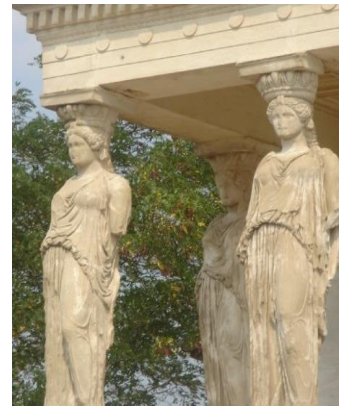


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# KARYES

Lakonia



## News Bulletin

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### THE SUMMER EVENTS SCHEDULE

The cultural movement will be rich at beautiful Karyes this summer

The Clubs and the businessmen of our village have been mobilized and prepared a number of events, so that the Karyates enjoy a 2017 summer full of events.

#### JULY



The events begin on Saturday, **July 8th**, from the tavern "**O PLATANOS - Koutsogiorgas**" which organizes a folk music evening with live music.

On **Friday 21 July**, the **Karyes Cultural Club**, in collaboration with the Astronomical Association of Sparta, organizes for the second consecutive year the "**Stars Observation Night**".



But this year, the event will be held at the **Community Clock** instead of the central square. The purpose of transferring the event is that darkness helps to better observe the stars.

On **July 26<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Rachi Square**, and on **July 27<sup>th</sup>** at the **Central Square**, Our famous annual Panigiria will take place due to the celebration of the memory of Saint Paraskevi and Saint Panteleimon respectively.



#### EXCURSION IS ORGANIZED BY THE KARYES CULTURAL CLUB

On Wednesday **12<sup>th</sup> July** the **Karyes Cultural Club** organizes a day trip to Argolida (Mycenae, Nafplio and Tolo). For more information, please contact Eva Dritsa and Maria Pouloukefalou Πουλοκέφαλου.



#### AUGUST



On Friday, **August 4<sup>th</sup>**, our **Association** and the **Municipality of Sparta** invite the young Karyates to attend a puppet show in the central square.



On Sunday, **August 6<sup>th</sup>**, in the courtyard of **Karyes Primary School** (Agia Paraskevi Park), the **Karyes Cultural Club** organizes a musical evening with the well-known composer **Panos Bousalis**, who will perform both his own songs and other famous "elaflaika".



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The summer events will concluded, as every year, with the **annual Summer Dance of the our Association**, which will take place on Saturday, **August 12**, also in the courtyard of the **Karyes Primary School** in Aghia Paraskevi.

All the Karyeates, residents and holidaymakers are invited -as every year- to have fun saying goodbye in the summer and to renew their appointment for the next year.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you deal with the arts (Art, painting, music, singing, dance, theater, photography, video, floriculture, crafts etc.)?



**Our Association** invites you to contact us in order to present your work to Karyates and visitors to our village during the summer, either through a show of your creations or through a cultural action.

Contact us now at our e-mail address [info@karyes.gr](mailto:info@karyes.gr), either at **6944-784563**, **6974-720909**.

The Karyates Worldwide Association

EASTER 2017



The days of Holy Week and the Easter celebration were beautiful and with great spring weather this year in Karyes. Many houses opened their windows grace at the compatriots who visited the village during these Holy days. This year the epitaph started its way from the church of St. Andreas and finished it at the church of Agia Paraskevi with the faithful accompanying him with lit candles and lanterns. As it is well established, the Liturgy of the Resurrection took place in the courtyard of the church of Agia Paraskevi in a dull atmosphere. April's weather was fine on Easter Sunday and the traditional lamp roasting was accompanied with traditional songs and dancing lasted until the evening.

The Results of the General Assembly of the residents for the location of a Recycling Materials Collection Center



On Sunday, April 9, 2017, a General Assembly of the residents was held in Karyes, Lakonia, at the invitation of the President of the Karyes Local Community Mr Georgios Devekos. The meeting, which was attended by more than 200 people, had the subject of the proposal of the Municipality of Sparta for the establishment and operation of the **KDYA (Collection Center for Recyclable Materials)** unit and a composting unit in the "Skoupa" site, within Karyes limits. Mr Dimetrios Prekezes was nominated as President for the General Assembly and The Chairman of the Local Community, the Chairman of the Coordinating Committee, former President of the Karyes Local Community Mr. Theodoros Stathakis, and the Mayor of Sparta Mr. Evangelos Valiotis, took their speech.



There followed a hand-held vote where unanimously a negative decision was taken on the project.

Unprecedented destruction by hail  
In Vourvoura and at the Karyes plateau ("Arachovitikos kampos")



Unprecedented, they marked the hail that hit the **Karyes, Vourvoura** and the surrounding villages, the inhabitants, talking about the **complete destruction** of potatoes, chestnuts, cherries and other trees and vegetables in the area.



On Sunday, **June 11**, there was a great hail, which lasted for three hours, leaving almost nothing standing. As the producers said, the disaster is **total** and unfortunately the potato of the region, which is very famous, will not have enough production this year, making the producers desperate.



In **Vourvoura on Monday, June 12**, Mr. **Elias Angelopoulos**, head of the **National Agricultural Insurance Organization** (Tripoli Branch), where among others he said that there would be no compensation for **chestnut producers**.

The deputy mayors of the **Municipality of Tripolis**, Mr. **George Benos** and Mr. **S. Papadimitriou**, were also expressed their sympathy to the producers, and stated from their position that the Peloponnesian Region Authority and the municipality of Tripoli would intervene in order to reconstruct the streets that have also been damaged and will do anything to compensate the farmers.

Karyes Sports Centre:  
The works began



As the **Chairman of the Board of the "Karyatis" Sports Club Mr. Theodoros Mentis** informed us the work of rehabilitation of the Karyes Sports Center have begun.

The **renovation** of the changing rooms has already been completed and the **fencing** of the playground of the football stadium has begun.

The **electrification** of the Sports Center will follow, since Electricity Authority's license has already been obtained. In particular, the changing rooms, the football field's stands, as well as the entire Basketball-Volleyball-Tennis court will be illuminated.

Particularly that court, according to Mr. Mentis, it's maintenance is already underway as it has been seriously damaged.



Lastly, the **construction of an external staircase** is planned at the house of the late benefactor G. Skioris which houses the offices of the homonymous Foundation, as well as the clubs of our village (Athletic, Cultural).

Renovated playground



Karyes has a pleasant surprise to all our little friends in the summer. The playground of the upper settlement is now **fully renovated** with new equipment and paved with thick sand to avoid any injuries from falls.

Enjoy!

### Placing of information signs

After a systematic effort that has been mentioned in the previous issues of our Bulletin, the first of the actions, necessary for the conversion of our village into an **integrated tourist destination**, is gradually completed.

The initiative of the Secretary of the Karyates Association, **Mr. Harris Konstantopoulos**, who after relevant consultations with the Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Sparta, **Mr. Christos Alexakos**, our local councilor **Mrs Eleni Menti**, the president of the Karyatis Sports Club and the SKIOURIS FOUNDATION **Mr. Theodoros Mentis** and with the support of the President of the Local Community **Mr. George Devekos**, a series of projects was designed and implemented so that the image of our beautiful village can be transformed into the eyes of the visitor.

It is essential for a tourist destination to provide at any traveler-visitor the ability to walk through the streets and paths to all the points of interest. Much to a beautiful village like ours that has so many beautiful places to show off.

Following the placement of the first **information signs** in 2012 at the temple of the Assumption of Mary (Panagia), the Community Clock (Roloi), the temple of Aghia Paraskevi and the Caryatids Monument from our Association and the publication of the **printed touristic map** of Karyes, which was co-funded by the three associations, we proceed with the installation of information signs. This project achieves two things:

- Karyes become a point of reference thanks to the **two (2) large signs** that are placed on the two directions of the Sparta-Tripoli National Road that welcome the passerby to the "**Karyatian Country**". At the same time, another one is placed **at the entrance of our village from Aghios Petros village**.
- Informative signs are displayed from the main square of our village, which highlight all the tourist spots (eg Monument of Caryatids, Community Clock, Panagia and Sakali springs, Menelaos Planes etc.), the Churches, the public buildings, hostels and other places worthy of mention.

The actions will continue with a view to informing the visitor and highlighting our village.

### The celebration of the Holy Spirit in Karyes



The **Divine Liturgy of the Holy Spirit** celebrated in the village. The faithful ascended the hill for the **Holy Church of St. Barbara** in Vergatsoula where traditionally the Divine Liturgy is held every year.

Their ally was the summer weather with the relative revelry, and due to the holidays, there were many compatriots from Athens and the other cities that found the opportunity and were congregated in the village.

Until next year



**Karyes Primary School**

The school year was completed with a celebration dedicated to the old Greek cinema.



Our Primary School is the only one that still works in the Northern Laconian Parnon. Its operation gives hope and courage to the inhabitants of Karyes that the village will remain alive in the face of immigration.

The school year ended with a celebration that took place in the courtyard of the school with the participation of the pupils of the **Primary School** and the **Kindergarten** of Karyes. According to the Director of our Primary School, **Mr. George Diamandouros**, the contribution of the Kindergarten teacher **Mrs. Papadopoulou P.** and the teacher **Mrs Xinogala Athena** at the preparation of the event was notable.

Congratulations!



### «Timed Rally Challenge» in Karyes!



The **Sparta Automobile Club (L.A.S.)**, closing in 2017 thirty years of continuous operation, hosted a race called "**TIMED RALLY CHALLENGE (TRC)**" on **July 2** for the **Hellenic Grassland Time Prize**. As the president **Mr L. Lambropoulos** stated, L.A.S. is one of the three clubs in our country that the **Federation of Motor Sport of Greece (O.A.E.A.)** entrusted to the organization.

The race took place in the "Souvala" area of our village and specifically in an area of 400 acres next to the settlement Kalyvia. The route was designed by the Club and is **2 kilometers** in length, with all the shapes of turns, guarantee the safety of competitors and spectators, as well as the minimum cost in terms of damage to vehicles. The entire route is flat, with excellent pavement and the viewer is constantly watching the cars.

The race was held on two legs and each leg was 3.75 km long. As Mr. Lambropoulos said, "it is probably the best place in Greece to conduct timed races on a dirt track". According to the press release issued by L.A.S. "The President wanted to thank the Mayor of Sparta Vangelis Valiotis for his unreserved help, Deputy Mayor Nicholas Floros who is close to our struggles, the Sports Organization, the entire **Sparta Municipal Council**, the **Karyes Local Council**, the "**Karyatis**" **Sports Club** and **Karyes Cultural Club** and the **Karyes Fire Safety Team** that have supported our struggles for years.



Another personally thanks to the race physician Mr. Nikolaos Kalogerakos who gave an immediate solution in the problem that was created with the Sparta Hospital and showed that he loves car racing and to Mr. Elias Grigoris with EXPRESS SERVICE. Thank the Greek Police, who has been with us for 30 years. A great thanks you to the dozens of sponsors of our race. The major sponsor was the KIRIAKOS KAKOUREOS S.A. Group of Companies. (NISSAN-HYUNDAI-KIA-KTEO-OPAP-PLAY) supporter in the event and helped the most. Finally, thank the volunteers who were next to the L.A.S. and help us in order to organize a good race".



## THE HISTORY OF KARYES PRESENTED IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY

The 5<sup>th</sup> Panhellenic Conference of University Students in the Department of Archeology took place in Kalamata from March 5 – 7, 2017. It was a three-day journey into the world of archeology and the innovative and interdisciplinary propositions covered several fields of the science of archaeology. Among them was an interesting one regarding our village, Karyes in Lakonia. Specifically, there was a reference to the historic course of the place and its archaeological wealth, which concluded with a proposal to the museum of our cultural center “Center of Memory and Culture of Karyes” for a museological study. Specifically, **Mrs. Konstantina Tambaki**, a graduate student in the Department of Archeology and Management of Cultural Goods, who is studying the history and archaeology of our village, while also being involved with the “Center of Memory and Culture of Karyes”, referred extensively to the above.

More explicitly, she stated “according to research, the ancient town of **Karyai (Karyes)** was an important religious center during the ancient times. The sanctuary of **Artemis Karyatis**, the existence of which we know thanks to Pausanias, was the famous temple dedicated to the goddess Artemis in her aspect of Artemis Karyatis. It seems that it must have had the characteristics of a rural sanctuary, where a religious festival, called **Karyateia** was held every year to honor the goddess. It is obvious that the “maidens of Karyai” dancers of Artemis charmed the artists of the classical period with their beauty and their well shaped bodies, since as early as the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC, we find the architectural type of Caryatid in important structures of that period. The most prominent examples are those of the six figures of the Caryatid Porch of the Erechtheion on the Athenian Acropolis.



Historically, Karyes have an **uninterrupted course of life, action, and participation in major events**, from the Homeric times until today. Its people have been very active and proud. According to the archaeological findings, the settlement is located along the Deiros river and in the past it extended to the west, towards the hill of Prophet Elias. The proposal of the **museological study**, was followed by a brief discussion on the general rules for the exhibition, promotion, maintenance, and protection of the museum exhibits, which can be applied in the future in the “**Center of Memory and Culture of Karyes**”. The methods that can make the museum understandable, yet attractive to visitors were also discussed. It is therefore, a means of substantial promotion and spreading of the cultural wealth of Karyes.

Such initiatives that tend to not only keep the history and tradition of this place alive, but also expose it to the world should be taken more often”.



### SAINOPOULEIO AMPHITHEATER – 30 years of existence

#### G. Poulkefalos

Thirty years ago, on **May 11, 1987**, the construction of the **Sainopouleio Amphitheater** began. An amphitheater came to existence in Sparta! This amphitheater was destined to play the predominant, if not the exclusive role in the cultural life of Sparta and the county of Laconia, in general. A distinguished individual, a patriot, and a visionary, **George Sainopoulos**, a man of his word, made the cultural issues of this place a personal case and left his mark in this area for the years to come. On his own land in Magoula, and exclusively with his own funds that mainly came from selling off his assets, this incredible man, built this “cultural gem” step by step. Since then, he unflinchingly covers with his performances the gap that existed in cultural matters.

In my role as a scholar and **supervising engineer** of the project, I have a lot to remember from this collaboration! The agony, the persistence, the will power, and the vision of this unique individual! It is important, especially for next generations, to make a brief reference on this tireless person’s, work in order to deepen into his way of thinking and determination to put up and complete this project.



We started about a year earlier with the preliminary, drafts, and discussions during endless nights, in the small cozy office on Konstantinou Palaiologou Street! We rejected proposals and redefined them! Endless, creative hours! Our hard work had to give tangible results! Always with his inspiration but also the support of his wife, **Mrs. Chrysavgi**, we moved forward, we studied further, we made corrections, and revised everything before we could decide on the final proposal. In the meantime, we visited other cities which had open – air theaters. The reason was not to copy, but to observe. We wanted our own theater to be unique and most importantly, authentic!

We began the legal procedures and the licensing on **May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1987**. It was spring! We could have the entire conducive construction period ahead of us! We couldn’t afford to be a day late, nor could we afford to waste one!

We started with the excavation to form an open face on the site that had been chosen by George Sainopoulos himself, we then proceeded with the concreting process. It was a natural slope with the shape of a hollow surface that faced the unique, natural setting of Mount Taygetus and the village of Mystras!

There couldn’t possibly be another place which combined these parameters with these advantages.

We should note how the result of the acoustics in the theater was achieved. The original decision on the amphitheater’s location was not the current one; it had been planned to be four meters west! After the earthmoving machinery had formed a hollow in the original post, the restless spirit of George Sainopoulos wasn’t happy with the acoustics. He was seeking to achieve a better result.

Therefore, we got a decibel meter and we started to measure the sound. Still, he wasn’t satisfied! One day, he showed me two stones from the river and asked me to stand in the center of the theater and hit these stones rhythmically and consistently keeping the same intensity.

We did this repeatedly in the afternoons, when everyone had left the construction and we were alone. While I was hitting the two stones, he would run through the amphitheater to listen to the sound they made. Simultaneously, he rejected the decibel meter saying it was inefficient for the measurements of the acoustics. For him the stones were enough. With this method, he would measure the acoustics himself, and my only contribution was hitting the two rocks. We, firstly, decided to move the excavation one-meter east. The improvement of the sound was impressive. Then, based only on the reliability of the rocks, the excavation of the hollow amphitheater was moved four meters away from the original post. That was the final location. The improvement of the acoustics in the theater, according to the measurements I made with the decibel meter in the beginning and in the end, was **65%!**

I was very happy to find those two rocks again on my desk one day a few years ago, after they had been misplaced during a move. I plan to donate them to the **Sainopouleio Institution** to be kept as historical evidence for the younger generations to understand the way in which the unforgettable George Sainopoulos chose to measure and improve the acoustics of the theater!

There could be many more short stories written filled with memories from this collaboration. But most important of all, the inspiration, the passion for creation, the vision, and the will power of this one of a kind individual who wanted and achieved to bring the culture in his favorite place, Sparta, on a different level will always be remembered!!!



Sparta 11.05.2017

## EXCURSIONS IN OUR VILLAGE AND TEGEA WITH THE INITIATIVE OF OUR ASSOCIATION



By Mr. Michael Repoulis, Chairman of the Karyates Association Board of Directors.

At the initiative of the member of the Board of Directors Ms. **Evangelia Kopsiafti**, the Karyates Association organized two day trips on **13 and 28 May 2017**, Sunday, in **Tegea Arcadia** and **Karyes Lakonia**.

Many Karyates together with many friends of the village participated in the excursions which was mainly organized to get to know Karyes and the hospitality of the inhabitants,. The dull weather accompanied us all the way, but without stopping the good mood of the tourists.

A visit to the **Tegea Archaeological Museum** was preceded, which in 2016 received the European Museum Award for the excellent projection and renewal of its exhibits. The visit was made with the help of the excellent guide **Mr. E. Argyropoulou** and they all stayed with the best impressions.

The excursionists then visited the three-storey stone-built **Tegea Folkloric Museum** (formerly a home-school) and were amazed by the richness and beauty of the exhibits, including genuine works of folk art. Let us hope that our own museum will not come to fruition.

Around the Folklore Museum, there is the wonderful **historical park of Episkopi** that has nothing to envy from the famous English gardens, decorated with busts and statues of Greek artists and with the sculpture of the Tegeatis mother. Inside the park is also the wonderful **Byzantine temple of the Assumption of the Virgin**, illustrated by the famous painter **Agenoras Asteriadis**.



We then arrived at Karyes, where we were welcomed to the **former community Hall** by our compatriot teacher **Mr. Theodoros Mentis** and **Mrs. Konstantina Tampaki**, a graduate of Archeology, who briefly informed us about the history and the cultural monuments of the village. There followed a small treat with kourabiesdes from the hands of **Tasia Machaira** and then the excursionists had lunch with local traditional delicacies in the tavern of **Thodoris Koutsogiorgas**. At the end of the meal, friends and family visited the various sites of our beautiful village: the Caryatids Monument, the Virgin Mary Temple, the primary school, the Community Clock etc. until late afternoon.

Both tired but excited at the same time, the excursionists from what they saw and heard during their visit, left for Athens full of experiences promising to return soon. Until next time.

## ANNOUNCEMENT



The **Karyates Association** announces that it intends to proceed  
**at the commercial exploitation of ground-floor shops**  
of his property, located  
**in the square of Ag. Andreas Karyes/Central road**

which is intended for the creation of the "**Memory and Culture Center of Karyes Lakonias**".

For this reason, invite anyone who is interested to contact by e-mail at **info@karyes.gr**, or at **6944-784563** and **6974-720909**.

The Board of Directors

## MAINTENANCE AND COMPLETION OF THE CARYATIDS MONUMENT



ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟΣ ΤΩΝ ΑΠΑΝΤΑΧΟΥ ΚΑΡΥΑΤΩΝ



Immediate and moving was the response of the Karyates to the appeal of our Association for the renovation and the completion of the beautiful Monument that adorns our village. Just a few hours had passed from the publication at the newspaper and on the Internet and the first financial donations were immediately launched.

The members of the Board of Directors of our Association - as we had said in the invitation - decided that the cost should not be covered by a few individuals with a lot of money, but by many people with little money. It is our belief that **the monument must be embraced by all old and new Karyates.**

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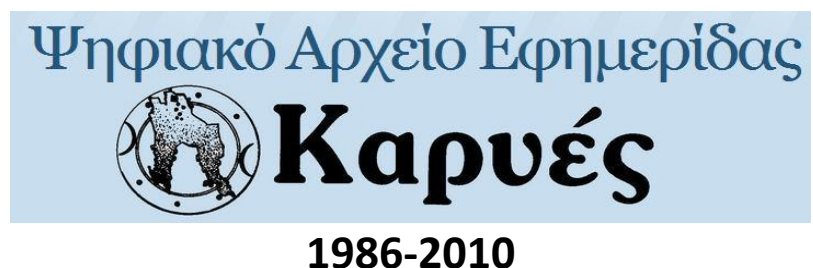
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Summer festival (Panigyri) August 20, 2017  
At KARYAE PARK (GASTONIA)



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The Board Members of our Association and the editorial team of the News Bulletin wishes to all compatriots



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