

PHILOPTOCHOS

Daphne Papamichael, President

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE it is June and summer is upon us. The work of Philoptochos continues and we always encourage you to join us!

Through our "Operation Classroom" initiative we will be providing items for Glen Forest Elementary School which is a Saint Katherine neighbor. This school serves a diverse student body with many needs and these items will be ready for the children when they start school in September.

Philoptochos was very happy to present the Maria Kalis Memorial Scholarship to Melanie Grieg on Sunday, May 15. Melanie will attend Virginia Tech, studying International Relations, and is a very worthy recipient of this award. Thank you again to the Kalis Family for this generous gift and we congratulate all our graduates and wish them the best of luck.

We had our Annual Luncheon last month at Nostos Restaurant and it was a wonderful afternoon. We shared fellowship and a delicious meal and reflected on a year full of many achievements.

The Culmore Clinic is having its International Wine Tasting on June 18. Saint Katherine was a founding partner of this Clinic which provides compassionate, excellent care to our neighbors and Philoptochos has been a supporter for many years. Go to www.culmoreclinc.org/RSVP for more details

Wishing you a wonderful summer and a Happy Father's Day to all who celebrate!

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him" (Luke 15:20).



DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

Maria T. Vargas, President

AS WE HEAD INTO SUMMER, we have lots of good news to share! Our Chapter held elections at our May meeting and I am thrilled to announce our new officers for the coming year: Kelly Gull, President; Maria Wills, Vice President; Effie Wingate, Treasurer; Patricia Rader, Recording Secretary; Karen Polizos, Corresponding Secretary; and Mary Ann Gamble, Priestess. Congratulations to all of those elected. Installation of the new board will happen at our first meeting in September.

At our May meeting, we also chose several charities including House of Ruth and Bridges to Independence to receive donations from our chapter. In addition to these local groups, we voted to support an orphanage in Greece.

On May 15, our Chapter presented a \$5,000 check to the winner of the Maria Kalis scholarship. The funds for this scholarship were donated by the Kalis family and administered by our Chapter. Congratulations to Iliana Tzafolias, this year's award winner!

Our end of the year celebration is June 11, 12:30pm, at Milano's for lunch. Please join us if you can! Reach out to Sandy Caparell or Barbara Koltos for more information.

Lastly, we are excited to be sponsoring a Maids of Athena Chapter linked to our Helle Chapter. Maids of Athena, is open to young women between 14-28 and we have a wonderful group of young women that is getting organized now. If you know of someone that might be interested, please contact me at maria@chrisandmaria.com or 703-812-0286.