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Appreciation of Mr. Markos Marinakis' Tireless Dedication to the Preservation of the Chian Culture & Educational Advancement
The Chios Society of Greater Washington, DC Area - 67th National Chian Convention - October 11-13, 2024

ASCSA in Boston

BOSTON - The event "In the Name of Humanity - American Aid to Greece from 1918-1929" was presented by the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (ASCSA) and the Gennadius Library at the Maliotis Cultural Center on the HCHC campus in Brookline, MA.

The event highlighted, through the panel of speakers, the photographic material displayed, and some exhibits brought to Boston for the occasion.

The endeavor spotlights the multifaceted assistance provided by American citizens and various American organizations to Greece and the Greeks of Anatolia during the challenging historical period of 1918-1929 following the Asia Minor Catastrophe.

While many of the audience members were somewhat aware of the American financial assistance to struggling Greece during that period, the majority were impressed by the details presented regarding the 23 American hospitals established in Greece by female nurses, the rescue of 8,000 war orphans, the construction of the



The event 'In the Name of Humanity - American Aid to Greece from 1918-1929' focused on American aid to Greece after the Asia Minor Catastrophe. Pictured are Eleftheria Daleziou, Andreas Zombanakis, Maria Georgopoulou, and George Orfanakos.

Marathon Dam in Attica to solve Athens' water supply issues, the American drainage projects transforming marshlands into

arable land, the provision of employment for thousands of unemployed refugees - some of whom built the Gennadius Li-

brary - the American technical and vocational education schools that taught young women skills in clothing and

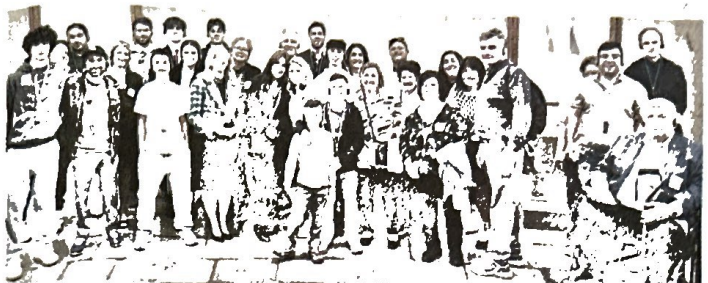
arts, and young farmers modern agricultural methods, along with other actions by American philhellenes.

The event was a tribute to Greek-American friendship and a recognition of the contributions of renowned and anonymous Americans who loved modern Greece without having roots in it, adding even more value to the aid they offered.

The panel of speakers was moderated by George Orfanakos, Executive Director of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Andreas Zombanakis, head of the Gennadius Library's governing committee, Dr. Maria Georgopoulou, Director of the Gennadius Library, and Archivist Eleftheria Daleziou.

Their presentations were detailed and enlightening, as were their responses to the audience, which included many academics, members of the Greek-American community, and philhellenes.

The event was introduced by the director of the Maliotis Cultural Center Chrysoula Kourkounti, who, after the program, returned to the floor to thank the distinguished speakers and invite the audience to the reception that followed in an adjacent area of the cultural center.



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On Sunday, the participants attended the Divine Liturgy and the Doxology at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Washington, while a farewell lunch followed, with which the business of the conference also formally closed.

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