

July 20, 2022

To the Presidents and Secretaries  
of the Men's Chapters, Ladies Auxiliaries,  
Friends and Supreme Lodge Members of the  
Pan-Rhodian Society "Apollon," Inc.

Dear members and friends of our historic "Apollon" Pan-Rhodian Society:

We wish all of you well with your families and friends, in America, Rhodes and all over the world!

Scholarships: Applications are available on line at [www.panrhodian.org](http://www.panrhodian.org) and are due August 15, 2022. Applications are to be sent to: Scholarship Committee, Pan-Rhodian Society of America "Apollon," 175 Hunt Club Drive Apt. 1A, Copley, Ohio 44321-2733. Please *note* the above change of address for the Supreme Lodge Headquarters.

Also, we are requesting an updated list of all your paid members to include addresses, phone numbers and emails. We appreciate your efforts.

With this letter, we want to update you with our efforts during the last few months and update our activities for the summer and autumn until the call of the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual "Apollon" Convention.

1] As you are aware, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July, 2021 we submitted to the Municipality of Rhodes a complete study for the under-construction Student Camp "Apollon" in Kolymia. We are currently in renegotiations for a new agreement. We will inform you as soon as we receive a new proposal from the Municipality of Rhodes.

2] With the recommendation of Christos Michalakis, President of the Association of Tourist Agents of Rhodes, we signed an agreement with the Rhodian Organization "For Nature" for the planting of trees to help restore the areas destroyed by fires on our island of Rhodes. On the road from Lardos to Laerma today there is a forest "Apollon" in an area of more than 100 acres. The first tree was planted by Kalliopi Ziagou, vice president of our New York Chapter No. 3. Each year, for ten years, our organization will donate 600 euros to the organization "For Nature" for the maintenance and tree planting in our "Apollon" forest. To this project, we have received \$1000 from Chrysostomos Michalakis with a promise of an additional \$1500. Mr. Vasili Mataraga, President of HANC has pledged \$2000 for this endeavor.

3] In recent months, “Apollon” has signed on a second project with the Municipality of Rhodes, CHS Education and with American Universities for the care of stray animals in Rhodes. In May and June, Professors and students of Veterinary Medicine from Illinois and Missouri worked voluntarily in Rhodes helping with medical care at the Kennel of the Municipality of Rhodes. Our veterinary members Dikaia Loukia Agapis and Nikolaos Loutsion participate in this effort. Our members of the “Apollon” Chapter of Rhodes support this project with practical needs without there being any financial obligation on our part.

4] In Rhodes: On the 26<sup>th</sup> of July at 11:00 am, we will start to visit the cemeteries in Koskinou, Laerma and Apolakia. At 7:00 pm, we will be at Ag. Paraskevi in Kattavia,

With the retreat of the pandemic, we are re-instituting the tradition of holding an “Apollon” Pre-Convention in different villages the last week of July in Rhodes. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of July, the Gennadines of America “Omonia” is hosting this year’s pre-convention in their village of Gennadi. We congratulate President Emmanuel Psaras and Stelios Kamais for once again helping this effort.

On the afternoon of the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, we will attend the feast of Agios Soulas. At this time, we encourage our children from abroad to take part in the annual sporting events.

We warmly urge you to inform relatives and friends who will be in Rhodes to attend all the events!!

5] The 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Pan-Rhodian Convention will be held the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of October, 2022 in Hartford, Connecticut. The Ministry of Culture from Greece has expressed a desire to attend our convention. Please hold your meetings to elect your delegates and notify us of the number of members who will be attending. Everyone is encouraged to participate!!

Best regards,

Ilias Tomazos  
President

Christina Kapolis  
Secretary