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Western District

Report of the Historic Album of the Western District of the Pan Arcadian Federation of America, given by Alex Rigopoulos, Past Supreme President and Past Supreme Governor, to the 51st Western District Convention, San Jose, California, May 28 – 30, 2010.

“PEOPLE WHO DON’T KNOW THEIR HISTORY CANNOT DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE.”

The Western District of the PFA has a glorious history of over seventy years since it’s founding, with the hard work and dedication of many of its members, some of whom are no longer with us, and we don’t want to be forgotten, as it is inevitable that some of us will be gone in the next 5 – 10 years.

How are children and grand children, brothers and sisters we left behind in Arcadia going to know about the PFA if we don’t tell our story?

A desperate need for the history of our beloved and recognized Federation is apparent. To do this important undertaking, leaving behind a history of which all of us will be proud, has been decided, taking the following steps:

1. EACH ONE OF YOU IS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE YOUR OWN HISTORY.

For this you are entitled to a full page in this historic album. On this page you may include up to three pictures, preferably one of your parents or grandparents (if one of them was born in Arcadia. (A wedding picture would be ideal.) State the part of Arcadia they came from, the year they came to the U.S., their occupation, and the office(s) held in PFA.

2. A second picture can include their family, which would include yourself, your siblings and families.

3. A third picture will be of your present family, children and grandchildren included.

We emphasized up to three pictures, but it is your prerogative to plan your own page, with one or two pictures, if you choose. Be sure to identify those in the pictures.

4. We request pictures of past District Governors and past Supreme Presidents of our district accompanied by short biographies. I am enclosing the names of past District Governors, some of which are deceased. If you are related to any of them, or have some acquaintance with their families, see that we obtain pictures and biographies.

5. Include a picture of the present members of your chapter with their names. A special meeting can be called or coming together after church to take this picture, is suggested. Be sure to forward your questionnaire to me, which was mailed to you earlier, and which information will be included with your chapter’s history.

6. We recommend that each chapter designate a member or two who will collect this information and forward it to me. I anticipate that they have to undertake the responsibility, at times, to remind the members by mail or phone to respond to our request.

7. Be sure that every member of your chapter is informed about this endeavor, because we don't want any complaints if their family history is not included in this historic album. It is advised that each chapter member should receive a copy of this document.

8. It is estimated at this time that the cost of a page for such a commemorative album will be \$100. However, if any member is unable to pay we want them to participate, and the chapter should find other ways to raise this money.

9. A deadline has been set at this time for October 30, 2010. However, we recommend that preparations be started immediately, "while the iron is hot".

We all should feel proud of this undertaking, leaving behind such an interesting history that will tell who we are, where we came from, and our accomplishments. Thus our children and grandchildren, and generations to come, will know about those immigrants who came from a small, interesting place and were able to accomplish so much.

Let us all take a real interest in this worthwhile project, which will make us very proud. Take personal interest in it.

Fraternally yours,



Alex L. Rigopoulos
Past Supreme President
Past Supreme Governor, Western District

Past Governors of the Western District



• John Koliopoulos	1944-1945	• Theodore Stathopoulos	1982-1984
• Stavros Barbikas	1945-1946	• John Deveros	1984-1986
• John Karafotias	1946-1948	• Katherine Mezinis	1986-1987
• James Manos	1948-1950	• Demetrios Syrengelas	1987-1989
• George Petropoulos	1950-1952	• Soula Valsamis	1989-1990
• Bessie Badges	1952-1953	• Toula Syrengelas	1991-1992
• Paul Christie	1953-1954	• George Sideris	1993-1994
• Pauline Tasiopoulos	1954-1955	• Demetrios Syrengelas	1995-1996 +
• Nick Angelos	1955-1956	• Gregory Rubos	1996-1997
• William Pouloupoulos	1956-1958	• Nick Apostolopoulos	1997-1998 +
• George Kurt	1958-1959	• Peter Kypreos	1998-2002 +
• George Constantouros	1959-1960	• Nick Gianopoulos	2002-2003 +
• Louis Paponis	1961-1962	• George Syrengelas	2004-2005 +
• Sophia Anelos	1962-1968	• Connie Banis	2005-2007 +
• Alex Rigopoulos	1968-1969	• George Anastoloulos	2007-2009
• Theodore Laliotis	1969-1970		
• Evangelos Constantorous	1970-1971		
• Constantine Virvilos	1972-1978		
• Stratis Zampathas	1971-1972		
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