝΩΡΙΣΕΙΣ

Η Ένωση Ευρυτάνων Αμερικής έχει πολλές φορές τιμηθεί για το αξιόλογο και θεάρεστο έργο που επιτελεί επί 74 ολόκληρα χρόνια. Ανάμεσα στις διακρίσεις αυτές εξέχουσα θέση κατέχουν το πρόσφατο Μετάλλιο του Αποστόλου Παύλου, η ανώτατη τιμητική διάκριση της Ιεράς Αρχιεπισκοπής Αμερικής που της απένεμε ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Γέροντας Αμερικής Δημήτριος, ο Μεγαλόσταυρος του Σωτήρος της Ελληνικής Δημοκρατίας, το Βραβείο της Ακαδημίας Αθηνών, το Δίπλωμα της Ελληνικής Κοινωνικής Πρόνοιας και Ελληνικής Τηλεόρασης και η αναγνώριση στη Ρώμη της εφημερίδας "Το Βελούχι" που εκδίδεται αδιάκοπα από το 1946, του σημερινού περιοδικού της Ένωσης, ως ένα από τα καλύτερα έντυπα που εκδίδουν φιλανθρωπικοί οργανισμοί σ' όλο τον κόσμο.

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ΔΙΑΧΡΟΝΙΚΗΣ ΑΞΙΑΣ

- Αρχική μεταφορά το 1945 των απαραίτητων φαρμάκων και ενδυμάτων στην Ευρυτανία
- Θέσπιση προγράμματος προίκας για κορίτσια φτωχών οικογενειών
- Ανέγερση του Νοσοκομείου του Καρπενησίου το 1953 με ολική χρηματοδότηση της Ένωσης
- Ίδρυση οικοτροφείου για μαθητές Γυμνασίου στο χωριό Κερασσοχώρι Ευρυτανίας
- Δημιουργία προγράμματος μαθητικών γευμάτων το 1956 στην Ευρυτανία
- Αγορά του κτηριακού συγκροτήματος στο Σάρλοτ, όπου σήμερα στεγάζονται τα Κεντρικά Γραφεία της Ένωσης
- Ανέγερση του Γηροκομείου Καρπενησίου με πρωτοβουλία, προβολή του έργου και αρχική οικονομική ενίσχυση του Βελουχιού. Αποπερατώθηκε και τέθηκε σε λειτουργία το 1992
- Έναρξη το 1961 χορήγησης υποτροφιών σε εκατοντάδες Ελλαδίτες και Ομογενείς Ευρυτάνες μαθητές και φοιτητές στην Ελλάδα και Αμερική. Οι υποτροφίες αυτές ανέρχονται σήμερα στο ποσό των 50.000 δολαρίων ετησίως περίπου και διευρύνονται με τα προγράμματα για σπουδές στην Ελλάδα, τα οποία πραγματοποιούνται με την συνεργασία της Ελληνικής Εταιρείας «Παιδεία», Πρόεδρος της οποίας είναι ο καθηγητής του Πανεπιστημίου του Κονέκτικατ, Δρ. Ηλίας Τομάζος. Μοναδικές εκπαιδευτικές ευκαιρίες που φέρνουν τους νέους μας κοντά στις ρίζες τους, ενδυναμώνουν την ελληνική τους συνείδηση και δημιουργούν άρρηκτους δεσμούς με τη γενέτειρα των προγόνων τους
- Οικονομική στήριξη στις ομάδες εθελοντών γιατρών σε απομακρυσμένα χωριά της Ευρυτανίας
- Δημιουργία το 1997 στην Ευρυτανία του Προγράμματος "Παιδιά με Ειδικές Ανάγκες", μια ιδιαίτερα αξιόλογη δράση, η οποία προσφέρει αδιάκοπη διμηνιαία οικονομική βοήθεια για την ανακούφιση των οικογενειών εκείνων που έχουν παιδιά πάσχοντα από σοβαρές αναπηρίες. Η Συνολική χρηματική βοήθεια ανέρχεται στο ποσό των 25.000 δολαρίων ετησίως συμπεριλαμβανομένων και των οικογενειών εκείνων που χρειάζονται άμεσης οικονομικής ενίσχυσης λόγω προβλημάτων υγείας
- Δωρεά 100.000 δολαρίων για την στήριξη και ανάπτυξη του Κέντρου Διακονίας της Μητρόπολης Ατλάντας στη Αμερική καθώς και πολλές και μεγάλες δωρεές στο Ελληνικό Κολλέγιο του Τιμίου Σταυρού και σε Ιερούς Ναούς στην Ελλάδα και Αμερική
- Πρωτοβουλία μελών της Ένωσης με παραστάσεις στις αρμόδιες αρχές του Δήμου Καρπενησίου για τη δημιουργία Πάρκου Αποδήμων
- Διάθεση 26.000 δολαρίων για την αγορά υπολογιστών, οθονών και εποπτικών μέσων διδασκαλίας σε σχολεία της Αρκαδίας που επλήγησαν από τις καταστροφικές πυρκαγιές το 2009
- Συμβολή στην αλληλοβοήθηση της ορεινής και ιστορικής πόλης του Ασβίλ της Β. Καρολίνας με την πόλη του Καρπενησίου, η οποία έγινε πραγματικότητα με πρωτοβουλία του Δ.Σ. και των μελών του Τμήματος του Βελουχιού στο Ασβίλ και με κύρια αποστολή των αδελφών αυτών πόλεων την προαγωγή της ειρήνης μέσω αμοιβαίου σεβασμού, της κατανόησης και τη συνεργασίας σε διεθνές επίπεδο των ατόμων και των κοινοτήτων, της κατανόησης των πολιτισμών και της κληρονομιάς των αδελφών πόλεων και της τόνωσης της οικονομικής τους ανάπτυξης
- Αξιόλογες χορηγίες πολλών μελών της Ένωσης στη δημιουργία και ανάπτυξη του δημόσιου ελληνοαμερικανο-νικού σχολείου τσάρτερ «Ακαδημία Σοκράτης», το ποίον απαρτίζεται σήμερα 750 μαθητές σε δημοτικό και γυμνάσιο
- Συμβολή στην ίδρυση και συνεχή εφοδιασμό με τρόφιμα και άλλα είδη πρώτης ανάγκης των δυο Παντοπωλείων των δήμων Καρπενησίου και Αγράφων

HIGHLIGHTS OF VELOUCHI'S PROJECTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Offered Proikodotissis (Dowries) to poor young women
- Continually offering financial help to Evrytians in need
- Published the Velouchi Bulletin since 1946 quarterly
- Supported the building of the original Hospital in Karpenisi in 1953
- Established boarding house for students in Kerasohori - Greece
- Purchased Velouchi Building Headquarters in Charlotte (1972)
- Annual Scholarships (1961-today) in Greece & United States (*Well above \$1,100,000 so far*)
- Initiated, furnished and partly financed the Nursing Home (Gerokomeio) in Karpenisi
- Supported "traveling doctors" team for medical care to remote Evrytians villages
- Established in 1997 and maintains the Program for Children with Special Needs in Evrytania (\$15,000-\$20,000 yearly)
- Supported Hellenic College-Holy Cross Archbishop Iakovos Library
- Supported financially the Metropolis of Atlanta Diakonia Center (\$100,000)
- Recognition of Greek Independence Day by States of NC, SC & other states
- Velouchi members embraced and sponsored Socrates Academy Public Charter School in Charlotte, NC – a K-8 Greek-American School with about 750 students
- Strongly supported the efforts to have Asheville & Karpenisi become Sister Cities
- Continuous support for the two established Food Banks in the two municipalities of Karpenisi and Agrafa

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SCHOLARSHIPS

---By the Velouchi Youth Committee---

The Velouchi Youth Committee is dedicated to assisting our Velouchi students find scholarships to help them in furthering their academic studies. It has researched several organizations that offer scholarships to college age students of Greek descent based on both merit and financial need. Please look into these scholarships and the sponsoring organizations to take advantage of all possible financial assistance.

The Youth Committee wishes you Good Luck & Good Studies.

KAI ZE ANQTEPA!

Evrytians Association of America "Velouchi"

www.velouchi.org

Heritage Greece Scholar Program:

www.heritagegreece@acg.edu

The Hellenic Society "Paideia" UConn/Dr. Ilias Tomazos:

www.paideiausa.org

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Session I: June 4-21, 2020

Session II: July 9-26, 2020

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Early Bird Admission Deadline: **January 24, 2020**

Regular Admission Deadline: **March 18, 2020**



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Heritage Greece 2020 Scholarships have been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic

100 Scholarships for Greek American College Students



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Heritage: a complex word which describes culture, traditions, mores, norms and familiar places. Heritage is something we choose to identify with or discard as being relevant in our lives based on perceptions about ourselves and society. Is Heritage something that can inspire, draw us together, teach and fulfill us, or is it something to forget and focus on other things that are important to us? Heritage can play an important building block in the future we choose to build.

The National Hellenic Society's (NHS) strongly believes Hellenic heritage is well worth preserving in vibrant ways. NHS develops and supports projects that advance NHS' mission to perpetuate, celebrate and certainly pass on the *paradosis* of Hellenic heritage. How do we do that—through Programs:

NHS' *Greek Guide to Greatness* series was developed and co-produced with National Geographic and made available to 60+ million students on the PBS, NatGeo & Google Classroom Platforms. NHS and NHS members are sponsors of *My Greek Table*, produced and starring Master Chef Diane Kochilas, in a 13-episodic tour de force of all aspects of the Greek kouzina now in production of Season III for PBS stations nationwide.

These efforts reach millions. However, making a difference means reaching one person at a time. For the past decade, NHS and the American College of Greece have done just that: positively impacted the lives of 500+ students through the NHS' Heritage Greece® Program. This year, the NHS will provide 100 scholarships for college students of Greek descent on shared experience with students from the American College of Greece. Heritage Greece is a cultural and educational immersion that reconnects students to

their heritage. In their own words, the students describe the program as "life-changing" in instilling the importance, impact and breadth of Hellenic heritage.

Eligible student participants must be of Greek descent, aged between 18-26, enrolled in an undergraduate/graduate studies program with a minimum GPA of 3.0 This year's Heritage Greece Program will take place in two sessions: June 4-21, and July 9-26. The first session will also provide 15 students the opportunity to participate in an internship program aligned with their career path/course of study. Interested student participants should apply online at: <https://www.acg.edu/admissions/study-abroad/heritage-greece/> or on the NHS' website: www.hellenicsociety.org.

The Heritage Greece Program extends beyond the students' shared experiences in Greece as they become part of the Heritage Greece Alumni Network. NHS continues to provide mentorship, internships and other career advancing assistance as part of our commitment to these extended members of the NHS family. Being selected as a Heritage Greece participant is something the students will benefit from throughout their lives.

Thanks to one grateful parent of a Heritage Greece student, Dr. John Frankis, DDS and several of his close friends that held a recent fundraiser for the Heritage Greece Program, the NHS will sponsor 100 students on this Program this year which increased the supply of available slots for successful candidates. Apply now for early-bird admission on the Heritage Greece Program!

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