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The President's Message:

by Peter Brasidas Nickles

Dear Fellow Members— Yiasas kai hara sas

Jamestown 2007 was an outstanding event. Those not present missed a great reunion. Many newcomers returned and brought additional members of their families. The number of the under thirty crowd was fantastic.

Those of us in the more “mature” generation often find it difficult to believe that we are now the yiayias and papous. The younger set currently communicates via e-mail and the net and our organization benefits from all of the “cousins finding other cousins”.

Our October Board of Directors meeting went well with discussions of what worked; what didn't and what improvements we can make for next year. We are always open to your input and suggestions. I invite any and all of our members to contact any board member and myself as well (Anthony Quinn may no longer be with us- but his spirit lives on with my e mail address of Zorbagreek@aol.com.

Just let me know who you are and I assure you of a response- whether it is a compliment or a criticism.

As this Thanksgiving season and December Holidays come upon us again, remember to be thankful that our “family” is still here and each Summer seems to be expanding.

It truly is a joy to reunite and spend time with all of you who make such an effort to travel great distances and expense to be us in Jamestown. After 100 years we have all assimilated into our American culture but we will always have some “Greek heritage” in us, whether by blood, marriage or friendship.

Stay well and healthy. Expect to see more of all of you Jamestown 2008.

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Peter Brasidas Nickles



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Jamestown is a Special Place

Jamestown is a very special and wonderful place. I attended the Reunion from the time I was born until I was seventeen years old. Each year, we visited with friends, relatives, and most importantly, close family. I enjoyed the company of my first and second cousins who I rarely saw at any other time during the year, along with the numerous friendships that were cultivated during my times in Jamestown.

At eighteen though, college and life intervened. I completed college, got married, involved myself in the many aspects of life, and forgot about the wonders of Jamestown. Not until after both children were born and a very strong push from my maternal grand-



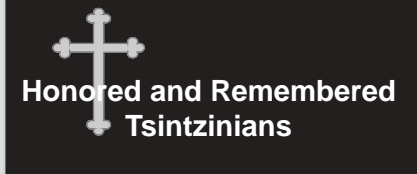
mother, did we consider going back to Jamestown. When our oldest was seven and our youngest was 4, I decided to make the journey back and introduce my family to the Tsintzina community. I was apprehensive about going back, not knowing if I would know anybody or if family members would even be there, but my fears were quickly relieved. Many of my childhood friends were there, now with their own families, and although few family members were there, the incentive for getting them back was very strong.

My children themselves became a part of the community and have reveled in their friendships. Jamestown taught my children to dance and immerse themselves into their Greek heritage. Each year for the past fourteen years, they have planned their summer activities around the trip to Jamestown. Today my oldest is the youth director while my youngest helps with the youth Olympics.

I remember when my cousins came back five years ago. They said the decision to return would be based on whether their children enjoyed themselves. They have not missed a year since and have become actively involved in the Society. Their visits with mine at Jamestown have given us the incentive to meet with each other at the other times during the year.

Jamestown is a place where time stands still. Although improvements have been made to the building and new activities added, the place and the feelings remain timeless. This year I took the time to view all the reunion photographs and saw my grandparents in photos from the 1920's. My parents were in photos taken in the 1940's and I saw my own picture in the reunion

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Christine Fetanis

Christine Fetanis, maiden name Karavasos, fell asleep in the Lord on 29 April 2007 at her home in Silver Spring, MD after a long illness. She was born in Zoupena, Greece and immigrated to the United States with her family in 1951. Her grandmother was the daughter of Demetrios Tsakonas, the brother of Christos Tsakonas.

Christine was the beloved wife of Basile Fetanis; loving mother of Van Fetanis; cherished grandmother of Celina Christina Fetanis; dear sister of George Karras, Nikolaos (Nick) Caravasos and the late Dean Carr (Konstantinos Karavasos); godmother of Effie Sarantis and George Cholakis. She was also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

She was a member of St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 36th St. & Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20007.

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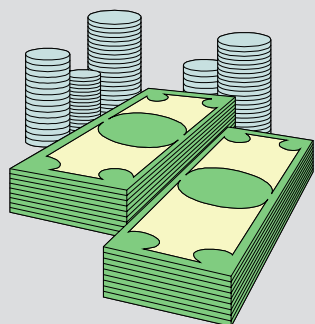
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“Tsintzina Society Memorials”

By John Zacharias, Treasurer

In the past twelve years, we have spent over \$100,000 for renovations and repairs to our Clubhouse and yet, we still have over \$45,000 in our Endowment Fund. This is the result of hard work in our fund raising efforts including our semi annual raffles. Our Clubhouse is beautiful and our Society continues to fight extinction. We have a legacy that none of us want to lose and we have our youth who are finding their roots in Jamestown as has been the case for all the past generations. Another way to perpetuate our Society is for our senior members to name the Tsintzina Society in their wills or direct their families to name the Tsintzina Society for memorial donations at their deaths. Last year, just one death of a dear member generated \$1280 for our Endowment Fund



through memorial donations. Just think, if we got \$1000 from each Society member who dies in the next 10 years, we could increase our Endowment Fund by \$50,000 with hardly anyone missing an inheritance.

Each of us have different motivations for giving to charities and causes. Although contributions to the Tsintzina Society are not tax deductible, they still meet the desires and motivations of our membership. People give for many reasons but in all cases, they give because they believe there is a worthy purpose—those who give get something back (such as seeing their children participating in the Greek culture; those who give strongly believe in the goals, services and functions of the organization. Hence, if you believe in our dear Society, name us in your will for at least \$1000. It will add up.

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photos from the 1960's. The people may have changed, but the richness and heritage of Jamestown remains the same.

I have been a board member and the editor of the Chronicle for more than twelve years. Each year the board discusses their fear of presiding over the last convention, the year that no one comes anymore, and we put the place to rest, ending a reunion that has lasted more than 100 years. The 2007 Tsintzina reunion has given us great hope. More than 200 people attended the reunion with many new faces coming from all parts of our country. In conversations with these people, they have indicated their desire to return next year and years to follow. The most important sign of prosperity is the number of youth that attended this year. More than 75 kids of all ages enjoyed the activities and dancing. They represent the future of our society and the future of our reunion. From what I saw our future is in good hands. They participated in events, served meals for the members, and enjoyed each other's company. As our future board members, they will continue the tradition and heritage of our Society, and ensure the continuation of our long standing Tsintzina Reunions. They have convinced me that our future is secure and that our past and our future will remain timeless. Jamestown will continue to be a very special and wonderful place.



Detailed Assessment Data for Goritsa and Zoupena

According to official data from the Municipal Office of Therapnai, compiled on the basis of total claims submitted, a detail assessment of total fire loss in Goritsa and Zoupena villages has as follows.

1. Goritsa:

- 850,000 sq. meters of olive grove, containing a total of 13,000 olive trees
- Six field installations of which, one storage house and five stables.
- 50 beehives
- 15,000,000 sq. metres of grazing fields

2. Zoupena

- 3,000,000 sq. metres of olive grove, containing a total of 50,000 olive trees
- 25 field installations of which, 15 stables and 10 storage houses
- 180 beehives
- 4 houses
- 17,000,000 sq. meters of grazing fields.

On a comparative basis to the total damage sustained in the 10 villages comprising the Municipality of Therapnai, Goritsa tolled 15% of the total olive grove area and Zoupena 54%. Olive trees lost in Goritsa amounted to 13% of the total claims and those in Zoupena, 50%. Lastly, the combined Zoupena and Goritsa claims on grazing land lost amounted to 45% of the total, with a significant number of the



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Pete Conomikes Dies in Car Crash

On November 10, 2007, long time College of William and Mary fencing coach, Peter Conomikes, 86, was killed in a car accident on Interstate 295 while driving to a fencing competition in Pennsylvania.

Pete Conomikes was born on June 24, 1921 in Ithaca, New York, the first of two sons to Spero and Maria Conomikes. He graduated from Columbia University in 1942 and spent the next four years as an officer in the United States Navy taking part in six different invasions.

After the war, he earned a Masters Degree from George Washington University, joined the Defense Department and went on to a long career with the CIA. In 1972 Pete took the job as coach of the fencing team at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia and remained there until his death.

Pete is survived by his wife, Constance; daughter, Tiara; brother, George and his wife Lynne; stepsons, Alan and Kenneth Sikora; and stepdaughter, Lynn.

As a member of the Tsintzina Society, Pete followed through in his dedication to the Society and its ongoing programs. His cumulative financial gifts for many,

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many years far surpass those of any other Tsintzinian.

May he be remembered for his compassion, camaraderie, and the countless acts he did for others.

Leo J. Laskaris

Leo J. (Lykourgos) Laskaris died in Richmond, VA, June 17, 2007, aged 90, following a brief illness.

Mr. Laskaris was born in Wilmington, DE, April 11, 1917, to James and Pota (Polites) Laskaris, who had emigrated from Greece. Upon graduation from the University of Delaware (1939), Mr. Laskaris was offered a fellowship in plant genetics by Cornell. Instead, he enrolled in the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. His studies were interrupted by the Second World War; he served in the Army for five years, attaining the rank of second lieutenant. After the war, Mr. Laskaris continued his art studies in New York with Amedee Ozenfant, then returned to Newark, where he opened The Laskaris School of Art. In 1954, Mr. Laskaris married Jane L. Buck; they had one child, and divorced in 1978. Soon after his

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remaining losses coming from Agrianoi. Sheep farmers therefore were particularly affected by the recent fires, with a majority of them currently depending heavily on animal feed to sustain their flock for the foreseeable future.

Note: one stremma is 1,000 sq. metres

Total Impact of the Recent Fires

We wish to thank the Municipality of Therapnai Office for its dispatch of the following compilation as to the total impact of the recent fires in land, property and livestock:

- 5,500,000 sq. meters of olive grove with a total of 100,000 olive trees
- 6 houses completely burned, another 10 partially destroyed.
- 120 field installations (70 stables and 50 barns etc.) destroyed
- 500 beehives
- 300 animals (sheep and goats) lost
- 70,000,000 sq. meters of grazing land completely burned.

Above data have been compiled on the basis of claims submitted from all 10 villages of the Therapnai Municipality. A breakdown per village, as well as more detailed assessment is expected soon.





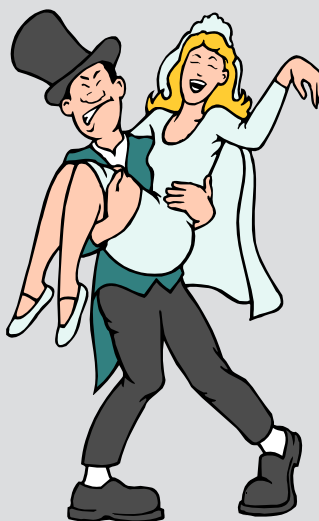
49 and '50 Tsintzinian Yearbook Wedding Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Chelekis

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Chelekis were married November 14, 1948 at the St. John's Church of Youngstown, Ohio. A reception was held at the Pick Ohio ballroom. Mrs. Chelekis is the former Jeannette Glaros, daughter of Mrs. Antonis Glaros and the late Antonis Glaros. Best man at their wedding was Mr. Aggie Nickles of Cambridge, Ohio. After a wedding trip through the Southern States the Chelekis's returned to Cambridge, Ohio where Mr. Chelekis is a partner at the Central Café.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Laskaris

On January 9, 1949, in St. John's Episcopal Church, the former Angeline Nicholakis was united in marriage to George A. Laskaris. Angeline is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nicholakis, 722 No. Eighth Street, Cambridge, Ohio. Mr. Laskaris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. G. Laskaris, 1418 W. Fifth Street, Wilmington, Delaware. Rev. Papaloukas of Martins Ferry, Ohio performed the double ring rites at half past four. Following the ceremony there was a large reception at the Cambridge Country Club. After a honeymoon trip in the south, the couple made their home in Apartment 3, 602 West Ninth Street, Wilmington, Delaware.



Mr. and Mrs. George Lambros

St. James Episcopal Church was the setting for the wedding of Mary Carayiani, Stamford, Connecticut, to George Lambros, Oneonta, New York, on January 16, 1949. The new Mrs Lambros is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carayiani. George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lambros, 12 Roosevelt Avenue, Oneonta, New York. Following the double ring ceremony, a large reception was held at the Windsor Hotel. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Florida and then returned to make their home at 185 West Street, Oneonta, New York.

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marriage, Mr. Laskaris became an art teacher at Stanton Elementary School, where he remained for 20 years.

He is survived by a loving family, his daughter, Julie; his sister, Christina Caras; cousins, Helen Gregory, and Edward Laskaris; nieces, Frances Dussias, Violet Bilissis, and Marilyn Caras; nephews, Paul Georgopoulos, Dennis George, Gregory Laskaris, James Laskaris, George Laskaris, Harry Caras, and James Caras; and their children. He is pre-deceased by brothers, Constantine, Thomas, George, and Christos, and by his sister, Helen Georgopoulos. He leaves behind dear friends of many years, and friends recently made.

George P. Laskaris

Dr. George P. Laskaris, of Smyrna, formerly of Wilmington, De, died peacefully on Saturday April 7, 2007. He was 91.

He was born in Wilmington, DE, the son of the late Peter and Georgia Laskaris.

He graduated from Wilmington High School, the University of Pennsylvania, and Temple University Dental School. He served as a Major in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Medical Unit.

He began a lucrative and rewarding dental practice in

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Richardson Park in 1946 and practiced for 52 years before retiring. He belonged to Concord Country Club and loved playing golf with family and friends.

Dr. Laskaris is survived by his wife of 58 years, Victoria (Lazinsky) Laskaris; a daughter and son-in-law, Nicole and Jeffrey Ruckman, of Smyrna; two grandchildren, Christopher and Victoria Ruckman, both of Smyrna; two brothers, Edward and Thomas Laskaris, both of Wilmington; a sister, Helen Danchulis, of Pittsburgh, PA; and two sisters-in-law, Nettic R. Pelc, of Chester, PA; and Lyda Ruckman, of West Grove, PA.



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instructions for each dance as well. The price is \$20, and will be used as a fundraiser for the Tsintzinian Society.



To order, email Pauline at pnc_52@hotmail.com, or call her at 734-667-2848. Make checks payable to Pauline Costianes.

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.



The Tzintina Board of Directors and the Staff of the Chronicle wish all members and their families, a very Merry Christmas!

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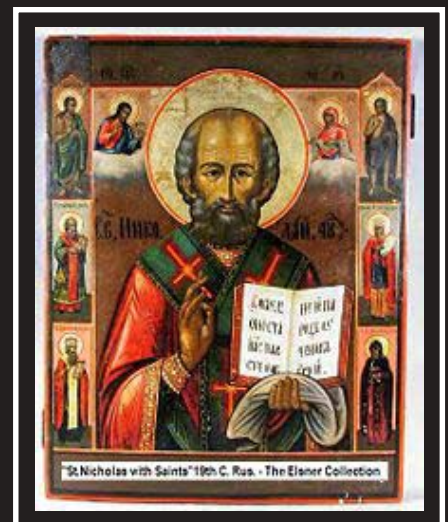


Nicholas was first a monk in the monastery of Holy Zion near Myra. Eventually he was made Abbot by the Archbishop, its founder. When the See of Myra, the capital of Lycia, fell vacant, St. Nicholas was appointed its Archbishop. It is said that he suffered for the Faith under Diocletian, and that he was present at the Council of Nice as an opponent of Arianism. His death occurred at Myra, in the year 342.

The characteristic virtue of St. Nicholas appears to have been his love and charity for the poor. Because of this and of the many legends of his works, St. Nicholas is regarded as the special patron of children. The Emperor Justinian built a church in his honor at Constantinople in the suburb of Blacharnae, about the year 340.

He has always been honored with great veneration in the Latin and Greek Churches.

Saint Nicholas





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