



THE ARCADIAN OF LOS ANGELES

A good number of the early immigrants from Greece to the United States came from the province of Arcadia, on the Peloponnesian Peninsula, a rugged and very unproductive land. Hence, the high inspiration for hard work and security.

The Arcadians, who you can find in practically all the major cities of the United States, have been recognized as leaders and philanthropists among their fellow Greeks. They are well identified for their close family ties, strict Greek traditions and their love for their fellow man and his well-being.

In their endeavors to better preserve their traditions and unity, and effectively help their loved ones who were left behind in the poor villages of Arcadia, they felt the need for togetherness and organization.

The first chapter of the Pan-Arcadian Federation of America was organized in New York on August 18, 1931. By the year 1940, there were more than 110 chapters throughout the United States.

The Chapters of the Pan-Arcadian Federation of Los Angeles were organized around 1945, with the names of George Mistriotis for the men, #72; Alonistena, for the women, #30; and later, The Young Arcadians, #7.

John G. Kordaris and John N. Tassop were the first presidents for the George Mistriotis Chapter, Helen Karnazis for the Alonistena chapter and Lulu Kappas for The Young Arcadians.

Peter N. Tragus, Angeline Tragus and Amelia Skoutaris served as Secretaries of the respective chapters for many years. William Kokenes,

PAN-ARCADIAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA

The Pan-Arcadian Federation of America, Nea Mantinea Chapter 102, was established on February 25, 1985, in Bellflower, California and was incorporated in the state of California on June 23, 1997. The Pan-Arcadian Federation of America National Headquarters is in Chicago, Illinois.

The steering committee for Nea Mantinea Chapter 102 was headed by Dr. James G. Kallins, Joan Phillips and Gregory G. Roumpos. Our first chapter president was James L. Papastathis.

Nea Mantinea, Chapter 102, is a non-profit and philanthropic organization. We assist, as needed, the Pan-Arcadian Hospital in Tripolis, Arcadia, Greece. We also offer scholarships to qualified students in Tripolis. Every year, we celebrate *Alois Tripoleos* (Liberation of Tripolis, September 23, 1821, from the Ottoman Turkish Empire), which was, say many, the start of Greek Freedom.





Left: Greek American Civic organization, Elysian Park, 1927.

Below, (seated) left to right: John Futris, James Stamison, Mrs. Soles, Mrs. Chronis, Kathy Chronis, George Chronis, Tom Simponis.

Second row left to right: Gus Tsangalikis, unknown, Nick Stavropoulos, Gus Karatzas, Jim Kotchios, Dean Soles, George Katatzas, Jim S. Lagousis, George Tassop, John Tassop.

Third row left to right: Spiros Theodoropoulos, Alex Stamos, Jim T. Lagousis.

Ted and Stella Alevizos, Gregory Karaptis, Sam Chournos, Ted Zonos, Tom Kezas, Tula Econome, Gus Kezas, George Konstantouros, Andy Barruxis, Chris Costopoulos, Zoe Lambron, Bella Pulos and Peter Spiropoulos were some of the people who were very active with the organization which had over 250 members in the three chapters.

There was a reorganization of the Arcadians after a conflict with the Chicago group, which took place in 1981, and the new chapter of Mantinea was organized in Los Angeles.



Alex L. Rigopoulos
Saints Constantine and Helen

Left: John Tassop
and Alex Rigopoulos.



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