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The Tsintzinian Historical
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The President's Message:

"To keep Jamestown alive year after year
it takes every Tsintzinian."

Everyone needs to understand how important it is to pay dues. The club house may only be used for four days out of the year for the reunion and a few weekends for rentals but the bills are there all year long. **Your dues are the primary source to pay those bills.** If everyone paid their dues on time whether they attended the convention or not, the Society would be in great shape. A huge THANK YOU to those families who always pay their dues and to those few families that give above and beyond dues. We are EXTREMELY blessed to have these generous families have given more and would be delighted if the number of giving families could increase. Bless you for your generosity! Without you there would be no Jamestown.



Your board works hard year round to be ready for July, keeping family histories alive, paying bills, keeping a roof over the club house and getting ready for the next year's convention. If you see one of the board members at the convention, please thank them for their hard work. Without them there would be no annual reunion.

Memories of Jamestown are a wonderful thing. These memories offer us comfort, make us smile, and sometimes bring a tear. Every year in Jamestown is another opportunity to create yet another moment to recall at a later date, a memory that will keep us connected yet moving ahead and many chances to meet relatives that we would not see otherwise. Please come to Jamestown to embrace your memories share them and never, never, never stop making them.

"You can go anywhere and Greek Dance: Only in Jamestown one dances with History."

When July comes around Tsintzinians start to think "Outstanding Food, Incredible Music and Exceptional Friends and Family":

**July 23rd -26th Jamestown is the place to be.
Hope to see you there.**

REUNION 2015 Important Changes

We strongly encourage you to preregister and prepay your reunion fees at www.tsintzinasociety.com. Preregistration and prepayment helps us improve planning, reduce costs, and avoid waste.

Please note: our reunion prices are changing due to our increasing costs of goods and services. **We cannot reduce your daily fees if you or your children decide to skip dinner and only come to the dance.** Our costs for tent rental, food, bar, and band are not adjustable.

Remember: the reunion pays for itself through daily fees based on attendance. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to seeing you again this summer.

We will go live with our preregistration form online with a link to PayPal no later than April 15, 2015. For those who prefer to pay by check, you will receive a preregistration form in the mail at the end of April.

PREREGISTRATION/PREPAYMENT FEES Good until 1 June	
DAY	PRICE
THURSDAY	
Adults (Age 13+)	\$15.00
Kids (Age 5-12)	\$5.00
TWO DAYS (Friday & Saturday)	
Adults (Age 13+)	\$60.00
Kids (Age 5-12)	\$30.00
ONE DAY (Friday OR Saturday)	
Adults (Age 13+)	\$35.00
Kids (Age 5-12)	\$20.00

REUNION DAILY FEES	
Paid after 1 June 2015 or at the door	
DAY	PRICE
THURSDAY	
Adults (Age 13+)	\$20.00
Kids (Age 5-12)	\$8.00
TWO DAYS (Friday & Saturday)	
Adults (Age 13+)	\$80.00
Kids (Age 5-12)	\$40.00
ONE DAY (Friday OR Saturday)	
Adults (Age 13+)	\$45.00
Kids (Age 5-12)	\$25.00
Refund Policy: 100% before June 15; 50% before July 15; zero	

Thank You Members

Thank you to these members who paid their 2015 dues:

Dino Andritsakis*
 James Caravasos
 John & Niki Costianis*
 Alex & Sarah Laskaris*
 George & Angie Laskaris*
 Nicholas Laskaris & Maia Kavouras
 Pete & Helen Laskaris*
 Margaret Manos & Stefan Saal*
 Vicci Sfikas
 Sarah Tillotson*
 John & Karen Vournakis*

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2015 Tsintzinian
 Convention
 July 23, 24, 25, 26
 Celoron, New York

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

Wedding Celebration at Jamestown



Jacob Johanssen and Camille Mattison will be getting married in Alta Gracia, Argentina July 11, 2015 and will be celebrating their stateside marriage in Jamestown on Saturday July 25th with a small ceremony after dinner at the convention. This will be the first wedding in Jamestown since the 1940's. In addition to Jacob's Tsintzinian family, he has invited friends and family who will be attending Saturday evening and are looking forward to being Tsintzinian for an evening.

Laskaris Announces Engagement

Peter and Helen Laskaris are proud to announce the engagement of their son Nicholas to Maia Kavouras of Akron, Ohio. Nick is the grandson of George and Angie Laskaris and the brother of Athan Laskaris.



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Nick is a teaching tennis pro in Cuyahoga Falls while Maia is a forensic accountant in Cleveland.

They are busily planning a future wedding.

A Letter from John Zacharias

Dear Members and Friends of the Tsintzinian family,

For many years, I have enjoyed and eagerly anticipated the convention at the end of July, to reconnect with all of my friends and family. Unfortunately, due to some impending health issues, I must resign my position as Director of Development.

Some of the ongoing projects that I have been working on include soliciting grant money from foundations, making the Greek-American Heritage Society a learning center, and accumulating general information about our Society that I trust the new director will find useful. I hope to continue to attend the conventions and contribute in other ways.

It is my utmost desire that an individual with interest, energy and compassion will take my place. In closing, I thank you all for many special memories and good times at Jamestown, and pray for longevity of the Society.

Sincerely,
John Zacharias



CALL TODAY FOR YOUR RESERVATIONS!

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Best Western Downtown | (716)-484-8400 |
| Comfort Inn | (716) 664-5920 |
| Red Roof Inn | (716) 665-3670 |
| Budget Inn | (716) 665-4410 |
| Hampton Inn & Suites | (716) 484-7829 |
| America's Best Motel | (716) 488-1904 |

SPECIAL RATE AT COMFORT INN UNTIL JUNE 24th!
Ask for Tsintzina Society block rooms!

2015 Convention 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
2:00 PM	Board Meeting
2:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Social Time – BINGO - Massages
3:30-4:30 PM	Greek Dancing Lessons
3:00 pm – 5:00 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	Youth Activities
1:30 PM	Texas Hold 'Em Tournament
2:00 pm – 3:30pm	Social Time – BINGO - Massages
3:00 pm – 6:00 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

We look forward to the celebration of our Greek heritage and the gathering of families!!!

Nick Stam Honored

Every year Oneonta High School honors an alumni in the Hall of Fame of Sports and Wall of Distinction. This year, it was Nick Stam. Nick made a great speech thanking his teachers who inspired him and also had some very funny anecdotes. It was a Great weekend and lots of relatives came to honor him.



New Laskaris Baby

Stephen and Becky Laskaris are proud to announce the birth of their son Henry Alexander Laskaris on November 28th of 2014. The couple with their newborn happily resides in Chicago. Henry Alexander is the grandson of Alex and Sarah Laskaris and the great grandson of George and Angie Laskaris. Congratulations to Stephen and Becky and a happy life for our new Tsintzinian.



Send us your news about your family or life changing events to laskaris@roadrunner.com



Bess James Chelekis Canelos

Bess James Chelekis Canelos, originally of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania died Tuesday, November 5, 2013 in Poland, Ohio. She was born in Youngstown, Ohio on March 21, 1915, one of eight children of Anna and James Chelekis.

Her son James Canelos and her ten siblings, John Chelekis, Athena Chelekis, Nick Chelekis, Irene Parthemos, George Chelekis, Loy Georgetson, Diane Andrews, Eve Macheras, Cleo Gorant and Steve Chelekis, preceded her in death.

Many nieces and nephews, who were very involved in her life, survive her.

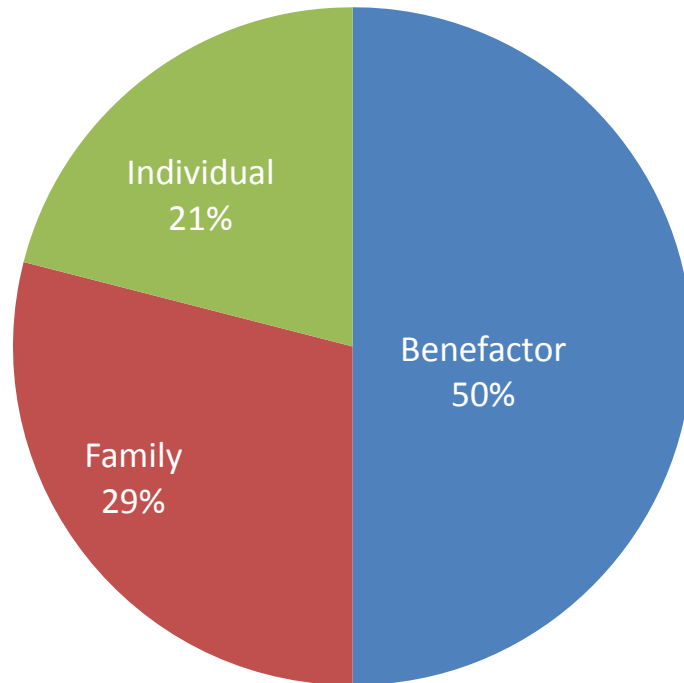
Bess is a graduate of South High School and also served with the Red Cross during World War II. She was the owner of the Pittsburgh Pie Company and after it was sold she became a manager for the Yum Yum Tree candy store, in North Hills.

She also was a member of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh where she participated in the ladies Philoptochos. After moving back to Ohio she became a member of St. John Greek Orthodox Church in Boardman.

She will be greatly missed by her many friends and family who loved her dearly.

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2014 Dues By the Numbers



Dues	\$10,020.00
Donations	\$1,060.00
PayPal fees	-\$88.23
Net Dues & Donations	\$10,991.77
Operating Costs	\$22,000.00
DEFICIT 2014	\$11,008.23

The Good News: Half of our dues payments come from Benefactors.

The Bad News: Only 50% of members pay dues in any given year.

The Upshot: We invite you to become an active member of your society. Encourage your family to join us. Please pay your 2015 dues and include any back dues you can spare.

The deficit is real. Please send in your dues check or pay online at our website www.tsintzinasociety.com. Thank you for your generosity.

Join us Friday night for the Honored and Remembered ceremony!!!

Top Greek Restaurants

Greek food is savored the world over, and Greek immigrants across North America, Canada and the United States have time and again created wonderful restaurants, diners, gyro and souvlaki stands and luncheonettes.

2013 Awards: Here are the best Greek restaurants in major cities across the U.S. as selected by the editors of LocalEats.



Atlanta, GA: Kyma
 Baltimore, MD: The Black Olive
 Buffalo, NY: Pano's on Elmwood
 Cambridge, MA: Greek Corner
 Charlotte, NC: Greek Isles
 Chesterfield, MO: Spiro's
 Chicago, IL: Pegasus
 Clearwater, FL: GreekTown Grille
 Cleveland Heights, OH: Mad Greek

 Dallas, TX: Ziziki's
 Denver, CO: Axios Estiatorio
 Detroit, MI: Pegasus Taverna
 Fort Lauderdale, FL: Greek Islands Taverna

 Homewood, AL: Nabeel's Cafe and Market

 Honolulu, HI: Olive Tree Cafe
 Houston, TX: Niko Niko's
 Indianapolis, IN: Santorini Greek Kitchen

 Jacksonville, FL: Taverna Yamas
 Las Vegas, NV: Opa
 Los Angeles, CA: Papa Cristo's
 Los Gatos, CA: Dio Deka
 Miami, FL: Mykonos
 Milwaukee, WI: Apollo Cafe
 Minneapolis, MN: Christos Greek Restaurant

Minnetonka, MN: Christos Greek Restaurant

 Nashville, TN: Athens Family Restaurant

 New York, NY: Avra
 Oklahoma City, OK: Zorba's Mediterranean Cuisine

 Orlando, FL: Greek Flame Taverna
 Philadelphia, PA: Dmitri's
 Phoenix, AZ: Greektown
 Pittsford, NY: Olives Greek Taverna

 Plano, TX: Ziziki's
 Portland, OR: Alexis
 Raleigh, NC: Taverna Agora
 Sacramento, CA: Greek Village Inn

 Salt Lake City, UT: Aristo's Greek Restaurant and Cafe
 San Diego, CA: Cafe Athena
 San Francisco, CA: Kokkari Estiatorio

 Seattle, WA: Lola
 St Charles, MO: Spiro's
 St Clair Shores, MI: Pegasus Taverna

 Washington, DC: Mourayo

Family Group Fundraising Participants

The following individuals/families are currently participating in the FAMILY GROUP Fundraising effort:

Tom Costas family
 Leon Andris family
 John and Karen Vournakis
 Sam and John Zacharias family
 Jonathon Manos
 Peter and Helen Laskaris family
 Alex & Sarah Laskaris family
 George and Angie Laskaris family
 James Macheras
 Alex Macheras
 Perry Macheras
 Peter Macheras
 John and Karen Martin
 David and Ann Haller
 George and Gretchen Dusckas, Jr.
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 Constance Dusckas
 Nancy E. Dusckas
 George J. Dusckas, MD
 Dr. C.J and Barbara Poolos
 Eldon and Mary Mack
 John Contromanes
 John Stratakos
 Pauline Costianes
 Christina Costianes and Mary Rice
 John Costianes
 Catherine Costianes
 Nick and Fran Costianes
 Dean Manos
 Anna Stathes
 Olin Johanssen
 Frank Karfes
 Irene Karfes
 Jim Karfes

The Society is grateful for the generous donations of over \$31,000 by these pledge families and individuals. Our sincere thanks!

Enjoy a Greek meal today at any of the great Greek restaurants!!!

Honored & Remembered (Cont.)

PETER T. HATZIS

PETER T. HATZIS of Dresher, passed away on March 3, 2014. He was 89. He was the beloved husband of Magda (Peterson); devoted father of Mark P. (Theresa), and the late Cassandra M.; cherished grandfather of Marisa, and Charley; loving brother of Lillian Benekos; and also many nieces and nephews.

CHRISTOPHER PAUL CONSTANTINE FRANKS

CHRISTOPHER PAUL CONSTANTINE FRANKS, 45, passed away 1 July 2014 in Washington, D.C., where he was an attorney. He was born 20 February 1969, the son of Paul Franks and Pauline Rassogianis. Chris grew up in Glen Ellyn, Ill., and graduated with honors from Glenbard West High School ('89). A recipient of awards from the National Merit Scholarship and The Hellenic Society of Illinois. Chris attended Northwestern University ('91) and Georgetown University School of Law ('98). His legacy was helping people.



In addition to his parents, Chris is survived by his sister Maria (Garen) Toloken, his niece Nia, and his uncles John and Alexander Rassogianis. His grandparents Anna Geracimos and Constantine Rassogianis preceded him in death.

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First National Hellenic American Genealogy Conference

Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m

Holy Trinity Cathedral Ballroom, 337 East 74th Street, New York, New York 10021

Topics will address the records available and the research skills required to search Greek lineage, both in the U.S. and in Greece.

Conference costs are covered by the event sponsors and there will be no charge; however, seating is limited and registration is required. To register, send an email to Stamatis A. Ghikas at hellenicchamber-nyc@att.net.

AGENDA

9:00-9:15 Opening Remarks and Greetings. Professor Louis Katsos, Georgia Stryker Keilman, Michael Kalavritenos, Tassos Pardalis

9:15-9:45 Dr. Peter C. Moskos. "Greek Americans: Struggle and Success"
Topic: The Greek experience in America, as documented in the Third Edition of the book



9:45 - 10:30 Georgia Stryker Keilman. "How U.S. Records Can Help You Prepare for Research in Greece"
Topic: Learn which documents provide pertinent information for Greek research, including Passenger Lists, Social Security Applications, Death Certificates, Obituaries and others including resources available online.

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:45 George D. Tselos. "Passenger Ship and Ellis Island Records."
Topic: Learn the resources available at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum to decipher the information found in Passenger Ship Records

11:45-12:15 Professor Louis Katsos. "History of Hellenic Lands"
Topic: The impact of geography, boundary changes, and village name changes in Greek genealogy research

12:15-1:15 Lunch

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Genealogy Conference Continued

1:15-2:15 Dr. Marietta Minotos. "Records Available from the General State Archives of Greece"

Topic: Discover online and textual resources held at the Greek Archives

2:15-2:45 Peter Dickson. "Using DNA in Greek Family History Research"

Topic: Understand the potential of DNA testing for positive family identification

2:45-3:15 Debbie Petrides. "A Case Study from Chios"

Topic: How to use records from Greece to discover the history of your family

3:15-3:45 BREAK

3:45-4:45 Roundtable Discussion: Hellenic Genealogy Tourism

Presenters: Carol Kostakos Petranek, Debbie Petrides, Peter Dickson and Louis Katsos

Topic: Turn a vacation in Greece into a journey of discovery; how to prepare for a research trip.

4:45- 5:00 Closing Remarks. Professor Louis Katsos

This event is sponsored by the Education and Culture Committee of the Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce. Chair: Professor Louis Katsos; Co-Chairs: Michael Kalavritinos and Tassos Pardalis.

Keep the Tradition Alive!

Bring your family...

Meet relatives...

Honor and Remember your forefathers.....

Dance the night away to the music of the Aegeans!

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Honored & Remembered (Cont.)

Morphia Baxter

MORPHIA BAXTER, 92, passed away January 18, 2014, at the home of her daughter. Morphia Baxter was born on Dec. 11, 1921, in Youngstown, the daughter of the late Peter and Katherine (DeLardes) Cummings. Morphia was a member of St. John's



Greek Orthodox Church and of the Lake Milton's Boat Club.

She will be greatly missed by many, including her daughter, Catherine (James) Santangelo of Boardman; her two sons, Chris (Charlotte) Baxter of Franklin, Pa. and Paul Baxter of Santa Monica, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Nick Economy

Nicholas George (Nick) Economy, age 85 of Roanoke, Virginia died Monday, October 21, 2013.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nina Camarinos Economy and George Nicholas Economy. He is survived by a sister, Athena Economy Burton, Raleigh, North Carolina; a nephew, Richard Andrew (Randy) Burton and his wife, Jackie Burton of Wake Forest, North Carolina; One niece, Elizabeth B. Lionberger and her husband, Alan Lionberger of San Diego, California; also, two great nieces and two great nephews.

THE TSINTZINIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA



Our yearly operating expenses are \$22K per year. We use your dues payments to:

- maintain the clubhouse and grounds
- pay the bills (electricity, gas, and phone), especially the winter heating bills of about \$250 per month
- pay the property taxes

Our young people are stepping up to pay their dues early this year because they want to support the heritage their elders have given them. Please join them in supporting our society. Σας ευχαριστούμε!

Tsintzinian Heritage Society Membership 2015 (Please print.)

Make checks payable to Tsintzinian Heritage Society	c/o Stephanie Soutouras Schlick 2400 41st St NW Apt 504 Washington, DC 20007	<input type="radio"/> Benefactor \$100
Email:		<input type="radio"/> Family \$60
		<input type="radio"/> Single \$40
Please pay your dues and help your society.		
Last name:	First:	Middle:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Spouse:	Father's name:	
Phone:	Mother's maiden name:	
We are attending the 2015 Reunion. (Y/N)		Amount Enclosed \$
Your dues and donations are payable via PayPal at www.tsintzinasociety.com . You can also use your credit card at PayPal. Please consider adding a little extra to offset our transaction costs.		



Come to the Tsintzina Society Reunion July 23 – July 26

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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