



# United Hellenic Voters of America



## NATIONAL SUPREME BOARD MEMBERS

### **Dr. Dimitrios G. Kyriazopoulos – Honorary National Supreme Chairman & Founder**

Dr. K is the founding father of the United Hellenic Voters of America, United Hellenic Foundation and the United Hellenic Youth of America. Dr. K came to the U.S. from Greece as a student at Oklahoma University and obtained a B.A. in Mathematics and History. Passionate to learn more he then earned his M.Ed in Education degree from DePaul University and an M.S. in Mathematics from the Illinois Institute of Technology all while earning 3 more degrees along the way. He took his passion for learning and became a college senior professor at DeVry University where he remained for more than 40 years. He is a past 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President at the Congress of American-Hellenic Organization, Executive Board on the United Hellenic American Congress, Past District Treasurer of AHEPA and has been listed in the Who's Who among Hellenic America Leaders and Hellenes in the world. Among his many achievements you will find him to have been Most Distinguished Pan-Arcadian 1981, Community Leaders Noteworthy Americans 1978-1979. He won the Archbishops Award for work on Cyprus and ran the National Honor Society T.A.P. for many years. He is also the author of "The Technical Institute: It's Place, Purpose & Success" and "The Technical Institute: It's Unique Degree & Place in the Word Today". He now resides as the Honorary National Supreme Chairman of the UHVA.



### **Kiki Whitehead – National Supreme Chairman**

Born in Canada, Kiki grew up in the Chicago suburbs of Morton Grove and Addison respectively. She studied computer science at DeVry University and went on to various roles in tech support, sales support, and more. Channeling her background in art, she began a career in web design. She started her own business and made a name for herself in the Fox Valley area. She is now the Marketing Director for Olympic Signs, Inc., one of the largest sign companies in the Chicago area owned by her husband, Robert Whitehead. Kiki is very involved in many community organizations, and many school-based groups. She's served on multiple boards, in varying leadership capacities and has lent her talents to several organizations, including: The Addison Community Switchboard, a community food bank in Addison, IL; Stars for Dylan, a Wounded Warriors Project; Care for Costa, a fundraiser for a young burn victim from Greece; The Greek Orthodox Church of St. Demetrios in Elmhurst, IL; The Will B Foundation; and Addison Trail High School booster organizations resulting in more than 50 college scholarships. Returning to her artistic roots she recently illustrated a children's book "How Does My Mama Know?" and is working on 3 new books. Kiki enjoys her role as the Chairman and hopes to build strong relationships with other Hellenic organizations proving that together we are stronger, our power is greater allowing us to make a greater impact within our communities. A philosophy she hopes to instill in her children and grandsons.



## **Nicholas Pappas – National Board Chairman**

Nick was born in Thessaloniki, Greece, where he attended the German High School of that city, thus becoming familiar with the German language and culture. Nick has a Master's Degree in Economic Geography with a focus on regional economic development, from the University of Illinois in Champaign. He has worked at the DuPage County Department of Economic Development and Planning. Prior to that, he taught at the College of DuPage, and he did research on location analysis and regional economics for a private firm. Nick is currently the UHVA National Board Chairman, and has served as a UHVA president in the past. He has a deep commitment in the work of the UHVA, and he is very proud to have contributed to its success over the last twenty years. Nick cares deeply about the critical issues regarding the well-being of Greece, and he works hard through the UHVA to ensure the support of U.S. government officials for the just resolution of foreign policy issues concerning Greece. Nick is also a board member of the Macedonian Society of Greater Chicago. He enjoys reading and traveling, as well as attending lectures and educational events. He has a daughter and a son.



## **Mary Kyriazopoulos – National Supreme Board Member**

Mary was born and raised in Greece and came to the U.S. in 1965. She raised three remarkable young women and claims it to be her greatest achievement. She worked in the bank industry for many years as a controller/head cashier and collections officer. She has served multiple roles in the organization such as Area Vice President, Secretary, Regional Director, and Executive Vice President. She has been a member of the Philoptochos Society of Saint Demetrios Church, a past secretary of the PTA of St. Haralambos Church, as well as, a lifetime member of the UHVA. Mary likes to spend her summers in Greece and travelling throughout Europe.



## **Maryanna Callas, Esq. – National Supreme Board Member**

Maryanna Callas currently holds the position of a National Supreme Board Member on the United Hellenic Voters of America. She has served as a past President of the organization for three consecutive years as well as Youth President. Ms. Callas is a Prosecutor for DuPage County and devotes her time giving back to the community. Maryanna takes much pride in her Greek heritage and believes that through a strong community bond, anything is possible.



## **Bill P. Kanetis – National Supreme Board Member**

Bill was born in Athens (Pireaus) Greece and was formerly educated in his native country. He completed technical high school and studied Mechanical Engineering at the Sivitanidios College in Athens earning a degree in Mechanical P.E. Engineering from ITT and received his engineering license from the City of Chicago in 1965. From 2005 to present he has served as the President of Olympic Mechanical Contractors. Bill owns and operates Delta Heating Mechanical Contractors and Olympic Heating Company where they specialize in design, installation, service, preventative maintenance and contracts for industrial and commercial buildings and businesses. Bill is a lifetime member and National Supreme Board Member of the UHVA. He is married to Jean (Kallas) Kanetis. They have 3 children and grandchildren.



## **Jean B. Kanetis – National Supreme Board Member**

Born in Chicago and attended Austin High School, Jean focused on Business Management in the city colleges. She has been teaching Sunday School for more than 35 years and served as corresponding secretary at St. Nectarios Philoptochos Society in Palatine. Jean is the President of Delta Heating Mechanical Contractors and the Secretary of Olympic Mechanical Contractors. She is a National Supreme Board member and has been married to Bill Kanetis for more than 50 years. They have 3 children and grandchildren together.



## **Professor Nicholas B. Kouruklis – National Vice Chairman**

Nick has an M.S. in Mathematics and Physics and a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois, a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. In addition he earned a B.S. in Accounting from Collegio Saint Augustine in Panama. He has worked as Director of Quality Assurance for Wells-Gardner Electronics Corporation, Director of Marketing of Joslyn Mfg. & Supply Corporation, Field Sales Engineer for Texas Instruments and Applications Engineer for General Instruments. Nick has owned several restaurants and has worked as a Cook County Deputy Sheriff Sergeant. He is fluent in Greek, Spanish and English and has vast knowledge in those cultures. He is also a member of many organizations such as Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers, AMA, the Hellenic Professional Engineering Association, the Society of American Military Engineers, Member of Illinois Police Association, Member of Illinois Police Federation, Star Craft Club, Ahepa, Hellenic Lodge, Shriner Member & York Rite, Hispanic American Jaycees Director & Hispanic American Kiwanis, Life Member of U.H.V.A., past President of U.H.V.A., member of the Saint John Greek Orthodox Church. He now serves as Vice Chairman and Supreme Board Member of the UHVA. He is in the UHVA Hall of Fame.

## **Tom Coutretsis – National Supreme Board Member**

Tom Coutretsis was born in Kalivia, Corinthos, Greece. The youngest of nine children, Tom immigrated to the United States in 1960. Upon his arrival he began what was to become a successful career in the restaurant business. Tom has been a noted philanthropist who has helped many political and charitable causes. Tom has dedicated much of his adult life to helping individuals of Greek heritage. He worked tirelessly with the Clara Zapantis Memorial Foundation which was founded by his late father-in-law Gus Zapas. Tom was the owner of Tommy's Chicago Sports Bar and Grill which was for many years a popular eating establishment located across from the Daley Center. Tom is also active in various civic, philanthropic and charitable organizations throughout the city of Chicago and state of Illinois. As a founding member of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program – Athen's Committee, Tom assisted in many charitable fund raising programs that benefited both the city of Chicago and the Greek community. Tom is an active member on the Board of Directors for the United Hellenic Voters of America and an active member of the Illinois Restaurant Association. Tom's many awards of recognition include: Certificate of Recognition – Mayor Richard M. Daley; Mayor Daley's Kids Start Summer Youth, Chicago Sister Cities International Program, United Hellenic American Congress – Civic Award, Chicago Restaurant Association – Award of Recognition, United Hellenic Voters of America – Award of Recognition, Governor of the State of Illinois – Award of Recognition, Public Administrator of Cook County – Civic Award, Illinois Court of Claims – Thank you. Tom resides in Long Grove with his wife of 45 years Clarice. They are the proud parents of four grown children and nine grandchildren.



## **Dr. Dimitrios J. Giokaris, M.D. – National Supreme Board Member**

Dr. Giokaris was born and formally educated in Greece. In 1970, he entered Roosevelt University in Chicago, receiving a B.S. Degree in Biology with honors. In 1974, Dr. Giokaris served as a teaching assistant at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and in 1976, entered medical school at Universidad Central Del Este-San Pedro De Marcos's in the Dominican Republic. He graduated with his medical degree in 1980. From 1980 through 1984, Dr. Giokaris completed internship and residency at Norwegian American and Ravenswood Hospitals. Subsequently, he became a licensed physician in Illinois with a practice at 2609 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Giokaris is married to wife, Isabelle, and has 3 children. He is a lifetime member and past National President of UHVA.

## **Dr. Antonios Papadopoulos - National Supreme Board Member**

Dr. Antonio's Papadopoulos, a National Executive Vice-President of the UHVA, is a medical doctor originally from Thessaloniki, Macedonia Greece. He graduated from the University of Louvain Medical School in Belgium, and he speaks fluent Greek, English, and French. He has served as a member of the Board of the Macedonian Society of Greater Chicago, as well as the Board of the Federation (Enosis) of the Greek-American Organizations of the State of Illinois. Dr. Papadopoulos has been a member of the Pan Macedonian Association of the United States and served as Midwestern Governor of that Association from 2001 to 2007. In June 2007, he was elected as Vice-President of the Pan Macedonian Association for all of the U.S. His main concern is to promote the Hellenic identity and name of Macedonia and Macedonians.

## **Louis G. Apostol, Esq. – National Supreme Board Member**

Mr. Apostol is the Executive Director, general counsel and legislative liaison for the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board. As Executive Director, he is responsible for the management and adjudication of all residential, commercial, industrial and farm property tax appeals in Illinois. He has been a practicing lawyer in Illinois for over 30 years and was a partner in several large law firms in Chicago specializing in civil and criminal litigation, tax, finance, property, administrative and government law. He is a certified executive (CAE), having served as general counsel and chief operating officer to multiple corporations and associations. He formerly served as a Commissioner / trial judge on the Illinois Court of Claims (2003-2008). He served as Public Administrator of Cook County and as a Special Counsel for the City of Chicago. Lou is a member of Chicago Sister Cities International, as an appointee of the Mayor (1992-present). He served as Chair of the Attorney's Advisory Committee for the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Cook County. He is an active member and contributor to charitable organizations such as the Diversity Scholarship Foundation, "Leadership 100" and served as the President of the Hellenic Foundation in Chicago. He was elected to the NIU Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2015. In 2016, he was elected to the Associated Colleges of Illinois Board of Directors. He received his BA from Elmhurst College, MBA from NIU College of Business and JD from NIU College of Law. He served NIU as the Vice Chair for the Board of Visitors and was elected Chair in 2014. He is admitted to practice in the State of Illinois, U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit, U.S. Tax Court, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, U.S. Court of Claims, U.S. Court of Military Appeals and U.S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals. He received a 100% Qualified, Recommended and Highly Recommended judicial evaluation from the Chicago Bar Association and the Alliance of Illinois Bar Associations. He is an active member of the American Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, Hellenic Bar Association and Chicago Council of Lawyers, having served as Chair, Vice Chair and Legislative Liaison to various committees. In 1997, he received the "Hellene of the Year Award" from the HBA. In 1998, he received the "Distinguished Service Award" from the NIU College of Law. In 2003, he received the "Community Service Award" from the Association Forum of Chicago. In 2012, he received the "Outstanding Government Service Award" from the United Hellenic Voters of America and was elected to the National Supreme Board. He was inducted into its "Hall of Fame" in 2013. In 2004 and 2005, he was featured on the "Best Lawyers in America" - Sky Radio Program. He has been a speaker at bar associations and public interest groups nationwide.



## **Theodore Gailan, Esq. - National Supreme Board Member**

Ted attends the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, in Chicago, Illinois. He is an attorney, with offices in Addison, Illinois. Prior to becoming an attorney, he served as an Assistant National Trust Examiner for the U.S. Treasury Department. He earned an MBA, from DePaul University, in 1977. He was graduated from the John Marshall Law School, in 1983. He began his legal career as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney, where he learned how to prosecute criminal cases. He then became a DuPage County Assistant Public Defender, where he learned how to defend criminal cases. He has successfully practiced criminal defense and family law, as a sole practitioner, since 1996. He is a member of the DuPage County Bar Association and of the Illinois State Bar Association. He is most proud that he is a life time member of the United Hellenic Voters of America.

## **John G. Manos - National Supreme Board Member**

John was born in Rethymno, Crete, Greece. He migrated to the United States with his family in 1967, and grew up in Chicago, Illinois. He is a registered Architect with professional experience in construction development of commercial and residential projects (1994 - 2002). In 1994, John became involved in the area of commercial Real Estate Lending which ultimately shaped his career leading to his current position as President of Bank Financial, Illinois' largest Thrift (from 1998 to present), specializing in commercial real estate loans in approximately 14 States nationwide. He is currently President of the Pancretan Association of America (PAA) (elected in June 2011) - one of the largest non-profit Greek- American organizations. He served the board of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, he has been a member of AHEPA, former President and Chairman, and still a member of the Executive Board of the United Hellenic Voters of America, member of Bloomingdale Planning and Zoning Board, while he also belongs to several notable local and professional organizations, in the areas of real estate, banking, and architecture. He is known and recognized by the Greek-American and the broader American Community as a philanthropist, a distinguished business leader and a youth advocate. UHVA awarded him the honor of being inducted into "Greek-American Hall of Fame" in 2010 and as "Businessman of the Year" in 2008. John was recognized by the Mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley, and the City Council with a Resolution with an Outstanding Citizen Award. John currently lives in Bloomingdale, Illinois, with his spouse Elena and their 3 children, Patricia, George, and Eleni.



## **Robert J. Whitehead – National Supreme Board Member**

Rob was born in Chicago the third of four children to Charles and Gloria Whitehead. He attended the Chicago Institute of Art and began his career lending his artistic talents to various sign companies as a sign painter and artist. Eventually he started his own sign business with a co-worker. Today he is the President and owner of Olympic Signs, Inc., one of the largest sign companies in the Chicagoland area. He sits on the board of the Magnificent Mile Association (MMA) in the city of Chicago where his expertise in sign design, city codes and construction is highly regarded. Rob has been involved in charitable organizations such as the Will B Foundation, Care for Costa, St. Judes, Make A Wish Foundation and Addison Trail High School scholarship programs where he has been awarded for his contributions. He is excited to be part of the National Supreme Board and believes in the strong sense of community that this organization stands for. Rob resides in Lombard with his wife Kiki. They are the proud parents of five grown children and two beautiful grandsons.



## **Nick Gountanis – National Supreme Board Member**

Nick is one of the newest members to the Supreme Board and is the proud owner of Gojos Café and the Howard Johnsons Hotel located in Waukegan Illinois. Established in 1978 Gojo's has been a staple in the community followed by the hotel for the past 32 years. Nick immigrated to the country in 1958 at the age of 13 landing in Chicago and establishing roots in Lake County. He was president of Ahepa Chapter 218 for 10+ years, as well as, president of Central Society Tsipianiton for 4 years . He has been married to his lovely wife, Penelope, since 1976. Together they have 4 children and 10 grandchildren.

## **Judge Peter G. Karahalios, Esq. – National Supreme Board Member**

Peter was born in Oak Park, Illinois to George P. & Demetra Karahalios. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1973, and a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago-Kent College of Law where he received his Juris Doctor Degree in 1976 and his law license that same year. Peter is a member of numerous organizations including, the United Hellenic Voters of America for almost 41 years, the Advisory Board of the Pan-Hellenic Scholarship Foundation, a charter member of the Hippocratic Cancer Research Foundation and has been a *pro bono* member of the Board of Directors of the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre in Wheeling, IL since 2003 where he currently serves as President. He is also a member of the Hellenic Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, Hellenic American Leadership Council, AHEPA, American Legion Post #135 and the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Chicago. His legal career began as an Enforcement Attorney for the Securities and Corporations Department for the State of Illinois and he is currently the Chief Legal Counsel to the Office of the Cook County Treasurer, Maria Pappas and is a Judge on the Illinois Court of Claims.



## **Angelo G. Bravos, Ph.D. – National President**

Dr. Angelo Bravos is the principal and founder of the Bravos Group, an Information Technology consulting group. His company was established in 2005 to focus on solving technology problems for small to medium size business. Dr. Bravos has a long history of entrepreneurial activities in Greece and the USA and has been part of many national and international successful businesses. Angelo was born in Athens Greece and has roots in Trikala Thessalias and in Kilini Elias. He immigrated to the USA in the early 80s to get his education and holds a BA in Math, a Masters in Computer Science and a Ph.D. in Artificial Intelligence from Illinois Institute of Technology. Dr. Bravos has worked for fortune 500 companies, such as Xerox, Ameritech, NEC Technologies, Lucent and the CME Group, where he developed new products and managed technical projects, people and resources to make these companies more successful. He is always looking for entrepreneurial opportunities for successes and enjoys teaching and learning new things. Dr. Bravos joined the United Hellenic Voters of America a few years ago and he is now serving on the National Supreme Board as the President.



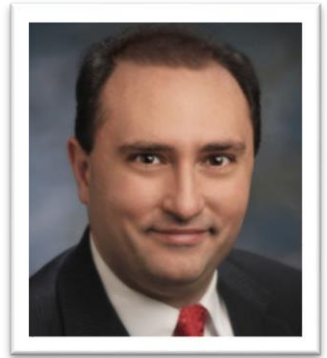
## **Vicky Callas – National Supreme Board Member**

Vicky Callas is one of the newest members of the Supreme Board. Originally from Tripoli, Greece, she is a proud Greek-American who appreciates the opportunities provided to her by this great country. For more than 30 years she has been the owner and operator of Arcada Travel specializing in all travel, including corporate, leisure, honeymoons, cruises, groups, tours, and special trips to Europe.



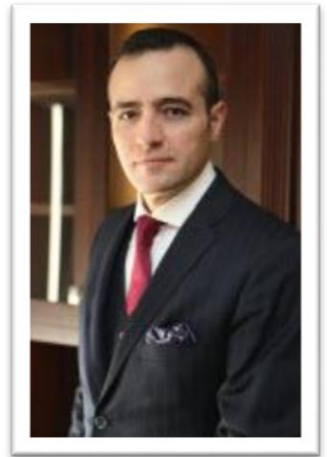
## **Gus Kostopoulos, Esq. – National Supreme Board Member**

Gus Kostopoulos is an attorney practicing in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. He is an experienced litigator and trial attorney who has successfully litigated numerous matters across a variety of practice areas and jurisdictions. Gus previously served as an assistant state's attorney for DuPage County. Gus is graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and of the DePaul University College of Law. He has been a member of this organization for many years and served as Past President.



## **George Reveliotis – National Supreme Board Member**

George N. Reveliotis is one of the newest members of the Supreme Board. He is the founder and managing partner in Reveliotis Law, P.C. Mr. Reveliotis handles and has tried a wide range of real estate law matters including property tax appeals before all of the governing authorities in the State of Illinois. Mr. Reveliotis is married, has three sons and a daughter and devotes a significant amount of time to his fellow community members through his service as the President of the Pan-Arcadian Federation of America, a board member of the Greek American Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and active membership in various other foundations. He currently holds a seat on the Board of Advisors of the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation. Mr. Reveliotis is also a member of the advisory board for the Modern Greek Studies Program at the University of Illinois in Urbana/Champaign.



## **Harry Theodore – National Advisory Council Chairman**

Born and raised in Chicago, Harry Theodore is a graduate of Southern Illinois with a B.S. in Communications. Harry taught at the Chicago Board of Education for 34 years. Retired since 2001 he now teaches in the Addison School District. Harry served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from 1967-69. A board member and youth director of his church, Harry's multiple talents are evident by his involvement in so many various activities, civic and philanthropic. Harry was elected as Trustee in the Village of Addison since 1992 and was past Chairman of the Building, Zoning, and Development Committee. Harry has been an AHEPA member since 1964 and now participates in the activities of the DuPage Chapter No. 423. As the National Regional Director of the United Hellenic Voters of America, Harry played an integral part in negotiating the expansion of UHVA into Europe on his trips to England. Harry lives in Addison with his wife Lori where they raised their two children. He is also a proud grandfather of three.

