New Chairman, Constantine G. Caras, takes over reigns of leadership from outgoing Chairman, Stephen G. Yeonas.

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The Board of Trustees, meeting at the 19th Annual Leadership 100 Conference, elected Constantine G. Caras of Wilmington, Delaware as Chairman; Charles H. Cotros of Memphis, Tennessee as Vice-Chairman; and George S. Tsandikos of Greenwich, Connecticut as Treasurer. Kassandra L. Romas of Short Hills, New Jersey continues to serve as Secretary. The Board also elected Tsandikos along with John A. Catsimatidis and Peter J. Pappas of New York to the Executive Committee and, most significantly, seven new members, representing the greatest diversity to date, were elected to the Board of Trustees.

Elected to the Board of Trustees were Maria Allwin of Connecticut, Drake G. Behrakis of Massachusetts, Eleni Bousis of Illinois, Tarsi Georgas of Florida, Patsy Kouvas of Ohio, Mike A. Manatos of Maryland and Adam M. Tzagournis of Ohio.

The trend to a younger and more diverse leadership was a result of the adoption of term limits initiated in 2002. The result has been a decrease in the average age of members of the Board of Trustees, as well as standing committees. Beginning when records were kept, the average age of the Board was 63.9 in 1994, ten years after the founding of Leadership 100. By 2000, the average age had increased to 66 years of age and by 2001 to 69, where it remained until 2005, jumping to 70 in 2006 and 71 in 2007 and 2008. Only in 2009 did the average age decrease, to 66, coming down to 64 in 2010, approximately where it had been 16 years prior.

In addition, recruitment of more women to leadership positions has culminated in the greatest representation of women as officers (1) and on both the Executive Committee (2) and Board of Trustees (9) in the history of the organization.

The development represented an intentional policy to recruit younger and more diverse members to leadership positions as advocated by the last three Chairmen and the Nominating Committee.
Charles H. Cotros has served as a director of Allied Waste Industries, Inc. since July 2004. He also served as Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board from October 2004 through May 2005. Cotros began his career in the food service industry in 1960 with Tri-State General Food Supply ("Tri-State"). After Tri-State merged with SYSCO in 1974, he served in various positions of increasing responsibility and was elected Chief Operating Officer in 1995, President in 1999, and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors in 2000 until he retired in 2002. He is also a director of AmerisourceBergen Corporation.

Kassandra Loucas Romas is Managing Director/Landlord of a large office building in Summit, New Jersey operated by Bouras Properties, LLC of which she joined as Director when it was initially formed. She previously was an Executive Recruiter for Michael E. Marion and Associates. Born in San Francisco, California, she attended Tuckahoe High School and the College of New Rochelle in New York and holds an MA in teaching from Manhattanville College graduate school. As a longtime member of the National Philoptochos Society, she served as the President of her local parish chapter and as First and Second Vice President on the National Philoptochos Board of Trustees, where she is currently Parliamentarian.

George Solon Tsandikos of Greenwich, Connecticut is a graduate of Brown University, where he studied Economics, and Boston College Law School, where he received a J.D. degree cum laude in 1987. He has been a Managing Director and Senior Client Advisor at Rockefeller & Company, New York, New York since 2003. Prior to his current position, Tsandikos served as Vice President of J.P. Morgan Private Bank in New York and as an Associate with Burns and Levinson, Counselors at Law in Boston.

John Catsimatidis is the Chairman & CEO of the Red Apple Group. The Red Apple Group has holdings in oil refining, retail petroleum products, convenience stores, supermarkets, real estate and aviation. While attending the Bronx campus of NYU, studying engineering, Catsimatidis opened his first store in 1968 on Manhattan’s Westside at 99th Street and Broadway. This supermarket has evolved into Manhattan’s largest, high quality supermarket chain, Gristede's Supermarkets. With a total of over 10,000 employees, Catsimatidis is a major employer in the New York metropolitan area and upstate New York. He has served as Vice Chairman of the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Church of America.

Peter J. Pappas is the Chairman of the Board of P.J.M. Holding Group, consisting of P.J. Mechanical Corp., Delta Sheet Metal Corp., Expert Insulation and many other companies. He is also a real estate developer in New York, Palm Beach, Florida, Youngstown, Ohio and Sacramento, California. He began his career while attending New York University and trained with many of the leading equipment manufacturers in the field of commercial air conditioning. In 1971, he founded P.J. Mechanical Corp. and a year later, Delta Sheet Metal Corp. Today, P.J. Mechanical is among the largest mechanical contracting firms in the country. He is a member of the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Maria Allwin is a graduate of Hunter College and is currently working toward an MBA. She worked at Morgan Stanley early in her career before becoming active in the nonprofit arena. Together with her late husband, James M. Allwin, she formed Aetos Capital LLC and The Allwin Family Foundation. She serves on the Dartmouth College and Bucknell University Parents Board, the Committee for Education and Technology at the Museum of Modern Art, and is a volunteer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She has assisted the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the New York Women’s Foundation and Communities in Schools, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to dropout prevention. Keeping her late husband’s legacy, she has been involved with the Allwin Initiative at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. She serves on the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and is a member of the Faith Endowment.
Drake G. Behrakis is President and CEO of Marwick Associates, a real estate investment and development company located in Lexington, Massachusetts. Marwick is the real estate arm of a family owned privately held investment company. He is also active in the Behrakis Foundation, the family's philanthropic vehicle; and Principal of Belvidere Realty Capital, a real estate finance and advisory company. Prior to establishing Marwick, Behrakis held various positions with Muro Pharmaceutical, Inc. and the Gillette Company. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Finance from Boston College and an MBA from Northeastern University. Recently elected to Boston College Board of Trustees, he established the Maria E. and Drake G. Behrakis Endowment Funds at Boston College and in 2007 sponsored the Behrakis Family Classical Studies Symposium.

Eleni Bousis earned her Bachelors Degree from North Park University in Psychology - Human Development. She is the founder and President of Frontida, an institution supporting and assisting women and families in need, a member of The National Ladies Philoptochos Society and serves on the Board of Directors for Little City Foundation, an institution aiding children and adults with developmental disabilities, the Executive Board for Circle of Friends, which addresses the trafficking and abuse of children around the world, and the Board of International Children. An active supporter of the American Cancer Society and Alzheimer’s Disease Research, she is President of the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre in Wheeling, Illinois, the only not-for-profit care center owned by the Greek American Community in the Mid-West. A benefactor to the International Christian Charities of Kenya, Africa, she has assisted in building Orthodox churches and an orphanage there.

Tarsi Georgas attended schools in the New York area, including Pratt Institute, where she worked toward a Fine Arts Degree. She worked for American Home Products Corporation as Assistant Art Director before her marriage to John W. Georgas, who passed away in November of 2009. After her marriage, she moved to Long Island where she worked for Sperry Rand Corporation. Her husband’s success in corporate life created for her an active life in which she traveled to some 100 countries and to many locations in the USA, finally settling in Atlanta where John Georgas served as President of the Coca Cola Company and President of Coca-Cola International. She hosted US and Foreign Business and Government Leaders and Heads of State for Coca Cola. She was an active member of the Greek Orthodox Church at every location where she lived, including Hempstead and Rye in New York, Stamford, Connecticut, Glenview, Illinois, Los Angeles and Atlanta, and currently in New York City, West Palm Beach and Boca Raton, Florida. Joining Philoptochos Chapters in all locations, she served on The National Ladies Philoptochos Board.

Patrice (Patsy) Kouvas is President and Vice Chair of the Board of AVI Foodsystems, a hospitality services company trading in 9 states and employing over 7,500 team members that is the largest independently owned and operated hospitality services company in the United States. With a leading reputation for providing customized solutions for thousands of clients and customers in corporate, industrial, government, healthcare and educational settings, its services include a complete offering of on-site dining, catering, vending, coffee service and most recently, environmental services. Born and raised in Warren, Ohio, she began working with her father, the founder of AVI, at age 13, joining the company after college. She has served on the Youngstown / Warren Regional Chamber’s Education, Cultural and Civic Foundation and is active in the Youngstown State University’s Partners for Workplace Diversity Organization. She is a member of the Young President’s Organization (YPO).

Emanuel “Mike” A. Manatos is part of a family that has been involved in high-level policy development in Washington, D.C. for over half a century. Manatos is Vice President of Manatos & Manatos, a public affairs/public policy firm. He follows in the footsteps of his grandfather who was the first Greek-American to work on Capitol Hill and in the White House, as administrative assistant to Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. As well, his father, Andrew Manatos, with whom he has worked for over 18 years, was the highest-ranking Greek-American in the Carter Administration, serving as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Legislation. He is a graduate of Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy and International Affairs, with a major in Political Science and minor in Hellenic Studies. He is also Executive Director of the National Coordinated Effort of Hellenes (CEH), a network of prominent Greek-American leaders and Executive Director of the Hellenic-American Heritage Council (HAHC), an organization of major U.S. companies doing business in Greece, and major Greek companies doing business in the U.S., dedicated to building stronger ties between the U.S. and Greece.

Adam M. Tzagournis of Dublin, Ohio, is a Senior Portfolio Manager at Smith Barney and Chartered Financial Analyst who has been in the investment industry for 23 years. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Ohio State University. A member of the Leadership 100 Investment Committee, Tzagournis wrote “The Economic Conundrum” in 2007, in which he argued presciently that the US economy is vulnerable to the imbalances and economic distortions that had accumulated over time resulting in a credit bubble.
Stephen G. Yeonas, the outgoing Chairman of Leadership 100, became Chairman Emeritus, joining the Life-Time Founding Members and Chairmen Emeriti upon the passing of George K. Chimples on March 13, 2010. Chimples was a revered Founder of Leadership 100 and Co-Chairman from the inception of the organization in 1984 to 1996. (See Obituary Page 12)

Constantine G. Caras of Wilmington (Greenville), Delaware, the newly-elected Chairman of Leadership 100 holds degrees from the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Virginia Law School. A native of Steubenville, Ohio, he is married to Maria Michell Caras, a practicing physician, and has two daughters, Valerie and Alexandra.

During his business career, Caras was the Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of the Ogden Corporation (a NYSE Fortune 500 company) and a member of its Board of Directors. Other high level positions in the corporate world include tenures as Senior Vice President of Lykes Bros. Steamship Corporation, Vice President of OMI Shipping Corporation, and Legal Counsel and Vice President of Avondale Shipyards, Inc. as well as membership of the company Boards of Directors. He was also a Director of International Terminal Operators, Ogden Projects, Inc., ERCE Corp., and Versar, Inc. During his government career, Caras was General Counsel of the U.S. Maritime Administration and a member of the U.S. Maritime Subsidy Board. He represented the United States in many international maritime conferences and in negotiations culminating in international maritime agreements. Upon graduation from law school, he served as law clerk for the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of various professional organizations.

Caras is an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle. He serves on the Parish Council of the Holy Trinity Church in Wilmington, DE, where he was the President, and, along with his family, is an active member of the church choir and other parish activities. He is a recipient of the St. Paul Medal. Currently, he is engaged in the management of family owned real estate properties in the Delaware area.

New Chairman honors outgoing Chairman Stephen Yeonas and Thelma Yeonas for their contributions to Leadership 100.
Following is an interview given to The Hellenic Voice following his election as Chairman of Leadership 100 at the 19th Annual Leadership 100 Conference in Coronado, California in February of 2010.

Were you satisfied with the overall results of this year’s L-100 annual conference held in Coronado (San Diego) California?

The San Diego Conference was one of the best conferences ever. More than 300 attended. The guest speakers all delivered dynamic messages. As always, the Archbishop offered a truly memorable Bible study and, in a following session, answered many pertinent questions concerning the future of our Church. The Conference afforded us the opportunity to renew acquaintances, focus on what Leadership 100 is all about, and set a course for the future.

How is the organization weathering the financial crisis the United States is facing?

According to many published reports, donations to U.S. philanthropies in 2008 and 2009 dropped off by more than 10 percent per year. I am happy to report that during the past two years, despite the economy, Leadership 100 grew by 100 new members. On the other hand, it is a fact that the value of the Endowment has declined by about 10 percent from its 2007 high, after deducting grants awarded these past three years.

Has the distribution of L-100 grants been affected by economic conditions?

Some grants have been postponed, pending further recovery in the financial markets. As you may know, donations to the Endowment Fund, which is the principal, are inviolate. Only dividends and interest may be used for grants. Despite this limitation, last year we were able to award grants of $1,300,000 to Hellenic College/Holy Cross, $1,000,000 of this amount being for the scholarship program. In fact, during the San Diego Conference we extended the scholarship program through 2018.

How do you explain the continuing increase in membership during these challenging times as you zero in on the 1000 member milestone?

Membership grows as the faithful around the country learn about our good work. New members tell us they decided to join after learning how much we have done for the clergy, the missions, and for other programs perpetuating Orthodoxy and Hellenism. Our track record is our best advertisement.

Leadership has made great strides in attracting young professionals through its Partners Program. To what do you attribute this success?

Our Partners, for the most part, come from families with a deep sense of commitment to the Church and an appreciation of Hellenism. They are attracted to Leadership 100 because Leadership offers them a forum to associate with others, who share common values. They also see the need to perpetuate these values for the next generation. In addition, our Partners focus on success. They are “results oriented” in their careers, and they expect results from organizations which they join.

The ministries of the church and programs that preserve our Hellenic heritage are the direct beneficiaries of L-100 “Spirit of Giving”. What is the thought process of the organization in balancing the two equally, yet distinct, deserving recipients of support?

The two are not always so distinct, and we have to make the best use of the money available. For us, the Church is the most important reason why Hellenism lives today in the United States. If it were not for the Church, the Greek language would not have survived here. Also, many of us in this country were introduced to Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle in our church sponsored Greek Schools. This is a reason why so much of our grant money has been directed to Hellenic College/Holy Cross. However, we are moving to the next step. Leadership 100 was a major benefactor of the Archbishop Iakovos Library, which is a significant repository of Hellenic studies, and Leadership 100 also donates books to the Archdiocese for Greek language education.

Some $30 million has been donated by Leadership since its inception in 1984. Do you see increased focus in the future on programs such as Greek Studies, lecture series and symposia?

Thank you for asking this question, which is a continuation of your previous question. Assuming funding is available, hopefully we will consider some such programs in the near future. We’ll be discussing this subject throughout the year.

Your predecessors have continued to expand on the strong foundation laid by the founders and the Archbishop whose name the organization bears, Iakovos, and current Archbishop of 10 years Demetrios. As you continue the legacy of leadership as chairman, what plans do you have for the organization during the term of your administration?

Our starting point is the strong foundation which we inherited. Recruiting new members has always been key to our mission of perpetuating Orthodoxy and Hellenism. We’re going to travel around the country, introducing the faithful to the Leadership 100 story. If we are to be successful, all the members must be involved. There is more to Leadership 100 than making a financial commitment and attending a conference once a year. We’re going to focus on demonstrating to the faithful that a Leadership 100 member is an exemplary steward of the Church and community 365 days a year. As I said previously, we’re also going to focus on what’s important for the younger generations. If we’re successful in these endeavors, then our membership will continue to grow dramatically with quality members, not because of what we say, but because of who we are.
The action by the Executive Committee, as reported by outgoing Chairman Stephen G. Yeonas, and with the endorsement of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, made the scholarship program at Holy Cross School of Theology the top priority of the more than 25-year old organization. Scholarships, which are expected to total $1 million a year, would provide support for seminarians in need of financial assistance who maintain a high grade point average and demonstrate exemplary character. The increase of the scholarship program will significantly advance the number of candidates for the Priesthood. Leadership 100 has provided more than $11 million in scholarship aid to Holy Cross in the past decade.

In the past two years, over the course of the 25th Anniversary Campaign, Leadership 100 has increased its membership by 100 for a total membership of 841. Fulfilled memberships now number 427, more than half of total memberships. Leadership 100 Partners now total 90. The investment portfolio, which saw a downturn in 2008, is now approximately $64 million. In 2009, Leadership 100 distributed $1,694,860 in grants with $1,300,000 going to Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology; $388,260 to the National Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and $6,600 to the Retired Clergy in Need. Since the inception of Leadership 100, total grant distributions stand at $29,081,236. The cumulative total of all grants over the history of the organization is expected to reach $30 million in 2010, an average of $1.2 million a year.
Constantine G. Caras, Chairman of Leadership 100, has made expansion of the website to benefit the Partners a priority. Details of a Partners Portal, to be incorporated in the Leadership website, will be detailed at a special Partners reception in the Atrium of the Olympic Tower on Thursday, September 9.

The idea, according to Constantine Caras and Michael Bapis, who heads up the Partners Program, will allow Partners to interact privately and exclusively with each other, regardless of geographical boundaries, via a secure virtual website portal integrated in the Leadership 100 website. Content will include announcements, user blogs, photo library and video library, calendar of events, bulletin boards, discussions and website links.

All L100 Partners will be invited to participate in the Leadership 100 Partners Portal via email and will be able to receive and post announcements, interact with other members via bulletin board messages or directly via email and view a calendar of events, videos, photos and blogs.

Leadership 100 Partners was inaugurated by the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees in 2007 for young professionals from every region of the country and every walk of life, who hold in common a deep commitment to their Orthodox Faith and Hellenic Heritage. To date, 90 young people have joined.
The Second National Leadership 100 Sunday will be observed on Sunday October 17, 2010 in Greek Orthodox parishes across the country, according to Constantine G. Caras, Leadership 100 Chairman and the Chairman of the first observance of National Leadership 100 Sunday in 2009. Caras also announced that he had appointed Michael R. Henry, a member of the Board of Trustees, to be Chairman of the 2010 observance.

The First National Leadership 100 Sunday was observed on the 25th Anniversary of Leadership 100 in hundreds of Greek Orthodox parishes on Sunday, October 18, 2009. The date was chosen as the Sunday prior to the Feast Day of St. Iakovos, a tribute to Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory, the visionary Founder and namesake of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund, by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios in response to a proposal by Stephen G. Yeonas, Chairman in 2009, acting on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Last year, parish priests read an Encyclical issued by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios on behalf of the Holy Eparchial Synod and members of Leadership 100 spoke of the 25-year-old mission of the organization founded in 1984 to support the National Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and to advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism in America. Some 70 Parish Chairmen organized programs in the Direct Archdiocesan District of New York and the Metropolises of Chicago, Pittsburgh, Boston, Denver, Atlanta, Detroit, San Francisco and New Jersey. Members of Leadership 100 volunteered to speak in parishes not covered by Parish Chairmen.

Mike Henry has spent his career becoming an expert in consumer marketing, merchandising and product development. In 1997, he founded and served as CEO of Equitec, the first and largest retail optimization analytics firm, which was acquired by Axiom Corporation, the world’s largest database supplier in 2007. He is CEO and Founder of Vistrio, the nation’s leading travel consumer information supplier, and a partner in 2M Ventures, Eclypse Limited and Nautical Cross.

Henry and his wife, Sofia, have been members of Leadership 100 for the past 6 years, as well as members of the St. Demetrios Church in Rocky River Ohio, along with their son, Michael, and daughter Effie. He was elected to the Leadership 100 Board of Trustees in 2008.
New Membership Committee

Thomas L. Demakes, National Membership Chairman, announced the composition of a new National Membership Committee for 2010 with Regional and Metropolis Membership Chairpersons named in the Direct Archdiocesan District and all but one Metropolis. Maria Allwin, Peter J. Pappas and James Pantelidis were named Regional Chairpersons in the Direct Archdiocesan District. Others named Metropolis Chairpersons included Eleni Bousis in the Metropolis of Chicago; Angelo Couris, Michael Henry and Adam Tzagournis in the Metropolis of Pittsburgh; Drake Behrakis, Elias Demakes and George Safiol in the Metropolis of Boston; Michael S. Johnson and Gregory Papadeas in the Metropolis of Denver; Tarsi Georgas, Frances Hadjilou and her sons, Alexander and Steven, in the Metropolis of Atlanta; Tom Jordan in the Metropolis of Detroit; Chris Caras in the Metropolis of San Francisco; and Anita Kartalopoulos, John Kusturiss, Eliana Papadakis and Kassandra Romas in the Metropolis of New Jersey.

Total membership to date now stands at 841 with more than half, 427, fulfilling their memberships. Leadership 100 Partners now total 90. The 25th Anniversary Campaign, initiated at the 17th Annual Conference in 2008 had reached 100 new members by the opening of the 19th Annual Conference in February.

The Leadership 100 Office has also devoted its efforts toward decreasing the list of non-current Members by personal phone calls and individual contact to these members, the sponsors and the Board in order to secure a current payment status.

A new approach generated by Project Fish Finder, designed by Michael Henry of the Board of Trustees, has resulted in peer-to-peer recruitments utilizing new prospect lists.

Demakes said recruitment of Metropolis Chairpersons would be completed in April and events and one on one meetings are already being scheduled across the country. He said it was heartwarming to see the progress that has been made in recruiting new members through direct contact, the effort of Leadership 100 Partners and through the website, The Leader and other personal means made through the office and members of the Board of Trustees during such a difficult time in the national economy.

However, he emphasized that a more formal structure was needed to continue to recruit new members systematically in order to reach the ultimate goal of 1,000 members early in the new decade.

Anatolia President Visits Leadership 100 Offices

American educator Dr. Hans C. Giesecke, elected the 10th President of Anatolia College and the American College of Thessaloniki in 2009, met with Paulette Poulos, Acting Director of Leadership 100, at the Leadership 100 Offices in the Olympic Tower in March of 2010, to discuss his plans for the school. Anatolia became a member of Leadership 100 earlier in 2009.

Giesecke has spent his academic career in college-level education in California, Indiana, Minnesota and Tennessee with interludes in Germany and Austria at International University Bremen (now Jacobs University) and International University Vienna. He has served as President and CEO of Independent Colleges of Indiana and supervising officer of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program, one of the largest private, single-source scholarship programs in the U.S.

Anatolia College, the K-12 American private school and four-year Liberal Arts college in Thessaloniki, Greece, was founded by New England educators and missionaries in early 19th century Anatolia (modern day Turkey) and had educated Greek and Armenian Christians in the Ottoman Empire for nearly 100 years before moving to Greece in 1924. The College was recruited by National Membership Chairman, Thomas L. Demakes of the Metropolis of Boston.
In the fall of 2009, Dr. David G. Horner, President, along with representatives of The American College of Greece visited the Leadership 100 offices in New York and met with Acting Executive Director, Paulette Poulos, to inform her that The American College of Greece had decided to join Leadership 100. Poulos said, “Leadership 100 has been honored to include in its ranks so historic an institution that has forged links between America and Greece and Hellenic culture for going on 135 years.”

In fact, the 135th Anniversary was acknowledged in March of 2010 at a special reception at the New York Athletic Club in New York as part of a tour of receptions honoring the anniversary in other cities around the country. Dr. David G. Horner, who became president in June of 2008, was conducting the tour to familiarize Americans and an international audience with the world-class institution that is comprised of Deree College, the oldest and largest American college or university not only in Greece but also in all of Europe, and Pierce College.

The American College of Greece was founded in 1875 in Smyrna, Asia Minor as the American Collegiate Institute by Congregational women missionaries from Massachusetts. In 1923, at the invitation of Prime Minister Eleftherios Venizelos, the College was relocated to Greece. In 1931 George Papandreou, then Minister of Education, granted the College formal status as a private educational institution. The College reports that more than 33,000 individuals are graduates of The American College of Greece.

“Our primary short-term goal is to make the College better known beyond Greece—in the United States as well as in the region,” said Dr. Horner. “We are already the quality leader in independent higher education in Greece. We believe we can establish this same position within the region and as a preferred, international option for American students.”

**New Members**

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**Metropolis of San Francisco**

| Dr. John Costouros * | Los Gatos, CA | Stefanie Roumeliotes |
| Andre C. Dimitriadis | Westlake Village, CA | Stephen G. Yeonas |
| Athan Ranglas *     | San Diego, CA  | Gerry and Jeannie Ranglas |
| Alex Sioukas *      | Sacramento, CA | Jack and Lillian Sioukas |

**Metropolis of New Jersey**

| In Memory of James Kariotis | Summit, NJ | Nicholas J. Bouras |
| In Memory of Stafford Kariotis | Summit, NJ | Nicholas J. Bouras |
| Dr. Stamatios and Anita Kartalopoulos | Annandale, NJ | Kassandra L. Romas |
| Maria Kyriakos   | Wilmington, DE | Peter M. Dion |
| Maria Papadakis * | Philadelphia, PA | Eliana Papadakis |
| Stephen W. Yeonas ** | McLean, VA   | Stephen G. Yeonas |

**International**

| Ioannis Ioannidis | Athens, Greece | Stephen G. Yeonas |

* L100 Partner
** L100 Junior Partner
IN MEMORIAM

Chresanthe Staurulakis
Boca Raton, FL
1/24/2009

Leo P. Condakes
Swampscott, MA
12/4/2009

Peter E. Petrou
Singer Island, FL
12/21/2009

Eva Vardakis
Brooklyn, NY
1/19/2010

Alexander Koukias
Lowell, MA
1/29/2010

Frank Sarris
Canonsburg, PA
3/1/2010

George K. Chimples
Lyndhurst, OH
3/13/2010

Direct Archdiocesan District
Stephen and Arete Cherpelis
Manhasset, NY
1/24/2009
Michael and Emily Kavourias
New York, NY
12/4/2009
Peter T. Kikis
New York, NY
12/21/2009
Wilder A. Ledes
Washington, DC
1/19/2010
Eugene T Rossides
Bayside, NY
1/29/2010
John Stavropoulos

Holy Metropolis of Chicago
Nicholas W. and Marcie Alexos
Lake Forest, IL
11/1/2009
James and Xenia Patten
Davenport, IA
1/29/2010

Holy Metropolis of Pittsburgh
Christ G. and Ann Kraras
Wyomissing, PA
12/21/2009
Efstathios D. and Julie Papadimas
Warren, OH
1/19/2010

Holy Metropolis of Boston
Christos and Mary Cocaine
Worcester, MA
1/19/2010
George K. Hasiotis
Boston, MA
1/29/2010
John and Sonia Lingos Family Foundation
West Yarmouth, MA

Holy Metropolis of Atlanta
Harry J. and Pauline Demas
Naples, FL
12/29/2009

Holy Metropolis of Denver
Michael S. and Katherine V. Johnson
Denver, CO
1/3/2010

Holy Metropolis of San Francisco
Stavros, Artemios and Alexander Panos (Panagiotakis)
Seattle, WA
John and Mary Lynn Rallis
Newport Beach, FL
William G. and Lilli Tragos
Santa Barbara, CA
Gary M. and Constantina Vrionis
Danville, CA

Holy Metropolis of New Jersey
Thomas and Sylvia Kress
Edison, NJ
1/19/2010
Nick M. Logothetis
Morristown, NJ
1/29/2010
Stavro G. and Audrey Soussou
Paramus, NJ
1/13/2010
IN MEMORIAM

GEORGE K. CHIMPLES,
FOUNDER AND PAST CO-CHAIRMAN

George K. Chimples, a Founder of Leadership 100 and its Co-Chairman from the inception of the organization in 1984 to 1996, died after a brief illness on Saturday, March 13, 2010. He was a noted philanthropist, business entrepreneur, and leader in the Greek Orthodox Church, Leadership 100 and the Greek Community. He was born in Kardamyla on the island of Chios in Greece and was graduated from the gymnasium in Chios and the Merchant Marine Academy in Piraeus. A Greek Merchant Marine officer for seven years, he joined the Royal Greek Navy in 1943, serving as an officer and participating in the Allied invasion of Normandy under General Dwight Eisenhower. After having immigrated to the United States, studying business administration and establishing himself as a successful business leader, he was among 22 guests invited to a breakfast meeting in Cleveland with President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956. He was founder and former CEO of AMAC Enterprises, Inc., a metal finishing company, MEGA Systems, an electronics manufacturing firm, and Dean Land Company and a founding director of Commerce Exchange Bank. A devoted churchman, he was elevated to Archon Megas Primikirios at SS. Constantine and Helen Cathedral in Cleveland in 1957 and served for 27 years as National Finance Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. In that capacity, he was credited with the establishment of the LOGOS program and with conceiving the idea of a National Endowment Program that led to the establishment of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund, Inc., a national charitable membership organization that supports the National Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Church for which he travelled near and far to promote its mission.

A proud member and benefactor of SS. Constantine and Helen, where he served as Trustee, President, Vice President and Chairman of the Board of Education and Building Fund, he also supported the St. Basil Academy and St. Michael’s Home, the United Hellenic American Congress, and Hellenic College-Holy Cross School of Theology where he established a scholarship fund. He was also an active member of the Chios Society, a long-time member of AHEPA, founder of the Kardamylian Foundation and founding President of the United Hellenic Communities of Greater Cleveland. A resident of Lyndhurst, Ohio, he leaves his wife, Janet W., and his sons and daughters, Eugenia Hasiotis, who serves on the Executive Committee of Leadership 100, and Dr. George Hasiotis; Christine and Peter Anzo; Constantine and Kathleen Chimples; and Thomas and Theresa Chimples; and eight grandchildren.

Leo P. Condakes

Leo P. Condakes of Swampscott, MA, died in December of 2009. A long-time member of Leadership 100, he was the husband of Eve (Evanthea) Condakes, who was the first woman to serve of the Board of Trustees of Leadership 100 and the only woman to do so for several years. A native of Boston, he was educated in the Boston public school system and studied at Wentworth Institute, a business school there, before serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was awarded the good conduct medal.

Joining his father and brothers at Peter Condakes Company upon his return, he served as an executive and saw the company grow to be the biggest produce wholesaler in New England, becoming the first produce wholesaler to import product from the rest of the nation and the world.

A lifelong member of the Annunciation Cathedral of New England in Boston, he served on its Parish Council. He was noted for his support of Greek Orthodox churches in the Boston area and for his philanthropy. He also served on the Archdiocesan Council of the Greek Orthodox Church of America and the Board of Trustees of Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology. He was an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and a member of AHEPA.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his children, Stephanie Torski and her husband, Gregory; Elizabeth Condakes, Peter Condakes and his wife, Pamela; Jacqueline Condakes and her husband, Christopher Hubbard, Nicholas Koskores and his wife, Mary; and W. Theodore Koskores and his wife, Karen; and 12 grandchildren.

Frank Sarris

Frank Sarris, known affectionately to his customers as The Candy Man and to Leadership 100 as an outstanding philanthropist and businessman, died on March 1, 2010 at his Canonsburg, PA home. A native of Canonsburg, he and his wife, Athena, began experimenting with making candy in the basement of their home more than 50 years ago. Today Sarris Candies is familiar throughout Western Pennsylvania and to his Leadership 100 family, as his generous gift of candies graced the tables of each Leadership 100 Annual Conference.

Sarris Candies has more than 350 employees and is a popular stopover for visitors to buy chocolates or frequent the Sarris ice Cream Parlour. Sarris was named Pennsylvania Small Business Person of the Year in 2001 and one of the nation’s top four small-business people at a White House ceremony held by President George W. Bush.

A fulfilled member of Leadership 100 with Athena, Frank Sarris and his family were also known for their charitable contributions to University of Pittsburgh programs and local causes. He was the only son of Harry and Demetroula Sarris who had emigrated from Greece and was well known locally as an outstanding athlete at Cecil and Canonsburg, PA schools.

He was one of the first patients to benefit from a protocol for a living donor kidney transplant pioneered at the Starzl Institute at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in 2002; later, the Sarris family contributed $5 million to the Thomas E. Starzl Legacy Endowment. In 2006, the family dedicated the Frank Sarris Outpatient Clinic. They also supported the University of Pittsburgh library fund and athletics department, as well as many other local and national charities and established the Frank Sarris Public Library in Canonsburg just this year.

Sarris was a member of AHEPA, an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and a member of All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in Canonsburg.

He is survived by his wife, Athena, his son, William Frank Sarris, his daughter, Sophie Heon, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
George L. Argyros, who served as the United States Ambassador to Spain and is a renowned real estate investor, public servant and philanthropist, addressed the Grand Banquet at the 19th Annual Leadership 100 Conference on Saturday, February 6, 2010 as a recipient of the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence.

Argyros, who served as U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain and Principality of Andorra from November of 2001 to November of 2004, was presented with the honor by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and Stephen G. Yeonas, Chairman of Leadership 100.

During an extraordinary period in Spain’s history, Ambassador Argyros’ outstanding diplomatic accomplishments included forging a close alliance with King Juan Carlos and former President Jose Maria Aznar that resulted in Spain’s support and participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, guiding the U.S. response to the tragic terrorist bombings in 2003 and implementing new initiatives to assist and promote U.S. trade and investment in Spain.

Ambassador Argyros formerly served as a member of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations for the U.S. Trade Representative until 1990, when President G. W. Bush appointed him to the board of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac). He completed his term on the Freddie Mac Board in March of 1993.

Born in Detroit, Michigan and raised in Pasadena, California, Ambassador Argyros graduated from Chapman University in 1959 with a major in Business and Economics. He is currently Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Arnel & Affiliates, a prominent West Coast diversified Investment Company, with corporate offices located in Costa Mesa, California. He is also a General Partner in Westar Capital, a private investment company. From 1981-1987, he was co-owner of AirCal, which was successfully sold to American Airlines in 1987; and from 1981-1989, he was owner of the Seattle Mariners Baseball Club of the American League for nine full seasons.

He is also a member of the Board of Directors for The Beckman Foundation, a major philanthropic foundation for scientific research; former Chairman of the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace Foundation; Founding Chairman for the Nixon Center in Washington D.C.; International Councillor and Trustee of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington D.C.; Board Member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Member of the Library of Congress Open World Leadership Board; Member of the Hoover Institution’s Board of Overseers; and former Chairman and Board Member of the Orange County Council Boy Scouts of America.

Ambassador Argyros was a 1993 recipient of the Horatio Alger Award of Distinguished Americans and served as President and CEO of the Washington D.C. based Horatio Alger Association from 1995 to 1998, Chairman from 1998 to 2000, and currently serves as Treasurer and Chairman Emeritus. In 2004, he was selected by the Horatio Alger Association to receive the Norman Vincent Peale Award in recognition for his ongoing involvement in the Association and his humanitarian contributions to society. He was the 2007 recipient of the Semper Fidelis Award from the Marine Scholarship Foundation. In June 2005, through the Horatio Alger Association, he and Mrs. Argyros initiated the first national college scholarship program exclusively for veterans who have served honorably in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. As of January 2009, 2,348 scholarships have been awarded to these veterans.

In 1997, Ambassador Argyros received an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Pepperdine University; in 2001 he was the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor; and in 2005 he received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Chapman University. He is an Archon in the Order of Saint Andrew of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

He and his wife, Julia, have been married for 47 years and have three grown children and seven grandchildren.
George Pelecanos, the award-winning novelist and television writer and producer, spoke at the 19th Annual Leadership 100 Conference Forum on Thursday, February 4, 2010. He was presented with the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence.


Most recently, Pelecanos was a producer, writer, and story editor for the acclaimed HBO dramatic series, The Wire, winner of the Peabody Award, the AFI Award, and the Edgar. He was nominated for an Emmy for his writing on that show. He is a writer and co-producer on the World War II miniseries The Pacific, produced by Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg, and HBO, and is currently at work on David Simon’s dramatic series Treme, produced for HBO.

The St. Spyridon Greek Dancers from St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in San Diego highlighted the Leadership 100 Annual Conference Hellenic Festival on Friday, February 5, 2010 at the Hotel del Coronado. The Aegean Dancers, high school-aged young men and women, performed a suite of carnival dances from the town of Naoussa in the northern Macedonian area of Greece performed since the 1800s each year during the apokries – or Mardi Gras – season as a memorial tribute to the brave warriors who gave their lives for the liberation of Greece from the Turks. The Ionian Dancers, 11-13 year old boys and girls, danced a traditional taverna set of dance from various regions including Thrace, Macedonia, and lively dances from the islands.
More than 300 members and their guests attended a full three-day program at the 19th Annual Leadership 100 Conference, whose theme was “The Torchbearers of Our Faith and Hellenic Heritage: The New Generation of Leaders.” In addition to the addresses by George Argyros, former United States Ambassador to Spain and one of America’s foremost real estate investors, and George Pelecanos, the award-winning author, film and television producer, George Stephanopoulos, the new co-host of “Good Morning America”, gave a video address. All three were honored with the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Excellence.

Harry C. Cordellos, a world class athlete who overcame childhood visual challenges, addressed the General Assembly and was presented with the Archbishop Iakovos Award for Achievement. Deborah Szekely, co-founder of the modern-day health and fitness movement, and Dr. Nicholas Yphantides, a motivational speaker focusing on the issue of obesity, also received the Archbishop Iakovos Award for Achievement.

Performances by the St. Spyridon Greek Dancers from St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in San Diego during the Hellenic Festival added youthful zest to the proceedings.
Harry C. Cordellos, a native of San Francisco and a nationally known motivational speaker who is a visually handicapped world class athlete, addressed the 19th Annual Leadership 100 General Assembly on Friday, February 5, 2010. He was presented with the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Achievement. An American of Greek heritage, whose father was born in Zante on the Island of Zakynthos, he is a graduate of the City College of San Francisco with an A.A. Degree in Education. He also holds a B.S. Degree in Recreation and an M.S. Degree in Physical Education from California State University in Hayward, CA.

Cordellos is the author of three books, Breaking Through, an autobiography published in 1981, a textbook entitled Aquatic Recreation for the Blind, published in the mid 80’s, and a biography entitled No Limits, which involved a co-author who interviewed people important in his life. He is the recipient of the Tolland Foundation National Award given annually to one who has achieved in sports in spite of a disability or who has contributed to the field of sports for the disabled and the Healthy American Fitness Leader Award, given by the President’s Council on Physical Fitness, and has been inducted into the Catalina Island Sports Hall of Fame. He also received the Award of Distinction, given by the American Water Ski Education Foundation. He has water skied annually as a guest at the Cypress Gardens Water Ski show in Florida since 1981. Cordellos also holds the National Marathon record for totally blind runners, (2:57:42) set in Boston, 1975, completed the Hawaiian Iron Man Triathlon in 1981 and received the Award for Excellence, presented by the Dallas White Rock Marathon. He has run 154 marathons, including the Boston, Honolulu, & Long Beach marathons. He carried the Olympic flame for the 1984 Summer Olympics and again for the 2002 Winter Olympics. In 1971, he swam the Golden Gate Bridge crossing. Participating for over three decades, he has rowed, run and water skied with the San Francisco South End Runners.

Deborah Szekely (pronounced “Say-kay”), founder of the New Americans Museum in San Diego, and known worldwide as the founding “godmother” of the mind/body/fitness movement, spoke at the Spouse Brunch on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at the 19th Annual Leadership 100 Conference. She was presented with the Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Award for Achievement.

In 1940 she and her late husband Edmond Szekely founded Rancho La Puerta in Tecate, Baja California, Mexico. In 1958 she alone established the world’s premiere spa, the Golden Door, in Escondido, California.

Distinguished as well in public service and philanthropy, Szekely founded Eureka Communities in 1991, a national leadership training program for CEOs of nonprofit organizations, serving as Eureka’s President through December, 1995, and is currently Chair Emerita. From 1984 to 1990, she was President of the Inter-American Foundation (IAF), an independent agency of the United States government created by Congress to support self-help efforts of the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. As a U.S. diplomat with the IAF, she traveled to virtually all democratic countries in the Southern Hemisphere and authored program innovations that increased cost effectiveness and accountability of U.S. development efforts.

Board Memberships include Claremont Graduate University; Ford’s Theatre, Washington DC; Center for Science in the Public Interest; and Partners for Livable Communities. Representing the United States, she was co-founder and co-president of the U.S.-Mexico Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (Fulbright Commission) and served as the U. S. A. Principal Delegate to both UNESCO and the Inter-American Commission on Women (CIM).
Stephen G. Yeonas, Leadership 100 Chairman, asked the General Assembly meeting at the 19th Annual Leadership 100 Conference to pause and recognize members of the Board of Trustees who, “over the years have constituted a long line of truly distinguished individuals who have rendered exceptional service to Leadership 100.” In 2009, under his leadership, the Executive Committee decided not only to honor the Founders on the 25th Anniversary of Leadership 100, but also to commend extraordinary individuals who have made contributions of their time, talent and treasure to advance Orthodoxy and Hellenism.

The Chairman asked those assembled to share in a moment of silence for deceased Trustees and presented the Commendation for Distinguished Service to those accepting on behalf of Trustees of Blessed Memory or not in attendance, as well as those present, which included Tarsi Georgas and daughter Laura Carr accepting on behalf of her husband and her father, respectively, John W. Georgas of Blessed Memory; Jerry O. Lorant; Marjorie Moyar, accepting for her husband, Bert W. Moyar; Dina Skouras Oldknow, accepting on behalf of her husband, William H. Oldknow; James A. Regas; George E. Safiol; Natalia Orfanos, accepting on behalf of Alex G. Spanos; and Peter A. Vlachos.

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HELEN NICOZISIS HONOURED

Helen Bakalis Nicozisis, a long-time member of Leadership 100, was honored for her leadership and philanthropy last November at the annual Chrysanthemum Ball of the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York City. A Trustee and Past President of the Board of Directors of Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), she was the first lay person and woman to be elected to that position. She served on the organization’s board for more than two decades and chaired its capital campaign for some five years, which led to the construction of the Archbishop Anastasios and Archbishop Demetrios Missionary Training and Administration Building, its new headquarters in St. Augustine, Florida.

Born and raised in Manhattan where she worshipped at St. Spyridon parish in Washington Heights, she was graduated from the Greek-American Institute of Zoodohos Peghe in the Bronx, New York and attended the Bronx High School of Science and City College of New York where she majored in Mathematics and Science. She also attended Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, studying accounting.

She and her family have been active members of the parishes of St. Paraskevi in Greenlawn, Long Island, St. Nicholas in Flushing, New York, St. Paul in Hempstead, Long Island, and the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Lancaster, PA, where she moved with her family in 1971 and remains a member. She was elected as the first female President of its Parish Council. She has also supported the Greek Orthodox parishes of Reading, York, Camp Hill and Bethlehem, PA, and is currently a member, with her husband, Louis, of St. Mark’s in Boca Raton, FL. Together, Helen and Louis Nicozisis have hosted a Leadership 100 Annual Conference and have been active in all aspects of the organization’s activities. Louis Nicozis has been a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees of Leadership 100. She also served on the Metropolis of Pittsburgh Council, in the Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and in the Daughters of Penelope.

In her capacity as President of the OCMC Board of Directors, she accepted the 2003 Athenagoras Human Rights Award of the Order of St. Andrew, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on behalf of OCMC, whose missionaries and ministries have been to over 35 countries. In addition, she received the Humanitarian Award of the American Hellenic Institute (AHI) in Washington, D.C. for her involvement in the Mission movement and the St. Paul Medal, the highest award given to a lay person by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

Helen Nicozisis is also involved in the management of family owned real estate and community activities, having served as a Board Trustee of the Lancaster Country Day School, in the Junior League of Lancaster, PA, in the President James Buchanan Foundation and the Fulton Opera House Foundation.

She and Louis have 3 children: Jeannie, married to Dr. Kenneth Arida, Philip, and Dr. Jonathan, married to Eleni (Giazikis). They also have 4 grandchildren, Elena, Christina and William Arida and Louis Christopher Nicozisis.
CARAS AND KONTOS COUPLE HONORED AT HERMES EXPO

Andrew A. Athens, Co-Founder of Leadership 100 and International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), National Chairman, United Hellenic American Congress (UHAC), President and Founder, hellenicare, and Honorary President, World Council of Hellenes (SAE), received the 2010 AHEPA Lifetime Achievement Award on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the AHEPA Midwestern Regional Biennial Salute Banquet at the Westin O’Hare Hotel in Rosemont, Illinois.

Called “a one-man foreign aid program” by United States Senator Barbara Mikulski, Athens has received countless awards and recognition from many foreign governments, including Greece, Belgium, Hungary, Georgia and the Republic of Ukraine, in addition to numerous awards from the United States, Orthodox Churches around the world as well as civic and humanitarian organizations.

In 1950, Athens co-founded Metron Steel Corporation, a major steel service center in the Midwest. He served as President and CEO until 1991. Since that time, he has devoted himself to being a full-time volunteer on behalf of Hellenism and Orthodoxy.

In 1995, Mr. Athens became the founding World President of the World Council of Hellenes Abroad (SAE). He was re-elected to that position by an international assembly of delegates three times, serving a total of 11 years. SAE is an historic, international movement that unites Hellenes around the globe under one non-profit, non-governmental organization. SAE's constituency consists of 7 million Hellenes around the world in unity with 10 million Hellenes in Greece.

Upon witnessing the plight of poor Hellenes and their neighbors during his trips to the Former Soviet Republics, Andrew Athens founded hellenicare, initially launched as the Primary Health Care Initiative in 1997. hellenicare is a non-governmental, international medical and humanitarian assistance organization whose mission is to alleviate poverty and oppression by building healthy, secure and productive lives.

A member of AHEPA for the last 50 years, he described the organization as “a leading partner in advocating for human rights and religious freedom as well as protecting fellow Hellenes from bigotry and discrimination.”

Upon accepting the award, he stated: “Our noble mission of promoting ancient Greek ideals of philanthropy, education, civic responsibility and family are the cornerstones on which both Hellenic and American societies were founded. As a member of AHEPA I am proud of the organization's many accomplishments. We are fulfilling the goal of encouraging individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.”

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Chairman, Constantine G. Caras, and long-time members, Evripides (Evris) and Evangelia Kontos were honored at the 19th Hermes Expo Dinner Dance and Awards Ceremony Saturday April 24, 2010 at the Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City. The Hermes Expo International included a trade exhibition and Green Symposium. In addition, The Hellenic Medical Association hosted their first ever CME (Continuing Medical Education) at the Expo and young professionals, SAE USA Youth, hosted their mentor fair in conjunction with the National Hellenic Student Association whose conference also took place at the Expo.

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The 10-member bipartisan Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission established in 2009 to examine the causes of the biggest economic downturn since the Great Depression continued televised hearings into the near-collapse of the financial system in 2008. Two prominent members of Leadership 100 serve on the commission, Phil Angelides, the former California Treasurer, who was appointed Chairman, and Byron Georgiou of Las Vegas, Nevada who has had a long career in the private and public sector in government service, business and law, and has spent most of the last decade investigating and prosecuting financial fraud. He is currently the President of Georgiou Enterprises and has had a leadership role in the historic litigations prosecuting financial fraud on behalf of defrauded investors at Enron, WorldCom, Dynergy, AOLTime Warner, and UnitedHealth. He holds a Juris Doctor degree magna cum laude from Harvard Law School.

In recent testimony, Charles O. Prince III, Citigroup’s former chairman and chief executive, apologized for the billions of dollars of losses that caused the company he helped build to nearly collapse. The bank required three government rescues and some $45 billion in taxpayer aid. Robert E. Rubin, an influential Citigroup board member and adviser, whose career took him from chief of Goldman Sachs to Secretary of the Treasury during the Clinton Administration, cited at least nine different causes for the financial crisis, which formed a toxic cocktail that, he claims, “almost all of us” missed. “We all bear responsibility for not recognizing this, and I deeply regret that,” Mr. Rubin said in his testimony.

Previously, the bipartisan panel questioned the former Federal Reserve chairman, Alan Greenspan, on his deregulatory stance and over his failure to crack down on subprime lending abuses.

The 10-member commission, with a budget of just $8 million, is charged with delivering a comprehensive report to President Obama by Dec. 15 on 22 factors associated with the crisis, from mortgage fraud to regulatory failings. In particular, the commission will look into issues such as the role of exotic financial instruments and credit rating agencies, executive pay, and why the regulators failed to handle risky lending at banks. The commission, with subpoena power, is supposed to be modeled on the Pecora Commission, which investigated the events that led to the 1929 stock market crash and the Great Depression.

George M. Marcus, a long-time member of the Leadership 100 Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, was honored with The Aristeio Award of the American Hellenic Council of California on April 17.

He is the founder of The Marcus & Millichap Company and its chairman since 1971. The Marcus & Millichap Company is the parent company of a diversified group of real estate, service, investment and development firms. He is also chairman of Essex Property Trust and one of the original founders and directors of Plaza Commerce Bank and Greater Bay Bancorp, both publicly held financial institutions. Included among his professional memberships are the Board of Regents of The University of California, the Apartment Industry Foundation in which he currently serves on the Board of Directors, the Real Estate Roundtable and the Policy Advisory Board of the University of California at Berkeley - Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics. He currently serves as an Advisor on the Strategic Review Committee for CalPers; the largest pension fund in the world.

Born George Moutsanas in 1941 in Euboea, Greece, he emigrated to the United States in 1945 with his parents and sister, Orsa. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from San Francisco State University in 1965 and is also a graduate of the Harvard Business School of Owners/Presidents Management Program and the Georgetown University Leadership Program.

He received the high Offikion of Archon Exarchos in 1991 by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York. His many awards include the Oxi Day Award, Axion Award, Elios Cultural Achievement Award, Patriarch Athenagoras Humanitarian Award and Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year.

He and his wife, Judy, live in Los Altos Hills, California. They have four children: Mary Jane, John, Demetra and Alexandria.
Drake G. Behrakis, an active member of Leadership 100 with his wife, Maria, has been elected to Boston College Board of Trustees. A 1986 graduate of the Carroll School of Management, he is President & CEO of Marwick Associates, a real estate investment and development company located in Lexington, Massachusetts. Prior to joining Marwick, Mr. Behrakis held various positions at Muro Pharmaceutical and the Gillette Company.

In addition to his degree from Boston College, Behrakis earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Northeastern University. A member of the University's Alumni Association Board and Real Estate Council, Behrakis made a 2001 gift to establish the Maria E. and Drake G. Behrakis Endowment Funds at Boston College and, in 2009, the Behrakis Family Professorship in Hellenic Studies.

Behrakis has also been actively involved in the Metropolis of Boston, Sudbury Youth Basketball and the Perkins School for the Blind.

The Behrakis couple lives in Sudbury, Massachusetts and have three children, George, Zoe and Demetri.

The Borough of Brooklyn in New York City observed Greek Heritage Month in April and honored two long-time and fulfilled members of Leadership 100 in ceremonies at Brooklyn Borough Hall on April 14: Dr. Andreas Koutras, a distinguished pediatrician who is Clinical Associate Professor at Cornell Medical Center, and John Psaras, a successful businessman and humanitarian. Borough President Marty Markowitz acknowledged the contributions of the two men to the Greek American Community and to Brooklyn. The Very Rev. Fr. Eugene N. Pappas of Three Hierarchs Church, President of the Metropolitan Clergy, read a special message from His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios.
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