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Heritage Society of America

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The Tsintzinian Historical Society of America

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The President's Message:

Dear Tsintzinian Family and Friends,

So, tell me, in what direction is the Tsintzinian Convention in Jamestown going? Over the years the idea of Jamestown has changed. It started out being a meeting place for the Tsintzinian business men to discuss ideas of about growing their businesses in their new homeland. They would help each other out, be supportive and share ideas. After a while Jamestown was just called a convention/Jamestown, where Tsintzinian families would get together and remember the good days back in the old country. As time passed we started using the term reunion. Many families found that Jamestown was a great meeting place for all the relatives to get together. The reunion was always held in the last full weekend in July, so plans could be made ahead of time. What a wonderful place to meet and remember the past. Over the past few years we have become The Tsintzinian Heritage Society of America – what an HONOR. The work of our forefathers will always be remembered. What an amazing feat, to be a part of a heritage like we have. Just let that sink in for a minute. And, even though we have not completed the intended journey; having a library, the way has been paved for continuing our traditions.

Thanks to the generosity of a handful of Tsintzinian families, we have stayed afloat this year... All our bills have been paid, new sprinkler/exhaust system put into the kitchen- to pass fire standards and our reserve account has \$10,000+ in it for roof replacement or repairs. If all our members would pay their dues, join in the fund raising campaign and/ or buy a raffle tickets, we could fix the roof before winter sets in. Please think of making a tax exempt donation to keep the Jamestown tradition going forward.

There is a marvelous connection between Jamestown, memories, feelings and relationships. When July comes around Tsintzinians start to think **“Outstanding Food, Incredible Music and Exceptional Friends and Family”**: July 25th -28th Jamestown is the place to be. Hope to see you there.



An Update on the Family Grouping Fund Raising Project

by John Zacharias

First of all, it was very successful. Seventeen families participated with one family paying their total commitment of \$7,500 last year. This made us reach our total first year goal of \$25,800. We also have families that are in favor of this project and will participate in future years. With such a good first year, this will give the board members time to fully evaluate what direction they should take regarding our clubhouse. We thank all that participated last year. Feel free to send in your 2013 pledges payable to "Tsintzinian Heritage Society of America, Inc." and mail to Peter Laskaris, 703 Summit Road, Marion, OH 43302. Please make your \$1,000 contribution by August 31, 2013 and the balance of \$500 by December 31, 2013.



Reminding everyone, the goal of our Society as finalized with the IRS is to establish an educational learning center in our clubhouse. The first project is to remodel the board room. With a goal of raising \$25,800 for each of the remaining four years, we will be able to show foundations that we have stability and depth in meeting our goals.

What we need this year is to have several high school/college students assist us in searching for known foundations that direct money to organizations like our own for preserving our heritage. We have all the answers documented in articles and letters which will allow us to complete grant applications. Should anyone have the skill of searching the internet, please contact me at szacharias@gatewayfinancial.biz. We also need a person that will be very familiar with the history and activities of our organization and who has editorial skills to assist in the completion of the grant applications. I have talked to a past board member who is interested in helping us out with the assembly of the final grant applications.

Famous Greek Proverbs

"Men would live exceedingly quiet if these two words, mine and thine, were taken away."- Anaxagoras
"Know yourself!"- Socrates
"Madness does not go to the mountains, it goes to people."- Greek Proverb
"Pay attention to your enemies, for they are the first to discover your mistakes."- Antisthenes
"Well begun is half done."- Aristotle
"The camel does not see her own hump."- Greek Proverb
"Wine and children speak the truth."- Greek Proverb
"How you make your bed is how you are going to sleep."- Greek Proverb
"Wait for the wisest of all counselors, time."- Pericles

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Be a part of the Family Group Fund Raising program. Help us guarantee our future for many years to come.

Use the form on page 5 to setup your own family group and help secure our future. Any donations will gladly be accepted and will be listed with a group of unconnected families.

2013 Tsintzinian
Convention
July 25, 26, 27, 28
Celoron, New York

SEND US YOUR NEWS

- 1 EMAIL:
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- 2 TSINTZINA WEBSITE:
www.tsintzinasociety.com
- 3 WRITE TO:
Pete Laskaris, 703
Summit Road, Marion, OH
43302

**WE LOOK FORWARD
TO HEARING FROM YOU!**

*Keep the Tradition Alive!
Bring your family...
Meet relatives...
Honor and Remember your forefathers.....
Dance the night away to the music of the
Aegeans!*

2013 Tsintzinian Convention

July 25, 26, 27, 28

2013 Tsintzinian Reunion Schedule

Thursday July 25, 2012	
Noon – 4:00 pm	Come help decorate the clubhouse for the weekend
4:00 PM	Reunion Registration
6:15 PM	Dinner
8:00 – 10:30 pm	Dancing – Bring your favorite Greek music CD's
Friday July 26, 2012	
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Socialize @ clubhouse, share family histories, photos, etc.
Morning	Explore the Jamestown area at your leisure or come to the clubhouse and share family histories
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Board Meeting
2:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Social Time – BINGO - Massages
3:00 PM	Greek Dancing Lessons
3:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Reunion Registration
6:00 PM	Dinner
10:00 PM	Dancing to the music of The Aegeans
11:45 PM	Honored and Remembered Tsintzinians
12:00 AM	Midnight Snack
Saturday July 27, 2012	
9:00 am – noon	Socialize @ clubhouse, share family histories, photos, etc.
9:30 AM	Golf or Explore the Jamestown area
12:00 – 1:00 pm	General Assembly Meeting/Board Meeting
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Youth Activities
1:30 PM	Texas Hold 'Em Tournament
2:00 pm – 5:30pm	Social Time – BINGO - Massages
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Reunion Registration
5:00 PM	YOUTH TALENT SHOW UNDER THE TENT
6:00 PM	Dinner
10:00 PM	Dancing to the music of The Aegeans
12:00 AM	Midnight Snack/Raffle and 50/50 winners
Sunday July 28, 2012	
9:00 am – noon	Breakfast Buffet at the Clubhouse



2013 Convention Rates

Thursday (25-Jul)

Dinner and Dancing to CD's Adults 21+ = \$15 Under 21 = \$5

Friday and Saturday (July 26-27)

Dinner and Dancing to The Aegeans Age 13+ = \$60 Age 5-12 = \$20
Age 0-5 = Free

One Day ONLY – Friday OR Saturday

Dinner and Dancing to The Aegeans Age 13+ = \$30 Age 5-12 = \$15
Age 0-5 = Free

Sunday (Breakfast)

Donation \$5



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Clarion	(866)-538-6194
Red Roof Inn	(716) 665-3670
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America's Best Motel	(716) 488-1904

SPECIAL RATE AT BEST WESTERN UNTIL JULY 10TH!

Volunteer Profile: Nancy Breckenridge (Costas)

GoodSkills Literacy Newsletter

Nancy started with our program in January as one of the first to join the team. With a rich and varied experience as an educator, Nancy Breckenridge's passion for teaching and warm presence has impacted hundreds of lives over the years. For Nancy, GoodSkills is an outlet for her teaching skills that fits her schedule as a security receptionist. Eager to begin, she looks forward to "meeting the new students and having a rapport with them [...] finding out what skills they want to sharpen, and working with them to get to their goals."

Nancy grew up in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where she got her degree in Secondary English Education. She began her teaching career in D.C., later teaching in Woodbridge and Stafford. A creative presence in the classroom, Nancy connected literature, movies and music for her students. "They said I was a fun teacher," she recalled with a smile. When asked what she enjoyed most about teaching high school English, Nancy replied, "Reaching the kids and seeing when they understand something. It makes you feel like you've actually accomplished your goal of working with somebody," she said. "It's really nice because I still see some of my students in Stafford, and they remember me."



Nancy has also tutored adults in English as a Second Language (ESOL) – an experience she enjoyed immensely. "When I first got out of college, I tutored Laotian and Vietnamese adults who had just come over from the war," said Nancy. "They really wanted to learn English in the worst way. So I really enjoyed teaching them, because they were such good students and they just wanted to learn so much."

Nancy works and lives in Stafford, Virginia, where she has three grown children – Stephanie, Taryn, and Zach – and an eighteen-month-old grandson. Reading has been a lifetime love for Nancy, and she is excited to share her love of reading with adults through GoodSkills.

Famous Greek Proverbs Cont.

"Wellbeing is attained by little and little, and nevertheless is no little thing itself."- Citium Zeno

"Where rage seeds, repentance reaps."- Greek Proverb

"At the deaf man's door, knock as much as you like."- Greek Proverb

"A lucky person is someone who plants pebbles and harvests potatoes."- Greek Proverb

"Wisdom begins in wonder."- Socrates

"The art of being a slave is to rule one's master."- Diogenes of Sinope

Kaleroy Zervos moves to Mumbai

After nine years in Bogota, Colombia, Kaleroy Zervos, daughter of Dr. Skevos and Barbara (Georgetson) Zervos, is now living in Mumbai, India. She is the middle school theatre teacher at the American School of Bombay, a leading international school for technology integration and product prototyping which has hosted a TEDx conference, a Google Summit on Education, and a conference on brain research. Already this year she has traveled with her students to Jakarta, Indonesia, for a middle school International Schools Theatre Association festival and has assisted hosting the high school festival. Their spring theatre production will be *Myth Adventures: Five Greek Classics*, a lively tongue-in-cheek version of famous Greek myths. You can follow her blog at kaleroy-mumbaimusings.blogspot.com

Farewell my dear Colombia.

I'll miss you in so many ways,
Your lush green mountains I leave behind

As I move to the isles of Bombay.
I'll learn a Bollywood song and dance
And brave the monsoon rains,
Eat curry and learn to wrap a sari,
And do yoga for aches and pains.
From Taj Mahal to Malabar shore,
I hope to see tigers on the run.
Then I'll dive the Indian Ocean
And soak up the Goa sun.
My email's the same but my address
Has changed - flip over the card and
you'll see.
Write or call or text or skype,
And know you're always welcome...
So come visit me!

We wish you well Kaleroy!!!



George Cannellos

George John Cannellos, 87, of Syracuse, passed away Friday, January 11, 2013, surrounded by his loving family, after a brief illness. He was born in Syracuse, NY on September 13, 1925, to John and Johanna (Limpert) Cannellos. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Corinne (Delaporta); son, Stephan (Jeanne) Cannellos of Westford MA; daughters, Vivian Alexander of Syracuse NY, Theodora Lemonides (Peter) of Manhattan, KS, Lisa Weber (Rich) of Fort Mill, SC and many nieces and nephews. He was most proud of his grandchildren, Christina, (Russel Henchman), Stephanie, John, and Peter Cannellos; Alyssa, Christopher, Rachel, and Marina Weber. He was predeceased by daughters, Barbara Cannellos and Lucia Neforos; sister, Denise; and brothers, Constantine and Robert Cannellos and many loving cousins.



George was an enthusiast of life and people. George and Corinne were season ticket holders and the biggest Orange fans at the Dome for football and bas-

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Family Grouping Fund Raising Project

Tsintzinian Heritage Society of America
 c/o John S. Zacharias
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 Pittsburgh, PA 15222
 (412) 497-1776

The Tsintzinian Heritage Society of America Pledge Form

Please complete and return to:

Pete Laskaris
 703 Summit Road
 Marion, Ohio 43302

Family Name: _____
 Family Coordinator: _____
 Phone # _____

Participating Family Member Name	Pledge Amount
_____	_____
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This is to confirm that the _____ family is committed to contributing \$1500/year to our Society for the next five years.

Can we include your family and individual participant names in the Chronicle? ___ Yes ___ No

The first payment of \$1,000 is due by August, 31, 2012 and the remainder balance of \$500 is due by December 31, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact John Zacharias at (412) 497-1776.

- Please mail a copy of this paper and a tax deductible checks payable to the Tsintzinian Heritage Society c/o Peter Laskaris, 703 Summit Road, Marion, OH 43302
- The Tsintzinian Heritage Society is a tax deductible 501(C)(3) organization

Tsintzina Society Link In Summary

Founded in 1893, Tsintzina Society is the oldest, active, village-based ethnic society in the United States. Once a year, the society brings together the descendants of immigrants from Zoupena, Goritsa and Tsintzina.

Beautiful Lake Chautauqua, NY, has been the location for the annual convention since 1895. The society purchased its permanent home in 1921, an Arts and Crafts building in Celoron, NY.

This group is for Tsintzinians who have spent many a memorable summer growing up at the convention and return every year...or every ten!

Thank you to our 2013 Benefactors!

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www.tsintzinasociety.com

Just click on Membership Info.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!



**Let's
Celebrate Our
Heritage!!
We are
Tsintzinians!!!**

Honored and Remembered

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ketball. George was a SU Alumni.

George graduated from Morrisville Technical College as a Master Technician I, the beginning of his love of auto racing for over 50 years. He was featured in The Post-Standard in 2006, still racing his 1968 Charger at Cicero Drag Strip. When questioned about being too old to drag, his response was age is absolute old is relative and 81 isn't old, 90 is old! He served as a sergeant in the 350 1st Army Air Force during WWII.

In 1963, George changed careers and became a partner in Cosmos Pizza Shop on Marshall Street. The Mayor of Marshall Street, was a father and mentor to countless students, athletes and friends. He had endless energy, generosity and compassion for each life he touched.

George enjoyed boating at Jamesville Beach, teaching anyone interested in learning how to waterski.

He was a faithful member of St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church. He enjoyed coffee fellowship, and Thursday lunch with the boys.

**Make your hotel
reservations soon
and see you at
this year's
reunion.
July 25-28**

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Your annual dues payment goes toward the society's operating expenses for:

- Maintaining the clubhouse & grounds
- Paying the utility bills (electricity, gas & phone)
- Paying the property taxes

Your generosity keeps us going—for 100+ years.

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Tsintzinian Heritage Society Membership 2013 (Please print.)

Make checks payable to Tsintzina Society	c/o Stephanie Soutouras Schick 2400 41st St NW Apt 504 Washington, DC 20007	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$100
		<input type="checkbox"/> Family \$60
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Please pay your dues and help our society.		
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We are attending the 2013 Reunion. (Y/N)		Amount Enclosed \$
<i>Benefactor donations give Tsintzinians the opportunity to help the society meet its financial obligations. All benefactors will be recognized for their extra contributions.</i>		



Come to the Tsintzina Society Reunion July 25 – July 28

Dues are an important part of maintaining our clubhouse and our Society.
Please pay your dues.

You can pay your dues, donate money, or pay your registration fee for the Reunion using Paypal on our website at <http://www.tsintzinasociety.com>.



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