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The Greek American Chamber of Commerce
wishes to all its members and friends

Merry Christmas - Καλά Χριστούγεννα

and Happy New Year 2008

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Fall 2007 Starts with Networking/Speaker Events

The Chamber had a spectacular Fall season with a series of interesting networking events coupled with interesting speakers.

Martinis and Diamonds. On the first of a "Third Thursday of the Month" events, the Philadelphia chapter of the Chamber hosted **Panos Stavrianidis** of Venus Jewelers in Somerset, New Jersey on September 18 to speak on how to shop for diamonds. Panos is also President of the Central New Jersey Chapter of the Chamber. The event was held at the Philadelphia Greek restaurant Estia where specialty martinis were served. It was a great networking opportunity for the many business and professional persons who attended.

Health Insurance. The North Jersey Chapter organized an event at Portabella's Restaurant in Oakland, New Jersey on September 24. It featured **Bill Siris** of Siris Insurance and member of the Chamber speaking on Health Insurance for today's employer.

Eat Smart is Good For Business. The Central Jersey Chapter of the Chamber co-sponsored with the Hellenic Link of New Jersey a presentation by Chamber member Dr. **Paul Misthos**, on October 3 at the Metuchen Inn, titled, "Eat Smart, Be Smart: Proper Nutrition for a Healthy Mind, Body, and Business." Dr. Misthos discussed his practical weight loss program, based on the findings of recent scientific studies. He went on to explain how good nutrition improves the way we perform in our daily business activities.

Long Term Care. The Philadelphia Chapter held again Third Thursday networking event at Estia Restaurant on October 19, 2007. Chamber members **Ernie, Pete and Georgia Chletcos** of New York Life made a presentation on long term care insurance. Guest speaker James Flanagan, CLTC gave a detailed discussion of long term care and how it can be incorporated in business planning. The event was attended by a large group of members.

Philadelphia Members Meet Economic Counselor of US Embassy in Athens

On September 25, 2007 the Philadelphia Chapter of the Chamber hosted a “members only” luncheon in honor of C. Woodward Price, Economic Counselor to the U.S. Embassy in Athens. Mr. Price, while in the Philadelphia area during his summer leave, took time to meet with the Chamber and exchange ideas on the economy and business climate in Greece with Greek American businessmen in the region.

The event was hosted by the law firm of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP in Center City Philadelphia, where GACC Chairman, **Tassos Efstratiades**, is a partner. Approximately 15 Chamber members participated in the informative round table discussion. Mr. Woodward presented a lot of information on the strength of the Greek economy. He gave a lot of interesting economic data on the progress of the Greek economy and trade in recent years. He expressed his interest in the work of the Chamber and his appreciation for the Chamber’s promotion of US-Greek trade.



Mr. Price (center) with GACC Philadelphia Region President **Stavros Antonakakis** (L) and GACC Board Chairman **Tassos Efstratiades** (R).

North/Central New Jersey Chapters hold Successful Golf Outing on October 23

The annual golf tournament of the Chamber was held again at Branchburg Country Club in Somerset, NJ. The event took place October 23. Over 70 golfers participated in the event on the beautiful autumn day. At the end of the day the golfers were joined by other GACC members for a successful networking dinner at the Branchburg Country Club clubhouse where they were able to meet and discuss professional opportunities.

Greek Chamber of Commerce President **Zenon Christodoulou** gave welcome remarks and thanked the participants for getting involved with the Chamber and the golf outing. He also presented the winners of the tournament with prizes.

Several vendors also gave door prizes to all the participants.

**The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the
Greek American Chamber of Commerce
and
The Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia**
Cordially invite you to a

Christmas Party

With special guest performance by

Comedienne Ellen Karas

Friday December 7, 2007

6:30 PM - 10 PM

The Union League, North Marble Room

140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Butlered Hors d'oeuvres - Pastries, Coffee and Tea - Complimentary Wines - Cash Bar

PLATINUM SPONSOR



RSVP by December 3

Mail checks to: Greek American Chamber of Commerce, c/o: Georgia Chletcos, 135 St.
Laurence Rd, Upper Darby, Pa 19082
Telephone: 610-446-2121

Please make check payable to:

The Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia

___ Members at \$60 ___ Non-members at \$70 Walk-ins at \$75

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

The Northern and Central New Jersey Chapters of the
Greek American Chamber of Commerce
and
The Hellenic American Bar Association
of New Jersey

Cordially invite you to a

Christmas Cocktail Party

In front of the fireplace and the Christmas tree
At the

Knickerbocker Country Club

188 Knickerbocker Road
Tenefly, New Jersey

Friday December 14, 2007
6:30 PM – 9 PM

Two hour top shelf Open Bar – Hors d'oeuvres
Music

RSVP by December 3

Mail checks to:

Jordan Yuelys, Esquire, 505 Main street, Suite 304, Hackensack, NJ 07601

Telephone: (201) 996-0056

Please make check payable to:

Hellenic American Bar Association

___ Members at \$35 ___ Non-members at \$45

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

New Corporate and Website Members

- **Law offices of Floyd L. Cotrell**, Newark, New Jersey (Website sponsor): A full service law firm, with particular emphasis in personal injury matters. GACC corporate secretary, **Kaliopi Kousis** is a partner.
- **AgraCo Technologies Internationall LLC**, Lafayette Hill, Pa: A company specializing in sales of several agricultural and consumer products. **David Webster** is the CEO.

New Individual Members

- **Cornelios Anastassiades**, owner of Marathon Embroidery Company, Philadelphia, Pa.
- **Nikki Bouikidis**, Sales Representative, Eastern Janitorial Services, Voorhees, New Jersey.
- **Peter Chletcos**, agent, New York Life Insurance, Upper Darby, Pa.
- **Floyd L. Cotrell**, senior partner, Law Offices of Floyd L Cotrell, Newark, New Jersey.
- **Basil Kollias, Esquire**, attorney, Wilmington, Delaware.
- **Nassos Stoios**, agent, MetLife, Paoli, Pa.
- **David Webster**, Chief Executive Officer, AgraCo Technologies Int'l LLC, Lafayette Hill, Pa.

BUSINESS NEWS FROM GREECE AND CYPRUS

Cyprus and Athens Stock Exchange mark one year of common trading platform operation

Athens, Nov 21 - Chairmen of the Cyprus Stock Exchange (CSE) and the Athens Stock Exchange (ASE) Mr. Giorgos Koufaris and Mr. Spyros Kapralos respectively, expressed satisfaction over the results of the common trading platform between the CSE and ASE, a year after it was launched. In a press conference held November 20, 2007 in Athens both Chairmen said the common trading platform's first year of operation was successful and both stock exchanges have benefited from it.

ASE members and CSE members have conducted respectively nearly 21.7% and 0.9% of the daily exchange activities in the Cyprus Stock Exchange and the Athens Stock Exchange.

The capitalization of the CSE has been increased by 106% during the first year of operation of the common trading platform. Foreign participation at the CSE has also been increased reaching 9.9% of the total capitalization of the CSE, compared to 3.6% a year ago.

Source: Cyprus Newsletter, Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus, Washington, D.C., November 21, 2007, Vol. 3 No. 47.

Chamber Board Votes New Membership Fees

In its November 13, 2007 meeting, the Board of directors of the Chamber approved a revised membership fee structure, which will add the benefit of been listed in a "Greek American Services Directory" to be accessed from the home page of the website. The members-only section of the website will feature a full Chamber Directory with all members.

The new membership fees and the benefits that each member category will enjoy are as follows:

1. Individual Member Dues: \$100 (for individuals)

- Name, home address (or business address without business name), home phone number and email listing in the Chamber Directory (print and Members Only section of the website)
- Discounted member rate admission to GACC events
- One member vote

2. Small Business Member \$150 (for individual entrepreneurs or companies with less than 20 employees)

- Company name plus names of one company representative, business address, telephone, and email/web-site listing in the "Greek American Services Directory" to be accessed from the home page of the website
- Additional Company representatives (up to a total of 5) can be listed in the "Greek American Services Directory" of \$50 per person
- Introductory Company Profile provided by the member (optional) on the "Greek American Services Directory"
- Discounted member admission to all company employees and guests
- Member has (1) vote

3. Corporate Member \$350 (for companies with over 20 employees)

- Company name plus names of up to five (5) company representatives, business address, telephone, and email/web-site listing in the "Greek American Services Directory" to be accessed from the home page of the website
- Additional Company representatives (up to a total of 7) can be listed in the "Greek American Services Directory" of \$50 per person
- Introductory Company Profile provided by the member (optional) on the "Greek American Services Directory"
- Discounted member admission to all company employees and guests
- Member has (1) vote

4. Website Corporate Member \$1,000 with the following benefits:

- Company name plus names of up to seven (7) company representatives, business address, telephone, and email/web-site listing in the "Greek American Services Directory" to be accessed from the home page of the website
- Introductory Company Profile provided by the member (optional) on the "Greek American Services Directory"
- Discounted member admission to all company employees and guests
- Member has (1) vote
- Website Sponsorship – logo prominently displayed on GACC home page
- Number of Website Corporate Members may be limited by the board of directors.

For more information about joining the Chamber go to

www.greekamericanchamber.com



Greek American Chamber of Commerce

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Individual Member \$100 ____
Small Business Member \$150 ____
Corporate Member \$350 ____
Website Corporate Member \$1,000 ____

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Web Page: _____

Individual Members MUST check the following categories in order to be listed in the Members Only directory:

I want the following information to be included in the Members Only directory (check all applicable): Address; Phone; Email. If you check none of the previous categories, only your name will be listed.

Sign: _____ Print Individual Member Name: _____

Make check payable to the Greek American Chamber of Commerce.

Send completed application with payment to either of the addresses below:

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Greek American Chamber of Commerce

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Membership Benefits...

- Networking with Greek American business persons
- Speakers on timely business topics
- Your Business profile on our website
- Greek American Business Directory
- ...and more

For More Information on the Chamber contact:

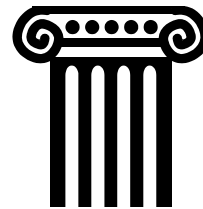
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