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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

By Dr. Chris P. Tsokos, President, AFGLC HQ

Dear Friends and Coworkers in AFGLC,

Your foundation has made significant progress in carrying out its educational mission this year. I am happy to announce that AHEPA unanimously passed at its recent national conference in Miami an agreement to partner with AFGLC at the local, regional and national level in establishing Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies at various universities. Our thanks to former Supreme President James Scofield, who shepherded to completion this collaboration with the country's oldest and largest Hellenic educational organization. We will have more information for you shortly about this very important partnership.

Another accomplishment was achieved in cooperation with the Department of Pathology of USF's College of Medicine. A scholarship in perpetuity has been established in honor of Professor John U. Balis' retirement from the department, which will be awarded beginning in 2006. AFGLC is also in the process of developing other programs and collaborations for the furtherance of Hellenic education.

Thanks to each of you for your kind and enthusiastic support of our noble mission.

Very truly yours in the cause of Hellenism,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris P. Tsokos', is written in a cursive style.

Chris P. Tsokos, President



AFGLC President Dr. Tsokos and former AHEPA Supreme President Mr. Scofield shake hands in announcing the AFGLC-AHEPA Partnership



Mr. Manny Rouvelas, Esq. with Mrs. Marilyn Rouvelas, Author, recipient of the '2005 Person of the Year' award



A Group photo of the AFGLC officers and some key participants at the Gala 2005

Μακεδονία και Ελληνισμός

By: *Ippokratis Kantzios, Greek Language and Literature,
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HELLENIC SOCIETY AT USF

Μια από τις σημαντικές ελληνικές εξελίξεις στο Πανεπιστήμιο της Νότιας Φλόριδας είναι και η δημιουργία του "Hellenic Society at USF" πριν από μερικά χρόνια, με την ενθάρρυνση του Αμερικανικού Ιδρύματος για την Ελληνική Γλώσσα και τον Πολιτισμό. Η ελληνική μετάφραση "Ελληνικός Φοιτητικός Σύλλογος" δεν αποδίδει ακριβώς την έννοια του αγγλικού τίτλου γιατί στην πραγματικότητα ο σύλλογος δεν αποτελείται μόνον από αμερικανούς φοιτητές ελληνικής καταγωγής αλλά και πολλούς άλλους που δεν έχουν γενεαλογική σχέση με την Ελλάδα. Αγαπούν όμως τον ελληνικό πολιτισμό, τα γράμματα, τις τέχνες, το χορό, την ελληνική κουζίνα και γενικά την Ελλάδα και αποφάσισαν να γίνουν μέλη του. Αν και τα πιο ενεργά μέλη του Συλλόγου δεν είναι συνήθως πάνω από τριάντα, στα μητρώα είναι εγγεγραμμένοι περίπου ενεντήντα φοιτητές.

Από την αρχή ο σύλλογος επέδειξε ασυνήθιστη δραστηριότητα. Το 2002 όχι μόνο κέρδισε με το Χορευτικό του την πρώτη θέση στο International Dance Competition του Πανεπιστημίου, αλλά και του απονεμήθηκε η διάκριση του καλύτερου νεοϊδρυθέντος Συλλόγου. Έκτοτε ο Σύλλογος παρέμεινε μια ισχυρή παρουσία στον πανεπιστημιακό χώρο. Ας περιοριστούμε αναφέροντας τις δραστηριότητες μόνο του ακαδημαϊκού έτους 2004-5: ουσιαστική παρουσία στο ετήσιο εκπαιδευτικό Φόρουμ του ΑΙΕΓΠ στις αρχές Μαρτίου (επάνδρωση θέσεων, παρουσίαση στο Φόρουμ, εκτέλεση ελληνικών παραδοσιακών χορών, κλπ.). Παρουσίαση χορών στο ετήσιο ελληνικό φεστιβάλ του St. John's Greek Orthodox Church of Tampa. Συμμετοχή στο ποδοσφαιρικό πρωτάθλημα του πανεπιστημίου και κατάκτηση του πρωταθλήματος!

Το Hellenic Society δεν ξεχνά όμως και τις κοινωνικές υποχρεώσεις του: οι έλληνες φοιτητές πρόσφεραν δωρεάν "φροντιστήριο" σ' αυτούς που συμμετείχαν στα μαθήματα ελληνικής γλώσσας και χρειάζονται κάποια επί πλέον βοήθεια. Έχουν συμμετάσχει στην πορεία της Αμερικανικής Καρδιολογικής Ένωσης (American Heart Association Walk), στο μαραθώνιο χορού για παιδιά (All Children's Dance Marathon), στο διαγωνισμό που προσβλέπει σε χρηματική υποστήριξη των Ειδικών Ολυμπιακών Αγώνων (Special Olympics Competition) και στον καθαρισμό του χώρου της εκκλησίας του Αγίου Ιωάννη στην Τάμπα (St. John's). Επί πλέον διοργάνωσαν με τεράστια επιτυχία την πρώτη επίδειξη διεθνούς χορού (International Dance Showcase), συμμετείχαν στην εκδήλωση του πανεπιστημίου που προωθεί την κατανόηση μεταξύ των διαφόρων εθνοτήτων και διοργάνωσαν έκθεση με είδη ελληνικής τέχνης στο Φοιτητικό Κέντρο του Πανεπιστημίου (Marshall Center).

Στα παραπάνω ας αναφέρουμε και τις κοινωνικές εκδηλώσεις, όπως βραδιές bowling, εκδρομές και Halloween

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Please send us your comments

Please note,

AFGLC depends on the contributions of its members and friends for operating expenses.

And to achieve its noble mission, it depends on the generosity of philanthropists, Hellenes and Phil Hellenes for establishing Interdisciplinary Centers for Hellenic Studies, ICBS, in various Universities.

Please send your contributions directly to your local AFGLC Center. For those without local Centers and those residing in the Tampa Bay area, please send your contributions to the address shown on the cover of this Newsletter

After many successes and a few failures the AFGLC is now at a critical point in its quest of its noble mission. We have expanded internationally by creating the International Foundation for Greek Language and Culture, IFGLC. But on the other hand we now have fewer volunteers and less financial help, and that combination threatens to decrease our momentum.

For the last five years the key force behind this momentum has been the generous financial contributions of some very fine individuals and the devotion and help of its volunteers, Hellenes and Phil Hellenes, who believe in the noble mission of the AFGLC.

As a team we promise that we will try to keep this momentum in our continuous quest to fulfill the mission of the AFGLC.

The Editor

party για τη σύσφιξη των σχέσεων ανάμεσα στα μέλη. Τέλος ας σημειώσουμε και το ότι ο Σύμβουλος του Hellenic Society, Δρ. Ι. Καντζιος έλαβε τη διάκριση του καλύτερου Συμβούλου Φοιτητικού οργανισμού του Πανεπιστημίου για το 2004-5. Εν συντομία, όλα τα μέλη του Συλλόγου έχουν προσφέρει τον καλύτερο εαυτό τους και τους αξίζουν ιδιαίτερα συγχαρητήρια, ειδικά στην Πρόεδρο και τα μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου. Το "Hellenic Society at USF" είναι μια από τις παρουσίες στο πανεπιστήμιο που μας κάνει όλους μας υπερήφανους.

Νέα από το ΔΙΕΓΠ Κέντρο Αθηνών

Δρ. Μανόλης Μπεχράκης, Πρόεδρος
Κα. Βασω Φουντουκάκη-Κιρατσούλη

Οι δραστηριότητες του ΔΙΕΓΠ Ελληνικό Κέντρο ήταν πολλές, ενδιαφέρουσες και προσείλκυσαν ικανό αριθμό φίλων, που προσβλέπουν και ευελπιστούν ότι οι σκοποί μας θα ευοδοθούν, με τον καλύτερο δυνατό τρόπο. Για τις δράσεις αυτές, ομιλίες, συναθροίσεις, κοινωνικές εκδηλώσεις ενημερώθηκε το Διοικητικό συμβούλιο του IFGLC και τα μέλη, από την εκπρόσωπο του Ελληνικού Κέντρου και μέλος του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου, κυρία Ιωάννα Τζανουδάκη, στο Συνέδριο της Τάμπα τον Μάρτιο του 2005.

Το Τρίτο Διεθνές Συνέδριο που διοργανώθηκε στην Αθήνα, στο Ζάππειο, ήταν για όλους πρόκληση. Επρεπε να επιτύχει ουσιαστικά, με μηνύματα, θέσεις, απόψεις και ομιλίες, που να προσδιορίζουν και να αποκαλύπτουν τους θησαυρούς της Ελληνικής γλώσσας και του Ελληνικού Πολιτισμού αφ' ενός και το έργο του ιδρύματος αφ' ετέρου.

Η αναζήτηση ομιλητών με γνώση και κύρος, αποτέλεσε το κύριο μέλημα του προέδρου του ΔΙΕΓΠ- Ελληνικό Κέντρο κ. Εμμ. Μπεχράκη, του προέδρου του Συνεδρίου κ. Δ. Κούτρα και των μελών των Διοικητικών Συμβουλίων AFGLC, IFGLC .

Εναι γνωστό ότι με θέματα, που άπτονται της ελληνικής κουλτούρας γενικά, έχουν γραφεί σελίδες κι έχουν ασχοληθεί έγκριτοι επιστήμονες. Οι οργανωτές του Συνεδρίου όμως επιδίωκαν πολύ περισσότερα. Δεν περιορίστηκαν στην επιστημονική παράθεση των επιτευγμάτων του ελληνικού πολιτισμού και των διαχρονικών αξιών του.. Η οργανωτική επιτροπή επιδίωκε το μέγιστο. Διαπρεπείς ομιλητές, προσηνείς και προσιτοί στους συνέδρους, που να συμπάσχουν και να αποδέχονται ουσιαστικά ότι χωρίς την ένταξη των κλασικών αξιών στη σύγχρονη παγκοσμιοποιημένη κοινωνία δεν υπάρχει τέλος των κακών. Και για να διασκευάσουμε τα λόγια του Πλάτωνα από την «Πολιτεία», όπου δίνεται η έννοια του ανθρωπισμού με όλο το πολυσχιδές και πολύσημο περιεχόμενό του, «εάν οι άρχοντες δεν φιλοσοφήσουν, ή οι φιλόσοφοι δεν γίνουν άρχοντες, δεν υπάρχει τέλος των συμφορών για το ανθρώπινο γένος».

Αυτό το στόχο επέτυχε το τρίτο Διεθνές Συνέδριο. Ομιλητές άνετοι, τεκμηριωμένοι, εμφορούμενοι από τα ίδια ιδιαιδικά και τις αξίες.

Οι πολιτικοί μας κατέδειξαν παιδεία και ήθος, οι πανεπιστημιακοί μας ότι η γνώση δεν είναι στείρα και ότι αποδέχονται το του Πλάτωνος « πάσα επιστήμη χωριζομένη δικαιοσύνης και άλλης αρετής, πανουργία εστί».

Οι οικονομικοί παράγοντες λογικά τεκμηριώσαν τη θέση, ότι υγιής οικονομία και ανταγωνιστικότητα, δεν μπορούν να υπάρχουν χωρίς νόμους, χωρίς σεβασμό στον άνθρωπο, χωρίς δέος για τη μοίρα του.

Οι σύνεδροι, το κοινό, υψηλού επιπέδου και κουλτούρας, πήραν τα μηνύματα, απήλαυσαν τους ομιλητές, Έλληνες και Αμερικανούς και αποχώρησαν έχοντας αποκομίσει πολλά σε γνωστικό επίπεδο και αποφασισμένοι να σταθούν βοηθοί και αρωγοί στο έργο του ιδρύματος.

Αυτή είναι εξ άλλου και η κύρια επιδίωξη του Ελληνικού Κέντρου.. Το συνέδριο να μη μείνει γράμμα κενό, αλλά να λειτουργήσει σαν εφαλτήριο για δυναμική συνέχιση ενός υψηλού έργου, που έχει ξεκινήσει στην Αμερική, αλλά μπορεί να βρεί διεθνή ανταπόκριση.

Το αισιόδοξο και θετικό είναι ότι στο Συνέδριο παράγοντες της πολιτείας, της επιχειρηματικής και επιστημονικής κοινότητας, έδειξαν ιδιαίτερο ενδιαφέρον,

πρόθεση αγαθή και αποφασιστικότητα, να βοηθήσουν τους σκοπούς του ιδρύματος.

Στους εμπλεκόμενους, πέραν του Ατλαντικού και εντός Ελλάδος, εναπόκειται η υλοποίηση των υψηλών στόχων, όχι μόνο για τη διάσωση της ελληνικής γλώσσας και του πολιτισμού, αλλά πρώτιστα για τη διάσωση του ανθρώπου, που παραπαίει στην παγκοσμιοποιημένη κοινωνία, χωρίς στίγμα, χωρίς στόχους, χωρίς πυξίδα.

Καμία οικονομική άνθηση δεν μπορεί να αντικαταστήσει την ανθρώπινη ουσία. Κι αυτή βρίσκεται στα κύτταρα των μεγάλων πολιτισμών και κυρίως στον πιο μεγάλο και γονιμοποιό, στον Ελληνικό πολιτισμό και στην Ελληνική γλώσσα.

Το Συνέδριο με την παρουσία όλων και τη γεναιόδωρη υποστήριξη των ευγενών χορηγών του, πέτυχε και εξεπλήρωσε υψηλό χρέος.

Με την αποκωδικοποίηση των πρακτικών, όλοι θα έχουμε μία νέα προσέγγιση, ώστε να σχολιάσουμε με ηρεμία τα πεπραγμένα και λεχθέντα. Παρά τις όποιες αδυναμίες, που αναφύησαν, το τρίτο Συνέδριο αποτέλεσε επιτυχία του ιδρύματος.

Η πραγμάτωση των επαφών και των συμπερασμάτων απαιτεί δουλειά, συνεργασία και πίστη από όλους, ταχεία εκτέλεση και υλοποίηση των στόχων.-

Για άρθρα και πληροφορίες στην Ελληνική, επισκεφθείτε μας στο www.afglc.org

The AFGLC Tenth Annual Educational Forum Addresses Hellenism and World Peace

*By: Dr. John U. Balis, AFGLC Executive Vice - President,
Chair, AFGLC Forum Planning Committee*

The AFGLC 10th Annual Educational Forum was held March 3-5, 2005 on the campus of the University of South Florida in Tampa, with the theme "**Hellenic *Paideia*: Educating for Democracy and World Peace.**" The 2005 AFGLC Forum was sponsored by the philanthropists **George and Margo Behrakis** of Boston.

The Forum commenced on Thursday evening, with the President of the Foundation **Dr. Chris Tsokos** moderating the "Annual AFGLC Lecture on Hellenism". **Dr. Richard Rubenstein**, Professor of Conflict Resolution and Public Affairs at George Washington University, delivered the keynote address on "How Aristotle Can Help Resolve the Conflict of Cultures. ." He also discussed on Friday "Peace, Education and Conflict Resolution."

Featured speakers on Friday addressed several subtopics of the theme, including "Contributions of Hellenic Thought to Emerging Democracies", "Hellenic *Paideia* and Democratic Institutions as Instruments for Social Development and World Peace", and "The **AFGLC-ICHS (Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies)** Concept: ICHS' Accomplishments and Plans".

Mr. Robin Waterfield, British classicist, author and translator, spoke on "The Creation of Democracy in Ancient Athens: An Unseemly Scrabble for Power?" **Dr. John Erickson**, Peter Gramowics Professor of Theology and Church History and dean of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary discussed the topic of "Democratic Institutions in the Byzantine Patristic and Canonical Tradition."

Dr. Christos Evangeliou, Professor of Greek philosophy at Towson University, spoke on "Platonic *Paideia* and European Culture."

Ms. Marilyn Rouvelas, author of the best-selling Guide to Greek Customs and Traditions in America, offered a look at "The Orthodox Tradition of Inner Peace and the World Community."

Sessions were moderated by **Dr. Joanne Waugh**, of the USF Philosophy Department, and **Dr. Ippokratis Kantzios**, Gus and Mary Stathis Assistant Professor of Greek Language and Literature at USF.

Panel discussions of topics included the participation of the speakers above, plus **Dr. Michael Gibbons**, of the Department of Political Science at USF; **Drs. William and Suzanne Murray**, director of the ICHS at USF and program director of the USF Study Abroad to Greece, respectively; and **Drs. Fred Mench** and **Tom Papademetriou**, respective director and associate director of the ICHS at Stockton College in New Jersey.

Drs. Peter Yiannos and **Niki Kantzios**, presidents of the local chapters of AFGLC in Pennsylvania-Jersey-Delaware and Tampa Bay, *respectively*, participated in a panel discussion with their counterparts from Athens, **Dr. Dennis Koutras** and **Ms. Ioanna Tzanoudaki**. *These sessions were moderated by Drs. Demetris Halkias and Kimon Valavanis* of USF.

On Saturday **Dr. Chris P. Tsokos**, was the moderator of a session on "The AFGLC Strategic Plan", in which **Dr. Ulysses J. Balis** from Harvard University was the key speaker on "AFGLC – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Dr. Peter Yiannos, president of AFGLC Tri-State Center moderated a session "Strategies for the Support of AFGLC Educational Mission". Panel participants included **Mr. Manny Rouvelas, Esq.**, chairman of Preston Gates Rouvelas and Ellis, a Washington, D.C., law firm; **Mr. E. J. Elliott**, president and CEO of Gencor Industries, and **Dr. George Carayannopoulos**, former President of AFGLC Center in Dallas.

Additional distinguished guests during the Forum included **Dr. Herman Saatkamp**, President of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey; **Dr. Renu Khator**, provost of USF; **Dr. John Skvoretz**, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, USF; **The Honorable Leonidas Raptakis**, state senator from Rhode Island; **The Honorable Demetrios Giannaros**, Deputy Majority Leader, CT Legislature; and **Dr. Vasilios Protopsaltis**, vice-president of the American College of Greece. All above dignitaries spoke enthusiastically about the mission of AFGLC and contributed significantly to the great success of this year Forum.

The ANNUAL AFGLC GALA 2005

By: Dr. Demetrios Halkias, Vice President and Gala Chairman

The AFGLC' S tenth annual gala took place in the new Renaissance Tampa Hotel on Saturday March 5, 2005. The atmosphere of the new hotel and the service provided was to everyone's approval and all the comments were favorable for the Hotel selected, the menu, the music, and the overall program.

During this Gala AFGLC honored three dignitaries who believe in the goals and objectives of AFGLC and have made significant contributions in their fields. The three honorees were:

1. Mrs. Marilyn Rouvelas, well known author of publications promoting Hellenic Heritage, orthodoxy and preservation of Greek Culture.
2. The Reverend Dr. Stanley Harakas for his outstanding contribution to education of Orthodox clergy and for his sincere and generous advice and support of AFGLC.
3. Mr. James Scofield for his dedicated leadership in the order of AHEPA, and For his advice and support to AFGLC, and for tireless efforts to bring AFGLC and AHEPA into a partnership.

This year the annual AFGLC Chris P. Tsokos leadership award was presented to Dr. Ulysses Balls of Harvard University for his outstanding contribution to the development of the AFGLC Web Site and his generous support of AFGLC.

Finally the very prestigious recognition was given to Dr. John U. Balis, Professor Emeritus Retired by the president of AFGLC who announced the establishment of the AFGLC Dr. John U. Balis Scholarship for helping deserving students.

The plans for next years 11th Gala are already in place and the **Gala will take place on Saturday March 4, 2006 at the Renaissance Tampa Hotel, International. Plaza**. Please mark your calendar to attend, bring a friend and we promise a great time for all.

Thanks for supporting the American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture

REPORT FROM THE TRI-STATE AFGLC CENTER

By Dr. Peter N. Yiannos, President

In lieu of a regular report, we have chosen to publish a stand-alone Tri-State AFGLC summary, which is an update on our specific activities and accomplishments, and promotes the AFGLC cause at the same time. We used it as a handout at the recent AHEPA and Stockton ICHS exhibit booths, sponsored by Hermes International Trade Show in Atlantic City, NJ. To this end we borrowed freely from our corporate AFGLC literature.

A. What is AFGLC and Why Its Hellenic *Paedeia* program in Colleges and Universities is Important:

As we all are aware, Hellenic *paedeia*, which has been the basis for education essentially since the Renaissance, has been de-emphasized in the last 2-3 decades. Worse yet, there are very few, if any, to lobby in its defense. This in spite of a few notable and authoritative books that have explained the problem and continue to ring the bell of danger that a de-hellenized education has in store for civilization. (e.g. Allan Bloom and Victor Hanson & John Heath)

*In today's environment, the issue is money. Where money has become available, Hellenic *paedeia* is doing well and some universities with strong Hellenic Centers have become Centers of Excellence. Those who know, voice loudly that no institution of higher learning can be a good university, if it does not have a good classics department.*

The AFGLC Foundation, formed at the University of South Florida in Tampa in 1992, aims to reverse the current academic trend in classics and expand the role of Hellenic *paedeia* by attaching modern Greek studies to such curricula. AFGLC does this by contracting with the institution of higher learning to keep or generate the Hellenic courses and related activities, and having them forever (εσαει) in their college curricula as basic education for all students.

We believe that the program is an excellent way to help revitalize existing classical and western civilization university programs, and adds to it selected modern Hellenic courses/programs with relevant content. The AFGLC program establishes an interdisciplinary center in each selected university by catalyzing the various departments to work together for the benefit of all. It is managed by the relevant professors from the various departments under an executive

Committee with a director appointed by the Dean; after consulting the committee's members. The committee normally includes two AFGLC members, one from Headquarters and one from the local AFGLC chapter; in this case the Tri-State AFGLC.

It should be pointed out that the Greek government has evaluated the AFGLC program and has found it to be the best of its kind. Furthermore, the Order of AHEPA has signed a cooperative agreement with AFGLC in order to promote the program.

The specific structure of professorships within the Center is depicted below in item B.

"If we do not succeed in the rejuvenation and enhancement of Hellenism in the Americas, History will not forgive us." (AFGLC motto)

B. The AFGLC Model For Professorships in Perpetuity in the Chosen Fields is Depicted in the Diagram below:



C. AFGLC Accomplishments in the Tri-State Area:

Since the opening of the Stockton ICHS Center took place on June 19, 2003, the following key accomplishments have occurred: The five professorship contracts for the specific fields of the pentagon within that Center have been funded through AFGLC donors. They are:

1. *The still un-named (but funded) AFGLC for Hellenic Culture Professorship, held by Professor Dr. Fred Mench, the Director of the Center.*

2. *The Peter and Stella Yiannos Professorship in Greek Language and Literature, held by designee professor Dr. David Roessel.*

3. *The Constantine and Georgian Georgiou Hellenic History Professorship (Modern Hellenism), held by designee professor Dr. Tom Papademetriou.*

4. *The Clement and Helen Pappas Byzantine Civilization and Religious Studies Professorship, held by Distinguished Professor Rev. Dr. Demetrios Constantelos.*

5. *The Petros and Despoina Tsantes Family Professorship in Greek Philosophy In Memory of Katerina H. Batouyios, to be held by designee professor Dr. Lucio Privitello.*

Thus, AFGLC, in a relatively short time, has helped create a “little Hellenic miracle” at the Richard Stockton College of NJ, and has laid the foundation for potential academic excellence by this Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies (ICHS). Stockton is a very highly rated state liberal arts college. At this time, over 600 of its 7,000 students take at least one Hellenic course! Four key ingredients have come together and are responsible to make this Hellenic Center successful. They are: The rigorous AFGLC financial and management system, a good Hellenic academic infra-structure at the College, an enlightened college administration and a good local organization in the Hellenic Friends for Stockton (HFS). All this gives us much optimism for its future.

With the Stockton ICHS Center in place, Tri-State AFGLC is in the exploring and negotiating stages of three other colleges/universities in the region for the next ICHS Center to be consummated.

D. Why an “Endowed Professorship” and not a “Chair”? (Excerpts from Corporate AFGLC documents)

Typically, donors choose to endow a *chair*, yet the distinguished academic team of AFGLC, with a collective 400 years of teaching experience among them, has de-

signed a plan that incorporates endowed *professorships*. What is the difference, and why is the AFGLC plan superior?

- **More productive.** A *chair* is generally granted to a very senior scholar, whose research is targeted to a very specific area and who no longer teaches many classes (if any), certainly not interfacing with lower level undergraduate students. *Yet these are the very ranks of people we should be targeting:* the general college population, bound for careers in business, law, medicine, public service and the arts and sciences: the leaders of tomorrow’s world in many fields. They may never take more than one or two lower-level courses in Hellenic Studies (mythology, or Greek civilization, or basic language), yet upon this experience rests the picture of Greece that will endure for them for the rest of their lives. A *professorship* is held by an active teaching *scholar*, who teaches a wide range of classes and who touches the lives of as many students as possible.
- **More economical.** A *chair* generally costs between \$1.5 and \$1.75 million, and often even more. An **endowed professorship** can be secured for a small fraction of this amount, which is then usually matched by the university and in some cases by other private educational foundations. With the establishment of an Interdisciplinary Center, the university can grant majors and minors in Hellenic Studies, expand programs for graduate studies (MA and PhD), can involve numerous departments and their students, and enjoy all the collateral benefits of being part of the AFGLC network.
- **More attractive to universities.** Because ICHS *professorships* make use of existing faculty in a variety of departments, the benefits are widespread. In addition to the part of the professorship that funds the work of the designee, a percentage goes into a common fund for the use of all faculty involved in the ICHS, whether endowed or not. Administrators are put at no risk or pressure to create new academic lines, and they see *the maximum distribution of benefits*.
- **More secure.** Both the ICHS program and each endowed professorship are *contractually guaranteed to be secure in perpetuity*. Budget cuts at the university? Changes of administration? Faculty retirement? The program and its academic lines are proof against them all. Moreover, the donor loses control over the performance of a *chair* once it is endowed, but an AFGLC endowed *professorship* is still answerable to the standards of the ICHS Directors. Universities are

eager to enroll in a plan that is productive, economical, secure, and broadly advantageous.

E. Hellenic and Phil-Hellenic Philanthropy Must Become an Adopted Child to All of Us:

I hope that all of us, regardless of wealth possession and talent level, can start thinking that Hellenic Philanthropy is our child also - an adopted child. As such, we need to nourish and spend on this child in the same manner that we spend on each one of our biological children. We need also to draft our final wills in a way that this adopted philanthropy child claims a share that is equal to each one of its “siblings”!! And this regardless of wealth level. **Please, let us imagine together the potential power of Hellenism and Philhellenism, if all of us recognize the value of this suggested principle and put it into practice.**

Our children may need to inherit money, but what they really need, that they will value more than money, is parental/family legacy and human values, which when combined with technical tools, will allow them to conduct their lives admirably and earn their livelihood honorably. This will really count! Are we willing to give our children this family legacy, the greatest gift of all?

F. Key Question:

Is it possible that endowing a professorship in an AFGLC Hellenic Center at a university is a parental/family legacy with unimaginable happiness potential?

Please GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT!!

G. Reminder

G. Here is what our most famous ancestor had to say about wealth, which applies to all of us regardless of financial capability:

«Πλούτω τε έργον μάλλον καιρώ ή λόγου κόμπω χρώμεθα»

“Wealth we employ as an opportunity for action rather than as a subject for boasting”

(From Pericles’ Funeral Oration, 431BC)

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REPORT OF THE AFGLC TAMPA CENTER

By: Dr. Niki Kantzios, President, AFGLC Tampa Center

AFGLC TAMPA BAY CONCLUDES ACTIVE NEW YEAR

AFGLC Tampa Bay had the honor of being local hosts of the Tenth Annual Educational Forum in March and as always found it stimulating and inspirational to share ideas with our fellow volunteers from around the country and abroad. We hope that all of you who were able to join us from out of town had as good a time as we did and took away many new ideas for promoting Hellenism.

This spring the Tampa Bay center provided receptions for several functions of the Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies (ICHS) at USF, including the public lecture given by Onassis Lecturer Nota Kourou, archaeologist, from the University of Athens. In addition we made a donation to the Study Abroad program of the ICHS, which was matched by funds from a generous private donor. This program is the pinnacle of the Hellenic Studies curriculum, since only a visit to Greece itself can bring to life all that the students have learned in the classroom. We encourage any of our members who want to make a huge impact on the lives of others to help us support yet more students bound for Greece in coming years.

The center collaborated with the Hellenic Society at USF to present a concert of piano music on campus, performed by Olga Militsis, a Greek graduate student who teaches music at Macdill Air Force Base. AFGLC Tampa Bay provided a reception for the concert, which was exceptionally well attended.

We have begun more visible participation in the life of the local church communities by purchasing ad space in directories and programs, and by renting booths at community festivals, where Greeks and non-Greeks alike who are interested in Hellenism will have a chance to see the AFGLC video and obtain promotional literature. Our first venture into “festivalism” was at the St. John’s Festival in Tampa at the end of Octo-

ber. We expanded our community service to include helping at Junior Olympics in Tampa this past June, and we participated in the telethon for WEDU-TV public television by manning the phone bank on "Greek Night."

The center is preparing a campaign to raise its profile along the Suncoast and particularly in the Tampa Bay area. In addition we anticipate visiting communities such as Sarasota and Naples, where large Greek communities may be interested in the AFGLC mission, with special attention to local chapters of AHEPA, our new partners.

Our planned October dinner dance cruise was put on hold by the almost-Hurricane Wilma, and will be rescheduled for early in the New Year. Come enjoy the company of like-minded friends in a glamorous setting and help us to support Hellenic education at USF.

AFGLC MOURNS DEATH OF PHILANTHROPIST

AFGLC joins with all his many friends in mourning the loss of a great gentleman and benefactor, Mr. Peter Kourmolis, who died May 19, 2005, at the age of 85.

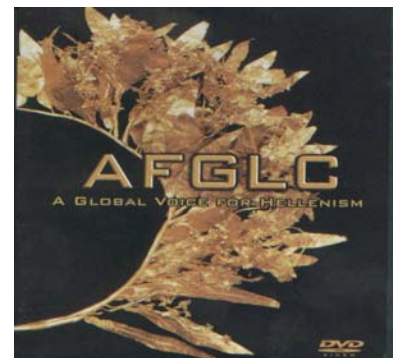
Born in Chios, Pete came to the U.S. when he was eleven and settled in Canton, Ohio, where he attended high school and college. He made his mark in the grocery and real estate businesses, but above all Pete was a generous and committed son of the Orthodox Church. At the age of only twenty, he became the youngest parish council president of Holy Trinity Church in Canton. Over the years, Pete was awarded a *diploma timis* by Archbishop Michael of North and South America, was appointed to the Archdiocesan Council, and was named an archon; he helped to build the new diocese of Atlanta. He and his beloved wife Sophia moved to Orlando and then to Tampa in 1978, where he organized the parish festival and served on the parish council for twelve years, serving as president for seven. Through his generosity, St. John's Church in Tampa was able to construct its parish hall, The Peter and Sophia Kourmolis Community Center.

As devoted to Hellenic education as to his faith, Pete was an active member of AHEPA, serving at the district and supreme levels. He became an ardent supporter of AFGLC from the beginning, endowing the Peter and Sophia Kourmolis Professorship of Greek Language and Literature of the Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies at USF. In addition, Pete and his wife established annual scholarship programs at each of the parishes they had attended, which will continue to be awarded in his name after his death, under the administration of AFGLC.

Peter Kourmolis was not one to complain and leave the accomplishments to others; he was a man who put his time and money where his heart was: in local politics, in his religious community, in the preservation of his ethnic heritage. He will be sorely missed by all those who knew and loved him, but his name and legacy will live on through his bequests to the cause of Hellenic education.

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