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# Annual Report

## 1999

1999 marked the 25th anniversary of the American Hellenic Institute and its affiliated organizations. It was a year of achievement as reflected in the **Millennium Letter** to all AHI members from AHI founder Eugene T. Rossides. This read:

“On the eve of the new millennium I take this opportunity to share a few thoughts with our members. I believe that there we have a good story to tell both in the effectiveness of our message and in the opportunities we are providing for Greek Americans to interact with each other.

The years since 1974 have sometimes been difficult. On top of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, we have endured a pattern of U.S. double standards and failure to apply the rule of law. In this climate of adversity, AHI has stood firm. Sometimes risking unpopularity, we have articulated a consistent, firm, clear and simple message: that U.S. interests are best served by applying the rule of law; that U.S. values and principles count for something; that aggression against should not be allowed to stand; and that Greece is the pivotal nation for U.S. interests in the Southeast European and Eastern Mediterranean region.

In 1999 this message finally began to break through:

- After much Administration resistance, we succeeded in moving Cyprus up the U.S. agenda in a positive way. During Turkish Prime Minister Ecevit's September visit to Washington the Administration focused on Cyprus. In his visit to Istanbul, President Clinton spoke of the “division” of Cyprus as “unacceptable.” This is the AHI message, definitely not what his Turkish hosts wanted to hear;
- During his visit to Greece, President Clinton referred to Greece as the “powerhouse of Southeast Europe.” This was a new formulation. It accords precisely with the AHI theme of a special relationship with Greece.

The December 10 decision by the European Union to accept Turkey as a candidate for accession also helps our cause. Almost as though the EU had been reading our position papers or the Aegean resolution we sponsored through the House of Representatives, the EU imposed a series of conditions on Turkey governing its unilateral

claims in the Aegean, resolving the Cyprus problem and improving its human rights behavior. Once again, these are long-established AHI positions.

The good news with which the year ends spurs us to new efforts. Turkey has a long record of going back on its promises—and the U.S. has an equally long record of turning a blind eye or, worse, of aiding and abetting Turkey. We will monitor its compliance rigorously and not pull any punches with the Administration.

Alongside our public policy efforts, we are putting increasing attention of providing opportunities for our members to meet each other for mutually beneficial purposes. We do this through our business network events and expect to expand these in the coming year.

With the 2000 presidential campaign in full swing, we will be working hard to get our message out to the presidential candidates and to all others seeking election. In this task I urge you to involve yourselves as much as you can. The efforts of AHI members at the state and district level are absolutely vital.

May I end by wishing you and your families all the best for the New Year, new Century and New Millennium. May all your dreams be fulfilled.”

The letter was based on a very active year. We held two major conferences in Greece and Cyprus and one in Washington, D.C. We introduced and monitored legislation in the House and Senate; issued fifty-three substantive press releases; wrote numerous letters to the Executive Branch and Congress; hosted nine Business Network receptions; held two public policy forums; hosted visiting dignitaries at the Hellenic House; and held the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Hellenic Heritage and National Public Service Awards dinner.

### LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

Following are the major pieces of legislation introduced in the 106th congress and supported by AHIPAC:

#### House of Representatives

- **H.Con.Res.80**—Calling for a United States effort to end restrictions on the freedoms and human rights of

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the enclaved people in the occupied area of Cyprus.  
Introduced 3/25/99

- **H.Con.Res.100**—Urging the compliance by Turkey with United Nations resolutions relating to Cyprus, and for other purposes. Introduced 5/6/99
- **H.Con.Res.159**—Urging the compliance by Turkey with United Nations Resolutions relating to Cyprus. Introduced 7/20/99
- **H.Res. 361**—Urging the President to condition discussions about Turkey's foreign military finances on resolution that nation's hostile occupation of the Republic of Cyprus. Introduced 11/4/99
- **H.R. 2415**—American Embassy Security Act. Passed in the House on 7/27/99. Awaiting Conference Committee with Senate.
- **Sec. 702**—Relating to Cyprus.
- **Sec.713**—Sense of the Congress regarding the sovereignty of territories in the Aegean Sea.

### **U.S. Senate**

- **S. Res. 9**—Calling for a United States effort to end restrictions on the freedoms and human rights of the enclaved people in the occupied area of Cyprus. Introduced 3/25/99

### **TESTIMONY**

On March 4, 1999, Eugene T. Rossides provided testimony on the Administration's foreign aid proposals to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and on April 28, 1999 to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations. The testimony advocated closer U.S. ties with Greece and Cyprus and highlighted Turkey's continuing violations of international law. AHI's testimony was presented on behalf of itself and the Hellenic American National Council (HANC), Hellenic American Women's Council (HAWC) 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.

### **Greek American Policy Statements**

On March 1, 1999 AHI released the 1999 Greek American Policy Statements prepared by AHI and reviewed and approved by the Order of AHEPA, the Hellenic American National Council (HANC) the Hellenic American Women's Council (HAWC), and the Cyprus Federation of America, the key membership organizations in the community.

### **AHI Media Relations**

In 1999 AHI issued 53 press releases. These received a wide distribution by email, fax and letter to the U.S. and

Greek American press, the Administration, Congress, and AHI members. They highlight AHI positions on issues relating to Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey. They also provide news of major AHI developments and events. In addition, we regularly write letters to the editors of major national newspapers commenting on articles appearing in their newspapers.

During 1999 AHI had letters published in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Washington Times*. In March, AHI also released an updated 20 page guide entitled: "The Cyprus Problem: The Challenge for U.S. Foreign Policy." This sets out the basic facts and history of the Cyprus problem, as well as explaining AHI's position.

### **Letters**

Major letters included:

**March 18**—Letter to President Clinton on U.S. policy toward Greece, Cyprus and Turkey

**April 2**—Letter to President Clinton on double standards with regard to Cyprus

**July 20**—Joint AHI and AHEPA letter to President Clinton on the 25th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

**August 6**—Letter to National Security Adviser Sandy Berger about Cyprus.

**August 3**—Letter to President Clinton on arms sales to Turkey.

**October 29**—Letter to President Clinton in advance of his visit to Athens.

**November 10**—Letter to President Clinton about arms sales to Turkey.

**November 30**—Letter to President Clinton about US policy toward Greece and Turkey.

**December 9**—Letter to President Clinton about Turkey and the European Union.

**December 15**—Letter to National Security Adviser Sandy Berger about Cyprus.

### **Media Campaign On Turkey**

Starting on October 15, the AHI launched a major campaign to highlight the grave deficiencies of U.S. policy toward Turkey. In a letter and accompanying memorandum to the U.S. print and electronic media, AHI describes a pattern of systematic abuses underlying U.S. policy toward Turkey. AHI Chapters and Representatives around the nation are also receiving copies of the letter and memorandum for the purpose of follow-up action with their local media.

Describing these abuses as one of the great underwritten stories of U.S. foreign policy, the letter urges the media to give greater coverage to these issues as they go to the heart of what the U.S. as a country stands for. They are relevant to

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critical areas of American governance. The memorandum sets out seven areas as meriting media investigation and reporting:

1. The U.S. as Accomplice to Turkey's Ethnic Cleansing, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide;
2. The U.S. as Accomplice to Turkey's Violations of U.S. and International Law;
3. The Cover-Up Role of the State Department, Defense Department and NSC Regarding Cyprus;
4. The Role of U.S. Officials in Undermining American Values;
5. The U.S. as Accomplice to Turkey's Lawlessness Against Its Own Citizens;
6. The Role of Foreign Money in U.S. Governance;
7. The Kidnapping and Murder of Five Americans by Turkish Military Forces/Turkish Cypriot Militia in 1974 and the Failure of the U.S. to Investigate and Take Action Against Those Responsible; and
8. Turkey's Non-Democratic Status

### **AHI Luncheons and Receptions**



(From L to R): Manny Rouvelas, Stephen Yeonas, Christine Warnke, George Dariotis, US Ambassador to Cyprus Donald Bandler, Theodora Hancock, Roger Beatty, Deena Clark.

**August 9**—A luncheon with Mr. Donald Bandler, U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus. Mr. Bandler covered the full range of issues relevant to the Cyprus problem highlighting the importance of reaching a settlement stressing the high priority accorded by the Administration to resuming negotiations without preconditions. Attending the discussions and luncheon were: George Dariotis, Supreme President, Order of AHEPA; Dora Hancock, President, Hellenic American Women's Council; Aki Bayz, General Counsel, Hellenic American National Council; Roger Beatty, Vice-President, Pancyprians of Metropolitan Washington; James Marketos, Chairman, AHI; Eugene Rossides, General Counsel, AHI; Deena Clark; Steve Yeonas, President, the Stephen G. Yeonas Company; Christine Warnke, Hogan and Hartson LLP; Manny Rouvelas, Chairman, Preston Gates Ellis and Rouvelas Meeds LLP; Art Dimopoulos, Preston Gates Ellis and Rouvelas Meeds LLP; and James Warren, Economist.

**December 16, Hellenic House, Washington, D.C.:**

Over 75 people came to the Annual AHI Christmas Open House including the Cypriot Ambassador

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### **AHIF Noon Forum series**



*Ted Galen Carpenter.*

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.

**April 28**—*Ted Galen Carpenter, Vice President for Defense and Foreign Policy Studies at the CATO Institute*, gave a presentation at the American Hellenic Institute on the subject of "NATO and Kosovo: the Implications for the Southeast European Region."

**June 21**—*Professor Amos Perlmutter, Professor of Political Science and Sociology at American University and a columnist for the Washington Times*, presented a lecture at AHI on the Israel-Turkey defense relationship.

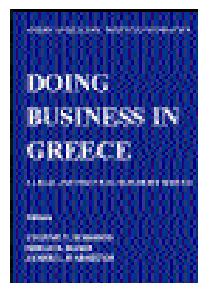
The forums were attended by members of Washington's press, think-tank, academic, and diplomatic community.

### **AHIF PUBLICATIONS AND VIDEO**

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#### **Doing Business in Greece: A Legal and Practical Reference Service**

The 1999 Update to the *Doing Business in Greece: A Legal and Practical Reference Service*, includes



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significant revisions to nine chapters. This important business guide, gathers in one handy location all the practical information essential for doing business in Greece. More than forty business, legal and academic leaders have contributed to the book's substantive chapters, case studies, and reference materials, making it the most comprehensive and useful resource available for anyone doing business or investing in Greece.

The guide is edited by James L. Marketos, partner of the Washington law firm of Berliner, Corcoran & Rowe, L.L.P., Serge B. Hadji, Senior Counsel of TRW Inc., and Eugene T. Rossides Senior Counsel of Rogers and Wells.



### **A TRIBUTE TO THE GREEK WOMEN IMMIGRANT PIONEERS**

A Portrait of the Stalwart Greek Women Who Came to America Before WWII and Inspired the Generations to Follow with Lessons of Citizenship, Family, Faith and Love of Learning.

The American Hellenic Institute Foundation proudly presents a video tribute to the unsung heroines of the Greek American success story—the Greek women immigrant pioneers who came to America before World War II and raised families here.

This professionally produced video presents a composite portrait of these remarkable women, whose influential role has never before been documented. Through eleven featured stories, it brings to mind the countless mothers and grandmothers who, with quite courage and simple dignity, overcame significant adversities and laid the solid foundations on which the Greek American community has built its exceptional successes.

Narrated by Ike Pappas, the renowned television journalist, this unique video recounts how these extraordinary women, mostly without formal education or knowledge of English, consistently taught their children and grandchildren the virtues of citizenship, family, faith, and love of education and stimulated in them the appetite for hard work. In subsequent generations, these simple but unwavering values have produced an abundance of responsible citizens and leaders in American education, government, business, science, the arts, and the professions.

This important chronicle of Greek American social history was produced by the generous contribution of John and Doris Rigas of Coudersport, PA.

## **AHIF CONFERENCES**

### **AHI Conferences In Greece And Cyprus**

On 13 and 15-16, November 1999 respectively the AHI held its inaugural conferences in Nicosia and Athens. Entitled “U.S. Relations with Greece and Cyprus: The American Foreign Policy Process and the Role of Greek Americans”, the conferences were designed to help forge a more effective partnership between Greece and the United States by: (1) explaining the essentials of the American foreign policy process and how it differs from the European parliamentary system; (2) discussing the role of Greek Americans; and (3) describing the current status of U.S.-Greek relations from an American point of view.

Both conferences were highly successful. In Nicosia, the conference attracted an attendance of about 100. In Athens the gala dinner on November 15 was attended by over 350 guests and over 200 participants attended the conference and luncheon on November 16. In both Greece and Cyprus extensive television and newspaper coverage resulted. Additionally, the English-language insert of *Kathimerini* in the *International Herald Tribune* of November 17 carried a full account of the conference with a picture.

The main speaker in Nicosia was Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, Head of the Foreign Relations Committee of the House of Representatives. In Athens the main speakers were Mr. Kostas Karamanlis, President of New Democracy, and Mr. Nicholas Burns, U.S. Ambassador to Greece. The dinner address was given by Eugene Rossides. The Athens conference concluded with a reception at the U.S. residence hosted by Ambassador Burns and attended by over 150 guests.

Both conferences came at exceptionally auspicious moments. The Nicosia conference took place just before the



U.S. Ambassador to Greece Nick Burns, giving the Keynote address at the AHI Conference in Athens.



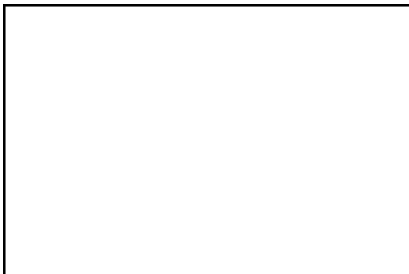
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AHF Athens Conference Speakers: (l-r) Eugene T. Rossides, Jonathan Clarke, Costas Ioannou, AHF-Athens chapter president, Amb. Nick Burns, Prof. Van Coufoudakis, Nick Larigakis, and James Marketos.



(From L to R): Congressman Bob Filner (D-CA), AHF Chairman James Marketos, AHEPA Supreme President George Dariotis, Ambassador of Greece Alexander Philon, Ambassador of Cyprus Marcoullis, AHF member Vassos Chrysanthou, AHEPA Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs Chairman Takey Crist.



AHF Cyprus Conference. (l-r): Prof. Van Coufoudakis, James Marketos, Sophocles Michaelides, Ph.D., conference moderator. At podium: Eugene Rossides.

December opening of new Cyprus talks in New York on December 3 and usefully set the stage on the U.S. approach and how AHF is working to promote a fair and just settlement of the Cyprus problem. The Athens conference took place on the eve of President Clinton's visit and was able to send a forceful message about the underlying strengths of the U.S.-Greece relationship and how the Greek American community seeks to improve this relationship. Ambassador Burns described the Greek American community as a "vital link" between the U.S. and Greece and spoke of his "great admiration for the AHF, which acts as a bridge between the U.S. and Greece."

### **EVENTS MARKING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM**

#### **Hands Around the Capitol Rally**



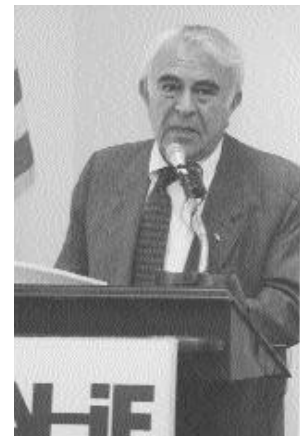
Nick Larigakis speaking at the Hands Around the Capitol Rally.

AHF took an active role in events marking the 25th anniversary of Turkey's invasion of Cyprus by co-sponsoring the **Hands Around the Capitol Rally** on July 20, 1999. Nick Larigakis addressed the rally highlighting the need for a new, realistic approach to solving the

Cyprus problem by focusing attention on the real issues, namely Turkey's aggression and intransigence. Mrs. Katherine Porter of the Human Rights Alliance, and the other members and other participants in the rally. This was an extremely successful occasion, with the Metropolitan Police estimating the numbers at over 3,000.

#### **Capitol Hill Conference**

On July 28, 1999 the AHIF presented a conference and luncheon on Capitol Hill on **The United States and Cyprus – Twenty Five Years Later: A Study in Double Standards**. Cooperating in the conference were the Order of AHEPA, Cyprus Federation of America, Pancyprians of Metropolitan Washington, Hellenic American National Council (HANC) and Hellenic American Women's Council (HAWC)



Congressman Ben Gilman (R-NY), Chairman, House International Relations Committee.

The luncheon speaker was Chairman Ben Gilman, House International Relations Committee. Other remarks were received from Senator Paul Sarbanes and Representatives Rob Andrews (D-NJ), Ron Klink (D-PA), Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) and Bob Filner (D-CA). Greeting remarks were delivered by HE Erato Kozakou-Marcoulis, Ambassador of Cyprus and HE Alexander Philon, Ambassador of Greece.

Private sector and academic speakers included Dr. Van Coufoudakis, Ted Galen Carpenter, Vice-President for Defense and Foreign Policy Studies, CATO Institute, John Tirman, Executive Director, the Winston Foundation, Thomas Klein, Esq., Andrews and Kurth LLP, and Eugene T. Rossides.

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### Legislative Policy Conferences

**January 23, San Diego, CA**—The conference was cosponsored by the Foundation for Hellenic Studies, the Hellenic American National Council, and Hellenic American Women's Council in cooperation with AHEPA chapters #505, #223, and #444. The speakers were Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham (R-CA 51st) George Karetas President, AHI San Diego Chapter, Dr. Van Coufoudakis, Nick Karambelas, and Nick Larigakis. Arthur Pathe, President, AHEPA Chapter #505, moderated the conference. Mr. John Koutsoukos, President, AHEPA Chapter #223, and Mr. Pete Kozis, President, AHEPA Chapter #444, acted as co-chairmen of the luncheon.



Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham (R-CA) giving the luncheon address at the AHIPAC San Diego Legislative Policy Conference.

**October 23, St. Louis, MO**—The conference was hosted by the AHI Chapter-St. Louis under the leadership of Dr. George Pelikan. Speakers included Eugene T Rossides, Nick Larigakis, Dr. Van Coufoudakis, Nick Karambelas, and Jonathan Clarke.



The conference moderator Constantine Michaelides addressing the audience. Seated (l-r) Dr. George Pelikan, the conference chairman, and Jonathan Clarke.

### AHI BUSINESS NETWORK

**March 25, Washington, DC**—The AHI Business Network in association with Sigma Entertainment LLC presented the Washington D.C. premiere of the movie, *DO YOU WANNA DANCE* at the famous Washington landmark movie theater, *Avalon*. The movie was written by AHI member, Robert Krantz (Haralambos Karountzos.)

**May 7-8, Hermes Expo '99 —7<sup>th</sup> Annual Greek-American Trade Show & Exhibition, NYC.** Archbishop Spyridon opened the exhibition with a blessing. New York Senators Charles Schumer and Daniel Patrick Moynihan attended the opening along with many other New York senior officials. AHI presented a seminar on "Doing Business In Greece" moderated by Nick Larigakis. The speakers were AHI chairman, James Marketos, Esq, and AHI Counsel, Nick Karambelas, Esq.

**September 25, Baltimore, MD**—John C. Metaxas, correspondent and anchor of CNN Financial News, was the featured speaker at an AHI Business Network Breakfast. Over 80 persons attended.



Dr. Sophocles Michaelides, Head of International Business, Central Bank of Cyprus.

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. An additional element was added to the seminars in San Diego and San Francisco whereby a panel discussed the advantages of *Doing Business in Russia Through Cyprus*.

### Cyprus: An International Business Center

In June, the AHI presented its annual breakfast seminars on *Cyprus: An International Business Center*, sponsored by the Central Bank of Cyprus. The seminars were held in San Diego on June 25th, Washington, D.C. on June 29th, and New York on June 30th. The



Andreas Philippou, Chief Senior Manager, Central Bank of Cyprus.

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### GENERAL ACTIVITIES

**March 27, 1999 Miami, FL**—Nick Larigakis, was one of the guest speakers at the Greek Independence Day celebration sponsored by *The Hellenic Cultural & Educational Foundation of South Florida*.

**March 28, Miami, FL**—Mr. Larigakis was the speaker at a gathering of the local AHI members to organize the AHI Miami Chapter. The dinner meeting was hosted by the chapter president, Timos Zavitsianos and Mrs. Zavitsianos. Over 30 persons came out to help inaugurate the local AHI chapter.

**April 14, San Francisco, CA**—AHI sponsored an organizational dinner meeting at *Jack's Landmark Restaurant* in San Francisco to inaugurate the **AHI-San Francisco** chapter. George Benetatos, prominent local attorney will serve as the chapter president while the executive committee will be comprised of Steve Counelis, Esq., Professor Peter Haikalis and Dimitri Carapanos. Larigakis was accompanied by Hellenic House major benefactor, George Spyropoulos from Caracas, Venezuela, who was visiting the Bay area on private business.

**April 17, Stockton, CA**—Mr. Larigakis met with leading members of the Greek American community to introduce the AHI and ask for their support to develop a local chapter.

**April 24, Boston, MA**—Eugene T. Rossides, was the guest speaker at the *84<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration* program sponsored by the Armenian National Committee of the Eastern U.S.-*Greater Boston Chapter*. Mr. Rossides spoke on *Turkish Oppression of the Greeks*.

**July 12, Nicosia, Cyprus**—Eugene Rossides held meetings with President Glafcos Clerides, House of Representatives President Spyros Kyprianou and Foreign Minister Ioannis Kasoulides. Their talks covered U.S. attitudes to Cyprus in the light of the 2000 presidential election and the new UN and G8 initiative on Cyprus. Rossides was also interviewed by the CNA.

### HELLENIC HOUSE

Mr. George Spyropoulos of Caracas, Venezuela, the very first AHI member and Hellenic House Grand Benefactor



Guests at the Hellenic House fundraiser hosted at the San Diego Museum of Arts.

contributed \$50,000 to the AHIF to reduce the mortgage at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Hellenic Heritage and National Public Service Awards Dinner. This donation is in addition to the initial down payment of \$227,000 that he donated in 1993 when Hellenic House was purchased.

**January 23, San Diego**—A dinner hosted by Mr. and Mrs. George Karetas was held at the San Diego Museum of Art to benefit the Hellenic House. The special guest was Mr. George Avgoustis, Consul General of Greece in Los Angeles.



Ted Golfopoulos introducing special guest, John Metaxas at the Princeton Hellenic House fund-raiser.

**October 16, Princeton**—Mr. and Mrs. Ted Golfopoulos hosted a fundraising reception at their home and helped raise over \$5,000 towards eliminating the mortgage of Hellenic House. Special guest was John C. Metaxas, correspondent and anchor of *CNN Financial News*.

### Distinguished Visitors To Hellenic House

Mr. Donald Bandler, the new U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus.

Michalis Lemousias, Secretary General of the Municipality of Thessaloniki, Greece;

Fani Pali-Petrallia, Member of the Greek Parliament representing the New Democracy Party;

Delegation of the Chian Youth Association;

Delegation of the United Hellenic Voters of America.



Eugene T. Rossides (I) welcomes New Democracy Member of Parliament Fani Pali-Petrallia to Hellenic House.



A Delegation of the United Hellenic Voters of America visiting Hellenic House.



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## EVENTS MARKING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF AHI



Harry Mark Petrakis giving the banquet address.



Ted Golfopoulos receiving his first place tennis trophy from Eugene T. Rossides.



AHIPAC Chairman, Nick Chimicles, Esq., Clarence "Bud" Brown, President of the U.S. Historical Society, and Mrs. Kathleen Chimicles.

From October 8-11, 1999 the American Hellenic Institute celebrated its 25th Anniversary by holding a convention in Washington, D.C. Founded in 1974 in response to the illegal invasion and occupation of Cyprus by Turkey, the AHI has grown into a nation-wide organization dedicated to strengthening U.S. relations with Greece and Cyprus and to promoting U.S. interests in the region.

The Convention featured an active program of business, social and cultural events and attracted attendance from AHI members and their families from across the nation, including from Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. Highlights included:

- A cocktail reception hosted by Ambassador and Mrs. Alexander Philon at the Embassy of Greece;
- A dinner on Capitol Hill at which the speaker was the Hon. Clarence J. Brown, CEO U.S. Capitol Historical Society, former Congressman from Ohio. Following this dinner, guests had the privilege of joining Mr. Brown on a private tour of the Capitol including a rare visit to the floor of the House of Representatives;
- A luncheon at which Professor Charles Moskos spoke



on "The Greek American Community in 2020: Will it Still Exist?"

- An Open Forum for the exchange of views between members. This also included a presentation of the video "Greek Immigrant Women Pioneers."
- A Grand Banquet at which the speaker was Mr. Harry Mark Petrakis on "Homer and Hunger: A Search for Roots and Faith."

Social events included sightseeing in the nation's capital and a tennis tournament won by Mr. Ted Golfopoulos from New Jersey.

Arising from this conference, on November 5, 1999 the White House contacted the Capitol Hill Historical Society to request a transcript of the dinner speech delivered by the Hon. Clarence J. Brown, CEO U.S. Capitol Historical Society, former Congressman from Ohio.

Mr. Brown's speech referred to the vital contributions of ancient Greece to modern democratic thinking and to the American constitution and governance. His speech is to be used for briefing purposes for President Clinton's forthcoming visit to Greece and for possible incorporation into remarks to be delivered by the President during his visit. The Capitol Hill Society forwarded a transcript to the White House.



(l-r) Mr. and Mrs. Demetrios Eleftheriou, Ambassador of Cyprus Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis, Andreas Pericli,.



(l-r) Ambassador of Greece Alexander Philon and Nick Larigakis at the Greek Embassy reception.



Prof. Charles Moskos autographing his book to Argeri and Yianni Lagos.



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## AHI HOSTS 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY HELLENIC HERITAGE AND NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS DINNER



*Twenty-fourth Anniversary Hellenic Heritage Achievement & National Public Service Award Recipients.*

*Congressman Robert Andrews (D-1st NJ), Ms. Theodora Sideropoulos Hancock, Dr. Martina Souretis Horner, Dr. Constantine Papadakis, Mr. Peter L. Venetis, C. Dean Metropoulos, Mrs. Alexandra Glekas.*

The American Hellenic Institute honored five distinguished Greek Americans, a Member of Congress, and a Greek Woman Immigrant Pioneer at their 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hellenic Heritage and National Public Service Awards Dinner held on March 6, 1999 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C.,

The dinner was attended by over 350 family, friends and supporters of the AHI from across the country. Special guests included Bishop George Komanon, Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera, Senator Paul Sarbanes, Greek Ambassador Alexander Philon, Cypriot Ambassador Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis, the world-renowned singer and phil-anthropist Nana Mouskouri, and international guests from Greece, Cyprus, Canada, and Venezuela. Mr. John C. Metaxas, Anchor and correspondent of CNN Financial News, served as Master of Ceremonies.

The Honorees who received the Hellenic Heritage National Public Service Award for their outstanding careers in public service were Congressman Robert Andrews (D-1st

NJ), and Ms. Theodora Sideropoulos Hancock, the co-founder and current President of the Hellenic American Women's Council (HAWC).

Hellenic Heritage Achievement Awards were presented to Dr. Martina Souretis Horner, former president of Radcliffe College, Dr. Constantine Papadakis, President Drexel University, Mr. Peter L. Venetis, President and CEO of Atlantic Bank of New York, and C. Dean Metropoulos, Chairman and CEO of C. Dean Metropoulos and Company.

A special award was presented to Mrs. Alexandra Glekas as a tribute to the Greek Women Immigrant Pioneers. Mrs. Glekas symbolizes a whole generation of Greek women immigrants who came to the United States before World War II and who left an indelible mark in the development of the Greek American community. This tribute was accompanied by the inaugural showing of a video tribute telling the stories of several of these women produced by AHI Chairman Jim Marketos and his wife Denise.

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*Mrs. Theodora Sideropoulos Hancock (l) being presented with her Public Service Award from Maria Stamoulas, Esq.*



*Mrs. Alexandra Glekas receiving the AHI "Special Tribute to the Greek Immigrant Women Pioneers" award. Presenting the award is the evenings M.C., John Metaxas.*



*Matina Souretis Horner, Ph.D. (l) receiving her Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award from her friend, Jean Canellos.*



*Demetrios A. Boutris (l) presenting the Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award to Peter Venetis.*



*Congressman Robert Andrews (D-NJ) (l) being presented with his Public Service Award by former AHIPAC Chairman, Savas C. Tsivicos.*



*AHIPAC Chairman, Nicholas Chimicles, Esq., (l) presenting the Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award to his friend, Dr. Constantine Papadakis.*



*Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD) (l) and John Rigas, President & CEO of ADELPHIA.*



*John Metaxas (l) presenting C. Dean Metropoulos with the Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award.*



*Ambassador Alexander Philon greeting Nana Mouskouri.*