

HELLENIC HOME HAPPENINGS

Caring for our Residents
Concern for our Facilities and Staff
Consideration for Each Other



Message from the President

The Holidays are upon us. It is a time to rejoice and give thanks for our many blessings. These blessings we see in our everyday lives, whether with family, friends and others. Blessings are also evident at our Hellenic Home where the many caregivers provide for our residents and families on a daily basis. Without their constant direct care, comfort and love for our residents, the home would not function. This is a time to thank all our staff at the home and a time of remembrance of family members and friends. There is a rich and long history of those who lived and passed their final days at the Hellenic Home.

We would like to add a special thank you to the staff and administrators in regards to our wonderful annual DPH survey. The state found only one deficiency that we quickly rectified. This is a major accomplishment for the home.

It is our responsibility and mission to continue to support financially and volunteer at the home. The past two weekends in November, many trustees, relatives, friends and community members came to the radio station, WNTN, to offer their time and financial support to the home. We are thankful that the Hellenic Home is still a vibrant home that is supported by our Greek community, and families. At this point, we have raised \$65K during the past two weekends during the Radiothon. We thank Ted Demetriades and Stamati Astras at "Grecian Echoes" and Peter Cakridas at the "Greek Voice of America" who continue to offer us four days, commercial free, to promote the Hellenic Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Without their kindness and support, we would not have been able to raise the monies to support the Arts, Entertainment and Technology at the home. We plan to offer direct services of the arts integrated into modern technology. This is a worthy cause with direct benefits to engage the hearts and minds of our residents.

Since this is the end of 2018, this is an opportune time for those who are searching for organizations to enhance their charitable gift giving. We understand that many organizations are reaching out to everyone for donations. This is a time of thanksgiving and charitable gifts. Your support of the Hellenic Home would be greatly appreciated.

The Hellenic Women's Benevolent Association is actively involved in many projects as we prepare for the New Year. Our annual Vasilopita will take place on Sunday, January 13, 2019, in which the blessing of the loaves as part of St. Basil's day will take place will be part of our traditional events. We have been fortunate in that the Metropolis' support in this event, as well as in sending priests to our monthly liturgies, add to the blessings in the home.

The Capital Campaign Feasibility Study will be completed soon. Guthrie and Associates have designed and produced a brochure that is part of our marketing efforts. Individuals were contacted and interviewed as to their opinions and perceptions of the Hellenic Home. With this valuable information, we will determine the amount to be spent for the home's capital renovations.

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Radiothon 2018 Re-Cap

Radiothon 2018 “Celebrating 45 Years of Comfort and Care” was a success! The fundraiser rose over \$65,000.

Thank you to all the committee members and volunteers that came to help answer phones and to show their support.

A special thank you to Ted Demetriades and Peter Cakridas for their continued support of the Nursing Home and providing for us the opportunity to use their programs to raise crucial funds for Home.

Mary Barounis and Eri Frangiadakis, Co-Chairs

Vasilopita 2019 SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, January 13, 2019 2pm at the Hellenic Home

DATES TO REMEMBER

All Meetings are subject to change

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Sat., Jan. 19th at 10am
Sat., Feb. 9th at 10am
Sat., Mar. 16th at 10am
Sat., Apr. 13th at 10am
Sat., May 18th at 10am
Sat., June 8th at 10am

TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Sat., Feb. 23rd at 10am
Sat., June 22nd – After Annual Meeting

HWBA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sat., June 22nd at 10am

Holiday Happenings at the Home

Please join us in welcoming our local Parishes and Philoptochos Chapters as they visit our home during the holidays.

Saturday, December 15, 2018 – 9:30am – Divine Liturgy with the Parishioners and Philoptochos of St. Athanasius, Arlington, MA

Saturday, December 15, 2018 – 2pm – St. Catherine, Braintree, Greek School to sing Christmas Carols and Greek Dancing

Sunday, December 23, 2018 – 2pm – St Mark of Ephesus Orthodox Church to Sing Christmas Carols

2019 Liturgy Dates at the Home

The tentative dates of Liturgy for 2019 at the Home are as follows:

Saturday, Jan. 26th
Saturday, Feb. 23rd
Saturday, March 30th

April 24th Holy Wednesday
April 26th Good Friday
Monday, April 29th St. George Name Day

Saturday, May 25th
Saturday, June 29th

All liturgies start promptly at 9:30am.

Message from the President, Continued

Since January 2018, we have engaged an architectural firm, Levi Wong, and CE Floyd, to design, develop and create schematic drawings and estimated costs for the renovations of the home. These designs were based on information from the trustees, Executive Board and administrators.

We are in the process of amending our Determination of Need proposal approved by the Department of Health in order to send a plan with the necessary renovations based on an architectural, engineering and construction studies of the needs of the building. Since the building is 45 years old, there are major areas that need to be changed in order to meet the new codes for nursing and rehabilitation centers. Once we spend half of our approved construction costs, we will be reimbursed at a higher rate each day for our Medicaid residents. This is a major undertaking.

Finally, we plan to celebrate our 45th anniversary of the founding of the Hellenic Home. Tentatively, we would like to hold an event in the spring at the home. We will keep you informed of our plans.

In closing, thank you to all the volunteers for their support during the Radiothon and all the events throughout the year. Enjoy the holidays and have a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy New Year!

Respectfully, Pamela B. Houlares, HWBA President

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