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The central square decorated for St. Andrew feast

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KARYES NOVEMBER 30, 2019:

THE CELEBRATION OF SAINT ANDREW (AGHIOS ANDREAS FEST)

On Saturday, November 30, Karyes celebrated its patron Saint, and all the village's residents along with many Karyates from all over Greece gathered to attend the Divine Liturgy at St. Andrew of Apostle Cathedral.

The church

Members of the Ecclesiastical Council along with the Volunteer Support Team had taken care of all the preparations and the Temple full of its glory waited for the congregation. (see p.3)



SUNDAY MARCH 8:

The Annual Dance of the Karyates Association in Athens

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Από **Μουσικές διαδρομές**
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We are pleased to announce that the Board of Directors of our Association decided to hold its Spring Dance Event **on March 8, 2020, Sunday at 13.00** in the music hall "MUSIC ROADS" located in Athens, **208 Patision Street**, (Kallifronas Station, Tel. numb **210-21067675**).

The room is comfortable, with a distinctive décoration that creates a pleasant atmosphere. It has a large dance floor.

The famous music band of **Babis Tsertos and Nadia Karagianni** will organized a marvelous event with a variety of traditional music that will surprise you.

The great tribute to the history of the Karyes infrastructure continues

Our News Bulletin editorial team welcomed with great pleasure the comments of our compatriots concerning the first part of the tribute released in the previous issue, which referred to the period of 1920-1950.

On this issue, we continue by covering the period 1950-1990 where all the efforts for the creation of modern Karyes Lakonia were unfolding. As we have repeatedly stated, our goal is to pay tribute to the people who have loved their homeland and worked for its progress.

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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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Καρυές

AUTUMN IN KARYES

The villages of Parnon mountain along with the rest of Greece faced a really warm autumn in 2019. It was like summer did not want to leave so the temperatures were higher than the season's standards. So the vacationers who decided to extend their holidays among with the local residents, enjoyed their meals and coffee outside in the open space and under the sun almost until the end of November.

As you may see from the photos the trees were lush until October and only in mid-November the yellow color began to dominate the surrounding forest. The leaves stayed on the trees almost until mid-December.



October



November



Religious celebrations

Autumn also has a lot of religious festivals that give to the residents a chance to meet each other in a beautiful scenery, since Karyes has so many chapels in the surrounding hills and fields.



At the Chapel dedicates to the Birth of Virgin Mary in the "Fotinou" Settlement



At the chapel of Archangels –Taxiarhes

Starting on **September 8th** when the Orthodox Christianity celebrates the Birth of Virgin Mary, the fests continue on **November 1st** (fest of Saints Anargyri, Kosmas and Damianos) and on the **November 8th** (fest of the Archangels –Taxiarhes-Michael and Gabriel), Karyates gathered at the Chapels dedicated to the Saints.



The photos had been taken by mr. Nikos Vastis.

On the 26-28 October in Karyes

Karyes was crowded grace at the good weather and the three-day public holiday. The square's cafes and taverns were full of people, almost like summer, many houses were inhabited and the hotels and the guesthouses were also full of visitors.

At the same time, due to the festivities taken place in the nearby villages of Vamvakou and Katsanitsa, there were many people who visited Karyes for meal and coffee.



The celebrations at Karyes began on Saturday, October 26, with the divine liturgy taken place at the Agios Dimitrios chapel in the Veratsoula neighborhood.



The members of the Church Council once again had organized a raffle with several gifts, while they were offering sweets to the congregation.

On the morning of October 28, in Heroon at the Central Square, there was a ceremony to commemorate the National Day of OXI. The students of Karyes' Primary School accompanied by their teachers, recited poems and the members of the village's associations and clubs among with the president of the Karyes Local Council laid wreath to honor those who died for our freedom.



Excursion of residents of Karyes to Athens on December 14th

A nice excursion was organized for the permanent residents of the village in Athens. On a sunny day, the Karyates enjoyed a walk at the city center of the Greek capital, visiting the Zappeion Palace, the National Parliament, the National Garden and the Syntagma Square. They also had the opportunity to visit the Stavros Niarchos Foundation's Cultural Center of Athens, (photo).



WORKS IN KARYES

The new formation of Rachi Square

All the Karyates were delighted to receive the news about Rachi Square. As reported in the Laconic Press, the project plan concerning the square's renovation was approved and was included in the "Leader" program on a proposal of the Sparti Municipal Authority with a budget of € 440,000-.



This is a decades-long demand that will significantly upgrade the Karyes lower neighborhood, since it will create a real square where the children can play safely and the adults may enjoy their coffee.

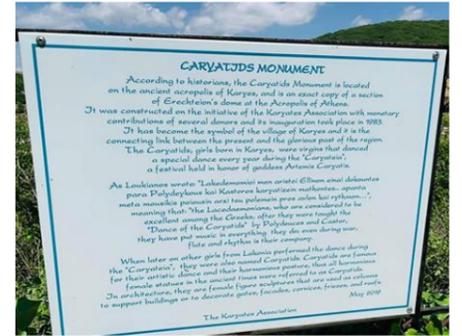
According to the project plans, only the east branch of the square will remain open to car traffic. In this way Karyes will get another beautiful stoned-paved square with flowers and trees as the site actually serves today as parking space.

The Completion of the information plates installation

The first phase of the project was completed, which significantly upgraded the image of the Karyes settlement.

The project sponsored by the **Karyates Association (S.A.K.)** and the "**KARYATIS**" sports club was also completed thanks to the financial contribution of the **Ecclesiastical Council** and, **Mr. Michael Binis, Mr. Stavros Mermigas and Mr. Harris Konstantopoulos.**

At the same time, the Association also placed an English-language information sign at the Monument of the Caryatids.



The maintenance of the Assumption (PANAGHIA) Chapel

The **Ecclesiastical Council** with the Support Team is rapidly advancing the maintenance of the Chapel. As we can see from the published photograph, the dome of the Temple and the places where there is no external stone coverage were painted and the work concerning the protection against moisture, as described in the previous issue, is also underway.



The reconstruction of the reredos (iconostasis) of Agios Nikolaos chapel



Grace at the financial donation of **Veneta Theodorides** the iconostasis of Agios Nikolaos was reconstructed and painted.

It is important to mention all these initiatives as in our point of view, every Karyatian small donation and interest will make the village beautiful and well maintained.

KARYES NOVEMBER 30, 2019:

THE CELEBRATION OF SAINT ANDREW (AGHIOS ANDREAS FEST) (continue from page 1)

The reception at the Karyes' Community Hall

After the Divine Liturgy there was a reception for all the Karyates in the Community Hall organized by the Karyates Association and the Karyes' Church Council. Coffee and pastries were provided by the ladies of the village.



After a brief greeting by Karyes Local Community made by President Mr. **George Devekos** and by the Karyes priest **Father Efstratios**, the President of the Karyates Association, Mr. **Michael Repoulis** came along with a brief report of the 2019. He referred to the great achievement of the integration of the project "**Creation of the Karyes Memory and Culture Center**" in a European's Union financing program.

However, he did not fail to mention the non-fulfillment of the promise made by the previous municipal authority to construct the stairs (steps) that would complete the Caryatid Monument and expressed hope that the new municipal authority would complete the project.



After that, the Vice President of the Karyates Association, **Mrs. Annita Gleka-Prekezes**, also welcomed all the Karyates and emphasized the contribution of President Mr. Repoulis and the member of the Board of Directors, **Mrs. Lefkothea Latsis** who have completed the project of the integration with great effort and personal cost.

The Mayor of Sparta was represented by Ms **Georgia Anastasopoulou-Zacharakis Deputy Mayor of Tourism Development and Social Policy**. In her brief greeting, she revealed that her mother's ancestry was from Karyes (Diandzikis) and that she was a child of the diaspora as she has been raised in Chicago ILL. She promised that she would try to help the village as much as possible and although she is not responsible for the projects, she would personally deal with the project of the Caryatides Monument's stairs.



THE NEWS OF THE KARYATES CLUBS OVERSEAS



News of the Arachovites Brotherhood of Canada "AI KARYAI"

The Toronto Brotherhood has been characterized for its strong vividness. Thus in 2019 it continued its vigorous activity with a lot of events, which of course many took place in the privately owned park "KARYES". We post photos of all these events as the members of the Brotherhood posted on Facebook. Once again congratulations to all the patriots who keep the flame of Greece and Karyes alive in Canada.

The works for the maintenance of the Park



The 39th Summer Gathering (panigyri)



The annual fall meeting



Then and now



The Christmas feast



Arachovites Brotherhood of Gastonia-Charlotte "AI KARYAI"

The new Board of Directors

According to a news bulletin we received the new Board of Directors is consisted by:

- President: **George T. Trakas**
- Vice President: **Ilias J. Poulos,**
- General Secretary: **Margaret Trakas**
- Assistant Secretary: **Tami Trakas-Pearson**
- Treasurer: **Angelo Mergelos**



Directors: **Andreas P. Boukides. Pano J. Stathakis, Judy Mergelos, Lee J. Siarris, George N. Vastis, Bessie P. Vastis Greg Trakas, Katelin Trakas, and Perry Vastis Nick G. Karres**



Cooking for the Panigyri

Australia: they passed away



On **August 7,** Ioannis Bardis died in **Mebourne Vic.** at the age of 91



On **November 17,** died in **Sydney N.S.W.** Ioulia widow of **Panaghiotis Theodorakakis**

Ous sincere condolences!

NEWS BULLETIN



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Developing a support program for local producers in Karyes

Following the 8.29.2019 announcement / invitation of the KERCHOULAS ASSOCIATION to exchange views with local producers regarding the **Local Producer Support Program** being developed, it took place a meeting of interested local producers with the Management of the ASSOCIATION at the Karyes' Community Building Event Hall at **11:00 am on 8.9.2019**. The meeting had an important guest, **Mr. Antonis Malamis**, a distinguished financial management and growth consulting company of the agri-food chain, with an emphasis on agricultural cooperatives.

The meeting was attended by several, mainly young, local producers from the **livestock, agriculture** (producers of chestnuts, walnuts and other products), **beekeeping** and production of **flavoring products**, as well as from the manufacturing and other professional sectors.

All issues that concern and influence local producers have been raised, such as:

- the problems of **land** (mainly small lots), water supply and a steady daily income,
- the **end of 2021 of the existing Common Agricultural Policy** ("CFP") and subsidies,
- the benefits and favor of the "New CAP" in cooperative forms and producer groups,
- **economies of scale** only when corporate / cooperative schemes grow, such as a significant reduction in the cost of supplies of feed, seeds, medicines and other supplies, with a serious impact on the income of each producer,
- the **reservations, difficulties and negative experiences** of the past regarding the effectiveness of cooperative schemes in Karyes,
- the **risks**, on the other hand, of disappearing local producers if they do not cooperate and adapt to novelties and current developments,
- the **positions of certain producers** for their immediate support on an individual basis, in particular for their necessary equipment,
- the **tools and solutions available** to counteract the shortage of producers in the period when they have to supply the supplies needed for their production,
- Producers' proposals regarding the Local Producer Support Program being developed are flexible and do not exclude any local producers (regarding age or permanent residence in Karyes or individuality),
- the issues of **branding and designation of origin** of locally produced products and the advantages of "PGI" (product with geographical indication),
- the need to develop an **operational plan** to direct the resources available (based on the decisions of the General Assembly of Karyans) to support local producers in targeted actions, taking into account measurable data (arable land, number of sheep and goats and other data from its database "OPEKEPE") and a number of parameters (eg refueling and refunding to the BOARD for future use, favoring optimum performance and certification, marking, packaging, web application pusher etc.),

- the **training needs** of local producers, along with the lack of interest in a very recent communication from the UNION,
- the issue of **information** on the training of local producers and the specific program of the Niarchos Foundation for the training of young people,
- the issue of **informing** young women mainly in Karya and encouraging them in group productive activities,
- the **KERCHOULAS ASSOCIATION's actions** on the top priority topic of the exploratory study of the exploitation of the Karyes **water resources** (irrigation, irrigation, small dam or reservoir, additional drilling, closed irrigation, dredging.) the findings of which will then launch as many projects as are practically and economically feasible to more effectively manage the available water resources of Karyes.

The local producers in attendance and the Management of the ASSOCIATION concluded, with obvious consensus, the following:

1. The **recording of the needs** of each producer group, as well as the submission of tailored proposals to meet those needs (where possible, of course) were undertaken.
 - for the group of beekeepers, Theodoros Stathakis and Christos Leventakis,
 - for the group of breeders Mr. Panos Mentis, Stathis Melechis and Nikos Kolovos,
 - for the group of producers of flavorings, Andreas Voukidis, Christos Leventakis and Costas Arvanitis and
 - for the group of agronomists (chestnuts, walnuts, etc.) Costas Machairas and Panagiotis Kolantzianos.
2. The exploration (to the best of the visible energy in perspective) of establishing a **single cooperative scheme** of local producers with a forecast.
 - producer groups by sector,
 - cost centers per group,
 - groups' autonomy in decision making and
 - percentage of the minimum turnover of each producer for the operational survival of the Cooperative, the establishment of which will be judged by the producers concerned on the Articles of Association and on the expected benefits for its members.

The whole process of establishing this cooperative body was undertaken by **Mr. Yiannis Kopsiavtis**.

The commitment to process, complete and submit and present the above deliverables was set for the **next two months (around the end of October 2019)**.

LOCAL NEWS

Department of Pharmacology and Chemistry of Natural Products of the Athens University School of Pharmacy:
This year's Laconia olive oil is ranked in the highest rating because of its high phenols



As we were informed by **Ms Evangelia Kopsiافتis-Gionis**, (member of the Board of Directors of our Association) who is also olive oil producer herself, **this year's Laconia Organic Oil is top rated because of the especially high number of phenols.**

According to the Athens University School of Pharmacy It is a product of superior nutritional value that protects the human body far more effectively than the widely advertised sturgeon oil which is an animal product. For this reason, it was awarded in a special event which took place at the Greece's Old Parliament House, receiving the **Silver Prize in the category of Therapeutic and Health Care Olive Oil.**



In the next issue we will come back with more information, as we believe at the high quality of the traditional Greek products and especially we strongly believe that the extra virgin olive oil (also called the "Greek Gold") should be recognized mainly as a medical product.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offers from our compatriots

The Board of Directors of the Karyates Association wishes to thank all compatriots for supporting the effort made by the S.A.K. for the beautiful Karyes by deposit money for the purposes of our Association. As promised, we will post all of their contributions:

01.08.2019	Maria Papdopoulos	€ 50
19.08.2019	Panaghiota Trakas	€ 50
21.08.2019	Eleftheria Kandianis	€ 20
22.08.2019	Ioannis Karachalios	€ 10
22.08.2019	Papanghiota Leventakis	€ 20
22.08.2019	Venetta Theodorides	€ 15
24.08.2019	Nikoletta Voukides	€ 30
25.08.2019	Panaghiota Prekezes	€ 20
25.08.2019	Vassilios Kerhoulas	€ 15
20.12.2019	Helena Stavropoulos (Director of the Primary School of Athens Arsakion School)	€ 300

We would like to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts! These donations give to us the courage to carry on.

We are re-posting the number where anyone who wishes to contribute can:
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A Library donated by Paraskevas (Paris) Diamantouros

The Board of Directors of the Karyates Association announces that our fellow compatriot Mr. Paraskevas (Paris) Diamantouros recently donated an important part of his library, consisting of books of Greek and foreign literature, history, art books, encyclopedias and other books to the Association.

We would like to thank Mr Diamantouros and his family for this important donation.

Special Thanks to the Karyates Association

Many thanks for the information and heartfelt congratulations on your impressive activities, some of which I have previously participated in at the invitation of the exquisite Karyatis and Greek, my former classmate at the University of Illinois and my dear eminent friend **George P. Kolovos** living in Los Angeles, and his brothers!

Heartfelt wishes for your continued progress!

Panagiotis I. Karafotias (from Kollines of Arcadia)
 Executive Director of the UN Office for Greece, Cyprus, Israel,
 Professor of International Relations

LOCAL NEWS

Karyes: Another Snowy New Year's Eve



After a warm autumn, a heavy snowfall made a surprise visit to Greece two days after Christmas day. The temperature dropped almost 10 degrees and the mountains of our country were painted white, thrilling the visitors who decided to spend some of their holidays at the villages around them.

Karyes who was ready to welcome the compatriots and friends from the cities presented a beautiful picture! We share photos as they has been posted on the social media by our compatriots.

At the same time, the Karyes Cultural Club organized for the second year in a row a live music night at the Community Hall's Event Room at the Christmas day.



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