

Pontian Society
"PANAGIA SOUMELA"
Boston Inc.
Founded in 1981

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To the Members of the Society,

Dear Members,

In December 2017 you elected a board with a platform aimed at overturning a signed Purchase & Sale Agreement in the midst of a litigation battle in which the society's building in Boston was being practically given away for the ridiculously low price of \$1,216,000 under questionable circumstances. From that December 2017 election day and on, every day, every week, every month, the society's board has diligently fought a rigorous court battle against a very tough, experienced, fearless and well-connected real estate developer who is used to getting his way, at least inside the city of Boston. Well-calculated legal maneuvers with surgical precision and an experienced legal 'dream' team kept the society in the driver's seat throughout the litigation.

Boldly the society's board prepared to go to trial against the developer and on September 24, 2021, literally minutes before trial was to commence, the board accepted the developer's increased offer of \$2,700,000. You the membership, in turn, approved the sale at a special vote held for that purpose in December 2021, as the society's bylaws require.

During the months following the December vote, the board was tirelessly looking for a replacement property for the society, as the society's bylaws also require. And around Memorial Day weekend 2022, the board made an agreement to purchase the society's new headquarters located in Braintree, MA at 120 Bay State Drive, for \$2,250,000. On August 26, 2022, two days after the society sold its building in Boston, the society purchased its new property in Braintree. As per the agreement with the developer who purchased the Boston property, the lawsuit against the society was dismissed.

The Board of Directors of Pontian Society 'Panagia Soumela' Boston, Inc. is proud that the society has a platform for the future. We are proud that the society will continue its mission, more determined, more united, more motivated, more driven and more focused than ever before. The society will thrive, grow, flourish and prosper and alongside it so will Pontian Hellenism in New England and the United States as a whole.

Founded in 1981, Pontian Society 'Panagia Soumela' Boston, Inc. has gone through its trials and tribulations and almost to the brink of extinction as the previous regime attempted to sell the society's building in Boston without any intention of purchasing a replacement property. The resources that are now available to the society at our new headquarters will make the society's mission even more of a reality. Our new 10,000 sq. ft. facility has space for a new lesche (λέσχη), a library, a boardroom, multiple offices and reception areas, storage facilities, a professional-grade kitchen, two full bars and a conference/function hall that comfortably seats over 250 people. We encourage more and more young Pontians to join as there will be Pontian dance classes as well as Pontian dialect classes. We expect to have our grand opening in early October. We will keep you posted.

The future is brighter than it has ever been for Pontian Society 'Panagia Soumela' Boston, Inc. You the society's members with your vision, resilience, determination and commitment made it all possible. We should all be proud.

Να λελέβω σας ολτς,

Georgios Gialtouridis
President



"Η Σουμελά κι' επέρασεν, η Σουμελά κι' επάρθεν!"