



Hellenic – American Chamber of Commerce

2015

Greetings from the President



I want to thank you, the members and friends of the Chamber, for the confidence and trust you have shown to me. I am most fortunate to continue receiving your support, advice and guidance. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the

dedication and commitment you have exhibited to our Chamber as well as to express my appreciation for your loyalty that enable us to obtain the substantial growth we have achieved over the years and would have been extremely difficult without your considerable involvement.

In our everyday life, time is the most valuable commodity. All of us face unprecedented demands in our personal and professional journeys for our attention, therefore it is essential for an organization like HACC to show relevance and strength if it is to not only survive but flourish. I am happy to report that our Chamber is strong and viable and more than ever responsive to the business, social and cultural needs of its members. We are fulfilling our mission, and the thousands of people who take advantage of our professional development and networking events are a testament to our success.

Over the years we have established a number of events that our members and friends have come to look forward to and that have increased the visibility of the Chamber. We continue these efforts. The past year has been another successful one for HACC. Our industry events including conferences, panel discussions and lectures focused on shipping, construction, finance and culture have been sold out and attracted leading professionals and academics. Our annual gala draws distinguished members of the business community who come from all over the world to honor the Person of the Year.

This year is a special one. First, our honoree in October is the very distinguished Andreas C. Dracopoulos, Director and co-President of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. A philanthropist at heart he is dedicated to leaving a positive impact on society. He is a man whose legacy and achievement serve as an inspiration to all of us. Second, for the first time in its history, the Chamber, will donate all net proceeds of tonight's event to the Hellenic Relief fund. An organization dedicated to providing support for the Greek population, suffering during the present economic crisis, by addressing needs in health and nutrition.

Our Young Professionals team inspired us with their energy and their events and are our and guarantors of the Chamber's future.

Our annual Shipping conference, co-sponsored with the Norwegian Chamber of Commerce, for 21 years attracts media attention and ranks as an important event for members of this major industry.

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Andreas C. Dracopoulos Named Person of the Year 2015

Andreas Dracopoulos was born and raised in Athens, Greece. He graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics.

He is Director and co-President of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, an international philanthropic organization, which was established by his great-uncle, the late Stavros Niarchos. Mr. Dracopoulos is a Trustee of The Rockefeller University, and a member of the Board of the Dalton School in NYC; a member of the Board of the Peterson Institute for International Economics, and a member of the Board and member of the International Council of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.; a Trustee of The Johns Hopkins University, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Berman Institute of Bioethics. He is an Honorary Trustee of the New York Public Library (NYPL), where he served as a Trustee from 2003 to 2010. In June 2012, the NYPL honored him for his contributions to the library's educational programs.

In February, 2012, Andreas Dracopoulos was awarded by the Greek State the Grand Commander of the Order of the Phoenix. Mr. Dracopoulos is also the recipient of the 2002 Odyssey Award from the Hellenic Community of Astoria, New York, and in 2015 he was honored during the 100th Anniversary celebration of The National Herald, in recognition of his contributions towards the promotion of Greek education. He resides in New York City.



Clay Maitland Re-Elected HACC Chairman

Clay Maitland has been re-elected Chairman of the Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce.

A long-time member and benefactor of the HACC, Mr. Maitland has worked in the shipping industry for the past 47 years. He is Managing Partner of International Registries, which administers the Marshall Islands Ship Registry, the third largest registry in the world.

Beyond his business interests, Mr. Maitland serves as Director of the Coast Guard Foundation. He was awarded the U.S. Coast Guard's Distinguished Public Service Award in 2010 and is Chairman of NAMEPA, the North American Marine Environment Protection Association. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from the Maritime College of the State University of New York (Fort Schuyler) in 2007".



Greetings from the President

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Our Finance, Insurance and Investment group hosted a dinner presentation honoring Ted Mathas, Chairman & CEO of NY Life Insurance Company.

Our annual Greek Film Festival draws thousands of viewers into state-of-the-art venues to see the exciting and often provocative new films coming out of Greece and Cyprus. In October the ninth season is expected to once again draw thousands of viewers to screenings in New York City, Long Island, Boston and Atlanta.

We are particularly proud of our Development Design and Construction Committee who in cooperation with the American- Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (from Greece) hosted the following major events ; “ Adriane’s Thread The New Building Department Regulatory Process Agenda” at the Russian Tea Room, “ Trade USA – Construction Mission” a total of 71 business to business meetings for Hellenic and US companies, “ The State of New York City Development Design & Construction 2015” Panel Discussion at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Ballroom, “ Dr. Moskos Book Presentation – 3rd Edition of Greek Americans: Struggle and Success” book presentation and signing event at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Ballroom, “Up From The Ashes- March 25, 1821: We are All Greeks” yearly Hellenic Revolution Scholar Presentation at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Ballroom after a Consulate reception for the Hellenic Independence Day, “First National Hellenic American Genealogy Conference” all day event at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Ballroom.

These events and many more indicate that the Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce remains vibrant and determined to continue its mission: to promote strong economic and cultural ties between the United States and Greece. And of course the main reason of our Chamber’s success is our hard dedicated and working team, consisting of our Executive Officers, our Board Members and particularly our staff where all together contribute towards to achieving our goals and maintaining the high standards we set out for.

I am confident that, working together, we will continue that success, further reinforcing community pride in our organization. I encourage you to offer your suggestions, input, and assistance. The Chamber depends upon your creativity and imagination, your daring and your foresight. We share an interest in and a commitment to the Chamber. Let us work together to achieve our goals and bring our organization to even higher levels. We are members of the same community, and together we can benefit our Chamber as never before.

Nancy Papaioannou, President

HACC Honors Robert D. Somerville, Person of the Year 2014

Friends and colleagues of Robert Somerville filled the Grand Ballroom of the Pierre Hotel last October to pay tribute to the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year.

Throughout his 43-year career with ABS, Robert D. Somerville held increasingly senior positions. He began as a field surveyor and steadily rose through the ranks as a senior surveyor, principal surveyor, Regional Manager for Western Europe, and President and Chief Operating Officer of ABS Europe Ltd. In 1993, he was elected President and Chief Operating Officer of ABS. In 2002, he was elected President and Chief Executive Officer, and in 2004, he was elected Chairman and CEO. In 2011, Somerville was elected Chairman until his retirement in 2013.

Prior to joining ABS, he served as a seagoing engineer and gained shipyard experience at Newport News, at the time the largest shipbuilder in the world.

Somerville holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Engineering from Maine Maritime Academy. He received an honorary Doctorate of Science from Maine Maritime Academy, an honorary Doctorate of Commercial Science from the Webb Institute and an honorary Doctorate of Science from City University, London – Cass Business School. He is a graduate of the Harvard Business School’s Advanced Management Program and is a Fellow of SNAME.

Somerville currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for GasLog Ltd; a member of the Board of Directors for Keppel Offshore and Marine, as well as for Knightsbridge Tankers, Ltd.; Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Maine Maritime Academy; a member of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Foundation Board of Trustees. He also served as Vice Chairman and Chairman of IACS.

Somerville is an active member of many professional associations and has received numerous awards in recognition of his contributions to maritime safety. He was inducted into the International Maritime Hall of Fame at the United Nations in 2006. In 2007, the US Chamber of Shipping of America awarded him the Admiral Halert C. Shephard Award. In 2009, he received both SNAME’s Vice Admiral “Jerry” Land Medal and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Foundation’s Captain Emery Rice Medal. In 2011, he received the United Seamen’s Service Admiral of the Ocean Sea Award. In 2012, Somerville was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from Seatrade. In 2013, he was named International Personality of the Year at the Lloyd’s List Greek Shipping Awards. That same year, he received the U.S. Coast Guard Distinguished Public Service Award. In 2014, he was recognized with Lloyd’s List North American Lifetime Achievement Award.



An elegant evening honoring an elegant gentleman.

September 2014

The State of Development, Design and Construction in NYC -2015

The Development, Design & Construction Committee held a panel discussion at Holy Trinity Cathedral Ballroom, 339 East 74th Street, New York City on the topic of the State of Development, Design and Construction in New York City-2015. Featured guest panelist were Adrienne Albert, Founder and CEO of The Marketing Directors; Oskar Brecher, Executive Vice President of the Moinian Group; Alan Goldstein, AIA- Partner, GHWA; Kent Swig, President of Swig Equities with the moderator Lou Katsos, the Committee Chairman. The program drew a capacity crowd and focused on the current state of construction in NYC.

October 2014

OXI Day Commemoration Features a Documentary on Kalavryta in memory of Dimitrios Kontos

The Dimitrios Kontos Memorial Program is an annual event sponsored by the Kontos family in memory of the long-standing member of the Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce, successful businessman, and much loved and fondly remembered stalwart of New York's Greek American community.

The program, which is held yearly on or about St. Dimitrios Day, often commemorates Greek Oxi Day which is celebrated on October 28. Last year, the Kontos family joined forces with the New York City Greek Film Festival to present two free standing room only screenings of the documentary **KALAVRYTA: PEOPLE AND SHADOWS** at the Cinema Village.



Directed by Elias Giannakakis, the documentary examines the slaughter of the entire male population of the town of Kalavryta by the Germans in 1943.

Born in Athens, Dimitrios Kontos migrated to the US in the late 1940s and assumed control of a family wholesale produce business. He is survived by his wife Carol, daughter Nicole Liakeas, and son George.

December 2014

Holiday & Networking Event

In celebration the end of another successful year and in the spirit of the holiday season a networking event held for members took place on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at the Four Points by Sheraton, Vista Sky Lounge, in Long Island City. The event brought together over 60 of our members for an evening of cocktails, music and dancing.

February 2015

Hellenic-/Norwegian-American Chambers Present 21st Annual Joint Shipping Conference

The Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce and the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce held their 21st Annual Joint Shipping Conference at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York on February 11, 2015. The conference was a great success with many major industry players as conference speakers and delegates. As a testament to the quality of the program and cooperation, there were over 220 people in attendance!

The title of this year's program was "The Life of A Ship." The conference began with a strong macroeconomic presentation by Fotis Giannakoulis of Morgan Stanley. Major industry figures such as Robert Shaw, 2013 Hellenic American Person of the Year Award Recipient, of Sea Trade Holdings discussed important aspects of financing, building and operating a ship. It was interesting to hear the many thoughts and exchanges amongst the panelists as well as the audience on the changing nature of the shipping industry and the positive views relating that change. There were insightful discussions about shipbuilding, ship management, financing considerations, insurance, sanctions and vessel performance, including environmental responsibility. We learned a lot about the constant need to adjust and revise strategies to meet the demands of a changing global economy and its impact on shipping.

We look forward to continued success at next February's conference and hope to see you there.



January 2015

Ariadne's Thread- The New Building Department Regulatory Process Agenda

On January 15 in a very well attended major event entitled "Ariadne's Thread- The New Building Department Regulatory Process Agenda" was held at the Russian Tea Room the new Building Department Commissioner Rick D. Chandler and Deputy Commissioner Timothy Hogan discussed the current state of construction in New York and City regulations with the moderator Lou Katsos, the Committee Chairman. It was among the first interviews granted by the new commissioners and many principal players in the greater New York development, design and construction community were in attendance to hear the discussion and later ask questions. Even though the Real Estate Board of New York's 119th Annual Banquet was held the same evening many in tuxedos came to the "Ariadne" event bypassing its Cocktail Hour. Reaching capacity and excepting only RSVP's about 125 people had to be turned away. Parts of the event can be viewed on youtube under Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce.

The program was presented by the Development, Design and Construction Committee of HACC.

January 2015

Book Presentation- 3rd Edition of Greek Americans: Struggle and Success

On January 22 the Committee hosted at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Ballroom the “Dr. Moskos Book Presentation – 3rd Edition of Greek Americans: Struggle and Success” book presentation and signing event. Prof. Katsos introduced Dr. Peter Moskos and spoke to the background and history of the classic and important work in Hellenic American studies originally written by Dr. Peter Moskos’s father the esteemed Prof. Charles C. Moskos former Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Northwestern University. Dr. Moskos who had updated the book in the 3rd Edition made a brilliant and well prepared presentation related to his added research in writing the book as well as at times humorous anecdotes and realities of the struggle and success of Hellenic Americans. He read various passages and excerpts from the book as well as sign copies of it at the end of his presentation which was very well attended. The event can be viewed on youtube under Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce.

The program was presented by The Education and Culture Committee of HACC.

February 2015

Bonding 2015

On Thursday, February 19, 2015 panel discussion was hosted at The Holy Trinity Cathedral Hall, NY The moderator Nick Legakis, Skyline Risk Management guided panelists Michael Blount, Northeast Region Underwriting Manager, Hudson Insurance Group and Barry Shabashkevich, AVP Lead Surety Underwriter, QBE North America through a discussion on insurance bonding and underwriting. The discussion included a financial exercise to familiarize the attendees with the process of as well as to stress the importance to generate and maintain meaningful financial information.

The program was presented by the Finance, Investment and Insurance Committee of HACC.

March 2015

Trade USA- Construction Mission

On March 24th – March 26th the Committee hosted, at the Hellenic Republic Press Offices, and arranged for Business to Business meetings with development, design and construction companies from the Hellenic Republic and members of the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce in Athens. The series of events for the “Trade USA- Construction Mission” event was conceived by the Committee Chairman Lou Katsos with the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and a result of his presentation in Athens in November, 2014 to the American Hellenic Chamber about opportunities in New York for their companies. This event has been written about extensively by the Hellenic as well as the American press (Commercial Observer and Bloomberg). The Committee arranged a total of 71 Business to Business meetings for 8 Hellenic companies with major U.S. companies over three days as well as hosting other events with them including visiting major New York construction projects.

The program was presented by the Development, Design and Construction Committee of HACC.

March 2015

Independence Day Commemoration Academic Program

On March 25 and under the auspices of the Consulate General of the Hellenic Republic, following a Consulate reception for Hellenic Independence Day, the Committee hosted its yearly “Up From The Ashes- March 25,1821: “We are All Greeks” Scholar Presentation at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Ballroom. Prof. Katsos introduced Anthoussa Diakopoulou who presented a magnificent highly researched scholarly study of “The Role of Greek Women in the Greek War of Independence”. Its importance was demonstrated by the extensive article coverage by the Ethikos Kyrix (National Herald) and quotes from her presentation. The yearly Hellenic Revolution Scholar(s) Presentation Series started by the Committee and its Chairman a few years ago is always well attended and Archbishop Dimitrios, who has attended all the series events, and makes the final remarks, has stated more than once that the series is the finest of its kind whether in the U.S. or Hellas.

The program was presented by The Education and Culture Committee of HACC.

The State of New York City Development Design & Construction 2015

On March 26 the Committee as part of its very well known and industry acclaimed HACC Panel Discussion Series held its “The State of New York City Development, Design & Construction 2015 “. Moderated by the Committee Chair Lou Katsos, at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Ballroom, the panel included Jay Badame- President and COO, Tishman Construction; Faith Faith Consolo-Chairman, Douglas Elliman’s Retail Leasing and Sales Division; Carlos R. Oliveri, Jr. – Senior Vice President Edward J. Minskoff Equities, Inc.; and Martin Piazzola- Senior Vice President of Development AvalonBay Communities. As with all Panel Discussion Committee events which have developed an industry cult following in the greater New York development, design and construction community, it was standing room only. The event created a lot of media buzz , not unusual for the HACC Panel Discussion Series which always includes the various industries top “movers and shakers” both in the panel and the audience. The event created news based on the discussions and appeared in the Real Estate Weekly among other outlets. Parts of the event can be seen on youtube under Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce.

The program was presented by the Development, Design and Construction Committee of HACC.

April 2015

First National Hellenic American Genealogy Conference

On April 25 the Committee in association with HellenicGenealogyGeek.com held an all day “First National Hellenic American Genealogy Conference” at the Holy Trinity Cathedral Ballroom. It was a first of its kind , highly recognized by the media through various news outlets internationally, and was both national and international in scope with presenters from both the U.S. and Hellas. The concept for the event was originally proffered to the leaders and members of the Hellenic genealogy research community by Prof. Katsos the Committee Chair and who himself is a member of that community. The enthusiasm for the event culminated in bringing together the top researchers from America and Hellas in the Hellenic Genealogy area for presentations as well as members interested in Hellenic Genealogy from around the U.S. and Canada, besides the New York metropolitan area. The event was moderated by the Committee Chair Prof. Katsos who was also a presenter. The presenters included Dr. Moschos on “The Greek Experience in America”, Georgia S. Keilman (founder of Hellenic Genealogy Geek) on “How U.S. Records Help Prepare You for Research in Greece”, George Tselos (Chief Archivist of Ellis Island) on “Passenger Ships and Ellis Island Records”, Prof. Katsos on “Brief History of Hellenic Lands”, Dr. Marietta Minotos (Director of the Hellenic Archives) who submitted material on “Records Available from the General State Archives of Greece”, Peter Dickson on “Using DNA in Greek Family Research”, Prof. Katsos and Michael Kalavritinos on “Other Sources for Hellenic Genealogy Research”, Debbie Petrides on “A Case Study from Chios”, Gregory Kontos from Athens on “Hellenic Research Done for Gates “Finding Your Hellenic Roots” program on PBS”, Carol Petranek on “Planning a Hellenic Genealogy Research Trip, and Prof. Katsos on the concept of “Hellenic Genealogy Tourism’. The event had extensive media coverage including on Antenna TV. Parts of the program in six one hour segments appear on youtube under the title First National Hellenic American Genealogy Conference.

The program was presented by The Education and Culture Committee of HACC.

April 2015

Musical Tribute to Archbishop Iakovos

On April 30 the Committee presented the “Archbishop Iakovos Anniversary Musical Tribute” at St. Peter’s Church at Citigroup Center. The Anniversary Musical Tribute for Archbishop Iakovos was to commemorate in April the tenth year anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord, the 56th anniversary of his enthronement as Archbishop and the 50th year anniversary of the Selma March of Archbishop Iakovos with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.. The Musical Tribute, a multi ethnic/ multicultural event, featured The Alexiad Chorale created for the event, the Harlem ARC Gospel Choir, The Hebrew Union College Chorale, The Byzantine Choir of New York, and The New York Choir of Greek Demotic Songs. The program and the performances of these groups brought tears to many eyes in the diverse audience and has been hailed by the Hellenic American media as the “finest program” of its type ever presented in the U.S.. During the event and performances large screen photo images were projected of Archbishop Iakovos throughout his life and brought back memories to all regardless of race of this great humanitarian and religious leader. The event Honorary Co- Chairman were John Catsimatidis CEO of Red Apple Group and Lloyd Williams CEO of The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce. Both spoke prior to the start of the event passionately of the life and times of Archbishop Iakovos of the uniqueness of this great man and his ability to bring people together – all people. Dr. Cohen Professor Emeritus of Hebrew Union College with strong intellectual and theological brevity spoke to the great religious leader that Archbishop Iakovos was and the timeless linkages between the Judaic and Hellenic people. Segments of the event can be viewed on youtube with articles in the Ethikos Kyriax (National Herald).

The program was presented by The Education and Culture Committee of HACC.

May 2015

Spring Networking



Boat house event

On Wednesday, May 6 in collaboration with the European-American Chamber of Commerce, members came together for an annual networking event that took place at the Central Park Boathouse, NY. The reception hosted 250 members from various bi-lateral European Chambers of Commerce including the Austrian, Belgian, British, Finnish, French, German, Irish, Italian, Luxembourg, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish, Swedish and Swiss Chambers.

October 2015

New York City Greek Film Festival Enjoys A Record Breaking Year

2014 was a good year for Greek cinema in general and for the New York City Greek Film Festival in particular.

Despite the Greek financial crisis that has made funding film production extremely difficult, Greek filmmakers managed to turn out a substantial number of quality films that found audiences around the world and that the NYCFFF was proud to bring to its audiences. Among them: the Cannes festival sensation **XENIA**, the crime drama **THE ENEMY WITHIN**, the wittily philosophical **COMMON DENOMINATOR**, and the enthralling **LITTLE ENGLAND**, which played to a sold out 1,100- seat Ziegfeld Theater with director Pantelis Voulgaris and his wife, scenarist Ioanna Karystiani, in attendance.

It was also the year that the NYCFFF took a giant step forward and presented mini-festivals to enthusiastic audiences in Cambridge, MA and Atlanta, GA. In all, slightly over 5,000 people came to see Greek movies, breaking all previous attendance records.

“It was the kind of year that reset the standard even higher than it already was,” said Jimmy DeMetro, the festival’s director. “We are grateful to the sponsors without whom none of this would have been possible,” he added.



Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals (HACCYP)



The Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals (HACCYP), established in 2007, is one of the largest Greek Young Professionals Networks in the world. Under the present direction of George Zapantis and Ananea Adamidis, the HACCYP hosts monthly business and social Cocktail Networking Receptions held after work at various venues throughout New York City. The events are geared towards making it easy for young professionals to make new contacts and friends. On average 200 young professionals attend every month. This year, the HACCYP launched a Speaker Series created to provide valuable insight into the various

represented professions of the Chamber. The Inaugural event was held on June 23, 2015 at the Harvard Club, to a sold out audience, with Chamber Chairman, Mr. Clay Maitland serving as esteemed speaker.

Noted past events include receptions at: Pera Soho, Indigo Hotel Rooftop, Trump World Bar, The Sky Room, The Attic, The Harvard Club, & The Doubles Club.

There is much more to come this coming year and look forward to the development of our YP members into active participants and contributors of the Chamber.

May 2015
HACC Elects

**Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce
Holds Annual Elections**

The Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce held its annual membership meeting on May 22, 2015, at the law offices of Blank Rome, LLP. The meeting is held each year for the purpose of reviewing the Chamber's activities and electing officers and directors for the coming year.

President Nancy Papaioannou, who also serves as president of Atlantic Bank, addressed the gathering, and reviewed the Chamber's events for the past year. Highlights included the 66th Annual Dinner Dance honoring Robert Somerville, the 21st Annual Joint Shipping Conference, numerous construction and development industry events, including a panel discussion on the State of New York City Development, Design and Construction and the 8th Annual Greek Film Festival. Other events included various cultural lectures and receptions, including a musical tribute to the late Archbishop Iakovos.

The meeting proceeded to elections. Seward & Kissel LLP partner Derick Betts served as chairman of the meeting, and a slate of 10 directors were re-elected to their positions for three year terms. Following the membership meeting, the Board of Directors met to elect officers. Chairman Clay Maitland and President Papaioannou were re-elected to another one year term for 2015-16. The other officers elected were Executive Vice President Brian Devine of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Vice President Theodore Sogotis of Eagle Shipmanagement Inc., Treasurer Markos Drakotos of M&N Management Corp. and Secretary Christopher Ioannides of Balticare, Inc.

June 2015
Other News

**Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce Donation
Aids Abused and Neglected Children in Greece**

In June HACC announced a contribution of \$5,000 to the Athens-based ELIZA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The donation was made possible by sponsors of the Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce, Development, Design and Construction Committee chaired by Lou Katsos.

"All children deserve a great childhood, but there are children who are not so blessed," said Princess Marina of Greece, President of ELIZA. "It is only through the support of true ambassadors like the Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce that we can help abused and neglected children in Greece. We truly appreciate this donation."

Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce President Nancy Papaioannou noted the importance of supporting ELIZA. "This is an organization with a proven track record of helping abused children," she said. "Even though the funds available to them are scant, the devoted employees and volunteers of ELIZA work around the clock to assist vulnerable children, particularly infants to five-year-olds, who are in dire need of protection and assistance."

The ELIZA Society was established in Athens, Greece, in 2008. It is the only non-governmental organization in Greece that specializes exclusively in safeguarding and promoting the rights of children who have suffered or who are in danger of suffering abused and neglect, with an emphasis on the ages 0-5. As a registered charity, ELIZA receives no funding from the state and is totally supported by donations from individuals, companies, organizations charitable foundations, and revenues from its own fund-raising events.

The Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1947, to cultivate, foster and develop commercial and trade relations between the United States of America and Greece, and to promote and strengthen the economic and cultural ties between the two countries. It also provides a network and forum for its members to meet, interact, and exchange ideas. For more information, contact the Chamber's Executive Secretary Stamatis Ghikas at 212-629-6380 or email at info@hellenicamerican.cc.

**The following firms and individuals
have joined the HACC. Welcome to
all.**

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