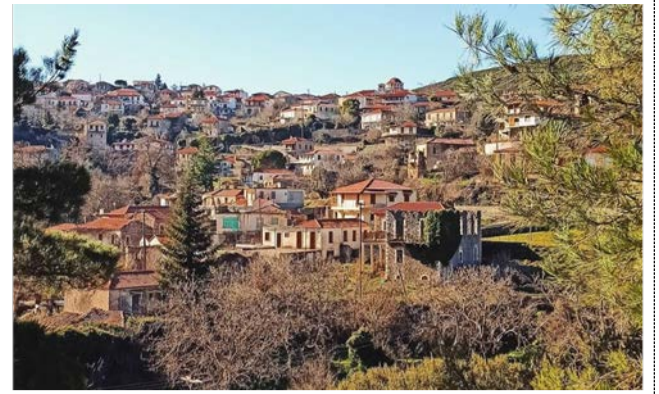




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2023: A new year full of new challenges

The new year has arrived with new hopes and expectations on our planet. Unfortunately, it came along with a war on European soil and as a result high and often volatile energy prices worldwide that are causing unrest. We wish that God gives wisdom to the foolish leaders who are brutally rushing the world peace. Our country, fortunately, despite the volatile international environment seems to be holding up so far, thanks mainly to a very good touristic year and a very mild winter.

Meanwhile at the beautiful village of Karyes every weekend hundreds of visitors arrive in order to discover the beautiful sightseeing and the unique nature. Therefore, according to statements of local officials, the village of Karyes has become a tourist destination of the whole Mount Parnon area.

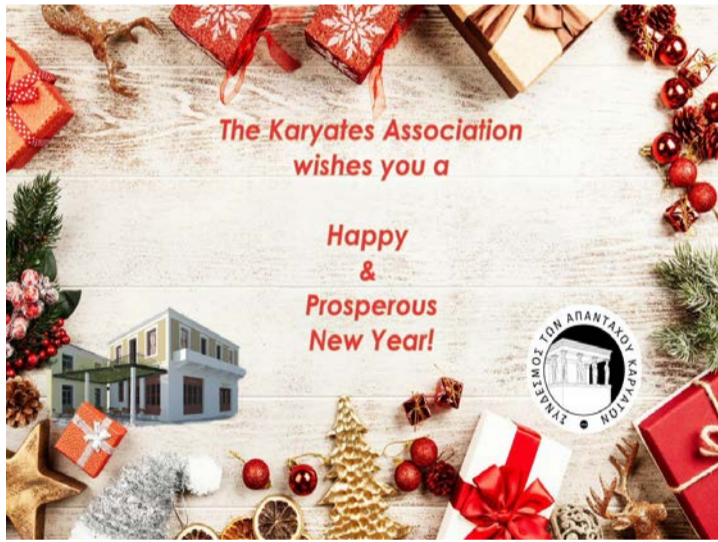
During the Christmas holidays, the guesthouses were almost 100% full booked and the restaurants and shops saw unprecedented traffic compared to previous years.

The central square was beautiful decorated with wooden Santa Clauses and elves who wished everyone love, happiness and health for 2023.

The new year hides opportunities and challenges for everyone, as to maintain and further strengthen the touristic destination of Karyes, which has been created in recent years thanks to the efforts of everyone, it is required:

- vigilance to deal with the problems that have started to appear from the crowds of visitors,
- high quality in the services provided to visitors by entrepreneurs,
- further strengthening of the infrastructure (cleaning, maintenance of community monuments and facilities) and
- organization of prestigious cultural events.

With these conclusions we wish at everyone a happy new year!

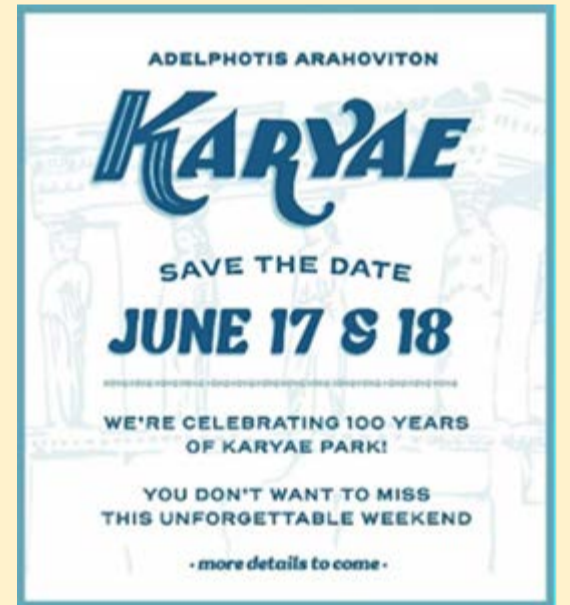


1923-2023: celebrating 100 years of the Adelphotis Arahoviton "AI KARYAE"

A great anniversary will be celebrated by all the Karyates in 2023: the 100th anniversary of the Adelphotis (Brotherhood) in America. Therefore, the Bod of the Brotherhood is organizing a two-day celebration at Karyes Park in Gastonia, North Carolina on June 17 and 18. At this event there is an open invitation to all the patriots not only to those living in North America, but also to those from all around the world.

The story of the Brotherhood, that began by a group of young Karyates with a vision and love for their hometown in a restaurant in Gastonia on a Sunday afternoon in 1923, is unique. The news of its creation spread throughout North America and its organizational success set an example for similar clubs in Greece and Australia. It is a moving story worth to be taught to all of us. It is not an exaggeration to say that almost everything we may see today in Karyes in terms of infrastructure and monuments is Brotherhood's vision and work.

For this purpose, during 2023 the Karyates Association News Bulletin will try to make this story known through a series of tributes.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Are you involved in the arts (painting, music-song, dance, theater, photography, video, floristry, crafts)?

The Karyates Association invites you to contact us in order to present your work to our compatriots and to the visitors of our village in the summer, either through an exhibition of your creations, or through a cultural action.

Contact now at the email address of our village info@karyes.gr, or at the phones 6944-784563, 6974-720909.

All the previous news bulletin are at your disposal in digital form at WWW.KARYES.GR



The outset of the road improvement project

The residents and the visitors of Karyes are pleased to see the outset of the local road improvement projects, within the village and around it.

We are publishing a photo from the Karyes-Tripoli provincial road, specifically the "straight of the Kambos", where for a number of years the road surface was full of potholes. The project, which was necessary especially as many tourist buses now pass through this road, was financed by the Region of Peloponnese.



At the new issue there is going to be a more analytic report.

Celebrations / Festivities

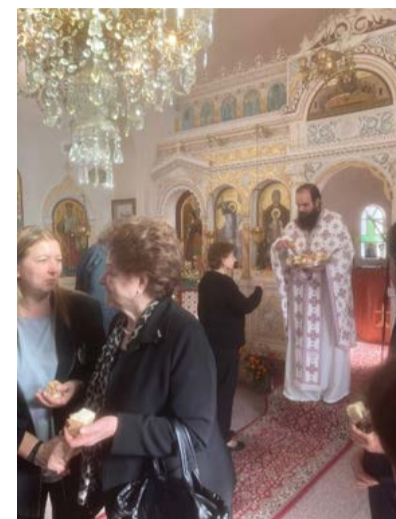
The feast of the patron saint of Karyes, Apostle Andrew

On Tuesday afternoon, **November 29, 2022**, a mystagogue solemn hierarchal vespers was held in memory of Saint Andrew with the blessing of the most venerable **Metropolitan Efstathios** with the participation of three priests and the theophilest **Bishop of South Madagascar Prodomos**. Prodomos, while in Greece lives at the monastery of Agyoi Anargyroi in Parnon Mountain and visits and honors our village at every opportunity.



The Celebration of the Saint Demetrios and the National Holiday of "OHI"

With a beautiful sunshine, the Christians went to the Chapel of Agios Demetrios in the Vergatsoula neighborhood to attend the Divine Liturgy honoring the memory of the Saint, led by Father Grigorios on **October 26**. At the end bread was distributed by the ladies of the church-council and the usual raffle for gifts followed to further its causes. Afterwards those celebrating their name day offered coffee and sweets in the SAVAS cafeteria.



Two days later, the **National Day of October 28** was celebrated with splendor at the Karyes main Church of St. Andrew. The bell rang joyfully from early on and in the solemn eulogy of the day, the "*Hypermacho stratego ta nikiteria*" chant for our protection from the Mary Mother of God was chanted by Father Leontios.

Afterwards, the students of the Karyes Primary School enthusiastically recited poems and sang songs about the anniversary and "OHI/NO".

At the Monument Statue of Nike, a memorial service was held and wreaths were laid by representatives of the local authorities and by a student of the Primary School. Finally, a minute's silence was observed in memory of our glorious dead.



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On **September 14**, Karyates gathered in the village's main Church of St. Andrew in order to celebrate the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**.

As you may at the photo that we published, the decoration of the Church was once again impressive thanks to the efforts of the Church Council members and volunteers.

Congratulations!



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Another world class award for the organic olive oil of EVOLIA

For another year, the world-class organic olive oil of our compatriot **Mrs. Evangelia Gionis-Kopsiaftis** was awarded a **gold prize** for its quality, which is now considered **world-class**. It should be emphasized that given that the quantity produced is **small**, anyone interested should register **early** as it may not be served later.

Anyone interested can go to the "**EVOLIA.gr**" site and find out about its beneficial properties. Each bottle bears: "*HEALTH CLAIM according to European regulation 432 /2012 of the European Union*". It is worth noting that it is the Greek answer to the much-advertised cod oil, since both our cod oil and our polyphenolic olive oil have the same HEALTH designation (432 /2012).

For orders on the site "**EVOLIA.gr**", as well as on "**Wealthy.gr**". Also at the phone number **0030-6944-192316** and in special stores in Agios Demetrios Attica "*Mother Land Sparta*", in Alimos Attica at the **Michalis Katsaris Pharmacy** and in Sparta at the **Kanellis Adamantia Pharmacy** and at the two **organic stores** in the city of Sparta (on order).

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Karyes: A worldwide destination for MOUNTAIN BIKE

In the fall of 2022, international cycling races were organized in Karyes for the umpteenth time in recent years. Specifically, for four days from Thursday 10/6 to Sunday 10/9, Karyes was once again at the center of international cycling interest, with the holding of the **International Mountain Bike Races**.

The races were included in the program of the **World Cycling Federation (UCI)** and are, among other things, the objective of collecting points for men and women, in view of the **Olympic Games Paris 2024**. Thus, big names of the sport were present, offering unique moments in the races, ensuring at the same time, valuable points for qualifying for the Olympic Games in 2024. Cyclists from Greece, Cyprus and Europe (France, Denmark, Switzerland, Slovakia, Israel, Belgium, Ukraine, Germany, Bosnia-Herzegovina) took part, as well as from countries as far away as New Zealand and Mexico (a total of 16 countries).



Leading the medal haul was **Denmark** with 6 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze, followed by **Switzerland** with 2 gold, 5 silver, 2 bronze, **Greece** with 2 gold and 1 silver, **France** with 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze, **Belgium** with 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze, **Germany** with 1 gold and 2 bronze, **Bosnia and Herzegovina** with 1 gold, 2 silver, **Slovenia** with 3 silver and **Israel** with 1 bronze.

The races took place every morning, while at the same time at noon on Saturday 8/10, **Intercollegiate Races** were held, included in the Program of the **Hellenic Cycling Federation**, in the categories of teenagers, youths, children and mini.

The races were supported by the Sports Organization of Sparta, the Municipality of Sparta, the Spartan Gymnastic Club, the Karyes Local Community, the Karyes Cultural Club and thanks to the expertise of AlterBike Tours. Also valuable is the contribution of National Centre of Health Immense Help (E.K.A.B.) Sparta and the Nephrological Center of Sparta (NE.K.A.S.), for the provision of ambulances.

The games were honored with their presence by the Mayor of Sparta Mr. Petros Doukas, the Deputy Governor of Lakonia Mr. Nikon Tzinieris, the President of the Sports Organization of Sparta Mr. Stavros Pergantis, the former Mayor and head of the main opposition Mr. Stavros Argitakos, the President of the Karyes Local Community Mr. Georgios Devekos, the Municipal Councilors Mr. Ioannis Karmoiris and Mr. Konstantinos Stamatis and the President of the Spartan Gymnastic Club Mr. Panagiotis Pristouris.



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The General Assembly of the Association took place on Sunday 16 of October at the Karyes Community Event Hall.

The report of the Audit Committee and the financial statements have been published on www.karyes.gr, and there are also accompanied by relevant announcements.

However, in summary, the total income during the period 10.01.2021-09.30.2022 was **US\$ 1,903.61** plus **€ 516.00**

At the same time, the expenses during the period 10.01.2021-12.31.2021 was **€ 29,877.74** and during the period 01.01.2022-09.30.2022 was **€ 224,659.78**, in total **€ 254,537.62**

The cash available at 09.30.2022 was **US\$ 700,025.33** plus **€ 291,336.63**

The Karyates Association Annual Spring Dance: An open invitation to all the Karyates



Dear compatriots

The President and the members of the BoD of the Karyates Association wish you a happy new year 2023 for you, your family and our beloved village.

We are pleased to announce that, after a forced three years break due to the pandemic, we decided to cut our New Year's pita on **February 5, 2023, Sunday at 1:30p.m.** at the tavern "**MOUSIKES DIADROMES**" located in Athens, **Patision street no. 208 and Kallifrona**, tel. 210-8676155 and 210-8674001, www.mousikes-diadromes.gr.

The tavern is housed in a neoclassical building with a beautiful decoration. It has a large dance floor and the well-known singers Mr. Babis Tsertos and Ms. Nadia Karagianni accompanied by an orchestra of renowned musicians and a varied program will provide for our entertainment.

A full meal will be offered with free consumption of a variety of wines and soft drinks. The price of the meal is **€ 25** per person and **€ 15** for children under the age of 12.

We are waiting for you all as a family together with your friends.

Your participation among with an offer of any gift for our raffle, will contribute the most to the success of our event. Thank you for your willing participation in all the events of our Association. All our efforts, together with your support, aim exclusively at our Association's operation for the benefit of our beloved village.

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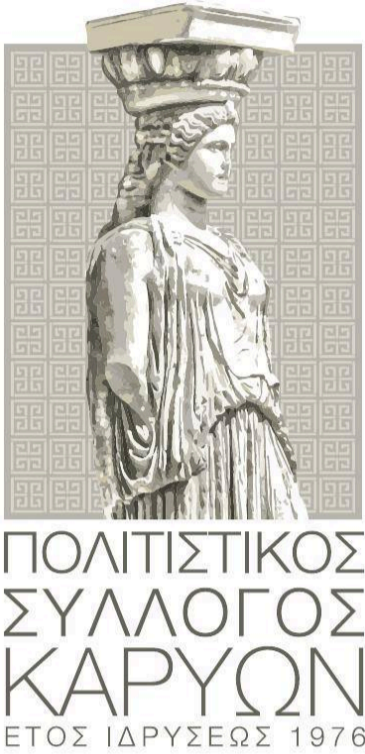
Karyes Cultural Club

The General Assembly

On Saturday November 12, 2022, at the Karyes Community event Hall the Electoral General Assembly of the Karyes Cultural Club took place. The issues were

1. the Report of the outgoing Board of Directors and
2. the Election of a new Board of Directors and Audit Committee.

According to a relevant announcement, after the completion of the procedure, the newly elected members proceeded to a meeting and the **new Bod** was formed as follows:



Nikolaos Mar. Arvanitis - President
Konstantinos Nik. Kolovos – Vice President
Marina Mar. Arvanitis – General Secretary
Demetrios Nik. Arvanitis – Cashier
Panaghiotis G. Mentis - Member

Alternate members

Andreas G. Tsoulos
Ioannis D. Tsopelas
Konstantinos Pan. Macheras
Charalampos Leon. Bakirgides
Panghiotes Kon. Dalakouras

For the audit Committee:

Achilleas Sp. Sioutos
Christos D. Leventakis
Eftasthios Ch. Melehes

Alternate members

Efi N. Kolovos
Panaghiotis Chr. Christopoulos

According to the relevant announcement, the "new Board of Directors warmly thanks the 47 members who participated in the assembly".

From the analysis of the results, the age renewal of the leadership of the Cultural Club is obvious. Therefore, this fact underlines the willingness of the young people of Karyes to participate in the village's public life and fills us with optimism for the future of the place.

Finally, according to the financial statement that has been published at the www.karyes.gr:

During 2020 the income was € 1,412.80 while the expenses were € 3,152.64
 During 2021 the income was € 0.13 while the expenses were € 792.27
 During 2022 (01.01.2022-10.30.2022) the income was € 10,075.80 while the expenses were € 12,601.29
 The cash available at 10.30.2022 was € 4,361.46

The Karyes Cultural Club annual Christmas-dance: Another great success



On the evening of Christmas Eve, the annual dance of the Karyes Cultural Club took place in the event hall of the Karyes Community Building Store with live music and lots of fun!

The participation exceeded all expectations and the space of the Hall proved being small to accommodate the participants.

The new Bod of the Cultural Club with great enthusiasm organized a very successful evening and the youth gave a thunderous presence for another year.

Congratulations!

«Aghioi Anargyroi» Karyes Club

The club was founded on June 2020 and its purpose is the public beautification and cultural projects.

The first project was the maintenance of the St. Anargyroi Chapel at the village's entrance which was ready to collapse facing structural problems. Thanks to the donations of the many compatriots the Club members managed to "save" the chapel by reinforcing its underpinnings and they also proceed to the revelation of its stone walls.

The second project was the embellishment of the temple at the Chapel of the Mary Mother of God (Panaghia) Assumption which has been severe damaged because of the moisture.



The Saint Anargyroi Chapel above, before and after the works.

The temple at Panaghia Chapel at the left.

The “Karyatis” Sports Club

Harmonization of the Statute with the New Sports Law 4726/2020

On February 13, 2022, the Sports Club General Assembly took place the club members approved the proposal by the Board of Directors concerning the **Statute amendment** in order to harmonize it with the **New Sports Law 4726/2020**. Forty-seven (47) signatures were immediately collected and with all the necessary supporting documents, the approval process was assigned to a lawyer. Finally, on October 6, 2022, the lawyer received Order No. 24/2022 of the Sparta Court of Law, where the Amendments were approved (article 4, paragraph 7, case B, 6, 8 and 9, while a new article was added, which numbered as 7).

The Club’s participation at the Motor Race SCRAMBLE

The Sports Club participated in the organization of the races on April 10, 2022, by taking care of the necessary earthworks of the track, while also members of the Board of Directors were judges at points along the route.

Summer update from the members of the Board of Directors.

Based at their commitment to inform all the compatriots, the Bod members proceeded on August 13, 2022, in an open presentation of the “Karyatis” Sports Club financial report at the Karyes Community Buliding Event Hall.

Works at the Skioures Buliding

During the year of 2022, there were many works at the building of the benefactor G.Th. Skioures which houses the offices of the Sports Club, as well as the Karyes Cultural Club. First, informative signs were placed at the entrance of the benefactor’s house. Subsequently, a drainage network was constructed and sanitary items were installed in the bathroom.



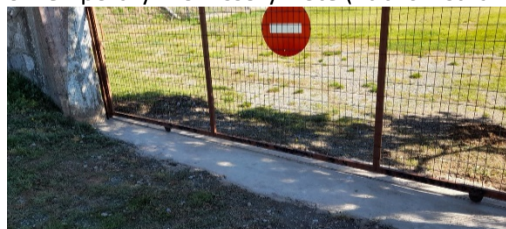
Furthermore, during the fall, the Sports Club proceeded to clean the building’s ground floor, where useful items of the Clubs of our village have been stored. Our compatriot Dimitres Demas offered his machines machinery for a while day for free and with the help of another Karyatis Panaghiotes Mentis, the place was accommodated properly. Also, a part of the wall that has unfortunately been "decorated" with black spray was also cleaned.

Works and licensing as a Sports Hall of the former Agricultural Cooperative’s warehouse

As is known, and we hope soon, the space will function as a place for sports, culture and entertainment. Therefore, during the spring a drainage system was constructed in the building. Furthermore, a few weeks ago, the license was issued

After that, the Board of Directors published the relevant cost table:

1. Building License Study € 2,966.69 – Supervision invoice € 837.99 plus VAT € 913.12.
2. Plot survey € 455.32 – VAT invoice € 109.28.
3. Regulation of license excesses 1970 € 50.00 – VAT invoice € 12.00.
4. Issuance of a building permit (D.O.Y./Tax office of Sparta) € 263.93 – Duplicate.
5. Registration Fee for Arbitrary Buildings € 250.50 - Form Law 4495/17.
6. Temporary Promissory Note (Public Insurance fee) € 30.00 – Promissory note.



Works and Operation of the Sports Center

In the spring, the Sports Club proceeded to the cleaning of the Sports Centre, in order to make the entire area safe and available to all the athletes (residents and vacationers) during the summer. Therefore, the sliding door of the football field was also repaired. We were very happy watching every afternoon the space full of athletes of all ages.

Karyes Dance Group traditional costumes Maintenance

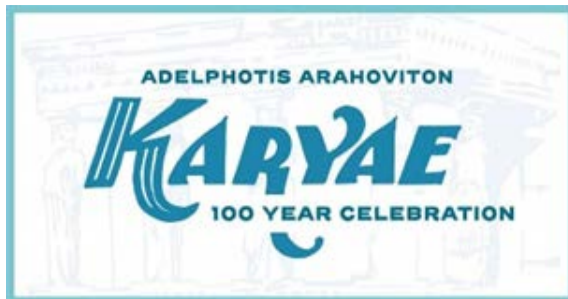
The annual maintenance of the traditional costumes of the Dance Club was carried out. The first costumes were acquired in 1992 and the last ones were donated last year by the **Frangi family**, in memory of the late Gymnast **Diana Tartari** from Xirokambi.



Placement of new signposts at the Caryatid monument road

New signposts have been placed at the initiative of the Sports Club, since the old ones placed in 2004 have been worn out.





Beautiful Photos of the historic “Karyes Park” in Gastonia N.C.

On the occasion of the church service held on **Sunday October 15, 2022**, at the local chapel inside the Karyes Park, our compatriot **Dimitra Papaioannou** published photos and videos on FB.

Every Karyatis should only feel pride while looking at the works inside the beautiful park which captures the systematic effort of the Karyates expatriates during almost two centuries to maintain contact with the customs and manners of their homeland and to honor their ancestors.

After the service, sweets were offered at the park pavilion.

According to Ms. Papaioannou, **at least once a month**, there is a service at the chapel of the Park by a Priest of the central Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Trinity of Charlotte and anyone who wishes can be informed by a relevant announcement about the program.



A Christmas children party by the Adelphotis on Toronto Ont. Canada

After a 2-year hiatus due to the Pandemic, the Karyates of Canada gathered once again for their **annual Christmas celebration** on **Sunday, November 27th**. Many families with little children gathered, in order to meet each other after many months.

Warm congratulations to the members of the Board of Directors and to all the patriots who are trying and succeeding, as it seems, in keeping the Greek and Karyatic flame alive in Canada.

A happy new year to all!



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SOCIAL NEWS

Deaths of Compatriots in Australia

Panaghiotis Chr. Voukides passed away on **November 6, 2022** in **Sydney N.S.W.**



Giannoula Darmou wife of **Andrew** died on **Saturday October 29, 2022** in **Melbourne Vic.** at the age of **95**

The funeral took place on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at the Church of the Holy Cross.

Beloved sister, mother and grandmother, she leaves behind many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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A famous Karyatis passed away

Paris K. Diamantouros

passed away in Athens on **December 13, 2022**, at the age of **87**



The deceased was born in Athens (Kypseli) in 1935 and his family came from Arachova (Karyes) Laconia. In 1965, he married **Despina (Depi) Papakonstantinou** (1939-2014). He was a graduate of the Athens College and of **Athens University Law School**. He worked from 1960 in the **family company** that trading cereals and other products and which had founded by his grandfather Paraskeas Diamantouros in **1890**, until 1997, when he retired.

He was president of the **Piraeus Commodity Exchange** (1975-1989) and a member of the **Piraeus Chamber of Commerce and Industry** BoD. He also served as president of the **Hellenic Procurement Institute** (1982-1984) and as president of the **Greek Cereal Traders Association** BoD (1984-1991). He was also an author. His works were: "**The jaws of power**", "**The Diamantourens**", "**The financing of our politicians**". From 2004 to 2013 he wrote articles for the monthly magazine "**Elea / Ηλεια**", where he was editor-in-chief (2008-2013). In 2014 he lost his wife and retired from everything, until the end of his life, living with his beloved daughter **Iro**. His funeral took place in the First Cemetery of Athens in a close family circle.

They passed away

Sophia G. Darmou, at the age of 68

The funeral service took place at the Saint Andrew Church in Karyes on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, while the burial took place in the cemetery of Saint Nikolas.

George Kolovos on October 3, 2022, in Athens at the age of 71

The funeral service took place at the Saint Andrew Church in Karyes, while the burial took place in the cemetery of Saint Nikolas.

Haris Voukidis on November 2, 2022, in Thessaloniki at the age of 91

The funeral service took place at the Saint Andrew Church in Karyes, while the burial took place in the cemetery of Saint Nikolas.

Demetra Trakas on December 19, 2022, in Tripolis at the age of 94

The funeral service took place at the Saint Andrew Church in Karyes, while the burial took place in the cemetery of Saint Nikolas.

The Karyates Association expresses its deepest condolences to the families.