

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE ST. BARBARA PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY

Philoptochos Board for 2013 to 2015 is: Tina Winford, Mona Zozos, Ruth Angelos, Catherine McDavid Smith, Terry Keramaris & Bessie Condos.

- * Philoptochos had a very successful and busy year with many challenges.
- * May 24, 2014 will be one year since I took office as President of Philoptochos.
- * June & July of 2013 was a busy time preparing for the Philoptochos year Calendar and for Festival arranging for Essence of the Mediterranean.
- * August, we held a book drive with children's books donated to the SB library.
- * September, 2013 we had a most successful Membership Tea.
- * Sept. 21, the first annual Essence of the Med was held. A very successful food, olive oil and wine tasting event that took 9 months of meetings to prepare.
- * Calendars were ordered as a fundraising.
- * October, November we receive donations for the back packs that are filled with necessary items for abused women and children.
- * November 24th we held a fundraising for Cyprus.
- * December 3rd & 4th, served a lovely dinner after vespers for St. Barbara's followed the next day with a luncheon to celebrate St. Barbara's.
- * Jan 12, 2014 we held a Memorial lunch per parishioner's request.
- * February 9th we held a "Go Red for Women" Health awareness for women with Heart disease by wearing the color red.
- * Feb. 16, Dr. Dan Brennan Pediatrician gave an excellent presentation in children's behavior.
- * March, donations were received for the Kids n Cancer basket for the fundraising luncheon "Kids 'n' Cancer Camp Agape" to be held May 4th at the Big Canyon Country Club in Newport Beach.
- * April, Easter prep with flowers & Palm Sunday's luncheon was very successful.
- * Pennies and Prayers. Don't forget to bring your canisters to Church and leave at the Church office.
- * May 4th, Dr. Mary Ann Evans clinical neuropsychologist will speak & the topic will be "Navigating the Seasons of our Lives".
- * June, July Festival preparations.
- * Once again Sept 20, Essence of the Med will be held.

We need the support from our community members in making this event successful once again. Meetings already started as of January 2014.

If you would like to purchase a ticket but can't attend please pass to a Senior or others.

- * February 7th, 2015 a Crab Feed will be held for the 2015 fundraising. NO ESSENCE OF THE MED will be held.
- * We host 4 coffee hour Sunday's per year. Does not include the luncheons for St. Barbara's Feast Day and Palm Sunday.
- * We pass 2 tray's per year one for Cosmas and Damian and St. Basil's academy the Vasilopita tray.
- * In 2013 we donated to:

1. National	\$2,729	includes the funds we raised for Cyprus and the donation for the New Apostoli's Children's Care Center in Moshato, Greece.
2. Metropolis	\$ 970	
3. Local, including donations to Church	<u>\$2,150</u>	
Total donations of	\$5,849	

- * Just to inform you, National Philoptochos disbursed in 2013 to various ministry funds and special drives the total sum of \$1,479,320.00. A list of all the Philoptochos Ministries is available in our files for anyone interested in taking a look. Our small chapter has contributed to all the National & Metropolis ministries.
- * A special THANK YOU to my Philoptochos Board and to all the members for your love and cooperation. You are always willing to assist.

I am looking forward for another challenging year.

We want to see all the Ladies from our community joining Philoptochos and attend our meetings. They are not long and they are very informative. We are planning to have other interesting speakers to break down the monotony and make are meetings interesting. Your participation can improve people's lives. Through your talents, children are treated medically, senior adults are well attended, students receive financial aid, children and young adults reside in a loving environment, emergency aid is offered to disaster victims and aid to victims of the economic crises in our homelands. Consider of becoming a Philoptochos member.

Thank you,

Georgia Gastouniotis/President