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Welcome Back

Now that summer is over, we welcome back everyone who had gone away on holidays and those who stayed in the city and area, but were busy enjoying various summer activities.

Summer Activities

The summer activities had the entire community participating in one event or another. It started with a very successful AHEPA Family Walkathon, raising almost \$15,000 for our new church. Soccer games went on all summer long. Many of our groups and associations held picnics and dances. The highlight was the community's picnic on August 15th with the water dunk event.

Soccer Fever

This year we experienced a lot of growth in our soccer program. Who says there is no youth participation in this community? The community came to life again with four different teams participating in four different divisions. Scores of players, parents and spectators marched through our soccer field enjoying the laughter, the cheering, and the entire competition and having a lot of fun. We thank the Athletic committee the coaching staff the players and the sponsors. Soccer Banquet and awards will take place on Sunday October 27th 2002 at the Hellenic Community Centre.

YAL and Baseball

The YAL had a co-ed baseball team this summer sponsored in part by our Hellenic Centre. They had fun but needed more girls to participate to comply with the rules.

New Church Update

Our Architect has now implemented all recommendations done by our acoustics and noise control consultant in his interior design plans, and these will now go to tender. Our fundraising activities continue and we are asking everyone to give their fair share. Over the summer months we were able to reduce our debt from \$1,750,000 to \$1,600,000 while continuing to meet our obligations. We, of course, are in need to raise an additional \$1,000,000 for the interior, thus we ask for your support.

Philoptochos

The philoptochos ladies are always working hard for our community. They enjoy great appreciation from all of us. So, come out and support their Bazaar on Saturday November 2, 2002 at the Hellenic Community Centre.

Greek School

Our Greek School is off to a good start. We welcome back all the students. This year our school is offering a cultural program in addition to the language program, to educate students, who do not speak Greek or speak very little Greek, on Greek culture.

Sunday School and Hope Club

Sunday school will start on Sunday October 13th 2002. The Hope Club will also start meeting on a regular basis. We ask that you enroll your children to these programs.

Seniors

The seniors will start meeting every second Tuesday at the Hellenic Community Centre from 11:30 am to 2:00 p.m., and they have scheduled get-togethers on October 1, 15, 29 and November 12. They wish happy 90th birthdays to Mrs. Calliope Maglaris and Mrs. Zahareni Catsamoundis.

Father Luke

Father Luke's services to our Community will come to an end at the end of September. We take this opportunity to thank him for serving our Community this past year. On Sunday September 29th the church service will take place at the Hellenic Community Centre, followed by a Brunch in Honor of Father Luke. We ask that you all come out to give your best wishes to Father Luke.

Father Elias Drossos

As most of you know Father Elias Drossos has been appointed by His Eminence Metropolitan Sotirios to be our community priest, effective October 1st 2002. We welcome father Elias and his family to London. We will hold a welcoming dinner for father Elias on Sunday November 3rd 2002 at the Hellenic Community Centre.

Upcoming Events:

- September 29th Church Service followed by Brunch for Father Luke at Hellenic Community Centre.
- Seniors' get together on October 1, 15, 29 and November 12 at the Hellenic Community Centre 11:30 am to 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday October 6th first church services by father Elias.
- Sunday October 13th Sunday School classes begin.
- October 22nd Philoptochos meeting; Open discussion for all women whether they are members or not.
- Saturday October 26, 2002 "OXI" Day, memorial service and laying of the wreath at Victoria Park, with Greek School students participating.
- Sunday October 27th Soccer Banquet at the Hellenic Community Centre.
- Saturday November 2nd Philoptochos Bazaar at the Hellenic Community Centre.
- Sunday November 3rd memorial service at Woodland cemetery for the first London Greek, who died here in 1915, the late Dimitrios Konstantinos Kapeas, and dedication of a stone at his tomb.
- Sunday November 3rd Welcoming Dinner for father Elias Drossos at the Hellenic Community Centre.

Eh, where are you going so fast?

Have you not seen the New Church? I am going to give my donation to the Holy Trinity Church. By the way, have you given your donation yet?

No, I have not.

Well, I think you should. This Church is not just for me; it is also for you and your kids. So, What do you say, want to go together and give to the Church Building Fund?

I guess you are right, I should also make a donation, Let's go.

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