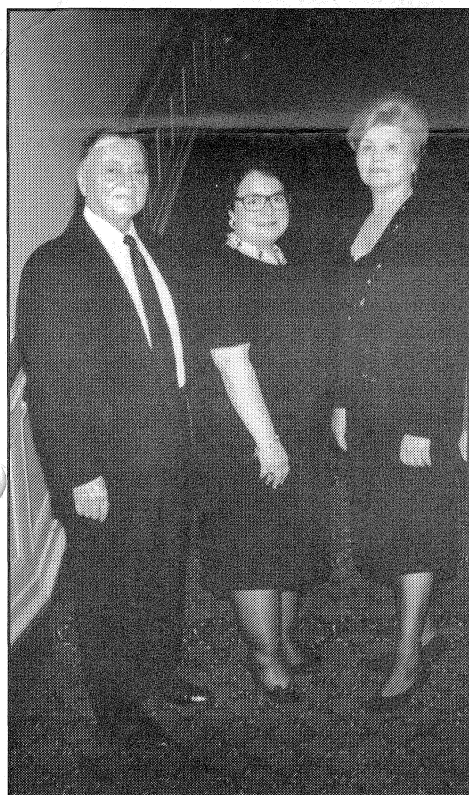


HELLENIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY of Northeastern Ohio

## Recognition Awards Presented at Fifth Annual Heritage Ball



HPS President Maria Cashy is flanked by '96 recipients George Chimples and Pauline C. Latkovic. Not present, Rev. John Protopapas and Georgia Pappas.

For the fourth consecutive year at the Heritage Ball, HPS has recognized individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service in furthering the mission of the Hellenic Preservation Society.

This years recipients: industrialist and philanthropist George Chimples is a community leader who has served on the Archdiocesan Council as a member of the National Finance Committee. Chimples has made significant financial contributions to the Greater Cleveland Greek Community and to HPS. He was also an underwriter of the *HPS Newsletter* to enable HPS to further pursue its mission;

Pauline C. Latkovic, past president for two terms, was vice president and chaired the '93 Ball and Benefit committees and serves on the staff of the *HPS Newsletter*. Latkovic, retired Director of Marketing/Media Relations at Lorain County Community College, taught Sunday School, was president of the Board of Education and secretary of the Board of Managers of the Endowment Fund of St. Demetrios Church;

Georgia Pappas, an educator with the highest of standards, has taught the Greek language in the Greater Cleveland area for 45 years. In 1976, she was awarded the title of "Alpha Teacher," the highest level attainable in Greece. The Annunciation Church Greek School which she heads was certified by the Greek Government as equal to National Greek School;

The Reverend John Protopapas, pastor of The Annunciation Church for 29 years, has been in the ministry for 41 years and has served his community in the highest ethical and moral fashion. Fr. John was chairman of the Archdiocese Education Committee and taught Greek School when he served his parish in Bangor, Maine.

HPS thanks these worthy recipients and hopes they can continue their work to promote the mission of HPS. *hps*

—Dr. Themistocles Rodis

## Hellenes Celebrate Fifth Heritage Ball

The historic University Club created a wonderful atmosphere for the Fifth Annual Heritage Ball on October 12.

The jazz pianist and bass player during cocktails, the timely humor of comedian Michael Cheselka, the marvelous dinner and the great music of Nea Kompania all together made for a beautiful evening.

HPS honored and recognized four very dedicated people of the Greater Cleveland Greek Community. They were George Chimples,

## Welcome New Member

Dr. Sam Pappas

How about giving a membership to a family member, a friend or a philhellene as a birthday or holiday gift?

We have been successful in attracting new members but it is important to retain our old members. Send in your renewal today and continue to receive the benefits of HPS membership.

New members form on page 8. *hps*

—Charlotte LaJoe

## Ethnic Mosaic Topic at Nov. 21 General Members Meeting

How ethnic neighborhoods shaped Cleveland will be the subject of Rev. Ralph Fotia at the General Members Meeting on Thursday, November 21, at 7 p.m., at Saint Paul Greek Orthodox Church.

Rev. Fotia, the son of Italian immigrant parents, is spending his golden years practicing what he preaches. He says religion is more what you do than what you believe.

With his masters degree in theology from Oberlin College, Rev. Fotia goes beyond the church to make an impact on the world. Whether he is painting or writing poetry to express his view of the world, he still finds time to teach Cleveland history and visit shut-ins. "You need to be out in the world making it a better place for people."

Rev. Fotia teaches many historical topics in several parts of the county for the Senior Adult Program of Cuyahoga Community College. Currently, he is teaching Cleveland history in honor of the city's bicentennial.

Please join us for this very special evening! Refreshments will be served. *hps*

—Efrosini Rubertino

Pauline C. Latkovic, Georgia Pappas, and Father John Protopapas.

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## Plans Announced for Competition in Various Media for Greek Youth

"Muses Awards" is the name selected for a contest that will be held annually by the Hellenic Preservation Society in the near future. Four cash prizes will be awarded for the best creative efforts presented by students between the ages of 10 to 18 years of age that demonstrate some important aspect of Hellenism from either Greece's Ancient, Byzantine, Modern or Immigrant past. Contestants will be expected to make their contributions in one of the following media: drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, or an essay, short story, stage play, or a musical composition.

Two age categories are presently contemplated: 10 to 14 and 15 to 18. The criteria for determining the awards will be tailored to the media and theme by the judges for that year. Judges will be chosen for their expertise in the media and their knowledge of the historical period selected.

One of the reasons for using the name "Muses" for these awards is because of its definition as "inspiration or guiding spirit" which hopefully will serve to inspire the contestants themselves.

Further information about the "Muses Awards" will be made in the near future.

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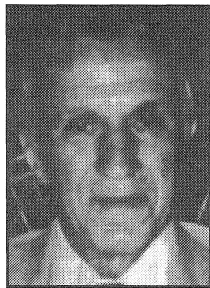
-Steve Rackas

## One World Day with A Greek Accent

On September 8, Cleveland celebrated its Fiftieth Annual One World Day in Rockefeller Park. Our Greek Garden, one of twenty-four ethnic gardens located along Martin Luther King Drive, was given special attention by the city because of our renovation efforts.

As a community, we rededicated the Greek garden to the city as a gift for its bicentennial. In honor of the gesture, the parade of ethnic groups made our Greek Garden their final destination. All the groups encircled the garden, carrying their colorful banners. It was a beautiful sight. Mayor Michael White accepted the rededication of the garden to the city. Andrew Chakalis acted as HPS spokesperson for the event, culminat-

## PROFILE: Nicholas Diamantides



"The first chance I got, in 1946, I returned," said Nicholas Diamantides of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and currently Adjunct Professor of Geography at Kent State University.

Diamantides, born in the United States,

was taken to his parents' native Icaria at the age of 7. Like many ethnics, he was unable to return to the United States until after World War II.

In Greece, he earned a bachelor's degree in electrical and mechanical engineering. Diamantides mentioned John Tsantes and Anacreon Tsoulos for "opening his eyes to the pursuit of Greek and its literature and Physics."

Stateside, he earned masters degrees in electronics from Case Institute of Technology, mathematics from Kent State and economics from the University of Akron.

It was probably that experience that influenced his interest in migration - a subject for which he was recently honored in a significant way. In December of 1995, Diamantides was awarded the Norbert Wiener Award in London by *Kybernetes*, The International Journal of Systems and Cybernetics, published by the MCB Press of Great Britain.

(Wiener coined the word "cybernetics" to describe the study of control and communication in machine and animals.)

ing three years of dedicated work as the chairperson of the committee that oversaw the renovation of the garden.

Pictures of the event show that God couldn't have made the day prettier with all its sunshine bringing out the array of autumn colors. The pictures also show that we, the people of Cleveland, couldn't have tried harder to shine in our own way.

HPS is proud to have played a key role in such a spirited event in Cleveland's history. In the future, Rockefeller Park could develop into a center of cultural and social events bringing the whole city together. HPS will be there!

*hps*

-Kathy Apotsos

The Norbert Wiener Award was given in recognition of Diamantides' original research in the study of migration that he had presented in 1992. Actually, this paper was only one of three that he had presented in Vienna, Paris and Crete between 1990 and 1995.

"Migration has been with us forever ..." He went on to explain the types of migration and the reasons and presented statistics and real-life experiences.

On the home front, Diamantides and his wife, Evelyn are very active at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Akron. Philoptochos attracts the couples' efforts. In addition, they work with the Good Samaritan Group of the church - 80 mouths are fed and money donations given monthly. Diamantides has served on the Parish Council.

Diamantides belongs to the V.I. Chsembiedes Icarian Chapter of 45 members. He served on and chaired the National Scholarship Education Committee for 7 years. Diamantides commented to me the trend of more female than male scholarship recipients developed.

And his accomplishments go on and on.

His opinions on the future of our religion - here to stay, needs the English language; Greek language - difficult to speak, full-time here; and the Hellenic Preservation Society - admirable, very nice, and progressive.

*hps*

-Eugenia G. Burpulis

## HPS Newsletter

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## Latkovic Offers Snapshot of 1994-96 Hellenic Preservation Society's Accomplishments

During the past two years, I had the good fortune of serving as president of HPS with a most foresighted and cooperative Board of Trustees. Together, all volunteers, we set goals and met the challenges. Successful accomplishments must be attributed to the Board and members who have shared a common goal of preserving and perpetuating the Greek experience.

With a total net worth more than doubling in the past two years to \$50,054 and membership increasing to 473, our financial and physical resources have enabled HPS to offer a variety of cultural and educational programs, such as: ancient Greek musical instruments and music, anecdotal mythological analogy, and views of internationally known authors and scholars who recognize the significance of ancient Hellenes who have made permanent contributions to the world of arts and learning.

Conviviality has prevailed at a number of our events which include: the Heritage Ball, our one major annual benefit, the summer's eve Taverna Nite, the Talent Show with comedian "Basile" as MC that featured the talents of our community; a most successful Potluck Dinner Members Meeting; and a private reception at the Cleveland Museum of Art during the exhibition of the Fleischman Collection of ancient objects of Greece, Rome and Etruria which was followed by a members-only preview. In conjunction with this special exhibit, a children's hands-on workshop on Greek masks was taught by the Museum's Education Department.

HPS' Strategic Plan was completed which now gives our organization a solid foundation on which to grow, provides long-term direction and a clear mission statement creating a vision for the future. And, now a brochure about HPS is ready to be published.

The Greek Garden restoration at Rockefeller Park was completed in time for the "One World Day," part of Cleveland's Bicentennial Celebration. Entertainment was pro-

vided by Hellenic folk dancers from our churches, Greek music by Pyros and a John Phillip Sousa Band concert. HPS rededicated the garden to the city and presented it to Mayor Michael White as a gift for the bicentennial.

The Collections and Archives Committees have started to accept items for review that may become a part of the collection that would reflect the culture of our Greek heritage and that of our immigrant parents and grandparents.

The awards Committee has planned a "Muse Award" competition in various media for Greek youth with cash prizes. The purpose is to demonstrate some important aspect of Hellenism from either Greece's Ancient, Byzantine, Modern or Immigrant past.

Our newsletter continues to be published quarterly to keep members and friends informed of HPS activities and with special interest articles that feature our heritage. Each year, a complimentary Winter Issue is mailed to the Greater Cleveland Greek Community. HPS is grateful to the underwriters who pay the expenses for printing and postage.

To better administer the Board and chairpersons, a Policy and Procedures Guide and an accounting system were adopted. During the past year, the Board began to invest HPS assets in four mutual funds to capitalize on the market.

It is my hope, with the support of the entire membership and under the direction of dedicated Board members, that HPS becomes a catalyst for the Greater Cleveland Greek Community and thus presents a unified voice of Hellenes that will promote the Greek experience through education, collection and preservation.

*Pauline C. Latkovic*

Pauline C. Latkovic  
President/1994-96

## Ball - continued

HPS thanks Cynthia Asimakopoulos and Jim Javoris, co-chairs for the '96 Ball, and their committee for a great job. Also, a very big thank you to all the patrons who generously donated to help make this event a financial success. HPS realized \$15,670 in donations.

**Donors whose names were not included in the program are belatedly recognized for their donations: Patron - P.E. Anton; Contributor - William Jones; Friend - George and Sandra Katsantonis.**

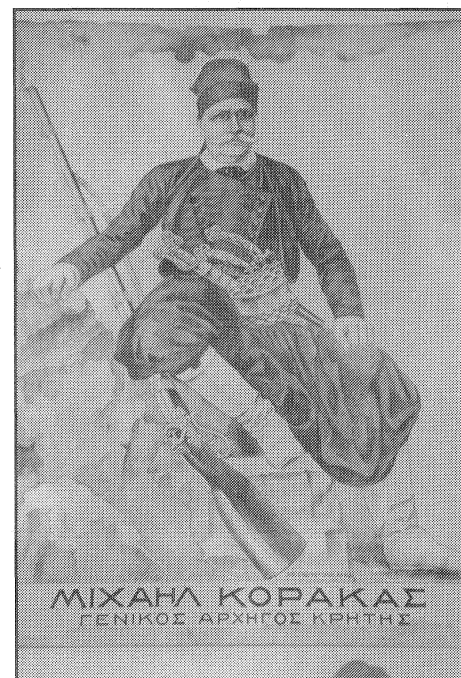
May we all meet again next year! *hps*

-Sophie Karas

## What's Current in Collections

Hand-embroidered items, crocheted pieces, woven rugs and blankets, clothing, kitchen utensils, furniture, paintings, ceramics, sculptures, drawings, photos, prints and other items that our Greek parents and grandparents brought with them when they left their county and came to the United States are packed away in boxes in the back of closets, in attics or basements. Release these items and let them breathe the atmosphere of a climate-controlled storage unit, wrapped in acid-free paper and lovingly placed in an acid-free box!

The Collections Committee of HPS is prepared to receive items for review that you want to donate that may become a part of the collection. The display of acquisitions will begin with next month's members meeting November 21 at St. Paul Church. **We plan a display at each of these General Members meetings, hopefully adding more artifacts at each one.**



*Lithograph of the Commander and Chief of Crete during the 19th century was donated by George and Peggy Hatzakis.*

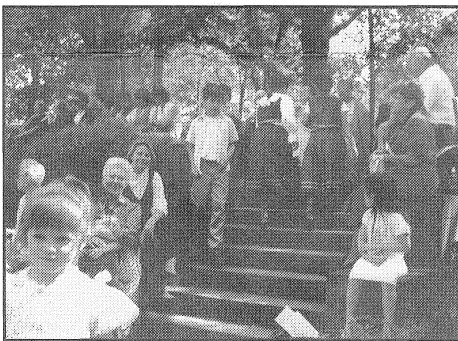
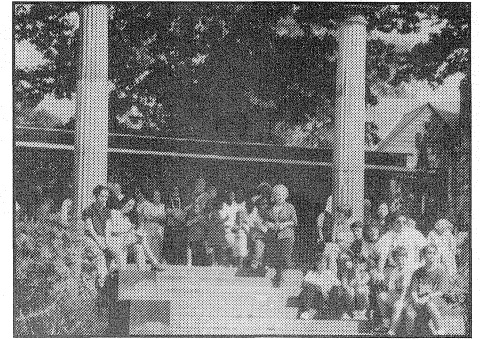
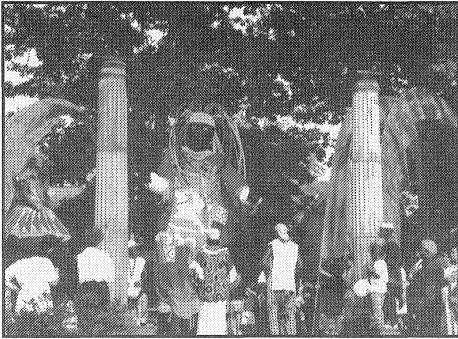
The Collections Committee has visited the Kent State University Fashion Museum and is consulting with their textile conservationist, Anne Bissonnette, acquiring information on the proper storage of materials.

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# Greek Spirit Prevails at Greek Garden

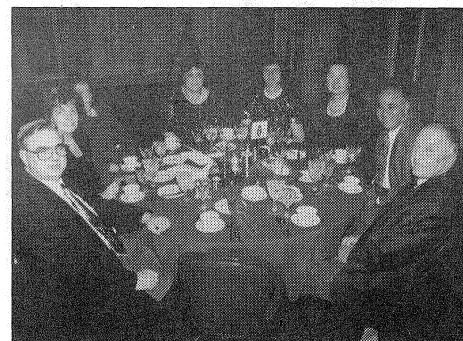
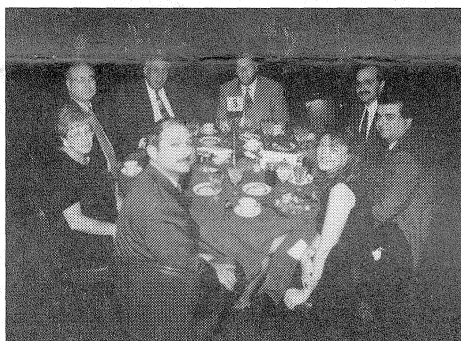
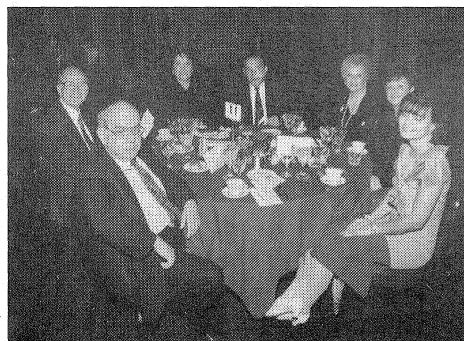
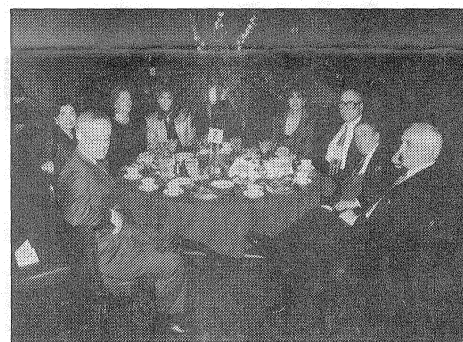
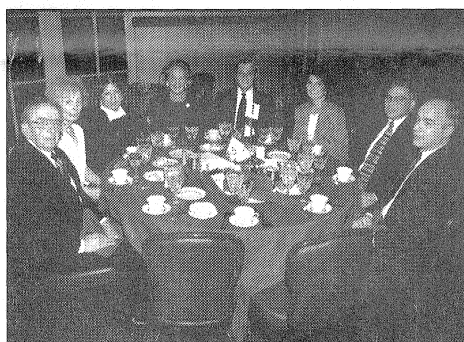
One World Day  
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# HPS Celebrates 5th Anniversary Ball

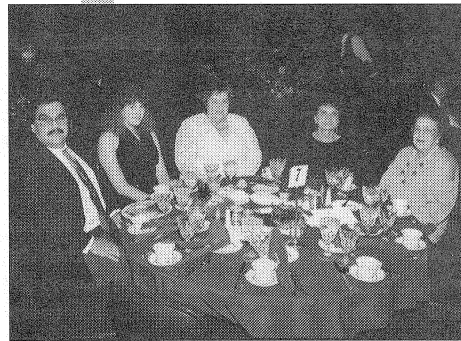
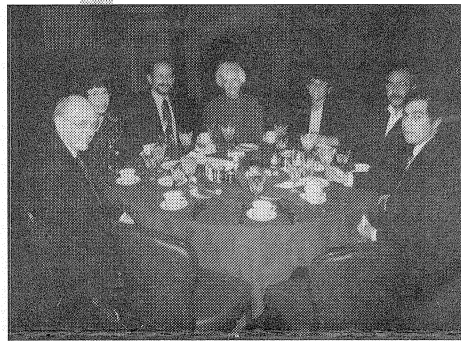
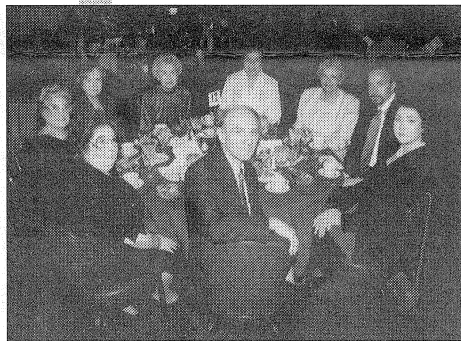
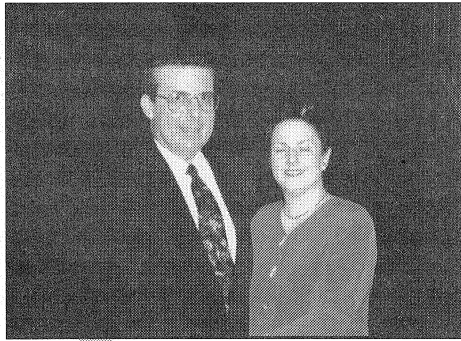
October 12  
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## Fifth Anniversary Ball - continued



## HPS Creates Greek Banner for City's One World Day Bicentennial Event



*Holding the completed banner, clockwise:  
Ted Theodore, Helen Collis, Rose Rodis, Elaine Spooner and Jenny Perry.*

A group of HPS members were involved with the design and execution of a banner used for the One World Day parade on Sunday, September 8, in the Rockefeller Park Cultural Gardens.

The "banner project" was coordinated by Robin Van Lear, Community Arts Coordinator of the Cleveland Museum of Art who has as the visiting artist, Ali Pretty from London, England. Pretty was instrumental in the Batik silk paintings that were used as costumes for the 1996 Olympic Games. Pretty taught and oversaw the production of batik banners, which is a wax resist, ink art form.

Ted Theodore designed a beautiful banner and those that assisted him were Helen Collis, Jenny Perry, Rose Rodis, and Elaine Spooner. Theodore's design reflected a few key elements in the Greek Garden. As Theodore stated pertaining to his design:

The DORIC COLUMN is one of two located at the entrance. It is a classic example of the architecture found on the Parthenon on the Acropolis and in temples throughout the world.

The STELE is the wall which commemorated the names of prominent civic leaders, statesmen, philosophers, poets, architects, mathematicians, scientists and others who played major roles in the Glory of the Golden Age of Greece.

The FLOWERS identify the garden with poppies of today and stylized lilies in fresco designs in many temples and palaces.

The vertical BORDERS have a rolling scroll motif similar to one unearthed in Akrotiri, an ancient city on the Aegean Island of Santorini, believed to be the site of Atlantis, the last civilization which was destroyed by a cataclysmic volcano eruption many, many centuries ago.

Over 21 nationalities participated in this project and presently banners are in the process of being hung in Cleveland's City Hall. Van Lear is hopeful that the One World Day Parade will be an annual event and that more nationalities will be involved.

(See workshop photo page 8.)

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—Helen Collis

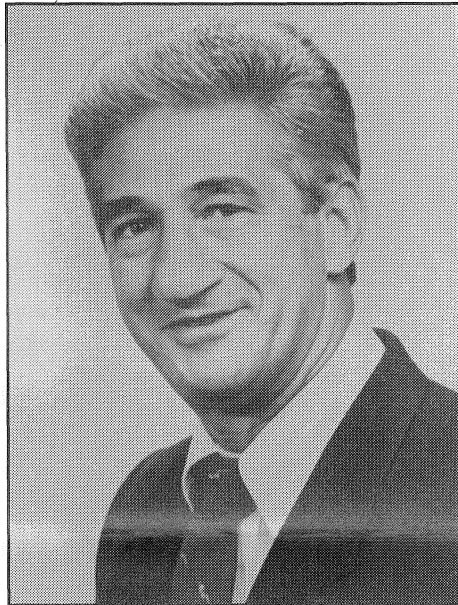
## Meet John Konstantinos of CSU

John Kostantinos, Cleveland State University's Director of Athletics has had a varied and successful career in high school and college athletics as a participant, coach, teacher and administrator.

A native Ohioan, Konstantinos graduated from Yorkville High School where he excelled in baseball, basketball and football. The next step for the young student athlete was Morris Harvey College in West Virginia where he played varsity football for three years. When the college dropped football from its sports program, Konstantinos transferred to Kent State University where he played his final year of football as a starter for the Golden Flashes. He received his BS degree from KSU with a double major in history and mathematics in 1959 and his master degree in history in 1962.

Konstantinos started his career in education at Ravenna High School as a mathematics teacher and assistant football coach. His professional odyssey continued at Kent Roosevelt High School where he became the head wrestling coach and assistant football coach. He then moved to Triton High School in New Jersey.

His career in college coaching and administration began in earnest in 1968 when he joined the coaching staff at Temple University, followed by a stint at William and Mary College in Virginia. While at William and Mary he served as assistant football coach and director of football recruiting. The next stop was North Carolina State College. He then reached his goal of becoming a head coach at Eastern Illinois University for that year, then moved to the University of Arkansas where he stayed until 1980 as director of recruiting and as an administrative assistant.



Finally, Kostantinos returned to KSU in 1980 where his administrative career began. He spent four years as associate athletic director for finance, then moved up to marketing and development and, in 1985, became associate director for athletic development and sports services overseeing fifteen sports for men and women.

On May 21, 1990, Konstantinos reached his goal of becoming a major university athletic director when Cleveland State University (formerly Fenn College) appointed him as the third athletic director in 70 years.

He and his wife reside in Kent and are the parents of a son and daughter. *hps*

—Michael Papouras

## Rokakis Enlightens and Amuses Members

Jim Rokakis, Democratic candidate for county treasurer in the November election, spoke to a receptive audience at the Annunciation Church in September. His presentation was driven by hard-won insights, spiced with humor and leavened by humility while delivering an intriguing insiders' view on local politics.

His rise from the son of Greek immigrants to a life of public service resonates with the successful achievement of the "American Dream." Jim's father arrived in Cleveland from Crete in 1951 preceding his wife and family's later arrival in 1955, whereupon Jim's birth was welcomed nine months later!

Jim won a full scholarship to and graduated from Oberlin in 1977. That same year, at the young age of twenty-two, he was elected to serve on the Cleveland City Council, and entered law school the next year. This period proved to be an eventful time in the city's history as well as his own growth. It marked Dennis Kucinich's election as mayor and the city's default during a time that Jim describes as "tumultuous!"

Jim proved himself to be an able raconteur as he regaled HPS members and guests with stories of council which included references to his colleagues use of malapropisms in the political arena, including some faux-pas of his own. One story illustrated the need for skills required of a councilman that are not contained in the job description! For examples, on several occasions during those turbulent years, he was forced to act as a peacemaker in breaking-up fist fights among his colleagues. Once an elected official (known for his outspoken views) was discovered at the bottom of the pile of combatants, since he had neglected to factor in his small stature before speaking!

Regarding the realities of modern campaigns, Jim emphasizes the importance of polls, pollsters, T.V. time, financing and name recognition in the process.

HPS applauds James Rokakis – and other Greek Americans like him in the political arena – who have accepted the admonition of Pericles when he called upon all Athenian citizens "to attend to public as well as private duties," and to "not ... allow their own various affairs to interfere with their knowledge of the city ..." *hps*

—Koula Stevens

## Collections - continued

In January, Karen March, an eminent expert in textile conservation, will speak at our General Members meeting. You'll have the opportunity to hear her and ask her any questions you might have concerning items you've inherited.

It will be exciting to see the collection grow, but most exciting will be reactions to artifacts that bring back memories of our parents and grandparents. *hps*

—Rose Rodis



*The Collections Committee and HPS members visited KSU's Fashion Museum.*

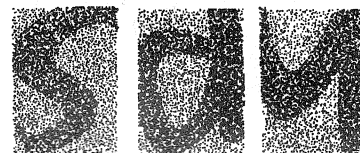
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## Ball - continued



## Banner Workshop at CMA



Left to right: Spooner, Rodis, Perry and Collis drawing on muslim fabric prior to applying colors and wax in the batik process.

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