



ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟΣ ΤΩΝ ΑΠΑΝΤΑΧΟΥ ΚΑΡΥΑΤΩΝ

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PRESIDENT REPOULIS MESSAGE

This spring and June left hastily with lots of rain, and now we are in the middle of a hot summer, with so many celebrations of saints, festivals and events that we struggle to find time to follow. A good Arahovitis however, whether resident or Athenian or living abroad, do not forget to focus on the events of the village. Except from the entertainment, someone will encounter familiar places, the family home, relatives, childhood friends, old acquaintances, recalling from the inside the nostalgic memories of the good old days.

The Association has long shed the weight of the renovation of the building in the central square. In collaboration with a design bureau, it considers the best solution for its interior and for the optimal recovery of the external facades of the building. The S.A.K. seeks the help of all those who can contribute to our effort, so the building will become the jewel of the village.

This year, as always, defying the crisis plaguing our country, I am confident that everyone will honor with their presence, the multifarious manifestations of Karyes' Clubs, the fest of Agia Paraskevi and St. Panteleimon, the dance fest of S.A.K for the reinforcement its purposes and the old plane in the Agios Andreas square.

There will be the meeting place for us.

Let's not miss it.

A good Arachova summer!



RESTORATION OF THE CARYATIDS MONUMENT

After cleaning the courtyard area and repair the roof of the monument, held in 2013, the Board Association of S.A.K. is willing to restore the statues. The conservator of antiquities, professor of TEI Athens Mrs. Chlouveraki, visited the Monument at 06.29.2014 and held an extensive autopsy accompanied by a group of S.A.K. board members. She stated that in the autumn she will have prepared a cost study for restoration of both the statues of Caryatids and the statues of the Musses located on the main road.

SUMMER EVENTS OF S.A.K.

The S.A.K. announces a program of summer events in our village:

- August 2nd, a fest and art exhibition based on the nut at the central Square. The event is being organized both by the S.A.K. and by the Karyes' Cultural Club and the evening will be completed at with the "Storyteller".
- August 3rd, the annual event of the S.A.K. for compatriots and residents in the ground hall of the Community Building.
- August 4th, a live music event in Central Square with a music group from the village of Vamvakou.
- August 8th, a performance of "Karagiosis" (Shadows Theater) in Central Square, an offer of the Municipality of Sparta.
- August 12th, a lecture from our fellow writer-composer Mr. Iatropoulos about the edition of his book entitled "THE ELEVATOR", in the ground hall of the Community Building. It will be accompanied by documentary films and a performer who will sing three of his songs.
- August 16th, the annual summer dance fest of S.A.K. at the grove of Agia Paraskevi. The live orchestra will play laikorempetika and songs from the old Greek cinema. It will be followed by DJ Leonidas Chondropoulos. General admission is 20€ for food and 10€ for drink at the bar, including a lottery with four (4) grand prizes.

THE ANNUAL DANCE OF OUR ASSOCIATION HELD WITH GREAT SUCCESS

On February 23rd 2014, at 1 pm, the annual dance of S.A.K. took place in the ballroom "THE MANSION OF FOTINI" at Vouliagmeni Avenue. The ballroom was arguably the best in recent years and the participation of our compatriots was moving. There was also a traditional dance group, while there was also a video projection of the DVD of our village.

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.



LOCAL PRODUCTS EXHIBITION

After last year's great success, the exhibition of local products will also take place this year with the help of our Association, during the period 26th of July -16th of August, on the ground floor of the S.A.K.'s building at the Central Square. Those interested are requested to contact the members of the Board the S.A.K.



THE DIGITIZATION OF THE NEWSPAPER "KARYES" HAS BEEN COMPLETED

The newspaper "Karyes, Arachova Laconias and villages of former Oinountas Municipality" began to be issued in **October 1986** and continued seamlessly for 24 years, until **May 2010**, where the publication stopped at the 99th sheet. The newspaper began its issue monthly, to become a bimonthly and later a quarterly, so as to be able to cover more material.

It was the personal vision and passion of **Mrs Annita Glekas-Prekezes**, which after much thought decided the edition of a local newspaper. The objective of this newspaper was to inform the villagers and the compatriots, who were abroad, on the current cultural and social news, while enriching the contents with themes of history, folklore and culture, both of Karyes (Arachova), as of the wider Laconia's region and the surrounding villages.

Mrs Glekas-Prekezes, with much love and effort, was able to collect the news of the village, while keeping the contents of the newspaper away from political expediencies. Although the newspaper was for subscribers only in order to cover the expensive printing costs, its impact reached all five continents, thanks to the thirst of our compatriots for news from their country and their place of origin.

The idea for the digitization of the Journal "Karyes" was conceived jointly by the siblings **Harris and Margie Konstantopoulos**, as they tried to gather information to enrich the Karyes Laconia's web site (www.karyes.gr). Therefore, they studied the preserved archive of the newspaper held by their mother, **Kaiti Konstantopoulou-Kardara**.

According to them, the objective of digitization was to maintain the archives in time, considering the wearing of the sensitive material of paper. Moreover, their desire was to ensure the availability of its valuable contents at an even wider audience through the Internet, as the newspaper, when it was published, it was for subscribers only and many compatriots (especially the younger generations) didn't have access to this rich source of information about the place of Karyes and the surrounding villages.

The idea was welcomed by the members of the Board the S.A.K. and Mrs. Annita Glekas-Prekezes accepted the proposal of the digitization of the newspaper and she contributing to the completeness of the archive. The project was completed in the summer of 2014 and posted via www.karyes.gr as a separate node, called the **Digital Archive of Journal "Karyes, Arachova Laconias and villages of former Oinountas municipality"** to fulfill the purpose for which it was created.

A TOURIST MAP PUBLICATION

At the initiative of our Association and with the collaboration of the Karyes' Cultural Association and the Athletic Association "The KARYATIS", a detailed double sided (foldable) Karyes' touristic map will be issued. The development of tourism in recent years requires the creation of a map so the visitors of our beautiful village could have a comprehensive guide to hiking and bike paths. The number of copies at this first phase will be 10,000 pieces and there will be a free distribution.

The S.A.K. invites all the residents of our village to advertise their businesses.

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POSTPONEMENT OF PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

The photo exhibition was decided to be postponed for the next year (2015) due to low participation (collection of photographic material). Kindly we request from all our compatriots to contribute with their photos, which will be returned after being scanned.

**THE CONTINUOUS ENRICHMENT OF THE WEB SITE OF OUR VILLAGE
«WWW.KARYES.GR»**

After a complete redesign in 2012, the S.A.K. continues to enrich the web site of our village www.karyes.gr. Recently, the site included information on our Associations and Brotherhoods abroad and separate sections for the Semi-marathon Race of "KARYATEIA" and the digital archives of "Karyes" newspaper. Soon a new redesign will be competed to improve the posting of the news from Karyes' clubs.

KARYES SUMMER SCHOOL

Our Association issued a notice to teachers and parents for the KARYES SUMMER SCHOOL. The institution that had worked successfully in the 1990s will also run this summer if anyone is interested, with the cost being covered by the S.A.K.

2014 LOCAL ELECTIONS RESULTS

According to the results of self-administrative elections, the new Karyes' Local Council composed by Georgios Devekos (Chairman), Achilleas-Dimitrios Sioutos and Panagiotis Mentis (members). The new representative of our village in the municipality of Sparta is Mrs. Eleni Mentis.

The Association of Karyates Worldwide (S.A.K.) congratulates all the above for their election and states that it would stand next to them, expecting an effective cooperation for the good of our village.

Moreover, we also thank our outgoing representatives for their contribution to our village as for their excellent cooperation with us.

BRIEFS

The Board the S.A.K. welcomes:

- the establishment of Karyes' Reading Club "THE NUTCRACKER".
- the effort of the **Karyes Local Community** to reorganize the Community Library.

The Board the S.A.K. congratulates:

- the "KARYATIS" **Sports Club** for the successful organization of the 2nd KARYATEIA Semi-marathon Race.
- the newly elected Board the "KARYES CULTURAL CLUB"

We hope the continuing of the very good cooperation between the two clubs for the prosperity of our village.



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wishes to all our compatriots

A NICE SUMMER