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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

We welcome to the church:

Athanasios, Chrismated Lucas James Baptized and Chrismated Elianna, Baptized and Chrismated Anastasios Demetrios, Baptized and Chrismated Sotiria, Baptized and Chrismated

We pray for the servants of God, united together in the sacrament of marriage:

Michael and Melina Demetrios and Georgana Stefan and Cecelia Michael and Meryl

We pray for the servants of God, who departed this life:

James Mamalis Sophia Potiris

# PASTORAL MESSAGE

# Does Love make the Festival go around?

am always exhausted and impressed by what we are able to do in this annual "Heritage Festival." The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well here. I want to extend my personal admiration and thanks to all of our volunteers, and especially to our amazing Festival Committee. Wow! Now comes the assessment. Everyone wants to know, "How did we do? Did we earn a lot of money?" The answer is, of course, that we did earn some money. But, beyond the money, we also touched a lot of people. More than ten thousand of them! They ate good food (everyone I talked to thought the food was great), listened to some very good "ethnic" music, danced, bought some stuff, toured the Church, saw some things that challenged and informed them, and hopefully came away having had a good time. Hopefully,



more importantly, they also saw a group of people, many of us of Greek descent, who are Christians, sharing a rich cultural heritage and a commitment to Christ that fills us with light and love. Hopefully they saw people working together in love, and hopefully they felt our love and concern for them.

They witnessed something that is becoming harder to find in our culture. They saw "community." They saw people who are united by old-fashioned traditional family ties, and they saw that those ties extend beyond physically related family to the spiritual family of the Church community. Community. People who are united in outlook and values. People who care about each other. People who work together for a common cause. Not online, but face to face. People who worship God together, talk to each other, eat and drink together, argue with each other, embrace each other, support each other.

Fr. James and I wandered around, but we spent a lot of time in the Church. Many people came by. We got more "people time" in three days than we usually get in a month! Many of the questions were the same. For instance, "How are you different from the Roman Catholic Church/Protestants/Etc.?" I would jokingly tell people, "That's easy. We are right and they are wrong!" Some challenged us about uniquely Orthodox elements in our Faith. Icons. Some wanted to know how "progressive" we are. We are not. Many were curious, some wanted prayer or counsel. For many people, this was certainly their best and maybe only exposure to our precious Orthodox Faith. It was a chance for them to gain a new understanding of the history and diversity of Christianity and of our authentic positions and practices. For some, this might have been a rare opportunity to encounter Christ.

This was true in the Sanctuary, but this was also true for every one of us as we worked in community. We were all sharing ourselves and our Faith, no matter what job we did. So, we were not only "fund-raisers," not only festival workers, cooks and servers, but we were all ministers. We were all "evangelists." We were sharing Christ with our neighbors. Even if we did not say a word, our presence, our dedication, our smile, our willingness to serve, even our silence, and our patience in dealing with the public (it does take a lot of patience, doesn't it?), said who we are and Who we represent. When St. Francis of Assisi (Roman Catholic, I know!) sent his followers out to minister to the poor and the downtrodden, he told them: "Preach the Gospel, and if necessary, use words." We are all "ambassadors" for the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20).

Sometimes this world is a harsh place. Most of the time, in spite of our news medias' emphasis on violence and tragedy, the world is not THAT bad, but in the face of cruelty and pain, it is all the more important that we dedicate ourselves to being "peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). Being part of Christ, a member of His Church, makes our lives better and makes our world a better place. Through the Church, we find the guidance and strength to live in this world. I pray that you understand and value what we have, what God has given us. Our faith and this Church community are gifts. In this way, if we see despair, then we can tell others of the hope that lives within us (1 Peter 3:15). If we see pain, then we can show kindness; lies, honesty; anger, forgiveness. Wherever we go, we carry Christ with us. We are His hands, His feet, the instruments of His love. Do you feel like you fulfilled that purpose and calling at the festival? Through the frustration and sore feet and all the time spent, hopefully something truly good and useful was accomplished in those who came. Hopefully they saw in us what they truly need. Everyone needs to know God through His Son, Jesus Christ, and everyone needs a loving community.



# LETTER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

n early October, we celebrated our 56th annual Sacramento Greek Festival.

I was absolutely blown away by the amazing energy and happiness that I witnessed at this year's event. Watching the Annunciation dancers perform gave me chills, from the little ones to the adult group. I couldn't believe how many people they were able to get on their feet to join in the Greek Dance line. It was one of the most wonderful things I've seen, and it will be a lasting memory for me.

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I also saw something that I've never seen at our Greek Festivals in the past. I watched our dancers and young people lingering late into the evening, continuing to dance and

celebrate with each other. They were on their feet, singing and dancing into the night, along with friends and family of all ages. This is truly what it's all about. This is why we all work so hard to put on an amazing Festival. We are sharing our beautiful faith and culture, not only with the Sacramento community, but with our children and the next generation.

I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to all of our Festival volunteers, our dancers, their parents, directors and all of our guests. Each and every one of you has contributed to making the Festival a great success. In my opinion, it is the best Greek Festival on the West Coast! Thank you and let's pray for another great year of planning and preparation as we look ahead to Festival 2020!

With Gratitude,

Michael Dariotis Jr. *Annunciation Parish Council President* 

Parish General Assembly

November 10th Following the Divine Liturgy

# Parish Council Elections

To the Stewards of the Church of the Annunciation,

If you are interested in serving the church as a member of the Annunciation Parish Council, please contact one of the following individuals who comprise the election committee:

Lindsey Kivetos LFKivetos@gmail.com Nicki Hansen nicki.d.hansen@gmail.com Maria Verrios demas.verrios@gmail.com

Nominations are being accepted through November 8, 2019.

The election is scheduled for December 1, 2019

We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your willingness to make this commitment to our church.

- Parish Council Elections Committee

# STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

t is with anticipation that we look forward to fall and nature's changing tapestry. Beautiful colors on display along with cooler weather means that the holiday season is almost upon us. A time for giving thanks, a time for giving and exchanging gifts.

A time for opening our hearts and a time of reflection.

We, as Orthodox Christians, have much to be thankful for.

God's love is abundantly evident as we look around us.

While we may spend time searching for the perfect gift for a loved one let's not forget that God asks us to give in order to continue his work on earth by supporting his Church.

Our goal as a parish should be to support the entire Ministries and Operating Budget through our Christian Stewardship Program. We should be responsible to fully support the work of Christ at our Church. This is not the responsibility of a select few. It is every parishioner's responsibility.

God is always there for us and gives us plenty of opportunities to glorify him. Let's all join together to make this an exceptional year for Annunciation.

On Sunday, October 20th, Fr. Timothy gave a wonderful sermon on stewardship. I encourage you all to listen to it via our YouTube channel, <a href="https://youtu.be/-9UkVkBYBXE">https://youtu.be/-9UkVkBYBXE</a>

I'd like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season. Καλές Γιορτές σε όλους.

In Christ,

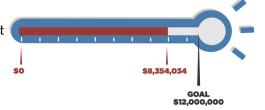
Stella Dariotis
Stewardship Chair

OPERATING FUND				
Income	1/1/19 - 9/30/19	2019 Budget YTD		
Pledges	\$369,664	\$393,750		
All Other Revenue	\$373,929	\$211,045		
Total Revenue	\$743,593	\$604,795		
Expenses				
Total Staff Exp.	\$436,880	\$438,852		
Program Services	\$14,130	\$22,292		
Other Oper. Exp.	\$284,851	\$201,888		
Archdiocese National Ministries	\$44,000	\$97,889		
Total Expense	\$779,861	\$760,921		
Balance as of 9/30/19	-\$36,268			
2019 Pledges as of October 16, 2019				
Stewardship Budget	\$515,000			
Pledged to Date	\$447,519			
Total Amount Received	\$384,395			
Total Members Pledged	405			

# AN UPDATE ON THE BUILD

onstruction of "The Build" has been completed and the facilities have been utilized by our parish for almost 3 years.

Building Loan Balance as of 10/17/19: \$3,348,263.09 at 4.19% interest *Interest paid in 2017 \$219,010 Interest paid 2018 \$179,303 Interest for 2019 projected to be \$144,000* 



Total Interest 2017, 2018 and 2019 = \$542,313

This \$542,313 in interest could have been used for our programs, groups, ministries and the parish in general.

If you have not given—now is the time!

We are all benefitting from a long-term vision and wish of our parish for many years.

All we ask is 100% participation and your best gift.

Please help us get debt free.

# PHILOPTOCHOS

hiloptochos would like to thank the clergy, the parish council, the office staff, and the entire community for endorsing our work so caringly. Philoptochos serves with faith, hope, and love and invites all women of our Church over the age of 18 to become a part of our great cause. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the 1st Floor Conference Room.

We would love to have you join us!

Thank you and warm regards, Helen Nickolson, Annunciation Philoptochos President (530) 656-2177 or hnickols@yccd.edu



# PHILOPTOCHOS CALENDAR 2019/2020

#### November

Sunday, November 3 - Philoptochos Sunday Sunday, November 24, 2019 - Thanksgiving Pie Raffle

# December

Annunciation Baskets for Home-bound

# **January**

Sunday, January 5 - Vasilopita Luncheon

Sunday, February 23 – Stuffed Bear Raffle

# **February**

Red Sunday-Please wear red Sunday, February 2 – Coffee for Kid's n Cancer Sunday, February 9 - Kid's n Cancer Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 16 – Coffee for Kid's n Cancer Sunday, February 23 - Kid's n Cancer Cake Raffle

Sunday, February 2 – Tray for Kid's n Cancer—Go

# March

Saturday, March 14 – Philoptochos Lenten Retreat Tuesday, March 24 – Reception after Vespers

#### April

Sunday, April 12 - Philoptochos Palm Sunday Luncheon Baskets for Home-bound

#### May

Friday, May 1 - Philoptochos Wine Tasting Event— Theme: "Spring Time in Paris"

# **Iune**

Tuesday, June 9 – Philoptochos Potluck Dinner – 6:00 PM - Foyer

#### August

Saturday, December 7 – Light the Path Luncheon at SF August 14—Evening reception prior to Assumption Day—coffee and dessert



# LOOKING TOWARDS OUR CENTENNIAL

## "There are no winners and losers in a war....."

aid Kenji Sudo, a Japanese native who has researched and told the story of one of Sacramento's native sons, Lt.jg SABRE (Sava or Sam) LEGATOS, a USN Pilot who was killed during the war. The aerial combat where two pilots of different countries in the war 75 years ago dedicated their lives together for their families and their respective countries.

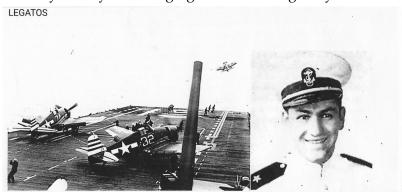
"They crashed near my mother's house," said Kenji, "after a fierce battle, and both died, Lieutenant (j.g.) Sava Legatos and Japanese ensign Matsunaga."

Kenji will be in Sacramento on November 7th at the ASL Luncheon to tell this fascinating local history story. Barbara Taylor, niece of Lt. Legatos will be a guest as well.

The Legatos name is well known in the history of the Annunciation. Tony, a moving force in the relocation of the parish from N Street to the current Alhambra Boulevard location as well as Fred Legatos who is well known for his ever-present volunteer work at Greek Food Festivals and endless "fix-it" projects at the Church.

Greeks-in-Foreign-cockpits is a Greek-American publication (https://www.greeks-in-foreign-cockpits.com) that for seventeen years has researched the story of Legatos as well as others who fought for our Country. Volume C will be published in 2020 and carry the full story.

Special thanks to parishioner Nick Alexander who has reached-out to Kenji Sudo and is responsible for taking an interest in the Legatos family history and bringing this fascinating story to our attention.



# Annunciation Mission team to Kenya

r. James has been invited by His Grace, Bishop Neofitos of Nyeri and Mount Kenya and the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) to share the love of Christ at a youth conference in Central Kenya and is putting together a team of people to travel and participate with him. This annual youth conference brings together youth and young adults of the Diocese from different parishes for a time of spiritual renewal and growth.



Are you willing to put your faith into action?

We need your support!

Donations are being accepted via CCB and by mail.

Contact Fr. James for more

information. frjames@annunciationsac.org

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# ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE

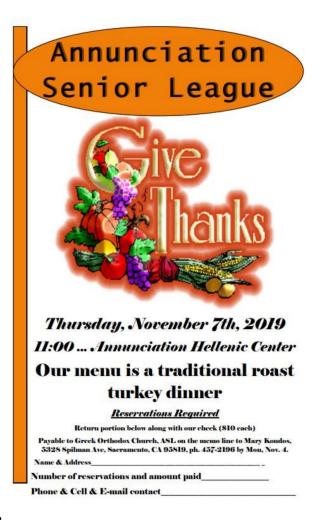
# SO LONG SUMMER, HELLO FALL!

have been asked more than once lately, when is our next luncheon? The answer is easy now that October is here.....our next luncheon is next month, November. July and August seemed to drag on, but once September appeared on the calendar, activities at Annunciation for we seniors (as well as all parishioners) has filled-up quickly: Golf, Soccer, Greek Festivals, Taverna Under the Stars, and even ASL's visit to the "Full Belly Farm and Cache Creek Casino, not to mention the religious observances and sacraments. So, mark your calendar!

## **LUNCHEON DATES:**

November 7<sup>th</sup> is our annual Thanksgiving luncheon with all the trimmings. December 5<sup>th</sup> is our annual Christmas luncheon and we'll join our dedicated church choir is singing familiar Christmas Carols. Don't look now, but the year 2020 is just around the corner and January 9<sup>th</sup> is our famous Crown Rib Roast of Pork!

All this for just \$10.



#### **ASL LUNCHEON DETAILS**

Every month we meet with in our lovely Annunciation Hellenic Center (unless otherwise noted) serving great food & interesting programs. Watch for informational flyers and internet communications and please do not hesitate to call with questions.

Reservations help us plan ahead! Please RSVP to Mary Kondos 5328 Spilman Avenue Sacramento, CA 95819

Or call (916) 457-2196

# SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL

#### **Our Festival Was a Great Success!**

he fun, energy, great food and sharing of our faith and hospitality with the local community was evident at the 56th annual Sacramento Greek Festival. It was a tremendous success! A very special thank you to our Chairmen Dan Eriksson and Mike Dariotis who worked around the clock, along with the Festival Board and Chairpeople who committed countless hours to making this event so special. We are also truly grateful for the myriad of volunteers who plan, bake cook, promote, set up, sell, take down and cleanup. It is a major undertaking, and we couldn't do it without each and every one of you.



Our Festival stands out for its great food, and this year we stood out even more for the energy and "kefi" that we witnessed on the dance floor to the bar and throughout the event. We are so proud of our dancers, parents, volunteers and guests who joined in the fun and made it a memorable weekend.

We also want to extend our gratitude to the businesses, families and individuals who made generous donations to help underwrite our event expenses (Continued on page 11).

















# SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL



















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# **Platinum**

Katerina, Drosoula, George, Chris, & Angelo G. Tsakopoulos The Pappas Family CGI Technologies

#### Gold

AKT Investments, Inc. The Old Spaghetti Factory The Dussin Family Raley's Mike & Julie Teel

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## **Pearl**

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# Friends of the Festival

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Thank you Efi Goneou, Sandra Kordazakis, & members of the Festival Committee for submitting pictures from our Sacramento Greek Festival



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# November 2019

9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Dance Practice 6:00 pm Great Vespers At St. Katherine Elk Grove	9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Dance Practice	9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Parish General Assembly Sunday School Dance Practice	3 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Dance Practice Philoptochos Sunday	Sunday
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# December 2019

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Our calendar is subject to change. For the most recently updated calendar please visit www.AnnunciationSac.org/master-calendar/

# HELLENIC GOLF CLASSIC















# ANNUNCIATION CHOIR

Please join us for our annual Christmas Concert and Reception!

We are looking forward to presenting for you a wide repertoire of religious and seasonal pieces.



Please join your Annunciation Choir for our annual hosted

Christmas Concert and Reception



Date: Sunday, December 8, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

600 Alhambra Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95816

Reception following the Concert in the Annunciation Hellenic Center

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Schedule for November & December 2019

# November 2019

Sunday, 3: Regular Sunday, Food Drive Kick-Off

Sunday, 10: Regular Sunday Sunday, 17: Regular Sunday

Tuesday, 19: Sunday School Staff Meeting

Sunday, 24: Appreciation Sunday Monday, 25: Food Distribution

Thursday, 28: THANKSGIVING DAY

# December 2019

Sunday, 1: Regular Sunday - Christmas Pageant Practice 12-1

Sunday, 8: Regular Sunday - Christmas Pageant Practice 12-1

Saturday, 14: Christmas Pageant Practice 12-3pm

Sunday, 15: Regular Sunday - Christmas Pageant

Practice 12-1

Tuesday, 17: Sunday School Staff Meeting

Sunday, 22: Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, 25: CHRISTMAS—Divine Liturgy for the

Nativity of Christ

Sunday, 29: NO Class (Christmas Break)

# **Holiday Food Drive**

We will be collecting non-perishable food items this holiday season benefitting the

Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services.

Please look for the blue bins in our

Annunciation Hellenic Center Foyer or in your child's Sunday School classroom.

Thank you for supporting our local food bank!



# GREEK SCHOOL

all is a busy time of year for Greek School students, who, in addition to their weekly language instruction and assignments, are also preparing for the OXI Day (October 28th) celebration. As in previous years, Greek School students presented a program to the Annunciation community during a luncheon co-sponsored by GAPA and Greek School. This year, the program began with our preschool students marching into the Hall, holding Greek flags and singing patriotic songs. Following the performance of songs that are inextricably tied with the history of World War II in Greece, Annunciation Greek School students recited poems commemorating OXI day, and presented a narrative of events offering insight into what followed Metaxa's bold defiance of Benito Mussolini's ultimatum: the "Battle of Greece"—a battle that British military historian Sir John Keegan described as "decisive in determining the [. . .] course of the Second World War." The Greek School program concluded with a keynote address by Greek School Director Prof. Katerina Lagos, an expert in modern Greek history and the Metaxas dictatorship. As the OXI Day Program revealed, the curriculum of Annunciation Greek School integrates language and culture, and

exposes students to all aspects of Greek culture—from Greek history and literature, to Greek folklore. The Greek School administration wishes to thank GAPA for their support and collaboration!



# DANCE SUPPORT GROUP

he DSG Board would like to thank all of those that made our festival participation possible:

- Our dancers for their enthusiastic and crowd-pleasing performances
- Our directors for pulling together wonderful suites in under a month's time
- Our parents for helping to have their dancers dressed and ready
- Tino Foondos, George Kyriklidis and Vasiliki Rousakis for leading our guests in Greek dance lessons each night

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming events:

12/15/19 -- St. Dionysios Family to Family Project

1/5/20 -- Preview Rehearsal & Group Photos

1/12/20 -- Preview Performance during Coffee Hour

2/8/20 -- FDF Glendi

2/13/20 - 2/16/20 -- FDF in Anaheim

5/8/20 -- Coffee Hour/Mother's Day Event



# **ATHLETICS**



St. Nicholas San Jose Annual Volleyball Tournament 2019

Congratulations to all our teams! This year, we sent 3 teams (1 High School, 1 Young Adult, and 1 Adult) to the tournament.

Congratulations to our All-Stars; Agamemnon Bourdaniotis (GOYA), Alex Eriksson (Young Adult), and Damon Mamalis (Adult)! Our adult team also received the Most Creative T-Shirt Award!



# Younger Marrieds & Working Singles

oms 'n Tots is back! Join us on the third Saturday of every month for faith, fun activities, guest speakers, and wonderful Christian Fellowship. Every month is a little different, from spending time in church, to arts & crafts, and guest speakers. We'd love for you to join us!

We'll see you on November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>!

Do you have an idea or ministry in mind for the Younger Marrieds and Working singles age group? Interested in getting involved? Contact Yianni Magoulias today!



# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

n the first Monday of every month, our Youth Ministries gather for a short prayer service, followed by meetings supervised by a parent adviser, and with the spiritual guidance of Fr. James, Fr. Timothy, and Yianni. These brief, 1-hour meetings allow our youth to take ownership of their own ministry by planning events and philanthropies, while growing together in Christ, as well as gaining leadership skills. We are very excited about this new format and are thankful for your prayers and support. It's not too late! We'll see you at our next meeting and at upcoming events!

# **Meet our Youth Ministries!**

GOYA | 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade Jr. GOYA | 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade JOY | 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

# **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm: GOYA, Jr. GOYA, & JOY Monthly Meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm: GOYA, Jr. GOYA, & JOY Monthly Meeting GOYA Christmas Caroling—Date TBA GOYA Ornament Fundraiser—TBA

**Young professionals** (21-30ish years old) are invited to join our theological discussions, "Wisdom & Wine" which happen every month! Contact Yianni Magoulias for more information.

YAL-Young Adult League (18-22 years old) Welcome! We are excited to announce our new YAL ministry! We had a wonderful first event, an ice cream meet & greet at Gunther's Ice Cream! Please contact Yianni Magoulias for more information.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the most updated information.

# GREEK NIGHT WITH THE SACRAMENTO REPUBLIC FC















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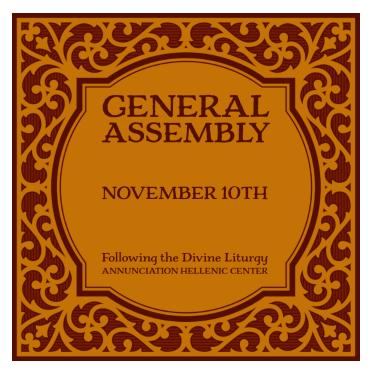
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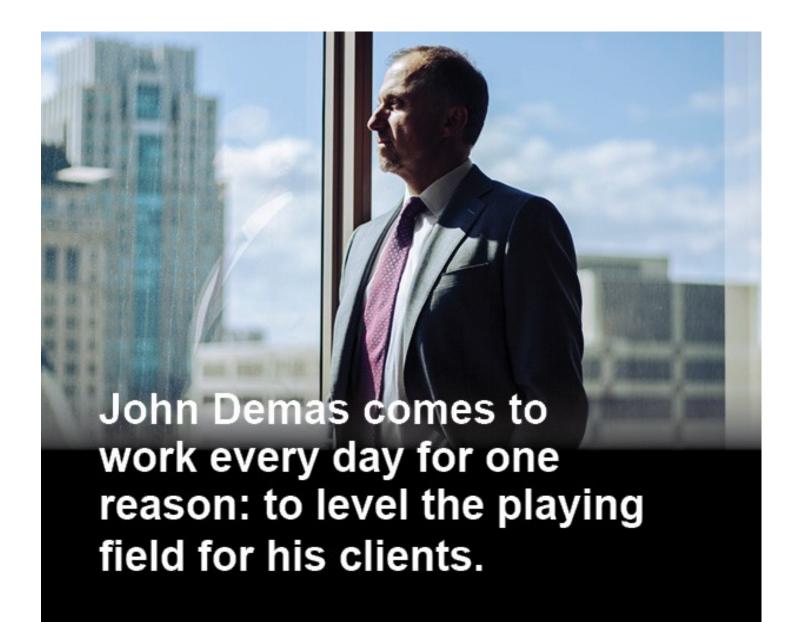




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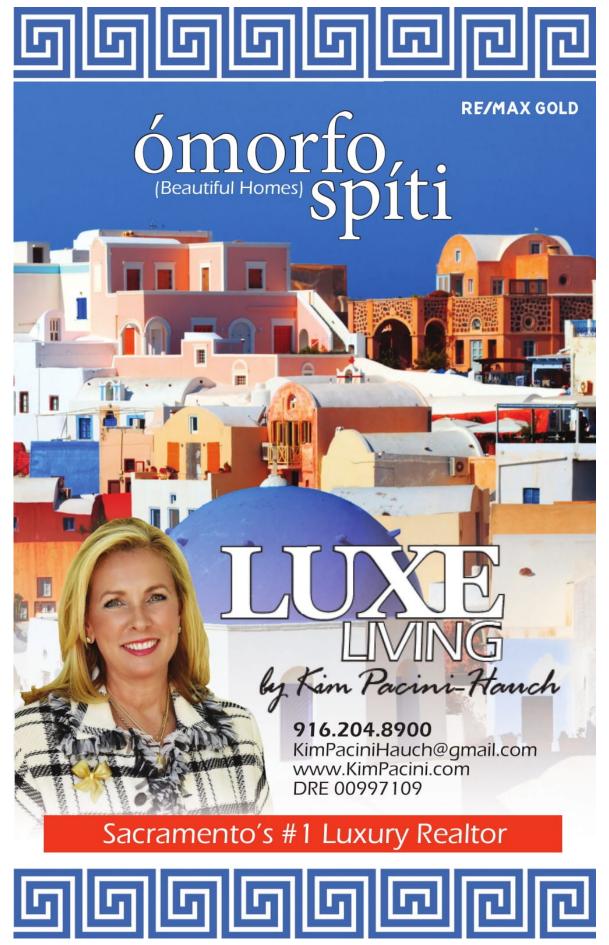


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