

Annual Report

1997

1997 WAS A VERY ACTIVE YEAR IN WHICH WE held two major conferences—“*The 50th Anniversary of the Truman Doctrine*” and “*Greece’s Pivotal Role in World War II*,” which demonstrated Greece’s pivotal role in World War II, its historic turning point role in the defeat of Soviet communism and its strategic importance to the U.S. today.

We introduced and monitored legislation in the House and Senate; issued fifty substantive press releases; wrote numerous letters to the Executive Branch and Congress; held four legislative conferences, seven Business Network luncheons and receptions; and three public policy forums; hosted visiting dignitaries at the Hellenic House; organized a delegation of Members of Congress on a trip to Greece and held the 22nd annual Hellenic Heritage and National Public Service Awards dinner.

■ LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

U.S. Foreign Aid

The Administration’s military aid proposal of \$150 million for Turkey and \$105 million for Greece for FY’98, passed by the Congress, represented a 15% cut over FY’97 and maintained the 7-10 ratio of military aid between Greece and Turkey. AHIPAC once again led the effort in the 105th Congress to cut and eliminate economic aid (ESF) to Turkey. Intense opposition from the Administration, State Department, certain members of Congress, and Turkey’s paid “agents of influence,” caused our supporters to accept the White House proposal to give Turkey \$20 million in ESF (economic grant aid), a cut of only 10% from FY’97 level of \$22 million, and another \$20 million in ESF funds earmarked to go to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) to be used to monitor human rights violations in Turkey. The NGO funds are to be supervised by AID (Agency for International Development). Because of the NGO conditions Turkey has not accepted the economic aid to date. For FY’97 the Congress appropriated \$22 million in ESF funds for Turkey, a decrease of \$11.5 million from the previous year’s \$33.5 million (a 34% cut).

The committee also approved \$15 million in humanitarian aid to Cyprus.

■ BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE 105TH CONGRESS

Following is the legislation introduced in the 105th Congress initiated by AHIPAC:

House

- **H.R. 1361**—Turkish Human Rights Act re. conditions on aid to Turkey;
- **H. Con. Res. 6**—Protection and continued livelihood of the Eastern Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate;
- **H. Con. Res. 81**—Calling for U.S. initiative for just and peaceful resolution on Cyprus (Passed by the House); includes provisions initiated by AHIPAC
- **H. Con. Res 179**—Sense of Congress with respect to the human rights situation in Turkey; and
- **H. Con. Res. 188**—Sense of Congress that IMIA is sovereign Greek territory.

Senate

- **S. Con Res. 24**—Protection and continued livelihood of the Eastern Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate;
- **S. Con Res. 41**—Calling for U.S. initiative for just and peaceful resolution on Cyprus (Passed by the Senate); includes provisions initiated by AHIPAC; and
- **S. Con. Res. 59**—Sense of Congress with respect to the human rights situation in Turkey.

■ TESTIMONY

In 1997 AHI presented testimony on the above issues before the House International Relations Committee, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. Among the Greek American organizations represented were the Hellenic American National Council (HANC), the Cyprus Federation of America, the Pan Laconian Federation of USA and Canada, the Pan Cretan Association of America and Pan Karpathian Educational Progressive Association.

AHI Media Relations

In 1997 AHI issued 50 press releases to the U.S. and Greek American press which were designed to highlight issues relat-

CLICK HERE TO RETURN TO THE AHI LOBBY

ing to Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey. In addition, we wrote letters to the editors of major national newspapers commenting on articles appearing in their newspapers.

Letters

Major letters included:

- **Jan. 9**—to Assistant Secretary John Kornblum protesting the State Department's criticism of the purchase of defensive anti-aircraft missiles by the Cyprus government;
- **Jan. 17**—to Secretary of Treasury Robert Rubin about credit for Turkey;
- **Jan. 27 & Feb. 24**—to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright protesting prospective arms sales to Turkey;
- **Feb. 26**—to Under Secretary of Commerce Stuart E. Eizenstat regarding Turkey and stolen Nazi gold;
- **May 5**—to Secretary Albright protesting the helicopter sales to Turkey;
- **May 12 & June 7**—Follow-up letter to Assistant Secretary Eizenstat regarding Turkey's role with the stolen Nazi gold;
- **July 5**—to President Clinton protesting the transfer of arms to Turkey;
- **Sept. 26**—to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright protesting the Administration's decision to resume arms deliveries to Turkey, specifically frigates and helicopters, and calling for a review of U.S. policy toward Turkey;
- **Oct. 8**—to Senator Gordon Smith, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on European Affairs, critiquing the State Department's policy toward Turkey as outlined by Mr. Mark Parris, nominee for Ambassador to Turkey, in his inaccurate and misleading opening statement during his confirmation hearing on September 23, 1997; and setting out a rationale for a new U.S. policy toward Turkey; and
- **Dec. 4**—to President Clinton on his visit with Turkish Prime Minister Yilmaz.

■ TURKEY AND THE SMYRNA HOLOCAUST

September 8 marked a somber anniversary. Starting on that day in 1922 the Turkish army launched the destruction of Smyrna. The ensuing holocaust claimed the lives of over 130,000 Greeks and Armenians. On September 7 the Federation of Hellenic Societies of the Greater Baltimore-Washington Region in conjunction with the American Hellenic Institute and others sponsored a four-hour ceremony at the United States Capitol to mark this dark occasion. Participating in the program were leaders of the Greek American and Armenian communities and clergy. In separate actions, prominent Members of Congress read statements of commemoration into the *Congressional Record*.

■ AHI CHAPTERS

In 1997 AHI increased its chapters across the country to better facilitate the several grassroots activities of the AHI and its affiliate organizations, the AHIPAC, the AHIF and the AHI

Business Network, including meetings with and letters to elected officials, contacts with the media and academic community, and organizing newsworthy events. Listed below are the newly organized chapters and their presidents:

AHI-Los Angeles, CA: James Demetriou
AHI-San Diego, CA: George E. Karetas
AHI-San Francisco, CA: George Benetatos, Esq.
AHI-Denver, CO: Elaine Kusulas
AHI-Atlanta, GA: Prof. C. G. Alexandrides
AHI-Chicago IL: Theodore G. Spyropoulos
AHI-Ft. Wayne, IN: Dr. Van Coufoudakis
AHI-Baltimore, MD: Andreas Akaras, Esq.
AHI-Cherry Hill, NJ: Dr. Theodore Lyras
AHI-Buffalo, NY: Stefanos Doumtsīs
AHI-Cincinnati, OH: Kiki Christofield
AHI-Springfield, OH: James Lagos, Esq.
AHI-St. Louis, OH: Dr. George Pelican
AHI-Toledo, OH: Bill Papavasiliopoulos
AHI-Portland, OR: E. John Rumpakis
AHI-Pittsburgh, PA: Pantelis Papazekos, Esq.
AHI-Providence, RI: Nicholas Lambros, Esq.
AHI-Seattle, WA: Thomas G. Rakus

AHI-Greece

Costas Joannou was appointed president of the AHI-Greece. For fifteen years he served as Managing Director and then as chairman of Goodyear Hellas. Prior to that, he held top managerial positions in General Motors, India, Firestone Tire and Rubber in both India and the U.S., and Goodyear Tire and Rubber in the U.S. Upon retirement, Mr. Joannou established his own business consulting company in Greece and has served as advisor to the Boards of several top Greek companies. He is currently co-President of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce in Greece.

AHI Luncheons and Receptions Greek Cultural Minister Evangelos Venizelos and "The Glory of Byzantium"



(l-r) AHI Executive Director Nicholas R. Larigakis, Minister Evangelos Venizelos, Congressman Mike Pappas (R-NJ) and AHI past President Orestes Varvitsiotēs.

[CLICK HERE TO RETURN TO THE AHI LOBBY](#)

On March 5 the AHI co-sponsored a luncheon in the Capitol in honor of Greek Cultural Minister and Mrs. Evangelos Venizelos who were visiting Washington, D.C. to promote the exhibit, *The Glory of Byzantium*. Present at this luncheon were Senators Paul Sarbanes and the Dean of the Senate Strom Thurmond, Rep. Ben Gilman, Chairman of the House International Relations Committee, Congressmen Mike Bilirakis, Ron Klink and Mike Pappas. Coordinating this event was a long-time AHI member Dr. Christine Warnke.

Greece as the Gateway to Southeastern Europe



Senator Olympia Snowe, greeting the Members of the Greek Delegation, led by Secretary General of the Ministry of National Economy, Nicos Zachariadis (second from left), and President of Ionian Bank Harris Stamatopoulos (1st on left).

On April 16 the AHI and the Consumers of World Trade co-sponsored a luncheon in the Senate Dirksen Office Building on Capitol Hill in honor of the Secretary General of the Ministry of National Economy of Greece, Nikos Zachariades, the President of the Ionian Bank of Greece, Haris Stamatopoulos and Loukas Valetopoulos, executive director of E.L.K.E. The topic addressed was the leading role that Greece is currently playing as *The Gateway to Southeastern Europe*. Serving as Congressional sponsor of the luncheon and greeting the attendees was Senator Olympia Snowe (R-Maine). Dr. Christine Warnke assisted with this event.

Other functions included:

March 23, Baltimore, MD—Dr. Pete Nickolas, *AHIPAC Capitol Area*, Regional Vice Chairman, assisted in carrying an AHI sponsored banner at the Baltimore Greek Independence Day Parade.

April 5-6, Houston & San Antonio, TX—Nick Larigakis, visited and spoke at the Greek American communities in Houston and San Antonio. In addition, he was a guest speaker at a seminar titled *A Grassroots Organizing Seminar for the Armenian & Greek Communities of Austin*, organized by the Panhellenic Student Association and the Armenian Cultural Association of the University of Texas at Austin and co-sponsored by the Armenian Church of Austin. The event was sponsored by the AHIPAC and the Armenian Assembly of America.

April 13 & 14 Atlantic City, NJ—For the fifth year, the AHI participated in the Hermes Expo Trade and Exhibition Show, which was held at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City. The event was sponsored by the *Hellenic News of America*. James Marketos, AHI chairman, and Nick Karambelas, AHI General Counsel provided informative presentations during the Doing Business In Greece seminars.

April 29, Washington, DC—Eugene Rossides served as the moderator on a panel discussion, *Greece At The End Of The 20th Century* held on the campus of George Washington University and sponsored by The Kosmos Hellenic Club of George Washington University and co-sponsored by AHI, AHEPA, the Cretan Association of Washington, DC and the Macedonian Association of Washington.

AHI LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCES

AHI, AHEPA and HANC jointly held four one-day legislative conferences in New York City, Los Angeles, CA, Chicago, IL and Miami, FL. The conferences focused on the 105th Congress.



Congresswoman Ileana-Ros Lehtinen (R-FL) presents a U.S. flag to the members of the Conference Steering Committee, (l-r) Doug Thiel, Gus Andy, Prof. Basil Yanakakis and Eugene T. Rossides.



Congressman Ben Gilman and his bride Georgia Tsingas at the NYC Conference with (l-r) Spiro Macris, Eugene Rossides, Pantelakis Eliades, Harry Rocanas, and Savas Tsvicos.

CLICK HERE TO RETURN TO THE AHI LOBBY

■ AMERICAN HELLENIC INSTITUTE FOUNDATION

AHIF Noon Forum series



Carey Cavanaugh, Director for Southern European Affairs of the State Department, speaking at an AHIF noon forum, March 4, 1997.

In an effort to stimulate interest in the South Eastern Europe and the Aegean, and in the hope of contributing to the search for solutions, the AHIF held a series of lectures at the Hellenic House, Washington, D.C., on topics of current interest.

Jan. 17—Andre Christofides, Director of the Cyprus News Agency spoke about the Cyprus problem;

Mar. 4—Carey Cavanaugh, Director for Southern European Affairs at the

State Department, was the featured speaker;

April 16—General Robert T. Osterthaler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Affairs, gave a presentation on U.S. strategic interests in Southeastern Europe; and

Nov. 13—Thomas Niles, U.S. Ambassador to Greece from October 1994 to October 1997 was the featured speaker. His discussion focused on his reflections during this period and he offered his thoughts on the current state of relations between Greece and the U.S.

The forums were attended by members of Washington's press, think-tank, academic, and diplomatic community.



Brigadier General Robert T. Osterthaler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense of NATO and European Affairs.

■ AHIF/AHI PUBLICATIONS

AHIF published the *Modern Greeks* by Costas Stassinopoulos. It is a gripping story of struggle and triumph in Greece from 1940 to 1949 and concentrates on three critical phases of Greek history: the war against the Italians and the Germans;

the national resistance, and the civil war that followed.

AHI published a substantial update for the *Handbook on United States Relations with Greece and Cyprus*, which now makes this loose-leaf volume useful to students for papers in schools, to congressional contact team members for use in lobbying the Congress and the Executive Branch, and to professors.

■ AHIF CONFERENCES

In 1997 two major conferences were held in Washington, DC. The conferences were chaired by Eugene T. Rossides, AHIF President, and program coordinators were Dr. Van Coufoudakis, Dean of Arts and Sciences School, at Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne, IN, and John O. Iatrides, Professor of International Relations at Southern Connecticut State University.

50th Anniversary of the Truman Doctrine

The AHIF conference held on March 12-13 was co-sponsored by the distinguished Academy of Political Science and held in cooperation with the Truman Library and the Marshall Foundation.

The speakers included: General Andrew J. Goodpaster (Ret.), former Supreme Commander of NATO; Professor Alonzo Hamby of Ohio University, Athens, Ohio; Ambassador George C. McGhee (Ret.), coordinator of the Truman Doctrine aid program; Dr. Larry I. Bland, Editor of the George C. Marshall Papers, Marshall Foundation; James C. Warren, Jr., U.S. Economic Mission to Greece, George Elsey, President Truman's aide and speechwriter; Hon. Lawrence Korb, Brookings Institution, and former Assistant Secretary of Defense; Admiral Henry C. Mustin (Ret.); Dr. Paul F. Braim of Embry-Riddle University; U.S. Ambassador Monteagle Stearns (Ret.); Lt. Gen. Photios Metallinos of the Hellenic Institute of State-



Greek Ambassador Loucas Tsilas with Eugene T. Rossides and George Elsey, speaker, at the 50th Anniversary of the Truman Doctrine Conference March 12-13, 1997, Washington, D.C.

CLICK HERE TO RETURN TO THE AHI LOBBY

gic Studies; Professor Basil Kondis, Director of the Institute for Balkan Studies in Thessaloniki; Professor Theodore A. Couloumbis from the University of Athens; Dr. Van Coufoudakis and Eugene T. Rossides.

General Goodpaster was presented with the *AHIF National Public Service Award* for his extraordinary service to our nation spanning over six decades during and after his illustrious career in the U.S. Army. Lt. Gen. Pericles Papathanassiou (Ret.) was presented an AHIF Hellenic Heritage Award for his life-long support of democracy and tireless efforts to strengthen relations between Greece and the U.S.



Hon. Lawrence Korb, Brookings Institution, Admiral Henry C. Mustin (Ret.), Dr. Paul F. Braim, Embry-Riddle University, and Lt. Gen. Photios Metallinos (Ret.), Hellenic Institute of Strategic Studies at Session B of the AHIF Truman Doctrine Conference, March 12, 1997.

Greece's Pivotal Role in WWII and in the Early Years of the Cold War

On November 22 a second conference was held on *Greece's Pivotal Role In World War II and In The Early Years Of The Cold War*. The conference was co-sponsored by the Foundation for Hellenic Studies.

The speakers included: Professor Andre Gerolymatos, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, B.C.; Dr. Matheos Los, Union of Greek Shipowners; Dr. James E. Miller, Department of History, John Hopkins University, Washington, DC; Dr. Vic-



(l-r) Dr. John O. Iatrides, Dr. James E. Miller, Dr. Van Coufoudakis, Dr. S. Victor Papacasma, Dr. Constantinos Svolopoulos.



(l-r) Dr. Athanasios Platias, Eugene Rossides, Dr. Dean C. Lomis and Vice Admiral Gregory Demestichas (ret.).

tor Papacasma, Department of History, Kent State University; Paul R. Porter, Head of the Marshall Plan Mission to Greece in 1949; Dr. Constantinos Svolopoulos, Department of History, University of Athens; Dr. John O. Iatrides; Dr. Robin Higham, Kansas State University; Vice Admiral Gregory Demestichas (Ret., former Chief of the Hellenic Navy); James Warren, U.S. Economic Mission to Greece; Dr. Alexandros Kyrrou, Department of History, Dominican College, NY; Elias Vlantou, author; Dr. Athanasios Platias, Institute for International Relations, Panteion University, Athens; Dr. Yolanda Avram Willis, Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh; and Eugene T. Rossides.

■ AHI BUSINESS NETWORK

NETWORKING EVENTS



Tampa, FL—AHI Business Network event with guest speaker, Dorie Klissas (third from right) with members of the host committee.

Feb. 11, Washington, DC—Guest speaker Vice Admiral Michael P. Kalleres USN (Ret.)

Mar. 27th, Tampa, FL—Guest speaker Dorie Klissas, Emmy Award-winning producer on NBC's Today Show. Cong. Michael Bilirakis served as Honorary Chairman.

April 13-14, Atlantic City, NJ—Fifth Annual Greek American Trade Show & Exhibition, Hermes Expo '97, spon-

[CLICK HERE TO RETURN TO THE AHI LOBBY](#)



San Francisco, CA—John Defterios (seated, second from the right) flanked by the members of the AHI Business reception host committee.



Charlotte, NC— Guest speaker Ike Pappas with Nick Omirly, co-chairman of the at the reception and host committee members George Couchell, Tom Nixon and Dr. Takey Crist.

sored by the *Hellenic News of America*. Seminar on Doing Business In Greece. Featured speakers were James Marketos, AHI chairman, and Nick Karambelas, AHI General Counsel.

April 17, Charlotte, NC—Guest speaker was long-time AHI member and supporter Ike Pappas.

May 1, San Francisco, CA—Guest speaker was John Defterios, business anchor for CNN Financial News in New York.

Dec. 15, Pittsburgh, PA—Guest speaker was Congressman Ron Klink (D-PA). John Rigas, President and CEO of Adelphia Cable served as Honorary Chairman.

Cyprus: An International Business Center

In June, the AHI presented three breakfast seminars on *Cyprus: An International Business Center*, sponsored by the



The Central Bank of Cyprus Seminar Speakers.

Central Bank of Cyprus in Toronto, Canada, New York City and Chicago. The seminars' focus was to address the advantages of Cyprus as an offshore center for companies who want to conduct their regional affairs in a business-friendly environment.

HELLENIC HOUSE FUNDRAISERS IN 1997



Long time AHI members, Mr. & Mrs. E. John Rumpakis presenting a \$1,000 donation to AHI Executive Director Nick Larigakis.

In 1997 AHI held several fundraisers which serve as a vehicle for not only raising much needed funds for the Hellenic House mortgage, but also for the AHI to reach out to the Greek American community, to discuss the issues affecting our community and to introduce the community to the goals and objectives of the AHI in promoting the issues affecting Hellenism.

April 19, Miami, FL—At the home of Professor and Mrs. Basil Yanakakis of Coral Gables. Guest speaker was Eugene T. Rossides. Special guest was His Grace, Bishop Alexios of Atlanta. The event attracted many prominent members of the Miami area Greek American community, which included the Host Committee of Drs. George & Aphrodite Alexandrakis, Mr. & Mrs. Gus Andy, Mr. & Mrs. George Chandris, Mr. Michalakis Georgiou, Mr. & Mrs. John Haralambides, Captain & Mrs. Paris Katsoufis, Captain & Mrs. Jordan Monocandilos, Drs. Kyriacos & Athena Pefkaros, Drs. George & Eleni Sfakianakis, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Thiel, and Mr. & Mrs. Timos Zavitsianos.

April 30, Portland, OR—Hosted by Saki Tzantarmas and co-chaired by Alex Christy, AHIPAC Regional Vice Chairman, and E. John Rumpakis, President, AHI-Portland Chapter.

[CLICK HERE TO RETURN TO THE AHI LOBBY](#)

AHI Sponsors Congressional Trip to Greece



Cultural Minister Evangelos Venizelos with congressional delegation.



Members of the congressional delegation visiting Defense Minister Akis Tsohatzopoulos.



Congressional delegation visiting the Acropolis.



Congressional delegation being briefed by the Minister of Macedonia-Thrace, Philipos Petsalnicos.

IN PURSUIT OF ITS AGENDA TO strengthen United States relations with Greece, the AHI sponsored a bipartisan congressional trip to Greece from August 24-30,1997.

The congressional delegation was led by Congressman Michael Bilirakis (R-FL) and included Congressmen Randall "Duke" Cunningham (R-CA), Dan Schaefer (R-CO), Michael Pappas (R-NJ), John LaFalce (D-NY) and Ron Klink (D-PA). Present on the trip were AHI members Mr. and Mrs. John Kokolakis, President, Kokolakis Contracting, of Dunedin, FL and Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Pappas, President & CEO, Pappas Telecasting Companies. Also accompanying the delegation were former AHI President, Orestes Varvitsiotes, who helped coordinate the trip and Nick Larigakis, AHI Executive Director.

In Thessaloniki the delegation met with the Minister of Macedonia-Thrace, Philipos Petsalnicos and had dinner at the beautiful Governors Mansion hosted by the Minister of Culture, Evangelos Venizelos. A breakfast was hosted by the Federation of Greek Industries and a dinner was hosted by the Center For Political Research and Information. In Athens they met with the President of the Greek Parliament, Apostolos Kaklamanis, Minister of National Defense Akis Tsohatzopoulos, Foreign Minister Theodore Pangalos, opposition party leader, Constantine Karamanlis, and Government Spokesman, Dimitris Reppas.

[CLICK HERE TO RETURN TO THE AHI LOBBY](#)

Guest speaker was Nick Larigakis. The Host Committee included Mr. & Mrs. George Anasis, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Aspros, Petros Bournelis, Mr. & Mrs. Isidoros Garifalakis, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Hanches, Dr. Damianos Kyriakopoulos, Dr. & Mrs. John Lings, Mr. & Mrs. James Miller, Rev. & Presbyteria James Retelas, Rev. & Presbyteria Demetrios Tsigas, and Stefanos Ver-topoulos.

Former honoree John Rigas, Chairman and CEO of Adelphia Cable, made a significant donation for Hellenic House.

Distinguished Visitors To Hellenic House



Archbishop Chrysostomos of Cyprus on his historic visit to Hellenic House presenting AHIF president Eugene Rossides with a gift of the Holy Bible.

The AHI was honored to welcome His Beatitude Chrysostomos, Archbishop of the Autocephalous Church of Cyprus, to the Hellenic House. His Beatitude was visiting the U.S. for the purpose of drawing to the attention of the American people the religious and human rights situation in Cyprus.



Ambassador Nicholas Burns with the AHI staff.

Hon. Nicholas Burns, newly confirmed U.S. Ambassador to Greece, visited the Hellenic House for a pre-assignment discussion and luncheon with AHI members. Other distinguished visitors included H.E. Loucas Tsilas, Ambassador of Greece to the U.S.; H.E. Andros Nicolaides, Ambassador of Cyprus to the U.S., accompanied by Andreas Kakouris, Deputy Chief of Mission; Hon. Lellos Demetriades, Mayor of



Cyprus Ambassador to the United States Andros Nicolaides (center), on his visit to Hellenic House accompanied by the Embassy DCM, Andreas Kakouris (left).



Mayor of Nicosia, Cyprus, Lellos Demetriades (center) on his visit to Hellenic House with AHI Director of Publications Yola Pakchanian (left) and AHI Executive Director Nick Laragakis.

Nicosia, Cyprus; George Paraskevaides, grand benefactor of the AHI; Peter Venetis, President, Atlantic Bank of New York; Theodore Karatzas, Governor, National Bank of Greece; John Lyras, President, Union of Greek Shipowners; and Ted G. Spyropoulos, President, Hellenic American National Council.



(l-r) Eugene T. Rossides, George Paraskevaides, Charis Lapas, Jonathan Clarke.

[CLICK HERE TO RETURN TO THE AHI LOBBY](#)

22nd Anniversary Awards Dinner



AHI Honorees (left to right), AHIPAC Chairman Savas Tsioticos, honorees, Dr. Dean C. Lomis, Congressman Robert Menendez, Evangeline Gouletas, George Bissell, (M.C.) John Deferios, honoree John Pappajohn and AHI Chairman James Marketos, Esq.



Constantine Tsentas presents the award to Congressman Mike Pappas (R-NJ).



John Pappajohn (left), receives his award from Philadelphia attorney Nicholas Chimicles.



Dr. Dean C. Lomis (center) is presented his award from long time friends Dr. Peter Yiannos (left) and Basil Savopoulos.

Seven distinguished Greek Americans and philhellenes were honored at the 22nd Anniversary Hellenic Heritage and National Public Service Awards Dinner on February 22, 1997.

The honorees presented with the Hellenic Heritage National Public Service Award for their outstanding career in public service were Congressman Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Greek American Congressman Michael Pappas (R-NJ), and Dean C. Lomis, Ph.D., emeritus director, International Center, University of Delaware.

The Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award was pre-



Evangeline Couletas receives her award from AHI member James Lagos.

ented to philanthropist and businessman John Pappajohn, President of Equity Dynamics Inc. of Des Moines, IA, Peter G. Angelos, community leader, outstanding attorney, and owner of the Baltimore Orioles; and Evangeline Gouletas, co-chairwoman of American Invsco of Chicago, distinguished educator and active supporter of philanthropic activities.

The Hellenic Heritage Philhellene Award was presented to George S. Bissell, president of the Board of Trustees of Anatolia College.

[CLICK HERE TO RETURN TO THE AHI LOBBY](#)



(l-r) Greek Member of Parliament Prof. John G. Tzoannos, Anna Bredimas, Eugene Rossides, John Lyras, President Union of Greek shipowners, Mr. Nicolas Efthimiou.

Distinguished Visitors to Hellenic House (cont)



National Bank of Greece Governor Theodore Karatzas (second from right) with Atlantic Bank President Peter Venetis, visiting Hellenic House.

FOUNDATION FOR HELLENIC STUDIES

The Foundation For Hellenic Studies main objective is to provide support to qualified individuals, institutions, programs and projects advancing the study of Greece and Cyprus in the United States. From October 1995 to June 1997 the FHS has dispersed approximately \$161,000 in grants to over 50 individual individuals and programs.

These grants have helped to support the following projects:

- A joint post-doctoral fellowship in Hellenic Studies with Princeton University;
- Support for the restoration of Cypriot antiquities owned by the Ringling Museum in Sarasota, Florida;
- Support of Modern Greek Studies programs in various U.S. universities;
- Support for the acquisition of library materials on Greece and Cyprus by university schools and other libraries;
- Subventions for the publication of books and academic journals with a Greek focus;
- Lectures on Greece and Cyprus;
- Support of conferences with Greek themes;
- Curriculum development grants;
- Support of legislative seminars presented by AHI;
- Ph.D. dissertation grants, for dissertations on topics involving Greece and Cyprus;
- Projects promoting Greece and Cyprus on the Internet;
- Small research grants for researchers studying Greece and Cyprus; and
- Travel by Greek visiting scholars for lectures in the U.S.

AHI INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Whether they were rushing off to Capitol Hill to cover a hearing or calling our members nationwide to urge them to contact their representatives and senators, our 1997 AHI summer

interns got a taste of political action in Washington, D.C. Involved in all aspects of AHI's work, our interns gained practical experience and gave us valuable assistance. A big thanks goes to our talented young men and women for all their good work and we wish them all the best in their career and future endeavors.

In 1997 the AHI was fortunate to have an excellent team of interns who assisted with various programs, specifically our publications program, the congressional trip to Greece and pending legislation in Congress.

Derek H. Sparks, our AHIPAC legislative intern, grew up in Miami, Florida. He earned his BA from Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas and completed his second year at the SMU Law School.

Nick Mitrokostas is a junior at Harvard University concentrating in Government with a focus in International Relations. He is the editor of the *Harvard Crimson* and works with children at the Mission Hill Projects in Boston.

Ageliki V. Kyriakopoulos from Detroit, MI, is a junior at Harvard University concentrating on Economics. Her parents emigrated from Messinia. Ageliki took a year off from Harvard this school year to conduct research on her undergraduate thesis in economics at the University of Athens in Greece. She plans to continue her work as a business editor at the *Harvard Crimson* and as an editor of the Harvard-published Greek journal, *Point of Reference*, upon her return.

Maria Hadjitheodosiou, is a second year MA student in International Relations and International Economics at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC. She is a production staff member of the SAIS newspaper the *Foreign Observer*. A native of Cyprus, she graduated from Brown University, Providence, RI in Political Science and Economics (Fulbright Scholarship).