FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members,

Summertime greetings to you all! I hope you’re taking time to relax and refresh this season – perhaps on an Aegean island with a quenching λεμοναδά in hand ... or “down the Shore” enjoying time with family and friends.

This newsletter brings summary (and summer-y) information about recent Club activities as well as events that are being planned for the year ahead.

First, looking back to our Scholarship Awards Dinner on May 30th, I’m delighted to report that we were able to award $55,000 in scholarship aid to ten undergraduate students and eight graduate students this year. It is truly a crowning achievement for our Club! Congratulations to all our scholarship recipients and warm thanks to our dedicated Scholarship Committee, chaired by Toula Bastas and Antonios Zavaliangos.

Our inspiring guest speaker at the Scholarship Dinner was award-winning journalist, staff writer, and columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer, Maria Panaritis. A former HUC Scholarship winner herself, Maria encouraged us to gather and write down the stories of our own immigrant families. Her heartwarming column, Of Ghosts, Stories, and Love from the Radnor Hotel: A Greek Immigrant Lesson for Life, appeared in the Sunday, June 2nd issue of The Inquirer. In it Maria offered a touching tribute to her family – and to our Club, as well. We have proudly posted her column on our web site.

Then on June 9th, we held our Annual Business Meeting at St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church, capping a truly memorable year. Many thanks to Past President Andrea Tsapralis along with her Officers and Board Members for their commitment and accomplishments this past year. Andrea’s efforts continue as she plans the first Greek Film Festival in Philadelphia – October 11-13, 2019 – at the International House in University City. We will be partnering with the Hellenic Film Society of New York to present 4 films from Greece (with English subtitles). We’re also planning a panel discussion and a special reception. Please join us at one or all of the events during this extraordinary weekend.

Meanwhile, the Opening Reception for our new season will take place on Sunday, September 15th, from 5:00 until 8:00 pm, at the beautiful La Veranda Ristorante at Penn’s Landing. I hope you’ll join us for delicious food and a chance to meet old friends as well as some new ones. Once again we will waive the first-year dues for new applicants who attend the reception and apply for membership at that time. We encourage you to invite a friend or prospective member to attend the Opening Reception.

I am delighted to serve as your President once again (my third term of office – the first was in 1992-93 and the second in 2006-2007). I look forward to working with our new Officers and Board of Directors to bring you a variety of memorable events during the coming year. And I look forward to welcoming you at our Opening Reception on September 15th!

Kind regards,

Zoe Tripolitis
President

UPCOMING EVENT
OPENING RECEPTION
Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 5:00 PM
Ristorante La Veranda
31 North Columbus Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Tickets $35 in advance, $50 at the door.
MEMBERSHIP

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

Maria Christou
406 Salem Crossing Road
Mooresstown, NJ 08057
Tel: (856) 802-0305
Email: mchristou@comcast.net

Maria earned her B.A. from Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ in 1991. She is a homemaker, wife, and mother of two children.

Simone Miliaresis
77 Skyline Drive
Sicklerville, NJ 08081
Tel: (856) 796-0018
Email: simone.miliaresis@gmail.com

In 2010, Simone received a B.A. in Psychology from Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ, where she concentrated in behavioral services for children and families, specialized in international studies, and minored in Spanish. She went on to earn a Masters of Education in School Psychology from Temple University in 2013. In 2016, Simone received an Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology from Temple University. Simone is currently a School Psychologist for the School District of Philadelphia.

Ellen Rackas
2099 Buckinghamshire Road
Furlong, PA 18925
Tel: (215) 794-3976
Email: jar1112@comcast.net

Ellen holds a B.S. in Accounting from American University, as well as an MBA with a concentration in International Business from the University of Maryland. She is currently a professor of Accounting at Muhlenberg College.

John Rackas
2009 Buckinghamshire Road
Furlong, PA 18925
Tel: (215) 933-9505
Email: jar1112@comcast.net

John holds a B.S. in Biomedical Communications from the School of Allied Medical Professions at Ohio State University. He is currently Director of Value and Access Marketing at Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals.

These applications shall be considered elected unless written objection is filed with the Corresponding Secretary Dorothy Hazan (hazand@pennlaw.upenn.edu) within 10 days of publication.

Maria Panaritis
2709 Belmont Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003
Tel: (215) 313-3496
Email: panaritismaria@gmail.com

Maria earned a B.A. in Politics from St. Joseph’s University in 1992, where she also minored in chemistry. Maria is a columnist and staff journalist at The Philadelphia Inquirer.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The Membership Directory for 2019-2020 will be updated in August and distributed to our members in September.

If you have a change of address, telephone or email kindly notify Directory Chair Virginia Botsis at vabotsis@gmail.com, by August 25, 2019.
MEMBER NEWS

Warm congratulations to Dr. Spiros Mancoridis on being named the newly-endowed Auerbach Berger Chair in Cybersecurity at Drexel University! Συγχαρητήρια!

OPENING RECEPTION

Join the HUC for our Annual Opening Reception and help us kick off the 2019-2020 season!

Come toast to another year of fellowship at the beautiful Ristorante La Veranda in Philadelphia. The event will be held on Sunday, September 15 from 5:00-8:00 PM and will include a buffet and cash bar.

As always, members, non-members, and prospective members are welcome, and any new members who attend the event and join the Club by November 1, 2019 will receive complimentary dues for the first year of membership!

Tickets are $35 in advance or $50 at the door, so reserve your ticket today at hucopen19.eventbrite.com.

EVENT OF INTEREST

The Federation of Hellenic American Societies of Philadelphia and Greater Delaware Valley presents A Night with Stelios Dionisiou, on Saturday, September 7 at 8:00 PM. This event will be held at St. Luke’s Community Center. Admission is $60, which includes a Meze platter. All proceeds will benefit the 2020 Greek Independence Day Parade! Friends and family are welcome!

To reserve your ticket, please call Georgia Halakos (302) 379-4335, Georgia Chletcos (610) 547-0072, Danny Pithis (215) 828-1545, George Maniatis (484) 477-7577, or Maria Agatsiotis (484) 574-1401.

IN MEMORIAM

HOPE K. VODANTIS

Emeritus Member Hope Vodantis passed away on June 17, 2019. We extend our deepest condolences to her daughter and son-in-law Ann Valee and Gordon McLaughlin, both members of our Club, her sons Stephen (Toni) and Nicholas (Dana), her grandchildren, and to all the members of her family. Her late husband John was a past President and Emeritus Member of the Club.

In 2016 Hope established the John S. Vodantis Memorial Scholarship for Greek Studies to honor her late husband.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia Scholarship Fund.

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!
Our Scholarship Awards Dinner was held at the Radnor Hotel on Thursday, May 30, 2019. We were pleased to award 9 undergraduate and 8 graduate scholarships to 10 undergraduate students (the Paideia Scholarship was shared) and 8 graduate scholarships.

Our guest speaker was Maria Panaritis – an Award-Winning Journalist, Staff Writer and Columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer and a 1989-90 HUC Scholarship Recipient.

Maria gave us a timely and touching talk on the importance of stories- how staying in touch with our stories and those of others help to make connections with others and bind us as a society.

We were pleased to award for the first time, the Nicholas L. Gianopulos and Antoinette Manos Gianopulos Scholarship offered to a qualified student pursuing a degree in the fields of civil engineering, architecture, or fine arts. This annual award for $5,000 is funded by Antoinette Gianopulos, friends and family in memory of Nicholas Gianopulos.

Since 1971, a total of $749,000. has been awarded to 341 worthy students. We are very honored to recognize this year’s scholarship recipients for their academic excellence and commitment to the community. We congratulate them and wish them continued success in their studies and their future careers! Συγχαρήτηρα!
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
FOR 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

**DR. MICHAEL DORIZAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
**Sabrina Antonucci**
- Graduating from Central Bucks High School East
- Cumulative (unweighted) GPA 4.0
- National Merit Commended Scholar
- National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, AP Scholar with distinction
- Research experience at PA Biotechnology Center, and Gnostech Inc.
- Volunteering at Doylestown Hospital and Bucks Free Library
- Will attend University of Notre Dame (Chemical & Biomolecular engineering)

**FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP**
**Olivia Koch**
- Currently attending Lower Merion High School
- High School Honor Roll student and National Honor Society Member
- Dances- tap, jazz, ballet, modern, hip-hop, lyrical
- Member of the Dance Team, Best Buddies Program, Speak Up Leadership Team, Yearbook, Principal’s Advisory, and Student Council.
- BuildOn Trek: Fundraised to help build a school in Chetenga, Malawi and traveled there to help in construction
- Honored by her school for her 100 hours of service to the community.
- Will attend the University of Pennsylvania Nursing School

**PAIDEIA SCHOLARSHIP**
**Marina Mancoridis**
- Currently at the Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School; National Merit Scholarship recipient and Valedictorian of class 2019
- Counselor-in-training at the Discovery Camp at the Franklin Institute
- Co-captain of Masterman math team, and tutor of fellow students
- Member of Choir, Chamber Choir, Atomic Dragons Robotics Team and Youth Volunteer Corps
- Recipient of multiple awards including National Winner in the 19th Annual National High School Poetry Contest, Won the Public League and District Championships in Cross Country, and 1600m and Distance Medley Relay, National Spanish Exam Gold Medalist
- Coursework completed at University of Pennsylvania and Community College of Philadelphia
- Research experience in the PA Governor’s School of Science
- Single Choice Early Action - Admission to Princeton University (Computer Science/Math)

**PAIDEIA SCHOLARSHIP**
**Vassiliki Mancoridis**
- Currently at the Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School; National Merit Scholarship recipient
- Counselor-in-training at Discovery Camp at the Franklin Institute
- Captain of Masterman math team and tutor of fellow students
- Member of Choir, Atomic Dragons Robotics Team and Youth Volunteer Corps
- Recipient of multiple awards including Topical Winner of the American High School Poets, Won in Public League and District Championships, one gold medal in cross country, three gold medals in track and field, National Spanish Exam Silver Medalist
- Coursework completed at University of Pennsylvania and Community College of Philadelphia
- Research experience in the PA Governor’s School of Science
- Single Choice Early Action - Admission to Princeton University (Computer Science/Math)
DIMITRI J. VERVERELLI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ARCHITECTURE AND/OR ENGINEERING

DEMETRI TSITSIOS

- Currently attends Marple Newtown High School
- National Honors Society, Spanish Honors Society, International Club, Mini-Thon,
- Positive on People award, AP Scholar with Distinction, GOYA, Ambassador of Faith
- Diving captain, 2nd all Central League, Diving Coach
- Outdoor Track and Field team, Field captain
- Feeding Fellow Americans, Hellenic Hearts, and the honor of saving a life as a lifeguard.
- Will attend Drexel University to study biomedical engineering (Honors College)

THERESA A. CHLETOS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ANGELA KAGIAVAS

- Graduate of William Tennent High School, Warminster, PA
- Currently Attends Gwynedd Mercy University
  Major in Early Education, Pre-K and Special Education
- On Dean's list
- Former GOYA member- held office of President
- Greek Proficiency Test - Τεστ Ελληνομάθειας
- Black belt in mixed martial Arts

GOLDIE S. VASTARDIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ANDRIANNA TZINOUIDIS

- Graduating from Garnet Valley High School
- National Honor Society and French Honor Society
- President of Italian Club and Educators Rising
- Ambassador Award for PEACE recipient
- Will attend Temple University

NICHOLAS L. GIANOPOULOS AND ANTOINETTE MANOS GIANOPOULOS SCHOLARSHIP

NICHOLAS NIKAS

- Currently at Great Valley High School
- 3.9 GPA at time of Application with many AP classes
- Winner of the Mid-Atlantic Hellenic History tournament
- Member of High School concert band/symphony orchestra; tuba player in competitive high school marching band (leader of all brass players at football games); member of youth wind ensemble of West Chester University
- Participant - Greek dance group
- Acolyte/ordained reader in Greek Orthodox Christian religious services
- Community service volunteer
- Competitive Wrestling – Junior Varsity

CYPRUS SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

ANTONIS CHRISTOU

- Currently at Mooretown High School
- GPA: 4.6/5 (corresponding to A+), Many AP and Honors Courses
- Bronze medal in the National French Contest
- Member of the NJ - All State Orchestra (twice)
- National Merit Semifinalist
- Admitted to Yale University to study Computer Science and Music
Chios Society of Philadelphia “Koraes” Scholarship
Timothy Proctor
- Currently a Civic Engagement Scholar at Drew University, Madison New Jersey
- 3.5 GPA
- Co-President - Drew’s Philosophical Society
- Led a student event on voting initiatives; worked at an Interfaith Food Pantry; interned at the Trenton Soup Kitchen; Took part in a learning/service trip to the Appalachian region of Kentucky
- Accepted into Drew’s annual London program for English majors for the fall semester
- Will study Philosophy and Literature (double major)

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Nicholas Padis Memorial Graduate Scholarship
Adrienne Atkins
- Currently a PhD candidate in Classics at the University of Pennsylvania
- BA in Classics and minor in Spanish and Linguistics summa cum laude from Lawrence University (2013) and M.St. in Greek/Latin Languages (Oxford University)
- Recipient of Numerous honors and awards including Society for Classical Studies
- Outstanding Student Award, University of Pennsylvania; Phi Beta Kappa, inducted 2013 and Maurice P. and Regina C. Cunningham Prize in Greek, Lawrence University
- Numerous publications and conference papers
- Teacher and Instructor (Latin Language and Poetry, Mythology classes)- University of Pennsylvania
- Serves as a liaison and coordinator for the LEA Latin public School scholars in West Philadelphia
- Will attend the American School of Classical Studies at Athens

George C. Liacouras Memorial Scholarship
Kristen Sprayberry
- Graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Sciences in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences degree – Cum Laude
- A Schreyer Honors College student of Pennsylvania State University (Biology)
- Received American Society of Naturalists Best Oral Presentation Award at Three Rivers Evolution Event – Pittsburgh, PA 2017
- PennVet and PennMed Team member - Philadelphia Leagues Winter Soccer
- First Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do
- Currently a Veterinariae Medicinae Doctoris (VMD) candidate at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

John S. Manos, Esq., Memorial Graduate Scholarship
Joseph Antonakakis
- Attends Rutgers Law School, Candidate for JD May 2020
- BA in Psychology/Minor in Business Admin. 2016, Rutgers
- Member of the Student Bar Association
- Staff Editor for the Rutgers Journal of Law and Public Policy
- Awarded “Best Defendant’s Oral Argument”
- Awarded New Jersey Law Firm Group Public Interest Fellowship 2018
- Pro Bono: Mediation Student Leader, VITA Tax Project, Immigration Project
- Judicial Legal Extern (Hon. S. Polansky, Camden, NJ), and Legal Intern at Camden County Prosecutor’s Office
Dr. Peter A. Theodos Memorial Graduate Scholarship
Andrew Friedman
- BS in Chemistry | summa cum laude GPA: 3.813, University of Pittsburgh (2017)
- Currently Emergency Medical Technician at Good Fellowship Ambulance Company.
- Member of the American Chemical Society student group, mentor of the Saturday Science program and volunteer in many other community initiatives
- Recipient of numerous awards: College Chemistry Award – Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh (SACP); Undergraduate Award in Analytical Chemistry” – National American Chemical Society; Richard F. Zarilla Award – American Chemical Society, Student Affiliates (ACS-SA)
- He will enroll at Cooper Medical School at Rowan University in Fall 2019

Nicholas S. Hetos, DDS, Memorial Graduate Scholarship
Vasiliki Christou
- Currently at University of Maryland, BS in Physiology and Neurobiology with Minor in Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- GPA: 3.846
- Undergraduate teaching assistant in Principles of Molecular and Cell Biology
- Research experience in the Center for Addictions, Personality and Emotion Research, and the Drosatos Lab at the School of Medicine at Temple
- Co-President of Operation Smile, Fundraising Chair for Student Advisory Board
- Serves as outreach coordinator for the University's Food Recovery Network.
- She will study at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

Maria Galanos Hetos Graduate Scholarship
Kelly Davidson
- Graduated from Rutgers University with a BA in Education and Special Education Certification
- Major GPA: 3.9 | Cumulative GPA: 3.8
- Currently attending University of Pennsylvania - Master in Social Work
- Teacher at Y.A.L.E, Audobon, NJ where she worked with Grades 6-7 students, high-functioning Autism in addition to Grades K-2 students, low-functioning Autism
- Served as Vice-President for Maids of Athena

Kathleen and Nicholas Fisfis Graduate Scholarship
Konstantinos Balis
- Drexel University College of Arts and Sciences/Pennoni Honors College
- 2018 graduate of Drexel University, magna cum laude
- Currently pursuing an MD degree from Drexel University College of Medicine
- volunteer at Jefferson Health-Northeast on the Emergency, Orthopedic, and Nursing floors to assist physicians and staff
- Active member of the Hellenic Student Association of Drexel University, served as Secretary and President
- Recipient of the Student Scholarship Award for student volunteers
- Serves as student interviewer in the Medical School

Chios Liberation Memorial Scholarship
Dale Pappas
- PhD Candidate in Modern European History at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, FL
- Graduated from Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, PA with a BA in History and Italian Studies; Minor in International Relations
- Co-founded the Hellenic Student Association of Philadelphia (HSAP)
- Served as the Greek American Foundation’s Post-Baccalaureate Fellow for the 2014-2015 academic year at the American College of Greece
- Goal is to secure a tenure-track faculty position at a university in the United States or Europe
Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia

Opening Reception

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

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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