



Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce

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2007 Annual Dinner Dance to Honor Angeliki Frangou



Angeliki Frangou has been nominated 2007 Person of the Year by The Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce. This prestigious award will be presented to Ms. Frangou at the Chamber's annual dinner-dance at The Metropolitan Club on October 19.

Angeliki Frangou is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Navios Maritime Holdings, Inc., a global shipping company, listed in NYSE, successor company of International Shipping Enterprises, of which she was President, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since its incorporation as a special purpose acquisition company in 2004.

Mrs. Frangou is also Chairman of IRF European Finance Investments Ltd., a company with primary focus on credit institutions and insurance companies in Southern Europe. She is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Proton Bank.

Mrs. Frangou was Chief Executive Officer of Maritime Enterprises Management S.A., located

in Piraeus, that specializes in the management of dry cargo vessels.

From 1990 - 2001, Mrs. Frangou was Chief Executive Officer of Franser Shipping S.A., also located in Piraeus and engaged in the management of dry cargo vessels.

Earlier, Mrs. Frangou was an analyst on the trading floor of Republic National Bank of New York. She was previously a member of the Board of Directors of Emporiki Bank of Greece.

Mrs. Frangou is a member of the Mediterranean Committee of China Classification Society and a member of the Hellenic and Black Sea Committee of Bureau Veritas.

Mrs. Frangou received a bachelors degree in mechanical engineering from Fairleigh Dickenson University (summa cum laude) and a masters degree in mechanical engineering from Columbia University.

Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce Holds Annual Elections

The Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce held its annual membership meeting on June 6, 2007, at Thalassa Restaurant in New York. The meeting is held for the purpose of reviewing the Chamber's activities and electing officers and directors for the coming year.

President Andre Gregory reviewed the Chamber's events.

Highlights included the 58th Annual Dinner Dance, honoring Dean Metropoulos, at which the international singing star Nana Mouskouri serenaded the honoree.

Other events included the Joint Shipping Conference held in February, and a wide variety of lectures and receptions.

Elections



Andre Gregory, Chairman

Chairman Bobby Mitropoulos had previously announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election, and Andre Gregory, of John S. Latsis (USA) Inc., was elected to succeed him.

The new president of the Chamber is John C. Stratakis, partner in the law firm of Poles, Tublin,



John Stratakis, President

Stratakis, Gonzalez & Weichert, LLP.

Elected Officers are:

- Executive Vice President ~ LeRoy Lambert, Blank Rome, LLP
- Vice President ~ Constantine Psaltis, Citi Private Bank
- Treasurer ~ George T. Constantin, Heritage Realty Services, LLC
- Secretary ~ Katingo Kontoudis, Bank of New York

Mr. Gregory also announced that founding member and former president Peter T. Kourides was stepping down from the Board after 60 years of service to the Chamber. By acclamation, Mr. Kourides was named Honorary Chairman.

Members also elected ten directors to serve a three year term. Replacing Mr. Kourides is John Couloucoundis of Delta Navigation Corporation.

Also new to the Board is Solomon Asser of TECNY Group Inc., who was elected in place of Dimitri Dellis of Burger Heaven, who did not seek re-election.

Real Estate Committee Continues Annual Speakers' Forum

With Mark Wigley, Dean the Columbia University School of Architecture, the Real Estate Committee of the Chamber continues their successful "speaker forum" featuring some of the most important and influential real estate persona in the industry.

Over the past several years, the members of the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce have been introduced to Costas Kondylis, principal of Kondylis Architects, Peter Kalikow, Chairman of the MTA and principal of the HJ Kalikow Company, William Rudin, President of the Rudin Management Company, Stephen Ross, Chairman of the Related Companies and Charles Gargano, Chairman of the

Empire State Development Company.

The committee has also hosted panel discussions that have included Bear Stearns, North Fork Bank, Zurich Insurance, as well as other prominent industry leading firms.

The success of this program is directly related to the members who benefit from it and the exceptional, full and continued support of our sponsors.

George T. Constantin on behalf of his committee and members together express their appreciation and gratitude to all sponsors of the committee's events. With their financial commitment we will continue to feature world class speakers in some of the most exceptional venues.

Hellenic-American Young Professionals

Through the efforts of the executive committee, a new organization has come into being within the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce.

Under the leadership of Tassos Pardalis, three events have taken place during the past six months.

The aim of this new organization is to create opportunities in social

networking, fellowship and good times for young professionals.

Those who are interested in joining may contact Tasso Pardalis directly at (718) 777 0400, or call the chamber's office at (212) 629 6380.

For news on chamber events, please visit our website at www.hellenicamerican.cc

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C. Dean Metropoulos Named HACC Person of the Year 2006



Bobby Mitropoulos, Chairman (left) and Andre Gregory (right) congratulate Mr. Metropoulos and present him with the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award 2006

At the Annual Dinner Dance on October 20, 2006, held again at the Metropolitan Club, it was our distinct privilege to honor a man whom we as Greeks and Philhellenes are proud to call one of our own, Mr. Dean Metropoulos.

Mr. Metropoulos' keen business acumen has allowed him to acquire some of the top food companies in the world, with some of the most recognizable brands: Ghirardelli Chocolates, Mumm & Piere Jouet Champagnes, Duncan Hines, Aunt Jemima, Armour Star, Vlasic Pickles, Log Cabin, Mrs. Buttersworth, Mrs. Pauls, Lenders Bagels, Swanson Frozen Foods and many other well known brands.

Noteworthy introduction of the Honoree

Mr. Mark Rockefeller, son of the late New York Governor and Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller, introduced Mr. Metropoulos. His remarks offered interesting insights into Mr. Metropoulos' civic activi-

ties: the two men have worked closely together as board members of the non-profit organization Historic Hudson Valley.

A Very Special Guest

Another very special guest that evening was the world renowned singer Nana Mouskouri who, in fact, honored all of us with songs dedicated to our honoree ... who, in turn, joined Ms. Mouskouri in an impromptu duet.

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America also graced us with his presence that evening. This was the first time that his schedule allowed him to attend our Annual Dinner Dance.

Financially, this event was a huge success. We are fortunate in having raised significant funds thereby creating the possibility of sponsoring more events for our membership. The positive result also contributes to our long term goal of one day purchasing an office space to call our own.

The Changing Dynamics of Shipping

Unprecedented 21st Century Economic and Political Trends Shaping the Industry

The Hellenic- /Norwegian American Joint Shipping Conference, now in its 13th consecutive year, once again won excellent reviews from a full house of attending delegates

Under the very able chairmanship of John Couloucoundis and Per Heidenreich, the program formed a lively and thought provoking blend of economics and politics.

Panels of internationally renowned speakers presented their ideas and opinions on a slate of timely issues:

- ◆ Macro Trends in the World Economy
- ◆ Micro Trends in Shipping and Commodities
- ◆ Is Shipping Today a Good Investment?

Luncheon, sponsored by Navios Maritime Holdings Inc., was topped off by a keynote address from Dr. Martin Stopford of Clarksons Research.

The final session of the day was a hugely popular "Mock tanker incident off the coast of New York -- panel discussion and role-play," arranged and moderated by Jim Lawrence of MTI. Panelists filling the roles of the numerous interests involved in such an incident drew on their own experiences to paint a vivid picture of the immediate aftermath of an event.

Issues continued to be explored and discussed during the post-conference networking cocktail reception, sponsored by Blank Rome LLP and Jacq. Pierot, Jr. & Sons.



Hellenic-American Conferences, Trade and Cultural Events



H.E. Dora Bakoyianni, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, addresses members of the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce, Hellenic Lawyers Association, Hellenic Medical Society of New York, and the Hellenic Bankers Association at The Harvard Club.



Ambassador Adamandio Vassilakis (left) and chamber president Andre Gregory enjoy a luncheon conversation with Minister Bakoyianni.



In commemoration of OXI Day, Prof. Alexander Kitroeff, Department of History, Haverford College, presented The Demetrios Contos Memorial Lecture entitled *Greece's entry into World War II and the Greek Americans*.

The following events, which took place over the past year, are typical of the activities arranged by the Chamber in response to the diverse interests of members.

Monday, September 25, 2006 ~ Luncheon in honor of H.E. Dora Bakoyianni

The Chamber organized a very special luncheon at the Harvard Club in cooperation with the Hellenic Medical Society of NY, the Hellenic Lawyers Association and the Hellenic Bankers Association in honor of H.E. Dora Bakoyianni, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece.

Minister Bakoyianni was impressed and gratified by the attendance of more than 170 influential members of the Greek- American professional community and by their keen interest in her remarks.

The board of the chamber acknowledged the wonderful atmosphere of cooperation that we have enjoyed with the Greek-American professional organizations in jointly presenting high quality events for our respective memberships. This no doubt strengthens and enhances our overall community.

Friday, October 20, 2006. 58th Annual Dinner Dance honoring C. Dean Metropoulos, Chairman & CEO, C. Dean Metropoulos & Company, at the Metropolitan Club of New York. See pages 2, 8.

Thursday, November 2, 2006 ~ Demetrios Contos Memorial Lecture

The Chamber was proud and honored to present the

inaugural Demetrios Contos Memorial Lecture in celebration of Oxi Day, October 28 1940. The lecture was sponsored by the family of our beloved friend and long time director Mimi Contos to coincide with the celebration of his nameday.

Our guest speaker for this event was Prof. Alexander Kitroeff, Department of History, Haverford College, who presented a lecture entitled *Greece's entry into World War II and the Greek Americans*.

Monday November 13, 2006.

The annual wine and food tasting event that we traditionally co-host with the Cyprus-U.S. Chamber of Commerce as well as with the respective trade consuls of Greece and Cyprus was held on November 13 at the Battery Gardens Restaurant and was once again a thoroughly enjoyable and very successful event .

Tuesday January 16, 2007.

To help inaugurate the New Year, we held our Traditional Cutting of the Vasilopita at the Cathedral Ballroom, where we provided a buffet dinner to our members for an evening of fellowship and good will.

Tuesday February 6, 2007. Annual Joint Shipping Conference.

The Changing Dynamics of Shipping: Unprecedented 21st Century Economic & Political Trends Shaping the Industry. This event has become one of the preminent events in the shipping community and attracts participants from near and far.

Hellenic-American Conferences, Trade and Cultural Events

The organizers consistently arrange the conference around very timely topics for discussion and presentation and delegates look forward to next year's event. See conference report on page 3.

Monday, March 12, 2007.

On the occasion of Greek Independence Day, H.E. Aristotelis Pavlidis, Minister of the Aegean & Island Policy, spoke on The Role of the Aegean Islands in the Wars of Independence and their Impact on the Economic Life of Greece.

For this event, the chamber cooperated with HABA, Hellenic Lawyers Association, the Cathedral Cultural Committee as well as the Cyprus-US Chamber.

Tuesday, May 1, 2007. The Ottoman Empire and the Greeks: A Reassessment.

Our most recent cultural event was the second lecture in a series that we have had the honor of organizing on behalf of the Hellenic Studies Program at Yale University. This year's lecture featured Prof. Dimitris Kastritsis and was entitled "The Ottoman Empire and the Greeks: A Reassessment." The lecture presented a revised viewpoint regarding the years of the Ottoman occupation and -- as can be expected by such a controversial topic -- it was followed by a very spirited question and answer period.

Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

We hosted a farewell party for H.E. Adamandios Vassilakis, Permanent Representative of Greece to the UN., at the Harvard Club.



H.E. Aristotelis Pavlidis, Minister of the Aegean & Island Policy, spoke at the Archdiocesan Cathedral Center on The Role of the Aegean Islands in the Wars of Independence and their Impact on the Economic Life of Greece

Tuesday, September 25, 2007. "Columbia University and the Future of the Built Environment."

At the Harvard Club of New York, the Real Estate Committee of the Chamber presented Mark Wigley, Dean of Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture Planning and Preservation.

Dean Wigley, a prominent and well respected expert in his field, spoke on "Columbia University and the Future of the Built Environment." The Real Estate Committee focuses on introducing the broader Hellenic business community to the related fields of real estate and architecture.

Over the past several years, the committee's program has provided access to the tremendous base of knowledge imparted by our speakers. This is invaluable to members who remain at the forefront of the Real Estate Industry.

Sincere thanks to all our sponsors!



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Dean Mark Wigley, Columbia University School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, addresses HACC members at Harvard Club of New York

Member News



John W. Craine, Jr., VADM, USN (Ret), President of the State University of New York Maritime College, conferred the honorary degree Doctor of Letters on Clay Maitland at Commencement Exercises on May 6, 2007.

Clay Maitland, President of International Registries, has been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree by The State University of New York Maritime College.

The degree was presented by President John

W. Craine, Jr., VADM, USN (Ret.) as part of the commencement exercises on May 6, 2007. Thereafter, Dr. Maitland delivered the commencement address to the graduating class of 2007.

Congratulations!

Solomon Asser Elected to HACC Board



Solomon Asser was elected to the board of the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce at our annual meeting 2007. Mr. Asser is Founder and Principal of Tecny Group Inc., a firm specializing in high end interior design, construction and real estate development worldwide.

Mr. Asser was born and raised in Athens, and served in the Greek Navy.

He earned a Diploma in Architecture from École Spéciale d'Architecture in Paris, and two Masters of Science in Architecture and Urban Planning from Columbia University.

Prior to establishing Tecny Group Inc. in 1990, Mr. Asser held positions with architectural firms in the US, Greece and France. He speaks fluent Greek and French, and his work has been published in major real estate and architectural design publications in the US and abroad.

Mr. Asser is President of the American Friends of the Jewish Museum of Greece, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to support the Jewish Museum of Greece in Athens. Please visit our website at www.hellenicamerican.cc for the complete list of officers and directors of the Chamber.

Hellenic-American Chamber Presents Greek Film Festival in New York

The Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce will present the New York City Greek Film Festival in November, bringing 12 quality Greek films to New York audiences.

November 2-8 at Cinema Village

The festival will run from November 2 through 8 at Cinema Village, 22 East 12 Street, a few steps east of Fifth Avenue in Manhattan.

November 9-15 at Cinemart, Forest Hills

November 9 through 15, the festival will continue at the Cinemart Theater, 106-03 Metropolitan Avenue at 72nd Road, in Forest Hills, Queens.

Proceeds to Benefit Fire Victims

The Board of Directors of the Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce voted that 100% of the net proceeds from the Festival be sent to an appropriate fund designated to assist the victims of the recent tragic fires in Greece.

"We have a wide variety of strong films, ranging from comedies to dramas to political thrillers," said festival programmer Dan Georgakas.

Included are the two biggest box office hits in the history of Greek films, "A Touch of Spice" ("Politiki Kouzina") and "Brides". "Chariton's Choir," a best picture winner at the Thessaloniki Festival, will also be shown.

Special Appearances

Writer, director, actor Renos Haralambidis will offer festival goers a special treat by appearing in person to present his latest film

"The Heart of the Beast," a hilarious look at the foibles of contemporary Greece.

Also attending the festival will be Cypriot writer director Christos Siopachas, who will present his film "Red Thursday." This will be the first time ever that a film from Cyprus will play a commercial venue in New York City.

The festival will also present "Back Door," a touching coming-of-age story about a 13 year old boy who loses his father; "Dust," about a journalist who tries to uncover his father's role in the Greek Civil War; "Hostage," a controversial film about an Albanian who hijacks a bus in Northern Greece, taking seven passengers hostage; and "The Wake," a film about two estranged brothers, one a cop and the other a priest, who are brought together when one of them commits a crime.

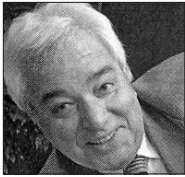
Three award-winning documentaries complete the roster of films: "Buzz" examines the life of well known screen writer A. I. Bezzerides (Buzz); "Song of Life" focuses on how residents of Zakynthos saved the island's Jews during the German Occupation; and "Who's On First?" presents an often hilarious look at what happened when Greek American pros became involved in the national Greek baseball team in the 2004 Olympics.

Films will be shown with English subtitles.

Detailed descriptions, special event announcements, and screening schedules will be available on the Chamber's web-site:

www.hellenicamerican.cc

New Directors Appointed to the Board



Mike Angeliades



John Couloucoundis



Pantelis Gasparakis

At the recommendation of the executive board, the board of directors of the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce has appointed three new directors to fill vacant positions on the board.

Merkourios A. Angeliades

Mr. Angeliades, known as Mike, was born in Symi, Greece. He came to the US in 1960; in 1965 founded ANT Construction, followed in 1969 by Magnetic Construction Corp.

M.A. Angeliades, Inc., founded in 1991, is a well-known and highly-regarded contracting firm. Mr. Angeliades is one of the original founders of the Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church in Roslyn, New York.

John Couloucoundis

Mr. Couloucoundis has served as President of Delta Navigation Corporation since 2000. He has spent close to 27 years in

the shipping industry.

Mr. Couloucoundis holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and a graduate business degree from Columbia University. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and Chairman for fundraising for the reconstruction of Saint Nicholas Church at the World Trade Center.

Pantelis Gasparakis

We are pleased to welcome Orion & Global Chartering Co. back to the Board after a brief absence. Orion & Global have been steadfast supporters of the Chamber over many years, and will be represented on the Board by Mr. Pantelis Gasparakis.

Mr. Gasparakis is a graduate of Baruch College in finance. He has worked for several privately owned Greek shipping companies before joining Orion and Global in 1999.

Future Events

Tuesday, October 30 at 7:30 pm -- The Second Annual Demetrios Contos Memorial Lecture in Celebration of OXI DAY, 28 October 1940 "A Greek Poet and Diplomat in the Middle East: George Seferis (Nobel Prize for Literature, 1963)." To be presented by Professor Roderick Beaton, Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, King's College, London. The

lecture will take place at Greek Orthodox Cathedral of The Holy Trinity, 337 East 74 Street, New York City. Admission: gratis. A reception will follow the lecture.

Monday, November 5.

This year's Wine and Greek Food Tasting event will be held at Battery Gardens, inside Battery Park. All are invited to attend.

NEW MEMBERS

The following firms and individuals have joined the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce. Welcome to all!

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Our special guest Nana Mouskouri, with her husband, are at the forefront of Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce members and their guests enjoying our 58th annual dinner dance, and presentation of the Person of the Year Award to Dean Metropoulos.



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