

# TSINTZINIAN CHRONICLE

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## The President's Message: Visiting the Shrine

by John Zacharias

Before the May Board meeting this year, I had the chance to walk around the Clubhouse and study the hangings on the walls—mostly pictures and some plaques. During the July family reunion, I never have the time. All the pictures have been preserved, reframed and rehung. What a collection! I think we are ready for a historic documentary—are there any film students in our membership who are looking for a project. The Hollywood screenwriters could certainly put a best seller—love story—together about the Greeks from Tsintzina. The local newspaper reporter tried last year.



When you think about the early families—Chacona, Chelekis, Gerasimos, Nickles, Cummings, Laskaris, Manos, Poolos and of course many more, each family has its only stories of intrigue, love, success and failure. In my own family, when you study the old annual directories, you see that my grandfather was Sarandes Zaharis but my father, Socrates, was always a Zacharias. It is because when my grandfather came over from Greece on his second visit, a cousin told him to change his name to Zacharias since there were already too many Zaharis's in the USA. This was around 1906. Hence, when my father was born in 1908, he was given the family name Zacharias although my grandfather never changed his name for the Tsintzinian listings.

Last year during the reunion, Peter Dickson stimulated a lot of memories and historic events and discussion generally and specific to individual families. That is what reunions do. Think of all the memo-

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## July 29, 30, 31 The Tsintzina Family Reunion

Set your calendars and be at this year's reunion. There are many great activities planned and the spirit of friendship and family will be enjoyed by all. Take part in your Tsintzinian heritage and take pride in our history.

**Make reservations quickly  
and plan to be at the best  
Reunion yet.**

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# Tsintzinian Reunion Program 2004

## Thursday, July 29

5:00pm - 8:30pm Greek music outside with drinks  
5:00pm - 7:00pm Early Registration - Duane Ferencz  
6:15pm Greek Cookout / Dinner under the tent  
8:30pm - 12:00pm DJ Music - B. Manners of the Grecian Express

## Friday, July 30

9:00am - 11:30pm Breakfast To Order (Poolos Hall)  
9:30am Golf Tee Times (Poolos Hall) - Alex Macharas  
1:30pm - 6:00pm Registration - Duane Ferencz  
2:00pm - 5:00pm Practice for Saturday Competition - George Sfikas  
1) Horseshoes  
2) Baseball Throw (for accuracy)  
3) Basketball (around the world)  
4) Potato Sack Race  
5) Soccer Kick (for accuracy)  
2:00pm - 5:00pm Bingo (under the tent) - Ernie Memphis  
6:30pm Dinner  
10:00pm Dancing to the music of The Aegeans  
12:00am Midnite Snack

## Saturday, July 31

8:00am Golfers Breakfast Special  
9:00am - 12:30pm Breakfast To Order (Poolos Hall)  
9:30am Golf Tee Times (Poolos Hall) - Alex Macharas  
12:00pm - 4:00pm Boating Trip - Young Adults - George Sfikas  
1:00pm - 4:00pm Registration - Duane Ferencz  
1:00pm - 2:00pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (tent) Annette Mavrophilipos  
1:00pm - 2:30pm Tsintzinian Olympics - George Sfikas  
(Five separate events for age groups of 9 & under; 10 & 11; 12 & 13; 14 & 15; 16 & 17)  
Individual prizes for total points in each age group for all 5 events  
2:30pm - 4:00pm Bingo (under the tent) - Ernie Memphis  
4:00pm General Assembly Meeting (tent) - John Zacharias  
4:45pm Board Meeting (boardroom) - John Zacharias  
5:15pm Cocktails  
5:30pm Age 8 & under Tootsie Pop Pick (tent) - Gene Geracimos  
6:00pm Group Picture  
6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Youth Talent Show (in the Hall) Annette Mavrophilipos  
10:00pm Dancing to the music of The Aegeans  
12:00am Midnite Snack  
2:00am \$50 Raffle and Greek Wine Drawings - Gene Geracimos

## Sunday, August 1

9:00am - 12:30pm Breakfast Buffet and a safe trip home

On Friday and Saturday, the Ladies Auxiliary will have pastries, coffee, sandwiches, chips and soda for sale in Poolos Fellowship Hall.

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ries of the World War II veterans who are returning to Washington this summer before they die (they are all in their 80's, 90's and 100's) to see the World War II Memorial. I think of our Clubhouse, not as a Memorial but as a Shrine, a place in memory of our heritage. In this age of terrorism, especially with the Olympics in Athens this summer, our Shrine should be a place to visit and experience the liveliness of a happy reunion—one that has occurred every year for over 100 years. The memories are re-enacted—real Greek food, Greek music, Greek dance, political discussion and cousins seeing cousins and not being rushed.

I hear the sounds, I feel the excitement, I smell the food and I see the socializing. We Tsintzinians have a wonderful heritage to be proud of; I hope to see you in July. You should try to bring your new family members to see an authentic Greek reunion, almost like being in Greece. For those of you who have not been to Jamestown for a long time, plan to come. With the new Interstate highways, it is not too far away.

## A Very Special Thanks

A very special and belated thank you to Paul Alikakos of Binghamton, NY (friend of Demos Kontos) for donating the alcohol for the 2002 and 2003 cocktail hours. Another special thank you to Paula (Vlahos) Decker of Ithaca, NY for her donation of food and accessories for the 2003 cocktail hour. We appreciate everyone's generosity and support.

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## Presidents serve up brotherly tradition Laskaris brothers latest sibling to play for Harding

By BOB PUTMAN  
The Marion Star

MARION — Tennis-playing siblings have been common over the years in the Harding boys program.

Since 1997 coach Blaine Pitts has had at least one brother combination on the team and has coached a total of four sets of brothers. This year's edition of the Presidents' netters includes senior Athan Laskaris and freshman Nick Laskaris. "I am always in competition with him at practice," Nick Laskaris said. "I used to go with him to the old Harding tennis courts and hit balls with him." Having an older brother playing tennis often leads to the younger one taking up the sport. "Some have come from a tennis family," Pitts said. "But having the older brother play might have helped the younger brother get into the sport."



Sean, Tim and Andrew Williamson were Pitts' first set of brothers and they were followed by Alex, Rich and Kyle Thompson and then the Laskaris brothers this season. Also during that time Pitts coached Mark and Miles Finney, although they were never on the same team together. The Laskarises are currently the top two in singles, Athan at one and Nick at two. "They are usually practicing

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August 1

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together,” Pitts said, although Athan said sometimes the sibling rivalry factor creeps into the session. “We fight sometimes during practice but it is nice having a person to practice with,” Athan said. The two will join forces this weekend in doubles play for Harding in the Greater Buckeye Conference championships at Sandusky.

“Our schedule has been so much harder this year,” Athan Laskaris said, adding several times this year he has squared off against a state or district qualifier. “We’ve lost to some tough competition but we’ve been able to compete,” said Matt Fickle, who plays doubles competition with Jeff Lange.

Athan Laskaris, a four-year player, and Large, in his second varsity season, are the only players with a lot of experience, but Pitts has been pleased with the overall play of his team.

## Zervos Engagement

Chryse Zervos, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Skevos Zervos recently became engaged to Michael Ellinos. She is also the granddaughter of Loy Chelekis Georgetson.

## Laskaris Graduation

Athan Laskaris graduated with honors recently from Marion Harding High School in Marion, Ohio. He is the son of Peter and Helen Laskaris and the grandson of George and Angie Laskaris. He will be attending the University of Tennessee and studying architecture.



# Convention Information

This year's convention will again provide for some special moments and joyous family reunions. Make plans now to be a part of this year's Tsintzina Society Family Reunion. The cost for the meals and the dances will remain the same as last years. The price for a single night per person is \$30.00 while both nights will cost \$50.00 per person. The cost for children ages 7-10 will be \$10.00 per night while children 6 and under are free. We look forward to seeing you at the convention sharing the rich tradition that only our heritage can provide.

## A Blast from the Past!



Can you name anyone in this picture?



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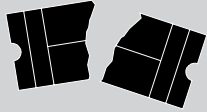
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Please expect a direct appeal letter from Gene Geracimos shortly for the \$50 raffle. We need every Society member to be part of this raffle this year. Split a ticket with other family members or buy two tickets. This raffle only has two hundred tickets so the odds are in your favor. Under the direction of Dr. and Barbara Zervos, this raffle has generated close to \$200,000 of profit for our Society. Let's honor them by buying all 200 tickets this year. We are not doing an emergency appeal this year nor have we done one for many years. A \$50 raffle ticket is not that much money any more. When this \$50 raffle started in the 1970's, that was a lot of money. So please, especially if you are not coming to the convention, please send your request in for a \$50 ticket as your support for the Society. Sell one to your friends also.



I look forward to a great convention—great weather, great food, and great fun. I hope to see you on July 29, 30, 31, and August 1, 2004.

## New Attraction: A Casino

As most of you know, Chautauqua County was Indian country. On April 5, the Seneca Indians opened up their second Casino in Salamanca, NY, only 35 minutes from Celeron at Exit 20 on Interstate 86. The casino is called the Seneca Allegany Casino. It has over 1700 reel and video slots, table games, bingo and KENO. It is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and has a dining buffet open most of the time with complimentary drinks if you are gambling. If you are looking for something to do, especially if it is raining on Friday or Saturday, you may want to make a short trip to the Casino. Depending on the interest, we could arrange for a bus trip during the 2005 Family Re-union and get food and gambling comps.



## Honored and Remembered Tsintzinians

### Irene James Parthemos, 96

BOARDMAN -Irene James Parthemos, 96, passed away early Saturday morning at her residence.

She was born in Youngstown to the late James and Anna (Constas) Chelekis.

A graduate of South High School, Mrs. Parthemos was the owner of the Mahoning Pharmacy in Warren, and also the Central Square Grill & Blue Ribbon. She was on the board with the Youngstown Symphony and was one of the founders of the Women Children's Concerts for all schools at Stambaugh Auditorium. She taught music in the late 1930s and originated the music program in the Youngstown Public School System.

She belonged to St. John's Greek Orthodox Church and was president of its Philoptochos. She was also president of the Tsintzinian Auxiliary. Her parents had the first Greek marriage in Youngstown.

Her husband, Peter G. Parthemos, whom she married in 1934, died Nov. 12, 1969.

Mrs. Parthemos will be sadly missed and remembered by many.

### Gust & Jeanette Chelekis

Gust and Jeanette Chelekis passed away within two weeks of each other this past spring. They were former residents of Cambridge, Ohio where he was in business for many years. They passed away in California where they were near family.

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