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The Apostolopouleion Cultural Center of Tripolis. The monument to the right is dedicated "To the Arcadian Immigrant"



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Μήνυμα του Προέδρου

Αγαπητοί Αρκάδες,

Με την ευκαιρία τις έκδοσης των Παναρκαδικών Νέων, αλλά και με πολύ χαρά επικοινωνώ μαζί σας ευχόμενος να είστε όλοι καλά.



Το 2020 έμελλε να είναι ένας δύσκολος χρόνος για την ανθρωπότητα και βεβαίως την Παναρκαδική οικογένειά λόγω της πανδημίας του κορωνοϊού. Αυτό το ζήτημα έχει αλλάξει τη ζωή όλων μας και τίποτα δεν είναι ίδιο από του γνωρίζαμε έως τώρα. Σε αυτή τη δύσκολη λοιπόν χρονιά η Π.Ο.Α. για μία ακόμη φορά δηλώνει παρούσα δείχνοντας την αλληλεγγύη της στο Παναρκαδικό Νοσοκομείο, στέλνοντας σύγχρονο ιατρικό εξοπλισμό για την αντιμετώπιση του κορωνοϊού αλλά και άλλες ανάγκες που έχει. Θυμίζω ότι το Νοσοκομείο με τις υπόλοιπες κτιριακές εγκαταστάσεις οικοδομήθηκε με εράνους που πραγματοποίησε η Ομοσπονδία και βεβαίως την σημαντική βοήθεια της Αμερικανικής Κυβέρνησης σε μια δύσκολη περίοδο για την πατρίδα μας. Εγκαινιάστηκε και λειτούργησε το Μάιο του 1951. Άρα έχουμε χρέος να φροντίζουμε και εμείς όσο μπορούμε το δημιούργημα που μας κληροδότησαν οι πρόγονοι μας.

Γι' αυτό το ζήτημα τον Απρίλιο του 2018 η Π.Ο.Α. οργανώνει ειδική εκδήλωση και Ράδιο-Μαραθώνιο και συγκεντρώνει το ποσόν των \$125.000 Δολαρίων. Η προσπάθεια αυτή συνεχίστηκε και αργότερα για τη περεταίρω ενίσχυση του ιδρύματος με αποτέλεσμα να ξεπεράσουμε το ποσό των \$165.000 δολλαρίων. Την εκδήλωση τίμησαν με την παρουσία του ο τότε Περιφερειάρχης Πελοποννήσου Πέτρος Τατούλης και ο πρώην Διοικητής του Νοσοκομείου Πέτρος Τομαράς, τους οποίους ευχαριστούμε θερμά. Το πρόγραμμα της εκδήλωσης το παρουσίασε με μεγάλη επιπυχία η Ευαγγελία Γ. Σουρούνη.

Θέλω επίσης να ευχαριστήσω και αισθάνομαι την μεγάλη ανάγκη γι' αυτό, όλους τους συντελεστές των δύο εκδηλώσεων, επίσης και αυτούς που προσέφεραν για τον εξοπλισμό του Νοσοκομείου.

Θα πρέπει να αναφέρω ακόμη τη σημαντική συμβολή του Πέτρου Τατούλη στο θέμα της μελέτης για την επέκταση του Παναρκαδικού Νοσοκομείου Τρίπολης, σε σύσκεψη που είχε η Διοίκηση της Π.Ο.Α. μαζί του έκανε δεκτό το αίτημα μας ώστε, η Περιφέρεια Πελοποννήσου να καλύψει το κόστος της μελέτης ύψους 200,000 ευρώ. Του οφείλουμε ευγνωμοσύνη και θερμές ευχαριστίες.

Ευχαριστίες οφείλουμε επίσης στη Νέα Διοίκηση της Περιφέρειας, τον Περιφερειάρχη Παναγιώτη Νίκα και όλα τα μέλη του Περιφερειακού Συμβουλίου που στήριξαν αυτή τη προσπάθεια. Η μελέτη σύντομα ολοκληρώνεται και δρομολογούνται οι απαραίτητες ενέργειες για την χρηματοδότηση του έργου.

Εύχομαι προσωπική και οικογενειακή ευτυχία σε όλους, καλό φινόπωρο και καλές γιορτές.

Με πατριωτικούς Αρκαδικούς χαιρετισμούς,

Ανδρέας Π. Παπαντωνίου
Πρόεδρος

ΟΛΟΚΛΗΡΩΣΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΚΔΟΣΗΣ ΟΙ ΑΡΚΑΔΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ ΙΣΤΟΡΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΠΡΟΣΦΟΡΑ

Μετά από έρευνα και εργασία επτά ετών ολοκληρώθηκε το φινόπωρο του 2018 το μνημείωδες έργο "ΟΙ ΑΡΚΑΔΕΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ" Ιστορία και προσφορά.

Αρχιτέκτονας του πρωτοποριακού έργου για την Παναρκαδική Ομοσπονδία Αμερικής ο πρώην πρόεδρος Ευάγγελος Ποτάκης. Με την εκλογή του και αναλαμβάνοντας το πηδάλιο της Π.Ο.Α. το 2010 εργάζεται με σθένος κατά τη διάρκεια της θητείας του για την πρόοδο της Ομοσπονδίας.

Στις προτεραιότητες της Διοίκησης θέτει πρώτο το ζήτημα της καταγραφής της ιστορίας και προσφοράς των Αρκάδων στις Η.Π.Α. και τη γενεθλία γη Αρκαδία.

Στα χρόνια που ακολουθούν παραμένει δίπλα και στηρίζει δυναμικά όλες τις προσπάθειες που χρειάστηκε να γίνουν για αυτό το θέμα από τις επόμενες Διοικήσεις της Ομοσπονδίας, και αξιώνεται όπως όλοι που δούλεψαν για αυτό το έργο να γίνεται πραγματικότητα.

Η έρευνα, τα κείμενα και η επιμέλεια της δίτομης αλλά και δίγλωσσης (ελληνικά και αγγλικά) πολύτιμης έκδοσης είχε ανατεθεί από την Π.Ο.Α., στον συμπατριώτη μας συγγραφέα Πέτρο Σαραντάκη. Πρόκειται για ένα μοναδικό έργο εππακοσίων περίπου σελίδων με πλούσιο αρχειακό υλικό, το οποίο εντάσσεται στα επιτεύγματα της Ομοσπονδίας μας. Παρουσιάσεις του έγιναν στην Νέα Υόρκη, κατά τη διάρκεια του 74ου Εθνικού Συνεδρίου, και αργότερα στο Σικάγο. Για την έκδοση του έργου, που ήταν όνειρο επών, πολλών συμπατριώτων μας καθοριστική υπήρξε η συμβολή του πρώην Προέδρου της Π.Ο.Α. Ευάγγελου Ποτάκη ο οποίος εισηγήθηκε την πρόταση αυτή το 2011 και ελήφθη τότε η απόφαση για την υλοποίησή του. Του οφείλουμε ευγνωμοσύνη και θερμές ευχαριστίες. Όπως επίσης οφείλονται ευχαριστίες στους Προέδρους που ακολούθησαν και εργάστηκαν για την ολοκλήρωση του έργου. Δηλαδή στον Γιώργο Ρεβελιώτη, τον Κώστα Καπογιαννη και τον Ανδρέα Παπαντωνίου.

Ευχαριστίες ακόμα απονέμονται στο Πέτρο Σαραντάκη που εργάστηκε σκληρά και μας παρέδωσε ένα άριστο έργο αλλά και στα μέλη της επιτροπής της Π.Ο.Α. Γιώργο Σουρούνη και Δημήτρη Φίλιο, οι οποίοι εργάστηκαν μαζί του.

Το έργο διατίθεται σε ειδική προσφορά για τα τμήματα της Ομοσπονδίας και μόνον για παραγγελίες δίτομων βιβλίων τουλάχιστον 5x\$75=\$375 (η κανονική τιμή πώλησης είναι \$600) ή 10x\$60=\$600 (η κανονική τιμή πώλησης είναι \$1,200). Για την αγορά των βιβλίων παρέρτετε να απευθυνθείτε στην γραμματέα της Π.Ο.Α., κ. Άννα Χαρισιάδου Τηλ: (630) 833-1900, ημέρες Δευτέρα, Τετάρτη, Παρασκευή – ώρα Σικάγου 9 π.μ. μέχρι 2 μ.μ.

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we register the
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NEWS & ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 75th PFA Convention was scheduled to be held in Chicago from October 15-18 2020. During a teleconference of the Board of Directors convened by President Andreas Papantoniu on May 2nd, and after taking into consideration the global state of affairs as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, it was decided that the National Convention be postponed until the summer of 2021. This postponement was deemed necessary to ensure the safety of all – the members of the Federation and our fellow men and women. District Conventions were also postponed for the same reason.

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It gives us great pleasure to inform you that the PFA will soon finally have its own federal tax exempt number.

PFA CONSTITUTION

At the end of June, the PFA Board of Directors completed the printing of the Constitution with all the amendments that have been made in recent years. A copy of the Constitution has already been sent to all the chapters, governing boards, and past Presidents of the PFA.



Presidents office

The Federation offices recently moved to an area double the size, however, remain in the building owned by the Midwest District and continue to pay the same rent. The new office is modern, luxurious, and suits our Federation. It features a conference room, library, offices for the President and Secretary, as well as modern office furniture. This was made possible through the generous contribution of the District Board of Directors, whom we warmly thank. The necessary equipment

has been installed in the conference room to facilitate teleconferences and Zoom meetings. Soon, the book collection of the ever-memorable Professor John Anton will be arranged and placed in the library. A portion of these books will also go to the other two PFA Districts – the Eastern and Western ones.



PFA Conference Room and Library

THE HAGIA SOPHIA

To: All the Greek-American and Arcadian Media

The Pan-Arcadian Federation of America, throughout its history, has continually engaged in multifaceted activities to promote issues related to Arcadia, the Arcadians of America, Greece, and Hellenism in general.

The PFA recently issued a statement denouncing a decision by Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan to convert the Hagia Sophia into a mosque, noting that this action gives rise to religious fanaticism and violates the religious and human rights of not only the ethnic Greek Community in Constantinople and Orthodox Christians living there, but all the minorities in Turkey.



July 14, 2020

The Pan Arcadian Federation of America condemns the decision of July 10, 2020 by the Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to turn the iconic Orthodox Cathedral of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, back to an Islamic mosque.

By reversing the historic gesture taken in 1934, by the founder of modern Turkey Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, to convert Hagia Sophia to a museum, the Turkish government shows cultural intolerance and total disregard for the religious and human rights of the Christians and other minorities in Turkey.

It also demonstrates an insulting attitude towards not only Orthodoxy and Hellenism, but towards the entire Christians Community of the world!

We call upon the President and the Congress of the United States of America, the leaders of the Christian Churches of every denomination, UNESCO and the international community at large to protest vocally and pressure the Turkish authorities to reverse this blatantly provocative act and restore Hagia Sophia to its previous status as a monument that unites peoples and religions.

On behalf of the Pan Arcadian Federation of America,

*Andreas P. Papantoniu
President*



UNIVERSITY OF THE PELOPONNESE

The PFA also made a significant contribution by granting the old Psychiatric Hospital to the University of the Peloponnese.

At the ceremony which took place the summer of 2019, the PFA was represented by George K. Sourounis, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Past President and Ted Stamison Governor of the Midwest District.

GREEK MUTUAL SOCIETY ATHENA

110 ΕΤΩΝ ΣΥΝΕΧΟΥΣ προσφοράς



Διακρίνονται, Δημήτριος Φίλιος, Ανδρέας Παπαντωνίου, Άγγελικη Βουρνά, Γιώργος Ξερακιάς, Νίκος Μιτσινίκος

Γιώργο Ξερακιά, για την πολυετή προσφορά του.

Το «παρών» στη χοροεσπερίδα του Συλλόγου «Αθηνά» έδωσαν και διακεκρίμενά μέλη της Ελληνικής Ομογένειας. Έτσι, μεταξύ των παρευρισκομένων συγκαταλέγονταν: ο Γενικός Πρόεδρος της Ελλάδας Κ. Κούτρας, ο Πρόεδρος της Ελληνικής Ομοσπονδίας Αμερικής Κλεανθης Μεϊμαρόγλου, ο Πρόεδρος της Παναρκαδικής Ομοσπονδίας Αμερικής Ανδρέας Παπαντωνίου, ο Κυβερνήτης της Ανατολικής Περιφέρειας και πρώην Πρόεδρος του Συλλόγου «Αθηνά» Γιώργος Ξερακιάς και ο Πρόεδρος του Συλλόγου Αρκάδων Νέας Υόρκης «Γέρος του Μωριά Χρήστος Βουρνάς. Παράλληλα, την εκδήλωση χαρέταισαν με επιστολές τους, ο Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αμερικής Ελπιδοφόρος, ο βουλευτής Αρκαδίας, ο Περιφερειάρχης Αρκαδίας, ο Διοικητής του Παναρκαδικού Νοσοκομείου Τρίπολης και τα πολιτιστικά σωματεία του τέως Δήμου Μαρίου.

Τέλος, μετά το γεύμα ακολούθησε ένα γνήσιο γλέντι αντάξιο της ιστορίας του Συλλόγου υπό το άκουσμα των μουσικών οργάνων της ελληνικής ορχήστρας που μετέφερε νοητά τους παρευρισκομένους στην αγαπημένη τους πατρίδα.



Διακρίνονται η τιμόμενη της βραδύτης, Τίνα Μουσταφέλου, η παρουσιάστρα του προγράμματος, Παναγιώτα Καρδιασμένου, Πρώην πρόεδρος του Συλλόγου, Χρόνης Τσεμπελής, και Ανδρέας Παπαντωνίου πρόεδρος ΠΟΑ.



Διακρίνονται: Γεώργιος Ξερακιάς, Κυβερνήτης Ανατολικής Περιφέρειας Ο τιμόμενος της βραδύτης, Κωνσταντίνος Σταγιάς, Νίκος Μιτσινίκος, Πρόεδρος του Συλλόγου Αθηνά, Ανδρέας Παπαντωνίου πρόεδρος ΠΟΑ. Χρήστος Βουρνάς, Πρώην πρόεδρος ΠΟΑ..



Από την εκδήλωση του Συλλόγου Αθηνά



PAN ARCADIAN NEWS

THE PFA NEWSLETTER

The electronic and printed Portal of Arcadians of U.S.A.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Arcadians,



It is with great joy that I write to you on the occasion of the publication of the Pan-Arcadian News to extend my wishes for health and wellness to all. The year 2020 proved to be a difficult one for all mankind, and of course, for the Pan-Arcadian family, due to the coronavirus pandemic. This development changed our lives, and nothing is the way it once was. During this difficult year, the PFA is making its presence felt yet again, displaying its solidarity for the Pan-Arcadian Hospital, sending modern medical equipment to help in the battle against the coronavirus, as well as to aid the hospital any other needs it may have. I remind you that the hospital, together with all its facilities, was constructed through collections organized by the Federation, and of course, significant aid from the U.S. Government in a difficult period of our country. It was inaugurated and began to operate in May of 1951. Therefore, we too have an obligation to care for the creation that our forefathers bequeathed to us as best we can.

In April of 2018, the PFA organized a special event and radio-marathon to support this cause, and raised the sum of \$125,000. This effort was subsequently continued to generate further support for this institution, bringing the total proceeds to \$165,000. Among those attending the event were the then Regional Governor of the Peloponnese Mr. Petros Tatoulis and the former Administrator of the Hospital Mr. Petros Tomaras, whom we warmly thank. The event was very successfully emceed by Mrs. Evangelia G. Sourounis.

I feel the great need to also thank all those who contributed to this cause on the evening of our event, earlier on during the radio-marathon, as well as subsequently for the purchase of medical equipment.

I must also note the important contribution of Mr. Petros Tatoulis to the plans for the extension of the Pan-Arcadian Hospital of Tripolis. During a meeting he held with the PFA Administration, he accepted our request for the Region of the Peloponnese to cover the expenses for the drafting of the plans, which cost 200,000 euros. We owe him a debt of gratitude and warm thanks. We also owe thanks to the new administration in the Region of the Peloponnese, Governor Panagiotis Nikas and all the members of the Regional Council who supported this effort. The plans will soon be complete and the appropriate efforts are being undertaken to secure funding for this project.

I wish everyone and their families happiness, a good autumn, and a joyous holiday season. I remain,

With patriotic Arcadian greetings,

Andreas P. Papantoniou
President

COVID-19 – With the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, the PFA Board of Directors immediately informed all of the Federation's members that it remains at their disposal in order to provide them with every possible assistance, if and wherever it is needed. Fortunately, up until now, our assistance has not been required or requested.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Arcadians,

It is with great joy that I write to you on the occasion of the publication of the Pan-Arcadian News to extend my wishes for health and wellness to all. The year 2020 proved to be a difficult one for all mankind, and of course, for the Pan-Arcadian family, due to the coronavirus pandemic. This development changed our lives, and nothing is the way it once was. During this difficult year, the PFA is making its presence felt yet again, displaying its solidarity for the Pan-Arcadian Hospital, sending modern medical equipment to help in the battle against the coronavirus, as well as to aid the hospital any other needs it may have. I remind you that the hospital, together with all its facilities, was constructed through collections organized by the Federation, and of course, significant aid from the U.S. Government in a difficult period of our country. It was inaugurated and began to operate in May of 1951. Therefore, we too have an obligation to care for the creation that our forefathers bequeathed to us as best we can.

In April of 2018, the PFA organized a special event and radio-marathon to support this cause, and raised the sum of \$125,000. This effort was subsequently continued to generate further support for this institution, bringing the total proceeds to \$165,000. Among those attending the event were the then Regional Governor of the Peloponnese Mr. Petros Tatoulis and the former Administrator of the Hospital Mr. Petros Tomaras, whom we warmly thank. The event was very successfully emceed by Mrs. Evangelia G. Sourounis.

I feel the great need to also thank all those who contributed to this cause on the evening of our event, earlier on during the radio-marathon, as well as subsequently for the purchase of medical equipment.

I must also note the important contribution of Mr. Petros Tatoulis to the plans for the extension of the Pan-Arcadian Hospital of Tripolis. During a meeting he held with the PFA Administration, he accepted our request for the Region of the Peloponnese to cover the expenses for the drafting of the plans, which cost 200,000 euros. We owe him a debt of gratitude and warm thanks. We also owe thanks to the new administration in the Region of the Peloponnese, Governor Panagiotis Nikas and all the members of the Regional Council who supported this effort. The plans will soon be complete and the appropriate efforts are being undertaken to secure funding for this project.

I wish everyone and their families happiness, a good autumn, and a joyous holiday season. I remain,

With patriotic Arcadian greetings,

Andreas P. Papantoniou
President

COVID-19 – With the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, the PFA Board of Directors immediately informed all of the Federation's members that it remains at their disposal in order to provide them with every possible assistance, if and wherever it is needed. Fortunately, up until now, our assistance has not been required or requested.

COMPLETION OF THE PUBLICATION THE ARCADIANS OF AMERICA – THEIR HISTORY AND CONTRIBUTION

Following seven years of research and labor, the monument literally work *THE ARCADIANS OF AMERICA, Their History and Contribution* was completed in the fall of 2018.



Past PFA President Evangelos Potakis served as the architect of this groundbreaking project. With his election in 2010, he took the reins of the PFA and worked diligently throughout his term for the progress of the Federation.

He placed the issue of the recording of the history and contribution of the Arcadians in the U.S. and their native Arcadian homeland at the top of the Federation's priorities.

Since then, he has continued to stand by this project and dynamically support all the efforts that needed to be undertaken on its behalf by the successive Federation administrations, and was blessed, along with all those who worked for the realization of this project, to see it come to fruition.

The research, writing, and editing of this two-volume bilingual (Greek and English) luxury edition was entrusted by the PFA to our compatriot, author Petros Sarantakis. This one-of-a-kind publication, approximately 700 pages in length, features a wealth of archival materials, and constitutes one of our Federation's achievements. It was presented in New York during the 74th National Convention, and subsequently in Chicago. Past PFA President Evangelos Potakis played a key role in the publication of this long-awaited book by making this proposal in 2011, when the decision was adopted to proceed with the project. We owe him heartfelt thanks. Likewise, the Presidents who succeeded him and worked toward the completion of this project; namely, George Reveliotis, Kostas Kapogiannis, and Andreas Papantoniou are deserving of thanks. We also thank Petros Sarantakis, who worked hard to produce a book worthy of our expectations, as well as the members of the PFA Committee George Sourounis and Demetris Filios, who worked together with him.

This book is available at a discount rate for the chapters of our Federation ordering a minimum of five sets of the two-volume edition 5x\$75=\$375 (standard sale price is \$600) or a set of 10x\$60=\$600 (standard sale price is \$1,200).

For purchases, kindly contact the PFA administrative assistant Ms. Anna Harisiadis at (630) 833-1900 on Monday, Wednesday, Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Central Standard Time.



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FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear fellow Arcadians,

On the occasion of the publication of the Pan Arcadian news we contact you, wishing you all well. And to remind you that in order to be safe we must respectfully observe all the protection measures for the COVID-19. With the publication of this issue, we aspire to launch a new and direct way of communication and information with all the members of the Federation.

The Newsletter will reach everyone in electronic and printed form, in order to cover the needs of the members who do not have access to the internet.

This Informational Bulletin will be sent to everyone in electronic and print format, to ensure that we also address the needs of members who do not have an e-mail account. It will be bilingual and initially circulate two (2) times a year.

With the publication of this Informational Bulletin, all our members will be able to keep updated on the activities of the PFA Board of Directors, Districts, and Chapters. At the same time, all those who are interested will have the opportunity to promote their professional activities by placing an advertisement in the newsletter. The categories are, gold \$500 and above, silver \$250- \$499 & bronze \$150- \$249.

Beloved compatriots, we need your contribution/support in this effort we have undertaken. We would especially like for you to inform us about the various activities and events taking place in your chapters, as well as anything else you deem appropriate. We will also need – and kindly request – for each chapter/association to let us know which of its members have an e-mail account.

We also want to thank all those who helped to publish the first issue of Pan Arcadian News.

In addition, we thank Vicky Kournetas and Costa Stamatatos, from Hellenic Pulse, as well as Sotiri and Pola Rekoumis, from Hellenic Hours for their contribution and coverage of all the activities of P.F.A. specifically the publication of the book and Pan Arcadian Hospital.

PAN-ARCADIAN HOSPITAL OF TRIPOLIS

As part of the framework for the measures aimed at combatting Covid-19, during a teleconference convened by PFA President Andreas Papantoniou, it was unanimously decided that the Federation would offer its assistance by purchasing modern medical equipment and apparel (worth \$165,000) for the Pan-Arcadian Hospital of Tripolis. The Federation has yet again actively demonstrated its solidarity toward this institution and the people of Arcadia, as it has done ever since the hospital began being built. The medical equipment (machinery) for the pulmonary clinic, the ICU, the dialysis unit as well other clinics all have been delivered except the ventilator and scrubs, linens will be delivered November 15.

Regarding the issue of the purchase of equipment and additional support for the Pan-Arcadian Hospital, a fundraising committee was formed and is chaired by PFA 1st Vice-President George Anastopoulos and members, John Vemis-Treasurer, Joanne Saltas-Governor Western District, Ted Stamison-Governor, Midwest District, George Xerakias-Governor Eastern District, George Sourounis-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and PFA Past President, Demetrios Filios-Member of Board of Trustees-Hospital Chairman and PFA Past President, Kostas Kapogiannis, PFA Past President. The response of the Arcadians, as well as friends of the Federation, to the appeal issued by the PFA Board of Directors and the fundraising committee has been good up until now, and we wish to warmly thank everyone.

Beloved Arcadian compatriots, the Pan-Arcadian Hospital will always have plenty of needs. We remind you that the Hospital is

our creation, built by the PFA, and so we must ensure that we support it as much as we can. We will need and rely on your support and assistance in this effort, for which we thank you before hand.

Another important project that our Foundation completed at the end of 2019 was the formation of a new morgue at the Pan-Arcadian Hospital, which can fit 16 bodies – instead of its original capacity of four. The cost of the morgue, together with the equipment, amounted to \$72,000.

Moreover, thanks to a personal donation by PFA President Andreas Papantoniou, 105 television sets will soon be purchased and installed in all the hospital rooms and visitor waiting areas. This donation covers an important need for patients to stay informed and entertained.

We are grateful to the President of P.F.A. and we extend a heartfelt thanks to his wife Vasiliki, that inspired us all with her idea of this fundraising effort.

For your information, the full list of medical equipment and apparel appears below:

The Administration of the Federation, as well as the Fundraising Committee feel the need to warmly thank all its chapters, members and friends of our Organization for their significant contribution and assistance to date. We also want to thank, from now, all future donors who will support our cause.

You can send your check payable to: Pan Arcadian Federation of America - Memo: PFA Hospital

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Portable Cardiac Parameter Monitors (5 units)
Video Laryngoscope for Difficult Airways (1)
Portable Ultrasound Tablet Type (1)
Portable Ventilator Trolley Device (2)
Ventilator for the ICU (1)
Full Anesthesia Car with Monitor (1)
Medical Gas Analyzer (1)
Portable Non-Invasive Ventilator (1)
Mini Linear Hand-Held Wi-Fi Ultrasound Scanner (1)
Dialysis Unit (2)
Scrubs , Linens for Surgery Rooms and Patients Beds

NEW HOSPITAL AGREEMENT

The process for the signing of a new 15-year agreement between the PFA and the Greek state is currently under way. This signing of this agreement was delayed due to the change in Government in Greece in 2019, as well as the effects of Covid-19.

EXTENSION/UPGRADING OF THE HOSPITAL

The PFA Board of Directors, in conjunction with past and current administrations of the Pan-Arcadian Hospital and the Region of the Peloponnese, made a significant contribution to the drafting of a study for the extension of the hospital. This study is in its final stage and soon a request for the funding of this project will be submitted via the European Union's Partnership Agreement for the Development Framework. The cost of this project is expected to exceed 10 million euro. After its completion, the Pan-Arcadian Hospital will have modern new operating rooms, new clinics that this institution is currently lacking, and an increased number of hospital beds, which will reach 425. The extension of the hospital will be carried out by vertically expanding the building in which the emergency room is housed. Once the project is complete, the institution will be upgraded to a university hospital, and this is significant for not only Arcadia, but for the wider area as well.

PFA HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

