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“The Value of Our Leadership— The President’s Message”

by John Zacharias

In the last issue of the Chronicle, I wrote about the Value of Our Membership. In this issue, I want to address the Value of our Leadership. One of our board members gave me articles that were in our Society’s Annual Directories of 1928, 1937, 1938, and 1958. The articles were written by the officers and included titles such as “An Aside to Young Tsintzinians,” “The Faithful Few,” “Our Organization and Its Future,” and “To Our Advertisers.” Each article carried the same theme as our articles do today—our leadership is a dedicated group that has various reasons for doing the work necessary to keep our Society thriving. Without our leadership group, we probably would be a defunct organization.

Almost 30 years ago, one of our leaders started the \$50 raffle because a financial crisis was foreseen. There are now two major raffles a year that have helped keep our Society viable. In the past few years, there has been tremendous efforts put forth to update and maintain a paid membership list and historic support list so that we can keep Tsintzinians abreast of the successes of fellow Tsintzinians and our Society’s activities through the outstanding Chronicle newsletter. Those same individuals are concerned for the Society’s liveliness and are encouraging people to move from the historic support list to the paid membership list. There are over 400 people on the historic list and it is hoped that 250 will become paid members this year. In both the raffle project and the paid membership project, we thank the leaders who are spending hours of their time. Without them and their efforts, where would we be.



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HOLIDAY RAFFLE WINNERS WERE

\$500...Dr. Frank Karfes
\$200...George Cannellos
\$100...Demetra Anargyros
\$50.....Joan Chelekis Tolla,
Peter Demas, Marian Lipsius,
Amy and Alex Hoeg

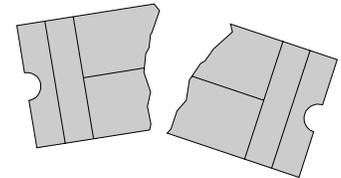


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The Tsintzina Society has a new website and a new look. We have taken great pleasure in extending this group to your computers. The site will keep you up to date on all the news and give information and pictures about the Reunion. Please visit it and tell us what you think. Visit

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The site will include the following:

- News: News about the Society, the Chronicle and the Ladies Auxiliary, the Youth, and a Bulletin Board to post family news
- Board: Information about meetings, decisions, and future considerations
- Reunion: News and photographs about the 2004 & the upcoming 2005 Reunion
- History: Historical Information pertaining to our Society
- Contacts: An opportunity for members to voice opinions and give information for use on these pages or in the Chronicle.

Please visit our site and send us anything you want posted. Remember, this represent our heritage and you.



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At the same time, there are our leaders who are taking the time to keep up the values of our Society to its members. This includes the family history journals, the preparation of the Greek foods, and the upkeep of our Clubhouse, the Shrine as I call it, and the artifacts and pictures of the past. This is all being done so that when a Tsintzinian of any age comes looking for a history of where they came from, we can show them. I marvel year after year when I see new faces and old faces alike studying the pictures on the Clubhouse walls for old relatives. I frankly look at the pictures from a historic perspective—the early pictures had very few woman. Obviously, the men came to America first. Then I observe the dress of the times—they all look successful. Then I notice the faces—there is more smiling now. Talk about our leaders that are taking on these responsibilities—we need to thank them every time we see them.



Now comes a focus on the leadership going forward. We have successfully added to the board some x generation people who are believing that people want more. So starting this year, we are organizing actives starting on Thursday during our annual reunion week. This year, the dates are July 28, 29 , 30, and 31. On Thursday, we are scheduling dance and cooking classes, a financial roundtable discussion , and in addition to a Greek spaghetti dinner, we will have live Greek music for dancing. Throughout the entire reunion days, there will be emphasis on



our youth and non Greek spouses on learning about our heritage. Of special significance is the filming of a Tsintzinian documentary to be done by a talented and experienced producer from California, one of our x generation Tsintzinians. I hope everyone participates in this project so that there will be action footage for posterity on who was great , great uncle George who founded the first banana farm in Hawaii or who was the first Tsintzinian to open up a candy store in Pennsylvania.

As we look back over the years , we have had some great leadership and we have some great talent today. Congratulations and keep up the good work. We should all be looking forward to a wonderful reunion in July. We are hoping for over 200 people which will make it the largest since the late 1990's. It is like the movie, "A Field of Dreams." Build a landmark(our Society) and people will come.



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A Tsintzinian Documentary

By: Jim Gianukos

The Tsintzinian experience in America has been a blend of ethnic pride and resourceful participation in American life. In its early years it was the story of immigrants who suffered incredible hardships, many of whom, nevertheless, eventually became secure members of the middle and upper-middle class.

It is also the story of the children of immigrants, the second generation, most of whom have enjoyed levels of education and income surpassing the American average, and some of whom have been outstandingly successful in the country of their birth. And there are the third and fourth generation who are still half-sketched figures in the unfinished canvas of Tsintzinian America.



This sociological portrait of Tsintzinian Americans is one of a regional ethnic group that has maintained a remarkable degree of communal and family cohesion while also comfortably accommodating itself to the achievement standards of the larger society. The history of these achievements is something that we have said should be honored and preserved.

A fellow Tsintzinian, Jay Gianukos, has worked in Hollywood in the film business as an actor, producer, and finally a documentary filmmaker for over 15 years. When he read my request in the June 2004 Chronicle for someone from our community to produce an historic documentary of our society, he called to volunteer his services.

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WE LIKE BEING GREEK:

Because we have a small, poor country full of people with big hearts.

Because we never visit others empty handed.

Because in Greece family is still something valuable.

Because we always make it, albeit in the last moment.

Because we were slaves for 400 years yet never bring that up as an excuse for our current state.

Because we are everywhere around the planet.

Because "filotimo" (friend of honour, helping someone because it is a shame not to) does not exist in any other language.

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 Mr. Dean Manos
 Mr. Nick P. Manos

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He has agreed to come to our 2005 convention to begin to obtain raw footage for the documentary as well as interview and video for posterity as many members of our society as he can. We invite as many of our membership as possible to come to this years convention to share with Jay your personal memories of what it has been like to be a part of the Tsintzinian experience in America.

We urge all of our Tsintzinian families to make a special effort to bring their most senior members to the convention this year so that we can make sure that their wonderful memories will be preserved for all time for not only their own children and children's children but also for the benefit of the Tsintzinian Society at large.



One of the things that Jay's company does is create documentary style digital video portraits of both individuals and families. He can do the same for society members and their families. In simplest terms, what Jay will do is, sit down with Tsintzinian seniors and members of their families and have a long unhurried conversation about their lives. He will help you and yours to wander the golden corridors of your memories to create for future generations a digital record of the greatest gift any one of us can hope to offer – our lives, our memories, ourselves.

Jay will also create a record of our historic 2005 convention. He will be there from Thursday of convention week, so we recommend those interested to come early to make sure your families experiences will be documented and preserved.

So that Jay can better plan his schedule, we strongly encourage all who are interested in participating in this very important project to contact John Zacharias as soon as possible.

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Because whenever foreigners cannot find a word, they use one of ours.

Because Socrates, Plato and Aristotle were Greek.

Because we invented theatre.

Because we gave birth to Democracy.

Because we discovered logic.

Because we jump-started science.

Because we are proud of our culture, not of our wars.

Because we gave the oath "freedom or death".

Because we are not ashamed to cry.

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ΦΛΕΤΟΥΡΑ Η ΣΚΕΨΗ ΤΣΙΝΤΖΙΝΑ

By Chris Costianis

Στις παλιοπεζούλες
περα στις φυτιες
πανω στην καριτσα
μες στις ρεματιες.

Στην Αγια Μαρινα
στου Μακρη τα πευκα
μες στα περιβολια
στα ψηλα τα λευκα.

Στου ψητου τη βρυση



στο ψηλο πλατανι
στα ψηλα τα βραχια
πανω στον Αι-Γιαννη.

Στο νερο το κρυο
μες στο Καμαρακι
φλετουρα η σκεψη
σαν χελιδονακι.



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Because we dance when we are sad.

Because we work to live and do not live to work.

Because when you shout "brother or cousin " in the streets everyone
turns around.

Because the inside of all our churches are not dark but full of light.

Because we confront every difficulty with humor.

Because, with our (Olympic) light, we unite the world and pass the
message of peace.

Because our sky is blue, not grey.

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and 31



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Honored and Remembered
Tsintzinians

Pota C. Gianukos

Pota C. Gianukos passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 20, 2005 almost three months after her 100th birthday. Pota was a niece of our founder, Christos Tsakonas, who brought her father, A.D. Chacona, to this country in 1883. Pota was raised in Oil City, PA where she grew up working in her father's confectionary restaurant. She moved to Chicago, IL in 1933 when she married Peter D. Gianukos, who, with her active support and assistance, became a successful businessman and active leader in Greek American religious and civic affairs. With her brother and sister-in-law, Leo and Loy Chacona, she owned and operated one of the most popular restaurants in the Chicago-land area for over 30 years. She is survived by her son James P. Gianukos and three grandchildren, Peter, Jay, and Alicyn.

Dean Carr

(Konstantinos A. Karavasos)

Dean Carr died on Friday 17 September 2004 in Silver Spring, MD after a short illness. He was born 26 April 1934 in Goritsa, Greece.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia Carr, father of Gina Matos and Paula Dwyer, and four grandchildren, one sister, Christine Fetanis, two brothers, George Karras and

Nikolaos Caravasos.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Anastasios (Tasso) and Eugeniki Caravasos.

The family arrived from Greece to Morgantown, WV in 1951. Dean finished his education at Morgantown High School and attended West Virginia University.

Moving to the Washington, DC area, he was very successful in the restaurant business before retiring.

May his memory be eternal.

Peter J. Marinos

Peter J. Marinos, 83, of Lewistown, died Oct. 26, 2004, in the Lewistown Hospital emergency room. Born Sept. 20, 1921, in Sunbury, he was the son of the late John P. and Stella J. (Konsta) Marinos. His wife, Carolyn Bressler Marinos, whom he married in 1942, survives. Also surviving are: children, John Marinos; Stephen P. Marinos; Tina; sister Amanda Karakantas; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was the owner of Dianas Candy Shoppe in Lewistown for 52 years, retiring in 1994. He was in the U.S. Army in World War II.



Nica J. Georgetson

Nica J. Georgetson, 90, of Waterbury, CT, died Saturday (March 20, 2004). She was the wife of the late John M. Georgetson, for-

merly of Port Allegany.

Mrs. Georgetson was born June 13, 1913, in Goritsa, Sparta, Greece. She was the daughter of the late Gus and Anna Chronis Papageorge. She came to the United States in 1937 after her marriage to John in Greece, and settled in Port Allegany. The extended family ran the Sugar Bowl, later known as Georgetson's Restaurant and wholesale ice cream business. She is survived by her son, Michael Georgetson; two daughters, Anna Georgetson of and Joann Narkis; a sister, Stella A. Marinos; a sister-in-law, Freeda; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

Freeda Mattison

Freeda Mattison, 82, of Port Allegany, died Sunday (Oct. 10, 2004). Born March 28, 1922, in New York City, NY, she was a daughter of Michael and Jenny Poulos Georgetson. On Sept. 20, 1953 she married Delbert E. Mattison, who survives. They were married 51 years. Mrs. Mattison was a registered nurse who had been employed by the Port Allegany Community Hospital for many years, before her retirement. She was a lifelong resident of the area and a graduate of Port Allegany High School, Class of 1939, and Temple University School of Nursing, Philadelphia.

Surviving in addition to her

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Meet 'Second From Left'

First year of Rockette work is the hardest

N. Y. Times News Service

In kick-line talk, Jacey Lambros is known as "Second From the Left." A first-year member of the Radio City Rockettes, she dangles near the end of the line, a position that has nothing to do with her technique but everything to do with her height. At just under 5-foot-7; Ms. Lambros, 24 and gangly by ordinary standards, is one of the more diminutive members of the most popular dance company in America.



Being a Rockette seems glamorous, but for those in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, it is grueling work. Until the curtain falls for good on Jan. 2, dancers perform in up to six shows a day, battling through 90-second costume changes, eye-high kicks and aching muscles.

For Ms. Lambros, a native of Oneonta, N.Y., and former dancer with the New Jersey Nets, the strain is less physical than mental. "For a while," she said recently, "I definitely fell asleep to 'Jump, kick, ball, change, bevel, bevel.'" After a day of back-to-back shows, she discussed her flashy new job - and the toll it takes on her body.

GIA KOURLAS: How many shows do you perform in one week?
JACEY LAMBROS: Fifteen on average. Right now, there are about 30 shows a week and two casts. But prior to Thanksgiving, the blue cast, which I'm in, danced in all of them.

Q: How do you deal with the multi-show days?

A: For the six-show days, which start at 9 a.m., I always arrive about an hour before call - time. I do my wig prep, get my makeup ready and then try to do a small warm-up: lunges, side stretches and a little bit of Pilates to juice up my abs.

Q: How would you rate, the workout aspect of the Christmas Spectacular?

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husband, is a son, Jeffrey P. (Mary Ann); one grandchild, two great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary; one half-brother, one half-sister; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, John Georgetson, Nicholas Georgetson, Dr. James Georgetson.

Sophia (Nicholakis) Dunn

Sophie passed away December 22, 2004 in Naples, Florida where she lived. She was born in Cambridge, Ohio on December 24, 1921. She was the daughter of the late James & Effie Nicholakis of Cambridge, Ohio.

She is survived by her Husband - John Dunne of Naples, and her Brother, Achilles (Acky) Nicholakis of Cambridge, Ohio and Naples, Florida. She was a Member of the Tsintzina Society.

Blast from the Past (1971)





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A: My dad is a former college basketball coach, so when I found out that I got the Rockettes job, the first thing he said was, "You need endurance training." I was running on the treadmill five or six miles a day and lifting five pound weights. Going into this, I was thinking: "I'm so fit. I feel so strong. This show's going to be cake" - not choreography-wise, but fitness-wise. It's not. It's fierce. We may have big smiles on our faces, but those kicks and costume changes are exhausting. It requires a completely different kind of agility. I'm a gym rat.

Q: How do you stay calm; changing costumes?

A: It was hard at first. I was, nervous: "Do I have it on right? Is my hat crooked?". But we actually rehearse the changes. Just to learn where to button and snap is incredibly important. The most intricate costumes are the Reindeers, because they've got antlers that light up. There's a unitard and a coat and bells everywhere.

Q: Do you have a mantra for getting through especially troubling moments?

A: I have this yoga teacher, and when we're in hard asanas she always says, "This too shall pass, this too shall pass." So if it's the last show of a six-show day, and we're kicking in that line in the opening "Green" number, I'm like, "This too shall pass." It gets you through the day.

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"Come all of you and let us praise Him Who was crucified for us. Mary saw Him on the Cross and said, 'Though You endure even the Cross, You are my Son and my God.'"

'Christ is Risen'

Tsintzina Society Membership / Dues

By Gene Geracimos

I want to thank Tsintzinians who have paid their 2005 dues. A reminder letter was received by active Tsintzinian members the week of February 7, 2005 with a stamped pre-addressed envelope to return your completed membership form with your enclosed your check.

Society income has always been “tough to get” in the last 85 years. The reasons for not paying are numerous and the rationale...well, as my Dad used to say “**mia treepa sto nero**”...a hole in the water. In 1964, the budget of \$5,250 to cover expenses for one year was exceeded in 2004 by the utilities and tax bills alone (\$8000+). The membership dues of \$40, \$30, or \$20 collectively are projected (and hoped to be) approximately 50% of our annual budget.

The reunion itself is intended to “break even”.

As of March 10th we have 112 paid members for 2005, 30% paid – which begs the question when are the rest of you going to help the society and your fellow Tsintzinians?

The first year I came to the Clubhouse and Grounds was 1949 and at every reunion since, Tsintzinians have taken with them thoughts of new friends, the fun of dining, dancing and drinking and memories that are renewed when they return year after year and many, many years later. You’ve taken the thoughts and memories, you’ve met new friends and seen long time relatives...these are with you forever...they are, indeed, priceless.

Whether you come and join other Tsintzinians this summer, give your fellow Tsintzinians a gift....send your completed membership form in the envelope with your check.

With great respect for our unique ethnicity, heritage and longevity may you all have a great time and enjoy life in 2005.



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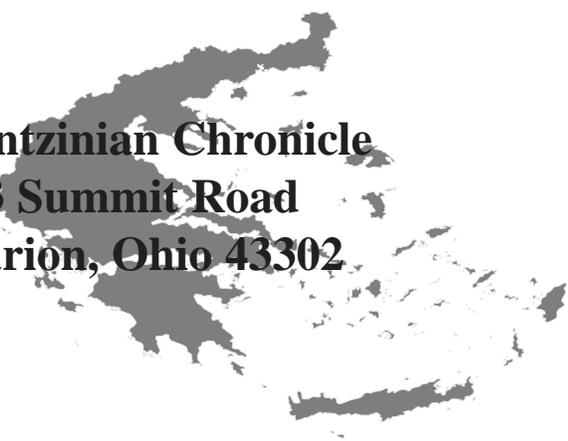
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