

The Hellenic *Tribute*

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(From L - R) George Seretis, HHF Past President; Lou Vavaroutsos, HHF Past President; Christine Diakos, Master of Ceremonies 2008 Gala; John Sotos, Current HHF President; John Dagonas, HHF Past President; Steve Mirkopoulos, HHF Past President

Thank you!

This year, the Hellenic Heritage Foundation's 2008 Fundraising initiatives net over \$260,000. These spectacular results are thanks to the combined efforts and dedication of HHF Directors and volunteers who run our fundraising events and the wonderful generosity of companies and individuals who sponsor and participate. Thank you.

President's Report

Hellenic Heritage Foundation Annual General Meeting

June 14, 2008



This past year has been characterized by strengthening our administrative functions, meeting our financial commitments and managing our investment in our beneficiaries.

First and foremost, we worked very hard with York University to ensure that the Modern Greek Studies programme courses were going to be taught following the departure of Professor Gallant. Professor Flora Tsilaga successfully taught during the 2007/2008 academic year and I am pleased to announce that Professor Dean Kostantaras has accepted York's offer to assume teaching duties as Assistant Sessional Professor for the 2008/09 academic year. In the meantime, the search for the permanent Chair holder continues.

I am happy to report that we have delivered our third installment to the Greek Community of Toronto in the amount of \$300,000 towards the completion of the Cultural Arts Centre. This brings our contribution to \$670,000 out of a total commitment of \$1 million. The need for these facilities has been outstanding for a long time and we are delighted to be able to help. Similarly, we are pleased to support the initiative of the Metropolis and have pledged to donate \$250,000 towards the construction of the main lodge of the much needed summer camp project, located north of Kingston.

During the past year, your board of Directors decided to set aside up to 10% of the funds we raise in each year to support smaller worthwhile cultural and educational initiatives consistent with the objectives of promoting Hellenic culture in Canada. In this regard, I am pleased to report that we were able to support the annual conferences of both the Byzantine Studies Association of North America and the Classical Association of Canada. Both these annual conferences provide a venue for the presentation and discussion of papers embodying current research in their respective areas and attract scholars from all over the world.

Finally a big thank you to all of our Directors and Members who believe in, and support the Foundation with their time and money which makes all of us a little prouder of what we are doing to enhance our place in this great country of Canada. Our Foundation is strong and I am proud to have served you as President.

John Sotos

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Christmas Dinner & Dance



On Friday November 28th, 2008, the Hellenic Heritage Foundation will be hosting our exclusive Christmas Dinner & Dance. Directors and Members will be celebrating the start of the festive season with family, friends and invited guests at the elegant Palais Royale Ballroom, 1601 Lakeshore Blvd West.

Featuring the inspired cuisine of Executive Chef Steffan Howard, the evening begins with Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by Dinner at 7:30 p.m., and of course, Dessert and Dancing!

Adult: \$ 100.00

Child (under 12): \$50.00

This event sells out quickly.

If you are interested in finding out how you can attend the HHF Christmas Dinner and Dance, please contact Cathy Umphrey at 416-447-7107.

The Hellenic Heritage Foundation and Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Toronto sign \$250,000 Donation Agreement

The Hellenic Heritage Foundation (HHF) has entered into an agreement with the Greek Orthodox Metropolis to donate \$250,000 to build the Main Lodge of the Metropolis Youth Summer Camp. Located on Lacey Lake in Kingston, Ontario, the Camp is progressing quickly.

The signing ceremony and dinner, which took place on June 26th, 2008, was hosted by His Eminence Metropolitan Sotirios at the Greek Orthodox Metropolis, 86 Overlea Blvd., Toronto and was attended by Directors from both Boards.

“This very worthwhile project fills a missing service

for our young people and we commend the Metropolis for its initiative. We are very pleased to be able to support this effort” said John Sotos, President, HHF.



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TROPICANA

Hellenic Heritage Foundation's 12th Annual Gala

Thank you for making this such an amazing event.
Together we raised over \$170,000 net!

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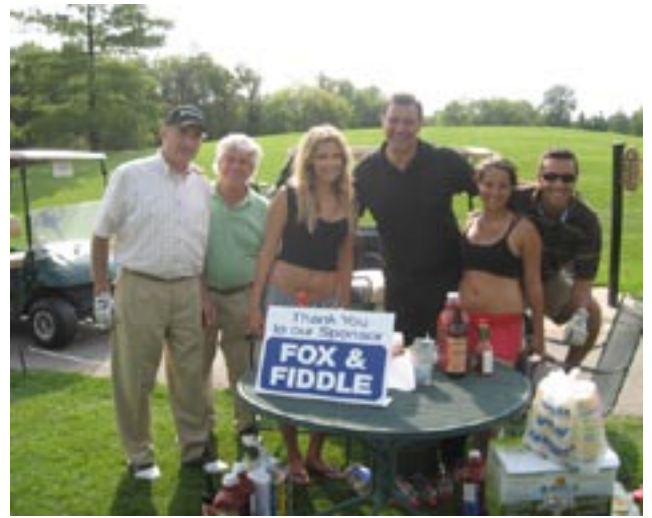


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Longest Drive - Ladies

Kelly Sinclair (245 yds)

Closest to the Pin - Men

Ben Gendron (30")

Closest to the Pin - Ladies

Litsa Kostouros (144")

1st Place Overall

58

Joe Chiaravalloti

Steve Hiley

Gord Smith

Giorgio Havaris

Thank you to our 2008 Golf Committee

Steve Demestihias -Golf Committee Chair

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OUR MISSION IS TO IDENTIFY AND PURSUE PROJECTS THAT ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING GOALS:

- TO PROVIDE FACILITIES AND SERVICES THAT WILL CREATE A FERTILE ENVIRONMENT FOR HELLENIC CULTURE AND HERITAGE TO COMPLEMENT OUR CANADIAN SOCIETY

- TO SHARE THE HELLENIC CULTURE AND HERITAGE WITH BROADER CANADIAN COMMUNITY, REINFORCING BOTH THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HELLENISM

OUR APPEAL

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