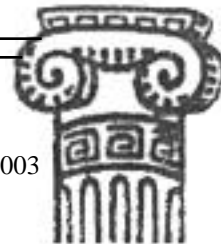




## CEPHALONIAN SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA

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Dear Friend of the Cephalonian Society,

On May 3, 2003, the Cephalonian Society of California will host the 66th annual May Dinner Dance at Dominic's of Poplar Creek in San Mateo. The May Dinner Dance is an important fundraising event. It is crucial to the continuation of several Cephalonian Society- sponsored programs, one of which is the *John S. Pavlatos Scholarship Fund* which enriches the educational experience of students of Cephalonian decent; helping them to cultivate their cultural identity and language. The 2003 recipients will be honored at this event.

Attendance helps in promoting other avenues of education such as *Greek Schools* offered through Greek Orthodox Churches. Last year, the Society supported the *Modern Greek Studies Foundation* at San Francisco State, and the *Greek Heritage Museum* in San Jose.

Other organizations such as the *Cephalonian Society of New York* and the *United Hellenic Society(U.H.A.S.)* have benefited from the Society's generosity. Donations have been made towards many Greek Orthodox Churches; *Holy Trinity* of San Francisco, *Ascension Cathedral* in Oakland, *Church of the Holy Cross* in Belmont, *Sts. Constantine and Helen* in Vallejo, and the *Church of the Prophet Elias* in Santa Cruz, just to mention a few.

Your annual dues to the Society in the past has helped fund programs abroad as well. *The Senior Home* and the *Orphanage of Sotir* in Argostoli, Cephalonia and the Church of *Agios Gerasimos* have been very grateful for your contributions. Patients at *Argostoli General Hospital* have been given a second chance to experience a healthier life with the dialysis machine donated through your financial assistance.

Allocated funds help our own members that have fallen ill to "cheer them." Funds are applied toward social events in order to keep our members involved together and enjoy a better quality of life as a group. Many of our members in the past have been so gracious in donating their own money, food and/or time to make these events more appealing and more successful, even though we have fallen short of expectations sometimes.

Our emphasis this year is towards our youth involvement and cultural significance, paying particular attention to Agios Gerasimos Feast Day. Members have expressed interest in ethnic cooking classes and educational programs, the arts, and family picnics. Our goal is to meet your requests.

**We humbly ask for an annual tax deductible membership donation of \$50 per family or \$25 per individual; although we are very thankful for any amount you are comfortable in giving.**

The Cephalonian Society has a long tradition of dedication, community cooperation and support going on 66 years strong. We are proud to participate in contributing towards our Greek heritage, even through difficult financial times.

Our children are our future educators, scientists, drs., public service workers, entrepreneurs, politicians, etc... What do they all have in common during these times of multiple distractions? -their Greek roots. Let us keep them involved in learning about how they can make a difference ...how we all can.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and support of our group. ~ The greatest gift is the gift of giving."  
Sincerely,

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