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Dear HAPS members,

This has been an incredibly successful year for HAPS, and I wanted to take this opportunity to review our accomplishments. We have welcomed 26 new members to HAPS and sponsored many successful events:

- October 24, 2009: HAPS General Assembly Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, SF, with Dr. Gail Holst-Warhaft from Cornell University "From Markos to Mikis: Theodorakis and the Transformation of the Rembetika"
- December 12, 2009: HAPS Christmas Party at the Stamatakis home in Piedmont
- February 14, 2010: HAPS Greek Letters Day at Annunciation Cathedral, Oakland, honoring 3 AXION Award recipients (Helen Ernst, Dr. Aristides Gousios, Hon. Nicolaos Theophanous) and 3 HAPS scholarship recipients (Gregory Angelides, Julia Black, Maria Theophanous)
- March 13, 2010: "Greek Poetry and Song, From Homer to the Present" at Stanford University featuring Dr. Apostolos Athanassakis from University of California, Santa Barbara (with the Greek American Professional Women's Society and Greek Language and Literature at Stanford Univ)

With the expertise of Peter Bagatelos, we passed an extensive revision of the HAPS Constitution and By-Laws. We assisted or sponsored numerous Hellenic organizations, including Greek TV, the AHEPA National Convention in SF, the 2010 Hellenic Cultural Parade in SF, The Hellenic Journal, and Humanities West. Virginia Lagiss wrote an excellent article on the 2010 HAPS Greek Letters Day in the July 2010 Hellenic Journal (online at <http://hellenicjournal.org/>).

The HAPS annual membership renewal (due Sept 1) and 2010 AXION award nomination (due Sept 30) are included in this mailing. The Scholarship is now available online at [www.hapsca.org](http://www.hapsca.org) and is due by October 18, 2010.

We have even more planned for the coming months. Save the following dates:

- Saturday, August 14, 6:30pm: HAPS Young Professionals kick-off with watching Fotia in Mitchell Park, Palo Alto, and Dinner
- Date TBA Sept/Oct: Social in San Francisco with the Hellenic Law Society and BAGABA
- Date TBA Sept/Oct: Wine Tasting at the Cladis Residence, San Carlos
- Sunday, November 14, 2pm: HAPS General Assembly Meeting
- Sunday, February 13, 2011, 1pm: Greek Letters Day

Have a wonderful summer, and thanks again for your continued support and participation in HAPS. Please let me know if you have ideas for further events.

Best regards,  
Yannis Paulus, MD  
HAPS President