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HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

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SEPTEMBER 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members,

September – the start of fall, the start of a new school year, the beginning of the ecclesiastical year, the beginning of so many things, including our new Club year. As we begin our 84th year, we hope you will participate in the many exciting events we are planning. It is my privilege, together with our talented and dynamic Officers and Board of Directors, to continue the mission of our exceptional Club – to bring together Greek-Americans and foster, support and promote our Greek heritage and culture. We encourage our members to invite family members and friends to our events so we can introduce them to our Club. We can accomplish a lot and continue to develop and grow by retaining and expanding our membership. The support, help and enthusiasm of each one of you is the key to our success!

Our Opening Reception is days away. Please join us on Sunday, September 15, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Ristorante La Veranda at Penn's Landing. This is a wonderful opportunity for members, prospective members, and guests to spend an enjoyable evening together. Prospective members who attend this event and join the Club by November 1 will receive complimentary dues for one year. Please see the detailed flyer for this event included in this Newsletter.

The inaugural Philadelphia Greek Film Expo, presented by the Hellenic University Club and the Hellenic Film Society USA, takes place the weekend of October 11-13 at International House in University City. We will present 5 contemporary films, in Greek with English subtitles. There will also be a Q&A session and a special reception on Sunday. We are also producing a commemorative Program Book for this event and ask for your support by placing an ad for

your business or a personal greeting. Please look for further details inside this newsletter and plan to join us at one or more of the events during this extraordinary weekend.

During the coming year, we will continue to update our website and our Facebook and Twitter pages to help us better connect with our members and the community. Please look for and share our posts with your friends!

I look forward to seeing you at our Opening Reception, the Philadelphia Greek Film Expo, and at many of our upcoming events.

Kind regards,

Zoe Tripolitis
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

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The International House
at University of Pennsylvania
3701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104
See page 4 for a list of films and showtimes.

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

We welcome our newest members, **Maria Christou**, **Simone Miliareisis**, **Maria Panaritis**, **Ellen Rackas** and **John Rackas**. Καλώς ήρθατε!

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to members **Nikoleta Tzaferos** and her husband **H. Matthew Taylor** on the birth of their son Alexander Stavros Taylor, born on August 2nd. We wish them and big brother George much happiness. Να σας ζήσει!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The **2019-20 Membership Directory** will be ready for distribution this month. Members who receive our email will be sent an electronic copy of the Directory. All others will receive a printed copy by US mail. If you are on the email list and wish to receive a printed copy as well, kindly send a request to Directory Chair **Virginia Botsis** at vabotsis@gmail.com. Please bring any errors or updates to her attention as well, so that they can be corrected.



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IN MEMORIAM

HRISAFIE M. SOPHOCLES

Presvytera Chrysi Sophocles passed away peacefully on August 19, 2019, at the age of 97. We extend our deepest condolences to her daughter and son-in-law, members **Anna** and **Nicholas Hadgis**, to her son and daughter-in-law Michael and Dorothy Sophocles of Weston, MA, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and to all the members of her beloved family.

She was a member of the Hellenic University Club for many years and regularly attended our events with Anna and Nick. She is remembered fondly by many of our members. Presv. Chrysi was a member of Philoptochos and the Choir of St. Luke. She was also a dedicated community volunteer.

Her funeral took place on August 27th at St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church in Broomall, PA. May her memory be eternal.

OPENING RECEPTION

Please join us at our **Opening Reception** on **Sunday, September 15th**, from **5:00 until 8:00 pm** at the beautiful **La Veranda Ristorante** at **Penn's Landing**. Enjoy delicious food and a chance to meet old friends as well as make some new ones.

Details and reservation form are on the attached flyer.





2019-2020 HUC Board of Directors and Committee Chairs.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Our **Annual Business Meeting** was held on **Sunday, June 9, 2019** at **St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church**. Following a light lunch, the Committee Chairs presented their reports and the new Board of Directors was elected. Thank you to all who were present and participated in this very important Club function.

Congratulations to the newly elected Officers, Directors, and Scholarship Committee members:

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 Niki Tsetsekos
 Antonios Zavaliangos, PhD



Past President Andrea Tsapralis and new President Zoe Tripolitis, and the ceremonial "passing of the gavel."

Best wishes to all for a successful 2019-2020 Club year!

PHILADELPHIA GREEK FILM EXPO

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 James Demetro of the Hellenic Film Society has curated the five films to be shown over the course of the three days - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On Sunday, our first film, *Searching for Andreas*, has a connection to the HUC. Associate Producer Theodora Frangakis is from the Philadelphia area and she is a recent HUC scholarship recipient. Sunday’s screenings will conclude with a Q&A session and a catered reception immediately following the

Q&A. Please refer to the enclosed flyer and our website for a complete listing of the films to be shown, including the film synopses. Tickets can be purchased at the following website: www.greekfilmfest2019.eventbrite.com. Please note the “Festival Pass” which offers a packaged discount for all events. We will also have a Program Book for all screenings.

You can find the form to purchase a festival ad or sponsorship in this newsletter or you can go to www.greekfilmfestbooklet2019.eventbrite.com. We would very much appreciate the support of our community to bring such an event to Philadelphia. All proceeds will help defray the event costs and fund the HUC going forward.

We hope that our membership and friends come out in force to support this event, which will help to make this event a new HUC tradition!



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PHILADELPHIA GREEK FILM expo

A GREEK FILM FESTIVAL FOR ALL PHILADELPHIANS

OCTOBER 11-13
2019



Schedule

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE PHILADELPHIA

3701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11

7:30 pm	PERFECT STRANGERS <i>Dir. Thodoris Atheridis</i>
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 12

7:00 pm	LOVESTRUCK <i>Dir. Thodoris Atheridis</i>
9:15 pm	HOLY BOOM <i>Dir. Maria Lafi</i>

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13

2:00 pm	SEARCHING FOR ANDREAS <i>Dir. H. Mylonas and T. Prodromidis</i>
4:00 pm	HER JOB <i>Dir. Nikos Labot *</i>

* This film, on Sunday, will be followed by a Q&A with Greek film experts, which will then be followed by a catered reception at the International House.

PHILADELPHIA GREEK FILM EXPO: OCTOBER 11-13

PERFECT STRANGERS (*Teleioi xenoï*)

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 commercial film.

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 Papandreu, 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.

To learn more and buy tickets:
www.hucphiladelphia.org | www.greekfilmfest2019.eventbrite.com

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



HELLENIC UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

Opening Reception

Sunday, September 15, 2019 • 5:00 pm-8:00 pm



• RISTORANTE •

LA VERANDA

On the Waterfront

31 N Christopher Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Buffet • Cash Bar

\$35 in advance • \$50 at the door

**Members, Non-member Guests and Prospective Members are invited
New members who attend this event and join the Club by November 1st
will receive complimentary dues for one year**

Reservations must be received no later than Wednesday, September 11, 2019

*Mail to: George N. Pappas
401 Cooper Landing Rd # C8
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002*

Reservations may also be made through EVENTBRITE: hucopen19.eventbrite.com



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Name: _____

Email or telephone number: _____

_____ Number of reservations at \$35 per person \$_____ Total

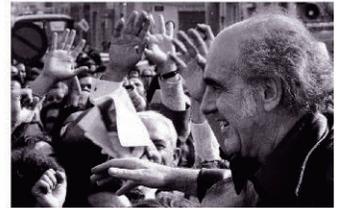
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PHILADELPHIA GREEK FILM *expo*



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JOIN US FOR A FILM FESTIVAL FEATURING 5 EXCELLENT CONTEMPORARY GREEK FILMS!

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE PHILADELPHIA
IBRAHIM THEATER

The Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia, in association with the Hellenic Film Society USA, is proud to present the Philadelphia Greek Film Expo, a Greek film festival for all Philadelphians.

You can help support this exciting undertaking by purchasing advertising or personal greeting space in the program booklet that will be distributed free of charge at all screenings. Many of those attending will, no doubt, want to take the program home and keep it as a souvenir. The booklet, in fact, offers a high-visibility opportunity for businesses to place an ad and for individuals to offer a greeting. Of course, your support will help assure the success of Philadelphia's very first Greek film festival.

Deadline for submissions is September 24.

PROMOTIONAL **RATES** for printed program distributed to all film screening attendees

<input type="checkbox"/> Back cover:	\$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Full page:	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside front cover:	\$300	<input type="checkbox"/> Half page:	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside back cover	\$300	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter page:	\$100

Please check the box for size requested.

Name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

Please mail this form with a check made payable to Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia:
P.O. Box 42199, Philadelphia, PA 19101-2199

You may also visit www.greekfilmfestbooklet2019.eventbrite.com to place your ad and submit your payment.

If you would like to include a logo or pre-set ad, please email it to: profdemetro@hotmail.com

For questions or issues call 609-265-9667 or 215-483-7440

Donations made to the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

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