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George D. Behrakis, Chairman of Leadership 100, joined by Archbishop Demetrios of America and Vice Chairman Stephen G. Yeonas, presented the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence to Mr. Theodore P. Angelopoulos and Ambassador Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, for their accomplishments in business, public service and philanthropy. Both are longtime members of Leadership 100. The Award was presented at the Grand Banquet of the Leadership 100 17th Annual Conference in Palm Desert, California, February 16, concluding the four-day gathering.

The couple is credited with Athens’ successful bid and hosting of the 2004 Olympic Games. Heading Greece’s bid to host the Olympics in 1996, Gianna was appointed Ambassador-at-Large in 1998 for her talents and service to Greece. She was asked to take the presidency of the Athens 2004 Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games in 2000 when slow progress put Athens in danger of losing the Olympic Games. Under her leadership, Athens made up for lost time and gave the world what IOC President Jacques Rogge called: “an unforgettable, dream Games,” logistically flawless, visually stunning and with the Organizing Committee’s unprecedented financial surplus of 130.6 million Euros.

Throughout, Theodore Angelopoulos, who is from one of the most prominent families in Greece and a leading industrialist and entrepreneur with international business interests and activities, played a pivotal role. The Angelopoulos family had a deep and special tie with Archbishop Iakovos so receiving the award that bears his name had special meaning. Theodore’s departed father, Panagiotis, was a friend and confidant of the former Archbishop. The family became members of Leadership 100 during its inaugural year of 1984.
In introducing the couple and a film on the Athens 2004 Olympic Games, Behrakis asked the more than 400 members and guests to reflect on the situation prior to the Games. “The media severely questioned the ability of the Greek government to put together a successful venue for the Olympic Games. Everything was going wrong,” he said. “Then came the opening ceremonies and the adrenaline was flowing in our veins as the most spectacular opening ceremonies in Olympic history passed before our eyes. The Games went on and Greece made all of us proud, proud of our history, of our heritage, of our Hellenic roots.”

Ambassador Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, who was a Member of Parliament in Greece, in accepting the Award, told the gathering, “People didn’t believe Greece could do it, but we achieved it because of the talents you find in Greeks everywhere.” “It was the people, the people of Greece, who lifted themselves up, and with them, the entire country,” she added. Citing the accomplishments of Greek Americans in Leadership 100, she said, “We are proud of your achievements and your love for your heritage.” Theodore Angelopoulos said the couple was living abroad when the challenge came to take the leadership of the Games, after having organized the successful bid. He, too, spoke of the skepticism that Greeks could work together, the so-called “Greek paradox”. “Yet, we achieved it just as Leadership 100 will achieve its goals.”

Archbishop Demetrios spoke of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games as giving confidence and belief in their heritage to a fifth generation of Greeks from America and demonstrating the universal Greek element which is unique in human history.

The Leadership 100 Award for Excellence recognizes outstanding Greek Orthodox, Greek American, and other outstanding leaders who have excelled in their vocation and are committed to advancing the values of Orthodoxy and Hellenism in their lives and activities. Other recipients have included George J. Tenet, John D. Negroponte, Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Olympia J. Snowe, Dimitris L. Avramopoulos, Melina Kanakaredes and Rudolph W. Giuliani.
The Leadership 100 17th Annual Conference opened at the Desert Springs JW Marriott Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, California with addresses by former Congressman Michael Bilirakis of Florida on advocacy of Hellenic issues in Congress and Ambassador Loucas Tsilas, Executive Director of the Onassis Foundation (USA), on the importance of Hellenism.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger welcomed the 350 members and guests of the almost 25-year-old Greek American philanthropic organization to California, thanking them for the Leadership 100 Award for Achievement and applauding Leadership 100’s history of grants in support of Orthodoxy and Hellenism and human need in the U.S. and abroad.

Congressman Michael Bilirakis, who served for 24 years before retiring from Congress in 2006, spoke of the current history of Greeks in America, rising from poverty to exceptional achievement, as just as significant, if not more so, than their ancient heritage. He spoke of the difficulty in getting support in the U.S. government on such pressing issues as resolution of the division in Cyprus, disputes between Greece and Turkey over the Aegean and opposition to the use of the name “Macedonia” for the Balkan republic bordering Macedonia in Greece. He said this was often due to the ineffectiveness of Greek Americans in pressing these issues with members of Congress across the nation.

Ambassador Loucas Tsilas, Executive Director of the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (USA), and former Ambassador of Greece to the U.S.A., spoke of Hellenism as a civilization and culture with a set of values, principles and ideas that had become integral to world culture, from representative government and the pursuit of excellence to the quest for beauty and truth that led to democracy, art and science. He said those values still are a light to the Greek American Community and Greeks everywhere, as well as a light to the world.

The Leadership 100 Conference also included the annual meeting of the General Assembly and programs and forums on Church History, Hellenism, business, lifestyle and the arts. Following the General Assembly, the Forum on Hellenism featured two lectures on Presenting Greek Art in America, in which Christine Kondoleon, George and Margo Behrakis, Senior Curator of Greek and Roman Art at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, presented the history of acquisition of ancient art in the United States that catapulted New York and Boston into leading museums. She revealed plans at the museum for 10 new galleries of Greek and Roman art, to be called the Behrakis Family Wing. Kenneth Dean Shapiro Lapatin, Associate Curator of the Department of Antiquities at The J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles, told the fascinating story of J. Paul Getty’s acquisition of art after making his fortune in oil. “Getty believed that learning about art made people civilized,” said Lapatin. He described the building of the original museum, the only full-scale replica of a private Roman villa, as controversial in its day but having evolved into a major world center for the conservation of ancient art, the centerpiece of the Getty collection, which also includes Old Master painting and French Decorative Art.

A highlight at the conclusion of the Conference was the guest lecturer, award-winning actress Jane Seymour, who addressed a special program on the subject of the autobiographical Remarkable Changes: Turning Life’s Challenges into Opportunities, which profiled her own and 20 personal stories of others who have experienced positive transformation in the face of life-changing crisis.
Stephen G. Yeonas of McLean, Virginia was inaugurated as the Chairman of Leadership 100 on February 16, 2008, at the Grand Banquet of the almost 25-year-old national charitable organization, which concluded its 17th Annual Conference in Palm Desert, California. Yeonas succeeded George D. Behrakis of Lowell, Massachusetts, whom he characterized as "a dynamic and respected Chairman who, with boldness and vision, has brought us to the highest level of achievement in our history and enabled us to exceed our present goal and pave the way toward the commemoration of the 25th anniversary." The organization has launched the 25th Anniversary Fund with goals of 1,000 members and $100 million in endowment funds, in order to increase grants to $5 million a year, by its 25th Anniversary in 2009.

Behrakis told the 400 members and guests at the Grand Banquet, "The momentum is there. Now is the time to recruit the next 250 members. But to do this, it is essential to have the support of all our members and, most especially, the enthusiasm and commitment of our Board of Trustees. Our future is the next generation. In just four years, they will be the new faces of the Board. They need to be mentored and challenged, and motivated and activated to believe in Leadership 100 and work to fulfill its promise."

In addressing the outgoing Chairman, Yeonas said, "I am humbled and honored to accept the challenge of Chairman and it is my fervent hope and prayer that I will be able to continue the path which you have paved, to reach the next plateau of Leadership 100."

Stephen G. Yeonas founded and served as President of the Yeonas Company, a major builder of new homes in the Washington metropolitan area, where he has been a leader in real estate for five decades. He served for two years on the Executive Committee as Vice Chairman of Leadership 100 and was National Chairman of the Millennium Membership Drive 2000-01. A U.S. Army veteran, he began his career in construction immediately after the war, completing his first house in Arlington, VA in 1948.

In 1949, he married Thelma Stathopoulos. They have two children – Stephanie Yeonas Ellis and Stephen G. Yeonas, Jr. He is a member of St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Washington, DC. In 1996, he was named an Archon of the Church and, in 1997, he served as chairman of the Washington Committee of the visit of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

Yeonas holds a BS in Business Administration from American University – Class of 1948, received a JD degree from the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University in 1955 and is a member of the Virginia Bar Association. Mr. Yeonas has been the recipient of numerous professional and civic awards including: American University’s Alumni Recognition Award, Catholic University’s 1980 Alumni Award for outstanding achievement in the fields of business and finance, Man of the Year Award by the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Washington, Marketing Man of the Year by the American Marketing Association (Washington Chapter), Virginia Realtor of the Year, the Citizenship of the Year Award (by the American Legion);
and Member, Northern Virginia Board of Realtors Hall of Fame, Member, Home Builders Association of Virginia Hall of Fame, and Member, National Association of Home Builders Hall of Fame. He has held a Real Estate Brokers License for over 50 years. He is a member of the Chief Executives Organization (CEO) and a founding member of the Chesapeake Chapter of the World Presidents Organization (WPO).

Yeonas was the longest serving director (1964 to 1998) on the Board of Directors for Washington Gas Company. He serves as a Director Emeritus on the Board of Washington Mutual Investors Fund and served as a Trustee of the American Funds Tax Exempt Series 1. He also served as Director of First American Bank of Virginia and Atlantic Bank of New York.

In 1998, he received the Arete Award from the Greek Institute for his philanthropic work and the St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church Christian Service Award. He was cited in 1999 by the U.S. House of Representatives and paid official tribute in the Congressional Record. Mr. Yeonas was a 2001 recipient of the American Hellenic Institute's Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award and an Ellis Island Medal of Honor. He was honored at the 12th Annual Hellenic Conference, receiving the George P. Livanos Award.

The Board of Trustees elected Yeonas as Chairman at its meeting earlier in the week. Constantine G. Caras of Greenville, Delaware was elected Vice Chairman and George E. Safiol of Weston, Massachusetts was elected Treasurer. Mark D. Stavropoulos of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan remained as Secretary. The Board elected five members to the Executive Committee, including Constantine G. Caras and George E. Safiol. The others elected were Chris W. Caras of Palos Verdes Estates, California, Charles H. Cotros of Memphis, Tennessee and Louis Nicozisis of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

A native of Steubenville, Ohio, Constantine G. Caras manages his family-owned real estate properties in the Delaware area. Before doing so, he served as vice president for several corporations including the Ogden Corp., Lykes Brothers Steam Ship Corp., OMI Corp. and Avondale Shipyards. He also served on several boards including the U.S. Maritime Subsidy Board and the U.S. Maritime Administration. He holds degrees from the University of Pittsburgh and University of Virginia Law School. He also served as law clerk for the U.S. Fourth Circuit Chief Justice. He and his wife, Maria, a physician, have two daughters.

Mark D. Stavropoulos of Bloomfield Hills, MI, is managing partner of Stavropoulos Family Investments, vice president of Wolverine Carbide Die Company and corporate secretary at GS Realty. He also is an executive council member for Century Park Capital Partner and an adviser for BAE Industries and Marisa Industries. He previously held positions at MSP Industries Corp., Bytec and Plexus Systems. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in business administration from Western Michigan University. He and his wife, Eleni, have two daughters and one son.

George E. Safiol, a management consultant in private practice, graduated from New York University’s College of Engineering in 1954 and served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He began his career at the ITT Corp. in 1957, where he eventually became vice president and general manager of the company’s telecommunications division. He subsequently served in senior management positions a General Instrument Corp. and American Biltrite Inc. until his retirement in 1991. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Safiol resides with his wife of more than 40 years, Demetra, in Weston, MA. The couple has three married children and six grandchildren.
In a historic shift, due to term limits enacted in 2002, the Board of Trustees elected five members to the Executive Committee, including Constantine G. Caras and George E. Safiol, Chris W. Caras of Palos Verdes Estates, California, Charles H. Cotros of Memphis, Tennessee and Louis Nicozisis of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, replacing veteran members of the Executive Committee, who were commended for their longtime service, including George M. Marcus, Bert W. Moyar, John A. Payiavlas and James A. Regas.

In his remarks at the meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and General Assembly, Chairman Behrakis spoke of the outgoing members as veterans who had given so many years in service to Leadership 100, making enormous contributions in time, talent and treasure. “We look forward to their continued participation, whether on the Board or on our Committees or as members,” he said. “We are deeply grateful to them.”

Moyar, of Shaker Heights, OH, who had the longest service, some 16 years on the Executive Committee, was the longtime Chairman of the Grant Committee and a member until this year. He remains on the Board of Trustees, where he has served for 17 years, until next year. Regas, of Oak Brook, IL, who had served 12 years on the Executive Committee, will remain on the Board of Trustees, where he has served some 14 years, until 2010. He was appointed the first official Legal Counsel to Leadership 100 by its new Chairman, Stephen G. Yeonas.

Payiavlas, of Warren, OH, former Chairman of Leadership 100, had served 11 years on the Executive Committee, will remain on the Board of Trustees, where he has served some 14 years, until next year. He is Co-Chairman of the Membership Committee. Marcus, of Los Altos Hills, CA, had served some 8 years on the Executive Committee. He will remain on the Board of Trustees, where he has served some 14 years, until 2011.

Eula Carlos was elected to the Board of Trustees to replace Thomas D. Demery, a dedicated trustee and churchman, whose untimely death last year left a vacancy. She attended her first meeting of the Board at the conference in Palm Desert, attending along with her daughter, Helen. Carlos, who with her husband, Ron Hilliard, became members of Leadership 100.

Eula resides in Atlanta, GA, where she currently serves on the Board of Directors of the endowment fund of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation. She also established an endowment Chair for Hellenic Studies at Georgia State University and the Lofos program at Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, a program designed to make the institution self-sustaining. She is a member of the National Board of Philoptochos and the Saint Photios National Shrine.

A major supporter of Visiting Nurse/Hospice Atlanta, whose inpatient hospice facility has been named the Andrew and Eula Carlos Hospice Atlanta Center, she supports the Shepherd Center, which specializes in treatment, care, rehabilitation and research of spinal cord injury and disease.

Eula has been the sole benefactor of the chapel at the Holy Transfiguration Church in Marietta, GA. The chapel has been lovingly named the Chapel of St. Andrew, in memory of her late husband Andrew.
James A. Regas, a member of the Board of Leadership 100 since 1994 and of the Executive Committee since 1996, will continue to serve the organization in the new capacity of Legal Counsel, having been appointed to the newly created position by Chairman Stephen G. Yeonas. Regas is the founder of the law firm of Regas, Frezados & Dallas LLP in Chicago. A native of the city, he holds a B.S. Degree from the University of Illinois in finance and accounting and a Juris Doctor from DePaul University, College of Law, in Chicago, from which he graduated in 1953.

In addition to his legal career, in which he has been admitted to practice in all courts of Illinois, United States District Court and the Supreme Court of the United States, Regas has an extensive career in banking, having served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Principal Shareholder of Western Springs National Bank & Trust; President and Member, Board of Directors of First Mutual Bancorp of Illinois, Inc.; Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Mutual Bank & Trust; Chairman, Board of Directors and Principal Shareholder of Charter Bank and Trust of Illinois (formerly First State Bank & Trust of Hanover Park); and Chairman/President and Principal Shareholder of First Hanover Corporation (Bank Holding Company).

Regas has been recognized for his civic, religious and charitable activities with the “Urbs in Horto” Award, City of Chicago, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award and the Award of Merit - Order of AHEPA. He serves as President and member of the Board of Directors of Western Policy Center, Washington DC; President, Board of Trustees, The Speros Basil Vryonis Center for the Study of Hellenism and as President of the National Board of the United Hellenic American Congress and as a member of the Greek Orthodox Church of America’s Archdiocesan Council.

Listed in “Who’s Who” Among Outstanding Americans, Regas has been a member of the Governor’s Commission to Restore the State Mansion; President of Ginger Creek Community Association, Oak Brook, Illinois; President, Police Pension Board, Oak Brook, Illinois; Member, President’s Club, Oak Brook, Illinois; Member Zoning Board of Appeals, Oak Brook, Illinois; Vice President and Member, Board of Directors, Oak Brook Civic Association, Oak Brook, Illinois; Commissioner, Police and Fire Commission, Oak Brook, Illinois; Member, Executives Club of Chicago; Member, Chicago Council of Foreign Affairs; and Member, Board of Directors, Chicago Gateway Green Committee.

He is also a member of the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Bankers Club, Illinois Bankers Association and Senior Member, American Arbitration Association. He also served as President, Member, Board of Directors, Hellenic Bar Association.

He is married to Georgia Regas and has three children and four grandchildren.
George D. Behrakis, in his last official act as Chairman, reported dramatic growth to the Leadership 100 General Assembly at the concluding session of the 17th Annual Conference in Palm Desert, California.

“The Endowment Fund has exceeded its goal for 2007,” said Behrakis, “recruiting 68 new members for a total of 755, while fulfilled members hit a record of 344; contributions exceeded $4.3 million, the second highest figure historically and Endowment funds reached $67.8 million with total assets at $84 million.” “Grants distributed since the inception of Leadership 100 will exceed $25 million in 2008,” he concluded.

“Reaching these benchmarks positions us for the 25th Anniversary Fund goals - to reach 1,000 members, 500 fulfilled members, $100 million in endowment funds and annual grants of $5 million a year by 2009, our 25th Anniversary year,” said the outgoing Chairman. He challenged the more than 200 Leadership 100 members gathered to each bring in one new member. “If you do that, I will bring in 50 and we will reach our goal,” he said.

After showing a map of where Leadership 100 members were located, he pointed out that some states had no members or few for their size, such as Texas, exceeded by smaller states in population and other countries with members, such as Greece and Cyprus. He asked the newly elected Chairman, Stephen G. Yeonas of McLean, Virginia, to take up the challenge to build the organization, particularly in the American West.

Behrakis introduced Michael Bapis, Chairman of the year-old Leadership100 Partners, young professionals who are able to join the organization at graduated levels of giving, applauding him for having reached 52 members. Bapis spoke of successful Leadership 100 Partners events in New York City, which, he said, would be replicated in major cities across the country.

Other reports included the Office Report given by Paulette Poulos, Executive Director (Interim), who was praised by Behrakis with organizing an effective national office that made the new growth possible. She received a standing ovation. Peter A. Vlachos, Chairman of the Investment Committee, gave the Investment Report, George E. Safiol, Chairman of the Audit Committee and newly elected Treasurer of Leadership 100, gave the Audit Report, and Constantine G. Caras, outgoing Treasurer and newly elected Vice Chairman, gave the Financial Report.

Peter M. Dion, a Leadership 100 Founding Member and Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported on the election to the Executive Committee of Chris W. Caras, Constantine G. Caras, Charles H. Cotros, Louis Nicozisis and George E. Safiol, introducing them to the Assembly. He also reported on the election of the new officers mentioned above, noting that Mark D. Stavropoulos would continue as Secretary. John A. Payiavlas, former Chairman of Leadership 100, gave the Membership Report, noting the forceful and effective leadership of Behrakis in achieving new growth. He said he anticipated an even more forceful thrust from the new Chairman, who, he said, clearly would reach the 25th Anniversary Fund goals.
John Sitilides, Chairman of the Grant Committee, reported that continuing and new grants totaled $2.9 million in 2008. Leadership 100 will have distributed more than $25 million in grants since its inception in 1984, symbolic of its coming 25th Anniversary.

The Leadership 100 Executive Committee approved additional grants of more than $1 million at its meeting, February 13, 2008, during the 17th Annual Conference in Palm Desert, California, increasing total grants for 2008 to $2.9 million. New grants, recommended by the Grant Committee and presented by its Chairman, John Sitilides, were made primarily to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, including the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries ($150,000), Office of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations ($250,000 over two years), Department of Outreach and Evangelism for Home Mission Parishes ($105,000), Saint Basil Academy for “The Archpastorate of Archbishop Michael” ($69,300), Center for Family Care (conditional grant of $175,000), the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians ($80,000) and Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology “Leadership 100 Scholarship Fund” ($285,000) and Office of Vocation and Ministry ($50,000 a year for five years).

Continuing grants for 2008 included $1 million for the “Leadership Scholarship Fund”, $250,000 for a technology infrastructure at the school, $100,000 for a Family Wellness Center in the Metropolis of San Francisco, and more than $400,000 to departments of the Archdiocese.

Charles A. Kroll, Chief Financial Officer of Hellenic College/Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, expressed gratitude to Leadership 100 for the initial 10-year $10 million commitment to the scholarship program and the additional monies granted in 2008. In a comprehensive report, he demonstrated that the rise in vocations to the priesthood and ordinations was largely due to the program. However, he expressed concern that the school would face a crisis in providing future support without an extension of the Leadership 100 program, which he proposed should be matched by greater local and Metropolis support.
His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America celebrated his 80th birthday at the Conference. His Eminence led the traditional Bible Study, as well as giving a comprehensive lecture on the history of the Church from Pentecost to the Edict of Milan, when Christianity ceased to be persecuted and became the predominant religion in the Roman Empire.
George D. Behrakis, Chairman of Leadership 100, joined Metropolitan Iakovos and five of its six Founders and kicked off the 25th Anniversary Fund at a membership meeting and at the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees meetings in Chicago last September.

Behrakis, who reiterated the same theme at meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, was praised by Archbishop Demetrios for the new thrust to raise more funds through the 25th Anniversary Fund to advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism in America. Behrakis introduced a new 25th Anniversary brochure and DVD and the second issue of The Leader, which featured George P. Kokalis.

The 25th Anniversary Fund, which will mark the 25th Anniversary of Leadership 100 in 2009, aims to increase membership to 1,000 (it now counts 755 members), increase fulfilled members to 500 (now 344), the Endowment Fund to $100 million (now some $66 million) and annual grants to $5 million (now averaging 2.5 million a year).

In addressing some 50 members, including 8 new members, and guests, at the kickoff membership meeting, co-hosted by Andrew A. Athens, Leadership 100’s first chairman and one of its six founders, along with L100 members Demetrios Kotsakis, Jim Logothetis and Peter P. Parthenis, Behrakis said Greeks must be proud of a heritage looked to for inspiration by America’s Founding Fathers. He cited the significant gains made by Greeks in education, the professions, and business. “By reaching 1,000 members we will pass the Olympic Torch to the next generation, who will go to 2,000 and 5,000 members, educating future generations in Orthodoxy and Hellenism. He challenged each member to bring in one new member by December 31, 2008.

Metropolitan Iakovos of Chicago told the gathering that; “Beside the grace of God, Leadership 100 is the only guarantee of the continuation of the Greek Orthodox Church in America.”

Besides Athens, other Founders attending included George K. Chimples, Arthur C. Anton, Peter M. Dion and Michael Jaharis. George P. Kokalis, who recently celebrated his 98th birthday, was unable to attend. Kokalis and Anton both are former chairmen of the organization. Vice Chairman Stephen G. Yeonas, membership Chairman John A. Payiavlas and Executive Director (Interim) Paulette Poulos also addressed the meeting.
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Leadership 100 congratulates its newest members at the 17th annual conference in recognition of their commitment and leadership.
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Dr. George J. & Bettina Kallins
ANDREW ATHENS RECEIVES SAE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Calling him a true Hellene and a great leader, Stefanos Tamvakis, President of the World Council of Hellenes (SAE) presented Andrew A. Athens, the first President of SAE and now Honorary President, with a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his leadership and devotion to Hellenism and Orthodoxy at the December Presidium meeting in Thessaloniki, Greece. Athens, a Founding Member of Leadership 100, served as its first Chairman.

“We, the board members of SAE, present this award to Andrew Athens not only recognizing his accomplishments as the founding President of SAE, but for the countless years he has given unselfishly to his heritage and his faith,” said Mr. Tamvakis. “There is but one man, Andrew Athens, who has done and continues to do so much for his fellow Hellenes and mankind,” continued Mr. Tamvakis.

As the first President of SAE, Andrew Athens shaped the organization’s agenda for the eleven years he served, beginning with the organization’s mission, structure and operation. Through his leadership, SAE was at the forefront of public affairs, cultural and humanitarian causes affecting the “Pantawho Ellenes” (Hellenes Everywhere) in the Diaspora. From his days as a Captain in the U.S. Army during World War II, Andrew Athens has been involved in the welfare of his fellow Hellenes. He continues his dedication to Hellenism and Orthodoxy as National Chairman of the United Hellenic American Congress (UHAC), President and Founder of hellenicare, the global humanitarian organization, co-founder of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), participation in the highest councils of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the Metropolis of Chicago, the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center and various other organizations.

“I am grateful to President Tamvakis and the members of the SAE Presidium for this honor,” said Andrew Athens.

“I believe in SAE’s mission of Ecumenical Hellenism and its efforts to unite all Hellenes. When we are united in the common cause, we can protect, promote and preserve Hellenism and Orthodoxy. I will always do my best for my country, our motherland of Greece and my fellow brothers and sisters,” continued Mr. Athens in accepting this award.

Through his leadership of UHAC and hellenicare, Andrew Athens continues to make a difference in the civic, social, educational, cultural and humanitarian affairs of Hellenes around the world.
George P. Mitchell, who recently joined Leadership 100, is one of the country’s most innovative businessmen and philanthropists. He is the former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Mitchell Energy & Development Corp., a Fortune 500 company, which was listed on the New York Stock Exchange, prior to its merger in January 2002 with Devon Energy Corporation. At the time, Mitchell retired, having built his dream into an exploration company with 2,000 employees. Mitchell Energy had also pioneered a new technology for extracting gas from shale, which opened up the Barnett Shale in north Texas to development, making it the largest gas field in North America.

The son of a Greek immigrant, Mitchell grew up in Galveston, Texas, where his father operated a dry cleaning shop. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in petroleum engineering, with additional emphasis in geology. Following service as a captain in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II, he joined a newly formed wildcatting company, first as a consulting geologist and engineer and, later, as a partner. He was named president in 1959, and under his leadership the company grew and evolved into one of the nation’s largest independent oil and gas producers. During his career, Mitchell participated in approximately 10,000 wells, including more than 1,000 wildcats. He and his company found upwards of 200 oil and 350 gas discoveries.

In the 1960s, Mitchell envisioned a real estate project on a scale never seen in the booming Houston area – a complete new town. The Woodlands, a 25,000-acre planned community located 27 miles north of downtown Houston, opened in late 1974. When sold in 1997 to the partnership of Crescent Real Estate Equities Co. and Morgan Stanley Real Estate Fund II, it had a population of 48,000, led Houston’s market in new home sales for seven consecutive years, and was the state’s new home sales leader. Today, the acreage totals 27,000 and the population is 80,000.

Mitchell was personally instrumental in the founding of the Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC), a contract and grant research institution headquartered at The Woodlands’ Research Forest. HARC consists of 10 collaborative universities, including the original members: the University of Houston, Texas A&M University, Rice University, and The University of Texas at Austin. He was also instrumental in bringing to the Research Forest high-tech research and commercial spin-offs of Baylor College of Medicine and The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and Health Science Center. He founded the Center for Global Studies, a HARC educational institute that sponsors conferences on environmental and global growth-related issues. In conjunction with the series, he and his wife, Cynthia, established the Mitchell Prize, $100,000 in awards at each major conference, to encourage research into environmental and growth issues and problems.

The Mitchells have also taken leading roles in the rejuvenation of Galveston’s historic Strand District by restoring 17 commercial buildings. In 1985, they revived the mid-winter Mardi Gras celebration in Galveston, which now draws 500,000 visitors annually.

In a recent interview with Financial Times, Mitchell, a champion of the importance of his home state and city, observed a major historic shift in the Texas oil industry. “The Middle East is where all the money is. That is where all the action is going to happen,” he said. Yet for all the diversification into other industries, Mitchell believes Texas’s future depends largely upon its ability to maintain its standing as energy capital of the world - and not to give in to challenges from London and Dubai. “We have to convince companies that we have good travel options to Dubai and to other places, we have more comfortable living conditions here,” he told the newspaper. “We have action with all the other companies here. We have to show them what is already here. And I think that other companies will begin to move their business in, and their companies in, and maybe their headquarters in.”
Leadership 100 Partners gathered for a Christmas party in the Atrium of the Olympic Tower in New York City, home to L100 offices, to celebrate reaching a goal of 52 members in 2007.

Some 150 young professionals gathered on December 17 to hear George D. Behrakis, L100 Chairman, tell them that “If Hellenism and Orthodoxy don’t survive in America, it is the responsibility of your generation.” “We need you,” he said. “Without you, Hellenism will be extinct.” He recounted the achievements of Leadership 100, not only in advancing Orthodoxy and Hellenism, but in reaching out in times of national and international crisis, with aid during September 11, Hurricane Katrina and the devastating fires in Greece.

George Stamas, a member of the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees, whose son, Paul, is a member of Leadership 100 Partners, told the group, “You are here because something is stirring inside you, whether because you grew up in the Church or heard it from the knee of your grandmother or grandfather that there is something very special to hold onto in our heritage, values and friendship that give you an extra handle when times are tough.”

Paulette Poulos, Executive Director (Interim) of Leadership 100, welcomed the group and introduced Michael Bapis, L100 Partners Chairman, who told his peers, “We are a special people with a special heritage. We are the next generation to carry on and Leadership 100 is the best vehicle, the best organization in America to perpetuate our Orthodox faith and our Hellenic heritage.”

L100 Partners allows young professionals to join Leadership 100 at a graduated scale of giving until they reach the maximum contribution of $100,000. It is the nation’s preeminent membership organization and endowment that advances Orthodoxy and Hellenism through grants that support the ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and programs ranging from scholarships for those studying for the priesthood and relief for needy clergy, building the technological infrastructure of the Church and Holy Cross School of Theology, and supporting Greek Education and humanitarian relief worldwide.
ARGYROS GIFT
Ambassador George L. and Julia Argyros, long time members of Leadership 100, were honored earlier this year at the groundbreaking for their $20 million gift to help build a $40 million, 90,000-square-foot health facility in La Quinta, California, which is the largest ever expansion of the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, just east of Palm Springs. The George and Julia Argyros Health Center, due to open in 2009, will feature an urgent care center, imaging technology, a health and wellness center, physician offices, pharmacy, laboratory services and radiation oncology services.

George L. Argyros was born in Detroit, Michigan and raised in Pasadena, California. He graduated from Chapman University in 1959. His public service and business career have been notable. He served as Ambassador to Spain, under the current President Bush, from 2001 to 2004, guiding the U.S. response to the terrorist bombings there in 2003. A former owner of the Seattle Mariners Baseball Club and co-owner of AirCal, he is Chairman and CEO of Arnel, a major commercial and residential development and property management company as well as a diversified investment company in Costa Mesa, California. He is also a general partner in Westar Capital. He also served as a member of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations for the U.S. Trade Representative until 1990. President George H.W. Bush appointed him to the board of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, where he served until 1993. He was the longest serving Chairman of the Board of Chapman University and also serves on the board of the California Institute of Technology. He is former chairman of the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace Foundation and founding chairman of the Nixon Center in Washington, DC.

Widely known for his philanthropic work, Ambassador Argyros is a board member of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and served as chairman and member of the Orange County Council Boy Scouts of America. He is a recipient of the Horatio Alger Award of Distinguished Americans, an honorary doctor of law degree from Pepperdine University, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and an honorary doctor of humane letters from Chapman University. He is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Order of Saint Andrew.

MARGO CATSIMATIDIS HONORED
Margo Catsimatidis was honored as the Police Athletic League’s Women of the Year in a ceremony that recognized the achievements of outstanding women in New York. The wife of John Catsimatidis and mother of two, she and John are longtime members of Leadership 100. John sits on the Executive Committee. Margo is founder of MCV Advertising and co-publisher of the Hellenic Times and has been involved in numerous charitable activities, foremost being the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund.

METROPOLITAN NIKITAS JOINS AND FULFILLS
Metropolitan Nikitas joined Leadership 100 and became a fulfilled member. He was sponsored by James and Lillian Thomas of Dyer, Indiana, longtime members of the organization. His Eminence became Executive Director of The Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute at the Graduate Theological Union, University of California at Berkeley, last year. He was formerly Metropolitan of Hong Kong, where he served for 10 years. Born in Tampa, Florida, he is a graduate of the University of Florida and Holy Cross School of Theology. He also pursued graduate studies at the University of Thessaloniki, Greece and at St. Petersburg Theological Seminary in Russia. In a distinguished career as a clergyman, educator and administrator, he also worked as legislative assistant to Congressman Michael Bilirakis.

TED LEONSIS
Ted Leonsis, AOL Vice Chairman Emeritus and owner of the NHL Washington Capitals and a member of Leadership 100, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Alpha Omega Council, according to Drake Behrakis, Event Chairman. Known as one of the country’s premier businessmen and currently Vice Chairman Emeritus at AOL, Mr. Leonsis is also a professional sports team owner, a film producer, a private-angel investor, an active board member and a committed philanthropist. The event will be held on Saturday evening, May 31, 2008, at the Boston Westin Waterfront Hotel. Founded in 1976, the Alpha Omega Council is comprised of Americans of Hellenic Ancestry in Business, Education, Academia, Medicine, Law, Politics and other fields. Its mission is to promote and encourage loyalty and patriotism in the United States of America; to cultivate the ideals of Hellenism; to constantly strive towards maintaining positive Greek-American relations; to unite Americans of Greek descent in fellowship and philanthropy; to help recognize the achievements of those who excel in their field individually or as a group; to help alleviate the wants of the poor and needy; and to establish, maintain or aid religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational activities. Since its inception, the Alpha Omega Council has contributed well over $1,000,000 to various philanthropic causes.
NEW YORK TV ANCHOR LAUNCHES CHILDREN’S BOOK

Ernie Anastos, the popular New York TV anchor who is a member of Leadership 100, has launched Ernie & the Big Newz (New World Books/NK Publications) to help influence the next breed of TV news journalists. Anastos is also helping children by donating proceeds from the sale of his book to a national children’s charity. Ernie & the Big Newz is the story of a young boy who realizes his dream of becoming a TV reporter. In this first in a series of books, you can follow Ernie through his exciting adventures covering the big stories in New York City, where anything can happen...and it does!

Ernie Anastos is a premier news anchor with 25 years of experience and is recognized in the New York State Broadcaster’s “Hall of Fame.” He has won 30 Emmy® awards and nominations, including “Best Newscast in New York” and the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence. As a seasoned anchor and reporter, Ernie covers major stories on special assignment and in New York City. On September 11th, he anchored award-winning news coverage of the World Trade Center attacks. Ernie reported live from London on the tragic death and funeral of Princess Diana. He has national experience as a news anchor and host for the CBS “Morning Show” and host for ABC’s “Good Morning America.”

COMMENDATIONS

Nicholas J. Bouras, longtime Board of Trustees member and Paulette Poulos, Executive Director (Interim) of Leadership 100, were honored with Commendations for their leadership in the organization and the Greek Orthodox Church by the Comptroller of the City of New York, William C. Thompson, Jr., during a celebration of Greek Heritage and Culture on March 18, 2008. Bouras was noted for his pioneering business career as owner and president of Bouras Industries, Inc., his service in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, and his wide-ranging philanthropy. Paulette was acknowledged for her contributions in numerous posts of increasing responsibility at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and for her current leadership position at Leadership 100.

ANDREWS SISTERS FULFILL

Constance and Demetra Andrews became fulfilled members of Leadership 100. Both sisters were born in Chicago and reside in Elmhurst, IL. Constance had a distinguished career in personnel at the National Headquarters for Sears, Roebuck and Company for 42 years and Demetra worked with Sears in accounting for some 26 years. They are life-time members of Assumption Church in Chicago, where Constance sang in the choir and Demetra taught Sunday school. In fulfilling their membership, Constance remarked, "We need the Church and we all need to be more generous in our support."
Peter P. Parthenis, Jr. joined Leadership 100 as a Leadership Partner. He is President & CEO of Grecian Delight Foods, Inc. the leading manufacturer and marketer of Greek and specialty Mediterranean food products throughout the United States and more than 4 other countries. Peter graduated from Purdue University’s Krannert School of Business Management with a Bachelor of Science degree. Peter has also successfully completed an Executive Education Program from the University of Chicago’s Graduate School of Business. Peter is a member of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO), an exclusive and highly respected worldwide network of young global business leaders who exchange ideas, pursue learning and share strategies to achieve personal and professional growth and success. Peter is also an active member of Vistage International’s Chief Executive Program. A worldwide organization that delivers the vital perspective chief executives need to see the big picture, test ideas, overcome obstacles and seize opportunities.

George Demetrios Logothetis joined Leadership 100 as a Leadership 100 Partner. His parents, Demetrios and Marianthi, are members of Leadership 100. Born in Skokie, IL, he currently resides in Chicago and is an experienced Assurance associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers. He graduated from DePaul University with a double major in Honors Accounting and Finance and a minor in Greek. He served as president of the Hellenic-American Students Association at DePaul. He is a member of the Parish Council Board of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

Eppie’s Great Race, “The World’s Oldest Triathlon,” will take place Saturday, July 19, 2008 in Sacramento/Rancho Cordova, California. A 35-year-old tradition founded and organized by Eppie Johnson, longtime Leadership 100 member and a restaurateur with a flair for unusual promotion, the race features running, biking and paddling for the benefit of Sacramento County Therapeutic Recreation Services, which provides programs for over 1,500 mentally, and physically disadvantaged persons each month.

PAULETTE Poulos Fondly remembers

I am grateful that I had an opportunity to visit Archbishop Christodoulos the day before his Name Day in Florida. Although he was frail, his spirit and smile were exactly the way I remember when I met him for the first time after his enthronement as the Archbishop of Greece.

He was eager to review the Leadership 100 DVD and told me that it was his dream to organize a Leadership 100 Program for Greece. His Beatitude shared with me some of his plans for the youth and showed me written brochures that he had produced.

Although he was quite ill, he surprised me with his humor and gentle manner. His eyes filled with tears as we spoke about Archbishop Iakovos’ final days. I thanked him and told him how much his weekly calls meant to Archbishop Iakovos during his illness.

Archbishop Christodoulos impressed me as a man of great faith because, even though he knew his time was limited and there was no hope, he kept repeating, “Whatever is God’s will.”

I will always remember when I respectfully bid him farewell, he gave me a big smile and offered his blessings, knowing that he was returning to Greece to await God’s calling.

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