

# CRETANS' ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO "KNOSSOS"



## HAPPY EASTER & HAVE A SAFE SUMMER

Kristos Anesti! We hope that all of you had a wonderful and joyful Easter.

One year has already passed since we took office. With your help and our initiative we acquired our new home. Now, a new season begins. Not because we acquired our new home, but because the time has come for the new generation, along with the first immigrants, to revive this new home with old memories and new experiences. In addition, it is the new generation that needs to continue the endeavours of the first members of our Association to pursue the perpetuation of our culture and heritage.

Of course, what we have achieved would not be possible without your continuous contributions and support. Obviously, every Board's initiatives are very important, but it requires the unremitting support of its members.

I therefore, invite you to continue your active participation in our events and your devoted support and contribution.

I wish you all a great summer, and looking forward to seeing you in our upcoming events.

*Sincerely,*  
Andonis Artemakis  
President



## Fundraising Update

The Cretans' Association Board of Directors is pleased to announce that as of April 14, we have collected close to \$50,000 towards our new home. Our original goal was to raise enough funds to have the facility mortgage-free and thanks to our members we have accomplished it. The following is a list of members who contributed to the building fund, in addition to the ones listed in our previous newsletter on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Once again thank you to everyone:

Analambidakis Andreas  
Anastasakis Peter & Archontoula  
Anastasakis John  
Arhondakis Steve & Helen  
Belkas George & Elvira  
Gialedakis Emmanuel & Vivi  
Gialedakis Louie & Effie  
Katsamakias George  
Klinakis George  
Klouvidakis George, Eugenia & Kaliopi  
Klouvidakis Lefteri & Kaliopi

Leventakis Leonidas & Roula  
Liodakis Nikos  
Mavromihelakis Tony  
Petrakis Spiro & Sophia  
Petrakis Hermione  
Skoundridakis George  
Skoundridakis Tony  
Spiridakis Iraklis & Anna  
Troulinos Charidimos & Maria  
Tsiopelas Spiro & Eleftheria  
Vrentzos George & Maria

Our next goal is to start some initial renovations that we feel will enhance our facility for our immediate and future needs. Renovations will take time, as we need to work step-by-step in this process. If you feel that you may want to help in some way with the renovations, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you have already offered your services, we thank you. Through the combined efforts of all our members, our new facility will truly become a wonderful new home for generations to come.

Lastly we would also like to thank in advance all of you who have indicated that you would donate your time and services towards our future renovations.

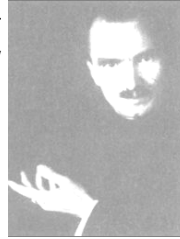
## May 18th, 2007

### Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, May 20th, 2007**  
Battle of Crete Memorial at St. John's Church, in Scarborough.
- **Wednesday, May 23rd, 2007**  
Presentation on the life and works of Nikos Kazantzakis. From 7-9 pm, at the Pan-Macedonian Association's Hall. Admission is free. Refreshments to be served
- **Sunday, May 27th 2007**  
Battle of Crete Event featuring a presentation by Dr. Detorakis along with songs and dances. From 5:30-7:30 pm at the Royal Canadian's Legion. Free admission
- **Sunday, June 3rd 2007**  
Annual General Assembly Meeting at the Silogo. Start time is 3:30 pm
- **Saturday, June 9th, 2007**  
Book reading at Greek City Ltd. by Janey Bennett, author of "The Pale Surface of Things" - a novel set in Crete. For more info visit [www.palesurfaceofthings.com](http://www.palesurfaceofthings.com)
- **Sunday, June 17th, 2007**  
**Happy Father's Day!**
- **Saturday June 23-29th, 2007**  
40th bi-annual PAA Convention in Springfield, MA. Featuring live entertainment from Crete by the Pantermakis brothers. Visit [www.minos-crete.com](http://www.minos-crete.com).
- **Sunday, July 15th, 2007**  
Our Annual Picnic will take place at Kelso Conservation Area in Milton. More details inside the newsletter.

## NIKOS KAZANTZAKIS EVENT

For the anniversary of the 50 years from the death of our beloved writer Nikos Kazantzakis, the International Company of Friends of Nikos Kazantzakis – Toronto Department, along with the Pan-Macedonian Association of Ontario and our Cretan Association of Toronto "Knossos" invite you at the presentation of:



### *"The Life, the Work and the Thoughts of Nikos Kazantzakis"*

Dr. Nikos Metallinos, Professor of Communication Studies of Concordia University and Chairman of the International Company of Friends of Nikos Kazantzakis – Quebec Department, will be speaking about the life and the work of the Greek writer Nikos Kazantzakis.

The event will take place on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the the Pan-Macedonian Association's hall at 406 Danforth Ave, and admission is free.

The speech will be followed with a Documentary with title "The Life of Nikos Kazantzakis" (in the English language).

The Documentary will be followed with wine, cheese and hors d'oeuvres. The wine is sponsored by "Kolonaki Group" and the hors d'oeuvres are sponsored by Dine.TO. The presentation will be in Greek then followed by a question and answer period in Greek and English. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## BATTLE OF CRETE EVENT

Please join us on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 as we celebrate the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Crete. The event will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, which is located on 1083 Pape Avenue, just south of O'Conner, from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Admission is Free.



This special event will start with a presentation from Dr. Theoharis Detorakis, Professor Emeritus of University of Crete, titled:

### *"The Battle of Crete and the Spirit of Resistance of the Cretan People Throughout the Years"*

We are honoured to have Dr. Theoharis Detorakis, who is visiting us from Crete, be part of this event. The first part of the presentation will be done in Greek, then followed with a translation in English, along with a question and answer period.

The second half of the event will continue with Cretan songs and dances. You will also have the pleasure to enjoy our Associations' various Dance Troupes. There will be coffee, refreshments and desserts available.

We look forward to seeing you all there in support of this special event.



## Annual General Assembly

The date of our Annual General Assembly meeting is Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. The meeting will take place at our Association, located at 1110 Birchmount Road Unit 23, just north of Eglinton Avenue. We will begin the meeting at 3:30 pm sharp, so please be prompt. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Report from the Board
- 2006-2007 Financial Report by the Audit Committee
- Audit Committee Elections
- 2007-2008 Budget
- Update on Building & Renovations

We truly hope to see you there as we always need your support, feedback and input. There will be much important information presented at this meeting. We thank you in advance for your attendance.

## Youth/New Generation Weekly Sports Night



The Cretans' Association Youth & New Generation Sports Night took place each Friday this past school year. Our members and friends gathered at Pleasant View Junior High School and used the time to play soccer, hockey, basketball and volleyball.

It was a time for members to be reunited with old friends, as well as form new friendships along the way. Currently, our board is looking for ways of improving the involvement of our youth within our Association.

Having an opportunity to get together, in an athletic setting, was a great beginning. If you feel you can help with any sporting event in any way, please contact Paul Papoutsakis at 647.880.5670.

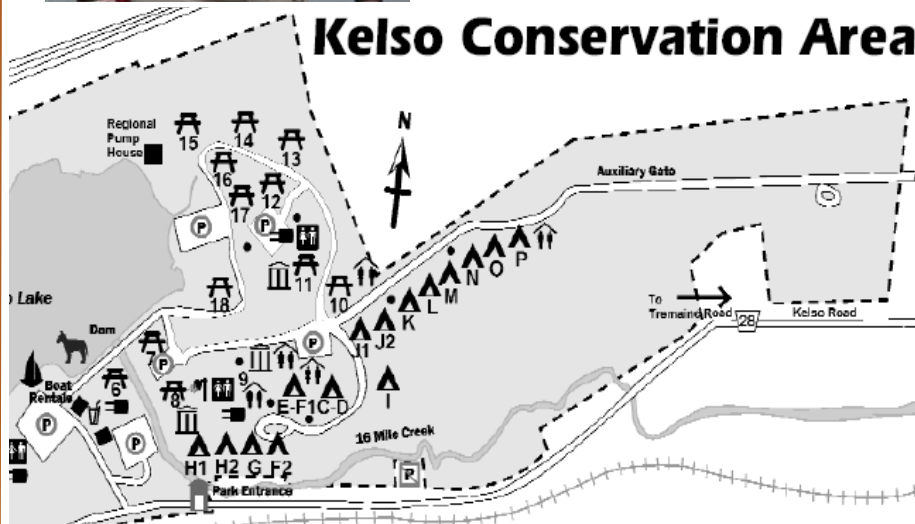
We look forward to seeing all of you at our future Association events.

Have a healthy and relaxing summer.

# March 25th Independence Day Parade



## **Kelso Conservation Area**



## **ANNUAL CRETAN PICNIC**

This years Cretan Picnic will take place on Sunday, July 15, 2007 at Kelso Conservation Area in Milton. Bring your families and friends to this fun event. There will be games for the kids, such as races and of course the sponge toss game, along with our annual Tavli Competition. Our Association has reserved Site #9 for this event and it features a shelter at the site.

Directions to the park are as follows:  
From 401 west, take Highway 23 north to Campbellville Road. Then go west to Tremain Road. Next go south until you reach Kelso Road and turn right into the park entrance.

