



PanCyprian Newsletter

Association of Florida, Inc.



Message from the President... *Angela Georgiadis*

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Issue 4

Dear Friends,

I cannot believe that we are once again in the holiday season and close to the end of 2010! The fact is that 2010 was another successful and rewarding year! I am very excited about rejoicing together for the Holidays. But I am also very excited about another productive year for 2011! I am very confident we will again surpass our expectations!

At present, we are preparing for the Person of the Year Banquet, which will honor Nicholas Karacostas, who is the respected Supreme President of AHEPA. This will be “an affair to remember.” Make your plans to attend early! We have limited seating, tickets will not be sold at the door, and reservations have already begun! Don’t miss out! Make your reservations now.

In addition, I would like to remind you to join us at our Christmas Party which will be held once again at the Greektown Grille in Clearwater, on Sunday, December 26, 2010. Last year’s party was a huge success! Everyone had a wonderful time, and this year will be even better!

On behalf of all Cypriots, we are eternally grateful and applaud Congressman Gus Bilirakis for his efforts regarding the “Passage of Congressional Resolution Protecting Religious Sites, Artifacts in Cyprus.” Please read the article inside this newsletter.

On behalf of myself and the entire Board, I extend our sincere gratitude to all our members and friends, for the continued love, encouragement and support of all our worthy efforts.

WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE! ☀



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- **BREAKING NEWS!!!**
- **It was just finalized that**
- **the PanCyprian Dance**
- **Group from New York,**
- **will be flown in specifically to perform at**
- **the Person of the Year**
- **Annual Banquet, January**
- **15th 2011.**
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Myrto Azina Chronides received literature award in Brussels 2010-11-18

Myrto Azina Chronides from Cyprus is amongst eleven writers that will be receiving Thursday evening the 2010 EU prize for literature, in a gala ceremony taking place at the Royal Flemish Theatre (KVS) in Brussels.

The prize is aimed at young and emerging writers. The 11 winners this year were selected by national juries in Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Ger-

many, Luxembourg, Romania, Slovenia, Spain and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The prizes will be awarded by Androulla Vassiliou, the Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, together with Doris Pack, Chairwoman of the European Parliament’s Committee on Education and Culture, and Fadila Laanan, Minister for Culture of the French Community of Belgium, representing the Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Read more at: <http://news.pseka.net> ☀

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ALL ABOUT CYPRUS

“Stop Turkey’s Destruction of Religious and Cultural Property”

Modified speech that Congressman **Gus Bilirakis** delivered on the House Floor



“On September 16, 2010, I introduced H. Res. 1631, a congressional resolution calling for the protection of religious sites and artifacts from and in Turkish-occupied areas of northern Cyprus as well as for general respect for religious freedom. Within record time I was able to garner bipartisan support and fast track this important measure to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives for a vote before the close of the 111th Congress.

As co-chair of the Hellenic Caucus and member of the International Religious Freedom Caucus, I introduced this measure to highlight the continued violations that are taking place on the divided island nation. Even as Cyprus celebrates the 50th anniversary of its independence, we are reminded that roughly one-third of Cyprus continues to be under Turkish military occupation since 1974. This resolution demands that Turkey be held responsible for the continued violations of humanitarian law with respect to the destruction of religious and cultural property in Cyprus.

The Turkish military which continues to illegally occupy northern Cyprus has overseen the systematic destruction of religious sites and the illegal looting of a large number of religious and archaeological objects.

When northern Cyprus was invaded, churches were left open to looters and vandals. The Turkish forces, though required to secure the religious sites by several conventions to which it is a signatory, failed to do so.

Around 500 churches, monasteries, cemeteries and other religious sites belonging to Greek Cypriots, Armenians, and Maronites have been desecrated, pillaged, looted and destroyed, including one Jewish cemetery.

80 Christian churches have been converted into mosques, 28 are being used by the Turkish army as stores and barracks, and many others are used for other non-religious purposes such as coffee shops, hotels, public baths, nightclubs, stables, theaters, and barns. Since 2004 at least 15 churches have been leveled, such as St. Catherine’s Church in the district of Famagusta which was bulldozed in mid-2008; additionally, the Church of the Holy Virgin in the site of Trachonas was used as a dancing studio until the Turkish occupiers built a road that destroyed part of it in March 2010; and, the Church of the Templars was converted into a night club. These are a few examples of the destruction that has been overseen by the Turkish military if not directly perpetrated by it.

The resolution urges the Government of Turkey to immediately implement the United Nations Security Council Resolutions relevant to Cyprus as well as the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights by retrieving and restoring all lost artifacts and immediately halting destruction on religious sites, stopping illegal archaeological excavations, and ceasing to traffic in icons and antiquities. Further, proper preservation and reconstruction of destroyed or altered religious sites must immediately take place, and all restrictions on freedom of religion for the enclaved Cypriots must end.”

see page 3 Bilirakis

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MEET A PANCYPRIAN... PANOS VASILOUDES, M.D., PH.D.

Panos Vasiloudes was born in Pera Orinis, Nicosia, Cyprus. He attended elementary school in Pera Orinis, which was one of the first communities in Cyprus to have an elementary school. This was made possible through the support of immigrants who sent money to the village from Egypt.

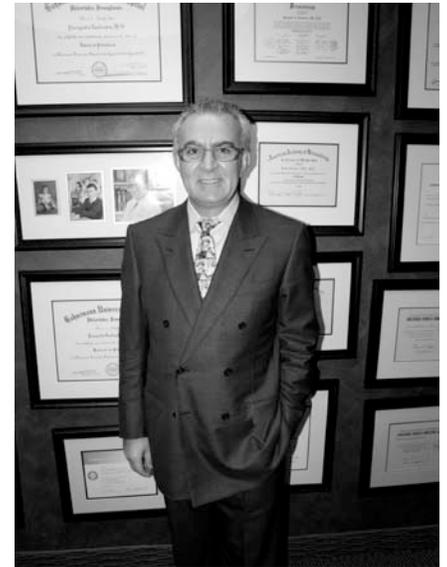
After elementary school, Panos attended the Pancyprian Gymnasium in Nicosia, Cyprus and graduated in 1978. After High School the Cypriot National Guard drafted him. While in the Cypriot National Guard, he developed a passion for medicine while working as a nurse in the military hospital. This is also where he learned to speak German. In September 1980, Panos Vasiloudes attended medical school at Philipps University in Marburg, Germany where he obtained his degree. Subsequently, he performed research at the renowned Rockefeller University in New York and Philipps University in Marburg, before completing his training in Europe at the University of Freiburg. Dr. Vasiloudes was awarded his PhD summa cum laude in 1989, after publishing his research in numerous peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Vasiloudes completed an accredited pediatric residency at Hahnemann University Hospital, Philadelphia in 1993 and a second accredited residency in dermatology at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver in 1998. Panos Vasiloudes holds a M.D., Ph.D. He is triple board certified in pediatrics, dermatology and is board eligible in pediatric dermatology.

Panos Vasiloudes moved his family to the Greater Tampa Bay Area in 1999. Upon his arrival in Tampa, Panos and his family were reunited with his children's grandparents and great-grandparents who live in nearby Clearwater and Tarpon Springs. Panos has become very involved in the community and especially focuses on educational projects. He has served on the Board of Trustees at Independent Day School in Tampa for 6 years and currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Berkeley Preparatory School.

Panos has developed the leading dermatology practice in the Tampa Bay Area by focusing on patient's needs and academic grade, quality care in the community. In addition to that he is involved in wellness concepts in primary care. He is also actively involved in real estate and insurance businesses.

Panos Vasiloudes and his wife, Helen Vasiloudes (born Margaritopoulos), have four children: Sophia age 6; Theodoros age 12; Vasilis age 14; and Erotokritos age 16. All of his children attend Berkeley Preparatory School. Panos and Helen are well traveled and visit Europe, Greece and Cyprus annually. They dream of raising their children following their Greek heritage with a combination of European traditions and American innovation as the global community merges toward becoming one system based upon the principles of fairness, love, peace, compassion and co-existence. ✨



Entertainment News!!!

Harry Antoniou from Cyprus, grandson of Harry & Yiota Theofanus, is one of the contestants at the XFactor3 (Greek American Idol) in Athens, Greece and can be seen Live every Friday at 2:00 pm our time, on Antenna.



**We wish him success and to go all the way!!!
We are routing and voting for you Harry!!** ✨

from page 2 Bilirakis

"I am so pleased that H.Res. 1631 passed the U.S. House unanimously on September 28, 2010 – just 12 days after its introduction. It sends a strong signal that while we sometimes engage in fierce partisanship, the one thing both parties can unite on is condemning the oppression of religious freedom wherever it may exist. I hope the beginning of the next 50 years of Cyprus's statehood is marked by the immediate removal of the Turkish occupation forces, followed by immediate reunification of the island nation in which respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all Cypriots is a reality." ✨

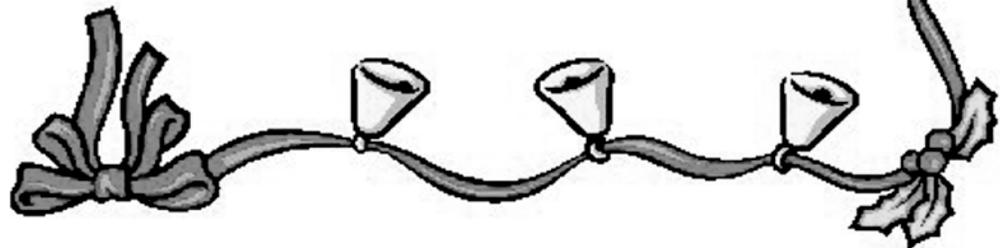


TO OUR
Members, Friends, Supporters
and the Whole Community.

We wish you
Merry Christmas
and

A Healthy & Prosperous 2011

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ΜΕ ΥΓΕΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΕΥΤΥΧΙΑ
ΝΑ ΔΕΧΘΟΥΜΕ ΤΟ 2011**



PanCyprian Association's Board Meetings are held on : 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Campus Run's Leasing Office, 911 E. Klosterman Road, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Bill Potaris

January 1 through November 28, 2010

Bank Accounts		
Checking	13,278.73	
CD	<u>5,408.55</u>	
Total in Bank	<u>18,687.28</u>	

Jan 1 -Nov 28, 10

Receipts

Advertising -Newsletter Sponsors	150.00
Donations.	810.00
Cultural Event Income -Picnic	1,479.00
2010 Greek Childrens Fundraiser	13,030.00
Membership Dues	930.00
Tshirts	50.00
Interest Earned	<u>13.23</u>
Total Receipts	<u>16,462.23</u>

Expenses

Sponsorship	480.00
General Assembly	120.67
Cultural Events	
Parade	300.00
Picnic	1,385.25
Sister City	271.54
Total Cultural Events	1 956 79

Dance Expenses

2011 Man-Of-The Year Deposits	1,792.00
2010 Greek Childrens Benefit	13,030.00
2010 Christmas Party Deposit	50.00
Total Dance Expenses	13,080.00

Donations	1,450.00
Memorials	185.00
Operations	
Administrative	236.25
Postage	283.85
Printing and Copying	286.76
Rent	166.33

Total Operations 973.19 *

Total Expense 20,037.65**Fiscal Year Cash Flow*** -3,575.42 **This reflects deposits for 2011 Man-of-the-Year of \$1,792.00. Actual FY 2010 Result is \$ -1,783.42 **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

by Estelle Valsamis

The PanCyprian Association of Florida, like all quality non-profit organizations, needs financial resources to help achieve our goals. Our organization relies on you and your membership to continue our efforts. Our main goal is to maintain and celebrate our culture, heritage, and of course, the Cyprus cause. Besides your annual membership cost of \$25.00, we also encourage and summon you to get involved with our many activities such as Person of the Year Banquet, Picnic in the Park, Greek Independence Day Parade, Cyprus Invasion Memorial, Cyprus Independence Memorial, Christmas Party, and more! Please remember that membership is and always has been critical to our success. We can only make a difference by working together.

Thank you to the following paid members for 2010:

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BIRTH:

Charles Zagaris Wadland was born on
 10-10-10 to proud parents
 Melani Zagaris and William Wadland.

He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 21 inches tall at
 birth.

NA MAS ZISI!

**SISTER CITIES OF TARPON SPRINGS
 UPDATE**

"Taste of the Islands" Fundraiser, Oct.3,2010

Sister Cities of Tarpon Springs held their annual
 Fundraiser at the Kalymnian House, in Tarpon
 Springs. Participating cities were Kalymnos,
 Symi, Halki and Larnaca, Cyprus.

Members of the above organizations prepared
 traditional dishes from their respective islands
 and served them to a happy crowd. Among our
 guests were representatives from the City of Tar-
 pon Springs, T.S. Police Department, Dr. Tina
 O'Daniels and Ms. Violetta Sweet of SPC, Father
 Vasilios & family of St. Nicholas church, Consul
 General of Greece Mr. Sgouropoulos, & Rep. Gus
 Bilirakis.

We thank Thekla Savva, Panayiotis Constantas,
 Georgia Post and ALL their helpers... **and there**
were plenty who helped and donated money.

THANK YOU ALL.

Annual Meeting and Elections

Jan 12, 2011 at 6pm at the Heritage Museum
 in Tarpon Springs. You are all invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served.

DEATH:



Rita Pavlou passed away
 on 8/17/2010.
 She is survived by her be-
 loved husband of 60 years
 Chris Pavlou, daughter
 Pauline & her family
 and son Andrew.

MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL!

“CYPRUS: CROSSROADS OF CIVILIZATIONS” AT SMITHSONIAN’S

Posted on 17 September 2010 by Anastasios Papapostolou
<http://usa.greekreporter.com>



Cyprus, the eastern-most island in the Mediterranean Sea, situated at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and Africa, has been a meeting point for many of the world’s great civilizations. From its 11,000-year history, Cyprus has woven its own distinctive history and culture.

“Cyprus: Crossroads of Civilizations” will be on view at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History from Sept. 29 through May 1, 2011. The exhibition is presented on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Cyprus. The formal opening of the exhibition took place on September 28, 2010 by President of the Republic of Cyprus, Demetris Christofias.

The exhibition will feature more than 200 artifacts—covering nearly 11,000 years of history—which range from items from the earliest villages to masterpieces of medieval religious art, and give an overview of the island’s unique culture. Among the objects on

display will be for the first time in this country:

- * A pygmy hippopotamus skull (10,000 to 8,500 B.C.)
- * Gold jewelry and sphinx sculptures from the Cypro-Achaic period (750 to 480 B.C.)
- * Vases, bowls and sculptures, including an Aphrodite marble, from the Hellenistic (325 to 50 B.C.) and Roman (50 B.C. to A.D. 330) periods
- * Bronze and copper items, including lamps and jugs, from the Byzantine period (330 to 1191)
- * Religious icons, paintings and vases from the medieval period (13th to 16th century)

The exhibition also will feature nearly 100 coins from different eras in Cypriot history, starting from the Hellenistic period through the Venetian period.

“Cyprus: Crossroads of Civilizations” was made possible by the Cyprus Department of Antiquities, the Cultural Foundation of the Bank of Cyprus, the Byzantine Museum of the Archbishop Makarios III Foundation, the Holy Bishopric of Morfou, the Pierides Marfin Bank Museum, the Thalassa Museum of the Municipality of Agia Napa and the National Museum of Natural History. ☀

Christopher Pissarides, the first Cypriot to win a Nobel Prize.

British-Cypriot Christopher Pissarides won the 2010 Nobel Prize in Economics, together with Peter Diamond and Dale Mortensen of the U.S., for work which can explain how unemployment, job vacancies and wages are affected by regulation and policy.

Professor Pissarides, 62, who specialises in the theories of labour markets and policies at the London School of Economics (LSE), said the current level of unemployment is “consistent” with the scale of the recession endured in the UK, but added that it is vital to get people back to work as soon as possible.

“The key idea really is they shouldn’t allow unemployment to become entrenched,” he said. “If you have been out of a job for more than a year, it’s disastrous really - you don’t have the incentive to get back to work.” ☀



<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/economics/8058451/British-Nobel-Prize-winner-Christopher-Pissarides-calls-for-slower-spending-cuts.html>



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 26, 2010 - 5:00 PM
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 Greektown Grille, Clearwater
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January 15, 2011
Person of the Year Annual Banquet
 Honoring Nicholas Karacostas, Esq.,
 Supreme President of AHEPA
 Ruth Eckerd Hall
 6 pm Cocktails 7pm Dinner
 Music by: "Ellada"
 For tickets call 727 319 6804
 NO tickets at the door

May 1st 2011 - Picnic 12 noon
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 2525 Philippe Pkwy
 Safety Harbor, FL 34695

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