

## HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

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#### OCTOBER 2019

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members,

Sunday, September 15th was a lovely day to kick off our 2019-2020 season, and Ristorante La Veranda at Penn's Landing was a delightful place to hold our Opening Reception. We enjoyed beautiful weather, wonderful

food and drinks, and exciting views of the Delaware River and the Benjamin Franklin Bridge (trimmed in little lights that stretched all the way to New Jersey!) It was an afternoon well spent as we greeted HUC members, old and new.

We hope you've been promoting our upcoming PHILA-DELPHIA GREEK FILM EXPO and that you're planning to join us to view one ...two ... three ... or all five films that will be shown at INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, 3701 Chestnut Street, October 11-13! For the first time we've partnered with the Hellenic Film Society USA to bring such an event to Philadelphia. Yes, the dialogue is all in Greek – but subtitles in English will make the films easily understood and enjoyed. There will also be a Q&A session and a special reception on Sunday at the conclusion of the festival. Go on EVENTBRITE and reserve your tickets now! greekfilmfest2019.eventbrite.com

Coming up on November 15, we've invited **Alexander Kitroeff**, Professor of History at Haverford College, to speak about a subject we will enjoy learning about, The Greeks in 19th-20th Century Egypt. It's the subject of his latest book, *THE GREEKS AND THE MAKING OF MODERN EGYPT*. Members and friends are invited to attend this compelling and timely talk on the campus of Haverford College. With the end of the year quickly approaching, annual giving may be something you are thinking about for philanthropy, generosity, or tax benefits. We hope you will consider a gift to the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia Scholarship Fund, either in cash or in the form of appreciated securities. Consult with your tax professional to determine your most tax-efficient option. If you have questions, please email us at hucphiladelphia@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you at the Philadelphia Greek Film Expo!

Kind regards,

Zoe Inpolie

Zoe Tripolitis President

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

PHILADELPHIA GREEK FILM EXPO October 11, 12 & 13, 2019 The International House at University of Pennsylvania 3701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 See page 3 for a list of films and showtimes.

### **BOOK TALK**

Friday, November 15th - 7:30 pm Haverford College campus **Alexander Kitroeff**, Professor of History at Haverford College, will speak about his latest book, *THE GREEKS AND THE MAKING OF MODERN EGYPT*. Members and friends are invited to attend this fascinating and timely talk.

 $\Pi$ AI $\Delta$ EIA (*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 applicant for membership:

## Merita Rumano

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Merita received her PhD from the University of Tirano. She is currently a Research Fulbright Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania.

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

## MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Zoe Sarbanes Pappas and Martha Skiadas who have reached Emeritus status in the Club. Emeritus membership is granted to individuals who have been members for 50 years or more. We thank Zoe and Martha for their many years of membership, support and service. Emeritus members are exempt from paying annual dues.

## ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ

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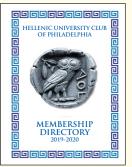
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## HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!

Warmest congratulations to Past President and Emeritus Member Dr. Maria Hetos on the celebration of her 100th birthday on September 23rd. We send our best wishes. Maria lives in Memphis, TN, but maintains strong ties to the Club and funds two scholarships each year-the Nicholas S. Hetos, DDS, Memorial Graduate Scholarship in memory of her late husband, and the Dr. Maria G. Hetos Graduate Scholarship. We wish her continued good health and happiness.



## **MEMBERSHIP** DIRECTORY



The electronic version of the 2019-2020 Membership Directory was sent to all members this month. Printed copies will be mailed to members who do not receive our emails and others who request them. Please continue to send us

updates when your information changes so that we may keep our list current.

## 2019 PHILADELPHIA GREEK FILM EXPO

nly days to go to secure your tickets for the inaugural Philadelphia Greek Film Expo. Please join us for a special, "first-of-a-kind" event in Philadelphia on October 11th to the 13th. The HUC will be partnering with the Hellenic Film Society of New York to bring to our community five extraordinary and entertaining Greek films to be shown in the inaugural Philadelphia Greek Film Expo. The venue for our event is the Ibrahim Theater at the International House located on University of Pennsylvania's campus, 3701 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Professor Jimmy DeMetro has curated five interesting and entertaining films for our viewing pleasure. On Sunday October 13th after the screenings we will have a Q&A session, and a lovely catered reception featuring Greek mezzes. For the Sunday screening of "Her Job" and reception you must purchase tickets in advance due to the catering reservation. We ask that you reserve via Eventbrite for all shows and be sure to bring your ticket with you to every performance. We will be taking cash (only) at the door for available seats, however we would prefer Eventbrite to enable a more timely entry for everyone. We hope that you are able to join us for an enjoyable and unique event the weekend of October 11th!

Plenty of metered street parking is available on Chestnut and Market Streets, as well as throughout University City. Metered parking is \$2 per hour, free after 8pm.

There is a parking garage at the Sheraton University City hotel at 36th & Chestnut, as well as Penn parking lots at 38th & Samson and 38th & Walnut.



#### PHILADELPHIA GREEK FILM EXPO: OCTOBER 11-13

#### PERFECT STRANGERS (Teleioi xenoi) Directed by Thodoris Atheridis

This comedy started life as an Italian film. It has been remade in various countries. This is the Greek version. Seven friends gather for dinner. To prove that they have no secrets from one another, they put their cell phones on the table and decide to share all incoming calls and messages. They discover that truth games can be dangerous. Stellar cast, strong production values. Great big

#### LOVE STRUCK (Apo erota)

Directed by Thodoris Atheridis

Two days before his wedding, a fireman must contend with the ghost of a former girlfriend who is determined to stop his wedding from taking place. Nice genre comedy, updated with adult situations, good music, strong cast.

#### HOLY BOOM Directed by Maria Lafi

As a prank, teenagers blow up a mailbox in an immigrant area of Athens. The vandalism seriously impacts the lives of four residents. Various story lines are brought together quite expertly, making for an engrossing, though sobering, film.

#### SEARCHING FOR ANDREAS

Directed by Harris Mylonas and Theo Prodromidis

More than a biography of controversial political figure Andreas Papandreou, whose legacy is still felt in Greece 22 years after his death, this documentary offers a cautionary tale about reliance on charismatic leaders and the challenges that democracies face in our times.

#### **HER JOB** (I Douleia Tis) Directed by Nikos Labot

Amid Greece's economic turmoil, an oppressed housewife gets her first job as a cleaning woman at a shopping mall and unexpectedly finds empowerment and a sense of self-worth in this film nominated for six Hellenic Film Academy Awards. including Best Picture.

All films not in English are shown with English subtitles.

Note: Please bring your ticket to each show and check the HUC website www.hucphiladelphia.org for the latest event information.

For questions or issues, you can contact Andrea Tsapralis at: Andrea.Tsapralis@icloud.com | 609-265-9667 or call the HUC directly at: 215-483-7440

## **EVENTS OF INTEREST**



## Annual Benefit Banquet for IOCC 2019

The **Eighth Annual Benefit Banquet for IOCC** will be held on **Sunday, October 27, 2019** at **Adelphia Restaurant / Pan Athenian Grand Ballroom, 1750 Clements Bridge Road, Deptford, NJ**. Hor d'Oeuvres and a Silent Auction will begin at 3:30 pm followed by Dinner and Program at 5:00 pm.

Come and learn about IOCC's programs around the world and how your support makes a difference in places like Ethiopia, Greece and the Middle East.

For more information and to register on-line go to: www.IOCC.org/Philadelphia

## Recent Excavations in Downtown Athens

GUEST SPEAKER John McK. Camp II Director of the Athenian Agora Excavationsamerican School of Classical Studies

DATE AND LOCATION November 1, 2019 at 7:15 pm Hagley Museum, 298 Buck Road, Wilmington DE 19807

Hosted By Hellenic University Club of Wilmington

Please RSVP by October 30, 2019 to soula mistras302-897-7843amistras@comcast.net helen kirifides302 377-1702hmkirifides@gmail.com



JOHN MCK. CAMP II is one of the best known archaeologists in the world. He is regarded as the foremost expert on the topography of Athens and Attica. His long association with the American School's Athenian Agora excavations dates back to 1966, when he first served as Field Supervisor, later as Assistant Director, and currently as Director, a post he has held since 1994. He received

his A.B. in Classics from Harvard University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology from Princeton University. He was the Andrew W. Mellon Professor at the American School from 1985 to 1996, and since then has served on the faculty of Randolph-Macon College, where he is the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Professor of Classics.

## **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!

f 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!

### About the Speaker





# PHILADELPHIA GREEK FILM<sup>expo</sup>



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## LETTERS FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Here are a few words of thanks from this year's scholarship recipients. They make us extremely proud!



Dear Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia,

Thank you for the generous scholarship. I am so blessed to be part of a wonderful heritage. From,

Kelly Davidson Maria Galanos Hetos Graduate Scholarship Recipient



Dear HUC,

Thank you for awarding me this scholarship! I am so honored, and it will surely help me so much in college.

Thank you, Antonis Christou Cyprus Society Scholarship

Congratulations to our 2019-2020 Scholarship Winners! Kalý flpódolo:



