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Greenwich Committee raises \$70,000 for American Farm School

GREENWICH, Conn. — Greek Carnival 2008, held March 8 at the Millbrook Country Club, raised more than \$70,000 to support the American Farm School in Thessaloniki, Greece.

The money will provide scholarships for 10 young people at the Farm School's secondary school and the Dimitris Perrotis College of Agricultural Studies.

Founded in 1904, the American Farm School has been educating disadvantaged young people from rural areas in northern Greece and neighboring regions, using modern agricultural techniques and research.

The Greenwich committee, chaired by Manita Scocimara, created an evening of Greek dining and dancing. More than 150 guests dined on Greek favorites prepared by Soula Rizo, and danced to Greek music provided by Spyros Exaras and his ensemble. The decorations by Trivella Antigoni also provided a springtime ambiance.



American Farm School President Bill McGrew with Manita Scocimara at the 2008 Greek Carnival.

A silent auction included paintings by local artist Agop Chalekian, Farm School resident artist Barry Feldman, and a wood carving of St. Prokopios by former student George Vrontinos.

American Farm School President

Bill McGrew's remarks focused on the many ways in which alumni become leaders and make important contributions to society. These young people are sought out, not only for their knowledge of modern agricultural and business practices, but for their strength of character, integrity and leadership, he said.

CJ Chu (2007) and Chris Caperton (1979), both past participants in the popular Greek Summer program, spoke about their experiences and memories of the Farm School's founding philosophy of educating "hands, hearts, and minds."

For more information about the American Farm School and its programs, including Greek Summer, visit the website www.afs.edu.gr, contact the New York office at (212) 463-8434, e-mail the U.S. director of development, Judy Richardson, at jrichardson@amerfarm.org or Greek summer coordinator Matina Marks at mmarks@amerfarm.org.



Members of the Greenwich Carnival Committee are, from left, Anna Lykouris, Nancy Mortimer, Dora Karvounis, Aphrodite Skeadas, Manita Scocimara, Maria Allwin, Nafsika Chalekian, Amanda Spyrou and Vicki Kyriakos. Not pictured are Antigoni Trivella, Medina Vasily and Darcy Hadjipateras.