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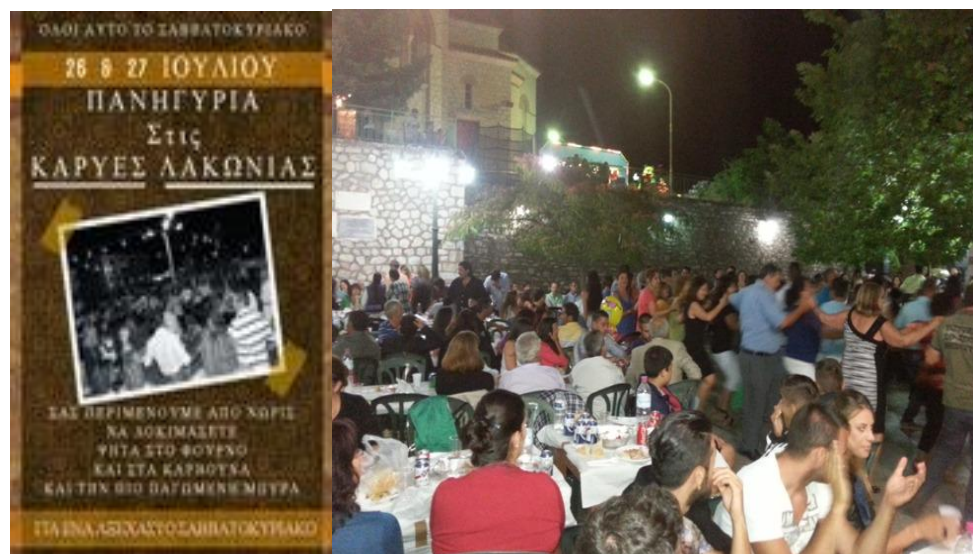
KARYES: A VILLAGE FULL OF LIFE A CREATIVE SUMMER IN OUR VILLAGE

This summer a series of cultural and sport events was launched and the active local Clubs worked harmoniously and showed that **Karyes is perhaps the liveliest mountain village in the Peloponnese.**



The events started with the **2nd Semi-Marathon Race of Parnonas "Ta Karyateia"** on **June 21st**, in honor of the benefactor G.Th. Skiouris. The organizing committee of Sports Club "KARYATIS" worked in excellent and professional standards. With the participation of over 400 participants three times higher than the last year's number, this year's race included apart from the Semi-Marathon race of 24km, the "Route of the Muses" of 6km, the "Children's Games" of 2km and the "Promenade walk" of 10km. The Website www.karyes.gr created a separate section for "Ta Karyateia" race where everyone can see all the details and results.

It is also mentioned that on **July 19th**, passed through Karyes the 70km ultra marathon race "**KRONION PERASMA**" (with start and finish at Agios Petros village).



On the **26th and 27th** of July, as each year the **annual festivals** (panigyria) of the village are being organized by the Local Council of Karyes, at the Rahi and the Central Square, with the well known success.

This year there was even a playground for the children, while the feast as usual lasted until morning.

MESSAGE OF THE BOARD OF THE ASSOCIATION OF KARYATES WORLDWIDE

With this second news bulletin, the **Association of Karyates Worldwide (S.A.K.)** undertakes a difficult task.

Despite the significant improvement of the site of our village **WWW.KARYES.GR** and the use of all the opportunities the internet provides, such as "the electronic newspaper" "**KARYES.BLOGSPOT.COM**" and the FACEBOOK groups "**KARYES (ARACHOVA) LAKONIAS**" and "**I LOVE KARYES**", the members of our Association received many requests for the publication of a printed newspaper, especially after the suspension of the newspaper "**KARYES AND VILLAGES OF FORMER MUNICIPALITY OF OINOUNTA**" which was published for 25 years by the current Vice President of our Association **Ms Anita Gleka-Prekezes.**

Unfortunately, the adoption of a regular newspaper with subscription deemed uneconomical mainly for tax reasons. Furthermore, postal costs are huge.

For these reasons it was decided to issue this news bulletin which aims to:

- be issued on a **quarterly** basis,
- be distributed **FREE**,
- **be mailed to all members of our Association** with an invitation to participate in important events,
- **be distributed also locally in Karyes,**
- be promoted in **electronic form** on the internet.

In the second phase of this effort, all members should send their email addresses, in order to receive this news bulletin in electronic form so as to reduce shipping costs.

In response to the requests of many of our compatriots, the Association decided to create an **English-language version**, especially for young compatriots abroad whose knowledge of Greek is not that good. The bulletin will be sent to all our Associations in U.S., Canada and Australia, which in turn will be responsible for its local distribution to our compatriots.

It is understandable that we expect everyone (Local Community, Associations of the Village and Abroad) to send us their news to be published.

We believe that in this way it is possible to continue this effort.

Sincerely

The Board

ELECTIONS FOR THE NEW BOARD OF OUR ASSOCIATION

The Board of our Association wishes to inform all its members that in November 2014 will be the elections for the new Board. Since the printing of this news bulletin, the date was not yet been determined. All members will be notified by mail, and there will also be a notice on the Internet.

REQUEST

Those who want to receive this news bulletin via e-mail or send their news to be published, please inform us by sending your e-mail address at info@karyes.gr

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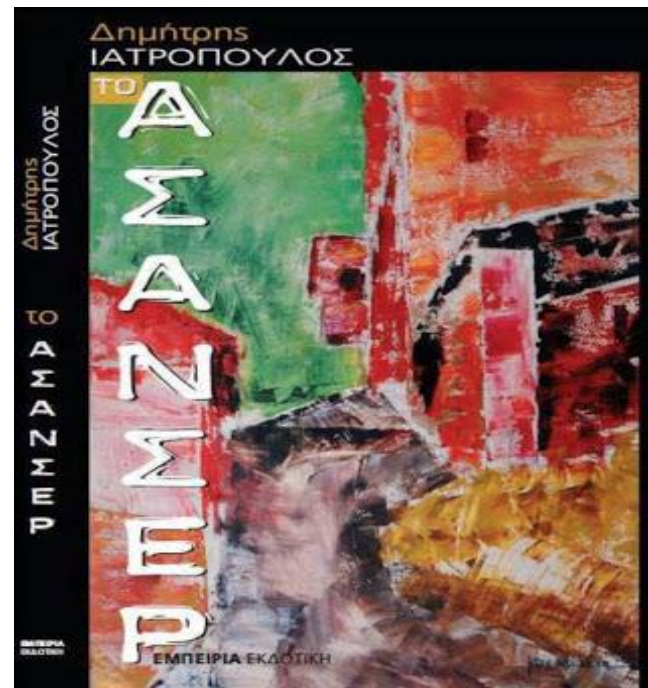


On **August 8th**, a play of "shadow theater"-Karagiozis was presented for children in Central Square, an offer of the Municipality of Sparta.



On **August 10th**, in the courtyard of the Church of Assumption (Panagia) and beneath the plane trees of Menelaus, the well known throughout Laconia and Arcadia 'YOUTH PARTY' of the Cultural Club of Karyes was held for the fourth time which this year was titled "Party Allios". An actually excellent organized event, with presence of DJ's which attracted as every year hundreds of people that danced until dawn.

On **August 2nd**, a children festival and painting exhibition was held for the first time in the main square, organized by the S.A.K., the Cultural Club and the Reading Club "O Karyothrafstis" (The Nutcracker). The event was based on the **subject of the nut** and the event ended in afternoon with the show of "Paramythou" (Storyteller) and a musical party that lasted until late at night.



On **August 12th**, in the packed with people conference hall of the Community Building, a really rare for the facts of Greek province cultural event took place at the initiative of S.A.K. It was about the **presentation of the new book of the fellow compatriot writer, poet and journalist Mr. Iatropoulos**, entitled 'To Ansanser' (The Elevator), accompanied by a presentation of its timeless work with the projection of documentary film, as well as the performing of its known songs by a group of musicians.



On **August 15th**, as every year celebrated the **Assumption with Divine Liturgy** held at the Church Assumption (Panagia) in the presence of all inhabitants and visitors. The Divine Liturgy was officiated by the **Bishop of Atlanta USA. Alexios**.

On Sunday, **August 3rd** the annual event of the **Karyates Association (S.A.K.)** was organized in honor of the **expatriates and visitors of the village**, in the conference hall of the Community Building. The Chairman Mr. Repoulis and Board Members welcomed everyone and informed them on the activities of the Association and especially the completion of the study plan for the building of the S.A.K. in the Central Square of Karyes. The event was attended by all institutions of the village, the outgoing and newly elected Local Council, city councilors, representatives of the Sports Club, the Cultural Club, the Association of Blood Donation, the Reading Club "O Karyothrafstis" (The Nutcracker), the ecclesiastical club, the Skiouris Foundation, as well as newly formed non-profit organization of "Kerchoula's Testament", who in their turn informed about their activities.

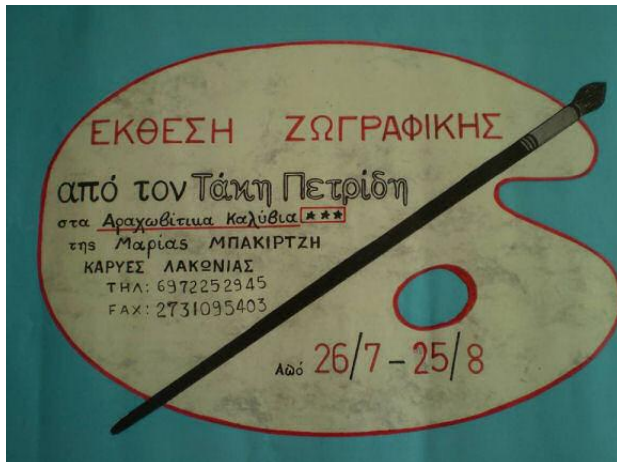
The summer events ended on Saturday **August 16th** with the **annual summer dance of S.A.K.** that was held at the beautiful grove of Agia Paraskevi. With live orchestra of laikorempetika and songs from the old Greek cinema, as well as traditional folk songs with DJ Leonidas Chondropoulos. Our compatriots massively honored us once again with their presence at this event of our Association and a lottery was organized with numerous gifts to aid the goals of our Association.

On **August 4th**, a music event was held in the central Square, with the participation of a **live band from Vamvakou**, an offer of **local cultural association "NEA ZOE"**.



“ARACHOVITIKA KALYVIA” SUMMER EVENTS

In recent years, **Maria Bakirtzi** with her agro-touristic unit at Kalyvia settlement of Karyes adds a series of activities to the cultural life of our village.



So this summer the "ARACHOVITIKA KALYVIA" hosted a **painting exhibition of painter Takis Petrides**, while on 08.14.2014 a musical evening entitled "**four instruments, four voices**" took place with considerable success, as the attendance was great. Congratulations to Maria and we hope that her cultural effort to continue in the future.



UPDATE ON THE KERCHOULA COVENANT

On Sunday **August 17th**, in the Conference Hall of the Community Building, an update of the new '**Non-Profit Company KERCHOULAS**' was held by its President George Tsvilis and Board Members informing both about the company (purpose and method of operation, statute) and secondly about the planned investment construction of a **power plant using biomass**.

According to what was presented, the course of the design project is on track and there is optimism that the project will begin by next summer.

OFFER OF S.A.K. TO ITS MEMBERS

The Board of our Association wanted to thank all active members having renewed their annual subscription, decided to donate to each member of a panoramic photo of our village.



KARYES S.A.K. FOLKLORE CENTRE THE BUILDING'S ARCHITECTURAL PLANS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED

After systematic efforts of the Board of the Karyates Association, the plans for the reconstruction of the building owned by the S.A.K. in the central square of Karyes were completed. The Board of Members sentient obligation towards all compatriots who for years have offered significant sums for the purchase of the building proceeded with caution in preparing this study.

Until now and in order to solve the problem of moisture, the **reconstruction of the building roof** has been completed. They also proceeded with the **dismantling of the building's surface plaster** so that the surface's stone structure to be revealed. The result was to confirm the fact that this building was designed from the start to be built as a "**neoclassical**" architectural style, ie special plaster and ornate faceplates are used around the roof and windows, and it was not a stone-building that was covered later with plaste, like almost all other buildings in the village. Therefore, the idea of "revelation" and **maintaining of the stone surface did not qualify**, both because of the stones' quality and secondly to avoid altering the original character of the building.

Now the plans propose the establishment of a **wine tasting museum** in the cellar-basement, a **traditional Café** and **business premises** on the ground floor and an **exhibition hall** on first floor. Furthermore, for the two tangential buildings are planned:

- in the former ironwork store, the creation of a **multipurpose hall** on the ground floor, serving as a conference and projection hall and on the first floor a **reading hall** and
- in the building served as the former police station, on the ground floor will be the **entrance** to the exhibition and a **memorabilia store** and on first floor the **offices of S.A.K.**

All the above will be joined together with **elevator**, while there are also **toilets** (and for people with disabilities). The Board of Members of the Association decided that a complete copy of the study will be sent to all brotherhoods worldwide.



S.A.K. INVITATION FOR THE FEAST OF THE SAINT OF OUR VILLAGE ST. ADREW

Like every year, on **Sunday 30th of November** and on the occasion of the feast of our patron Saint, S.A.K. invites all our compatriots in Karyes. The event will take place in the **Conference Hall of the Community Building** just after the Divine Liturgy. There will be coffee and pastries and everyone will have the opportunity to be informed about our village's issue.

See you all there!



**SPORTS CLUB
"O KARYATIS"**

RESULTS OF GENERAL MEETING

On August 9th, on the ground floor hall of the Community Building the General Assembly of the S.C. "O KARYATIS" took place with agenda items:

1. Review outgoing Board

The outcome of the **Audit Report** of the **Auditing Committee** consisting of Dimitrios Ch. Leventakis, Evangelos Skouros and Charalambos Mentavlos was presented and adopted. According to it, the fund of the Association on August 9th amounted to € **38.614**.

2. Election of a new five-member Board and the Audit Committee

Evangelos Lembesis and Georgia Mentis were elected as officers of the General Assembly and Maria Tsopelas, Theodora Tsakonas and Eva Dritsa as members of the Election Committee. A wider debate on the issues of the Athletic Association followed and the vote in witch 42 people voted. Vote resolution:

- **For the Board** (in parenthesis votes received): **Theodore Mentis** (38), **John Koutsogiorgas** (33), **Nikolaos Arvanitis** (30), and **Dimitrios Spiliakos** (28) and **Spyridon Sioutos** (26) and as alternates **George Ntevekos** (35), **Konstantinos Diamandouros** (33) and **Paraskevas Kollantzianos** (28).
- **For the Audit Committee** (in parenthesis votes received): **Dimitrios Ch. Leventakis** (32), **Charalambos Mentaflos** (24), **Theodore Stathakis** (20), **Evangelos Skouros** (18) and **John Yfantopoulos** (10).

3. Agricultural Cooperative Warehouse

Decided to 39 YES, 2 NO and 1 WHITE, the acceptance of the outgoing Board's proposal to acquire the Warehouse of AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES in Pinogoura.

This followed the briefing by the AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES (which is in liquidation) for the transfer of the available warehouse which is unused for many years

For this purpose "The KARYATIS" pay the sum of € 10.000. It was preceded by the contribution of the following amounts:

- From **U.S.A.**: **ADELFOFOTIS ARACHOVITON Charlotte US \$ 3.000**, **Foundation US \$ 2.00-**, **N. Kaperonis US \$ 1.000**, **Paraskevas Kerchoulas US \$ 650** and **John Kyr. Skiouris US \$ 500-**.
- From **Canada**: **Panagiotis and Dimitrios Th. Darnos CAN \$ 2.000**, **George and Andrew B.Skiouris CAN \$ 2.000** and **P. Kontalonis CAN \$ 2.000-**.

PARTICIPATION OF A.C. "KARYATIS" IN THE NEW LACONIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

On August 10th, the new Board set up as a body with the following composition:

- President: Theodore Mentis
- Vice President: Nikolaos Arvanitis
- Secretary: Ioannis Koutsogiorgas
- Special Secretary: Spyridon Sioutos
- Treasurer: Dimitrios Spiliakos

The new Board approved the participation of the football team S.C."KARYATIS" at the league and the Cup of Laconia for the period 2014-15.

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The Karyes Blood Donation began in **1983** on the initiative of the Karyes Youth Association (no longer exists) with the cooperation of the Tripoli's Hospital. Although Karyes belong to Laconia prefecture, Sparta's Hospital did not organize blood donation to our villages.

The blood bank in accordance with its articles of association, it is administered by a **Committee of three members**. Its aim is to cover the necessity for blood at **all the relatives within the third degree of the blood donors**, but also at **our villagers who have no family and are in need**.

Since 1984, when I took over as Head of the Karyes Blood Bank, we organize semester donations with a special group of doctors and nurses coming from Tripoli's Hospital and since the 90's from the Sparta's Hospital, since as we mentioned our village belong to Lakonia prefecture.

For years we had excellent participation from our compatriots but unfortunately the last three years there is a decline. In the last donation in July 2014, we collected 22 units of blood and it was pleasing that four young people became donors too.

For this reason I would like to invite all of the compatriots:

To donate blood

Because sometime all we will have a time of need.

Voula Dalakouras

READING CLUB "O KARYOTHRAFSTIS" (THE NUTCRACKER)

"O Karyothrafstis" (The Nutcracker) Reading Club is a small group of volunteers based in the beautiful village of Karyes Laconia, which meets regularly to discuss a book that they have all agreed to read either the entire (Adult's Section), or a small section of it (School Section).

The purpose of the Club is the meditation, the knowledge and the dialogue with the book becoming also a purpose, a reason and means of discussion.

Along with reading, "O Karyothrafstis" organized visits associated with the theme of the book in places (exhibitions, museums, planetarium, etc..), films and theatrical performances, lectures, authors, events, presentations to the rest of the school, the children's parents and the public of the village.

The participation in the Club is free regardless of age.

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KARYES COMMUNITY NEWS

The project "**KARYES ROADS AND WORKS**" has been approved by the Technical Department of Sparta Municipality. It states:

- In **Central Square**, the restoration of the pavement joints and the reconstruction of that surface for about 30sqm. The removal of the damaged perimeter walls and their rebuilt for a length of 35m., width of 0,40m. and height of 0,60m.
- At the **Football Stadium**, the demolishing of dangerous walls and their replacement with new, on top of which the surface will be fitted with wire stakes.
- In the **schoolyard** the concreting for a surface of 20X4m and the construction of a well with a lid.

It also provides:

- in eight sites of our village the reconstruction of the existing drains and their replacement by closed tubes, which will be covered by gratings catchment and will be accompanied by new concreting (where necessary) and
- in another four sites the building of new walls and the concreting of roads.