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Tsintzina Convention 2000

Dear Tsintzinians,

We are all blessed to be a part of an organization whose sole purpose is to revitalize the bond between family and friends and to rekindle the spirit of our Greek heritage. The Society provides the means for this reunion through the Convention and the method of communication through the Tsintzinian Chronicle.



**See you at the
Convention!!!**

This year's reunion, the Tsintzina Convention 2000, will take place on July 27 through July 29 and promises to be an exciting and well attended event. The excellent food will be prepared again by Bill Manos and will be served to the people at their tables. The music will be outstanding as usual, and many special activities are planned for the people who attend. The pricing structure has also changed for this year. The Thursday night dinner will begin at 6:00 pm and

will be provided for a donation. Friday night's dinner and dance will occur as usual while the Saturday dinner will begin at 8:00 pm and the dance will follow immediately at 10:00 pm. The cost for Friday night or Saturday night individually is \$30.00 per person over the age of 10, \$10.00 for children ages 7-10, and free for those 6 and under. The cost for both nights combined is \$50.00 per person, \$20.00 for ages 7-10, and free for children 6 and under. Make this convention a successful one by renewing old friendships and spending time with your families. Our Greek heritage is a part of who we are and should be celebrated. Let the Tsintzina Convention be a time of celebration and family renewal.

As editors of the Chronicle, we try to provide as much news as possible about our Society and the people who are a part of this wonderful organization. This paper survives and communicates because of you. Many people continuously provide us with information about births,

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In the News

This has been an outstanding year for the Society. Payment of membership dues is up and improvements are being planned for the clubhouse. New windows will adorn the building while other changes to improve and maintain the facility are being discussed including updating the bathroom facilities. Seven people have committed to the Tsintzina Challenge while many more are expected to join this fund raising effort. Please, be a part of the growth and revitalization of our Society. Come to the 2000 Convention July 27-30.

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Convention Itinerary

Thursday Night, July 29

Early Bird arrivals dinner. Dinner at 6:00 pm.

Friday, July 30

2:00 PM Registration starts

6:00- 7:00 PM, Dinner served by the kitchen of Team Bill Manos

9:45 PM Dance-The band of Nick Mouganis

Saturday, July 31

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM Our breakfast specials

10:00 AM Registration starts

1:30 PM Ladies Auxillary Coffee Hour

2:00 PM Movie: The Greeks, Crucible of Society

4:00 PM Board Meeting

5:30 PM The First Photo of the 21th century.

7:30 PM Children talent show

8:00 PM Dinner will be served with dance to follow. Midnight snacks

Sunday: August 1

The Traditional Goodbye Breakfast

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If you can think of
anything to add to it
please let us know.

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The Greeks: Crucible of Civilization

A movie will be shown at the convention... The title: The Greeks: Crucible of Civilization. In the 4th and 5th centuries BC, the Greeks built an empire that stretched across the Mediterranean from Spain to Asia. They laid the foundations of modern science, politics, warfare and philosophy, and produced some of the most breathtaking art and architecture the world has ever seen. This story, narrated by Liam Neeson, is told through

the lives of heroes of Ancient Greece. Computer and television technology has rebuilt the Acropolis and the Academy where Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle forged the foundation for Western thought. All of the stunning imagery brings classical Greece gloriously alive. Running time is 165 minutes on two tapes. There should be a ten or fifteen-minute intermission between tapes.

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CONVENTION DATES: July 27, 28, & 29

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Don't delay any longer if you haven't made yours. Call them today. Below is a list of local hotels and their phone numbers.

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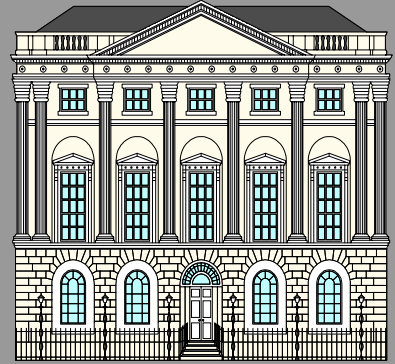
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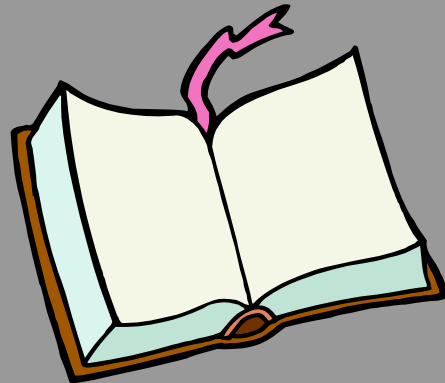
I've taken the 2 Tsintzinian Convention Directories in my possession, 1939 and 1992, and copied them on acid-free paper, put the pages in archival-quality acid-free sheet protectors, and then in a 3-ring binder, one for each year's Directory.

I want to appeal to those out there who have old Tsintzinian Directories in their possession to bring them to Jamestown when they come this summer, so I can take them to the local Kinko's and copy them, return them to their owners, and then make a notebook for that year's Directory. My intention is to leave these notebooks at the Clubhouse in the Boardroom, for viewing in the Boardroom.

I am a History major by education, a Health Information Management Technician by profession, and a genealogist by hobby. Preserving historical things is a passion with me, and I would treat these Directories with the tenderest of care.

These Directories are a valuable part of our history, and the originals really should be in a temperature and humidity-controlled and fireproof environment, like any valuable document. But in the meantime, to be able to have copies of these at the Clubhouse for people to read and use for research would be priceless. The 1939 Directory alone gave me about 5 valuable articles and pictures to use for my Costianes genealogy! Please help to preserve a valuable part of our Tsintzinian heritage by helping me with this project!

Pauline Costianes
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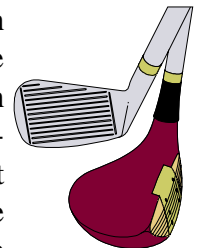
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Golf Tournament for Friday and Saturday

I just confirmed the tee times for Friday at the Chautauqua golf club. Friday's tee time will be around 10 a.m. You're asked to register at our clubhouse so we can see how many we have for Friday. We have four slots open. We will play 18 holes. For Saturday we will tee off at 9.30 a.m. and also play 18 holes. Please register for Saturday on Friday so that we can set the teams. Saturday will be a golf scramble.

I also want to tell you of an experience we had while I was playing for a Greek festival in Melbourne Fl. I was announcing the name of a winner in the raffle, and the name was John Macheras who happened to be a first cousin of George Macheras who the golf tourney is in memoriam. Boy what a surprise. We are looking forward to Chautauqua and of all the good times we share with all.

Thank you in advance.



Priscilla and Alex Theofilos

Our Dearly Departed



Honored and Remembered
Tsintzinians

Peter (Taki) G. Conomikes from Hoffman Estates Ill passed away in March of 2000. He is survived by his wife Evelyn and sons Dean, Peter and Mark, also a brother John G. Conomikes. Peter's parents were Gus P. and Lucretia(Lou) Procas Conomikes.

James J. Poulos from Ithaca New York, passed away March 20, 2000. He was the son of the late John and Katherine (Conomikes) Poulos. He was the widower of Pauline Nickles Poulos. Jim was a life long restaurateur. Jim is survived by daughter and son-in-law Katherine and Paul Karakantas and granddaughters Adamandia and Demitra all of Ithaca. Also his sisters living in Greece, Nica Geracimos and Katherine Seferlis.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. David Ziska of Brooklyn, New York became the parents of a son, Andrew, born May 21, 2000. David is the son of the late Stella (Zaharis) Ziska.



Mr. And Mrs. Aki Matheos Nestopoulos, from Ithaca, New York, are the parents of a daughter, Demetra Maria. Aki is the son of Maria (Gavrelis) and the late Demon M. Nestopoulos.

Stone Carver Passes the Torch

By James Hettinger in the *Senior Beacon*

Constantin Seferlis cuts a dashing figure at Northern Virginia Community College, as he tools around the campus in his red Alfa Romeo convertible, sporting a black beret and gray goatee. The 71-year-old artist is here to teach his popular stone-carving course.

The students appreciate both Seferlis's humor and the chance he's giving them to learn an ancient art from a master. They look at his carvings — the smooth skin on a woman's face, the minute detail in the replica of the Last Supper — and wonder how anyone could get that good.



After a long career carving gargoyles, mermaids and religious figures on the National Cathedral and doing restorative work at the U.S. Capitol, he's now committed to passing on the ancient art to a new generation of artisans.

The class, part of a one-year program leading to a certificate in stone carving, began two years ago and is believed to be the only stone-carving course offered at a community college in the United States. It meets in a garage-like building tucked behind the auto shop at NOVA's Manassas campus.

Campus Dean Anthony Tardd helped institute the program in 1997. "Studying with Costa is like studying with one of the Greek philosophers, like sitting at the feet of one of the masters," he said.

Preserving a profession

In sharing a lifetime of knowledge, he is doing his part to help keep a dying art alive. The number of master stone carvers in the United States has dwindled over the last century, from thousands to fewer than a hundred, as glass and metal have replaced classical stone architecture.

"Constantin is full of Greek stories and sayings — and about 50 years of experience," said Tom Tilton. "He's what a teacher should be."

Starting young

Seferlis began preparing early for his career as an artist. Growing up in a rural area outside Sparta, he would look at pictures in his elementary school textbooks and draw his own pictures beside them.

At age 12 he learned to play chess, and carved his own pieces out of wood. He began carrying around a carving knife and developing his skills as a wood craftsman. By age 16 he had carved a violin.

Soon he enrolled in the Academy of Fine Arts in Athens, where

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Ladies Auxiliary News

Bake Table

The Convention is around the corner. Make plans to attend. I want to thank all the volunteers from last year's Convention. I hope that this year we will see some new volunteers! There will be a sign up sheet at the Ladies Auxiliary Table. Anytime you could volunteer would be greatly appreciated. Once again, we are asking for donations of baked goods for our Table. (Greek or American) Greek Coffee will be available at the Bake Table. The baked goods are the #1 fund-raiser for the Auxiliary. A reminder that dues are not collected for the Auxiliary.



By paying dues to the Tsintzina Society you are automatically a member of the Auxiliary. Please plan on attending the Ladies Auxiliary Meeting/ Get Together on Saturday, July 29 @ 2:00 PM

Children's Room

The work continues to progress in updating the children's room. We are looking for donations for games, toys, bean bag chairs etc. Anyone wishing to donate footballs, volleyballs and baseball equipment for the outside games would be greatly appreciated.

Talent Show

The Talent Show is scheduled for Saturday Night. Please encourage all your children to participate. All participants receive \$5.00 from the Ladies Auxiliary. So, KIDS, get ready and show us your stuff!!!

Activities

Greek dance lessons will be available from 11 AM until 1 PM on Friday and Saturday.

Face painting will be available Friday and Saturday times will be posted at the Ladies Bake Table.

TAB/H -GREEK BACKGAMMON

Will be available. Anyone able to teach our youth, please step forward at the Convention.

Please contact Annette Mavrophilipos @ 410-337-0807 or Helen Laskaris @740-383-2762 for any questions regarding donations to the Children's Room or Baked Table Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Convention.

Annette Nickles Mavrophilipos

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deaths, and other events in people's lives. We thank these people for giving us news to share. We ask all Tsintzinians to share important events and news with us. Be a part of this paper and help us communicate news to friends and relatives. Remember, this organization is about all of us. Our great-grandparents, our grandparents, and our mothers and fathers thought this communication was important enough to build a Society. It's up to us to preserve and enhance this heritage. Help us revitalize our Society by attending the Tsintzina Convention 2000 and enhancing the Tsintzinian Chronicle.

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John Nickles takes Ultraman in fourth try:

This report filed December 3, 1999

*By Timothy Carison
Editor*

After three frustrating tries where he finished fourth, second, and third, John Nickles, 35, a screenwriter and filmmaker from Arlington, Virginia finally put two very good days and one good day together to win his first Ultraman world championship title over a

top international field. Nickles blazed to a 90 minute lead on the first two days of swimming and biking, then held on with a 7:44:50 double marathon on the final day to take the 15th edition of the event. Nickles topped his own swim course record by five minutes with a brilliant 2:14:49 swim, blitzed the field by 35 minutes on the first day bike and then aced the second day bike by 20 minutes. Then Nickles held on for dear life as Anatoly Levsha, 41, of Latvia sliced 1:06:08 off Nickles' lead with a 6:38:58 run to fall just 32 minutes short of the overall in his first try. Nickles' 22:46:27 was the fifth fastest time in the event's history.

Woman of the Year

Nancy Dusckas was named Woman of the Year by the Erie Women's Roundtable Tuesday night at the Woman's Club of Erie, Pa., 259 W. Sixth St. She is the 14th recipient of the award. Dusckas is the owner and director of Dusckas Funeral Home Inc. She is involved with the Penn Lakes Girl Scout Council, Inter-Church Ministries, Erie Youth for Christ and Gannondale School for Girls.

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Greek Americans Life and History

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Greek Americans, residents of the United States who trace their ancestry to Greece or to other regions where the Greek language is spoken. According to the 1990 U.S. census, 1.1 million Greek Americans live in the United States. Greek American communities exist throughout the United States, but they are concentrated in four principal areas: greater metropolitan New York City, Boston and southern New England, Chicago and the Great Lakes urban industrial region, and California.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Despite their wide geographic distribution, Greek American communities throughout the country retain many of the traditions and values brought to the United States by early Greek immigrants. Although Greek Americans have increasingly adapted to mainstream American culture, the community's social institutions provide continuity with the past. The Greek Orthodox Church functions as the central social and cultural institution in most Greek American communities. The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America plays a similar role at the national and international level. Other groups within the community, such as intellectuals and educators, have begun to challenge the church's cultural dominance. Nonetheless, the Greek Orthodox Church continues to play a major role in shaping Greek American identity. The Orthodox Church is also associated with the Greek language in the United States. Despite declining use of Greek among second- and third-generation Greek Americans, the language remains a major aspect of Greek ethnicity. The Orthodox Church promotes knowledge and use of the language in church-run schools. In some areas, such as Chicago and New York City, public schools provide Greek language instruction as well.

A variety of community organizations provide another focus for

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he had the audacity to immediately ask an instructor for stone carving chisels. The instructor questioned how a new arrival could carve stone, but Seferlis impressed him by copying the head of Apollo in stone.

Seferlis received a certificate from Greece's Supreme School of Fine Arts in 1956 and began carving small monuments in his native country. The following year an artist friend invited him to work in New York.

By the late 1950s, Seferlis had moved to Washington, D.C., where he carved sculptures at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and helped restore the arches in the East Room of the U.S. Capitol.

When that project was complete, Seferlis found what turned out to be a long-term home at one of the nation's most impressive buildings, the National Cathedral. He worked there for 18 years, carving gargoyles, portraits and keystones.

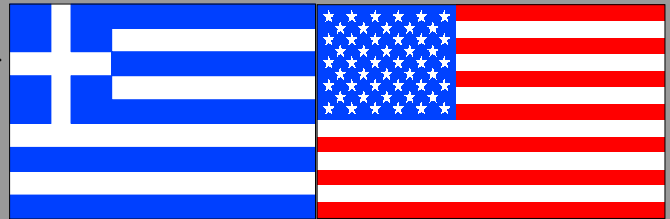
Since leaving the cathedral in 1978, Seferlis has restored monuments and buildings for the National Park Service and the Smithsonian Institution. He is currently replicating a fountain for the Hillwood Museum because the century-old original is crumbling beyond repair.

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Greek American life. The Greek American community's largest fraternal association, the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), was founded in 1922 to help Greek immigrants. Since then, the AHEPA has grown to become one of the most influential ethnic organizations in the United States. The association sponsors chapters throughout the country and maintains its national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

HISTORY

A series of economic crises in Greece and reports of employment opportunities in the



United States encouraged the immigration of approximately 500,000 Greeks between 1890 and 1924. Although most of these immigrants had been rural farmers in Greece, they settled in urban areas in the United States. During the 1920s, many of these immigrants succeeded in establishing small businesses, especially in the restaurant and food service industries. Greek Americans faced intense and sometimes violent discrimination throughout the 1920s and 1930s. However, as popular attitudes grew more tolerant during the 1940s and 1950s, Greek Americans were increasingly accepted into mainstream American society.

The gradual assimilation of the Greek American community continued basically without interruption until a second major wave of immigration led to the settlement of approximately 150,000 Greeks in the United States between 1960 and 1975. Although the majority of this wave had rural backgrounds similar to those of earlier immigrants, a sizable proportion were well-educated people from Greek cities.

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4 Generation of Seferlis Family



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Grandmother

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Child

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