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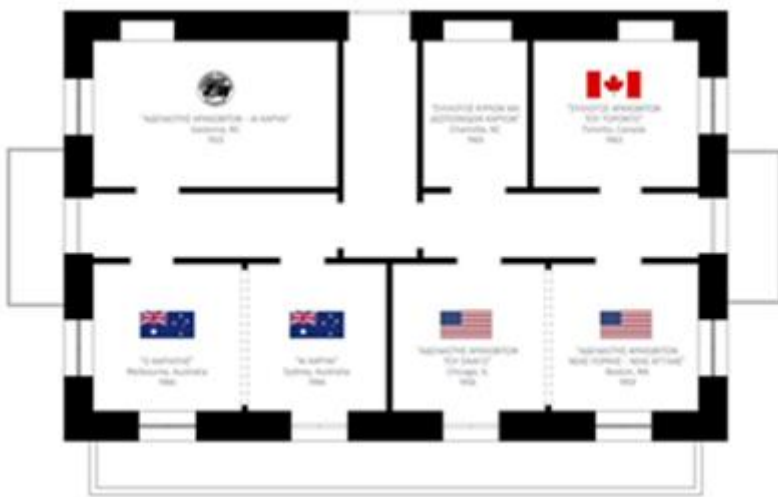
Karyes Memory and Culture Center

Moving forward: The vision is becoming a reality

The renovation works at the building of the KARYATES Association at the central square have been launched. Therefore the Board of the Association hopes that the creation of the Karyes' Laconias **Memory and Culture Center**, will become a reality in the near future. The works had begun after the signing of the project contract between the **Karyates Association** and the "**Lambropoulos E. - Boulougaris I. - Panagakis E.**" Consortium.

The Project with a budget of **€ 284,747.45** (€ 229,635.04 plus VAT € 55,112.41) is part of the Rural Development Program of Greece 2014-2020, MEASSURE 19 "Support for local development through LEADER (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE INITIATIVE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES)" and SUBMETER 19.2 "Support for the implementation of actions in the framework of the local development strategy at the initiative of local communities".

The whole effort is aimed at revitalizing the village, promoting **culture**, preserving **memory**, strengthening **ties** with the Karyates around the world and opening a communication dialogue.



The exhibition hosted in the building of the Association would be dedicated to the people of the village.

We want to become a symbol of memory and connection for the Karyates who left their home country and live abroad. We also want to be a **discovery point for the new generations** growing in U.S.A., Canada or Australia and for whom Karyes is a narrative of the parents or of their grandparents. Thus each Karyes' brotherhood will give its name at a certain room which will be dedicated at a certain historic period.

Furthermore, the Association wants the village of Karyes to be heard all over Greece and beyond, for the only thing that resists the flattening of time and that is **Memory and Culture**.



The members of the Karyates Association BoD **Mr. Michael Repoulis** (President), **Ms Evangelia Kopsiaftis-Gkionis** (Public Relations), **Mr. Christos Prekezes** (Treasurer) and **Ms Lefkothea Latsis** (Public Relations) with the consortium representatives **Mr I. Boulougaris** and **Mr. E. Lampropoulos**.



The color paintings are the final ones



On the celebrating day of the Holly Cross (September, 14) the priest of Karyes, **Father Efstratios**, performed the consecration ritual given his blessing, so as that everything would go as we wished.

At the 1st floor, there is going to be the **exhibition** while the **information center** and a **small souvenir shop** will be located at the entrance of the Central Square. Above the entrance there is going to be the **Karyates Association's office**. Meanwhile the **café** situated at the square will be renovated and reshaped. At the other corner there is going to be a **shop** shelling local traditional products and nearby, at the old forge, there is going to be an **event hall**.

The reconstruction of the building will be concluded by the beginning of 2022, in order to be delivered to the people of Karyes and visitors. We should mention that a small part of the whole project (around € 35.000) is not financed by the "PARNON INITIATIVE" and thus the Karyates Association invites all the Karyates who want the completion of this marvelous project to donate any amount they wish at the Association's special account number, published at the last page of that bulletin.

A “strange” summer

The summer of 2020 was really a different one. The global pandemic has resulted in either the postponement of events or their performance under strict protocols. At the same time, it deprived the Karyates who live overseas of the opportunity to visit Greece and their village, since the travel, and in fact the air travel, was essentially prohibited.



However, because of the good epidemiological situation of Greece, until the end of July, some events took place, while the religious services were carried out with strict protocols.

Due to this situation, the famous Arachovitan festivals (panighyria) did not take place. Nevertheless, this year almost all the compatriots who live in Athens and in other big Greek cities, not only opened their homes, but in fact it would not be an exaggeration to say that they spent almost all of their vacations in the village, as they avoided to travel to our beautiful Greek islands.



In fact, the absence of COVID-19 cases almost throughout the Peloponnese in July and August give the opportunity to many holidaymakers to use Karyes as a base of excursion for many day trips.

Finally, during September and October many holidaymakers decided to postpone their return to the cities and especially in Athens, because of the resurgence of the pandemic in Attica and stayed in the village.

July 26, St. Paraskevi fest



July, 27 St. Panteleimon fest



August 15, Assumption of Virgin Mary fest



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Despite the postponement of the summer events due to the pandemic, the village’s clubs continued their activities. Furthermore both the Karyes Cultural Club and the “Karyatis” Sports Club, organized their elections.

“KARYATIS” Sports Club

Summer Activities



Throughout the summer the facilities of the “Karyatis” Sports Club were open for sports activities. At the soccer stadium the field was tidy and the grass was cut, while at the basketball court the baskets were repaired.

Every afternoon there were dozens of athletes, children and adults, filling the Sports Center. In fact, at night there was lighting, both on the football field and on the basketball court (see photo).

On Sunday, August 30, 2020, the elections of the Sport Club took place with the presence for the first time of a judicial representative (Law 4603/2019 article 26 paragraph 3). The Board expressed its warm thanks to all members (61) and especially to those who participated in the process.

The Financial Report

A concise financial report was presented to the members. Due to the fact that on the same day in the same place (Community event hall) coffee was offered after a memorial service, but also the Karyes Cultural Club held its own elections, the Board of Directors promised to hold an open meeting to present a detailed Financial Report.

The elections

At the elections, 51 members voted and the results are:

For the Board of Directors

- Mentis Theodoros - President (44 votes)
- Arvanitis Marinos – Vice-President (39 votes)
- Tsofle Maria –Secretary General (36 votes)
- Tsoulos Andreas - Treasurer (35 votes)
- Leventakis Stryidon – Special Secretary (31 votes)

Alternate members

- Mentis G. Panaghiotes (38 votes)
- Meleches Stefanos (36 votes)
- Koutsogiorgas Ioannis (31 votes)

Audit Committee

- Poulokefalos-Kolovos Maria - Tactical Member (30 votes)
- Leventakis Ioannis- Tactical Member (30 votes)
- Papapstavrou Demetrios - Tactical Member (22 votes)
- Demas Demetrios - Alternate Member (18 votes)
- Kolovos Konstantinos - Alternate Member (13 votes)

Congratulations to all the elected compatriots and good luck in their work. The Board of Directors of the Karyates Association declares its readiness to cooperate with the new Sports Club BoD, as it did with the precedent one for the good of our village.

2018	
Previous year outcome	44.383,25
Skiouris Foundation Subsidy	15.000,00
Mataleio Foundation Subsidy	150,00
Interest Rate	1,84
Total Income	59.535,09
Total Expences (64 documents)	56.080,74
Total outcome	3.454,25

2019	
Previous year outcome	3.454,25
Skiouris Foundation Subsidy	15.000,00
Mataleio Foundation Subsidy	150,00
Interest Rate	0,39
Tax Revenue	184,70
POS Revenue	210,00
Oregano producers rent	70,00
Donations in memory of Nikolaos Arvanitis	206,29
Total Income	19.725,63
Total Expences (53 documents)	12.954,83
Total outcome	6.320,80

2020	
Previous year outcome	6.320,80
Interest Rate (A’ semester)	0,25
Members Donations	305,00
Total Income	6.626,05
Total Expences (32 documents)	1.846,60
Total outcome 08.30.2020	4.778,45

Karyes Church Council

The compatriots who gathered on the 15th of August at the chapel of the Assumption of Virgin Mary (Panaghia) viewed the new iconostasis. We remind you that the old one had been destroyed in the floods of Winter 2018-19, just a few months after its renovation by the Karyes Church Voluntary Support Team.

The patriots, however, did not put it down and the new iconostasis in honor of Panaghia was built in a new location, just opposite the main entrance in the courtyard of the Temple.

Congratulations!



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Karyates Association announces its intention

to exploit the ground floor of commercial stores

in its property building, located at Karyes Central Square, which will house the Karyes Memory and Cultural Center.

We invite anyone interested in leasing the property to please contact us either by e-mail at info@karyes.gr, or by calling +30 6944 784563, +30 6974 720909.

The Board of Members

Karyes Blood Bank

Voluntary blood donation was organized by the Karyes Blood Bank in Karyes on August 12. During this difficult year of the pandemic with the increased needs for blood, an appeal was made and many compatriots, permanent residents and vacationers, responded to the call. Congratulations to both the organizers and the Volunteer blood donors.



Karyes Cultural Club

Despite all the difficulties, the Karyes Cultural Club managed to organize a lot of events during the summer period, which ended with the election of the new Board.

International Games and Panhellenic Mountain Biking Championship

Initially, for the second consecutive year, the International Mountain Biking Races with the name **Sparta MTB Races** were successfully organized from **18 to 20 July 2020**, on the **specially designed cycling tracks** at Karyes. At the same time, on Saturday, July 19, the Panhellenic Mountain Cycling Marathon Championship was held with the participation of 85 athletes from 30 clubs. In the 4 km roundabout, the men completed 7 laps, the women 5 and the juniors 4.



Athletes from many countries such as **Hungary, France, Poland, Denmark, Austria** etc. participated in the international competitions. Athlete **Bagnon Esteban** from France came first in the men's XCO Olympic category. The Greek duo of **Pericles Elias** and **Dimitris Antoniadis** took 3rd and 4th place respectively. In the women, **Gorycka Paula** from Poland came first, with the Greeks **Barbara Faso** and **Danae Stroumbouli** occupying the 3rd and 4th place respectively.

The winner of the Pan-Hellenic championship was once again **Pericles Elias** of Kronos Nikaia with a time of 3:21:16.

The first six men were as follows:

1. **Elias Perikles** (PS Kronos of Nikaia) 3:21:16
2. **Petridis Theodoros** (A.O. Paradise) 3:21:58
3. **Kourbetis Anastasios** (PS Kronos of Nikaia) 3:24:26
4. **Papanikos Demetrios** (PO Action) 3:32:05
5. **Tsortouksidis Elias** (B.A.O.) 3:33:32
6. **Maragos Nikolaos** (PS Mandra) 3:37:10



Finally, it is worth noting that the **Hellenic Cycling Federation** sent a letter of thanks to the Karyes Cultural Club expressing its warm thanks for the contribution of the Club and the volunteers of Karyes in the **successful organization of the Panhellenic Championship**. It also mentioned that the Federation seeks to further future events.



The winners of the Lucky draw



GIFT 1: 3 Nights for adults and 2 children ALL INCLUSIVE AT 5 * GALAXY BEACH RESORT in Laganas Zakynthos Lucky No. 128 (Koutsogiorga Dina).

GIFT 2: 2 Nights for 2 people with breakfast at ARDAMIS TRADITIONAL GUESTHOUSE at Monemvasia Castle Lucky No. : 350 (Mr. Pololos).

GIFT 3: TV TOSHIBA 4K SMART TV 43 "Lucky No. : 66.

GIFT 4: mobile phone HUAWEI Y5 Lucky No. : 206 (Mr. Sofikitis).

Music events

In the only music event that managed to be organized this year, the band "**Rebetiko Sergiani**" presented a nice music night in the Karyes' Central Square. All the necessary sanitary measures had been taken and many Karyates and visitors enjoyed their evening meal accompanied by rebetiko music.

Unfortunately, the **Summer Party** scheduled for **August 3** at the "Panaghia" yard was **postponed** due to the emergency measures announced by the Greek State.



The financial report

2018	
Income €	
Deposit interest	0.67
Members donation	510.00
Other donations	50.00
Christmas party tickets	4,027.00
Total	4,587.67
Expenses €	
Operational expenses	100.00
Signposts project	250.00
Karyes' primary school gifts	159.99
TV crew accommodation expenses	240.00
Christmas party expenses	3,262.37
Deposit interest tax	0.10
Total	4,012.46
Total current year outcome	575.21
Previous years outcome	6,785.20
Total outcome	7,360.41

2019	
Income €	
Deposit interest	0.71
Apokries (Mardy grass) Celebration tickets	310.00
Return from Karyates Association signposts project	250.00
Other donations	10.00
Summer Party tickets	26,143.00
Christmas party tickets	2,670.00
Total	33,890.88
Expenses €	
Operational expenses	100.00
Bank expenses	3.00
2018 Christmas's party expenses	154.87
Club's banner	135.00
Summer party expenses	23,333.69
2019 Christmas party expenses	2,507.73
Karyes Church committee gathering	42.00
Apokries (Mardy Grass) expenses	642.28
Sparta MRB GYCLING RACES 2019	138.75
"IN THE SHADOW OF PARNON" (Easter celebrations live coverage)	267.76
Deposit interest tax	0.11
Total	31,832.36
Total current year outcome	2,058.52
Previous years outcome	7,360.41
Total outcome	9,418.93

2020	
Income €	
Deposit interest	0.43
Summer Lottery	1,007.00
Total	1,007.43
Expenses €	
Operational expenses	191.50
Karyes' primary school gifts	180.15
Apokries (Mardy Grass) expenses	221.05
Office expenses	239.90
Summer folk music night expenses	1,003.32
Village's cleaning initiative expenses	20.00
Cycling routes signposts restoration	30.00
Summer party's expenses	998.60
"IN THE SHADOW OF PARNON"	50.00
Deposit interest tax	0.06
Total	2,934.58
Total current year outcome	-1,927.15
Previous years outcome	9,418.93
Total outcome	7,491.78

Karyes Cultural Club

Elections



On Sunday, August 30, 2020, the elections of the Karyes Cultural Club took place with the following results:

For the Board :

- Leventakis Christos** - President (53 votes)
- Tampaki Konstantina** - Secretary (45 votes)
- Arvanitis Demetrios** - Treasurer (40 votes)
- Melechis Efstathios** - Vice President (39 votes)
- Mentis Panagiotis** - Member (33 votes)
- Dritsa Konstantina** - Alternate Member (26 votes)

For the Audit Committee:

- Sioutos Achilles** - Tactical member (45 votes)
- Mentis Ioannis** - Tactical member (34 votes)
- Papastavrou Demetrios** - Tactical member (29 votes)
- Theodoredes Venetta** - Alternate member (26 votes)
- Macheras Konstantinos** - Alternate member 18 votes)

According to a relevant announcement, the new Board of Directors warmly thank all the 61 members who took part in the Nominations.

We wish warm congratulations to all the elected members and good luck in their work. The Karyates Association BoD declares its readiness to cooperate with the new Cultural Club's BoD, as it did with the precedent, for the progress and prosperity of the beautiful Karyes.

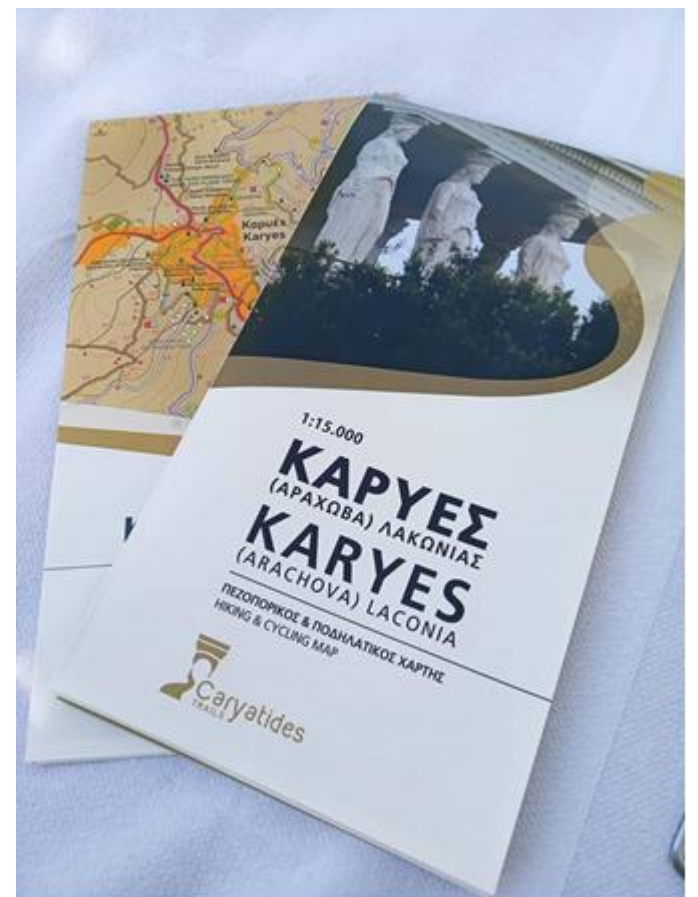
Kerchoulas Trust: Bicycle routes Signaling



The special cycling signposts

The **TERRAIN COMPANY**, with funding from the **Kerchoulas Trust**, has just completed the marking of **4 mountain biking routes**, with a total length of **52 km**, in the greater area of Karyes, in the most beautiful oak forest of Mount Parnon! According to an announcement of the Company, "with top quality materials, the know-how of **TERRAIN** that guarantees the durability and functionality of the project, and of course the top design of **Olga Kodoni**. In the village where races of the **Panhellenic Mountain Biking Championship** are organized as well as international cycling races, now there is the infrastructure for all cyclists to enjoy a magical cycling experience. Come on!"

This project in combination with the trails presents a unique opportunity to enhance tourism in Karyes during the whole year. We hope that all the local businessmen and businesswomen will take advantage of that infrastructure in order to further promote our beautiful village.



A modern detailed hiking and cycling map has been printed, thanks to the initiative of Kerchoulas Trust. The map gives a lot of detailed information both in Greek and in English and its free of charge.

**Do you deal with the arts
(art, painting, music-song, dance, theater, photography, video,
floriculture, crafts)?**

The Association of Karyates invites you to contact us to present your work to our compatriots (permanent and holidaymakers) and to our village visitors in the summer either through an exhibition of your creations or through a cultural action.

Now contact us at info@karyes.gr or at **0030-6944-784563, 0030-6974-720909**.

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The Board Members of our Association and the editorial team
of the News Bulletin wishes to all compatriots



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Efstratios Kostalas: A top sports manager from Karyes

The editorial team of the Bulletin believes that it should highlight through its pages the course of our successful compatriots who are distinguished for their professional course. For this reason we will make a small reference to **Stratos (Efstratios) Ar. Kostalas**.



Mr. Stratos Kostalas (on the left) with the Karyates Association Secretary **Mr. Harris Konstantopoulos**

Stratos Kostalas has been living in **Russia** since 2004 and he is working with the **women's** team of **Spartak Moscow Periphery**. During the days of President Shabtai Von Kalmanovic the team was successful at the European level, winning the **Euroleague Women's Basketball** four (4) times in a row.

Before the challenge of Russia, the experienced sport manager had worked in Greece in the **men's** teams in **Thessalonki (Aris, Iraklis, PAOK)** and **Athens** too (**Panathinaikos, Panionios**) achieving a lot of Greek and European success.

In fact, with Aris Thessaloniki he won the **Eurocup** while with Panathinaikos he participated in 3 **final-fours of the Euroleague**, winning the trophy in **Paris** for the first time with a Greek team.

Furthermore, in Russia she has coached three different **Women's National teams of Russia** (U16, U18 and U19).

This year, because of the suspension of sports events due to the pandemic, he and his family had the opportunity to stay in Greece since March and spend several weeks in the beautiful Karyes.

We always wish him success.

In memory of Nikos Voukides

By **Mrs. Nicoleta Voukidi**



One year had already passed since we lost our beloved son, brother, uncle and cousin. Nikos was passed away because of complications that came from a respiratory infection. His loss plunged his loved ones into unspeakable pain and endless sorrow. **Nikolaos Voukidis** (family name "**Lagios**") was born **57** years ago in **Chicago**, where he lived with his parents and siblings. Returning to Greece after his studies, he worked and lived permanently in his family home in **Glyfada, Athens**. He often visited the summer house maintained by the family in Karyes, Laconia, since **he loved the village deeply**. Nikos was a thoughtful, charismatic and optimistic man who was distinguished for his kindness. His family, to which he had so much love and devotion, will forever honor his memory.

Good heavens our Nikos and to accompany us with the power and the light of your smile from up there!

SOCIAL NEWS

They passed away

On September 26, 2020, **Demetrios Koutsogiorgas**, 92, passed away.

Dear Barba Demos, this very loveable figure of the Karyes Central Square, as for decades he and then his children have been running the tavern, "O PLATANOS" said goodbye to us. Always likeable with his good words, he leaves behind a distinguished family, children and grandchildren

The following is a farewell text of Fotoula's granddaughter:



The following is a farewell text of his Granddaughter Fotoula:

"Karyes said goodbye on 26/9/2020 Demos Koutsogiorgas, a man who was genuine and authentic.

Good family man and patriot. Fair and honest, without compromises.

It leaves an indelible mark on the economic, business and social life of our village. His hard work and his love for Karyes made him a pioneer and successful businessman.

In 1962 he opened his tavern continuing the family business, creating at the same time a modern livestock unit which has already been a successful story in the cheese products.

The famous kefalotyri of the area will contribute the most to the economic development of our village. It is the legacy he leaves behind to his worthy successors."

The Karyates Association BoD expresses its sincere condolences to his family.

According to the Karyes priest, father Efstratios:

On July 26, 2020 Efstathia widow Paraskeva Skiouri passed away and was buried in Karyes, at the age of 99	On August 30, 2020 Nikolaos Agglezis passed away and was buried in Karyes, at the age of 84
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Warm condolences to their families



Did we pay our annual contribution?

Dear patriots, due to the pandemic, we could not organize the events that we hold every year in order to meet each other, discuss and have fun.

Neither the annual event in the Karyes Event Hall at the Community Building for the all the Karyates permanent residents and visitors from Greece and abroad took place, nor our annual dance in Agia Paraskevi -School. Earlier, our spring dance in Athens was postponed too.

For this reason it was impossible to collect your contributions that every year you always willingly give us and thus we thank you sincerely.

But as the Greek people say "every obstacle happens for a good reason". Therefore and since we are in the electronic era, each of us can pay his annual subscription easily electronically. The cost is only € 5.00, or US \$ 6.00, US \$ 6.00, or AUS \$ 6.00.

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With patriotic greetings, the Board of the Karyates Association.

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