Chios Society Cleveland
Chapter #7 Newsletter

Banquet Honors Two of Society’s Finest

The Cleveland Chapter #7 members and family and friends came together in November 2008 to honor two longtime members—Angelo Coutris and past President Angelo Sikoutris—for their years of service to their community and Chapter. Over 150 guests celebrated these two men’s achievements at the Annunciation Church of Cleveland. We thank everyone who purchased ads in the program book. Our Chapter raised $1,200 and gained four new members that evening.

Special thanks to new Chios Society Members Alex and Lia Augoustidis, of St. Demetrios Church, who provided the Chapter with photos from the event.

Evanich Receives Scholarship

Our Chapter is proud to present Cleveland State student Michael Evanich with a $500 College scholarship. Michael, an All American Scholar, graduated from Normandy High School in June 2008, where he served as Class Treasurer for four years and was also a member of the computer club. Michael was an altar boy at St. Paul’s Greek Orthodox Church in North Royalton and was a member of GOYA. We wish Michael the best of luck in his studies.

If you are a member in good standing and plan to attend a university or college, you are eligible to submit an application.

Contact Maria Sikoutris at 440-442-3448 for more information.

Save the Date:
Saturday, November 14, 2009—Annual Banquet & Dinner Dance
Annunciation Church Party Center

Saturday, December 5, 2009—Annual Christmas Party for Members & Their Families—FREE
Sts. Constantine & Helen Cathedral Fellowship Hall

Come March with your fellow Chiotes!

The Annual Greek Independence Day
PARADE
11 a.m. on Saturday, March 28th
Annunciation Church, Cleveland

Enjoy a program with Greek Dancers from area churches, refreshments and other entertainment following the parade.

Rain or Shine
On December 13th, our Chapter came together for the annual Christmas party at Sts. Constantine and Helen Cathedral. Chairpersons Jeannie Parianos, Effie Irwin and Pagona Sikoutris planned a wonderful event centered around the children. Games, refreshments and, of course, a visit from Santa were enjoyed by all. President Dino Sevastos welcomed everyone and extended his heartfelt thanks to our volunteer chairpersons who have taken the event on for their fourth year in a row. Each child received a gift, while adults were presented with small tokens of appreciation for their membership and support. Next year’s event is already slated for December 5th, 2009. Members and their families are encouraged to attend!

BECOME A MEMBER!

New Families
$25 first year/$20 renewing

Singles
$20 first year/$15 renewing

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Chios Society, Cleveland Chapter #7

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HELP KEEP THE CHIOS SOCIETY ALIVE

Chios Society Member Elias Steve "Louie" Sarris, 42, of Dubuque, fell asleep in the Lord Saturday, Jan. 31, after being struck by a car in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was born on Aug. 18, 1966, in Dubuque, son of Steve and Nina Sarris. Our Deepest Sympathies to his family.

Louie lived a life full of passion. He was absolutely devoted to his parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. His friends knew him to be a friend for life. He was deeply proud of his Greek heritage and in particular, felt an abiding love for his parents' village of Kardamyla in Chios, Greece.

He was a devout parishioner of his childhood church, Saint Elias, and served honorably on the church board for many years. Louie had a keen ear and was able to pick up almost any musical instrument and play it with ease. He will be deeply missed by family and friends alike who will remember his humor and funny stories, his love of Greek music and dancing and his warmth and generosity.

Surviving are his parents, Steve and Nina Sarris; his siblings, Anna and Peter Kachevas, Michael and Chryso Sarris and Despina and Jim Matheos; as well as his nephews and nieces who will remember him always as their favorite "Theo Louie."