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MESSAGE OF THE EDITOR AND SECRETARY OF THE KARYATES ASSOCIATION MR. CH. KONSTANTOPOULOS

Dear compatriots!

One year after the first issue of our news Bulletin, we wish to thank you all, as you have pretty much embraced that effort, even the young generation of the internet communication. As you may be informed, this project is entirely voluntary and so we intend to continue it.

However, this volunteer effort in order to be effective, it should involve as many as possible.

Our Bulletin is open for publication to all compatriots -living in Greece or abroad- who wish to express opinions, submit proposals and assist in recording historical and folklore elements of Greece.

Our editorial team will try to identify such issues, in order to let know the younger and help remember the older.

So far the printed copies distributed in Karyes reach about 100, and another 200 copies are being mailed though postal services to our members throughout Greece, all free of charge. Furthermore, we e-mail the bulletin in digital form to additional 100 recipients. Finally it is available in digital form, in both Greek and English languages, on the website of Karyes www.karyes.gr.

Moreover, we would like to emphasize that our only income of our effort is your annual subscription to our Association, which amounts to 5€ and of which an amount covers all our activities. We think that it could be considered as a small amount in relation to its importance for us in order to continue our efforts.

Finally, we want to inform all our compatriots that our Bulletin is available for advertising.

With patriotic greetings!

Charambos (Harris) Konstantopoulos

KARYES 2015 PROGRAM OF SUMMER EVENTS

The clubs and associations of Karyes attempted for another year to prepare a summer with various cultural events for residents, tourists and visitors of our beautiful village. The program so as it stands so far is the following:

- Sunday **26 July, all day event**, Festival - Panigiri Agias Paraskevis (Rachi Square) organized by the local community of Karyes.
- Monday **27 July, all day event**, Festival - Panigiri Agiou Panteleimona (Main Square) organized by the local community of Karyes.
- Friday **7 August at noon**, Children's event entitled "The Train of Joy" at the Main Square, organized by the Karyates Association and the Karyes' Cultural Club.
- Saturday **8 August at noon**, annual reception of the Karyates Association in honor of expatriates at the Conference Hall of the Community Building.
- Saturday **8 August at night**, RIVER PARTY (grove of Panagia-Manelaus Planes) organized by the Karyes' Cultural Club.
- Friday **14 August at night**, annual summer dance of the Karyates Association at the grove of Agia Paraskevi - Primary School.

For any change there will be a notice in our website www.karyes.gr.

Finally, during the summer there will be an exhibition of historical photographs and for this reason we appeal to those in possession of old photographs to communicate directly with our chairman Mr. Repoulis at the phone number 00306944784563.

THE WORKS FOR THE CREATION OF KARYES FOLKLORE CENTER CONTINUE INTENSIVELY

LETTER OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD THE ASSOCIATION MR. MICHAEL REPOULIS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE KARYATES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF SYDNEY AUSTRALIA MR. PANAGIOTIS VOUKIDIS

Dear Panagiotis,

I hope you personally and the members of the Board of Directors are all well.

We received a notice from the Bank of "Eurobank" that money came and went in our account. The net amount deposited is € 8.300.

The Board the Karyates Association and I personally thank you very much for your financial support, which gave us the strength to embark courageously and decisively the work of external repair of building the Folklore Center. Already, we proceeded to perform the relevant competition and just this week we came to the lowest contractor bidder, who for the amount of € 25.000 will **repair the building of the former police outside and inside** and will make the necessary works for the **unification of the three buildings**.

The works will begin by 15 May 2015 and will be completed by July 25, 2015.

I will be glad to meet you in Arachova this summer to thank you in person.

Greetings to your brother and to all members of your Board of Directors.

with respect
Michael Repoulis



IT'S A PITY: THE 3RD "KARYATEIA RACE" HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO FINANCIAL PROBLEMS!

The Sports Club "O KARYATIS" and the "SKIOURIS" Foundation have announced that they are unable to respond to the organization cost of the event for the third year.

Without ignoring the economic difficulties that exist in Greece, our view is that the Semi-Marathon could be organized with a more active mobilization of Karyes' businessmen. The responsibility of that decision surely cannot be attributed neither to the members of the Sports and Cultural Association, nor to the sponsors and volunteers, who for two consecutive years they organized something unique for the village. We hope that this year's inability will act as a "wake up call" for all of us.

THE MAINTENANCE OF KARYES' INFRASTRUCTURE: A CONTINUOUS STRUGGLE

Part B'

In this issue we continue the effort that started in winter, to inform all compatriots and record the condition of public property of Karyes.

Already the Association's members accepted good comments about this survey, while new information was added in it. We should note that the purpose of this investigation is certainly not the attribution of responsibility, but only the update in order to solve any problems.

Moreover, as announced in Karyes's people assembly on **10.02.2014**, on the initiative of the previous Local Council and with funding from the Cultural and Sports Clubs, topographical charts were compiled in preparation for the submission of final designs for interventions in the following points of our village:

- Rachi Square,
- forecourt St. Andrew,
- path at the Caryatids Monument,
- Grove St. John-Community Clock (Roi),
- steno road,
- Opening of a new municipal road.

Already, along with other studies of the municipality, they were given to a technical office in Sparta, so gradually and until the June 2015 to establish the relevant final plans.



RACHI SQUARE: READY FOR RECONSTRUCTION

For many compatriots whose their homes are at the upper village, the Rachi square comes to their thoughts only at the panigiri of Agia Paraskevi. However, for those living the lower village the Rachi square is their meeting point.

Indeed, while in the past the current tavern of "Areti" Koutsogiorgas was the only meeting point as it served also as a grocery store, in recent years, with the existence of the Saris' cafe on the square, every evening during the summer days, several children are playing and adults drink their coffee at the cafe.

Unfortunately, the lack of pavement, as the square is used as road and parking space raises serious issues about the safety of children who are exposed to any car that crosses the square. Especially the drivers, who come from the upper village and enter the Rachi square, have no visibility.

The good news is that the Village's people assembly on **10.02.2014**, decided that this intervention is a **top priority for Karyes**.

After that decision, the redevelopment project was incorporated into the relevant funding program and a short start of the work is been expected.



AGIOS ANDREAS COURTYARD

As we mentioned above, a study to regenerate the area is being prepared, which has not really been maintained since its construction in the 1960ies. The problems essentially are located:

- In the floor wear because of the concentration of stagnant water after each rain, especially at the space which is adjacent to the Community Building in which moisture appears,
- In the fall of the north wall that should be shifted in order to widen the road used in summer as bypass of the Central Square.



THE AGIOS IOANNIS' GROVE (ROLOI)

It is a beautiful area with a panoramic view of Karyes and an amazing view of Parnon and Taygetos mountains.

Although the grove is in a generally good condition, along with the fencing, concrete tables and seats maintenance, there has been no substantial alteration in the space of almost 50 years, except of the partial renovation of the church of St. John about 30 years ago at the expense of "Brotherhood Arachoviton Charlotte-Gastonia."

In recent years the municipal clock and the Church have been illuminated at the expense of the Cultural Club and our Association respectively.

As mentioned in previous issues a project for an integrated intervention has been prepared and we hope that the renovation of the grove will be included in a financing plan.

MUNICIPAL PARKING

In recent years the number of our village's visitors, especially on holidays and at the summer season, has increased significantly. This has resulted in a corresponding increase in the number of the parked vehicles. Although the main street near the central square is wide enough, many problems arise because of lack of parking spaces.

For this reason, in the summer of 2014 a temporary parking space opened in Voukidis owned land, the use of which was granted by the owner, just before the junction to "Panagia church" on the left side of the main road. However, in the autumn the space was closed again.

As informed by "Diavgea" site, at the meeting of the Sparta's Municipal Council on **11.2.2015**, (rapporteur: Mr. Dimitrios Apostolakis), there was a discussion about the necessity of acquisition one or more land to create parking space.

As a result, the Sparta Municipal Council authorizes the Mayor. **Evangelos Valiotis** and establishes a committee composed of the municipal adviser Ms. **Menti Eleni**, with the deputy alderman **Strifas Kyriakos**, and the President of the Karyes Local Community Mr. **Devekos Georgios**, to make the necessary actions for finding the necessary spaces.

Specifically they are responsible for the purchase of one or more spaces of land within the village Karyes, near the central square of Karyes, to create a car parking. The requested spaces should be located within a radius of **300 meters** around the main square of the village, a total area of **1.000sq.m. to 5.000sq.m.**



KARYES CLINIC Historical data

The house was owned by **Konstantinos Vrinios**. There, he was born in 1913. He studied dentistry and worked for 40 years in Athens successfully. Died on 29.11.1980, and as he and his wife Maria had not children, with whom they shared their love for the village, she decided to implement his desire to donate the house to the Karyes Community in order to be used for the needs of "Karyes Clinic". Indeed with a moving ceremony on August 18, 1987, the acceptance of the gift by the bodies of the village took place, and since then the building serves as "Karyes Local Clinic".

Today

The building was recently renovated and is in relatively good condition. Its location is ideal as it is located between the upper and lower village.

Unfortunately in recent years the rural doctors, often for reasons that are not their fault (*call in Sparta Hospital and in various Health Centers of Laconia*) do not use the building as a residence. Nevertheless, its good condition both helps in proper functioning of a clinic, but also as an incentive for doctors to stay, even for some days a week.

THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR VILLAGE'S INFRASTRUCTURE: A CONTINUOUS STRUGGLE

Part B'

KARYES SPORTS FACILITIES

The sport facilities of the "Karyatis" Sports Club, in Pinigoura are a jewel for our village. Both the football field, and the basketball/volleyball/tennis court, which include tiers 600 and 200 people respectively, provide the youth of Karyes and the holidaymakers the prerequisite for sport. However, the cost of maintenance is high and the "Karyatis" Sports Club, together with the "Skiouris Foundation" under the guidance of President **Theodoros Mentis** trying to cope with the costs.



As we reported recently, interventions involving fencing, changing rooms (renovation, installation of solar water heaters etc.) and repainting exterior walls were completed. These were made possible after the successful outcome of the first Semi Marathon Race of Parnonas "Ta Karyateia" 2013 and after the efforts made by our compatriot, architect and board member of S.A.K., **Nikolaos G. Trakas** who recommended in O.P.A.P. a sponsorship amount of €10.000, which was finally been approved.

Now the changing rooms meet the relevant requirements, but their legitimacy remains unfinished, since they are buildings of 1958.

After that, they will be connected with the electricity network and be ready for the issue of the relevant planning permission to construct rooms for the clinic and referees.

The same goes for the Basketball Court. Although it is built in 1996 through the European Program with funding the Sports Club, their urban legitimacy is unfinished there too. Already the relevant procedures are completed in order and there will be placed lighting.

In the future, according always with Mr. Theodoros Mentis, the Sports Club intends to:

- construct fencing over fir trees (currently nonexistent),
- repair the eastern fence that has a dangerous slope,
- build a fence in front of the stands and
- improve the Athletic area, which however requires a lot of money.

REPLACEMENT OF THE STREET NAMES SIGN POSTS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT FOR OUR VILLAGE, HONORING THE BENEFACTORS AND DONORS

Many of us walking through the streets of our beautiful village we may find old signs with street names that refer either to historical events (eg *Caryatids, Acropolis, Three Hundred of Leonidas etc.*) or to benefactors of our village (eg *Ath. Matala, Iliopoulos Bros etc.*)

At the initiative of S.A.K. began a process of re-positioning of the plates that are left. Also the relevant documents in the Community register of relevant street naming were found.

Therefore a proposal of our Association was made to the Karyes Local Council, considering both to their replacement with new signs, where these have been destroyed, and the naming of anonymous roads with the names of Karyes' benefactors.

We believe it is a project with relatively low cost, but with important symbolic value.

PLACEMENT OF INFORMATIONAL SIGNS

Karyes in recent years has become a tourist destination, giving the opportunity to many people to admire their beauties and sights.

Our Association systematically supports all the active businessmen in our village trying to advertise the village through the organization and operation of the web address KARYES.GR, the issue of a touristic map, the organization of cultural events, etc. In this context and in cooperation with the Karyes Cultural Association and Karyes Local Council, we decided make a comprehensive effort for placing information signs in various places of our village, to guide each visitor.

Note that S.A.K. had filed a comprehensive study signaling from 2013 and we believe that soon in cooperation with our village's bodies the project will begin.

REQUEST

Those who want to receive this news bulletin via e-mail please inform us by sending your e-mail address at
E-mail: info@karyes.gr

AT WWW.KARYES.GR



FOR THE ELDERLY TO REMEMBER AND
FOR THE YOUNG TO LEARN

OUR VILLAGE'S LIBRARY

Unfortunately, few people know that the Community Building has a library, a real treasure, with many books, all donations from compatriots, some of which are over 100 years old.

Historical data

In the grove of Agia Paraskevi Church, a building was constructed order to be used as the library of the elementary school by covenant of **Panagiotis Ch. Pitsios**. Indeed, on the initiative of **Konstantinos Th. Diantzikis**, the building was constructed in 1970 and served as a library for many years.

Moreover, another library was organized thanks to the donation of **Andreas S. Papastavridis** and his wife Alexandra, in the Community Building.

However, by the 1980s, all the books were transferred to the Community building.



Today

The last Community Authority by its President and teacher **George Diamandouros** proceeded to reorganize the library by recording all the books. Nevertheless, it is apparent to anyone who visited that the space is inadequate.

The future

The first floor of the Community Building after the abolition of the Karyes Community is now out of use.

It would be a great idea if the Village's Clubs in collaboration with the Karyes Local Council, reconfigure the building so that all the archival material will be located in a large and suitable room, which will be easily visited.



Meanwhile, the old library building in the school Grove was recently renovated. First goal was to create a tourist information booth for the Parnonas park, but that finally was decided to be settled in Agios Petros. Recently we were informed that the building has been requested by the **non-profit company "Kerchoulas"** to be used as an office.

LETTER

Of the "O Karyatis" Sport Club's chairman
Mr. Theodoros Mentis and
of the KARYES AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE's
President **Mr. Demetrios Prekezes**

to the "**ADELPHOTIS ARACHOVITON – AI
KARYAE**", Chester South Carolina,
to the "**KARYES FOUNDATION**",
Charlotte North Carolina and
to **Mr. George Skiouris**, Risbrough Canada.

Beloved Compatriots!

Accept our most cordial greetings and for individual and family joy, happiness and we hope that 2015 will realize all your dreams and expectations.

On this occasion we want to emphasize that the entire village always nourishes enormous gratitude for all expatriates for their unceasing contribution to the homeland, as although enormous distance separates us, our love for our land, our village's youth unites us.

Last generous action by you is the financial support in order to transfer the storehouse of the Agricultural Cooperative to the Sports Club "O Karyatis".

So, we express so not only heartfelt thanks, but also our intense feelings of satisfaction and excitement, because from it we get the movement strength and courage to fight for our youth through the ideals of sport.

Regarding the actions of the transfer, we inform you that unfortunately the bureaucracy did not allow us to provide you - until now- with an updating report of our financial statement. We apologize, but unfortunately another problem was the dissolution of the Agricultural Cooperative by a Court decision.

We hope that there would be no other problem from now on.

As for our energies considering the building status, we have to make some repairs (roof, windows, cleaning, painting etc.) by using the cash balance of the transfer, provided that you agreed.

The final decision concerning the exploitation of the building will depend on the general economic situation, if there are European programs and our own struggle to get value for all the sacrifices.

Finally we would like to express once again the gratitude of both institutions (Sports Club and Agricultural Cooperative), and we assure you that we would like to establish with you a more intimate contact and communication for opinions and suggestions to help further the village and our youth.

With patriotic greetings!

FINANCIAL REVIEW OF THE IN VIVO DONATION OF THE WAREHOUSE OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE OF KARYES TO THE S.C. "O KARYATIS"



A. REVENUES

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE U.S.A			
	CONTRIBUTOR NAME	AMMOUNT IN US \$	AMMOUNT IN €
1.	ADELPHOTIS ARACHOVITON "AI KARYAI"	3,000.00	
2.	FOUNDATION "KARYAI"	2,000.00	
3.	KAPERONIS NIKOLAOS	1,000.00	
4.	KERCHOULAS PARASKEVAS	650.00	
5.	SKIOURIS NIKOLAOS KYRIAKOU	500.00	
	TOTAL	7,150.00	5,256.34

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CANADA			
	CONTRIBUTOR NAME	AMMOUNT IN CAN \$	AMMOUNT IN €
1.	KONTALONIS PANAGIOTIS	2,000.00	
2.	SKIOURIS GEORGIOS VASILEIOU	2,000.00	
3.	SKIOURIS ANDREAS VASILEIOU		
4.	DARMOS PANAGIOTIS THEODOROU	2,000.00	
5.	DARMOS DEMETRIOS THEODOROU		
	TOTAL	6,000.00	4,025.00

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GREECE		
	CONTRIBUTOR NAME	AMMOUNT IN €
1.	SPORTS CLUB "O KARYATIS"	9,364.86

TOTAL REVENUES € 18,646.20

B. EXPENSES

	DATE	REASON	Documentation	AMMOUNT IN €
1.	05.06.2014	AMOUNTS OWED TO TAX OFFICE	50	1,758.01
2.	05.29.2014	TAX - BUSINESS	1	798.00
3.	09.26.2014	TAX - EN.F.I.A.	2	59.75
4.	12.01.2014	VAT 2011, 2012, 2013	24	1,214.70
5.	12.04.2014	CONTRIBUTION TO LAW FUND	1	69.11
6.	12.04.2014	CONTRIBUTION TO LAW FUND	1	359.38
7.	12.04.2014	COSTS OF TOPOGRAPHY PLAN	2	150.00
8.	12.08.2014	LIABILITIES OF TRANSFER	3	9,364.86
9.	12.08.2014	COSTS OF CONTRACT AND REGISTRARS	1	1,500.00
10.	01.22.2015	TAX - BUSINESS	2	100.00
11.	01.30.2015	COSTC OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES	1	220.00
12.	02.02.2015	TAX - BUSINESS	2	700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES				16.293,81

SUMMARY

REVENUES	€ 18.646,20
EXPENSES	€ 16.293,81
BALANCE	€ 2.352,39

The Board members of our Association and
the editorial team of our Bulletin
wish to all our compatriots
a **HAPPY SUMMER!**

ON 23rd AND 24th OF MAY TOOK PLACE ON PARNONAS THE RALLY SPRINT "MOLON LAVE" 2015



The beauty of Parnonas and the well-maintained gravel roads and asphalt routes of the mountain tend to be established as the ideal place for successful motor racing events. So after the successful conduct of the motor-race Scramble race in April, in May, took place for the third time the

Rally Sprint of Sparta Car Club named "Molon Labe".

The special stage of 10 km of the race in gravel roads started on the road of Karyes-Agios Petros in Zygos region and followed the forest route that connects this area with Varvitsa, in which was the finish.

SOCIAL NEWS

ATHANASIOS ROZANITIS DIED ON 5.4.2015 IN KARYES AT THE AGE OF 104

From 1911 to 2015 was the long life path Barba Thanassis Rozanitis. His origin was from the village of Rosa, but his family settled and remained in Vresthena of Laconia. So he took the name Rozanitis. Having being married to Fotini Georgiou Darnos from Karyes, he moved to our village. He and Fotini had two children, Panagiotis and Georgios, and lived with together until 1960, when he lost her from an incurable disease.



In 1965 he went into foreign lands, along with his children, to Melbourne, Australia. The longing for the homeland, however, made him soon return, along with his younger son to the village. Then he decided to rebuild his life and married Aglaia Kopsiafti from Rahi. For his subsequent life in the village follows a beautiful text posted on www.karyes.blogspot.com.

"He had many beautiful years having

Thia Aglaia as partner in life and the support of his son Giorgis.

In 2008 came another big blow for Barba Thanassis, as he lost its support of his son George. As much as he tried, he didn't recover after that, he was like having his wings cut, but continued to live his life in everyday life of the village.

In the village, they all loved him and he reciprocated his love back to all compatriots and far more. His house was in Steno, a downhill road just below the main square. The location of the house was in a prominent position with a wonderful panoramic view. Many visitors to the village stopped to admire the view and said the Barba Thanassi: "You know Barba where you live? You are in Paradise!" and he was telling them "I know that I am in Paradise", and he believed it.

Barba Thanasis was something stable and a permanent presence in the village and it is difficult to imagine our village without his presence and his laughter. He was, as he liked to say, the "father of the village" and everybody in the village showed love and respect that someone shows to his father.

The presence of Barba Thanassis in the village square, the jokes, his stories and his socialization, along with young and old gave hope and example to all that life has continuity and makes sense at whatever age somebody may be. Especially for someone who lives in the village Barba Thanassis was the living example that whatever age you are you can be part in everyday life without being excluded from society due to life age.

For us that are overseas, usually when a person enters a certain age, we see his placement in an institution and his separation from the everyday life of society. The life of Barba Thanassis in our village made us dream that maybe one day we go back to the village and we can somehow make the life that made Barba Thanassis."

Barba Thanassis died on May 4, 2015, we will miss him, but we will remember him forever.

May his memory live forever!

NATIONAL GREEK SCRAMBLE RACE IN KARYES

On April 5, 2015, the 2nd race Southern Greece's Scramble Championship took place at Karyes. Following last year's successful event, the Athletic Motor Club of Sparta (A.M.O.S.) declared itself ready for the 3rd race of the regional championship of South Greece, an improved tournament match in Karyes.

As specifically stated: "Last year we tried it, this year we improved greatly and we are ready! Wide track, space for overtaking and full of spectacle!".



The selected route of the race was 4.5 km and is consisted of medium hardness ground, through a forest of chestnut and walnut trees, with some part in forest roads and passage through river.

The route was signposted with special ribbon. Specifically, the start was a bit after "Panagia", along the river spanked and having climbed to the forest descended from Agia Varvara in order to finish at the same point.



The start of the race was set at 11:00 am. The A.M.O.S. under the auspices of the Greek Motor Sports Federation (A.MOT.O.E.) "Invited all for a Sunday full of speed, adrenaline and competition and after the rally in Karyes central square for a party with rock sounds, abundant wine and local delicacies on us!"

A nice video have been posted on the internet about the rally taken both by a camera built-in helmet rider, and by an aerial drone.

Congratulations to the organizers!

THE SPRING RECEPTION AT THE "ARACHOVITIKA KALIVIA"



At the Easter Saturday and closing the Easter holidays, the agro-touristic unit in Karyes held a party with live music in order to welcome spring. Good weather contributed to the success of the event, since many people and visitors from the village danced until late in the afternoon.

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE HOTEL

"ARHONTICO OF PARNON"

Due to the early arrival of Carnival this year, and the harsh winter, there was minimal number of visitors to our village. However, at the evening of the last Sunday of Carnival, a costume party was organized in Karyes at the Hotel "Arhontico of Parnon" with DJ Leonidas Chondropoulos. The event was a relative success, having honored by all who were in the village giving a festive carnival note.



ΠΑΡΤΥ ΜΑΣΚΕ ΑΡΧΟΝΤΙΚΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΡΝΩΝΑ

LOCAL NEWS

EASTER IN OUR VILLAGE

As every year, many compatriots decided to spend the Easter holidays in our beautiful village.

Despite the early arrival of Easter, this year many were those who decided to spend the Easter holidays in our beautiful village. However, the cold wave that hit our country at the beginning of Holy Week, as in the afternoon of Holy Wednesday there was a snowfall in Karyes, resulted in many of the Karyes' houses to remain "closed".



Fresh water flowing on River Deiros in Easter

Despite that, the booking in the Karyes' hostels was pretty good. Furthermore the weather's substantial improvement (at the Easter Sunday the temperature reached the square 20 degrees Celsius) resulted in many visitors and tourists to arrive for a daily excursion.

This year the procession of the Epitaph started from the church of Apostolos Andreas and reached that of Agia Paraskevi where on Saturday night the Resurrection liturgy took place.

On Easter Sunday the traditional twinge of lamb took place in the hostels and in many houses, while in some cases the "glenti" continued until the evening!

REFOSTERATION

The Decentralized Administration of Peloponnese, Western Greece and the Ionian islands notified the Sparta Forestry for its decision on 22.12.2014, which declares the reforestation of an area of 904 sq.m., restored by natural regeneration, at "Scoupa" area in Karyes Local Community. This area, which was covered with forest vegetation of broadleaf evergreen bushes (yew) and was destroyed by fire, borders with other wooded land in the west of the Sparta-Tripoli National Road. The decision is posted in the site Diavgea of the Greek Government.



THE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF KARYATIS SPORTS CLUB WAS COMPLETED

The Sports Club "O Karyatis" participated in the first group of the second division of the Laconian football championship, after a one-year absence due to the lack of new players, the reduction of funding and absence of fans. The Sports Club failed this year to achieve a high rank in the championship, but the new team acquired great experiences for next year's participation. The results in the last 6 games are:

- 17th Leg Sunday 03.01.2015 Anagenisi Spartis - Karyatis 4-0
- 18th Leg Saturday 03.07.2015 Karyatis - Hyacinthos Vafiou 2-3
- 19th Leg Sunday 03.15.2015 Doxa Anogion - Karyatis 2-1
- 20th Leg Saturday 03.21.2015 Karyatis - Sellasiakos 0-2
- 21st Leg Sunday 03.29.2015 Chrysafa - Karyatis 3-1
- 22nd Leg Saturday 04.04.2015 Karyatis - Loganikos 1-3

KARYES FIRE PROTECTION UNIT

Text by Theodoros Mentis

Karyes, a beautiful and historic village of Parnonas, had always **intense geophysical features** with **rugged woodland places** and **dense vegetation**. Therefore, the Community residents have made every possible effort to prevent fires and protect the natural wealth of the forest area. The organization of these efforts is under the responsibility of **Volunteers** and **Community Institutions** since the 1990ies.

After the **catastrophic fire** at the location "springs" of Karyes (09.04.2000), the collective effort has further intensified and our compatriots have expressed great interest and concern for the protection of place of their origin. So a **fire truck**, specialized in extinguishing forest areas, was bought by our compatriot **Panagiotis Dimitroulas** and it was transferred to the Community. The fire truck, with registration number KHΦ 23067, remains permanently in the village and it has become an indispensable tool guarding and protecting the area. In 2007, when the disastrous fire occurred in Parnonas, the village participated actively and decisively with **agricultural vehicles**, a **hikers department** and **guarding groups**.



This great effort for the environmental and fire protection of Karyes and of the wider region received universal recognition and as a result:

- In 2008, **Marfin Egnatia Bank** offered equipment for the voluntary team, such as **uniforms, chain saws, lights, masks, gloves**, etc. (08.16.2008).
- In 2009, our compatriot **Panagiotis Odysseas Skiouris** donated **three (3) firefighting tanks** properly rearranged to be placed on a 4x4 agricultural truck, which are flexible and can intervene immediately in case of an incident.

The exemplary effort that has already been recognized by institutions and citizens culminated with the establishment of the Association entitled «**PYRASFALIA KARYON LAKONIAS**» (**Karyes Fire Protection**). On 07.19.2010, the General Assembly of the residents and the making out of the Statute took place with the decision N. 4/02.15.2011 approved by the Sparta Court. Finally, on 15.05.2011, the Board of Fire Karyes Protection constituted with elections.

BULLETIN OF THE KARYATES ASSOCIATION

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