



# PanCyprian Newsletter

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Message from the President... *Angela Georgiadis*

**It's** hard to believe that we're already three months into the New Year – March 2011, and a lot has happened since our last Newsletter mailing. Last December we held our Christmas party at the Greek town Grille in Clearwater, and as promised, it was bigger and better than the year before! Our members and their friends and families – from as far as Cyprus! - joined us for a wonderful and joyful event; merrily eating, dancing, laughing, and above all, enjoying each other's company. Many thanks to all those who shared this delightful evening with us. *See photos on page 4.*

Just three short weeks after our Christmas party, it was time for the main event: The PanCyprian Association of Florida's Annual Person of the Year Banquet. This year we honored a Cypriot-American, Nicholas Karacostas, Supreme President of AHEPA. Nicholas, who was born in Kyrenia, was presented with the Kyrenia II Award for his contributions and support of the cause of freedom and human rights of the people of Cyprus on January 15 at the elegant Ruth Eckerd Hall. Among those who honored Nicholas with their presence, were many who traveled from various parts of the country. Our guest list included the Cyprus Ambassador in Washington

DC, His Excellency Pavlos Anastasiades and his wife Maria; the President of the Cyprus Federation, Mr. Peter Papanicolaou and his wife Nasia; the President of PSEKA and PanCyprian Association of America, Mr. Philip Christopher and his wife Christina; Congressman, Mike Bilirakis and his wife Evelyn. Many local AHEPANS also joined us in honoring their Supreme President. *See photos on pages 4 & 5.*

Our guests were treated to a special performance by the PanCyprian Dance Group of New York flown in for this event!!! Suffice it to say, when the group completed their dance routine the floor was covered in dollar bills! Our sincere thanks to the young PanCyprian dancers of NY. Yet another highlight of the evening was the raffling of an exquisite painting by the late Theodore Giavis. The painting - "The Rock", (from the artist's series "Metemora") - was donated to our association by the artist's wife, Mrs. Theano Giavis. *Read more on page 6.* To Mrs. Giavis, from the bottom of our hearts we all say thanks for your generosity and classy gesture! And of course congratulations to the lucky winner Mrs. Mary Kyriacou!

It is with great pride that I tell you all, the outpouring of compliments we received for this event from our gracious guests. It goes without saying, that this could never have been accomplished, were it not for the dedicated and diligent efforts of our entire board. Bravo!

Special thanks go to our own Philip Christopher for his never-ending generosity. Philip hosted a dinner for the PanCyprian Board members and the NYdelegation, during which he informed us on the latest events and activities taking place in NY and DC on the Cyprus issue. We all know that our hard work and political activism is still required, if we are to achieve a long, lasting, and fair solution, one that will end the division of our beloved Cyprus and allow all Cypriots to live freely enjoying their fundamental human rights in a country free of occupation armies.

We are now preparing for our traditional, Apokreatiko Glendi, to be held on March 6, 2011 at the Spanos-Pappas Community Center in Tarpon Springs. It promises to be a fun-filled affair, with live music, dancing, costumes and a Lemon Dance Contest, which originated in Karavas, Cyprus. Our menu this year will include halloumi-filled ravioli donated by the Kontos family. We are all looking forward to seeing you there.

Stepping away from business for a moment, I would like to share with everyone, some wonderful news regarding the grandson of our committee members, Harry and Yiota Theofanus. For the past 15 weeks, their grandson Harry, was a hopeful contestant on the popular television series in Greece, the X-Factor. The competition was aired on Antenna TV every Friday. The Theofanus household would host a weekly get-together for friends and family to watch their beloved grandson, Harry compete. I had the privilege of joining the group for the final five, nail-biting episodes. I am thrilled to announce that Harry won!! We're all very proud of him, and wish him every success and happiness. Congratulations to Harry and his family! *Read more on page 3.*

In closing, I would like to thank you all for your support and remind you to please renew your membership for 2011; to make things easier for you, we are including a self-addressed envelope for mailing your membership forms. Also, remember our upcoming events: the Greek Independence Parade, to be held in Tarpon Springs on March 27th, and our annual picnic that will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Phillippe Park. Hope to see you there!



**Wishing you all a wonderful Easter and Καλη Ανάσταση!**

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# ALL ABOUT CYPRUS

## Cyprus President meets Cypriot community from the USA

FAMAGUSTA GAZETTE Mon, Feb 21, 2011

President Christofias received a group of children from the Cypriot community in the United States, and referred to the history of the Presidential Palace and the Cyprus problem, pointing out the difficulties in efforts to solve the Cyprus problem due to Turkey's intransigent stance.

Addressing the children before their tour of the Presidential Palace, President Christofias noted that the talks for a Cyprus settlement were being carried out between the two communities, noting that, due to the Turkish stance, progress was slow.

He added that Turkish positions on the Cyprus problem were tough and that Turkey's EU accession course would be facilitated by a settlement.

President Christofias said that at this point Turkey's EU accession course was at a standstill due to its stance towards Cyprus, since many chapters of its accession negotiations have been frozen, and expressed hope that Turkey would make all necessary moves.

He also referred to the role of third parties in the history of the Republic of Cyprus, as well as efforts to solve the Cyprus problem, the pre-independence period and the British Bases in Cyprus, as well as Cyprus' geographical location which is of strategic importance.

President Christofias furthermore referred to the demonstrations in various neighbouring countries and pointed out that Turkey was "flirting" with Islamic countries.

He also mentioned the upcoming parliamentary elections, scheduled for May 22, noting that the pre-election campaign was already in full swing.

Cyprus, which joined the EU in 2004, has been divided since 1974, when Turkey invaded and occupied its northern third.

President Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu are currently engaged in UN-led negotiations with an aim to reunify the country, under a federal roof. ☀

## AHI Hosts "Town Hall Screening" of Ground-breaking Cyprus Documentary

**WASHINGTON, DC** — The American Hellenic Institute (AHI) hosted a "Town Hall Screening" of the one-hour documentary "Cyprus Still Divided: A U.S. Foreign Policy Failure" at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Clearwater, Fla., on February 7, 2011. The screening was held in cooperation with Holy Trinity Church and the Pancyprian Association of Florida, and it was organized with the help of Archon Regional Commander and AHI member Theodore P. Vlahos, M.D. It was a huge success and attracted many of our local community members. A panel discussion featuring U.S. Rep. Gus M. Bilirakis (R-FL), who co-chairs the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, Dr. Van Coufoudakis, rector emeritus, University of Nicosia, and dean emeritus, School of Arts and

Sciences, Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne; and AHI President/COO Nick Larigakis followed the documentary's screening. "Our goal is to create awareness of the documentary's significance and encourage communities to urge their PBS affiliates to air the program." The documentary sheds light and scrutinizes U.S. foreign policy toward Cyprus surrounding the 1974 Turkish invasion. The American Hellenic Institute is a non-profit Greek American public policy center that works to strengthen relations between the United States and Greece and Cyprus, and within the Greek American community.



You may write, email or call WUSF-TV to request airing of this documentary to: Susan Geiger, Program Director WUSF-TV 4201 E Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL 33630 email: sgeiger@wusf.org Tel: (813) 905-6911 ☀

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# OUR OWN PANCYPRIAN “HARRY” WINS X-FACTOR3 CONTEST

By Yiota Theofanus

X Factor3 started 7 months ago with over a thousand contestants from all over Europe, USA, and Canada going for their dream in singing, but after many auditions, only 16 were chosen to go on the Live Show of X-Factor3 in Greece. We were very proud that our grandson, Harry Antoniou, was one of them. The live show started October 29, 2010, and continued every Friday; at the end of each show one contestant was eliminated. Our home was full of family and friends every week, cheering, voting, routing for Harry. At the end of each show, happy that he made it to the next, we celebrated with food, wine and plenty of desserts.

Harry was born on March 9, 1989 in New York, to Christina (Theofanus) Antoniou (photographer of the Pancyprian Soccer Team in NY during her school years...) and Tommy Antoniou (from Famagusta). He moved to Cyprus with his family when he was about 3 years old. On our first trip to visit them, Pappou Harry and I bought him his first saxophone from Florida and took it with us. At the age of 6 he took lessons for some months, and continued on his own. At the age of 15 Harry won 3rd place in a saxophone contest throughout Cyprus.

Harry graduated from the Grammar School in Limassol, served his 2 years Army term, where he was part of the National Guard Band (filarmoniki της εθνικής φρουράς Κύπρου ΣΜΕΦ.) He was also a singer and the Saxophone player of the group “189”. He registered at Cambridge in England to continue his studies in Music, but...X-Factor auditions came along at the same time... and here he is...

We are all so proud of him not only that he was called ΘΕΙΚΟΣ ΤΡΑΓΟΥΔΙΣΤΗΣ ΜΕ ΒΕΛΟΥΔΕΝΙΑ ΦΩΝΗ but mainly for his personality and good character he displayed, after so many months of pressure and competition, and was commented on by the judges again and again. We are very proud grandparents!!! With the Win, Harry earned a 3 year recording contract with SONY Records and a brand new car. We will follow his career and keep you posted. **THANK YOU ALL for your love & support.**

To see the celebrations at our home when the semi final & final announcements were made go to: YouTube and search for **Yiayia's house** by XarisFactor3



Photos from top: Harry with Sakis Rouvas when the winner was announced, with his X-Factor Manager George Levendis, with Anna Vissi on stage right after the win, and on the right with his parents Christina and Tommy Antoniou.



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**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
DECEMBER 26, 2010  
GREEKTOWN GRILLE, CLEARWATER



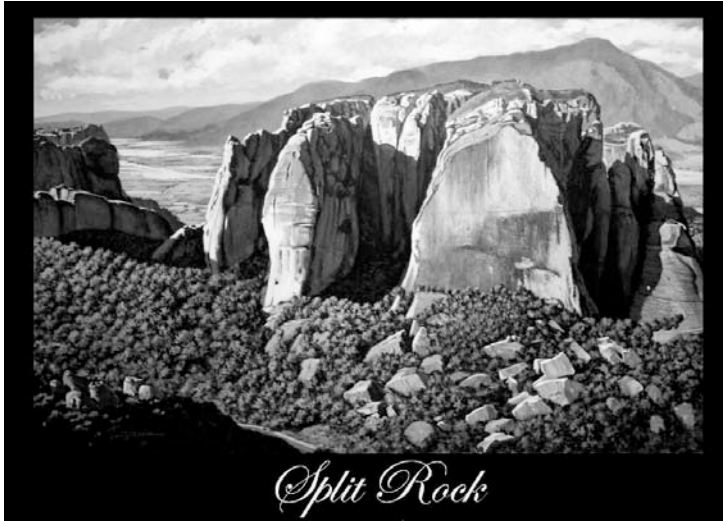
**2011 PERSON OF THE YEAR**  
**NICKOLAS A KARACOSTA**  
RUTH ECKERD HALL, CLEARWATER







*We proudly participate and support  
Greek Children's Fund at All Children's Hospital  
and Cyprus Children's Fund*



*Split Rock*

**Ted Giavis** (1920-2008) was a second generation Greek-American born in Lowell, Mass. He earned a scholarship at the Massachusetts College of Art and was a member of the prestigious Society of Illustrators for many years.

The Army spotted his talent, and ordered him to draw on company time. Mr. Giavis happily obliged, painting portraits of generals and filling up sketch books with scenes from Guam and Japan in World War II.

His two page parade scene for Goodyear advertising which appeared in a 1960 issue of the Saturday Evening Post, received international acclaim. Dr. Chris Mullen of the University of Brighton's Art School would cite the illustration 37 years later, when it ranked Mr. Giavis No. 8 on its list of the top 12 American realist artists. Most prominent on the list includes Norman Rockwell, Robert Riggs, Steve Dohanos, Lymon Anderson.

He and his wife, Theano, moved to Palm Harbor in 1996 from Westport, Conn., where he continued to enjoy painting including the series of the Pony Express. ☀



On the 15th of of January, our Association honored Nick Karacostas – supreme president of AHEPA – as our Man of the Year 2011 and presented him with the Kyrenia II Award. The photograph above shows the always photogenic !! ... PanCyprian Board showing off the award. This year's award was flown all the way from Cyprus. The board chose to get a traditional Cypriot gift – a silver plate – with the handcrafted image of the Kyrenia Ship. Kyrenia is also Nick Karacostas's birthplace. ☀

### SISTER CITIES OF TARPON SPRINGS UPDATE

The Tarpon Springs Sister Cities Annual Meeting was held on January 12, 2011 at the Heritage Museum in Tarpon Springs.

The President's welcome was given by Commissioner Chris Alahouzos, as well as reports were given by the Secretary, Treasurer and Membership chairperson.

Commissioner Alahouzos also spoke about the accomplishments with our Sister Cities. There is already an agreement for the Educational Exchange Program between St. Petersburg College with Symi, Halki and Kalymnos. This year we will try to make the same arrangements with Larnaca.

Two new trustees were elected to the Board, Mrs. Katie Faklis and Mrs. Yiota Theofanus.

Even though it was a cold night, many people attended including Mr. Antonis Sgouropoulos, Consul General of Greece, Dr. Conferlete Carney, Provost of St. Petersburg College and others.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Bill Potaris

FEBRUARY 24, 2011

### BANK ACCOUNTS

CHECKING	21,007.73
CD	<u>5,408.55</u>
<b>TOTAL IN BANK</b>	<b>26,416.28</b>

JAN 1 - FEB 24, 11

### RECEIPTS

#### 2011 MAN-OF-THE-YEAR DANCE

DRAWING	3,215.00
TICKETS	10,825.00
JOURNAL	4,200.00

TOTAL 2011 MAN-OF-THE-YEAR DANCE..... 18,240.00

DONATIONS	125.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	150.00
INTEREST EARNED	<u>0.84</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS 18,515.84

### EXPENSES

GIFTS 100.00

#### CULTURAL EVENTS

SEMINAR -AHI 150.00

TOTAL CULTURAL EVENTS 250.00

#### EVENTS EXPENSES

##### 2012 MAN-OF-THE YEAR

DEPOSITS..... 950.00

##### 2011 APOKREATIKO

GLENDI ..... 1,955.00

##### 2011 MAN-OF-THE-YEAR

(INC. JOURNAL, DRAWING) 14,064.69

##### 2010 CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEPOSIT..... -50.00

TOTAL EVENTS EXPENSES 16,919.69

#### OPERATIONS

BANK CHARGES 1.05

#### TOTAL OPERATIONS

1.05

TOTAL EXPENSE 17,170.74  
1,345.10\*

BELOW ARE THE RESULTS FROM OUR 2011 MAN OF THE YEAR DANCE

#### 2011 MAN-OF-THE-YEAR DANCE

##### RECEIPTS

TICKETS 12,375.00

##### EXPENSES

PLAQUE 540.00

DANCERS 1,426.43

DECORATIONS 360.00

CATERER 8,270.26

ENTERTAINMENT 1,200.00

HALL RENTAL 1,500.00

POSTAGE 142.36

PRINTING 237.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 13,676.05

TOTAL 2011 MAN-OF-THE-YEAR DANCE -1,301.05

## 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. Please remember that membership is and always has been critical to our success. We can only make a difference by working together.

The insert form is a reminder for you to please submit your membership fee for 2011 by sending it back along with a \$25.00 check, payable to the PanCyprian Association of Florida, in the self addressed envelope provided. Thank you. ☀

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*We do not send dozens of meaningless emails. Just announcements/reminders for our events and activities!*

**Thank you!**

#### TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUES...

##### 2011 MAN-OF-THE-YEAR JOURNAL

ADS 9,700.00

COSTS 2,651.00

7,049.00

##### 2011 MAN-OF-THE-YEAR DRAWING

TICKETS 3,215.00

COSTS 95.00

3,120.00

##### OVERALL 2011

MAN-OF-THE-YEAR DANCE RESULTS 8,867.95

\*STILL PENDING UNCOLLECTED PLEDGES ☀



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**March 6th**

**Apokreatiko Glendi/Lemon Dance**  
6:00 PM St. Nicholas/Spanos Hall,  
Tarpon Springs

**March 27th - Parade**

Greek Independence Day  
Meet at 12 Noon, City Parking Lot  
Alt.19 & Tarpon Ave, Tarpon Springs  
Please wear white shirts and black or  
navy pants.

**April 3rd - Memorial for the Heroes of  
EOKA - 10:00 AM**

St. George Church, New Port Richey

**May 1st 2011 - Picnic 12 noon**

Philippe Park, Shelter #2  
2525 Philippe Pkwy  
Safety Harbor, FL 34695

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