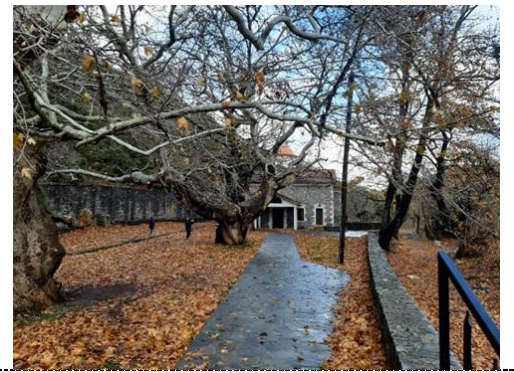




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Karyes celebrate its Patron Saint Apostle Andrew

The Feast of the Saint began with the Great Vespers on the afternoon of Friday, 29th of November, at which, among other clergy, the **Abbot of the Holy Monastery of Saints Anargyri** officiated and preached.

On the day of the feast, on the morning of Saturday, 30th of November, the **Morning Prayer** and the **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy** were celebrated in the celebrating Holy Church, officiated by **His Eminence Bishop of Lacedaemonia, Mr. Theophilos**, Protosyngelos of our Holy Metropolis and Assistant Bishop of our Reverend Metropolitan Mr. Eustathios, whose paternal wishes and hierarchal blessings he conveyed to the large congregation. Other clergy from nearby parishes of Lacedaemon also participated.

His Holiness expressed his admiration for the beauty of the St Andrew Holy Church, both externally and internally, and for the overall excellent organization of the festival, congratulating the vicar, the Ecclesiastical Council, but especially all the parishioners, , without whose help and contribution, all of this could not have been realized.



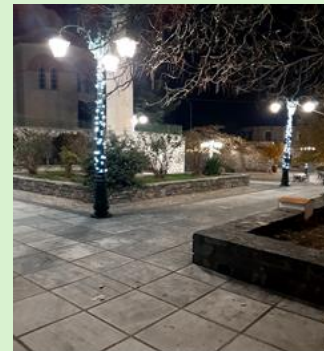
The congregation that attended the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was quite large, as in addition to all the Karyates, a lot of people came from the rest of the Laconia region by a bus provided of the Sparta Municipality.

After the Divine Liturgy, a reception was organized by the **Karyates Association** and the **Ecclesiastical Council** on the ground floor at the Community Hall with cafe and treats provided by the locals.

The president and members of the **Karyes Local Council** were present, **Mr. Panagiotis Mentis**, **Ms. Sofia Lassou** and **Mr. George Dalakouras**, while the Municipality of Sparta was represented by the **Deputy Mayor for Social Policy, Mr. Theofanis Lazaris**.



CHRISTMAS DECORATION



The **Karyates Association Board of Directors** announces its intention to proceed

**in the rental
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Anyone interested
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The **Karyates Association** for over half a century serves its purposes thanks to your love and support. To achieve its goals, the only thing that asks from you is the annual membership fee of

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The same account is available to anyone for donations and any financial support desired for the purposes of the Association.

Regarding the Newsletter, although the cost of postage is high, it will be sent **FREE OF CHARGE**. However, every contribution helps us cover the costs and gives us strength to keep going.

*With Patriotic greetings,
The Karyates Association Board of Directors*

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25/12/2024

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KARYATIS SPORTS CLUB CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Karyes celebrated a great historical anniversary this year: a century of presence and contribution of the Community's Sports Club, the famous "KARYATIS". There are not many sports clubs in Greece that can boast, not only of being centuries-old, but also of being able to present an uninterrupted continuous existence and contribution in the sports and cultural everyday life of a place. If we consider that we are talking about a club of a small provincial settlement, we could claim that it should be considered as a significant achievement.

Therefore, this summer the Karyatis Sports Club Board of Directors held a series of festivities and memorabilia, accompanied by an exhibition of historical photographs and relics, a football match and a musical event. On this anniversary, the Karyates Association News Bulletin editorial team together with Mr Theodoris Mentis, who has served as president of the Sport Club for many years, prepared this four-page tribute.

The Club's profile



The "Karyatis" Sports Club created in 1924 by a group of high school students: George Th. Skiouris, Constantine N. Harakas, Efstratios G. Kostalas, Constantine M. Pitsios, Theodore G. Stathakis, Theodore B. Leventakis, John N. Harakas, John Con. Diamantouros and John St. Macheras. It was officially recognised by the Sparta Court in 1927.

Today the club has a football field and a basketball, volleyball and tennis court, with bleachers, modern changing rooms and night lighting, as well as an indoor gym (right photo) with exercise equipment and table tennis courts, all privately owned.



Panoramic view of the Karyatis Outdoor Sports Center

The Club's History

THE FIRST YEARS

The first efforts for organized sports activities

After its recognition, the Sports Club participated in the **Athletic Games in Vlachokerasia village** in 1928 and 1929. Many village's residents accompanied the athletes by car or on horseback. In fact, the athletes from Arachova distinguished themselves by winning first prizes in the events of jumping, shot put, javelin, discus throw, stone throw as well as running.

In 1929, the athletes of Karyatis also participated in the **Sparta Games**, where they won first prizes in the events of 5,000m., 1,500m. with obstacles and in the high jump.

The construction of the Sport Field

The problem, however, was finding a place where training and matches would take place. The late benefactor G. Th. Skiouris describes in a vivid way how a small space was acquired at the Pinigoura site in order to make the stadium: "We created pits for training in Rachi, in Ai Dimitris and for football we used the small space of the square (breaking some Kaperoneiko houses window glasses), or the threshing floors (alonia) of Pinigoura, where Aunt Eleni Georgiopolou would chase us with stones and shouts because we were ruining her stone built threshing floor. We also went to the fields of Kato Longos periodically until that lucky field in Pinigoura was found."

This small space of approximately 2 acres, owned by Pan. Papadogiannis, was finally purchased in 1929 by the Club with member contributions, subscriptions from compatriots and with a fundraiser. "I remember and I am moved," says the late G. Th. Skiouris, "the contribution of each member, whether as a student with his pocket money, or as a tailor, or as a worker with his backlog". There were even theatrical performances among with Shadow Theater (Karagiozis) performances too by the late and later hero of the World War II, Major Demetrios Th. Papapageorgiou, with assistant Theocharis Mentavlos, to raise money. The desks were carried on the backs of the members from the school to Rahi Square and then returned in the same way.

The first soccer team

In the following years, in 1930 and 1931, Karyatis created a football team for the first time. The sport of football/soccer that had reached the cities of our country also reached Arachova. This first team therefore took part in many friendly football games with teams from Sparta and Krokees.

Unfortunately, all this cosmogony was violently interrupted by World War II, the Nazi Occupation and the complete destruction of the settlement, as well as the civil war conflicts that followed.



The commemorative plaque at the sports field entrance

ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION

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 Karyates Association email address karyates.association@karyes.gr, or at the phones (+30) 6944-784563, 6974-720909.

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THE POST WAR ERA

The sports field conclusion

After the end of the village's tragic decade of the 1940s and while the gradual repair of the houses and infrastructure of the destroyed Karyes had begun, the Club, on the initiative of its president Paraskevas G. Koutsogiorgas and member Konstantinos Mich. Pitsios, encountered the ADELPHOTIS in the U.S.A. Thanks to the support of US\$ 518.00 from the ADELPHOTIS and the LEVENTIS COMPANY, a neighboring plot of land owned by Michael Melechis was purchased in 1951 in order to complete the relevant area of the field. Specifically, 8 contracts were drawn up for an area of 9,221sq.m. at a cost of Drachmas 39,579.00 thousand.

In 1954, the landscaping and fencing with a stockade wall were completed, at the expense of the great benefactors Paraskevas and Christos P. Leventis, Andreas S. Trakas and Konstantinos Sp. Pitsios, while in 1958, at the expense of Georgios Th. Skiouris, the first changing rooms of the Club's sports field were constructed (still in use today).

The first official soccer games

After the completion of the sports facilities, the Club's activity was now multifaceted, athletic, cultural and social.

The **Karyatis football/soccer team** held a series of 10-15 football matches every summer that were like a fest for the village, since women and children would come out to the field to watch the team. Teams came not only from neighboring villages, but even from Sparta, Skala, Stefania and the Tegea region. Besides, it was the first preference of the teams to play friendly matches with Karyatis, as the village always had a good team, people who filled the field and coolness in the summer.

However, unfortunately this history was not recorded and we do not know the results and teams from that period. Nevertheless, in this year's exhibition, several football player cards of the era were found and exhibited on a special board (photo on the left), while the Club's Board of Directors awarded the veteran football players of that era, Mr. Angelos Matalas, Konstantinos Koutsogiorgas, Panagiotis Darnos, Panagiotis Koutsogiorgas, Spyridon Vlachos (see photo on the right) and Athanasios Kerchoulas.



The «Leventis Games», the famous athletic games

But it was precisely at that time that Karyatis became known for the athletics games it organized thanks to the initiative and tireless contribution of the gymnast Ioannis Chiotis.

Specifically, on September 28, 1958, in the presence of the authorities of the Municipalities of Oinountas and Sellasia, the "**1st Leventis Athletics Games**" were held. After the parade of the athletes, the raising of the flag and the swearing-in, the coach of Karyatis, gymnast Ioannis Chiotis, delivered a speech. Subsequently, the president of the Community, Georgios Kaperonis, declared the start of the games, which were a great success since 60 athletes participated, many of whom were from the "Spartiatikos" Gymnastic Club, the Gymnastic Club "Leonidas" of Sparta, Sports Clubs from the villages of Voutiani, Theologos, etc. The winners were awarded cups, medals and diplomas which had been donated by the Karyes Local Community, its president Kaperonis, the teacher Kostalas and George Th. Skiouris.



The Athlete's parade at the 1st Leventis Games in 1958

The success was such that the following year, on August 30th, 1959, the "**2nd Leventis Games**" were held, where it is reported that about 150 athletes had flocked from all parts of Laconia and Arcadia. In fact, several of them had participated a few days earlier in the Pan-Peloponnese Games of Patras, thanks to the mediation of the gymnast Anastasios Smyrniotis, a former athlete who was a member of the Panhellenios Gymnastic Club of Athens. Athletes both from Arcadia participated, such as from the "Tegeatikos" Athletic Association (which took first place), "Aris" ("Mars") of Tripoli, "Panarkadikos" Athletic Club of Tripolis, "Iraklis" ("Hercules") of Vervena village, clubs from the villages of Pigadakia and Kerasea, as from Laconia, such as from the "Spartiatikos" Gymnastic Club and "Leonidas" from Sparta, "Aster" ("Star") of the village of Vlachiotis, etc.

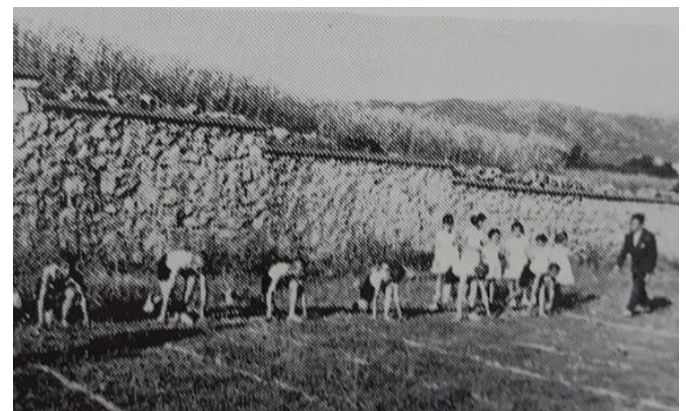
The Leventis Games were held three more times, the **3rd** on September 4, 1960, the **4th** on August 13, 1961, and the **5th** in 1962. The enormous success was due, as we said, to Ioannis Chiotis, who had now been appointed Director of the National Stadium of Sparta and to the above-mentioned veteran athlete of the Panhellenios Gymnastic Club of Athens, Anastasios Smyrniotis, who had now replaced Chiotis as Karyatis' trainer. Indicatively, the opening ceremony of the games was announced by the Prefectural Inspector of Physical Education Megaklis Kanellopoulos, while a team from the Hellenic Army Training Center of Sparta (KEEM) also participated. The prizes were presented by ordinary sports fans to businessmen and personalities from Laconia and Arcadia.

The last Athletics Games took place on August 29, 1965, and were called "**Karyateia**", also with great success. However, as mentioned, the games preparation required effort, work and money and was very difficult for a village in the Greek province of the 1960s whose population was dwindling due to internal and external migration to continue that.

Of course, throughout that period, **annual school competitions** took place at the Club's sports facilities every spring at the end of the school year, from which photographic material has been preserved and which we publish.

The last significant recorded activity of the Club during that period was its participation in the **Laconia 3rd Division football championship** in the seasons 1970, 1971 and 1972. The matches were held in the months of April, May and June and almost all the young people of the time participated.

Finally, in 1972, it was declared impossible to finish the championship, so the Karyatis team withdrew in the middle of the season.



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THE ERA 1980-2015

The soccer team's "golden era"

After a period of inactivity, a period of rebirth came at the 1980's. The immigration has essentially mostly stopped and there has now begun to be a trend of repatriation from many Karyates. Although most of those returning to Greece choose Athens and the big cities for permanent settlement, some decide to stay permanently in the village, and of course everyone spends his/her summertime in Karyes. Meanwhile, Greece's accession to the European Union marks the beginning of the implementation of financial programs in the Greek Province. As a result, the youth in the village began to emerge dynamically again and, in this context, Karyatis became active again. The first project that took place was the expansion of the locker rooms in **1981** at the expense of George Th. Kakaris and so now there are locker rooms for **two (2) football teams**.



After this project, the football team began its participation in **1983** in the local football championships of Laconia, an action that would last for **31** years, until **2015**. The management of the Club responded to the demands through the fixed financial support institutionalized by the Greek state, the subscriptions of the members, as well as the donations and the income from various events. It should be noted that, among other things, the publication of anniversary calendars (years 1987, 1988, 1989 and 2000) with photographs of the team and the village.

The presence of the Club was intense, having participated in the **Third Division for 15 seasons** and the **Second Division for 16 seasons**, even reaching a step before promotion to the First Division in 2001, where it finished 2nd out of 12 teams. In total, the team played in **539** official games, 257 in Karyes and the rest in 28 other stadiums, scoring 856 goals and conceding 1,050. The first in participations was the current Karyes municipal councilor in the Municipality of Sparta, **Dimitrios Arvanitis**, with **407** participations in **22** seasons, and the first in scoring goals was the current president of the Community, Panagiotis Mentis, with 47 goals in 162 games.

It should be emphasized here, as a special title of honor for Karyatis, the team's consecutive awards by the Laconia Football Association with "**Ethics Diplomas**" for the exemplary behavior of its athletes and coaches during the matches in which it participated.



Two of the photos of the Soccer team presented at the exhibition. The first of 1980's and the second of the 1990's



The calendar of the year 1988

The construction of the Basketball court

At the same time, however, progress was also made in infrastructure. Above the football field on the land that Karyatis had purchased, there was a smaller terrace with many rocks around it. The great success of the Greek National Basketball Team in 1987, which won the European Championship, turned the youth towards **Basketball** en masse. A sport that many Karyates knew very well from their stay in America. Then the idea "came" to create a space there, where children would play basketball. However, it was found that the space was not sufficient and serious interventions had to be made to open the corresponding area.

The Sports Club managed to secure the first funds by organizing some events and timidly began some renovation work. Thus, in **1994**, the brothers Ioannis, Panagiotis and Dimitrios Kostalas, who lived, or had lived, in New York, allocated the sum of 1.2 million drachmas for the continuation of the work. This was followed, at the initiative of the Sports Club, by the inclusion of the project in a European Union funding program for an amount of 6.4 million drachmas. The project was put out to tender on **06.15.1994** and finished on **10.04.1996**. This was followed in **1997** and **1998** by the construction of a wall that covered it and cement stands for the fans. So when the project was completed, it has cost 13.4 million drachmas in total and has lines for the sports of basketball, volleyball and tennis.

The "Skiouris Foundation"



George Th. Skiouris

Significant financial support for the work of the Sports Club, from this period onwards, also comes from the "**George Th. Skiouris Foundation**". The compatriot, one of the Club's founders as previously mentioned, and after having served, among other things, as president of the Karyes Community in 1930, subsequently emigrated to Africa (Northern Nigeria) where he worked for several years. Upon his return to Greece, although now a permanent resident of Athens, he lived in Karyes every summer and always loved the Sports Club and therefore, as mentioned, he financed the construction of the changing rooms in 1958. After his death at the age of 75, in 1980, he left a will that continues to benefit our village to this day. Systematic efforts, especially after 1990, by the Club's administration successfully led to the establishment of the Foundation that bears his name on **04.02.1993** by Presidential Decree.

The foundation is managed by a seven-member board and has been operating without problems to this day. In fact, in **1996**, after intervention by the Directorate of Bequests, a plot of land owned by the testator in Alimos, Attica, was utilized and six (6) apartments were delivered that are still rented today. From the net income, the three (3) best students of the 6th grade of the Karyes Elementary School are awarded each year and, indicatively, since the school year 1994-95, over 60 children have been financially supported. Subsequently, the Sports Club is financially supported, since in addition to financing expenses for football matches and athletics events, funds are also allocated to ensure the necessary logistical infrastructure and the improvement and maintenance of the sport facilities.

The "Karyatia" semi marathon

With the financial assistance of the Skiouris Foundation and the valuable volunteer contribution of its members, the Sports Club managed to organize the Parnonas semi-marathon entitled "THE KARYATEIA" for two consecutive years. The first semi-marathon took place in June **2013** and the second in June **2014** with the participation of dozens of athletes from all over Greece.



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THE MODERN ERA 2015 – TODAY

The economic crisis

The economic crisis that hit our country also had its consequences on the course of the Athletic Association. The income from the Foundation was limited and the state support was almost zero. The first consequence was the inability to organize "the Karyatia" again. Also, the participation of the football team in the local championships was interrupted. Of course, the main reasons were, among others, the change in the season, which instead of the summer, when several vacationers could participate, was moved from autumn to spring, the desertification of the villages and the change in the habits and interests of the new generations. Nevertheless, under the tireless leadership of the retired teacher Mr. Theodoros Mentis, the Sports Club not only did not stop its activities, but instead it moved its "energy in other paths".

The international mountain bike races and the car rallies

At the level of events, in collaboration with the other village's institutions and Clubs (Local Community, Karyates Association), it supported and supports both financially and by providing its infrastructure, the Motorized Sports and Mountain Biking races that are organized, at the initiative of the Karyates Cultural Club and which have now established Karyates as a reference point for these events nationwide.

Therefore, initially in collaboration with the Sparta Automobile Club, a dirt track was created in the "Souvala" area, specifically on an area of 400 acres next to the settlement of Kalyvia. The route had been designed by the Club, was two (2) kilometers long and there were organized timed racing car races "Timed Rally Challenge (TRC)", as well as special dirt racing vehicle races (DUST). Unfortunately, however, this track was unable to renew its operating license.

However, subsequently, on the dirt roads in the Karyes forest, Panhellenic Championship races were organized for both racing cars and motorcycles, bringing hundreds of fans of the sport from all over Greece. In fact, the last event was the "Molon Lavé Rally Sprint", a race of the "Panhellenic Dirt Cup" and the "Panhellenic Dirt Cup for Historic Cars".



Even greater success is enjoyed by the **International Mountain Bike Races** under the name "**Sparta MTB Races**" on specially designed bike tracks in Karyes. These races, which are systematically organized every year, once or twice, also count towards the **Panhellenic Mountain Bike Championship** and are attended by hundreds of cyclists of all ages from all over Greece and dozens of countries abroad. This event is even described as the best of its kind in Greece, making Karyes known to the ends of the world. The co-organizers of the race were the Municipality of Sparta, the Municipal Sports Organization, the Spartan Gymnastic Club and Alterbiketours.



The conversion of the sport field to a modern Sports Center

At the same time, the Sports Club administration moved decisively towards the maintenance, expansion and renovation of the infrastructure. First, it completed the issuance of relevant operating permits for all its facilities. In the football stadium, it proceeded with the renovation of the locker rooms (electric power and hot water supply), the new fencing of the stadium, the reconstruction of the stands and its electric lighting with floodlights. In the basketball court, it also proceeded with its electric lighting with floodlights.

The acquisition of the cooperative warehouse and its conversion to a modern indoor gym

It also moved to acquire indoor facilities for sports. Therefore in **2014**, the former Agricultural Cooperative of Karyes granted the Sports Club its abandoned warehouse, which had been built in 1973 and operated for approximately 20 years, before it was transferred to the Greek Ministry of Rural Development. The necessary amount was raised with the decisive help of the Greek diaspora abroad, specifically the ADELPHOTIS, the FOUNDATION, N. Kaperonis, Par. Kerchoulas, I. Kyr. Skiouris from the U.S.A. and P. Kontalonis, G. V. Skiouris, An. V. Skiouris, P. Th. Darnos and D. Th. Darnos from Canada, who in total donated the amount of € 9,281.34. The Sports Club paid the remaining amount of € 9,364.86 and the space was acquired, all outstanding tax and notary fees were paid, and the broken windows were replaced.

A hard period followed, where gradually and within five (5) years, the space was cleaned, painted and illuminated with modern lighting. In addition, industrial flooring and new doors were installed, while modern fitness equipment and four (4) table tennis tables (ping-pong) were gradually acquired, and it is now used by athletes.

To the future

The recent elections in the Sport Club were of great importance, since they marked the **pass** to the new generation of the village, which is called upon to continue the successful work of the previous ones. According to the declarations, the immediate actions will be the completion of the work on the indoor gym and the start of the collection of the necessary funds for the renovation of the basketball court, with the simultaneous effort, of course, to organize sports events, as far as possible. We hope that everyone stand by them to boost to their efforts.

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

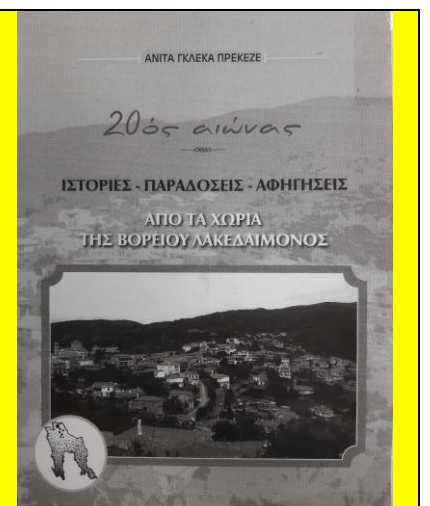


Availability of Annita Gleka-Prekeze's book "20th century, Stories, Traditions, Narratives from the villages of North Lacedaemon"

This book, which was published two years ago, with the kind sponsorship of the Municipality of Sparta and our expatriates **Panos and Voulas Kopsiaftis**, is the work of the well-known author **Anita V. Prekeze (née Glekas)**. The author dedicated this book to the **Karyates Association** whose she has been a key supporter for many years.

The first edition was sold out, since the books became literally rapturous and well-loved. The Association proceeded to a **second edition**.

Copies of this important book can be obtained from all members of the Board of the Association. More information at tel. **0030-6985-120559**, or at karyates.association@karyes.gr



ADELPHOTIS ARAHOVITON "KARYAE"

Greeting letter of the Adelphotis president Mr. Sarandos N. Kaperonis to the compatriots

July 20, 2024

Dear fellow Arachovites,

On behalf of the "Adelphotis Arahoviton Ai Karyae" of Gastonia, North Carolina, I warmly welcome you to this year's meeting. I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Karyates Association for organizing this beautiful meeting of Arachovites, as well as to their Board of Directors for allowing me to provide an update on the Gastonia Brotherhood.

The Brotherhood recently elected a new Board of Directors, and I am honored to serve as President for the next two years.

It has been a year since our great 100th anniversary celebration, which brought back fond memories of Karyae Park's vibrant past with over 600 participants. A special thank you to Haris Konstantopoulos for representing the Karyates Association at this unforgettable event and also for the tribute to Karyae Park in the Association's latest Newsletter.

For over a century, the Adelphotis has achieved remarkable success, providing significant service to the Greek communities of the Carolinas and our beloved village of Arachova. However, we recognize the recent decline of the Gastonia club. Inspired by the success of 100 years, our new Board of Directors has set a series of goals for the next two years to revitalize the Adelphotis.

A key goal is to re-establish a strong line of communication between the Gastonia Adelphotis and the Adelphotis in Toronto, the Karyates Association, and of course with the village itself, including the local administration and its president, Mr. Panos Mentis, the Cultural Club, the Karyatis Sports Club, the Fire Department, the Kerchoulas Trust, and all the village bodies.

After the last Adelphotis event for this year in August, I plan to contact each organization to discuss how the Adelphotis can help, not only financially but also in other aspects, such as dialogue, communication, exchange of ideas, and archives, etc.

Unfortunately, the 100th anniversary celebration has negatively impacted the Adelphotis' finances, and as president of the Gastonia Adelphotis, I must first secure its financial future before anything else. Therefore, our Board of Directors is implementing a plan to improve our financial situation, so that we can meet our annual financial obligations, but also revive our previous charitable initiatives.

I am pleased to announce that our Foundation, led by President Mrs. Eleni Vasti Konti, has planned to resume sending scholarship funds to Arachovites in Greece for their university studies. This had been stopped for a few years mainly due to the fact that Greek banks did not accept checks from the United States. The Board of Directors of the Foundation will finalize the details regarding this and will soon provide information on how students can apply for these scholarships.

Seeing as we are the last chapter of the Adelphotis in the USA, after the closure of the Chicago chapter a few years ago, we ask all Arachovites in the USA to become members of the Adelphotis and have an active role in the club. Together, we can grow the Adelphotis to what it once was.

The Adelphotis has a new website, karyaegastonia.com, where everyone can access all the latest information about the club, such as announcements, scholarship information, membership information, payments and much more.

Arachova holds a special place in the hearts of all Arachovites abroad. Through the Adelphotis and all the various associations, we can achieve the ultimate goal - to improve the future of Arachova.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer. God willing, I hope to see you all next summer in beautiful Arachova with my family and the new member we are expecting in November. I am at your disposal for any questions or ideas you may have.

With the warmest Arachovian greetings,

Sarandos N. Kaperonis

President of the Adelphotis Arahoviton "AE KARYAE" Gastonia NC

2024: The Adelphotis' celebrations



ADELPHOTIS ARAHOVITON
KARYAE

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ADELPHOTIS ARAHOVITON
KARYAE

AUGUST PANAGIAS PICNIC AT KARYAE PARK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH
4227 Linwood Road Gastonia, NC 28052

LITURGY AT 11:00AM
ANNUAL MEMORIAL & PHOTO AT 12:30PM
LUNCH SERVED AT 1:00PM*

ADULTS • \$25 UNDER 12 • \$10 UNDER 5 • FREE

*PLEASE BRING A DESSERT!

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!
CORNHOLE, BOUNCE HOUSE, TAVLI, SPORTS AND MORE

On **May 11th**, the **St. George Picnic** was held at Karyae Park. It was a sunny day, and everyone enjoyed a nice spring event in the park. The Adelphotis administration expressed its special thanks to Father Ioanathan Resmini for conducting Vespers in the chapel of the Virgin Mary, as well as to Elias Pouloukefalos and Elias Siarris for preparing an excellent meal. During the General Assembly, the new administration outlined its goals for the next two years and shared important updates about the Adelphotis.

This was followed by the **Annual Panigiri**, the biggest event of the year for the Adelphotis, which took place on **Saturday, June 22nd** at Karyae Park.

It was a beautiful summer evening with 250 participating. There was live music from the band "ENTASI" with all the favorite Greek songs, including traditional Arachovite dances and songs. The Adelphotis administration expressed its thanks to Giannis S. Vastis and Giannis P. Macheras for supplying the food and Christos G. Kopsiaftis and Grigoris Vastis for their assistance in organizing the buffet, as well as to Niki Vastis, Haido Kopsiaftis, Matoula Vastis and Toulou Fotopoulou for preparing the sweets and decorating the square.

Finally, the Adelphotis lottery draw took place with the big winners being: 1st Prize \$5000 - Chris Miller, 2nd Prize \$1000 - Gary Anderson, 3rd Prize \$500 - Gus & Teta Kerhoulas and 4th Prize \$500 - Teresa Georgas

Unfortunately, shortly before the **Annual August Picnic** scheduled for **Sunday, August 18** at Karyae Park, bad news turned everything upside down: **the death of Nikos Kopsiaftis**, son of Panos and Pamela Kopsiaftis, grandson of Anthoula Kopsiaftis and the late Nikos Kopsiaftis. This sad news resulted in the postponement of the event, while the Adelphotis Administration expressed its warm condolences to his family.

The events concluded with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy in the park chapel on both **Sunday, September 21**, and **Sunday, October 19**.

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Adelphotis' news

The new website

We are excited to announce the new website of the Adelphotis: www.karyaegastonia.com.

On the website you will find the latest news about the Club, details about events, contact information, the ability to apply for scholarships/financial assistance from the Foundation and much more. In addition, you can easily make payments online, including annual membership dues, pre-sale tickets to the Fair, annual lotteries, and donations.

We believe that it is essential for Arachovites and everyone to have an easy platform for information about the Adelphotis and the Foundation. By offering electronic payment options alongside traditional methods, we hope that members can comfortably support the organization in a variety of ways.

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Memberships

For those who would like to become a member or renew their membership today, the annual membership fee is \$50 per person. Given that the Karyes Women's Association is no longer in operation, we are asking all adults - both men and women - to become members of the Adelphotis. Payments can be made online (karyaegastonia.com) or by mail. Checks should be made payable to "Adelphotis Arahoviton Karyae" and indicate "Dues" in the memo line.

This year, one of our primary goals is to increase the membership of the Adelphotis after a period of decline. Our dedicated Membership Committee is working on a plan to achieve this goal, and we will provide an update in our next newsletter.

If you have any questions, comments, or would like to get involved in the Adelphotis, please do not hesitate to contact Sarantos Kaperonis (snkaperonis@gmail.com, 704-661-0881). Your support and active participation are crucial to the success of our great club.

LOCAL NEWS

ΑΘΛΗΤΙΚΟΣ ΣΥΛΛΟΓΟΣ «Ο ΚΑΡΥΑΤΗΣ»



1924 - 2024

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΕΚΔΗΛΩΣΕΩΝ

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ 2 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ - ΩΡΑ 7:30μ.μ.

ΕΓΚΑΙΝΙΑ ΕΚΘΕΣΗΣ ΦΩΤΟΓΡΑΦΙΑΣ ΣΤΟ ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΟ ΚΑΤΑΣΤΗΜΑ

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ 3 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

ΩΡΑ 6:30μ.μ.

ΠΟΔΟΣΦΑΙΡΙΚΟΣ ΑΓΩΝΑΣ ΠΑΛΛΙΑΜΑΧΩΝ

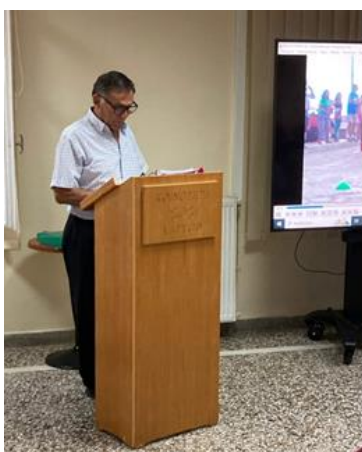
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ΜΟΥΣΙΚΗ ΒΡΑΔΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΒΡΑΒΕΥΣΗ ΠΑΛΛΙΑΜΑΧΩΝ

ΣΤΗΝ ΚΕΝΤΡΙΚΗ ΠΛΑΤΕΙΑ

The 100th anniversary celebration of the "Karyatis" Sports Club»

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its founding, the Karyes Sports Club "Karyatis" organized and presented an **exhibition of photographs and historical relics** at the Karyes Community Hall. At the opening ceremony held on **Friday, August 2, 2024**, the former president of the Club, **Mr. Theodoros Mentis**, spoke. He referred to the history of the Club and its founder, **Georgios Skiouris**, and revealed many interesting facts that were not known to many. Subsequently, five veterans but brave Arachovites, members of the Club's first football team, were honored with honorary plaques.



As part of the 100th anniversary celebrations, the next day, **Saturday, August 3**, a friendly football match between veterans of Karyatis was held at the **football field**.



The evening was followed by an **Honorary Event** in the **Karyes Central Square** in which those who have contributed to the sports club were honored. In the left photo, the member of the first football team **Mr. Athanasios Kerchoulas** (right) was awarded by the members of the Board of Directors **Mr. Marinos Arvanitis** (left) and **Ioannis Mentis** (president in the center).



The "Karyatis" veteran soccer team

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The Election-Accounting General Assembly of the Karyes Cultural Club

On **Sunday, October 24, 2024**, the General Assembly of the Karyes Cultural Club was held in the Events Hall of the Karyes Community Center.

At the beginning, the financial report was presented (published below).

The vote for the new Board of Directors followed. Upon its completion and the publication of the results, the newly elected members met and formed the **new composition of the Board of Directors**, which is as follows:

Nikolaos Mar. Arvanitis - President
Andreas G. Dalakouras – Vice President
Theodora Demos. Tsakonas – General Secretary
Efi N. Kolovos -Treasurer
Ioannis D. Leventakis - Member

Alternate members

Konstantinos N. Kolovos and Spyridon P. Leventakis

Elected to the **Audit Committee**:

Achileas Sp. Sioutos- member
Demetrios N. Arvanitis- member
Venetta Kyr. Theodorides - member
Spyridon N. Kolovos – alternate member.

In its announcement, the new Board of Directors warmly thanked the 39 members who participated in the process.

FINANCIAL REPORT

| IN € 1/1/2022 -12/31/2022 | | IN € 1/1/2023 -12/31/2023 | | IN € 1/1/2024 -12/31/2024 | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| INCOME 2022 | | INCOME 2023 | | INCOME 2024 | |
| MOTOR BIKES RACES SPONSORSHIP | 150.00 | SPARTA'S MUNICIPALITY SPONSORSHIP FOR CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS | 494.00 | SPONSORSHIPS | 1,250.00 |
| INCOME (SUMMER PARTY) | 7,085.80 | SPONSORSHIPS | 1,020.00 | DRAW REVENUE | 2,737.00 |
| DRAW REVENUE | 2,540.00 | DRAW REVENUE | 2,951.00 | INCOME (SUMMER PARTY) | 13,246.00 |
| SUMMER PARTY SPONSORSHIP | 100.00 | INCOME (SUMMER PARTY) | 12,415.65 | TOTAL INCOME | 17,233.00 |
| MONEY RETURNS | 200.00 | INCOME (CHRISTMAS PARTY) | 2,602.50 | EXPENSES 2024 | |
| MEMBERSHIPS | 250.00 | TOTAL INCOME | 19,483.15 | OPERATING EXPENSES | 100.00 |
| INCOME (CHRISTMAS PARTY) | 3,345.00 | EXPENSES 2023 | | BANK EXPENSES | 3.50 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 13,670.80 | OPERATING EXPENSES | 128.75 | PIE CUTTING REUNION | 120.00 |
| EXPENSES 2022 | | BANK EXPENSES | 6.30 | CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS 2024 | 438.86 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | 449.00 | DRAWING COSTS | 1,297.90 | MOTOR BIKE RACES | 265.00 |
| CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS | 45.00 | CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS 2023 | 1,026.19 | DEFIBRILLATOR CONSUMABLES | 150.99 |
| MOTOR BIKE RACES | 490.00 | GREEK MUSIC SUMMER NIGHT | 797.20 | DRAWING COSTS | 1,798.00 |
| EASTER CELEBRATIONS | 173.60 | SUMMER PARTY | 11,240.28 | SUMMER PARTY | 11,991.60 |
| TV GROUP ACCOMODATION | 86.00 | MOUNTAIN BIKE RACES | 165.00 | REST EXPENSES | 66.00 |
| GREEK MUSIC SUMMER NIGHT | 320.00 | CHRISTMAS PARTY | 2,020.02 | TOTAL EXPENSES | 14,933.95 |
| EVENT EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION | 901.80 | GIFTS TO THE KARYES PRIMARY SCHOOL | 200.09 | TOTAL OUTCOME | |
| SUMMER PARTY | 9,932.39 | FINANCIAL HELP TO THESSALY (FLOODS) | 199.73 | TOTAL OUTCOME | 2,299.05 |
| CHILDREN'S PUPPET THEATRE | 270.00 | ACQUISITION OF ELECTRICITY FACILITIES FOR EVENTS | 600.00 | PREVIOUS OUTCOME 12/31/2023 | 6,947.42 |
| SKIOURIS HOUSE MAINTENANCE | 130.00 | REST EXPENSES | 401.50 | SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE | |
| GIFTS TO THE KARYES PRIMARY SCHOOL | 249.98 | TOTAL EXPENSES | 18,082.96 | AT 10/26/2024 | 9,246.47 |
| CHRISTMAS PARTY | 1,962.75 | TOTAL OUTCOME | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 15,010.52 | TOTAL OUTCOME | 1,400.19 | | |
| TOTAL OUTCOME | | PREVIOUS OUTCOME 12/31/2022 | 5,547.23 | | |
| TOTAL OUTCOME | -1,339.72 | SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE | | | |
| PREVIOUS OUTCOME (2021) | 6,886.95 | AT 12/231/2023 | 6,947.42 | | |
| SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE | | | | | |
| AT 12/31/2022 | 5,547.23 | | | | |

SOCIAL NEWS

Baptism

On **November 2, 2024**, the president of the Karyes Local Community, **Mr. Panagiotis Mentis**, and his wife **Theodora Tsakona**, baptized their son in the Church of **Saint Andrew** in Karyes. He was named **Demosthenes**.

We wish him to become a good Christian!

They passed away

On **October 19, 2024**, **Panagiotis Kotalonis** passed away in Sparta at the age of **97**. His funeral took place at the cemetery of **Agios Nikolaos**, Karyes.

On **November 8, 2024**, **Varvara Prekezes** passed away in Sparta at the age of **64**. Her funeral took place at the cemetery of **Agios Nikolaos**, Karyes.

On **November 13, 2024**, **Evangelos Kokokios** passed away in Karyes at the age of **97**. His funeral procession took place on **November 15, 2024**, in the church of **Saint Demetrius**, Karyes and his burial took place at the cemetery of **Agios Nikolaos**, Karyes.

Our sincere condolences to the families.

LOCAL NEWS

The celebration of Saint Demetrius

On **Saturday, October 26, 2024**, the people of Karyes gathered in the morning at the Church of **Agios Dimitrios** to honor the Saint. There were many attendees since there was a good weather and the three-day holiday due to the National Anniversary of "OHI" on Monday. Once again, the Ecclesiastical/Church Council distributed bread and organized a raffle with several gifts to support the work of the Parish.



At the next issue (Spring 2025): The news of the ADELPHOTIS from CANADA

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