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The President's Message:

My Fellow Tsintzians,

I hope all is as well as can be for you and yours. In case you don't know me or recognize my name, let me introduce myself. My name is Duane George Ferencz. I am the proud grandson of George and Vaia Costianes and son to Fr. Nicholas and Joanna Ferencz. I have been coming to our reunion since I was 4. I was involved in couple talent shows and plenty of softball games. I first served on our Board when I was 18 and learned everything I could about how our Society works. I have been your Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Youth Director and now President. One of my greatest memories and accomplishments is that I got to serve on the Board during a year that my Papou did. You see, this is how I got my passion for our Society. I watched my Papou sit at his breakfast table, pull up the phone and start making calls to the members of our Society and remind them to send their Dues in. I sat right next to him while he did this for hours, year in and year out. At a very young age I developed a good sense of what it takes to keep our reunion going. Over the almost 40 years since my mom first brought me to Jamestown I have missed a couple years but always looked forward to coming back to see my family. Like any family, there good times and bad, smooth roads and rough but as a family we try our best to keep going forward together. We are one big, Greek family and we Tsintzinians don't know what "giving up" means so when things get tough, we see it as a challenge and we seldom lose.

The challenge we face in this era is one of stability. The good news is that we have fought our way out of extinction. The bad news it's not smooth sailing yet. The trend these days seems to be attending every other year or every third year due to very reasonable circumstances whatever they may be. Much time was spent over the last decade trying to figure out a way to get you all here every year but that is just simply not realistic. Therefore, our challenge is to make sure that we collectively set ourselves up in the good years and good times for the tough ones. So I ask you my big, Greek family, please give! There is a saying in Chicago during voting season so I will tweak it for our cause... Give early and give often!

In closing, I was thrilled to see our grounds and dance hall rejuvenated and packed full of people last year due the wedding celebration of Jacob and



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Camille Johanssen. What a great time! I certainly hope we can take that energy and have momentum going forward. I will leave you with this timeless quote from George Gerasimos, who had the idea of our annual convention/reunion -

“Dear young Tsintzinian children: it is your duty to respect this patriotic monument. Follow the path which your love has opened for you. Work, that this achievement may become greater and better. We are sure that you will do better, yet if not, at least try to keep it as good and beautiful as today. That will be our sweetest relief after we depart from this world, the relief that our work was done to not perish.”

I look forward to seeing all of you who can attend our reunion this JULY 28th through JULY 31st!

Dues and Convention

Dear Tsintzinians:

It's that time of year again. We stock up on bread and milk for the next winter storm. We cook vats of avgolemono soup to ward off the common cold. We pay our society dues. Bbbrrrrrr.

Most of all, we look forward to our yearly reunion. This year the reunion will be held from 28 to 31 July. The Lucille Ball convention is scheduled for that same weekend, so we will be sharing hotel space with crowds of Luci (and Desi and the occasional Fred and Ethel) wannabes wearing flaming red hair and 1950s clothing. In one sense, it will be just like the old days: people will look like our parents and grandparents in the old reunion pictures. The only difference will be that some of these Luci (and Desi, etc.) conventioners will have lots “splainin’ to do.” A word to the wise: make your hotel reservations now.

How can we make your dues paying and reunion attendance easier?

1. You can pay your dues online at our website. [General News](#)
2. You can preregister and prepay for the reunion at our website.
3. You can fill out the attached membership form and sent it back to me with your check.

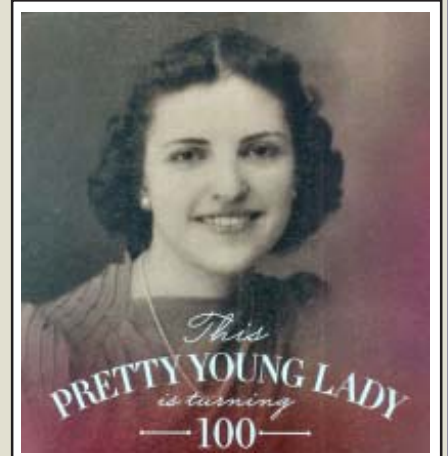
See you in July! I will be the woman at the registration desk who is not dressed as Luci.

Sending you all the best wishes for 2016,

Stephie Schlick, Your Friendly Tsintzinian Membership Director



Porta Nickles



Porta Nickles is celebrating her 100th birthday on February 15 of 2016. We extend to Porta our fondest wishes and celebrate the wonderful life she has had. We wish her many more years to come.

2016 Tsintzinian
Convention
July 28, 29, 30, 31
Celoron, New York

Chronicle Changes

Helen and I are moving to the Fort Myers area. We are old and cold and look forward to our new adventures in the Sunshine State. New contact information for the Chronicle:

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Laskaris - Kavouras Wedding

Nick Laskaris, son of Peter and Helen Laskaris, married Maia Kavouras in a lakeside wedding ceremony on Catawba Island on August 22, 2015. Nick is the assistant director of the Indiana University tennis center while Maia is an accountant for a Cleveland based company. They reside today in Bloomington, Indiana.



Zikakis - Regan Wedding

Christopher Zikakis, son of Venetia Chacona and grandson of Maria Tselekis Chacona married Katherine Regan on June 20, 2015 in Falmouth Maine. They reside in Norfolk Massachusetts.



2016 Convention Schedule

Thursday July 28, 2016	
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 29, 2016	
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 30, 2016	
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 31, 2016	
9:00 am – noon	Breakfast Buffet at the Clubhouse

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

REUNION 2016 Important Changes

We strongly encourage you to preregister and prepay your reunion fees at www.tsintzasociety.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.

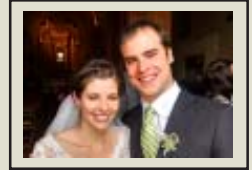
We will go live with our preregistration form online with a link to PayPal no later than April 15, 2016. For those who prefer to pay by check, you will receive a preregistration form in the mail at the end of April.

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 2016 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	

Johanssen-Mattison Wedding

For the first time since 1947 we celebrated a wedding in Jamestown.



Jacob Johanssen (Nickles) and Camille Mattison were married Saturday July 25, 2015 at the clubhouse after dinner. Many of their friends and family came to celebrate with them making the reunion one of the largest in many years. Jacob and Camille are currently both teachers in Lima, Peru but will be moving in August of 2016 to Budapest, Hungary to teach in the American School of Budapest. Prior to their Jamestown wedding, Jacob and Camille were married July 11, 2015 in Alta Gracia, Argentina where Camille's parents and most of her extended family live.

Johanssen-Schembri Wedding



Olin M. Johanssen (Nickles) and Maureen "Mo" Schembri were married November 07, 2015 in San Francisco.

Olin's brothers Jacob and Curtis, cousin Jared Scott (Nickles) and cousin Kate Nickles were all part of the wedding party.

Mo who is a native San Franciscan recently completed her master's degree and is employed with CBS in San Francisco. Olin is working for the San Francisco start up company Hudson Grace.

Over the Christmas Olin and Mo took a honeymoon to Bali.

 Honored and Remembered
Tsintzinians

Angeline Laskaris

Angeline “Angie” N. Laskaris, 93, passed away Friday, August 20th, at the home of her son in Marion, Ohio where she has resided since 2010.



She was born May 17th, 1922 in Cambridge, Ohio to Peter and Sophia Nicholakis and was preceded in death by her parents.

Angie, formerly of Memphis, TN, was a proud and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, George A. Laskaris; two sons, Alex (Sarah) and Peter (Helen); four grandchildren, Brian (Melissa), Stephen (Becky), Athan (Jessica), and Nick (Maia); and four great-grandchildren, Grayson, George, Catherine, and Henry.

George Laskaris



George Alexander Laskaris, age 90, passed away on October 25th in Marion, Ohio.

George was born April 8th, 1925 in Wilmington, Delaware to parents Alexander and Nikonia Laskaris.

He was a Navy and World War II veteran, restaurant owner in Cambridge, Ohio and later worked in quality control and management positions at RCA for over 30 years.

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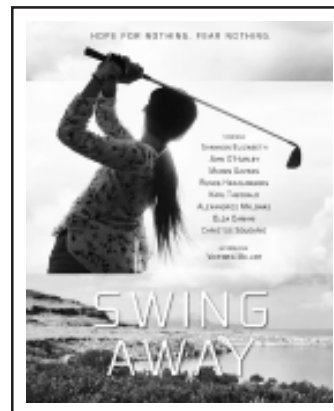
Film Swing Away about Heart, Soul, Going for it Stephanopoulos, Nickles, Reflect On the Inspiration

By Constantine S. Sirigos

NEW YORK – “Swing Away” is new movie created by Greek- American Director Michael A. Nickles and Producer-Creator George Elias Stephanopoulos (cousin of the ABC Chief Anchor and This Week host who bears the same name). Viewers will see relationships unfold amid journeys of self-discovery and experience the joys of golf, but in its essence, it is a love affair with Greece.

“As the story came together it became about Zoe, a Greek- American golfer who was disillusioned with life and went back to Greece to visit family and to figure things out” Stephanopoulos told TNH, Zoe’s decision was inspired by reading Nikos Kazantzakis.

The movie’s poster has a message: hope for nothing, fear nothing. That paraphrases the great Cretan’s epitaph, and the substance of the Cretan’s idea morphs into an American ode to freedom: Swing Away.



Working their magic on Zoe’s psyche are Greece and its people, including Stella, the 10-year-old golf prodigy she took under her wing.

The intended audience from the start was Greek-Americans, “but obviously it will play to a much wider audience,” Stephanopoulos said of the film that recently had a private screening hosted by the NYC Greek Film Festivals, and additional private screenings are planned across the country. It has been submitted to select U.S. and international film festivals and there are currently discussions with major distributors and plans to release the film in 2016.

Many intellectual and experiential streams led to the Nickles- Stephanopoulos collaboration, but the primordial catalyst was the Ionian Village. When it was established by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in 1970, care was taken to create memorable experiences of Greece for the children of the diaspora but it did not take long for people to realize that what IV was selling along with a country was relationships with fellow Hellenes.

The two met as campers in 1982. When Nickles returned in 1985 just to visit his sisters Nina and Georgia, he reconnected with Stephanopoulos, then a counsellor. That friendship, sealed with a trip to the island Spetses, is now in its 34th year.

Their artistic endeavor is a case study in how one thing can lead to another and how with imagination, anyone can help Greece emerge from the crisis.

“My idea was to do something for Greece,” he said, which struck him at the 2004 Athens Olympics. He began to research ideas for re- purposing Olympic venues, including something like New York’s Chelsea Piers, which included a driving range. A Wall Street Journal article about golf in Greece and its connection with attracting vital high-end tourists got him thinking, and concluded that a feature film would stimulate new interest among young Greek athletes and developers.

New York businessman Peter J. Pappas, Sr. is an avid golfer who is a big pro-

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Experience the Chautauqua Institution while in Jamestown

Chautauqua Institution is a community on the shores of Chautauqua Lake in southwestern New York state that comes alive each summer with a unique mix of fine and performing arts, lectures, interfaith worship and programs, and recreational activities.

Season Theme

What Does it Mean to be Human?

What does it mean to be human? In 2016, we comprehensively explore facets of the human experience, of the human project. When we say we're dedicated to "the best in human values," what do we mean? As human beings, we are capable of great good, and capable of being catalysts for destruction. We are stewards, explorers, healers, thinkers, feelers. We have a body, a brain, a fully-functioning computer of the highest caliber. But we are more than our machine. To be human is to love, to laugh, to hurt. It is to be self-aware if not self-actualized, and that grasping for something more, something higher, is perhaps the greatest expression of the human condition. Human beings are flawed, but we hold fierce potential. In this summer as we explore our history, our future, our hearts, bodies, minds and souls, we look at the state of being human today — offering an unflinching look at humanity at its worst, and celebrating what it means to be a people striving for its best.

Week Five :: July 23–30

People and Environment
In Partnership with
National Geographic
Society

How do we survive in a natural world we are increasingly out of touch with? How has our sense of our surroundings changed? How has the



role of government in preservation changed? In this week we examine our surroundings and the ways we can preserve and save our home land and seas. Fifty years into the environmental movement, and 100 years after the National Parks were founded, we look to learn from our past, explore our environments and prepare for the future.

Interfaith Lecture Theme :: A Theology of Ecology

The Jewish vision of 'tikkun olam' (repairing the earth) is a promising foundation for dialogue about religious stewardship of the earth, with counterparts in all Faith Traditions. How can theology help humans to seek a relationship with the natural world that can counteract the psychic disintegration of everyday life that comes from exile from Nature? In this week we will hear major voices from the world's religions who will inspire us with hope and commitment for our collective future.

A Tribute to Mom & Dad

From the time of birth until the age of 17, I had attended the Tsintzina Convention in Jamestown/Celoron with my parents and grandparents. Each year we would visit and share great times with family and friends. It was our only vacation of the year.

After 17, my life changed directions with college, marriage, children and work and I quit attending the convention.

At the age of 35, my Yiayia Sophia and my parents pleaded with me to come back with my family and reconnect with family and friends. We did and to my great surprise, most of the families I remembered as a child were still attending and we easily reconnected.

I chose to become a board member where I served for 15 years. I started the Tsintzinian Chronicle so that people could remain connected throughout the year. After I retired from the board, my wife chose to become a board member and would later serve 4 years as the president of our Society. Both Athan and Nick, our children, became involved with the youth activities of the convention and now they bring their wives each year to the Reunion.

We chose to continue coming to Jamestown to be with our family and share in our rich heritage. We badgered our cousins to come and now they too attend every year. My grandmother continued to come until she passed away in 1999. My parents attended the convention until 2010 when they physically could no longer make the trip.

In 2010, my parents came to

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Upon his retirement in 1985, he and his wife Angie, moved back to Memphis.

“Mr. George” was a very active and faithful member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and a past President of the Parish Council. He was a life member of the Order of AHEPA and led the Young at Heart Senior Group for many years.

He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He is preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Angie, and two sisters, Georgia Goussetis and Martina Burlotos.

He is survived by his two sons, Alex (Sarah) and Peter (Helen); four grandchildren, Brian (Melissa), Stephen (Becky), Athan (Jessica), and Nick (Maia); and four great-grandchildren, Grayson, George, Catherine, and Henry.

Chris J Chacona

November 18, 2015 Chris J Chacona passed away in Riverside California from pancreatic cancer. Chris was the son of Stella (Nickles) and James A Chacona/ Chase of Parkersburg West Virginia. He is survived by his brother James A Chacona of San Diego and his nephew Alexander Chacona also of San Diego along with several cousins. Chris graduated from Harvard University and received his MA and PHD from The Wharton School of Business. Chris was married for several years to Sharon Glosser of Johnstown PA who preceded him in death.

ponent of golf in Greece. He immediately saw the impact of a film with golf as the vehicle, a child as a main character, and Greece as the background. He is an executive producer and became an investor, as did Stamatios Hiotis, who was a producer. But good ideas can sprout anywhere. As the business elements began to exert a pull away from Greece, Stephanopoulos tugged back. “I fought like hell to keep it in Greece,” adding, “The crews that are available are as good as anywhere else in the world.”

“One of the things I am proudest of is that this is the first non-Greek film to be shot, edited and post-produced in Greece, so we kept all the money there,” he said.

For Nickles, the movie was an opportunity created by a friend to pay tribute to pivotal moment in his life.

I had never been out of the country and while I grew up in a Greek-American home I didn’t really understand and feel what it meant to be Greek until I had the experience of being on the land.” One moment altered his life.

His parents, Achilles and Olga, successful booksellers with roots in Sparta and Mytilene, gave him a firm intellectual and emotional foundation for the artistic life, but that trip was vital.

It shook him up, though, making it hard to readjust to New York and NYU’s Film School. “I just wanted to return to Greece,” and hold on to what he could later call a “peak experience.” At the time he did not have a word for it, but now a movie expresses it.

Former PGA CEO Joe Steranka, whose wife is Greek, helped fund and promote the film. Stephanopoulos was delighted with the participation of Nicole Castrale, a Greek-American who just retired from the LPGA tour, and he also appreciates the support of author Dr. Alex Pattakos.



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1821 LIST OF MEN FROM TSINTZINA FIGHTING IN GREEK WAR OF INDEPENDENCE

Dhimitrios Alexandris
 Dhimitrios Andreou
 Athanasios Andritsakis
 Dhimitrios Andritsakis
 Dhimitrios G. Andritsakis
 Dhimitrios M Andritsakis
 Spiridhon Andritsakis
 Ioannis Antzanesis



Ioannis Barlas
 Panayiotis Benekos

Panayiotis Dhikaios

Ioannis Farmakis

Kostants Gerasimos
 Nikolaos Gerasimos
 Panayiotis Gerasimos
 Konstantis Grigoris
 Nikolaos Grigoris



Anastasios Kanellos
 Dhimitrios Kanellos
 Stamatis Kanellos
 Yorghios Kapsalis
 Konstantis Kostas
 Ilias D Koumountzis
 Panayiotis Koumountzis
 Yeorghios Koumountzis
 Panayiotis Kourtis

Yeorghios Lambros
 Panayiotis Laskaris
 Dhimitrios Liakos
 Konstantinos Makris

Panayiotis Nikolakis
 Athanasios Nohos
 Nikolaos Nohos
 Yeorghios Nohopoulos

Anagnostis Papageorghiou
 Dhimitrios Papageorghiou
 Ioannis Papageorghiou
 Dhimitrios Pierros
 Ioannis Politis



Panayiotis Politis
 Dhimitrios Poulos
 Ioannis Poulos
 Angelos Prokos
 Ioannis Prokos

Panayiotis Roumanis

Ioannis Seferlis

Thanasis Thanasopoulos
 Hristos Tsakonas
 Panayiotis Tsakonas
 Nikolaos Tseleki
 Nikolaos G Tseleki
 Ioannis Tsetseris



Iannakodhimos Vempos
 Dhimitrios Vlahos
 Ioannis Vouloumanos

Dhimitrakis Yiannoukos (Iannoukos)
 Dhimitrios tou Yiannaki (Iannaki)
 Thanasis tou Yiannousi (Iannousi)

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live with us so that we could take care of them. During their time with us, we talked a lot about Jamestown and why it meant so much to them. They met in Jamestown as youths and that would eventually lead to their marriage. Both their families would meet in Jamestown each year and would give them the opportunity to spend time with families and friends. They never missed a convention. We showed them videos from old and new conventions and played Greek music often. They always made sure we would attend the convention even though they couldn't. They always talked about the importance of family and heritage. Jamestown was number one on their need to talk about list.

Mom passed away in August which gave dad the opportunity to attend our youngest son's wedding. With help, he danced with the bride and tried a little Greek dancing. He told his family that he would attend Jamestown in 2016 with the family and was proudly looking forward to it. In October, dad passed away unexpectedly. One of the last conversations we had involved his going back to Jamestown. He was really looking forward to it. They both lived long and prosperous lives and will be sorely missed. It is times like this that you realize how fast time passes. Most of their generation is gone. We are now the older generation still attending the convention. We are the ones that must keep our heritage and the dreams of Jamestown alive. That generation's love for the Tsintzina Society was passed down to us and we in turn must pass that love on to our children.

The Greek War of Independence

The Greek War of Independence, also known as the Greek Revolution / Greek Uprising, was a successful war of independence waged by the Greek revolutionaries between 1821 and 1832 against the Ottoman Empire. The Greeks were later assisted by the Russian Empire, Great Britain, Bourbon France, and several other European powers, while the Ottomans were aided by their vassals, the Eyalets of Egypt, Algeria, Tripolitania, and the Beylik of Tunis.

THE TSINTZINIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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

- maintain the clubhouse and rounds
- 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 2016 (Please print.)

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Please pay your dues and help your society.		<input type="radio"/> Single \$40
Last name:	First:	Middle:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Spouse:	Father's name:	
Phone:	Mother's maiden name:	
We are attending the 2016 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 28 – July 31

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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