



ΕΝΩΣΗ ΚΡΗΤΩΝ ΤΟΡΟΝΤΟ "Η ΚΝΩΣΟΣ"
 "CNOSSOS" CRETANS' ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO
 AND YOUTH CENTRE

"Ο καθένας κρατά στους ώμους του
 την ευθύνη ολόκληρης της ράτσας του"
 ΝΙΚΟΣ ΚΑΖΑΝΤΖΑΚΗΣ

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Members and Friends, Happy Year.

After you read this letter, do not put it away. Pass it to your family. Give it to your children. Encourage them to read it! It is not for the time that was required writing it by those that you elected. This letter, and the future ones, are for all of us. It is how we communicate and where we want to go as a collective family.

Each previous Board tried to do its best in promoting our Association, and we are trying to do the same. Firstly, on behalf of the Board I want to thank you for your moral and economic support that allowed us to acquire new Home, and new Hopes. Friends that I had not seen and heard from years, reached out to us and helped. How can I say this? "The Flame is still Alive".

We are in the crossroads of generations. The older ones are leaving little by little, and those who are left behind do not have the right to fail. The current Canadian society offers everything for all of us; Sciences, Arts, Sports, and many different cultures from around the world. Choose and take. What remains for us, the first immigrants, is a suitcase that we brought with us, and with this, our language, our culture and our heritage. This, our own language, culture and heritage, one of the most ancient and richest of the world, we brought with us. This is our only investment in the generations that are coming.

All of us might have good and/or a lot of ideas, how and where should we go. But who and what persons will have so much time, with the current pressures of life? Let us put a goal and an objective "Culture, Heritage". Let us do few, simple and well organized events. Apart from the established past events; 2 dances, 2 parades, 3 memorials, picnic, organized trips, 2 to 3 parties in our new house, we should give emphasis to:

- To attract volunteers because these will be tomorrow's members of the Board
- Expedition to increase our members with emphasis the new generation
- Electronic communication with our members, and improve our website
- Newsletters to the members and others, 3 to 4 times a year, under the management of a dedicated individual outside the Board
- Encourage seniors to attend special events or discussions
- Encourage women to attend special events or discussions
- PanCretan of United States of America and Canada. Beginning of discussions, collaboration in events, exchange of ideas, scholarships, acquaintances
- Participation in umbrella Hellenic organizations, Community, Federation, Congress
- Revision of By-Laws with the current times and with the objective of becoming a charitable organization

Independent if we accomplish fewer or more, before we can accomplish anything, we need to give attention to a simple goal "Collective Conscience". Lets give to our mind and to our heart the occasion to be reconciled; as each good family that discusses, reconciles and collaborates. Let our Association become our big good family with goal and objective: "Collective Conscience, Culture and Heritage for the generations who are coming".

Sincerely

Andonis Artemakis
 President

January 23, 2007

Dates to Remember

- **Monday, January 15th, 2007**
 We took possession of our new building!
- **Sunday, February 4th, 2007**
 New Year's Party, Vasilopita cutting and Blessing at our new building. Party begins at 3 pm.
- **Sunday, February 18th, 2007**
 General Assembly Meeting is today. It is scheduled to begin at 4:30pm Sharp!
- **Sunday, February 25th, 2007**
 Dance practice resumes this day
- **Sunday, March 18th, 2007**
 Venizelos Memorial at St. Irene's Church on the Danforth.
- **Sunday, March 25th, 2007**
 Greek Independence Day Parade. It will begin at 12:30pm on the Danforth.
- **Sunday, April 8th, 2007**
 Happy Easter to all our members, their families and their friends.

 Χριστος Ανεστη!
- **Sunday, May 13th, 2007**
Happy Mothers Day!
- **May 26th / 27th, 2007**
 Battle of Crete Celebration event(s). More information to follow.
- **Saturday, September 22, 2007**
 Official Grand Opening Event on this date at our new building to unveil the renovations and our Plaques of Acknowledgements. More information to follow.

New Year's Vasilopita Party



We are happy to invite everyone to our first function of the new year, in our new home! We will be having a New Year's Vasilopita Cutting on Sunday, February 4th, 2007, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm, at our Association's new building, located at 1110 Birchmount Road, north of Eglinton Avenue, on the west side of Birchmount. There will be coffee, juice, pop, cookies, cakes, fruits and of course the Vasilopita. Come and help us start off our new year in our new home the right way, by sharing this exiting time with all our families and friends!

As part of the day's events, we will be having Father Phillip attend and bless our new building. *The blessing will occur at 3:30 pm sharp.* We will also be having a Membership Drive this day. Here, families can either renew their Cretans' Association of Toronto Memberships, or sign up to become new members. We need your continued support to ensure the success of our Association. If you are planning to attend our New Year's gathering and would like to volunteer to bring any sweets or fruit, please contact Stella Zambri at 416.424.1561. We hope to see you all there!

New Building Update!

With much excitement the Board of Directors want to announce that as of January 16, 2007, we now have a new home. The address is 1110 Birchmount Road, just north of Eglinton Avenue. We want to greatly thank all members who made either donations or loans towards the purchase of our new home, and who helped us meet our goal of being mortgage-free. It is not too late if you would like to contribute, as we still are accepting donations to help with the costs of renovations. We are confident that the Cretan generosity will come through and will help us out.

The following is a list of people (updated January 12), that we want to thank and acknowledge for the financial contributions they have made.

Alevizakis Alevizos
 Alevizakis George
 Anastasakis Bill & Anna Maria
 Artemakis Andonis
 Artemakis John & Georgia
 Bertoulakis Emmanuel & Dora
 Bertoulakis Pierre & Voula
 Bertoulakis Terry
 Callergis John
 Coromilas Takis & Maria
 Delidakis Nikos
 Dine T.O (Straros Papachristopoulos)
 Doulaverakis Manousos & Joanne
 Fantridakis Emmanuel & Georgia
 Ferazzoli Biagio & Rula
 Fimis Chris & Joanne
 Fountidakis George
 Fragedakis Dimitris
 Gialledakis Paul
 Ikonomakis Dimitris & Katina
 Karamitsos George & Pat
 Kartakis Andonis & Themis
 Katrakis John & Catherine
 Kartrakis Leo
 Katsamakias Emmanuel & Maria

Klinakis John & Anthoula
 Klonizakis Manolis & Georgia
 Kostakis Christos & Anthoula
 Lagkouvardos Dimitrios & Maria
 Leventakis Mano
 Lidakis Kostas & Catherine
 Manakis Gerry & Eleni
 Manimanakis Nikos
 Manolakakis John & Helen
 Mantonakis Angelo & Bessie
 Markakis Bob & Olga
 Markoulakis Andreas & Vicky
 Mavrakakis Tony
 Mavromihelakis Chris & Ritsa
 Mavromihelakis Jim
 Mavromihelakis Stelios
 Milonakis Manolis & Roula
 Nikolakakis Andreas
 Papaconstantinou Chris & Eleni
 Papadakis Nikos & Eleni
 Papadakis George & Cynthia
 Papadakis Zambia
 Papadimitrakis George
 Papoutsakis Paul & Evelyn
 Partsalakis Periklis & Mina

Paterakis George & Charlotte
 Pavlakis Chris & Antonia
 Plaitis Nikos & Soula
 Sapounakis Kostas & Gillian
 Scandalis Helen
 Sissakis Nikos & Jennifer
 Skarpathiotakis Mike & Georgia
 Svyrinakis Emmanuel
 Tarantino Michael & Polyxeni
 Tsakos Jim
 Tsiliganos Terry & Areti
 Tsouroupakis George & Mina
 Tsouroupakis Michael & Anastasia
 Veloudos Ted & Maria
 Venianakis Michael & Georgia
 Voutsas Tom & Gina
 Vrentzos Doxa
 Zambri Rocco & Stella

If you would like to help with the renovations to our building by either volunteering your time or services, please do not hesitate to contact us and let us know!

416.922.7383





Arkadi Dance and Christmas Party a Success

Our annual Arkadi dinner-dance took place on Saturday November 25th, 2006, at Flipper's Banquet Hall and was a tremendous success. Over 400 people turned out for the event and were entertained by our dance troupes and enjoyed live music performed by George and Harry Pantermakis and Dimitri Tsourtos.

Also a great success was our annual Christmas Party held on Sunday, December 10th, 2006. Families and friends gathered to enjoy a pizza lunch, along with fruits and sweets in anticipation of seeing the man in red. There were arts and crafts tables where the kids made reindeer heads and decorated cupcakes. Santa Claus visited and gave out gifts to all the children, and photos were taken of each child on his lap. The Santa photos can be viewed on our website at www.torontocretans.com. Order your complimentary copy by emailing us at info@torontocretans.com or by calling Chris Papakonstantinou at 416.300.6549. Photos can be picked-up on February 4th at our Vasilopita gathering.



November Dance & Christmas Party Photos



General Assembly

Our winter General Assembly will take place on Sunday, February 18, 2007 at our Associations new building, located at 1110 Birchmount Road, north of Eglington Avenue. The General Assembly will begin at 4:30 pm and will begin ON TIME.

The topics on the agenda are:

- Approval of the Previous Minutes
- Report from the Board and its Members
- Financial Report from Audit Committee
- Update on New Building Developments
- Changes to our Constitution (see enclosed)

This will be a very important meeting so we ask you to please be on time.

CONTACT INFORMATION
 Do you have any social news to add?
 Do you have a question, concern or suggestion?
 Would you like to volunteer your time?

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Youth/New Generation Weekly Sports Night

A weekly event started this year with a Cretan's Association Youth & New Generation Sports Night. Every Friday evening, we get together at Pleasant View Junior High School in North York, located off of Van Horne Avenue, just west of Victoria Park. We have been using our 2 hour time slot of 7-9 p.m. to play soccer, hockey, basketball and volleyball. We are also planning on using some of the allotted time to begin adult dance lessons, as well as organizing various sports tournaments. Your attendance is important in order to organize the teams and games for these tournaments so please come on out and bring your friends!! This location has been rented until the end of May so please join in for some fun exercise, as well for an opportunity to meet and interact with fellow Cretans and other friends. We look forward to seeing you at our first few sports nights of 2007; January 26th and February 16th. For the rest of the dates in 2007, as well as the directions to the school, please visit our website www.torontocretans.com or call our Youth/New Generation Contact, Paul Papoutsakis at 647.880.5670. See you there!



Purchasing Advertising Space

The board is pleased to announce that you will now be able to advertise on our web site and on our newsletter. The following are the prices for each and a combination of both if you choose to take advantage of the savings:

	Website Year	Newsletter Year	Combo	Newsletter Single Issue
Bus Card	\$90	\$90	\$150	\$30
¼ Page	\$150	\$150	\$200	\$60
½ Page	\$200	\$200	\$325	\$100
Full Page	\$350	\$350	\$475	\$150

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our treasurer Mike Tsouroupakis for more information at 416-820-1255. Thank you.

Social News

Congratulations to the following families:

- Emmanuel and Dora Bertsoulakis on the birth of their granddaughter, by their daughter Pat.
- Greg and Mary Vagenas on the birth of their triplet sons, and to Christos and Irene Kokinakis, the proud grandparents.
- Chris and Liz Kostakis on the baptism of their son Markos.
- Dimitri and Anna Ligonis on their wedding and to John and Georgia Fiotodimitrakis, the proud parents.
- George Mathiakakis on his wedding.
- Kosta and Dimitra Mavriganakis on the wedding of their daughter Debbie.
- Spiro and Sophia Petrakis on the engagement of their son George.
- George and Yvette Plaitis on the baptism of their son Stelios.
- Niko and Soula Plaitis on the birth of their granddaughter, by their daughter Maria.
- Jerry and Barbara Sakorafa on the birth of their daughter, and to Vasilis and Irene Sakorafa, the proud grandparents.
- Niko and Christina Timbakianakis on the birth of their granddaughter, by their daughter and son-in-law, Maria and Sal.
- Michael and Anastasia Tsouroupakis on the birth of their daughter, and to George and Mina Tsouroupakis, the proud grandparents

Get well and a speedy recovery to the following individuals:

- Andoni Bassias
- Charlotte Paterakis

Our sincere condolences to the following families:

- The Paul Gialedakis Family on the death of their Mother-In-Law/Mother/Nonna.
- Klouzakis and Katrakis families on the sudden death of their nephew/cousin.
- John and Eleni Kozoronis on the death of their respective mothers.
- Astrinos and Kathy Kozoronis on the death of their mother/mother-in-law.
- Angelo Mantonakis on the death of his mother.

