



ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟΣ ΤΩΝ ΑΠΑΝΤΑΧΟΥ ΚΑΡΥΑΤΩΝ

KARYYES

Lakonia



The Karyes main square full of snow

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INVITATION IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ELECTION OF A NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS- CUTTING "THE NEW YEAR'S VASILOPITA"

The Board of Directors of the Association at its meeting on January 11, 2018 decided to announce elections for the appointment of a new Board of Directors.

Thereafter, **ALL MEMBERS** of the Association will be invited to a General Assembly to be held at the Matalaion Hall, 6th Hamilton Street, on Wednesday 31 January 2018 at 11am.

In the event that the quorum provided for by the Articles of Association is not achieved, the General Meeting will be held definitively, irrespective of the number of members,

on Sunday 4 February 2018 at 11:00 am,

in the same place and time and on the same topics

Members who wish to be included in the Candidate List (Article 10 of the Articles of Association) are requested to declare it to the Board of Directors of the Association. The presence of all members of the Association is absolutely necessary. You can vote with a certified statement confirming the authenticity of the signature by a Police Department.

AGENDA

1. Report of the Board of Directors.
2. Revenue and expenditure account.
3. Report of the Audit Committee.
4. Discharge to the Board of Directors of all liability.
5. Election of a new Board of Directors.
6. Election of a new Audit Committee.
7. Various announcements.

After the end of the General Assembly we will cut off our New Year's pita of our Association.



INVITATION OF THE KARYATES ASSOCIATION FOR OUR ANNUAL DANCE

The Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors of the Association of All Karyates wish you the new year 2018 to bring every good to you, your family, our favorite village and all our compatriots in Greece and abroad.

We are pleased to announce that the Board of Directors. of our Association decided to hold its Spring Dance Event on

11 March 2018, Sunday at 13.00

in the music tavern "TO MYSTIKO", located in the Municipality of Ymittos, 12 Amisou Avenue and Smyrni Avenue, tel. 210 7629905, www.tomystiko.gr.

The room is comfortable, discreetly decorated to create a pleasant atmosphere. It features a large dance floor and spacious parking. For our entertainment there will be a musical band consisting of four musicians and singers with a variety of dance program that will surprise you.

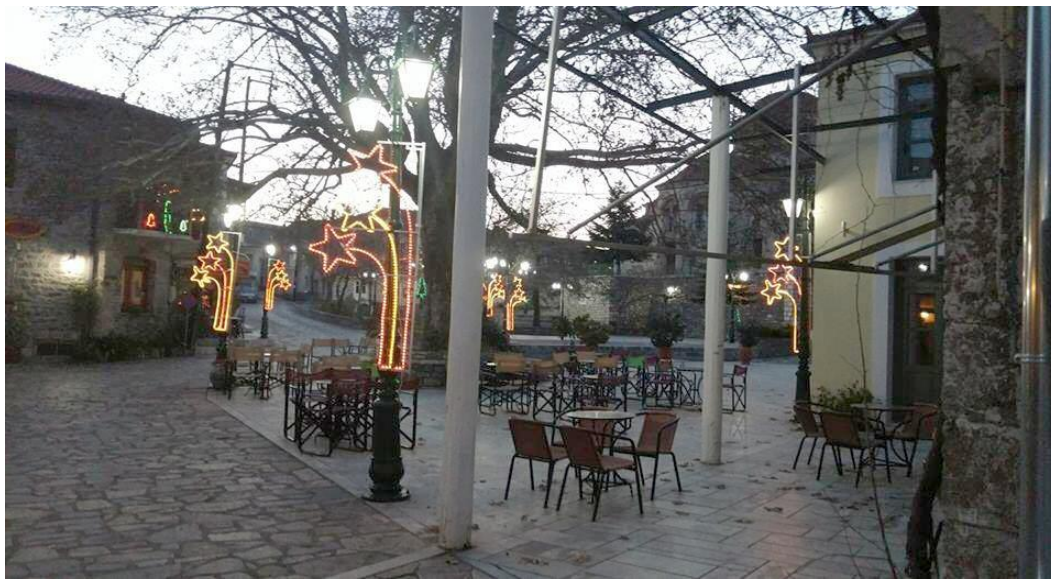
A full meal will be offered. The meal price is € 15 per person and € 10 for children under 12 years of age with free consumption of wine.

We all expect you family and friends.

Timely declaring your participation, as well as offering any prize for our lottery, will make a major contribution to the success of the event. Thank you for your willing participation in all of our Association's events.

All our efforts along with your support, purpose, have the effective operation of our Association for the benefit of our beloved village.

CHRISTMAS IN KARYYES



Karyes were adorned and prepared to welcome visitors for the Christmas holiday.

On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, groups of children surrounded the streets of the village to sing the traditional carols in the few open houses and shops.

The snow that fell on December 20 has not melted and it was freezing. However, several people visited the village either with a day trip from the neighboring cities or overnight at homes and hostels

Happy new year to everyone!



LOCAL NEWS

SNOW SCENERY



The first snow fell in Karyes and the villages of Parnon just before Christmas.

As it can be seen from the photographs (by N. Vastis), it has reached about 5 to 10 centimetres in the village.

The snow, due to the season, remained for many weeks at the village's roads, giving to the residents and to the Christmas holidays visitors the opportunity to play snowball!



KARYATIS SPORTS CLUB General Assembly results

On 10 December 2017, Sunday at 8 p.m. a General Assembly was held in the Community Hall, where a brief economic report was given and the election for the new Board of Directors took place. The results were as follows:



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Mentis Theodoros
- Arvanitis Nikolaos
- Mentis G. Panagiotis
- Sioutos Spyridon
- Koutsogiorgas Ioannis

DEPUTY MEMBERS

- Leventakis Chr. Pangiotis
- Devekos Georgios
- Kollantzianos Paraskevas

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Leventakis Chr. Demos
- Kolovos Demosthenis
- Kolovos Panagiotis

This summer, the new Board of Directors was committed to give to its members and anyone interested an **economic account** of the last three years, but also information about any matter concerning the club.

There will also be detailed information on the **action** and **plans** of the Club's projects so far. And finally, to that General Assembly thoughts and suggestions can be discussed so that the uninterrupted activity of the KARYATIS Sports Club can be planned in interest of our village.

Sincerely
for the Board of Directors
Mendis Theodoros

At the WEB SITE WWW.KARYES.GR
NEWSPAPER DIGITAL ARCHIVES



General Assembly for the "PANAGIOTIS KERHOULA HERITAGE"



On Sunday, October 22, 2017, at 12.00, the predetermined open General Assembly took place at the Karyes Community Building, following the invitation of the President of the Council of the Karyes Local Community of Karyes, **Mr. Georges Devekos**.

The subject of the meeting was the "PANAGIOTIS KERHOULA HERITAGE" and the proposal for the construction of an electric & thermal power plant with the parallel development of greenhouses. The Mayor of Sparta, **Mr. Valiotis**, was present and records were held. Specific issues were:

1. Making a decision whether or not to build a power and thermal power plant with parallel greenhouse development.
2. Presentation of proposals for a package of projects for utilization of the amount of US \$ 1,400,000.

The decision of the General Assembly on whether or not to construct a power and thermal power plant was unanimously **negative** from those present. A package of projects was also discussed and decided on the utilization of the amount.

In order to achieve the objectives of the package, a committee was elected to undertake the deliberations of the Assembly within three months.

The Kerhoulas Trust Management Committee consists of:

- Vagenas Vassilios
- Voukides Vassilios
- Kopsiaftis Ioannis
- Macheras Konstantinos
- Mentis Panagiotis
- Devekos Georgios
- Sioutos Achilleas

DEPUTY MEMBERS

- Vlachos Spyridon
- Drakopoulos Christos
- Karachalios Panagiotis
- Papastavros Fotios
- Harakas Ioannis

The committee will announce the priority of activities after the meeting of its members.

THE PROJECT "MAINTENANCE OF KARYES-NATIONAL ROAD SPARTIS-TRIPOLIS (SOUTH SECTOR)" WAS COMPLETED



The project "MAINTENANCE OF THE LAKONIAN ROAD NUMBER 12 (FROM 29TH KM OF THE NATIONAL ROAD SPARTIS - TRIPOLIS TO THE KARYES VILLAGE)", budget € 190.000- was completed by the Region of Peloponnisos. During the works, the carpet was upgraded and new road lines were painted.

The project will facilitate the safe movement of the drivers to the picturesque village of Karyes in order to establish it as a popular destination in Laconia.

WWW.KARYES.BLOGSPOT

THE APOSTOLOS ANDREAS FEAST (KARYES PATRON SAINT) WAS CELEBRATED

THE DIVINE SERVICE



As every year, this winter too Karyes celebrated its patron saint of Apostolos Andreas.

The events began on the day of his feast with an ecclesiastical celebration in the brilliant Temple and the morning café that the ladies of the village had prepared at the ground floor of the Community Hall.

The event was attended by a delegation of our Association headed by the Chairman of the Board Mr. **Michael Repoulis**. The events on Sunday morning were completed by the established annual reception organized by our Association also in the Community Hall's event hall. The event was attended by the Vice-Chancellor of Lakonia, Mrs. **Adamantia Tzaneteas**.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Association wish all Patriots:

CHRONIA POLLA AND A GOOD WINTER!

OUR ASSOCIATION'S RECEPTION



THE MORNING COFFEE



OUR ASSOCIATION'S RECEPTION



ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟΣ ΤΩΝ ΑΠΑΝΤΑΧΟΥ ΚΑΡΥΑΤΩΝ

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E-mail: info@karyes.gr

WISHES

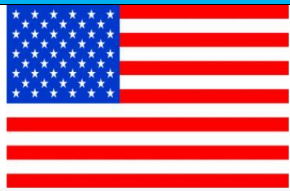


The members of the Karyates Association Board of Directors and the editorial team of our Bulletin wish to all our compatriots

A happy new year



We wish all our compatriots Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2018
Family Nicoleta-Ninete Voukides and Panagiotis Dimopoulos



ARACHOVITON BROTHERHOOD «AI KARYAE» Charlotte-Gastonia NC

In the summer we received the publication of " ARACHOVITON BROTHERHOOD «AI KARYAE» Charlotte-Gastonia NC " dedicated to its 93 years of activity (1923-2016). It is a luxurious edition published on an annual basis and the latest issue available to us was released in the summer of 2016. It includes, inter alia, photos from last year's event (2015) and many news (social, business, etc) by our fellow compatriots living in the southern states of the U.S.A.

We are republishing photos and articles from the album, although it is two years old, in order to honor our expatriates continuous struggle to maintain ties with Karyes and Greece alive and for the new generations.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nick. G. Karres

Dear member and friends of the Adelphotis

This past year, the Adelphotis held its three traditional events. Last August 16, 2015, the annual feast in Karyes Park (Gastonia). Over two hundred people came to the event. We had visitors from as far as California. Indeed, Ms. Ethel Davis from San Francisco, California bought a ruffle ticket and won the big prize of \$ 5,000 and generously donated her winnings back to the Adelphotis. Father Stephen Dubler from the St Nectarios Church in Matthews, North Carolina, led the church service and the Memorial Service, as we honor those patriotes, who we have lost over the past year. We took the commemorative photograph of all those that attended the event. Everyone enjoyed the lunch that was served at the Jim kastanas Dining Hall. Last year President of the Karyae Benevolent Foundation, Pano J. Stathakis was our main speaker. Desserts that were ,ade by our loyal ladies, were enjoyed by everyone. A disk jockey played Greek music along with traditional Araochovitan songs, that were danced by Arachivites, young and old.

On Sunday, March 8 2016, 80 people came to Makaronatha.

The Saint George Picnic was held on Sunday, May 8, where 70 people came. It was a pleasant surprise that George P. Kolovos from Los Angeles, California came along with his wife Tina, his daughter, son-in-law and grandson. He spoke to all of those that attended and he was heartened to see many of his friends that he grew up with in the village. He also made generous donation to the Adelphotis.

In early 2016 the Adelphotis lost a beloved member, Pete J. Mahairas. He was a devoted member ever since he came to the US from Arachova. He served as president and worked many years for the Adelphotis. He loved all Arachovites, which he proudly called "my people". And he loved the Adelphotis. He endured dialysis for 12 years, yet he came to all the events that he could with his wife, Dina. We will all miss his passion for the Adelphotis and we will all miss him.

In closing I would like to thank the Board members and those members that contribute to the Adelphotis. We are blessed to have many dedicated members, who love the Adelphotis, just like Pete Mahairas did.

FOUNDATION

The foundation was established in 1964 by the late George and Fotini Karygianni, Nick and Perl Kaperonis, Ioannis and Maria (Kerchoulas) Kiliveros, George and Maria Kakaris, the Adelphotis Arachoviton Karyae, and it's members.

On October 14, 1965, the US Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, issued a ruling the Foundation is exempt from Federal Income Tax as an organization described in section 501. The trustees can accept gifts, devices and bequest. These are tax-deductible contributions. The Foundation accepts and appreciates money contributions from all Arachovitans-Karyates worldwide. Management and administration of all aspects of the trust (Foundation) and its properties are the responsibility of nine trustees who are elected by ADELPHOTIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, while the approval of school scholarships is made by an another independent five-member committee.



The nine Trustees

1st row Bill Copses, Litsa Poulos (Vice President), Margaret Trakas (Secretary), Pitsa Diantzikis (President), Phyllis Giannakopoulos (Treasurer), Ellie Harakas.
2nd Row Perry Vastis, Ilias Poulos, Lee Sarris.



The members of the Educational Scholarship Committee
George Diantzikis, Ted Karres, Andy Voukides, Sam Vastis, Thanasi Kerhoulas –not in picture

In 2016, the following scholarships were awarded:

- A) GREECE: MARIA ARDAMIS, CONSTANTINOS ILIADIS, ILIAS ILIADIS, PANAYIOTIS KYRIAZIS ANTONIA LEVENTAKI, KALLIOPI MACHERAS, GEORGE-RAFAEL ANTONOPOULOS, PANAYIOTIS KOLOVOS, CHRISTINA LASSOU, SOTIRIOS MACHERAS, ANASTASSIA SPYRIDAKOU, IOANNIS TSOPELAS, FOTOULA KOUTSOGIORGAS, NIKOLAOS KOUTSOGIORGAS, EFSTRATIA KOLOVOU, PANAGIOTIS KOPSIYATIS, DIMITRIOS POULOKEGALOS, EFFROSYNI DIMITROULA, GEORGIA GOMATOU, VASILEIA KARYIANNI, DIMITRIOS NIKOLOPOULOS, FOTIOS POULOKEKALOS, EVANGELOS HARAKAS
- B) USA: JOHN STATHAKIS, JAMES SIARRIS, ANNA DIANTZIKIS, CARTER ANDERSON, NIKOS MAHERAS, SPYROS GROUMBOS, WILLIAM-MICHAEL SKOLINOS.

The Board of Directors and Officers of the Arachoviton Brotherhood AI KARYAE (GASTONIA - CHARLOTTE) for the period 2016-17

- President: Nick G. Karres
- Vice President: Bessie P. Vastis
- General Secretary: Margaret Trakas
- Assistant Secretary: Tami Trakas-Pearson
- Treasurer: Angelo Mergelos

Directors: Andreas P. Boukides. Pano J. Stathakis, Judy Megrelos, Ilias J. Poulos, Litsa Poulos, Lee J. Siarris, George T. Trakas, George N. Vastis and Perry Vastis.

The Karyates Association wish at all the members of the Board of Directors to succeed at their work and states that they will always be at their disposal.



Photo of the previous season Board of Directors and Officers (2015-16)

Front Row: Margaret Trakas (General Secretary), Bessie P. Vastis (Vice President), Nick G. Karres (President), Angelo Mergelos (Treasurer) and Tami Trakas-Pearson (Assistant Secretary).
Standing: George N. Vastis, George T. Trakas, Perry Vastis, Ilias J. Poulos, Andreas P. Boukides, Lee J. Siarris, Judy Megrelos, Pano J. Stathakis, Litsa and Jimmy Poulos.

PHOTOS FROME THE 2015 ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC (KARYES PARK, GASTONIA)



The Church service



The commemorative photograph



Holding the Holy Icon

KARYATES BROTHERHOOD, TORONTO ONTARIO CANADA

The Toronto Brotherhood, as we have mention many times at the previous issues, remains alive and active! Its official web site WWW.KARYAI.COM has posted photos of the events of 2017. As everyone can see the participation of the Karyates who lived in Canada is too strong. Congratulations and always successes!



MAKARONADA



THE CHURCH SERVICE



SUMMER PANIGHYRI 2017

THE LUNCH



THE DANCE



THE VOLUNTEERS



ACTIVITIES AT THE KARYES PARK



MAY OPENING



**The TORONTO BROTHERHOOD'S
Board of Directors
for the season 2016-17**

President: **John G. Diamatouros**
 Vice President: **Bill Macheras**
 Treasurer: **John Theodore**
 Secretary: **Trintafili Velonis**
 Assistant Secretary: **Mary Karagianni**
 Directors: **Litsa Bouras, Peter Buras, Themios Diamantouros, Eleni Dix, Pat Varlokostas**
 Alternate Directors: **Helen Kerasioti, Caroline Macheras.**

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Second row: **John Theodore, Bill Macheras, Peter Varlokostas, Peter Buras, Themios Diamantouros and Pat Varlokostas.** Front row: **Mary Karagianni, Trintafili Velonis, John G. Diamatouros, Eleni Dix and Litsa Bouras.**

KARYATES ASSOCIATION

The Modern Karyates for the Karyatids Monument

The emotional response of our patriots and friends of Karyes to the great project of the **RENOVATION - MAINTENANCE AND COMPLETION OF MEMORY**

The response of the Karyates to the appeal of our Association for the maintenance and completion of the Caryatids Monument persistently continues.

The Karyates Association would appreciate even the smallest contribution for this project. For this purpose, the Association opened an account at the National Bank of Greece where everyone can deposit the amount they wish.



The IBAN of the account is:
GR 5601 1066 2000 0066 2002 28709
The Karyates Association
SWIFT (BIC) ETHNGRA
NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE

In this context, we list the latest offers.

- **George Vastis (USA) € 50 - in memory of Alexandra's daughter Eleni Papageorgiou.**
- **Maria Goumeni € 50-**
- **George Ant. Kardaras € 50-**
- **Annita Prekezes € 50-**

All the donations will be published on the Karyes website, Facebook page, and the Association's Newsletter.

Due to the many themes presented at the present issue there will be a comprehensive assessment of contributions to date, as well as a reference to the work to be done in order to acquire the monument in its refurbished and final form at our next news bulletin.

SOCIAL NEWS

Death Announcements

On December 5, 2017,
Alexandra Papageorgiou.
died in Athens

A short CV follows her sister Christina

She was born in Athens.

The daughter of Arachovitian doctor **Georgios Papageorgiou** and dentist **Eleni Papadogianni**, showed her very special talent in acting, directing and writing. She studied acting at the "Katseli" Drama School and later at the "Private School of Dramatic Art" "Veaki", directed at the Lykourgos Stavrakos Film School and attended creative writing lessons at the "Journalist Workshop".

In 1992 she founded the "Lefko Theatro" (White Theater) artistic group based in Athens. She had performed many artistic productions in her own direction, she had written theatrical texts and she had edited art exhibitions, prologue notes on catalogs, presentations of works etc.

Her theatrical play "Flirt's", a co-production with the "Theatro Neos Cosmos" (New World Theater) in 1999, was distinguished by a special mention in the State Awards for Writing a Theatrical Work, while her play "Electra Random Tragedy" won the first prize at the Young Artists Meeting of the European Cultural Center of Delphi, 2007.

In 2008, Alexandra turned to Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy. She attended classes at the Group Psychoanalysis Society and the Greek Psychoanalytic Society and she had been very successful in this field until her death on 5 December 2017 after a six-month unequal battle with cancer.

Our sincere condolences!

A delegation from our Association was represented at her funeral.

The Arachovitian **Helen widow of Demetris Maheras**
(mother of the forestry) Panayiotis Maheras died on November 17, 2017

He died in Sparta on 4 December
Sarantos Dim. Zacharopoulos, aged 85,
father of Pan. Zacharopoulos, husband of the Arachovitian,
Roula Pitsiou
died in Sparta on 4 December

Sotirios Theod. Floris (years 96)

died on January 12, 2017 in Tripoli and was buried on 13 January in Karyes

APOCHARELISMOS (the daughter of Ms. Litsas Floris)
A Driver's Final Journey...

Today we bid farewell to Sotirios "Sotos" Floris, our adored husband, father, brother, grandfather, friend and countryman on his final journey. We reflect on the life of a truly great man and the moments we shared together. A distinguished man who lived his life with great dignity and infinite strength.

We remember his kind heart and generous spirit – his love of his fellow man, his laughter and great sense of humor. He was the life of the party. We celebrate his strength and his passion for life, a better life, one that he preserved to achieve.

Born 96 years ago in the tiny village of *Karyes*, which held his heart until today, he was one of five children that together would survive everything. A lover of all things - nature, music and discovery lead him to the wheel of a bus – where his legend would begin... With laughter, music and storytelling he transported his countrymen and women, family and friends, from place to place, with a smile on his face and love in his heart. Making the journey always memorable and perhaps softening one's reality even for a brief moment.

His love of his birth place was evident in the many terms that he served as President of his village, working diligently and tirelessly to improve his beloved community and bringing joy always to young and old alike. As many might remember, on one special Christmas he used his battery from his bus to light up the town square Christmas tree (an anecdote that he very much enjoyed telling). His love always surpassed his immediate circle and he could always be counted on in one's time of need.

His work ethic was unparalleled, a true family man who always put his family first. What some might not know is that the best part of his trip was always coming home to his beloved wife of sixty five years, Georgia, and beautiful daughters Litsa and Lena.

His love of community extended far beyond the village starting with the neighboring village "Geraki" that stole his heart and expanded to the "Big Apple" where he watched his grandchildren grow up: learning how to speak English and use the subway system with his eldest and first grandson, Stratos, shopping with Vivia at Bloomingdales and enjoying lunch at *Forty Carrots*, joyously applauding at Eirini's ballet recitals, and watching airplanes with his youngest grandson Manolis, who would then become a pilot and follow in his footsteps.

Papou, we want to thank you for your unconditional love and sing softly to you, one of your favorite choruses, "Γεια σου μάγκα σ' αγαπώ", and to tell you that you will always be the driver of our hearts and minds, watching us from above and guiding our footsteps.

Αιώνια μνήμη –May your memory be eternal.

Sotirios Floris is survived by his wife Georgia Floris, daughters Litsa Floris and Lena Maninakis, his sister, Dimitra Matsoukas, his four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

September 4, 1921 – January 12, 2018
Karyes Laconia

Anyone who wishes to make any offer at his memory instead of wreaths he is kindly requested to donate the amount at the account of the THE KARYATES Association

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