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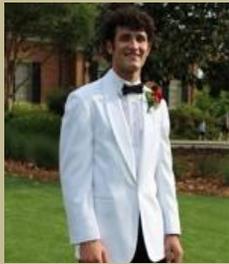
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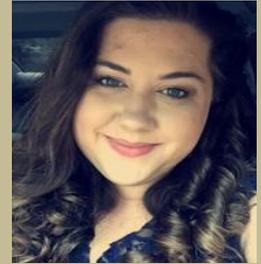
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Evrytians,

With great honor and humility, I address you today as your new president of the Evrytania Association of America. I promise I will strive to serve you and the Association to the best of my abilities, and to work for the betterment of our people both here and in our beloved Evrytania. I would like to thank Charlotte Chapter #4 "O Elatos" for hosting our 75th Annual Convention, with special congratulations to the Convention Committee for organizing a wonderful weekend full of fun and fellowship where family and friends from near and far were able to come together and celebrate our beautiful Evrytania heritage.

Our cherished "Velouchi" has an extensive and respected history of providing for the needs of our treasured Evrytania. For seventy-five years, from the devastating catastrophe of World War II to the crippling economic crisis facing Greece today, the "Velouchi" has never stopped working to improve the social, physical and economic conditions of our homeland. And it will not stop now. We must continue this work that our forefathers began. To that extent, I and the newly elected members of the Executive Board will do our utmost to advance the vision of the founding fathers in implementing programs for the greater good of Evrytania.

In addition to myself as President, the new Executive Board consists of Jim N. Canavos (1st Vice-President), Alfred Barefoot (2nd Vice-

President), Katie Chulkas (1st Secretary), Jim Kastriches (1st Treasurer) and Tommy Pappas (2nd Treasurer). The General Assembly also voted to reaffirm the Lifetime National Dues Membership at the \$1000 level (local dues would still be required annually), to appropriate \$2000 annually to the "Botsareia" celebration in Karpenisi, \$3000 to the Youth Committee for its fundraising efforts to purchase a rescue vehicle for the Hellenic Rescue Team of Evrytania (Diasostiko Soma), and \$5000 to the Food Banks (Pantopoleia) of Karpenisi and Agrafa. Finally, the General Assembly voted to establish the "Katsatonis" Award as the highest honor of the Evrytania Association.

At this point, I would like to extend my most profound appreciation to our past president Mrs. Laura Nixon. For the last four years she has worked tirelessly and, many times, single handedly to ensure that the goals and directives of the Association were met. As vice-president, I witnessed firsthand her determination, understanding and compassion in dealing with the business of the "Velouchi." Her dedication will serve as an example to us all. I would also like to commend our past secretary Mr. Bobby Tsiabassis and our longtime treasurer Mr. Jim Kastriches for their exacting thoroughness and heartfelt commitment in conducting the affairs of our organization. And last, but most certainly not least, sincere gratitude to our office manager Mr. Larry Peroulas for his extensive knowledge of the workings of the Association and his untiring efforts in efficiently performing the administrative functions of the Velouchi National Office.

Looking to the future, we must commit ourselves to further advancing the ideals and mission of our acclaimed Evrytania Association. I will work to strengthen the bond between the national office and the local chapters through better contact and more chapter visits. I will prioritize our efforts to get more youth involvement by promoting more youth centered activities. I will focus our sights on long range planning so we can develop a course for the future. We have reached a significant milestone. It is up to us now to take the next steps and move forward for another seventy-five years.

Please join us at our 1st BOT Meeting in Charlotte on September 22, 2019.

Safe travels to everyone this summer and "Kali Antamosi" to all in Karpenisi next year for our 76th Convention!

With patriotic love and respect,

James N. Chulkas



Ο Θεοφιλέστατος Επίσκοπος της Μητρόπολης Ατλάντας συγχαίρει τα νέα μέλη των Εκτελεστικών Επιτροπών της Ένωσης και των Θυγατέρων Ευρυτανίας.



ΜΗΝΥΜΑ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ

Αγαπητοί Ευρυτάνες,

Με μεγάλη τιμή και ταπεινότητα, απευθύνομαι σε όλες και όλους σας σήμερα ως ο νέος πρόεδρος της Ένωσης Ευρυτάνων Αμερικής. Υπόσχομαι ότι θα προσπαθήσω να υπηρετήσω εσάς και την Ένωση με τον καλύτερο δυνατό τρόπο και όλοι μαζί να εργαστούμε για τη βελτίωση των συνανθρώπων μας, τόσο εδώ όσο και στην αγαπημένη μας Ευρυτανία.

Θα ήθελα κατ' αρχάς να ευχαριστήσω το Τμήμα "Ο Elatos" στο Σάρλοτ για τη φιλοξενία τους και να απευθύνω τα ιδιαίτερα συγχαρητήριά μου στην Επιτροπή του Συνεδρίου για τη διοργάνωση ενός υπέροχου τριήμερου, γεμάτο από γνωριμίες, φιλανθρωπίες, εργασίες, διασκέδαση, και υποτροφίες. Μια ακόμη μοναδική ευκαιρία ν' ανταμώνουμε Ευρυτάνες και φίλους, από το Σάρλοτ και όλη την Αμερική και μαζί να γιορτάσουμε την 75 επέτειο ίδρυσης της ιστορικής μας Ένωσης.

Το αγαπημένο μας "Βελούχι" έχει μια πολύχρονη και σεβαστή ιστορία αδιάκοπων προσπαθειών για την κάλυψη των αναγκών της Ευρυτανίας μας. Εδώ και εβδομήντα πέντε χρόνια, από τον καταστροφικό «B' Παγκόσμιο Πόλεμο» μέχρι τη τεράστια οικονομική κρίση που αντιμετωπίζει σήμερα η Ελλάδα, το Βελούχι δεν σταμάτησε να εργάζεται για τη βελτίωση των κοινωνικών, φυσικών και οικονομικών συνθηκών της πατρίδας μας. Και δεν θα σταματήσει τώρα. Πρέπει να συνεχίσουμε αυτό το έργο που ξεκίνησαν οι προπάτορές μας. Σε αυτό το βαθμό, εγώ και τα νεοεκλεγέντα μέλη της Εκτελεστικής Επιτροπής, θα καταβάλουμε κάθε δυνατή προσπάθεια για να προωθήσουμε το όραμα των ιδρυτών για το ευρύτερο καλό της Ευρυτανίας.

Εκτός από τον εαυτό μου ως Πρόεδρος, το νέο Εκτελεστικό Συμβούλιο αποτελείται από τους: Jim N. Canavos (1ος Αντιπρόεδρος), Alfred Barefoot (2ος Αντιπρόεδρος), Katie Chulkas (1η Γραμματέας), Jim Kastriches (1ος Ταμίας) και Tommy Pappas (2ος Ταμίας).

Η Γενική Συνέλευση επιβεβαίωσε ξανά την εκ \$1000 ισχύουσα, εφ' όρου ζωής, συνδρομή των μελών (απαιτείται μόνο η πληρωμή συνδρομής προς το τοπικό Τμήμα). Επίσης, αποφάσισε να χορηγεί ετησίως \$2000 για τον εορτασμό "ΜΠΟΤΣΑΡΕΙΑ" στο Καρπενήσι, να προσφέρει \$3000 στην Επιτροπή Νεολαίας της Ένωσης για την ενίσχυση των προσπαθειών της για τη συγκέντρωση μέρους του χρηματικού ποσού για την αγορά ενός οχήματος από το Διασωστικό Σώμα Ευρυτανίας και \$5000 για τις Τράπεζες Τροφίμων (Παντοπωλεία) Καρπενησίου και Αγράφων. Τέλος, η Γενική Συνέλευση ψήφισε ν' απονέμει η Ένωση το βραβείο «Καταστώνης» ως την υψηλότερη Τιμητική Διάκριση.

Σε αυτό το σημείο, θα ήθελα να εκφράσω τη βαθιά εκτίμησή μου στην προηγούμενη πρόεδρό μας κ. Ελευθερία Νικοπούλου. Κατά τα τέσσερα χρόνια της προεδρίας της εργάστηκε ακούραστα για να εξασφαλίσει την επίτευξη των στόχων της Ένωσης. Ως αντιπρόεδρος, έγινε μάρτυρας από πρώτο χέρι της αποφασιστικότητας, της κατανόησης και της συμπόνιας στην αντιμετώπιση των δραστηριοτήτων του «Βελουχιού». Η αφοσίωσή της θα αποτελέσει παράδειγμα για όλους μας. Θα ήθελα επίσης να συγχαρώ τον προηγούμενο γραμματέα κ. Χαράλαμπο Τσιαμπάση και τον επί δεκαετίες Ταμία κ. Δημήτριο Καστρίτση για τον ακριβή χειρισμό των οικονομικών και την ειλικρινή δέσμευσή τους στην εκπλήρωση της αποστολής του Συλλόγου μας..

Και τελευταίο, αλλά σίγουρα και αν μη τι άλλο, να εκφράσω την ειλικρινή ευγνωμοσύνη μου προς τον διευθυντή των Κεντρικών μας Γραφείων κ. Ελευθέριο Περούλα για την πολύ καλή γνώση του έργου και της αποστολής του Συλλόγου μας καθώς και των αδιάκοπων επαγγελματικών προσπαθειών του για την αποτελεσματική εκτέλεση των διοικητικών λειτουργιών τους.

Αντιβάζοντας το μέλλον, πρέπει να δεσμευτούμε έτσι ώστε να προωθήσουμε περαιτέρω τα ιδανικά και την αποστολή του ιστορικού μας Συλλόγου. Θα εργαστώ, μέσω συχνότερων επαφών και τοπικών επισκέψεων στα Τμήματά μας, για την ενίσχυση του δεσμού μεταξύ των Κεντρικών Γραφείων και των μελών των Αμερική Τμημάτων μας. Θα δώσω προτεραιότητα σε δραστηριότητες που αφορούν τη νέα γενιά μας και θα προσπαθήσουμε για μια μεγαλύτερη ενεργό συμμετοχή των νέων μας στα κοινά της Ένωσής μας. Θα εστιάσω την προσοχή μας στον μακροχρόνιο προγραμματισμό ώστε να μπορέσουμε να αναπτύξουμε μια δυναμική πορεία για το μέλλον. Έχουμε φτάσει σε ένα σημαντικό ορόσημο. Εναπόκειται σε εμάς να κάνουμε τα επόμενα βήματα και να προχωρήσουμε με σιγουριά για άλλα εβδομήντα πέντε χρόνια ακόμη.

Σας προσκαλούμε στην 1^η Συνεδρίαση του νέου Δ.Σ. μας που θα πραγματοποιηθεί στο Σάρλοτ στις 22 Σεπτεμβρίου 2019.

Εύχομαι σε όλους να έχετε ασφαλή ταξίδια και θαυμάσιες διακοπές αυτό το καλοκαίρι και Καλή Αντάμωση του χρόνου στο Καρπενήσι για να γιορτάσουμε εκεί στις ρίζες μας το 76^ο Συνέδριό μας!

Με πατριωτική αγάπη και σεβασμό,
Δημήτριος Τσόλκας



Στιγμιότυπο από την τελετή ορκωμοσίας των μελών του ΔΣ της Ένωσης και των Θυγατέρων Ευρυτανίας από τον Θεοφιλέστατο Επίσκοπο Ατλάντας κ. Σεβαστιανό.

Humanitarian Relief for Evrytania

A plea to all Velouchi Members and Friends

This plea went out to all our members in a separate letter a month ago to please consider our many blessings and to send in your donation to fill up again the two "Pantopoleia" (Food Banks) of the Municipalities of Karpenisi and Agrafa and help our fellow brothers and sisters in need. Please make out your check to the **Evrytania Association**, marked "**Humanitarian Relief for Evrytania**" and mail it in the enclosed envelope we sent you. *All donors' names will be published in our January-March issue.*

--Εκκλήση προς Όλα τα Μέλη και Φίλους--

Κάνουμε και πάλι σήμερα έκκληση μέσω του περιοδικού μας προς όλα τα μέλη μας και σας παρακαλούμε να βοηθήσετε με τις δωρεές σας για να συνεχίσουμε τον εφοδιασμό των δυο Παντοπωλείων που έχουν δημιουργηθεί στους Δήμους Αγράφων και Καρπενησίου, έτσι ώστε με την αλληλεγγύη μας να συμβάλουμε κι εμείς στην ανακούφιση των οικογενειών εκείνων που έχει κτυπήσει η μεγάλη οικονομική κρίση. Γράψτε την επιταγή σας στην Ένωσή μας "**Evrytania Association**" με την ένδειξη "**Humanitarian Relief for Evrytania**" και στείλτε την στα Κεντρικά μας Γραφεία.

===DAUGHTERS OF EVRYTANIA===

President's Message



Dear Evrytanians,

Hello, I am Elizabeth (Liz) Contogiannis, the newly elected President of the Daughters. I want all of you to know that I consider this a great honor you have given me, and I will try my very best not to disappoint you.

First, I would like to thank and congratulate our wonderful Charlotte hosts for a fun, commemorative Convention. They did a wonderful job! Everyone was most accommodating, everyone worked together. That is the important thing and the main reason for this Event – working together toward doing good, philanthropic things for those less fortunate than us as a group and maintaining our

friendships. I saw the Velouchi, Daughters and the youth all working towards the same goal – to make things better for Evrytania and coordinating efforts in the same projects as well as in separate projects.

I would like to thank Joy Dascalakis, our past President, for making it easy to plan and talk about our direction with all of us on the Board. We have a great Board this year also – Vice President is Dina Goodson; Secretary is Roula Chulkas; of course, our Treasurer is Helen Clonaris and Membership is Olga Kleto. It wouldn't be the same without them. I would like to mention also that Katie Chulkas is over our Youth energizing them into the Velouchi. We need the Youth – they are our future.

Jimmy Chulkas, newly elected President of the Velouchi (Congrats), as well as Katie Chulkas, and I had a chance to have a great conversation and I believe we will see good things going forward in the same spirit of the Charlotte community working together.

In closing, the only thing which would've been better is if my Mother were here to see how all of the things she and my Father taught and instilled in us as children, teens, young adults and finally grownups made us proud of our heritage and to do whatever we could do to contribute to such a wonderful and philanthropic organization honoring our heritage. May the Velouchi grow and prosper for larger good deeds.

Liz Contogiannis



The Daughters Luncheon was held Saturday June 8 at Elatos Park instead of Kefi Winery (due to weather). Bess Collins of Kefi educated the ladies on the art of wine making."

Evrytarian Youth Report

---By Katie Chulkas---



Hello fellow Evrytians!

We had such a great time at the 75th Velouchi Convention in Charlotte! We saw all our friends at the Greek night on Friday, watched our guys and girls play basketball during the day on Saturday, danced to the klarina on Saturday night, and enjoyed the food and company on Sunday at the beautiful Elatos Park. It was a great weekend to be with friends and family and to celebrate our beloved Velouchi!

This year the goal of the Velouchi Youth is to visit as many active chapters as we can to speak to the young adults and youth about the importance of the Evrytarian Association. We are continuing to learn from those who have been with the organization for so long and we are excited to get more young adults involved!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Velouchi, the Foundation, and the Daughters of Evrytania who all donated money to the Velouchi Youth in our efforts to raise money for the Hellenic Rescue Team of Evrytania. We hope the money that was raised will help them get the emergency vehicle they desperately need!

We would also like to thank Mrs. Laura Nixon! Mrs. Nixon guided us in our efforts to revive youth involvement in the organization. We are so grateful to have her support!

Congratulations to Mr. Jimmy Chulkas on being elected President! Καλή δύναμη!

Safe travels to those traveling outside of the country this summer! We are so excited to see our friends from all over the US that we don't get the chance of seeing throughout the year but get to reconnect with in our beautiful EVRYTANIA!

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Report on the 75th Diamond Jubilee Annual Evrytarian Convention

---By Laura Nixon---

The 75th Evrytarian Convention was a test of the true mettle of the Convention Steering Committee! This labor was an 18-month test of the love we have for our noteworthy and honorable Association. After locking in the venues for the sleeping accommodations, assembly meeting rooms, welcoming dinner, youth night, grand banquet, decorations, food preparations, Daughter's programs, basketball tournament and the closing Panegyri at Elatos Chapter's Panagia Prousiotissa, we finally took a breath of relief.

Friday night's welcoming dinner was a success with a lot of our out of town guests attending at the Maggianos Little Italy restaurant, where we feasted on family style dining, but most importantly renewing friendships.

Later that evening, some of us went to oversee the Youth's Greek Night with a record of over 200 young people, mostly mixing and talking with some dancing to the music of the KostaX DJ. Before they left, they enjoyed the huge spread of the food buffet.

Saturday morning, for the first time in many years, we had over 63 members registered and attending the Association's General Assembly. Money was generously given to all the major projects that the Association underwrites, most importantly the Scholarships both here and in Greece, Aid to Children with Special Needs, support of the Food Banks of Evrytania, aid to individuals in need, just to list a small few. The Evrytarian Foundation also gave out over \$10,000 in donations. After we took a lunch break, we got back to old and new business and Elections, voting in a new Board with Jimmy Chulkas as the President Jimmy Kanavos as vice president Katie Chulkas as secretary, and James Kastriches as treasurer.

The Banquet was a great success where the scholarships in the U.S. were given out and the President's awards were given to Jimmy Kastriches and to Olga and Nick Kleto. Everyone noticed how impressive the hors d'oeuvres and food were. Table wine was donated by Jimmy Tasios of Winston Salem. Our special guest speaker was Past president Stavros Trastelis with Bishop Sevastianos closing the program.

One of the most gratifying projects was the wonderful Convention Book of mostly family as well as business ads that was prepared. Everyone who put an ad will get (or has) a copy of this beautiful book. A big thank you goes to Katherine Bartis, daughter of Nick and Olga Kleto, who put in a lot of work helping her parents as they completed the Convention Book.

The Steering Committee consisted of only 10 people who put their whole heart into making this Event memorable. They are: Gerry and Helen Clonaris, Loula Kastriches, Nick and Olga Kleto, Rena Koufaliotis, Tom and Laura Nixon, Tommy Pappas, and Larry Peroulas.

The Committee contacted many women who, under the very capable and guiding hand of Dina Stathopoulos, worked for two days setting up and decorating the banquet hall and the Elatos chapel and facilities. The women made prasopites, koulourakia, and desserts for the picnic, thanks to the pre-planning of Helen Clonaris and Loula Kastriches.

We're very appreciative to John Georgopoulos who set up a basketball tournament (the largest one he's ever done) for 14 men and women's teams, and securing the various gyms and referees. The winning team in each division received a \$1,000

award. Another note of appreciation goes to Gerry Clonaris who donated T-shirts to all the team players, and offered our gift bags and mugs at cost.

We offer great gratitude to the Convention Patrons for their Sponsorships who supported this Convention's success, namely: Tom Nixon, Steve Mantekas, Kosta Holevas, Spero Stathopoulos, John Hondros.

It is hoped that as many as will attend the 2020 convention being held next year in Karpenisi, and that our Evrytarian Conventions will continue to be a source of pride and joy continuing the tradition of our forefathers.



Divine Liturgy at Panagia Prousiotissa Chapel at Elatos Park.



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Letters of Gratitude and Appreciation

To the Evrytarian Velouchi Committee,

Our family was recently at the 75th Charlotte Convention where we celebrated our parents 60th Anniversary. We experienced a sense of pride and joy as we danced and celebrated not only their first encounter, but also the years of happiness they spent together. The family values they bestowed upon us, not only as children, but also unto their grandchildren and great-children is something that can never be taken for granted. As proud Hellenic-Americans nothing can compare to the gracious hospitality we had the pleasure to enjoy in Charlotte.



Theodore Triantafillou (Fillos) & Vangelis Stassinou were born in 1936, in Ditiki Fragista, Evrytania-Greece, (the birthplace of Theodore's mother) where they grew up together and were like brothers. In 1945, brothers Stavros (Vangelis Father) & Odysseas Stassinou left for America and settled in Charlotte, North Carolina. The same year Theodore left for Karpnisi, his Father's birthplace, due to the Greek Civil war. In early 1955, Theodore was supposed to enter Theological school in Lamia, however, he received a letter from Vangelis asking Theodore to come to Charlotte, NC and through the sponsorship of the Stassinou brothers he left for Charlotte. He lived there for approximately 4 years working in George's Grill & Open Kitchen Establishments.

In June 1959, during the 15th Velouchi Convention, which was held in Charlotte, Theodore met Sotiria Cherpelis, who was visiting from New York City. During that time, he made his intentions clear that he was interested in Sotiria and followed her to NY to ask her brother & Uncle Harry for their permission to marry her. Three months later, on September 27, 1959 they were married and together they have four children (Panorea, Panagiota, Maria & Christopher), eleven grand-children and four great grand-children.

During this past year, at the 75th Velouchi Convention, which was again held in Charlotte, Theodore & Sotiria celebrated their 60th Anniversary of meeting each other and getting engaged and in September will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Theodore & Sotiria celebrated by bringing many of their children and grand-children to this year's convention. There were so many of Theodore's friends and acquaintances that were very happy to see him. There are a few that Theodore would like to mention for their extreme hospitality and they are the families of George & Theodora Retsios, George & Giannoula Katargaris, Konstantina & Alike Stassinou and Larry & Effie Peroulas. Theodore and Sotiria also want to thank the current & new Velouchi Presidents, Laura Nixon and James Chulkas, respectively including their Boards and their entire family look forward to celebrating the 76th convention in Karpnisi, Greece next year.

Theodore has always been extremely thankful to his Benefactors, the Stassinou families, for bringing him to this beautiful country and always has them in his prayers.

Sincerely,

Christopher Triantafillou (Fillos)



The Theodore Triantafillou Family with relatives and friends at Dina Stassinou's house in Charlotte on June 8, 2019.



The Theodore Triantafillou Family at the Holy Trinity Cathedral at Charlotte (above), and at the Convention 75th Panegyri at Panagia Prousiotissa at Elatos Park (Below)



---Thank you---

We would like to express our sincere thanks and deepest gratitude to the Theodore Triantafillou Family for its support, long time dedication and commitment towards the fulfillment of our Association's mission, as well as for their generous gifts of 20 large beautiful icons of Panagia Prousiotissa for our Chapters' and around the world Churches.

God bless you and your Family.

Larry Peroulas

Letters of Gratitude and Appreciation



**Κορία Πρόεδρε και κ. Πρόεδρε
της Ένωσης Ευρυτάνων Αμερικής
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Θέλω να σας εκφράσω τις ευχαριστίες μου για την φιλοξενία εμού και της συζύγου μου κατά το τριήμερο των εργασιών και εκδηλώσεων του 75^{ου} Συνεδρίου της Ιστορικής σας Ένωσης σας που τόσα πολλά προσέφερε και συνεχίζει να προσφέρει στην Ευρυτανία και όχι μόνο.

Θέλω επίσης να σας ευχαριστήσω και για την ιδιαίτερη τιμή που μου κάνατε με την ανακήρυξή μου ως επίτιμο μέλους της Ένωσής σας. Είναι ιδιαίτερος τίτλος τιμής για μένα καθ' ότι έχω αγαπήσει την Ευρυτανία και προσπάθησα και εξακολουθώ να προβάλλω πολλές φορές τις ομορφιές και την ιστορία της. Ως ελάχιστο δείγμα ευγνωμοσύνης και ευγενικής προσφοράς απέστειλα στα Κεντρικά σας Γραφεία στο Σάρλοτ και μια σειρά φωτογραφιών που είχα την ευκαιρία να πάρω κατά την παρουσία μου στο Συνέδριό σας.

Θα είμαι παρών και στο 76^ο συνέδριο στο Καρπενήσι τον Ιούλιο του 2020, αλλά και όπου αλλού με χρειαστείτε και μπορώ να σας φανώ χρήσιμος.

Σας εύχομαι υγεία, δύναμη και καλή συνέχεια στο έργο σας.

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---Ευχαριστίες---

*Αγαπητέ μας κ. Γιαννακόπουλε,
Χίλια ευχαριστώ για την ευγενική σας προσφορά προς το περιοδικό μας της τεράστιας σειράς φωτογραφιών που μας στείλατε από το 75^ο Συνέδριό μας.*

Πολλές απ' αυτές κοσμούν την παρούσα 313^η έκδοσή μας.

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=== *Velouchi Scholarship 2019 Thank you Letters* ===

Dear Scholarship Committee Members,

It is with honor and gratitude for the Evrytarian Association of America that I accept the Velouchi Scholarship. It will be the key financial support used for covering school fees and all of my text books. I vow to study hard and represent the quality of this award in obtaining the highest grades possible and the acquisition of as much knowledge as I can absorb

*Sincerely yours,
Stratton K. Bacogeorge*

Dear Velouchi Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for the generous scholarship you awarded me for the upcoming school year. I am a rising sophomore at the University of South Carolina, pursuing a degree in business. I am proud to be part of the Evrytarian organization my grandparents were active in and hope to carry on the legacy in the future. I was humbled when I traveled to Evrytania for the first time last year, and saw the villages my grandparents came from.

Thank you again for your generous gift towards my academic success.

*Sincerely,
Clay Balatsias*

To the Evrytarian Association of America,

I would like to thank each and every person that made it possible for us students to receive these wonderful scholarships. One of my biggest takeaways from college is that not everyone gets this opportunity due to important financial obligations standing in the way of pursuing higher education. Not every student has such a strong willed organization to support them in their educational endeavors like our Evrytarian Association. For your support, your thoughts, time, and prayers I am grateful. As a future educator, I hope that we can continue coming together to support each other's children because I believe it brings all of us closer together. When the Convention comes around I am always thrilled to find out what wonderful accomplishments all of my friends have been able to do thanks to the incredible scholarships they have received. I am honored to have received the scholarship named after Mrs. Laura Nixon because I genuinely value her integrity and commitment to this organization. I hope to one day be able to commit myself to this special group of people in the future.

Once again, a gracious thank you to everyone for making this possible.

*All the best,
Kalliope Balatsias*

Dear Velouchi Scholarship Committee,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the Velouchi Scholarship. I am proud of the Velouchi accomplishments over the past 75 years not only helping people in the U.S. but in Greece as well. I am very proud to be a contributing member of the Velouchi Family. My plans are to continue my education and continue contribute to the Velouchi Family.

*Gratefully yours!
Love,
James George Barefoot*

Dear Evrytarian Association,

I am honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Velouchi Scholarship Award. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtful gift to continue my education. I thank you and appreciate you awarding me the scholarship.

*Sincerely,
Elaine Holevas*

Dear Scholarship Committee of the Evrytarian Association,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Velouchi Scholarship award. I am grateful for the opportunities it will continue to give me.

I started my studies within the Belk College of Business at the University of North Carolina Charlotte this past fall of 2018. I made the Dean's List first and second semesters and joined the Society of Collegiate Achievement and Leadership, American Marketing Association, Sports Analytics Club, Orthodox Christian Fellowship and Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. I continued to work at Showmars part time, compete in intramural sports at the school, and stay involved in my church and its activities such as the festival. As my studies become more time consuming this next year, the scholarship will help lessen the financial burden.

Thank you again for the scholarship and your investment in the futures of students like me.

*Sincerely,
Thomas Koufaliotis*

Dear Velouchi Scholarship Committee,

I wish to personally thank the Evrytarian Association of America for awarding me this gracious scholarship. It is with great honor and pride that I accept this award for my hard efforts and look forward to using the funds to support my endeavors at UNCC where I will be majoring in Architecture this fall. I am proud of my Velouchi heritage and the support that this organization has given me through the years.

*Sincerely,
Nicole Kythas*

Dear Evrytarian Association of America Velouchi,

I am writing to thank you for the generous scholarship that I received from the Association that will support my higher education. I feel very fortunate to be chosen as a recipient of your scholarship. I am proud that my parents belong and are members to such a great Association and I am pleased to be a member as well.

I have just finished my first year at Winthrop University pursuing my masters in Human Nutrition. During this year, I was the Graduate Ambassador for the Human Nutrition department, a member of the Student Dietetic Association, and a graduate assistant for donor relations in the Athletics department. This upcoming year will be my last year; I will be working on my practicum, which will be with the Carolina Panthers youth program, Play 60.

By awarding me the Velouchi Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to concentrate on my education. Your act of kindness had made an incredible difference in my education and your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me. Thank you again for your gracious support.

*Sincerely,
Alexandra D. Politis*

Dear Velouchi Scholarship Committee,

I am honored to have been one of the recipients of the Velouchi Scholarship. I would like to thank you for your generous support over the past few years. I am very fortunate to be a part of such a great association who is always looking to help others in some way shape or form. My educational pursuits would not be possible without the endless generous support from scholarship organizations like the Velouchi. I will be attending UNCC in the Fall to finish with a Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Administration, and receiving this scholarship will help reduce my financial burdens and provide assistance for me as I continue pursuing my education. Your continuous generosity truly makes a difference.

*Sincerely,
Frances Athanasios Skenteris*

=== *Velouchi Scholarship 2019 Thank you Letters* ===

Dear Chair & Scholarship Committee Members,

I would like to thank you and express my deepest gratitude for the generous scholarship you have given me. My educational pursuits in the United States would not be possible without the generous support from your philanthropic and educational organization. Your generosity and support will help me now focus on my academics and look forward to the day I am able to support, serve and give back to Evrytania Association to continue offering these outstanding scholarship opportunities to young Evrytians.

Again, thank you for enabling this opportunity!

Respectfully,
Danai Stamouli

Dear Evrytania Association and Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for awarding me a scholarship this year, and for your continuous support of my academic endeavors. The financial support will be of great help for my medical school applications. I'm proud to be able to represent this organization and my community. It is a great honor to be part of the wonderful heritage this organization represents.

I'm sorry I could not attend the conference this year, as my research lab obligations did not allow me to travel. Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Alexandra Stone

Dear Velouchi Committee Members,

It is with sincere gratitude that I would like to personally thank everyone who took the time out to evaluate my performance in undergraduate studies. I am truly honored to be selected as one of the recipients for the Velouchi Scholarship. Your generosity will definitely help me financially to continue my education at Palmer College.

It is because of your generosity by awarding me the Velouchi Scholarship, I will be able to focus on maintaining my good grades and getting a good education. I hope to one day pay it forward and be able give back to the community that has been such a strong foundation in my life.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.

Sincerely,
Christos Vlahos

Dear Velouchi Committee Members,

I am honored to have received the Velouchi Scholarship on for my overall character and scholastic achievements. I have been dedicated to studying and establishing rapport with many of my professors and peers during both my undergraduate and graduate degrees. With strong faith in the Lord, He has given me the guidance to uphold a good standing and maintain academic integrity during my studies. He has stirred me away from detrimental environments, while strengthening my bonds with the positive influences in my life—I am forever in His debt.

I would like to thank all of the Velouchi Scholarship Committee Members for this most generous gift you have provided to me. Undoubtedly, I have been placed in a better position to pay off my loans and lead a successful life for myself and my future family. I greatly appreciate all of the time and effort your panel dedicated to evaluating my academic records and understanding my efforts to becoming a physician.

Sincerely,
Eleftherios Vlahos
Eleftherios G. Vlahos

Dear Evrytania Association and Daughters of Evrytania,

I am humbled and honored to be a recipient of both the Velouchi Scholarship and the Daughters of Evrytania Scholarship. By awarding me these scholarships, you have lightened my financial burden. I am grateful for the opportunities it will provide for me as I begin my freshman year at Wingate University in the Fall of 2019. Your generosity is immensely appreciated and I thank you for your support! I am proud of my Greek heritage and Evrytania background as it has helped shape the person I am today. I hope and pray that I can one day reciprocate and give back to this wonderful organization.

Once again, my sincere gratitude for your generosity and thoughtfulness. May God bless all of you!

Sincerely,
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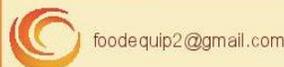
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The newly elected Board of the Velouchi Florence Chapter and its members wish to all Velouchi members and friends a safe and very happy summer 2019.

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CHAPTER #3 “O Platanos” WINSTON SALEM, NC*---By Victoria Karagiorgis---*

Fr. Demetri Kangelaris Honored in Winston-Salem

On Sunday, June 2, the Winston-Salem Greek Orthodox Annunciation community held a special retirement luncheon in honor of Fr. Demetri Kangelaris for his 30 years of leadership, guidance, and most importantly, "agapi."

The luncheon hosted 600+ attendees, including his brother, Presbytera Olga's family from Maine and parishioners that traveled from as far as Alabama. Many kind words were offered from different community members, including his son Michael, who reflected on the ways in which Fr. Demetri impacted the community and one another. Fr. Demetri was also surprised with a video montage and the official naming of the fellowship breezeway in his honor.

The luncheon concluded with reflections from Fr. Demetri on his priesthood as well as his hopes and advice for the future of the

community. It was certainly an afternoon of joy, tears and love for all in attendance; however, as Fr. Demetri reminded all, the glory always goes back to God.

Born in Israel in 1953, Fr. Demetri followed the footsteps of his uncle, who served as a bishop in Jerusalem. After joining the priesthood in 1981, Fr. Demetri first served in LA and Oklahoma before arriving and settling in Winston-Salem in 1990. In his almost 30 years of priesthood at the Annunciation, Fr. Demetri led the community through multiple renovations to the church, hall and narthex, the addition of the Pavilion center, the start of Annunciation Christian Academy, the development of one of the largest Greek Festivals in NC, but most importantly — he brought the community together as a family through the faith.

The Annunciation community thanks Fr. Demetri and his family for all of their love and sacrifice over the past 30 years, and welcomes their new spiritual leader with open arms and hearts.

Ένας από τους πολλούς ιερείς της κοινότητας του Ευαγγελισμού της Θεοτόκου είναι και ο ιερέας π. Δημήτριος Καγκελάρης. Ήρθε στην κοινότητά μας το 1989 με την πρεσβυτέρα Όλγα και τα δυο παιδιά τους, την Κατίνα και τον Μιχάλη. Ο π. Δημήτριος υπηρέτησε την εκκλησία μας 30 ολόκληρα χρόνια και ήλθε η ώρα τώρα ν' αποχωρήσει στις αρχές Ιουλίου λόγω σύνταξης.

Να ευχαριστούμε το Θεό που μας έστειλε έναν τόσο εξάιρετο, εργατικό, γελαστό και ταλαντούχο ιερέα. Ήταν πάντα και παντού μπροστά σε οτιδήποτε συνέβαινε στις οικογένειές μας και στην κοινότητά μας. Ήταν ακούρατος και ποτέ δεν έλεγε όχι σε κανέναν. Τώρα ήλθε η ώρα για αποχώρηση. Στις 2 Ιουνίου, η κοινότητά μας ετοιμάζει για τον πατέρα Δημήτριο και την οικογένειά του ένα μεσημεριανό φαγητό ως ένδειξη αγάπης και ευγνωμοσύνης προς το πρόσωπό του και την οικογένειά του που τόσο αγαπάμε.

Ο Θεός να τους έχει πάντα καλά και να τους δώσει το καλύτερο. Θα τους αγαπάμε, θα τους θυμόμαστε και θα τους σκεπτόμαστε πάντα.

*Με εκτίμηση,
Η Γραμματέας
Bessie Strates*

===NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS===

CHAPTER #3 WINSTON SALEM, NC

♣BAPTISMS♣



On Saturday, June 8, Sam and Emily Rogatsios celebrated the baptism of their daughter, Camille Elizabeth Rogatsios. Camille "Elizabeth" was welcomed into the Orthodox faith by her loving godfather, Stavros G. Karagiorgis, and was surrounded by family and friends. The sacrament took place at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Winston-Salem, NC and was presided by Fr. Demetri Kangelaris and Fr. Constantine Shepherd. *Να σας ζήσει!*



On Saturday, March 2, George and Stacy Kroustalis celebrated the baptism of their daughter, Irene George Kroustalis. Irene was welcomed into the Orthodox faith by her loving godmother, Victoria Karagiorgis, and was surrounded by family and friends. Proud Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kroustalis and Ms. Lemonia Ferendinos. The sacrament took place at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in

Winston-Salem, NC and was presided by Fr. Demetri Kangelaris and Fr. Constantine Shepherd.

Να σας ζήσει!

ΟΥΓΑΤΕΡΕΣ ΕΥΡΥΤΑΝΙΑΣ CHAPTER #3 * WINSTON SALEM

---By Bessie Strates---

Εύχομαι σε όλα τα μέλη μας και τις οικογένειές τους Καλό Καλοκαίρι!

♣ΓΕΝΝΗΣΕΙΣ♣

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Να σας ζήσουν τα νεογέννητα!

♣APPABΩNEΣ♣

- Στις 5 Μαΐου 2019 έγιναν στην κοινοτική μας αίθουσα οι αρραβώνες των Δημητρίου Στραβομούτη (του Παύλου και της Δέσποινας) και της Χρύσας Κατσιφή.
- Ο Αθανάσιος Κατσούδας έδωσε υπόσχεση γάμου στην Μαρία Φερνάντα. Ο Αθανάσιος είναι γιός του αιμνηστου Πάνου και της Ιουλίας Κατσούδα.

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Θερμά συλλυπητήρια στην Ευαγγελία και Κώστα Καζάκο και στην οικογένειά τους για τον θάνατο της μητέρας της Ευαγγελίας Σοφίας Καραγιώργου στην Ελλάδα.

Έφυγε από τη ζωή μας η Κωνσταντίνα Χαβέλου. Εκφράζουμε τα θερμά μας συλλυπητήρια στην οικογένειά της, στην αδελφή της Ρόζη Κρουστάλλη και τ' ανήμια της.

Ο Θεός να τις αναπαύσει!

CHAPTER #4 "Ο ΕΙΛΑΤΟΣ" CHARLOTTE, NC



Greetings and best wishes for a safe and happy summer from the newly elected Charlotte Chapter Board and members.

===ΝΕΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΑ ΤΜΗΜΑΤΑ===

CHAPTER #9 * GREENVILLE, SC*---By Katie Chulkas---***♣BIRTH♣**

Mr. and Mrs. Joy & Lena Minock, daughter of Angela & Soula Dimas, proudly announce the birth of their daughter on January 15, 2019. She joins big brother Michael.

*Congratulations!***♣BAPTISM♣**

Mr. and Mrs. **Dimitri Kakouras** announce the baptism of their daughter, Eleni Grace. She was baptized on May 25, 2019. Her godfather is Mr. James Garilas.

*Να σας ζήσει!***♣CONGRATULATIONS♣**

Serafim Sialmas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Panagiotis Sialmas, graduated from Riverside High School. He will be attending Greenville Technical College in the fall!



Nath Kapoor, son of Mr. Kris and Mrs. Kathy (Chulkas) Kapoor, graduated from Eastside High School. He will be attending Furman University in the fall.

Stefano Kapetanakis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kapetanakis, graduated from J.L. Mann High School. He will be attending the University of South Carolina.

*Καλη Πρόοδο σε όλα τα παιδιά μας και σε ανώτερα!***ΘΑΝΑΤΟΣ**

Dimitrios George "Jimmy" Hrysikos, age 81, originally from Marathia, Greece, passed away on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the home of his son in Simpsonville, SC. He was born March 2, 1938 to George and Theodora Hrysikos and migrated to the United States at age 11.

In addition to his parents, Jimmy was preceded in death by his brothers, Constantinos, Stavros, Nickolaos, and Stelianos. He is survived by his wife, Maria; son, George Hrysikos and wife Lucia; daughters, Dorothy Chulkas and husband George, and Anita Quinn and husband Greg; grandchildren, Kathrine, Nelson, Dimitri, Maria, Mary Kathryn, and Anna Sophia; and sisters, Elle Panagiotopoulou of Greece and Eleni Sarris and husband Emanuel of Atlanta, GA.

*Αιωνία του η μνήμη!***CHAPTER #13 - CHICAGO, IL***...By Dimitri Kourkouvis---***♣BAPTISM♣**

Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios & Nicole baptized their daughter, Zoe Marie Dallas, at St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago, IL., on Sunday, June 9. Πάντα άξιτοι to the godparents, Natasha Yousif and Dino Konstantellos!

*Να σας ζήσει το νεοφώτιστο!***♣GREEK PARADE 2019♣**

The Greek Independence Day Parade was held on a beautiful, sunshine-filled Sunday, May 5. Our chapter was represented by all ages and generations, young and old. It was a glorious day to show our pride, patriotism, and Hellenism. Thank you to all who participated. Ζήτω η Ελλάδα!

**♣ELECTIONS♣***Dear Fellow Evrytanians and Members of our Association,*

At last Sunday's (May 19) elections, the leadership of our association was passed to Irene Kazazakis. Irene is an energetic young lady who has been our recording secretary for the last two years. I wish her wholeheartedly the best in her new role. She has a lot to offer to advance the goals of our organization. Our board has also been renewed with the election of several young members –Vasilis Goulas, Tom Tsatsaronis, Despina Spyriiotis, George Platis - who promise to enrich our operations, programs, and pursuits of our community with their energy, professionalism, and new ideas. Pete Hatzopoulos and John Haskos are the new members on the Auditing Committee, and I welcome them both. A complete list of the names compiling the new board will be forthcoming soon from our new president. I would like to welcome them onboard and wish them success and that they achieve gratification through their commitment during their term in serving the Association.

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to have led the organization during the last four years. I thank you all for your trust, and I remain committed to continue supporting our Evrytanian Association. It has been a very exciting and rewarding experience working with everyone and accomplishing a good number of objectives with our collective effort and collaboration.

*Ευχόμαστε σε όλους καλό καλοκαίρι!**Best Regards,
Dimitri Kourkouvis*

===NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS===

CHAPTER #17 - ATLANTA, GA*---By Ms. Bess Dimos---*

Our best wishes and thanks to the Charlotte Chapter "Elatos" for a successful convention. And to all members throughout the country, we wish one and all "KaloKalokairi."

Our Atlanta Chapter 17 held their Annual meeting on May 19, 2019 and celebrated another wonderful year together with a potluck dinner. President Golfo Vastakis gave her annual report and recapped another busy and successful year. Elections were held, and our new board consists of the following:

President: Golfo Vastakis**Vice President: Frank (Foti) Vastakis****Secretary: Helen Katsoudas****Treasurer: Jerry Odenwelder****Chapter Representative: James Caras****Chapter News: Bess Dimos**

In April we held our annual Easter Bake Sale which was extremely successful thanks to the support of our loyal friends of the Atlanta Annunciation Cathedral community.

We would like to congratulate our following young people on their graduations:



Jack McClure graduated from Lambert High School in Suwanee, Georgia. He plans to attend Georgia College and State University and major in Exercise Science. He is the son of Georgia and Philip McClure and is the grandson of Mrs. Bessie N. Andros and the late Harry P. Andros.



Evangelos Katsoudas, son of Xarilaos and Eleni Katsoudas, graduated from Lakeside High School in Atlanta,

Georgia, on May 30, 2019. Evangelos will attend Kennesaw State University in the fall for Industrial Design.



Dean Boudouris graduated from Georgia Southern University, College of Science & Mathematics, Bachelor of Science Major in Biology with a minor in Chemistry with Magna Cum Laude honors. He is the son of James & Vicky Boudouris and the grandson of Niki Bouras.



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CHAPTER #18 “Ο Agios Taxiarchis” CAMP HILL, PA

--By John & Maria Pesis--

♣ Congrats to our Chapter Scholarship Recipients ♣



Chapter 18 has the pleasure and pride to announce that this year 5 of our applicants received a scholarship from the local chapter (2 were in the name of Golfo Kakouras). Our recipients were Vasiliki Petsinis, John Senos, Mary Senos and Alexandra Stone. Alexandra also received a scholarship from the National Organization. *Θερμότατα συγχαρητήρια και εις ανώτερα!*

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Ας είναι αιώνια του η μνήμη! Θα τον θυμόμαστε και θα τον θαυμάζουν όλες οι επερχόμενες γενεές των συμπατριωτών μας. Καθώς είπε και ο ποιητής, «αυτούς που δεν ξεχνάμε, ποτέ δεν πεθαίνουν»

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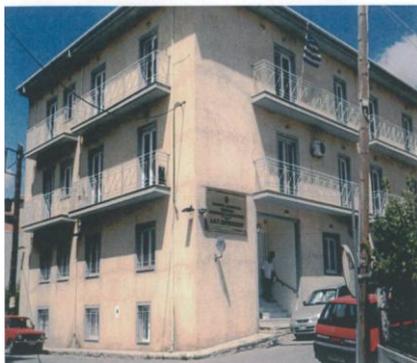
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Evrytians' 75th Celebration Brings Generations Together

---By Olga Kleto---

Chapter 4 "Elatos" of Charlotte was charged with the task of organizing a celebratory weekend in 2019 marking the 75th milestone of the Evrytian Association of America, "VELOUCHI".

At early organizational meetings of the committee two years prior, discussions ranged from: "this has got to BIG!", "we need to go ALL OUT on this one....", "how fancy can we get?" to talk of "what recognition does 75 years of hard work deserve?", "how can we honor the past pathfinders of our association?", "is there a future for our association?", "who is the future and is there a need for the association to proceed?"

Finally, the committee concluded that our convention will be **BY** our members, **FOR** our members and... **SIMPLE**. It was decided that "we will honor the humility our early founding fathers" exhibited when they first met that October night at the Cavalaris home in Charlotte. Their aching hearts for the homeland prompted them to organize, motivate, and succeed in any way possible. A few of these gentlemen were well established in America at the time, others there were new to this country. All worked ridiculously long days of 18-20 hours a day. Yet their desire was noble and, with the help of the Almighty, the Association was launched. Each man was given an assignment: arrange finances, collect members and their dues, write and present a constitution, arrange for a charter with the state of NC, plan the first gathering of all Evrytians at a convention. I speak of men that night, but their wives were truly the backbone of this society. They were the ones who went to their closets and the community collecting clothing to send to the villages, monies to the schools, arranging for medicines to be dropped into Evrytania through the Red Cross and the Greek War Relief.

Once this theme of 'simplicity' was established, our committee proceeded to offer a peaceful, meaningful, humble 75th Convention June 7-9, 2019. Our volunteer list of Daughters of Evrytania was several sheets long. They ALL wanted to make koulourakia, pites, fold flyers, decorate, label addresses for mailings, etc. Men came forward making donations of money, lambs, wine, gave their time to work, sponsor their families and their businesses in the hefty program book, clean ELATOS park, prepare the lamb on spits, etc. It not only took a village, but a city to get it all done.



The Convention Committee and Chapters of the Evrytian Association and the Daughters of Evrytania thank everyone for doing their part in making sure the convention was meaningful and honorable. I grew up with the Evrytian Association in my home from birth. My father, D.N. Polyzos was secretary for decades before the Evrytian Building was purchased and the office moved from our dining room, kitchen, attic, etc. into 121 Greenwich Rd. I worked as office manager part time for 17 years and served on the 50th Convention Committee. At that time, I told people that there probably will *not* be a 75th Convention of the Association. I saw this



The Convention Committee members were recognized for making the 75th Diamond Jubilee Convention a great success.

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because the old guard was passing into the afterlife one by one and I could not imagine the society going into the future without people like John Angelis, Xenophon Nixon, DN Polyzos, Tom Cavalaris, Chris Moutos, George Ballas, Gus Balafas, and others.

But I have been proven *wrong*. Many younger dynamic Evrytians have come forward and taken the charge to the future for our association. The Velouchi has goals, ongoing philanthropies, challenges to overcome. At the banquet of Saturday night of the Convention, master of ceremonies was Bobby Ziogas of Roanoke, VA. Bobby was the first recipient of a scholarship in 1978. He became an accomplished attorney, married, raised children, remained a strong member of the Velouchi throughout, has retired and now is a wonderful spokesman for the association. Stavros Trastelis, past president and banquet guest speaker, reflected in a moving address to those enjoying a sumptuous feast. In his address, he verified that the Evrytian Association has a future, a glowing future in fact. “To draw young people to the organization the message must be simple, fresh and entertaining...Peer influence is one of the primary reasons why young people get involved.” He stated that “most young people are motivated by passion for the cause. So, when we try to attract them, we need to concentrate on the mission of the Association, not the Association itself.” Youth “are quick to act when there is a compelling reason to. The bottom line is that young people want the same thing that we do, to offer ideas be challenged and create solutions to our pressing issues. We need to advertise what’s been made possible with their support and share stories of people who benefit from the services we provide”.



Stavros Trastelis & Bobby Ziogas

Mr. Trastelis continued by saying input from the youth should be welcomed and efforts encouraged, all the while keeping communications frequent and open. A high level of enthusiasm from those already involved will attract more to join their missions. “The power of social media should not be underestimated. Social media channels are currently the most successful communication tools, popular among the younger generation. So, I don’t think we have to worry too much about the youth...They may not do things as we did, but they will continue the nice work of our Association. If we lead by example and provide opportunities for them to contribute, the future of the Association is assured.”

So, to all generations, keep it *simple*. And keep your calendar clear for the 100th Convention of 2044!

Οι Τυχεροί της Λαχειοφόρου 2019

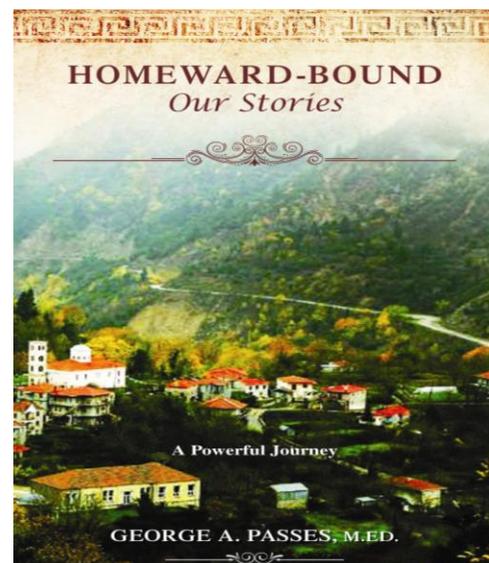
Κατά τη διάρκεια του Κυριακάτικου πανηγυριού του 75^{ου} Συνεδρίου της Ένωσης έγινε και η κλήρωση της ετήσιας λαχειοφόρου της Ένωσης, η οποία πρόσφερε στους 5 τυχερούς το συνολικό ποσό των \$18,000.

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2. Costa Regas, Knoxville, TN - \$5,000 (Λαχνός #502)
3. Arthur Fotos - Asheville, NC - \$1,000 (Λαχνός #462)
4. Constantine Zourzoukis - Asheville, NC - \$1,000 (Λαχνός #465)
5. Vickie Apostolopoulos - Chicago, IL - \$1,000 (Λαχνός #468)

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=== *New Book* ===



This new book of our Velouchi member, Mr. George A. Passes, M.Ed., is about migration, with individual narratives written by people themselves. While the setting is the village of Megalo Horio in Evrytania – Greece, this publication speaks of all Evrytania. In this book, the participants in the project take a look at themselves individually, as they share the place of their birth and their powerful journey. Life at the mountainous village; famine, destruction and death by WWII & the Civil War; From the hills of Megalo Horio to the land of the free.

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Outstanding Presidential Achievement Awards

At the Banquet Dinner of the 75th Diamond Jubilee Convention, the president, Mrs. Laura Nixon, announced and presented two outstanding achievement awards and recognition to:

James Kastriches



in recognition of his exemplary and timeless volunteer services, dedication and devotion to the principals and ideals of our historic Association as a Board member and National Treasurer since 1972. We are truly humbled by his hard work, honesty and positive accomplishments in reaching our goals and fulfilling the mission of our philanthropic organization. He always there to see it through! We are very proud of him and his family. Their life is an example for others to follow!

Nick & Olga Kleto



in grateful appreciation of your many decades tireless volunteer services, exceptional accomplishments, inspiration, attitude, and devotion to the principals and ideals of our historic Association. You are a shining example of our outstanding past milestone conventions for going well above and beyond our expectations, ensuring the success of our endeavors and the betterment of our great organization. We are very thankful for their many contributions and for all that they have taught us in the process. We are very proud of you and your family. Your life is a wonderful example of partnership and collaboration seeking common goals towards the fulfillment of the mission of our historic Association.

The 75th Diamond Jubilee Convention Committee Members



in appreciation of their exceptional planning efforts and hard work in making the 75th Convention a great success. May Panagia Prousiotissa bless all and always be with you.

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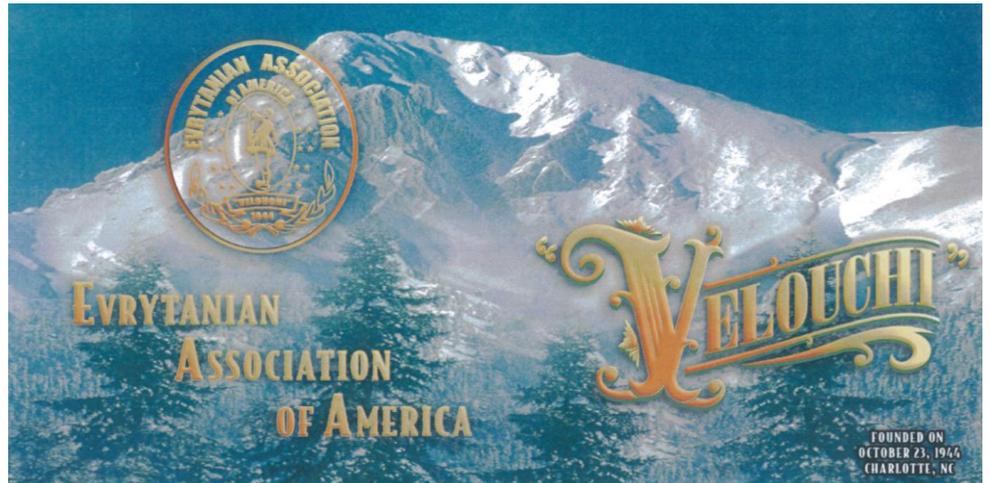
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