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DECEMBER 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members,

Καλα Χριστουγεννα! Merry Christmas!

Members of several Hellenic-American professional organizations joined us to launch the 2019 holiday season on Sunday, December 1st at our ANNU-

AL CHRISTMAS PARTY at the beautiful Positano Coast in Society Hill, Philadelphia. We enjoyed delicious food and fellowship, and caroling by the Cherry Hill High School West Chamber Singers and Club member **Leo Iliadis** presented a fun and entertaining trivia game! Many thanks to our Event Co-Chairs **Katerina Dimitriadis** and **George Pappas** for organizing this festive event.

Many events are already planned for the New Year 2020, so get out your calendars . . .

A unique tradition of our Greek culture – the annual Celebration of the VASILOPITA – will take place on Friday, January 17th at Estia Restaurant in Philadelphia. This event promises to bring good luck to all in the New Year! Please join us to share in this tradition, along with the other Hellenic-American professional and civic organizations of Philadelphia.

Continuing another long-standing tradition of our Club, we will gather on Sunday, January 26th at St. Demetrios Church in Upper Darby for our annual ARTOKLASIA service in honor of The Day of Greek Letters and for the health and well-being of our members. We hope you will join us at St. Demetrios for the Blessing of the Five Loaves.

A third special event is being planned for Sunday evening, February 23rd – the WINTER HONORS DINNER, for the benefit of growing our Scholarship Fund. It will take place at the Arts Ballroom, 1324 Locust Street, in Center City.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of our *PAIDEIA* Award to The Honorable Stephanos Bibas, Judge for the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit – who is also a member of our Club! Awards Committee Chair **Billie Rorres** and her committee are planning an elegant, celebratory evening to honor Judge Bibas. Look for more details inside this newsletter.

My warmest wishes to you and your family for a Blessed Christmas, and for good health, happiness, and prosperity in the New Year.

Kind regards,

Zoe Tripolitis
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

VASILOPITA CELEBRATION

Friday, January 17th

6.30-10.30pm

Estia Restaurant, 1405 Locust Street, Philadelphia

ARTOKLASIA SERVICE

Sunday, January 26th

Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
229 Powell Lane, Upper Darby PA

WINTER HONORS DINNER

*to benefit the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia
Scholarship Fund*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

5:00-8:00pm

Arts Ballroom, 1324 Locust Street, Philadelphia

We will present our *PAIDEIA* Award to
THE HONORABLE STEPHANOS BIBAS
Judge, United States Court of Appeals
for the Third District, Philadelphia

ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ (*PAIDEIA*) is the ancient Greek word for learning or education. The lifelong pursuit of *PAIDEIA* was set by our Founders as the Club's main objective; eighty-four years later this ideal continues to inspire us.

MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors is pleased to present the following applicants for membership:

Demetra Pithis

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Upper Holland, PA 19053
Tel: 215-750-9757
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Demetra received her BS in Education from the University of Delaware and her MEd from Beaver College. She currently works as a Special Education Teacher in the Council Rock School District.

Daniel Pithis

22 Meer Drive
Upper Holland, PA 19053
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Daniel received his BS in Business from Drexel University. He works as a Sales Manager of Cedar Farms.

The above applicants shall be considered elected unless written objection is filed with the Corresponding Secretary **Nick Linardopoulos** (nick.linardopoulos@comcast.net) within 10 days of publication.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership Renewal notices for the 2019-20 fiscal year were mailed to all members in November. Kindly remit your dues to Membership Renewal Chair **George N. Pappas**, 401 Cooper Landing Road, Suite C8, Cherry Hill NJ 08002 as soon as possible. For your convenience, debit/credit card payments can be made online at hucannualdues2020.eventbrite.com

IN MEMORIAM

MARIA GALANOS HETOS, EDD

Past President and Emeritus Member **Dr. Maria Galanos Hetos** passed away peacefully on November 24, 2019, at her home in Memphis, TN. Maria celebrated her 100th birthday this past September.

Maria served as President of our Club in 1951 and again in 1976-77. Together with her late husband Founding Member and Past President Nicholas S. Hetos, DDS, she served the Hellenic University Club with distinction in many capacities for sixty years before moving to Memphis to be near her family.

In 2001 Maria established the Nicholas S. Hetos, DDS, Memorial Graduate Scholarship for Dental Studies to honor her late husband. In 2011 she started a second scholarship for graduate studies in Education, the Maria Galanos Hetos Graduate Scholarship. Although she left Philadelphia more than ten years ago, the Club was always close to her heart and she continued to participate by supporting our scholarship fundraising events.

To her daughters Catherine (Harry) Skefos and Stephanie (Rev. Reagan) Cocke and their families we express our heartfelt sympathy. Her funeral took place on November 27 at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation in Memphis, and her burial was in San Antonio, TX.

The family has requested that donations in her memory be sent to the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia Scholarship Fund earmarked for the Maria Galanos Hetos Graduate Scholarship.

May her memory be eternal.

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Winter Honors Dinner

Great enthusiasm (from the Greek word *enthousiasmos*) is building for our **WINTER HONORS DINNER** planned for **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020** at the **ARTS BALLROOM, 1324 Locust Street, Philadelphia.**

Recognizing and honoring individuals of high achievement as they relate to ancient and modern Hellenic ideals ... is one of our Club's key missions, and it is to that purpose that we have invited **THE HONORABLE STEPHANOS BIBAS**, United States Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (Philadelphia) to attend the Honors Dinner and accept our **2020 PAIDEIA Award.**

Judge Bibas is a noted scholar of criminal procedure with expertise in criminal charging, plea bargaining, and sentencing. Previously he was a professor of law and criminology at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. We're delighted that he is also a member of our Club.

The Winter Honors Dinner will directly benefit our Scholarship Program, the largest grant program among all Greek-American organizations in the Philadelphia region. (This year alone we awarded scholarship grants totaling \$55,000 to 18 undergraduate and graduate college/university students.)

The elegant (but not formal) Sunday evening event will begin at 5:00 o'clock and conclude by 8:00 p.m.; you'll be on your way home at a very civil hour! Among many pluses of the evening: An Open Bar for three hours ... abundant and wonderfully-prepared Appetizers and Entree choices ... \$10 parking (for early registrants) directly across the street from the Arts Ballroom ... and an opportunity to meet our Honoree.

Again this year, we will create a printed record of this Scholarship Fundraising event. You will be invited to send your congratulations and good thoughts to Judge Bibas by placing an ad in the Commemorative Journal.

Watch for the HUC Winter Honors Dinner invitation that will be sent by email and postal mail in early January.

HUC Christmas Party

Sunday, December 1, 2019 at Positano Coast by Aldo Lamberti



SAVE THE DATE


Vasilopita Celebration

Please save the date of Friday, January 17th for our annual Vasilopita celebration. Once again, let's convene for this annual tradition with familiar friends as well as new.

Details regarding registration will be available soon. See the flyer for more details and we look forward to you joining us.

Artoklasia Service


We invite you to join us as we celebrate the Day of Greek Letters and honor our Patron Saints, the Three Hierarchs – Saint Basil the Great, Saint Gregory the Theologian, and Saint John Chrysostom – with our Annual Artoklasia Service on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 229 Powell Lane, Upper Darby PA 19082. Orthros will begin at 8:45 AM, Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM, with fellowship in the community center following Divine Liturgy.





*We wish you
and your loved ones
a Merry Christmas
and a happy and healthy
New Year!*

STAY CONNECTED

The HUC Website has been revamped with more photos and up to date information about our events. Visit our new Donate, Membership, Events, and Scholarship pages for all the latest about the HUC. And look out for our revamped Blog page, which will soon be featuring Member Spotlights!

 Facebook: www.facebook.com/hucphiladelphia

 Instagram: @HUC_Philly

 Twitter: @HUCPhilly

If you have photos from any of our events that you think might be good for social media, message them to any of our social media accounts!

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL VASILOPITA DINNER

*Sponsored by Hellenic Professional &
Civic Organizations of Philadelphia*

JANUARY 17, 2020

6:30-10:30pm

ESTIA RESTAURANT

1405 Locust St

Philadelphia, PA



\$80 members \$60 students

Dinner with mezedes, entrée choice, dessert

Cash Bar

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