

• PAN ARCADIAN •

Delegates from our chapter attended the National PFA Convention in Las Vegas this past October. Our meetings were very fruitful, and for we newcomers, a very enlightening experience. Our chapter secretary, John Bourmazos was confirmed as the new District Governor, and our vice president, James Rigopoulos was confirmed as the District Director of Youth Activities. We can be proud of our members!! Congratulations and much success as your work toward the common goals of philanthropy and fellowship. Additionally, we received updates on the Pan Arcadian Hospital in Tripolis, Greece, built by the funds raised by American Pan Arcadians. Our National organization is now pursuing the addition of a mental health wing to the hospital with matching Greek government funds – a very exciting and worthwhile endeavor.

We have many exciting activities planned for the coming year so we invite all of our Pan Arcadians to attend our meetings, and get a good dose of fun, laughter, fellowship, and usually some delicious food. We have formed a scholarship committee and will be, in future months announcing the application process for our college students. We are also hoping to turn last year's highly successful dinner dance into an annual event. Stay tuned for further information.

We usually meet on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the St. Spyridon Educational Building. December's meeting will be held on a different date, to be determined, due to the Christmas holiday season. All members will receive an email or letter notification of date time and place for this particular meeting. We hope that you can join us. As always, we welcome your attendance, and look forward to another successful year ❖

Sincerely, Fred Georggin

• GOOD SAMARITANS •

I was sick, and you visited me... (Matthew 25:36)

The Good Samaritans – Under the guidance of Philoptochos, we are a group of St. Spyridon parishioners that visits members of our Community who are confined due to illness or age. We travel to local hospitals, nursing homes and private residences throughout San Diego County. Many of those we visit no longer have family or close friends to see them with regularity, which makes them lonely for fellowship and a simple hello from someone who cares. If anyone in the community knows of any other homebound parishioners that should be added to our visitation list, please let us know.

For any questions or information, please call Stephanie Mastorakos at (619) 203-3533. ❖

• ENVOGUE NEWS •

On Saturday, October 17, 2009, 333 guests stepped out to celebrate the spirit of philanthropy at the third annual Philoptochos EnVogue. It was definitely the place to be this fall! As the guests arrived at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, they were greeted by three vintage sports cars, some posed for photos. Registration was smooth sailing, then it was off to Meet the Recipients. The Reception had Guests googling at the fantastic Live Auction items, the Goga fashions and beautiful models, they shopped for one-of-a-kind finds at Everything EnVogue Boutique, Shopped by Chance from three tables laden with getaways, handmade items, sports memorabilia and more. The Pastry Boutique was a smash hit as was the Opportunity Draw for the Byzantine inspired cuff. The honorees made a grand entrance into the ball room, as did the Navy color guard, the National Anthem, and prayers were shared. Chef Manfred gave a tour of the Mediterranean feast, which he had prepared special, it was DELISH!!! The Mistress of Ceremonies charmingly presided as the Anthousa Award Recipients received their beautiful statuettes, all the while the jazz combo entertained. Philoptochos sincerely appreciates the support from the community of St. Spyridon and all of the generosity of the many donors, which participated in our fundraising for The Children's Foundatin of America and the Armed Services YMCA. A special thank you and hearty congratulations goes to the General Committee for their talent, generosity, and dedication. We could not have done it with out you. Stand by for more details about the success of EnVogue 2009 and the check presentation ceremony to the beneficiaries. ❖

• SENIOR NEWS •

Dear Seniors,

The holiday season has finally arrived! Please join us in celebration at our **Annual Christmas Potluck** on Tuesday, December 8th at 10:30a.m. We ask that you bring a food item of your choice, serving 6-8 people. Please be mindful that many of us will be fasting for Advent Season. This year, in lieu of the gift exchange, we will be taking donations for a special charity. We will have a Christmas Donation Box available at the registration table.

We hope you will join us in spreading holiday cheer, singing Christmas carols, and maybe even receiving a visit from our very own St. Nick! Raffle prizes will also be given out to lucky guests. If you have any questions, please call Sophia at (619) 855-2991.

Thank you to all that helped with the set-up and clean-up at November's meeting. We had a fabulous time! ❖

With Love, Sophia Mellos