



NHS MEMBERS AT THE NHS GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN WASHINGTON, DC



SPRING 2017

## NHS Spotlight NHS and Elios Society Affiliation

The National Hellenic and the San Francisco Bay Area Elios Society are now officially affiliated as part of the NHS Bay Area chapter. **Elios Society President John Gumas** announced the official beginning of affiliation between the Elios Society and National Hellenic Society (NHS) at their annual February member's meeting, convening at the **Waterbar** restaurant overlooking the SF Bay and Bay Bridge picturesque landscape. **NHS Executive Director Art Dimopoulos** shared an informative presentation about NHS' vision and programs including excerpts from the NHS co-production of the National Geographic produced, *Greek Guide to Greatness*. NHS signature program for college aged students is the **Heritage Greece Program sponsored by the NHS and hosted by the American College of Greece in Athens**. **Heritage Greece Alumnus Nicholas Gumas** described the life-changing impact and experience he

shared with 49 other Greek American students, as well as students from Greece, on NHS' signature program, the Heritage Greece Program (**hosted by NHS and the American College of Greece in Athens**).

The affiliation of NHS & Elios members expands NHS Bay Area presence to nearly 100 members and warranted a champagne toast in celebration of the great things to come by working together!



### Benefitting the Community

60 Heritage Greece students will share a two week cultural, educational, and inspirational odyssey in June with 20 students from the American College of Greece—a trip past participants have described as a life-changing experience.



### Celebrating Heritage

The National Hellenic Society is honored to collaborate with the National Geographic Society. The NHS co-produced digital series, *The Greek Guide to Greatness*, is now available on our website and at [www.pbslearningmedia.org](http://www.pbslearningmedia.org).

# NHS Chapters

NHS Chapters are located in the Bay Area, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Diego, and Washington DC. They are headed by two Co-Chairs, who plan exciting events, activities, and programs of interest for NHS members.



## NHS Chapter Events

NHS Chapter Events are best characterized as entertaining, relevant, fascinating, and often inspiring. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Photos

Very top: NHS member John Metaxas speaking in LA about real news vs. fake news. Top: Dr. Robert Green discussing genetics in Boston. Middle: Mike Manatos moderating a discussion on national security with Ambassadors John Negroponte and Patrick Theros at the International Spy Museum. Bottom: Kick-off NHS event in Seattle, WA.

The focus is on getting together with our *para* at the local level. All NHS members are invited to attend Chapter activities, which are posted on the NHS website at:

[www.nationalhellenicsociety.org](http://www.nationalhellenicsociety.org).

## NHS PROGRAMS

### OUR GOALS THIS YEAR:

- Create programs benefitting Greek America, especially the youth
- Celebrate and disseminate Hellenic heritage to mainstream audiences
- Advance posterity meaningfully

### How NHS Will Advance 2017 Goals

- Sponsor 60 exceptional Greek American college students on NHS signature Heritage Greece Program
- Expand Heritage Greece Alumni Network with chapter leaders and a branch for the Greek peer groups who join the students
- Connect Greek American job seekers and employers through [HellenicCareerCenter.com](http://HellenicCareerCenter.com)
- Maintain [MyParea.com](http://MyParea.com) & Facebook presence – averaging over 150,000 unique, weekly visits
- Exhibit *Spirit of the Marathon* Project at marathon venues nationwide
- Sponsor the Oral History Project at the National Hellenic Museum
- Utilize development of the National Geographic/NHS digital web series, *The Greek Guide to Greatness*, and maintain partnership
- Increase student participation in Heritage America Program
- Develop collaboration and programming with International Spy Museum

## Heritage Greece Goes National

The NHS and Manatos & Manatos, a leading government relations and advocacy firm, collaborated to develop the NHS Heritage America Program -- an experiential odyssey connecting Greek American college students to their Hellenic roots, heritage and culture within the context and resources Washington, DC has to offer. The Heritage America Program will take place July 13-16, 2017!



NHS salutes honorees of the American Hellenic Institute's 42<sup>nd</sup> Awards Gala, From left: Dr. Van Coufoudakis, and NHS members, Paul Glastris, Dr. George Korkos and Dennis Mehiel. AXOI!

## THE ROAD AHEAD

Thanks to NHS Chapter Co-Chairs, our chapters shall grow. NHS members are encouraged to establish their own chapter. NHS will expand our reach to impact the next generation. NHS serves as the magnet attracting the best of the best. We celebrate our heritage, develop programs, and help one another. We will continue to do great things and to "make America Greek again!"



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# NHS Member Spotlight

A Warm NHS Welcome to our New Members

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American School of Classical Studies

Dr. Nikolaos Bourbakis

Steve Carayanis

John A. Catsimatidis

John Catsimatidis, Jr.

James Cavalaris

Antony Contomichalos

Thanasis Delistathis

James Demetriades

Markos Drakotos

Kristina Dudunakis

Peter Eliopoulos

Mike Emmanouilidis

Themis Gallanis

Nick Gialamas

Paul Glastris

Hellenic American Women's Council

Tom Hiotis

John T. John

Dr. Menas Kafatos

John Karamanos

Nicholas Karambelas

Maria Kastanis

John Koudounis

Athena Sosangelis Lorenzo

John Manos

Doretta Mistras

Michael Mistras

Philip Nicozisis

Dr. Gregory Papadeas

Tom Papademetriou

Thomas Papadopoulos

Nancy Papaioannou

Vicky Palivos

Perry Siatis

Nick Stamoulis

Nicholas Tsapatsaris

Peter Vlahos

Nicole Vournazos

## New Member Meet & Greet



**Nicole Vournazos** – *Heritage Greece Program Alumna, rising star at Google, and now NHS member!*

Nicole Vournazos participated in the 2010 class of the Heritage Greece Program during the inception of the Program. She now serves as a Heritage Greece Alumni Co-Chair and has most recently become a member of the National Hellenic Society. She is a genuine ambassador of Hellenic Heritage.



**John Catsimatidis, Jr.** – *New York University graduate and now NHS member!*

John is a graduate of the New York University Stern School of Business, where he received a BS for his concentrations in finance and management. He is involved in various business, political, and philanthropic activities. John works alongside his father, new member John Catsimatidis, at Red Apple Group. He is involved in all areas of the business, focusing mainly on the energy and investment divisions.