FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members,

It has been said that “the Greeks invented drama,” and this was surely demonstrated on Saturday, February 23rd when the HUC attended a performance of *Medea* at the Queens Theatre in Flushing, New York. The devastating tragedy of betrayal, wrath, revenge, and destruction was first presented by Euripides in Athens 2450 years ago. The outstanding production, directed by Leonidas Loizides, received multiple acclamations, as well as brief words of thanks from attendees Konstantinos Koutras, Council General of Greece, Vasilios Philippou, Council General of Cyprus, and a number of other notables. The HUC had a sell-out crowd, good weather, and a lovely dinner at Stamatis!

On February 12th, Kristina Thomopoulos and Konstantinos Vrontis planned a well-attended event for young professionals at OPA in Philadelphia. Thank you to Krissy and Kosta for their hard work and efforts!

There are several programs planned for the next two months that I would like to bring to your attention. On Monday, April 1st, in partnership with The Federation, Dr. Thomas Sawidis from The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki will be presenting “Remembering the Pontic-Greek Genocide of 1913 to 1922” at Drexel University.

On Wednesday, April 3rd, in partnership with The Hellenic Film Society of New York City, we are hosting a Greek Film Night at the Ritz Five in Philadelphia. At 7PM we will start with a short film, “Genocide - A True Story”; to be immediately followed by the award-winning film “Jamaica” with an introduction by Professor James DeMetro. This is our first collaboration with The Hellenic Film Society.

Finally, on Saturday, March 16th, let us not forget The Greek American Heritage Society of Philadelphia’s “Axia-A Celebration of Extraordinary Greek American Women”, https://gahsp.org/gahsp-announces-2019-photo-tour/. Several female members, past and present, of the HUC will be profiled at this event.

Please look for all of our communications regarding the many events planned by the HUC and other organizations throughout the months of March and April, particularly the Parade events.

Kind Regards,

Andrea Lazare Tsapralis
President
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UPCOMING EVENTS

PONTIAN GENOCIDE LECTURE
Monday, April 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Drexel University

GREEK FILM NIGHT
Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Ritz 5 Theater
Purchase tickets by April 1st

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Sunday, April 7, 2019, Meet at 1:30 PM
18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

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Friday, May 3, 2019
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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-two years later this ideal continues to inspire us.
MEMBER NEWS

If you or your loved ones have news you would like to publish in the HUC Newsletter, please email Dorothy Hazan at hazand@pennlaw.upenn.edu.

DUES PAYMENT REMINDER

Dues for fiscal year 2018-2019 should have been paid to the Club by December 31, 2018. If you have not done so, please remit your dues as soon as possible to Membership Renewal Chair Zoe Tripolitis (2523 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146). We are also accepting credit card payments online at www.hucdues18.eventbrite.com. Your attention to this message will keep your membership status current and will save the Club the cost of additional mailings. Thank you!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS REMINDER

The eligibility rules and descriptions for undergraduate and graduate scholarships are available on our web site, www.hucphiladelphia.org. We hope you will encourage eligible students to apply for one of our scholarships. Students may apply electronically at www.huchiladelphia.org.

Applications and all supporting documents must be received no later than Monday, April 1, 2019.

PONTIAN GENOCIDE LECTURE

On Monday, April 1st, Dr. Thomas Sawidis from The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki will be presenting a thought-provoking lecture, Remembering the Pontic-Greek Genocide of 1913 to 1922.

The event will start at 7:00 PM at the Drexel University College of Medicine, in the Geary B. Auditorium (245 N. 15th Street, Philadelphia). A reception will follow the lecture, with opportunities to ask questions and continue the conversation.

This program is offered at no charge. Parking is available nearby, at 15th and Vine.

A very heartfelt thank you to our partners in planning and hosting this event, The Federation of Hellenic American Societies of Philadelphia & Greater Delaware Valley.

GREEK FILM NIGHT AT THE RITZ FIVE

On Wednesday, April 3rd, HUC is partnering with The Hellenic Film Society of New York City to host a Greek Film Night at the Ritz Five in Philadelphia (214 Walnut St, Philadelphia, PA).

The event will begin at 7:00 PM, with a short film, Genocide—A True Story, reflecting on the horrors endured by the Greeks of Pontos between 1914 and 1922. Afterwards, please stay for the award-winning film Jamaica, with an introduction by Professor James DeMetro.

Tickets are $12 and may be purchased at https://greekfilmnightritz.eventbrite.com. The deadline to purchase tickets is April 1st.

This event is the first in a series of collaborations with the Hellenic Film Society. We hope you will join us again in October for a three-day Film Festival at the International House in Philadelphia.
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The Greek Independence Day Parade, sponsored by the Federation of Hellenic American Societies of Philadelphia will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2019. This year the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia will once again participate in this annual event which celebrates our Greek Heritage and commemorates the Greek Day of Independence. We invite all our members as well as their families to join us and march behind our proud Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia banner!

We will meet at 1:30 pm across the street from the Logan Hotel (18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway) and then line up in formation by organization. The parade will begin promptly at 2:00 pm and proceed down the Parkway toward the Art Museum. Please wear your HUC jacket or Blue and White attire. Greek costumes, Greek and American flags are welcome. We hope to see you on the Parkway!

ARTOKLASIA: A LOOK BACK

Members of the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia gathered in prayer at historic Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia on Sunday, January 27, 2019 for their annual Artoklasia Service, celebrating the Feast Day of their Patron Saints, the Three Hierarchs – Saint Basil the Great, Saint Gregory the Theologian, and Saint John Chrysostom – and the Day of Greek Letters.

The theological and educational achievements of the Three Hierarchs, demonstrated through their Greek Orthodox faith, became an inspiration to many and an example of PAIDEIA (ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ), the pursuit of education and continued learning, an integral part of Hellenic culture and the ideal to which the Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia is dedicated.

Very Reverend Archimandrite Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers welcomed us to the community and congratulated us on our mission of promoting continued education as well as for our scholarship programs. Artoklasia Chairman, Panagiotis A. Chrisanthopoulos, delivered a brief presentation to the community in both Greek and English describing our Club’s mission and scholarship program as they contribute to the Hellenic ideal of ΠΑΙΔΕΙΑ to which our Club is dedicated.

Following Divine Liturgy, our Club sponsored the coffee hour with a wide assortment of danishes, muffins, croissants, spanakopites, koulourakia and coffee. Our information table was the focal point for those who wanted to learn more about our organization and scholarship opportunities.

We sincerely thank Very Rev. Fr. Ambrose Bitziadis-Bowers and all the members of Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral for their welcoming hospitality. Thank you also to Artoklasia Chair Panagiotis A. Chrisanthopoulos for organizing this annual event. We extend our best wishes to all for a blessed year full of good health and happiness. Καλή Χρονιά!

HUC at last year’s parade.

FOLLOW HUC ON SOCIAL MEDIA

• Check us out on Facebook on our Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia page (www.facebook.com/hucphiladelphia)

• HUC is on Instagram! Follow us @HUC_Philly for pictures of our events and pictures of our members, updates about our events, and generally fun content!

• And, of course, follow the HUC on Twitter @HUCPhilly

If you have photos from any of our events that you would like featured, message them to any of our social media accounts!

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. Look for our revamped Blog page, which will soon feature Member Spotlights!
On February 23rd, a number of HUC members attended a special performance of Medea, Euripides’ timeless story of love, betrayal and vengeance, at the Queens Theater in New York City.

In addition to the show, members also had the opportunity to visit Titan foods, a local Greek market, as well as enjoy traditional Greek cuisine at Stamatis, in Astoria. Please enjoy these pictures from the trip!
The Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia and the Federation of Hellenic American Societies of Philadelphia & Greater Delaware Valley invite you to a thought provoking lecture

Remembering the Pontic-Greek Genocide 1913-1922

Professor Thomas Sawidis
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Monday, April 1st, 7PM
Reception immediately following lecture
Drexel University College of Medicine
New College Building, Geary B. Auditorium
245 N. 15th St., Philadelphia, PA (15th & Vine, parking nearby)

There is no charge for this program

This program is part of a series of events planned to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the Genocide, culminating in the Greek Independence Day Parade on Sunday, April 7th. On Saturday, March 30th, the Eleftheria Banquet will be held at Merion Caterers in Cinnaminson, NJ. On Wednesday, April 3rd, the first ever Greek Film Night will be held at the Ritz Five in Society Hill, featuring a documentary on the Genocide and the film Jamaica. On Friday, April 5th, 1PM, the Greek Flag Raising Ceremony will be held at Philadelphia City Hall. For more information please refer to hellenicfed.org or hucphiladelphia.org.
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**RITZ FIVE**

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Deadline is April 1st. For information contact andrea.tsapralis@icloud.com


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