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# KARYES

## Lakonia



Sakalis spring at Rachi

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## A SUMMER FULL OF EVENTS

### Karyes: the beautiful and lively mountain village of Lakonia

This summer was full of cultural events in Karyes, grace to the efforts of the association, the clubs and the local municipality. On pages 2-3-4 you may read a detailed reference to the summer events.

#### A jewel in the square



We watched it for some time under construction and finally this summer it started to serve customers. The cafe-bar SAVAS, owned by Konstantinos Vastis is situated at an impressive building on the central square of Karyes.

It is a real jewel built of stone and wood. Apart from its square side, the cafe-bar has a terrace overlooking the beautiful forest of Mount Parnonas. The café-bar serves coffee, drinks, snacks, pizza, club sandwich etc.



#### Karyes has a Pharmacy Store

Karyates have been informed with great pleasure about the opening of a pharmacy store in the village. Finally, a necessity became a reality that had been discussed for so many years and expressed as a desire by the residents and the visitors of Karyes. The store, which is owned by Mr. **Pericles Tzanetakis**, serves regular drug needs and prepares recipes orders.



It is located on the main street, at the building that formerly housed the postal branch. Its telephone number is +302731095166.

The store's opening hours:

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Monday and Wednesday	09:00 - 14:00	
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	09:00 - 14:00	17:00 - 20:00

#### The Karyes Blood Bank organized its 2006 Summer Blood Donation

Η Τράπεζα Αίματος Καρυών πραγματοποιεί τακτική αιμοδοσία στις Καρυές



την Τετάρτη 3/8/2016  
και ώρα 18:00 - 20:00  
στην αίθουσα του Κοινοτικού Καταστήματος

The annual summer voluntary blood donation was held on Wednesday, August 3 at the Karyes Community Building. The blood samples were collected from a mobile workshop of Laconia General Hospital and the participation was satisfactory, but there is always room for greater involvement of all of us.

#### The new board of the Karyes Cultural Club



At the end of June, the elections for the new Board of the Karyes Cultural Club of Karyes took place. After the final results the new Board consists of:

**Dritsa Eva** (Chairman)  
**Velonis Dimitrios** (Vice)  
**Poulokefalou Maria** (Registrar)  
**Dritsa Constantina** (Treasurer) and  
**Machera Constantina** (member)

The new Board already showed its willingness by organizing two events in August. At the same time, it announced plans for a series of events during the winter in order to keep Karyes vivid.

The Board members of our Association wholeheartedly wish good luck to the newly elected Board and state once again that they will be next to them in all their efforts, always regarding the good of the charming village and its inhabitants.

## 2nd song festival at the "Archontiko tou Parnona" hotel

The first event was organized in July by the Hotel of compatriot Yannis Koutsogeorgas. In collaboration with the Sparta's Conservatory "Melodia", the "Archontiko tou Parnona" organized for the second follow year a 2-day song festival on 18 and 19 July 2016, at the hotel's outdoor yard. The live bands entertained the attendees two beautiful nights with Greek music hits and laiko-artistic music program.



## Athanasios Matalas Memory conference

On Sunday night July 24 a really nice event took place at the grove of Ag. Paraskevi Church. An event dedicated to the **Great Benefactor of Karyes and Lakonia Athanasios Matalas**. For his great personality, his life and his work, spoke to attendees the Head of State Archives - File N. Laconia Ms. **Kalliopi Gavala** and Mr. **Michael Sovolos**, Archivist. The event, held as part of the summer program of the **Municipality of Sparta**, with the active participation of **our Association**, included traditional music-dance party. The **Sparta's Folk - Dance Association** presented dances of Karyes (Arachova) and Eastern Rumelia, a region of northern Thrace (modern Bulgaria) which used to hosted a vast Greek population. It was a good opportunity for all the Karyates to learn all about the personality of this worthy child of Karyes. The evening ended with sweets offer.



## Our "panigyria" (traditional festivals)



At the annual festivals of Karyes on 26 and July 27, several Karyates from all parts of the world gathered in the village to meet and celebrate. The celebration began in the morning with Mass and the procession of the holly picture on 26 in the Church of St. Paraskeyi and on 27 on Church St. Andrew, where and St. Panteleimon holly picture is kept.



At the evening hundreds of people from Karyes and the surrounding villages came to taste traditional delicacies and to dance with the sounds of live music.



The feature of this year's event was the significant presence of youth and intense mood for fun.



The feast lasted until morning, confirming once again that the panigyria of Karyes are the finest of its kind in Laconia.



## "Wine and spirit" at Karyes

The July events were completed with the Wine Tasting Event in the central square of Karyes. Our Association decided this year once again to organize a beautiful cultural event. In collaboration with the Municipality of Sparta, they showed residents and visitors a night dedicated to Wine. The Laconians winemakers C. Tsimpidis and Theodorakakos estate presented their wines accompanied by an event with live song and film projectors on Wine, inspired by the long-term relationship of our people with the vine. The program presented by the oenologist Dimitri Chatzinikolaou and singer and performer Vassilis Chatzinikolaou. MsVoula Dalakoura also impressed the attendants with an acapella song "Ampeli mou platuffullo". At the same time, several Karyates with the guidance of compatriot Harris Mentavlos present a demonstration of traditional dances dedicated to the wine.



## KARYES AUGUST 2016

### The celebration of the Assumption

#### A Music Event in the “Arachovitika Kalyvia”



At the eve of the Virgin Assumption day in Arachovitika Kalyvia at the evening an event with live music was organized. With participation of musicians Marino Deli, Konstantinos Angelopoulos and Babis Kypriotakis, the hotel's event hall filled with greek rebetico and traditional songs.



On the day of the Assumption, the Holy Mass was held in the “Panagia” church, with the enclosure of the Menelaus trees and the small church be filled with people.

As every year, after the completion of the Divine Liturgy, people flooded the Karyes main square for coffee.



## SOCIAL NEWS

### George Arthanasiou Boukides passed away in California

George A. Boukidis was born in Evanston, Illinois, into a large, dynamic, and accomplished family of 10 children. His parents Tom and Eleni Boukidis hailed from the village of Karyes (Arahova), Greece. While George was a young child, his mother took several of the younger children, including George, back to Karyes for approximately seven years to absorb the culture and education only village life could instill. Upon returning to Evanston to join his other family members, George grew up to become a great American patriot by enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Force during the war years.

George served proudly in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II from 1942 to 1945. During his tour of service, he participated in the European/African/Middle East Campaign, the Atlantic/Pacific Campaign, and the American Campaign. In the latter part of his tour, he achieved the rank of Tech Sergeant in the Eastern Air Command in the China/Burma/India Theatre. He also logged many hours as a Reconnaissance Pilot in the intelligence area. He was awarded the Bronze Star and functioned as an extra Liaison Pilot, also earning a good conduct medal and a foreign service medal. He was a lifetime member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, as well as a past member of AHEPA.

Upon his return from service, George settled in Tucson, Arizona. There, he attended the University of Arizona and opened two restaurants with other family members. It was in Tucson where he met the love of his life, Demetra (Jan) Chilikas, who also had relocated to Tucson with her family from Winnetka, Illinois. George and Jan married in 1949 in what was the first Greek Orthodox ceremony ever to be held in Tucson. George helped establish the Greek community there by finding the first church property and securing the financing. While in Tucson, George and Jan had two sons, James and Bill, in 1951 and 1952, respectively.

In 1955, George and Jan heard the call of the beautiful California weather and of other family members, to move west. They first settled in Burbank, California, and later in Glendale, California, where their daughter Trisha was born in 1959.

George worked in sales and later in the transportation industry. He had many entrepreneurial opportunities and was always striving for success in order to provide for his family. His final employed position was as Vice President of Sales for the Los Angeles office of Arrow Liftschultz, where George and Jan had the opportunity to travel to various locations throughout the U.S. until George finally retired.

George always stressed the importance of being a good citizen and emphasized this to his children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He lived by the virtues of truth and justice, often regaling stories of his own father Tom Boukidis' goodness to less fortunate individuals during the depression, which made an indelible mark on George's own character. This was evidenced by George's innate honesty and fair dealing. He often attributed the origins of these tenets to ancient Greece and its poets and philosophers. He was intensely proud of his Greek heritage and his entire family. He was also a proud citizen of this great country of the United States. George was a member of the "Greatest Generation," always putting the country before self, and he flew the flag proudly over his house daily. George was a unique character in every sense of the word and was renowned for his pontifications for which his grandchildren would hang on each and every word with smiles and laughter. His greatest pride and joy was his grandchildren, who adored him in return, and his wife, whom he always spoke lovingly of long after she had passed.

George is predeceased by his wife of over 50 years, Jan, and by his son Bill. He is survived by his son James Boukidis and James' wife Cindi; by his daughter Trisha and her husband Christopher Kourafas; by his sister Anne Boukidis Michas of Palm Springs; by his grandchildren Alex and Jennifer Boukidis and Alexis, Adrianna, and Eleni Kourafas; and by many nieces and nephews. He will be sorely missed.

Patricia Boukidis-Kourafas

### Thanks to

The Board the Karyates Association wishes to thank **Ms. Toulia Pitsiou** for her financial support by depositing the amount of US \$ 100 in memory of her husband Demosthenes.

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available in <http://www.karyes.gr/archives/>



## KARYES AUGUST 2016

### The annual reception of the Karyates Association

**Δεξίωση Συνδέσμου Απανταχού Καρυατών**  
**Σάββατο 6 Αυγούστου 2016, 19:30**  
**Κοινοτικό Κτίριο Καρυών**



On August, the festivities and the events organised by the associations and the clubs of Karyes continued with the same success. The first two events of August took place on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of August**.

The events of that day began with the annual reception of the Association of Worldwide Karyates (S.A.K.) for all the residents and the visitors. In the afternoon, many Karyates gathered at the hall of the Karyes Community Building, where the board members of our Association offered to all pastries and coffee.

Although in previous years various issues concerning the village were presented, this year all the discussion focused on the presentation of the **S.A.K. architectural project** at the owned building located on Karyes central square.

The presentation of the study, which included a number of historical and architectural references of Laconia and Karyes land, was made by the architect / engineer and compatriot Mr. **Ioannis Karachalios**.

The architectural study for the building-multiplex called **Memory and Culture Centre of Karyes Lakonias** will be published in the next News Bulletin of our Association with a more detailed article.



### The musical evening at the Municipal Clock ("Rolhoi")

The same day at the evening a musical event with "rebetiko" music took place at the grove of Agios Ioannis church under the Municipal Clock. The "**Music Night**" was organized by the **Karyes Cultural Club**. At the highest point of the village, with the spectacular panoramic view, many Karyates and visitors from the surrounding villages gathered to dance with rebetiko music by the music band of Vana and Konstantinos Angelopoulos, Babis Kyriotakis, Giannis Iatridis and Vassilis Georgakopoulos. The event that was held for the second consecutive year had free entry, while there were tables and chairs and an outdoor bar available for drinks.

Congratulations to the new board of the Karyes Cultural Club that in such a short time after the elections, managed to organize such an event.

### A star watching night



Grace at the immediate activation of the Karyes Cultural Club's new board on **Friday August 12**, a **star watching night** was organized for the first time in Karyes. In collaboration with the **Sparta Astronomical Union** a brief video presentation for the stars, the constellations and the basic elements of the universe that surrounds us was held at the square. The presenter Mr. **Stavros Chios**, member of the Sparta Astronomical Union emphasized the privilege of the lack of light pollution that makes Mount Paronias an ideal natural stellar observatory. He also mentioned the great success of the **10th Panhellenic Gathering of Amateur Astronomers** which took place on Paronias at the weekend of the July 29-31.

Then the attendees moved to the courtyard of the Church of St. Andreas, where they observed the planet Saturn and the Moon using a large telescope and identified constellations with special laser. Members of the Union Sparta Astronomical willingly answered many questions about the universe and the stars.

Finally Mr. Chios gave a great photo for the poster of the event with the monument of the Caryatids in the light of our galaxy and stars.



### The annual summer dance of the Worldwide Karyates Association

The next day, on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> the annual dance of the Karyates Association took place. It was a great opportunity for a **pankaryatic reunion** under the trees and the stars. The event took place in the courtyard of the church of Agia Paraskevi and Primary School. The gathering was accompanied by traditional music of our compatriot DJ and music producer **Mr. Leonidas Chondropoulos**. Although the weather had changed and the cold was bitter for a summer night, the Karyates honored the event with their presence, dining and danced until late at night. **Young Karyates from all around the world were honored for their studies**, while all attendees who participated in the lottery left with even a symbolic "thank you" gift.

The board members of our Association wishes to thank once again all the compatriots who offered gifts or by bought lottery tickets and actively demonstrated their support to our goals.



## EVENTS IN MOUNT PARNONAS AND ITS VILLAGES

### 10th Panhellenic Sortie of amateur astronomers New Record at the Parnonas astronomical appointment



The participation at the 10th Panhellenic Dash of amateur astronomers broke every previous record. It was held at the weekend of **Friday, Saturday and Sunday 29-31 July 2016**, at **Mount Parnonas**, the natural border of the county of Arcadia and Laconia.

According to the organizers, although the submitted applications amounted to 600 in the beautiful mountain gave the "present" over **800** people!

It is the rare beauty fir forest at an altitude of **1,450 meters**, where the planet, the star clusters, the nebulae and the galaxies lovers, give each year their rendez-vous!

The reason for that choice is that it is one of the few remaining places with no light pollution (phenomenon that culminates around urban centers and prevents star watching), but also with unsurpassed natural beauty.

Like every other year and that year the little and the older visitors had the opportunity by using a plurality of telescopes to observe the night sky, to go hiking, climbing, take part in seminars, attend lectures, even build water rockets!

Note that the Sortie was co-organized by the **Sparta's Astronomical Union**, grace at the initiative of its chairman Mr. Panagiotis Katsichtis, by the **Legal Entity of Culture and Environment (City of Sparta)** and the **Vamvakou Cultural Association "Nea Zoe" (New Life)**.



### The historic Athletic Association of Vourvoura organized Athletics Games



On **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016** athletics games were organized at **Vourvoura sports field** by the Vourvoura Sports Association with the participation of local and foreign athletes. Medals were awarded to the first three athletes of each event and category, while all athletes of children's classes were given souvenirs.

This is an event that has become an institution for the Vourvoura Athletic Association, in order to honor its long history and the significant distinctions of its athletes-members since **1897** (year of its foundation) until now. A sport's appointment that renews every summer.

### Vamvakou: The initiative of the Local Cultural Club makes the village an example



The **Vamvakou Cultural Association "New Life" (Nea Zoe)** organized for the fourth consecutive year, a **five (5) weeks cycle of summer activities**, in order to bridge the modern people with the Customs and Traditions of the Past.

So, on afternoon of **July 23** the presentation of "**Laconic Calendar on Parnonas**" took place. The Calendar has been jointly organized by the Publications «idiomorfi» and the Legal Entity of Culture and Environment of the City of Sparta. It is a publication of 320 pages, which unfolds our mountain as a whole, both the Laconia and Arcadia side flora and fauna, caves, "Natura" areas, the lifestyle of people from ancient times until today, the streets, the Byzantine monuments and monasteries, place names, literature, economics, hiking trails and climbing. It also includes a detailed presentation of the mountain's cartographic history including rare maps, historical pages at the time and a significant folklore study on the mountain and a small collection of poems written about it. The study involves also and the Arcadian neighbors, as Parnonas doesn't recognize people's boundaries.

On **July 26** in the morning, the Solemn Mass took place at the **St. Paraskevi church** in "**Platy River**", by the Reverend George Blathras, after which the people moved in a specially designed area of the **Springs**, where an outdoor gathering followed. In the afternoon in the old cafe of the square an **Evening of Music by Juke Box** took place!

In the morning of **July 27**, the Solemn Mass was celebrated at the **Cathedral** of St. Charalambos whose right aisle is dedicated at the name of **St. Panteleimon** and at the evening at the **square** a **Traditional Feast** with Zacharias Karounis and dance departments of the Kokkinorachi Cultural Association was organized!

On **July 31** in the afternoon a workshop was organized in the **Square** based on "**The architecture of the buildings of Vamvakou**", a presentation of NTUA Research in collaboration with the Legal Entity Culture and Environment of the City of Sparta.

At Saturday evening on **August 6**, another music evening (with folk and artistic songs) and Gastronomy entitled "**The glass of the heart**" took place and on **August 13** at the morning in the **Lower Fountain** the villagers baked prepared appetizers, while in the afternoon in the Square there was a presentation of Songs from the Greek Film by mr. **Stavros Spiliakos** On **August 15** in the morning the annual commemoration of benefactors took place and on **August 20** (Saturday morning) a Solemn Mass and an Outdoor Gathering was held on the occasion of the Inauguration of the **St. Ephraim church** the "New".

On Sunday **21<sup>st</sup> of August**, the summer events ended with the holy Liturgy at the **church of St John (Ioannis Theologos)** at the mount Parnonas, the so-called "Kouros" because of religious tradition that wanted him to be the patron of farmers under the Reverend George Blathras. After the Liturgy, the visitors descended and gathered at the site of the **Old Refuge** (location Akrialou) where a lunch followed by an **all-day traditional feast** organized with the assistance of the Legal Entity of Culture of the Municipality of Sparta, the Local Community and the Ecclesiastical Council.

Congratulations to the Association Board members who stands out in recent years in their efforts to keep the beautiful village of Vamvakou alive.



### 2016 Summer in Varvitsa



On Sunday **31<sup>st</sup> of July** at the square of Varvitsa the **Honorary Event in memory of Captain Zacharia-Barbitsiotis** took place. The event, which was followed by a gathering, organized by the **Varvitsa Cultural Association "The Meterizi of Parnonas"** and by the Legal Entity of Culture and Environment of the City of Sparta.

This year, apart from the **annual festival of the Assumption on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of August**, a **musical evening** with live music was also organized on Tuesday **August 9<sup>th</sup>** by the Association and many Karyates visited the village in order to celebrate.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Maria Matalas participation at the Poster exhibition of E.E.T.E. for the immigration problem

With great success ended the Fair Poster membership of the Greek Chamber of Fine Arts (E.E.S.T.E.) for the immigration problem. The exhibition lasted from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and as EETE wrote: "The artists create posters to raise awareness of society and workers, on this very big issue of immigration."

### The traditional hostel of our compatriot Vas. Ardamis was awarded



On April 6, 2016 at the Athens Concert Hall under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy, Infrastructure, Marine and Tourism and the National Tourism Organisation (EOT), distinguished hotel units and some of the country's largest hotels, tourist agencies promotion and innovation companies and companies from the entire spectrum of tourism, have been awarded.

Ardamis Traditional guesthouse in the old town of Monemvasia took the **silver prize** and was unique at the traditional guest houses section. Please note that Karyatis hotelier always supports our Association offering free night stay as a gift to all the lotteries that we occasionally organize.

**Congratulations!**

### The serious problem of water shortage



In recent years, thanks to the systematic efforts of Karyes people (community councils) and with the financial support of our Diaspora (Panagiotis and Paraskevi Kopsiasti donation) the serious water shortage afflicting the village during the decades of 1980 and 1990 was solved.

However, this year's winter season 2015-16 had no snow and shortage of rain and for this reason the **Municipal Enterprise for Water and Sewage Sparta (D.E.Y.A.S.)** made the following announcement: "It is known that the current hydrological year was one of the most arid years of the last decade. This has consequences for the adequacy of aquifers. The D.E.Y.A.S. with announcements from last May advised consumers to make reasonable use of water indicating that the water provided by D.E.Y.A.S. It is for drinking, not for irrigation. However in some villages of the municipality there is a lack of water, not so much because there is not sufficient but partly because of overconsumption (garden irrigation, parcels, etc.) and because illegal abstraction. The D.E.Y.A.S. already recorded after checking these phenomena and will tighten controls in the whole municipality to ensure the smooth supply of water so all consumers noting once again that water is not for drinking and for irrigation. The result of the checks will be brought to the attention of the Board of D.E.Y.A.S. and applied as specified in Water Supply Regulation of D.E.Y.A.S. Finally once the D.E.Y.A.S. advises consumers to make reasonable use of water to ensure water supply to all users, but also to protect water sources by the risk level if they continue weathering the drought over the coming months."

Source: APELA.GR

### The drugs plaguing our region: A sad reality

The size of the drug problem plaguing the prefecture appears while reading the report of Laconia police. It features that **30 arrests** have been made during the three summer months of 2016 throughout Laconia. Meanwhile, in late July and early August with the assistance and the Greek Police Air Force (Police Helicopter) identified a number of cannabis plantations in areas of Mani Taygetos and laconic Parnonas (region Vresthena) counting **2,000** plants.

There have been many years since our village was classified badly on this issue throughout the region of Laconia and Arcadia. Unfortunately, some residents of the village (thankfully few) with their criminal actions almost stigmatize beautiful Karyes.

These police operations signified that this scourge is a wider problem of Laconia and as such should be treated.

As reported in the police statement: "*The fight against the proliferation of drugs is a primary, immediate and lasting priority of the Services of General Regional Police Directorate of Peloponnese and actions in this direction will continue unabated and interest in all areas of the Peloponnese region.*"

In any case, **our Association as a social and cultural promotional vehicle for our village representing the Karyates wherever they are, not only strongly condemns anything having to do with relating to the above activities, but says it will not allow -as can- few people to discredit our beautiful village.**

### "P. Kerhoula Trust": Submission of the project's environmental study

The Environmental Impact Study of the project "**Development of Power Installation using Biomass 500kW**" was filed. From 08.18.2016, any interested citizen can receive the printed form of the proposed study, concerning the built at "Agora" (site near Karyes) of project entitled "Development of power Installation using Biomass 500kW" of the Urban Nonprofit Company "Trust Kerchoulas", from the Department of Environment and Hydroeconomy of Laconian Regional Unity located in Sparta. Also, citizens can submit their views in writing up to 9.21.2016 (closing date for the submission of the relevant public opinion) in view of the forthcoming discussion on the matter to the Peloponnese Regional Council.

Mr. Michael Chikaras published also online the study in electronic format (accessed via [www.karyes.gr](http://www.karyes.gr) website).



### IN OUR NEXT ISSUE:

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