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FROM THE PRESIDENT



The most wonderful time of the year is upon us, and the signs are unmistakable: Christmas trees strapped to car roofs on their way to their holiday homes; vasilopita order forms in our church bulletins; lights strung from porches; children overflowing with excitement while we grownups balance our “serious” lives with our inner child. In this spirit of hope I am offering a few words for the season, so that all of us reflect, rejoice and regroup ahead of yet another New Year. Να είμαστε καλά.

I wish everyone a wonderful and healthy Christmas. May we especially savor the small moments this year in light of how challenging life during the coronavirus pandemic has been. May we find continued joy and meaning in the community and stimulation that membership in our Club provides. And may our blessings translate into action as we aspire to make life better for the next generation through access to higher education and lifelong learning.

Instead of gift cards or trinkets, now would be a nice time to consider inviting friends and family into the HUC fold with a **gift of membership**. The souls and minds who make our Club so interesting would be further enriched by the Christmas gift of new voices added to our Greek chorus. Also, as you will see in greater detail later in this letter, the holidays are a good time for considering an end-of-year **donation to our scholarship fund** – before the tax year closes. You could

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reassure friends and family that HUC, with its ultra-lean budget, would place their philanthropic dollars directly into the hands of students attending university. How wonderful if we could achieve another of my Christmas wishes: *That HUC reach a \$1 million fund milestone*. Who knows? We might even throw a great HUC party afterward to celebrate!

A stimulating 2022 for members is fast approaching. We have a schedule of speaker events lined up that may surprise you. Our board members have worked hard to assemble a smorgasbord of themes: From topical political discussions connected to the Hellenic story, to subjects viewed as more timeless but still very current in presentation.

My greatest wish, above all, is that we and those whom we love celebrate Christmas in good health. And that we find continued joy next year in the community of our enduring, growing, and beloved Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia. Here’s to finding the coin in next year’s vasilopita!

Respectfully,

George Tsetsekos, PhD
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOCIAL EVENT

Bru Craft & Wurst

Thursday, December 16th, from 6:30 to 8:30pm
1316 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

LECTURE PROGRAM

Paul Apostolidis

Presented on Zoom

Saturday, January 22, Time TBA

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-five years later this ideal continues to inspire us.

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to welcome our newest members, **Vivian Hionas, Eva McGrath, Helena Polites, Lorena Sako, Magdalen Tzimoulis, and Santina Zouras.** Καλώς ήρθατε!

Additionally, The Board of Directors is pleased to present the following four applicants for memberships:

Antonis Papadourakis

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Antonis received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Thessaloniki and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Massachusetts. He is the President and CEO of Lanxess Corporation. He has three sons, Grigorios, Antonios, and Andreas.

Leigh Christine Frangos-Li

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Leigh received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Georgetown University and a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. Leigh is a Nurse Practitioner and she and her husband Jim have three children, Chris, Catherine, and Francesca.

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Alexandra received a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University and a Master of Science from Oxford University. She currently is enrolled in law school at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Ed received a Bachelor of Arts from Rutgers College, and a J.D. from Rutgers Law School. He works as an attorney at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. He and his wife Jeanne have two children, Evan and Matthew.

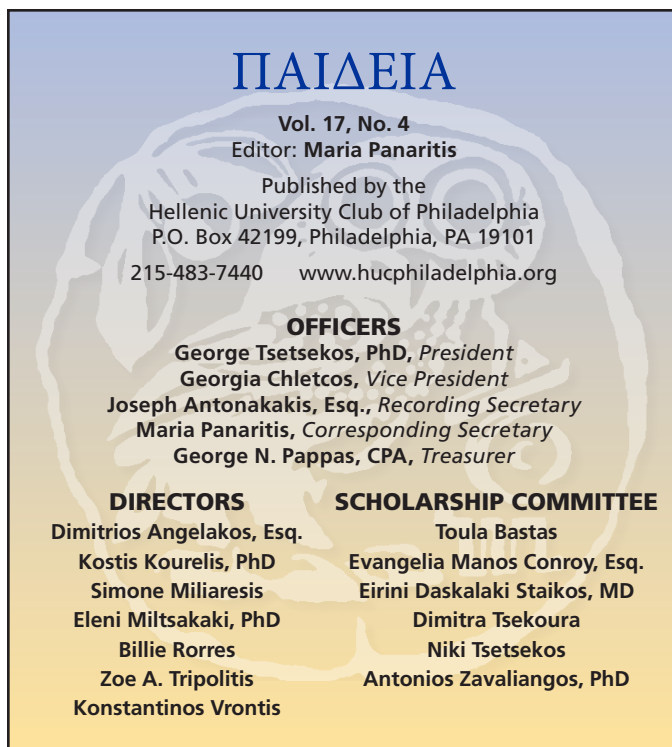
The above applicants shall be considered elected unless written objection is filed with the Corresponding Secretary, **Maria Panaritis** (panaritimaria@gmail.com), within 10 days of publication.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It is the time of year for HUC membership renewals. Payment may be sent by check to HUC of Philadelphia, PO Box 42199, Phila., PA 19101 or by credit card via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/huc-annual-dues-2021-2022-tickets-164148222753>. Dues are \$75 for Individuals and \$120 for Couples. **Please pay by December 31, 2021.**

END OF YEAR PHILANTHROPY

With the tax year coming to a close, members and friends of the Hellenic University Club may want to consider making a donation to the Scholarship Fund by December 31st for tax purposes. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, which makes donations tax deductible. Donations may be made by check or through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/huc-scholarship-donations-2021-2022-tickets-164149618929>. Another online way to donate is by clicking the donor card on the HUC home page and following the prompts. Gifts of securities are also encouraged through contacting Eileen Chambers at Haverford Trust.



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UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENT



Join us for a casual get together at **Bru Craft & Wurst** in Philadelphia on **Thursday, December 16th**, from **6:30 to 8:30pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Greeks from the Philadelphia area. If you are interested in attending, please sign up using the Google Forms link below so that we can gauge attendance. Feel free to contact **Konstantinos Vrontis** at kvrontis@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sign-up Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1wWR5HszF60Wnu6KX2Z9fsVCqyo_eFi-513o3SWUSV8lZ1xg/viewform?usp=sf_link

UPCOMING EVENT



Join us for the first of our 2022 educational events: **Paul Apostolidis**, Associate Professorial Lecturer in the Department of Government at the London School of Economics and Political Science, will speak to

HUC via Zoom on **Saturday, January 22**, on the topic, **“Seeing Through the Prism of a Century: Latino Immigration Today from a Greek-American Perspective.”** Dr. Apostolidis is grandson of HUC cofounder Dr. Nicholas Padis, and he recently joined our Club as a member from England. More details are to come soon.

VASILOPITA CUTTING

The Tradition Continues...

Plans are underway for January 2022 to celebrate the annual Vasilopita cutting ceremony. We are proud to announce that as in the past we will co-host this fun New Year’s gathering with our fellow professional organizations. More information will follow!!



HUC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

The Club is in need of a part-time, paid Administrative Assistant. We are looking for a qualified individual within our membership or outside the Club to coordinate the work of several committees and provide general support to the President, Board, and Scholarship Committee.

Applicants must have a firm knowledge of WORD, EXCEL, ACCESS or Similar; excellent oral and written communications skills; light bookkeeping skills. Hours per week/month would vary depending on Committee needs. Candidates must be self-motivated, show initiative, and meet deadlines.

If you know anyone who would be interested, please pass this information on to them and/or to us. Interested individuals should email their resume with a cover letter to:

President, Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia
Re: Administrative Assistant Job
Email: hucphiladelphia@gmail.com

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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!

2022 LECTURE PROGRAM

The Lecture Program for 2022 is coming together with a wonderful cocktail of speakers and topics to be presented on Zoom beginning in January. We are sharing a preview of the tentative schedule of events as the roster has come into shape thus far. Complete details with finalized dates and times will be forthcoming just after New Year's Day.

JANUARY:

Paul Apostolidis

Professor of Education & Deputy Head of the Department of Education, London School of Economics – and grandson of HUC cofounder Dr. Nicholas Padis

“Seeing Through the Prism of a Century: Latino Immigration Today from a Greek-American Perspective”

Saturday, January 22, time TBA

FEBRUARY:

Joanna Eleftheriou

Assistant Professor, Department of English, Christopher Newport University

“This Way Back: A Greek-American Memoir”

Thursday, February 10, 7pm

MARCH:

Eleni Angelomatis-Tsougarakis

Professor Emerita of History, Ionian University

“Women during the Greek War of Independence”

Saturday, March 26 or 29, TBA

APRIL:

Katerina Lagos & Othon Anastasakis

Professor of History, California State University, Sacramento & Professor of Politics and International Relations and Director of South East European Studies, Oxford University

“The Greek Military Dictatorship: Revisiting a Troubled Past, 1967–1974”

Thursday, April 14 or 28, TBA

MAY:

Will Pananes & Chris Polites

Olympia Kitchen, Chambersburg, 1903 & Polites Florists, Philadelphia, 1908

“Flowers & Candy: A Century of Greek American Business (110 Years of Sweetness)”

Thursday, May 5, TBA



The first of these events, in January, will be extra special because the chosen speaker has a profound connection to our Club. **Paul Apostolidis** recently joined HUC in tribute to his grandparents, who helped form the group 85 years ago. He graciously agreed to kick off our first lecture of the New Year with a presentation on immigration. In his own words, here is what Dr. Apostolidis said he plans to discuss with us next month:

“Narratives of immigration form a crucial part of what it means to be Greek-American. Passed down through family, church, regional and local communities, these stories help foster a sense of who we are, where we come from and what we value. How can reflecting on our own community’s immigrant past help us better understand the circumstances of contemporary immigrants to the United States, especially people from Mexico and Central America, who make up the largest share of recently arriving immigrants? This talk will discuss themes from my academic research with Latino communities whose members work in jobs that produce the material conditions of family and community life today: food for people’s tables; sturdy, clean and beautified dwellings; the home deliveries we rely on now more than ever. What are the everyday conditions of work, family and community like for people in these quarters of our society? How do they remember their own immigrant pasts? And how might their experiences resonate with Greek-American stories despite dissonances and divergences? In addressing these questions, I will look back at my own family’s story of immigrating from Greece with a focus on my grandparents, Nicholas and Kively Padis, co-founders of the Hellenic University Club nearly a century ago.”

HUC AT LONGWOOD GARDENS



Kicking off the holiday season at Longwood Gardens is always magical and HUC was there to enjoy the splendor of it all a few days ago! We started with a guided tour for 50 of our members followed by lunch in the cafe. This year's theme of "Fire and Ice" did not disappoint with the decorated trees, lights, and magnificent poinsettias that abounded as we traversed the grounds on Saturday, December 11th. We learned about the history, creation and maintenance of the beautiful landscapes and flowers at this horticultural gem in Chester County. Many of our members stayed for the evening's lighting of the trees and to enjoy the Longwood Carolers! Here are a few photos from our day:





Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners! Καλή Πρόοδο!

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Your gift today will make a difference in someone's future. Every gift counts and every gift matters!

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



Get Together at Brü Craft & Wurst

Good times and good drinks with Fellow Philly Greeks

When: Thursday, December 16th, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Where: Brü Craft & Wurst
1316 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Details:

Meet at Brü to socialize with fellow Greeks from the Philadelphia Area.

Cost: Attendance is free, you are responsible for your own food and beverages.

Happy Hour Specials (ends at 7pm):

\$4 Drafts & Craft Cans,
\$5 Red & White Wine
\$5 House Liquor,
\$5 Starters & Wurst Sandwiches

If you interested in attending, please use the Google forms link below

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe1wWR5HszF60Wnu6KX2Z9fsVCqyo_eFi513o3SWUSV8IZ1xg/vi_ewform?usp=sf_link





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