

Hi everyone. I've sent this to my children, siblings, first cousins and even some second cousins comprising the Zachariades/ Georges clan and the Rossettos/Yiavakos clan.

Spoiler alert: Don't Panic! This is nothing to do with dire health issues. It is a labor of love and joy. As many of you know, I have been compiling geneological charts, historic facts and stories, and important dates and events regarding our extended families for over 30 years. These include extensive transcribed recordings of my mom and dad (over 12 hours), George Plousiades (4-5 hours), John Rossettos (several hours), Anna Mouras, and others. I have all kinds of photographs, some with unidentified people that precious few of us could ever identify (perhaps only Milton Sarris or thia Anna in Athens).

Over the years it has pleased me greatly that several of you call me to clarify dates, events, and relationships. My geneological charts comprise well over 600 people.

Here is the problem. I turn 72 this year and upon reflection I discover that I have done virtually NOTHING to further this research over the past 15 years and don't anticipate having my motivational fire lit at this point. I am estimating that there are easily 400-600 people, born since the 1970<sup>s</sup> that I have failed to follow up with inclusion into more "modern branches" of the family tree. This project screams out for a comprehensive electronic, backed up solution which I feel has left my feeble computer skills wanting.

Here is my offer to you all: "beat the bushes" of our family and see if you can find candidates who would love to take this project far into the future. If there is one story I want told about me, it is that I was able to make the transition that enabled this labor of love to be flourishing into the 22<sup>nd</sup> century. It recently occurred to me that I should start this transition while I am still young and vigorous. If there are several serious candidates, I would be glad to work with all of them over the years. I see no reason why there

could not be several contributors. I DO THINK that one very passionate and motivated person, preferably with I.T. skills, imagination, and great energy should eventually emerge as the leader of the group. I am not going to get involved with family politics or paternalism in my efforts. I feel sure that one exceptional person should, over years, eventually emerge and clearly stand out among the many.

Okay! That is the first salvo of my quest. Discuss this among yourselves and share with extensions of our family that you would know better than most. My immediate concern is that I have fallen far behind on the present children, grandchildren, and some great-grandchildren in our tree with whom I have ceased to have much contact. The missing birthdays, brief life anecdotes, marriages, and death dates alone will require a major effort, and this effort is growing exponentially as we speak. This group might necessitate volunteers from many branches of our family, at least initially. If I have failed to contact certain people, please pardon me as I lack comprehensive e-mail lists.

Finally, feel free to respond to me only, or, if you wish, hit the "reply all" button. I tend to hate to do the latter, but in this case my initial goal is vast coverage.

My love to all, Niko