

NHS NEWSLETTER

July 2020

The NHS extends best wishes to NHS members and friends. Despite the sacrifices and interruption of our routines, this has been a time to reflect and appreciate the good things in our lives.

This hiatus presented an opportunity for the NHS to launch a series of exclusive presentations on relevant themes and topics designed to inform, educate, guide & inspire NHS members and others.

The first episode aired April 30th on “COVID- 19 Perspectives”.

EPISODE 1: COVID-19 PERSPECTIVES



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FROM THE EPISODE

The latest episode features U.S. Ambassador to Greece, Geoffrey Pyatt, Director of the Institute of Public Health, Dr. Panagiotis Behrakis, and Greek Minister of Health, Vasileios Kikilias on *Controlling COVID-19 & Tobacco Challenges in Greece*. This is an example of the highest caliber of panelists and discussions.

NHS Talks is hosted by NHS member, John Metaxas, a network news anchor on CBS and Bloomberg Business Radio.

NHS Talks has featured a wide range of relevant topics. Guests have included:

EPISODE 4: SALUTE TO HELLAS



- Amb. of Greece to the U.S. Hon. Alexandra Papadopoulou
- The Hon. Kostas Bakoyannis, Mayor of Athens, Greece
- Alexis Papahelas, Executive Editor, *Kathemerini*
- Peter Feigin, President, Milwaukee Bucks
- Matina Kolokotronis, COO, Sacramento Kings
- John Chang, Senior Vice President & National Director of Research, Marcus & Millichap



NHS Talks Stories is a series featuring guest interviews providing a look back on themes that will be chronicled and forever archived and maintained at the nation's repository of the Greek American story: The National Hellenic Museum in Chicago.

Together with the Museum, we embark on this journey to compile, record and archive the stories that shaped life in America. Future generations will learn from these stories and inherited legacy.

The launch of *NHS Talks Stories* features a series of panel presentations on the history of the Church & community as seen through the eyes of those with unique insight and perspective of the topic discussed. Featured guests include:

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- His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco
- The Honorable Antonis Diamataras, Publisher, The National Herald
- Professor Alexander Kitroeff, Professor of History, Haverford College

NHS Chapters

Regrettably, NHS Chapter events are on temporary hold. Nevertheless, that has not stopped the NHS and its Chapters from engaging our members and guests.

NHS Wilmington

The Hellenic University Club of Wilmington, DE and the NHS teamed up to host the first Virtual Literary Club. Guest Speaker, renowned Copy Editor of the *New Yorker*, Mary Norris, discussed her celebrated book: *Greek to Me: Adventures of the Comma Queen*.

Mary Norris, a long-time Philhellene, began working at *The New Yorker* in 1978. She is a *New York Times* best-selling author.



Philhellene & New York Times best-selling author, Mary Norris.

NHS digital media is accessible at www.nationalhellenicsociety.org.

Programs

Heritage Greece Alumni Network

The Heritage Greece Alumni Network took advantage of the down time by initiating Greek language Zoom Sessions with Heritage Greece peers from Greece. The sessions range from beginner to advanced and take place during weekends. Contact us to find out more about how you or family members can attend a Greek language session.



Heritage Greece Alumni on a Zoom Greek Language Session

Heritage America

The Washington, DC Chapter is pleased to announce the fifth annual NHS *Heritage America* Program in collaboration with Manatos & Manatos, a leading public policy firm.

Heritage America reconnects college-age Greek American students with their roots, heritage, culture, and Hellenic identity. Students participating in this exciting educational program will have the opportunity with prominent Greek Americans who have reached the pinnacle of success in America. *Heritage America* will take place from **July 8-10, 2020** with leading Washington, DC-based policymakers and community leaders.



Heritage America Program 2019

Other News

NHS sponsored the Brookings Institution and Miller Center conversation with Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis about Greece's successful COVID-19 strategy and the challenges ahead as Greece reopens for tourism. The discussion was led by NHS Member, Bill Antholis, Director and CEO of the Miller Center.



Bill Antholis & Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis

Season III of hit series, *My Greek Table*, with celebrity chef Diane Kochilas, is currently airing its 3rd Season on PBS Stations nationwide.



My Greek Table is a celebration of our culinary legacy beyond just recipes. *My Greek Table* showcases the culture, places and people that bring the *kouzina* to life. Millions of audience members have been inspired by the series' host, Master Chef Diane Kochilas. The NHS' sponsorship is highlighted in each episode.



Thanks to our members support, ideas and engagement, we shall celebrate, disseminate and pass on our incredible Heritage to future generations!

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