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Dear Members,

I hope everyone and their families are staying healthy and doing well. The world has changed drastically over the last few months and in particular the last few weeks. I encourage our members to continue to follow our government's orders and guidelines set in place to keep us safe and healthy during this time. I would also like to encourage the consideration and care for the elderly of our community. Please keep in touch and check in with them regularly to ensure their continued wellbeing.

Please visit the CDC Coronavirus (COVID-19) website for latest updates and resources: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

I would like to start off by providing you with a few updates:

1. Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, both the *56th Annual Chicago Greek Independence Day Parade* and the *76th Velouchi National Convention* have been **cancelled**.

2. Velouhi Scholarship

Velouchi has notified that the deadline for scholarship applications has been extended to July 20, 2020. Please visit the following link for eligibility requirements and to find the application.

http://velouchi.org/scholarships/application

3. Annual General Assembly

Our general assembly typically takes place during the month of April/May. Until we are able to return to a safe state, the General Assembly will be postponed until further notice. Once we feel confident that our members 'safety will not be compromised, we will schedule a date.

That said, I would like to thank everyone who attended our Apokriatiko Glendi on February 22nd. The event was truly a success and a great expression of our fellowship and unity that I hope we will be able to find again in the near future. The evening wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our committee and board members; in particular Mrs. Venetai Lappas who led the planning and coordination of the fun filled evening!

Another thank you is in order for Mr. John Kokkinos who hosted and

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coordinated the Hunter's Dinner fundraising event on February 13th. We appreciate and thank, not only those who came to dine, but also our Hunting members who supplied the food! All proceeds were donated to our association and chapter. Funds such as these are used to support various philanthropic activities in community and in Greece as well as various member activities and events.

March is an important month in our culture. Today, we celebrate the commemoration of independence of our beloved Hellas from the Ottoman empire. Zito H Ellada! Additionally, we are also celebrate the Annunciation of our most Holy Theotokos by the archangel Gabriel that she should become the mother of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Please visit our website for latest news, updates and information regarding our association, events and philanthropic activities we participate in and support. You can also follow us on Facebook or email us at evrytaniachicago13@gmail.com.

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