

A Group of Special Individuals

Membership in the National Hellenic Society is by invitation and sponsorship by an existing member. Our goal is to build an enduring network of like-minded members that enjoy one another's *parea* and share the commitment to preserve and pass on Hellenic heritage to the next generation.

By joining us, you gain access to the social, educational and networking opportunities with our accomplished group of members. You participate in furthering Greek heritage and assuring it is passed on for posterity and, in the process, gain lifelong friendships with other NHS members. The gratification from interacting with each other and to contributing to our community and children's future cannot be measured.

Our criteria for selecting prospective members are that the individual

- Be of Hellenic descent
- Embody the Hellenic spirit, values and ideals as demonstrated through leadership and action
- Be able to commit time, talent and resources toward promoting NHS' objectives
- Be compatible with others and exhibit willingness to work together to advance the NHS mission and vision

Our Mission

The National Hellenic Society is an organization that was established to create a lasting network of Greek Americans that will preserve our heritage through sponsoring and organizing programs that support our Hellenic culture; benefit our members and their families; and also honor our ancestors. NHS members represent accomplished men and women in our community and membership is by invitation only. As is our tradition, fellowship and enrichment are an important part of this society.

For additional information, visit www.hellenicsociety.org or contact Executive Director Art Dimopoulos at 703-442-1443 or art@hellenicsociety.org.

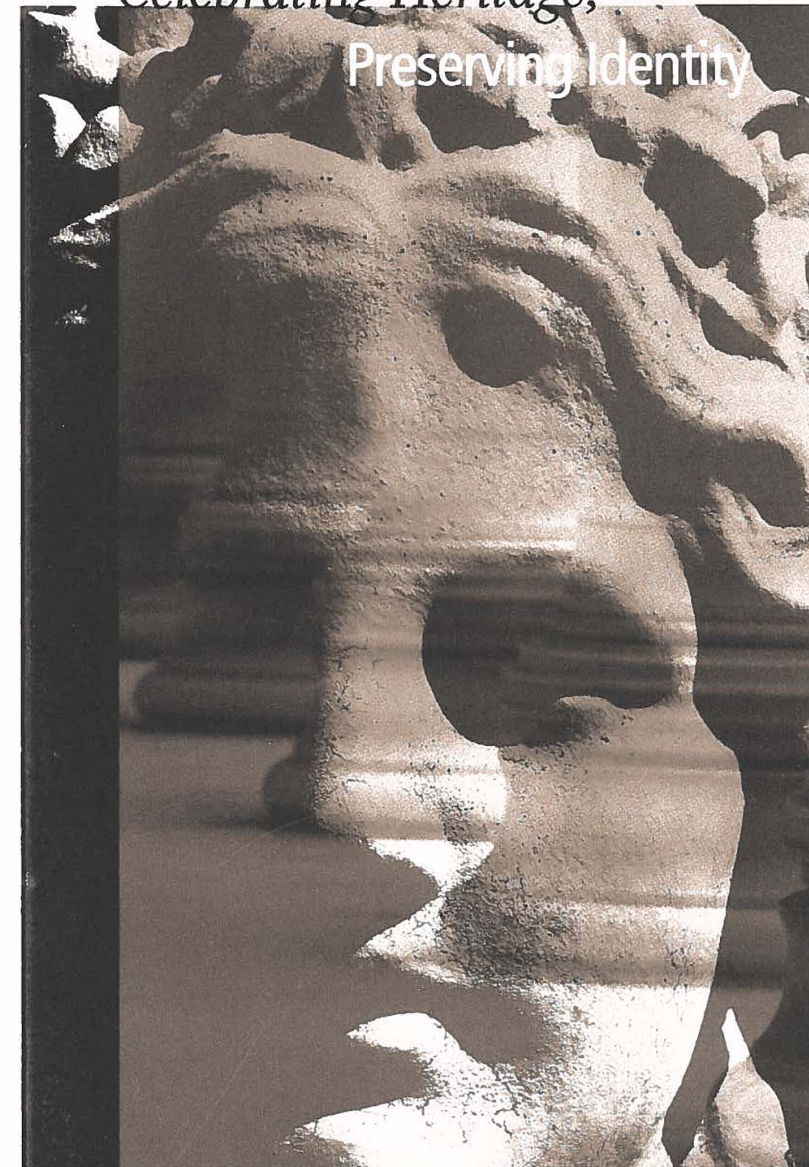


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*Celebrating Heritage,
Preserving Identity*



OVER TIME, WE AS GREEK-AMERICANS have had the opportunity to grow successful and blend freely into American society. We have been able to do so not only because of our hard work, but because of the ideals and values of the Hellenic culture our parents and grandparents brought with them to this country and instilled in us. But as the timeline grows so does the distance between our Greek cultural roots and identification with them by the younger generations.

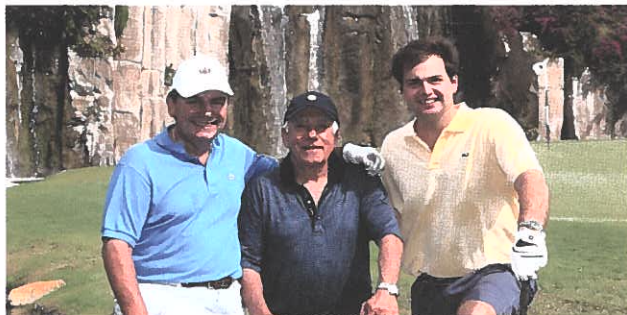
To close this gap, the National Hellenic Society was created. Our mission is to capitalize on the knowledge and capabilities of our members to:

- Celebrate the ideals and value of Hellenic culture to benefit our community and the mainstream American population
- Assure that the essence of Greek heritage is preserved and passed on to future generations
- Strengthen the positive identity of our children
- Support other Greek-American organizations that share this vision

To Educate, Stimulate, Interact

Our varied programs are designed to educate and increase interest among all age groups. They include lectures, presentations, symposia, sporting, leisure and entertainment activities, joint events with other Greek-American organizations and heritage travel opportunities for young people. The programs are developed to be relevant and:

- Benefit the Greek-American community, within the context of modern day family demographics and realities
- Disseminate and celebrate Greek heritage to the public at large in partnership with other organizations having the same mission
- Benefit posterity



Heritage Weekend and Classic

THE NATIONAL HELLENIC SOCIETY is dedicated to passing on our Greek heritage to our children and future generations. We strive to promote knowledge and increase pride in our Hellenic cultural legacy. We are a unique alliance of accomplished, respected Greek-Americans devoted to making sure that the beauty of Greek values, character and traditions is appreciated and meaningful to our children and to the American public.

Heritage Greece

College-age Greek-American students participate in a unique cultural immersion and exploration of their Greek identity and roots. Together with a peer group from NHS partner organization the American College of Greece in Athens, participants share the Greek experience and learn first-hand about their heritage within the backdrop of modern day Greece.

MyParea.com and Facebook/MyParea

Social networking website MyParea (www.MyParea.com and www.facebook.com/MyParea) connects Greek-Americans and Philhellenes with all things Greek. "Real-time" social events around the country bring young Greek-Americans together to network, hear about NHS Programs, and participate in advancing NHS' mission.



National Hellenic Museum Partnership

NHS collaborates with the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago to preserve Greek heritage in America. Projects underway include the Homer Project, which chronicles and archives the Greek-American story as told by individual videotaped oral histories, and the Spirit of the Marathon, a traveling exhibit celebrating the origins of Pheidippides' historic 26-mile run to the modern marathon venues.

Translation of Tebtunis Papyri

NHS Bay Area, in collaboration with the Elios Foundation, is supporting the University of California, Berkeley's efforts to decipher and translate the Tebtunis Papyri found at the site of ancient Tebtunis, Egypt. These papyri form the largest collection of papyrus artifacts in the Americas and contain vast amounts of Greek texts, among which are fragments of lost works of the great dramatists and other important writers.

Heritage Weekend and Classic

The annual Heritage Weekend and Classic in Las Vegas for NHS members, their families, friends and guests is a fun-filled weekend of incredible parea, leisure, entertainment and inspirational presentations in a relaxed and luxurious setting.

Regional Events

While the NHS is a national organization, to support local interaction and camaraderie, we have established centers in Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Sacramento, San Francisco, Tampa Bay and Washington DC. Regional programs feature distinguished speakers and presentations for members and their guests. Presentations by renowned personalities and public figures include: Congressman John Sarbanes, Ambassador Tom Korologos, Brookings Institution Managing Director William Antholis in Washington; author, journalist and screenplay writer Nicholas Gage in New York; Hon. Mike Bilirakis and Professor Louis Markos in Tampa; and author Deepak Chopra in Los Angeles.

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