

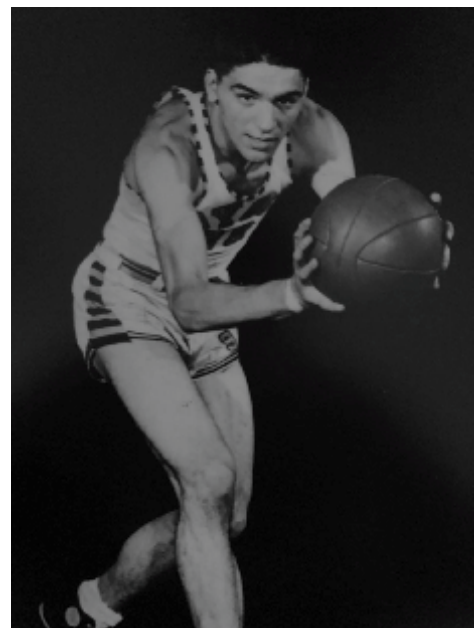
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Greetings fellow players, coaches, Hellenic youth leaders and supporters;

On behalf of the NHIBT Board of Directors we are pleased to welcome you to the 2019 NHIBT. We genuinely hope that you find this to be one of the more well run basketball and Hellenic events that you participate in. We have been working hard to ensure this happens



NHIBT President Dean Manasses with a member of the Papaflissas Basketball Team at 2017 NHIB Tournament

We also thank you for supporting this event which now celebrates its 89th year. I personally continue to be overwhelmed with the support we receive from the players, parents, volunteers, and our great Hellenic community.

The NHIBT supports over thirty (30) national and local Chicagoland Hellenic teams. This year we have participants from Florida, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and Denver.

We continue with our outreach to introduce the NHIBT to the magnificent Hellenic Youth. We believe, because of all the young men and women, the future of the NHIBT is standing on a solid, healthy, spirited and resilient foundation.

We wish everyone best of luck and success in the tournament. With everyone's generous support we will continue to work together for a Hellenic Legacy which contains a distinguished past with a vibrant future.

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Demetrios "Cees" Itsines

Demetrios "Cees" Itsines was born on February 5th, 1992.

He passed to eternal life on November 6th, 2018 in a tragic car accident at the young age of 26. Demetri was the cherished and loving son of Steve and Chrisanti and warmhearted brother of Stefanos and George.

Demetri's loves of his life were family, friends, sports and music.

As far as family, it is said the greatest love of all is the love for your child and, the greatest loss of all is the loss of a child. No one can measure that loss. It is unimaginable. Demetri had the most beautiful and giving heart, soul and spirit. He was a larger than life personality that would brighten every room he entered. He worked with special needs kids in high school and was about to start a job in that field because that was the kind of heart he had. He was an out of the box thinker, dressed unconventionally and never judged people or was prejudiced. We all live for our children, and he lived for us.

As far as friends, as noted in several testimonials, he not only touched people's lives, he changed their lives. He would go out of his way for his friends and make friends with anyone. One of his friends said, "He was the main character in the best movie ever made." Our son George told us a story that at a music festival there was a handicapped person that no one was talking to and Demetri went up to him and said he would spend the whole weekend with him and made him his friend and brought him to our house.

As far as sports, Demetri was a gifted athlete. He played High School basketball, football and tennis. He also played football at Parkside University and was nicknamed "Hands" because he would catch everything. Win or lose, the one thing Demetri gave is what every coach wants out of every player, 100% effort. He always wanted to cover the competing team's best player with his intense defense. He has more accomplishments than I can mention but here are a few: Multiple Three Point Champion in both boys and men's division AHEPA Bone Marrow Tournament and voted all-star on Silver Championship Team. Demetri was also an All-Star at the National AHEPA Convention in Las Vegas and voted All-Star most recently at the Harry Agganis Tournament in Boston.

His Jersey numbers 10 and 7 were retired at St. Connie's Church, in Milwaukee, where he won multiple Championships at the Western Regional Family Basketball Tournament.

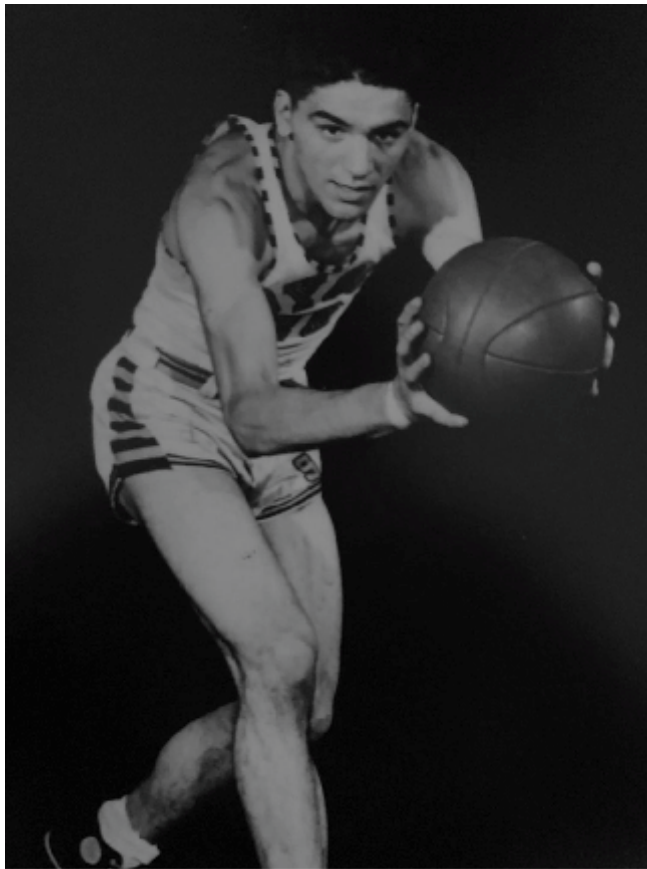
As far as music, this was a passion that Demetri was fully dedicated to. He attended two music schools, most recently, Madison Media Institute.

His dream was to change the world in a positive way with his music. He unbelievably wrote over 200 songs with the underlying theme of bringing peace and love to the world. He wanted to raise awareness in people. One of his lyrics was, "Everyone is made up of matter in this human race, so why does it matter the color of my human face."

In summary, I told Demetri, you don't have to be famous to be special. He was special to his family and everyone he met. He was a bright light and an angel in this world and will be missed beyond belief. He said he would bring change to the world and in his short beautiful 26 years he did that. He affected and changed people's attitudes and lives for the better and for that I am very proud of him. His "Charisma" and his smile will forever stay in our hearts and minds forever.

May his memory be eternal.

Nick Kladis



Nick Kladis was an outstanding athlete at Loyola from 1949-52 and earned All-American honors in 1952. He was selected by the Philadelphia Warriors in the 1952 NBA draft. Known for his left-handed hook shot, Kladis' No. 3 jersey is retired by Loyola and hangs in the rafters. In addition to being a member of Loyola's Athletic Hall of Fame, he was also named to Loyola's All Decade Team three years ago.

Prior to attending Loyola, Kladis was a standout athlete at Tilden Tech in Chicago, where he received all-city and all-state honors. Since the end of his playing days, Kladis was an assistant volunteer coach for the 1963 Loyola basketball team that captured the NCAA Championship.

Kladis was an instrumental part on the dominant Ypsilanti teams on the late 40's and early '50's. In addition, he was named MVP twice (1948 and 1949). He participated in the College All Star Team that toured against the Harlem Glob Trotters in the '50's. Because of his dedication to Greek Basketball, he inspired many players and teams, one being Ypsilanti, one of the most successful Greek basketball teams in history.

Kladis went on to start a successful grocery store, called One Stop foods, that is still in business today, 53 years later! He had been an investor in the St. Louis Cardinals and partnered with broadcasting legend, Harry Caray, to open the first Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse in 1987, among many of his business ventures.

Jared Dimakos



Jared Dimakos' induction into the 2019 NHIBT Hall of Fame is unique in that his exceptional basketball career came to an ill fated ending after being diagnosed with a rare bone disease called Osteosarcoma his senior year in college.

His strength, determination, and talent laden genes guided him through a stellar High School career at St. Viator and Lake Forest Academy. He then played at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and at Chicago State University and was Captain his junior year.

Jared's Greek playing roots started at St. Demetrios in Chicago. He was an All Tournament player for Coach John Venetos and the Ahepa Bone Marrow High School squad. He played with Boston in their run for the Men's Division Championship only to lose to Ypsilanti in the Finals. In 2011, he also has been awarded the AHEPA Player of the Year Award.

Jared has fought hard to excel against the challenges competitive basketball brings with it. The most compelling challenge comes from battling through his many surgeries and treatments. Through it all he has kept his contagious smile and strength of character that is an inspiration to all that know him.

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Grade School Division

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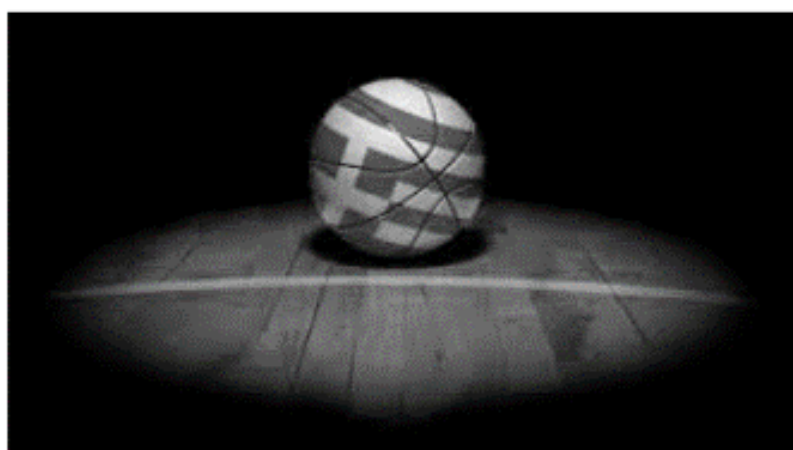


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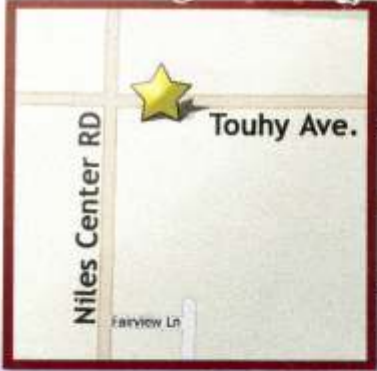
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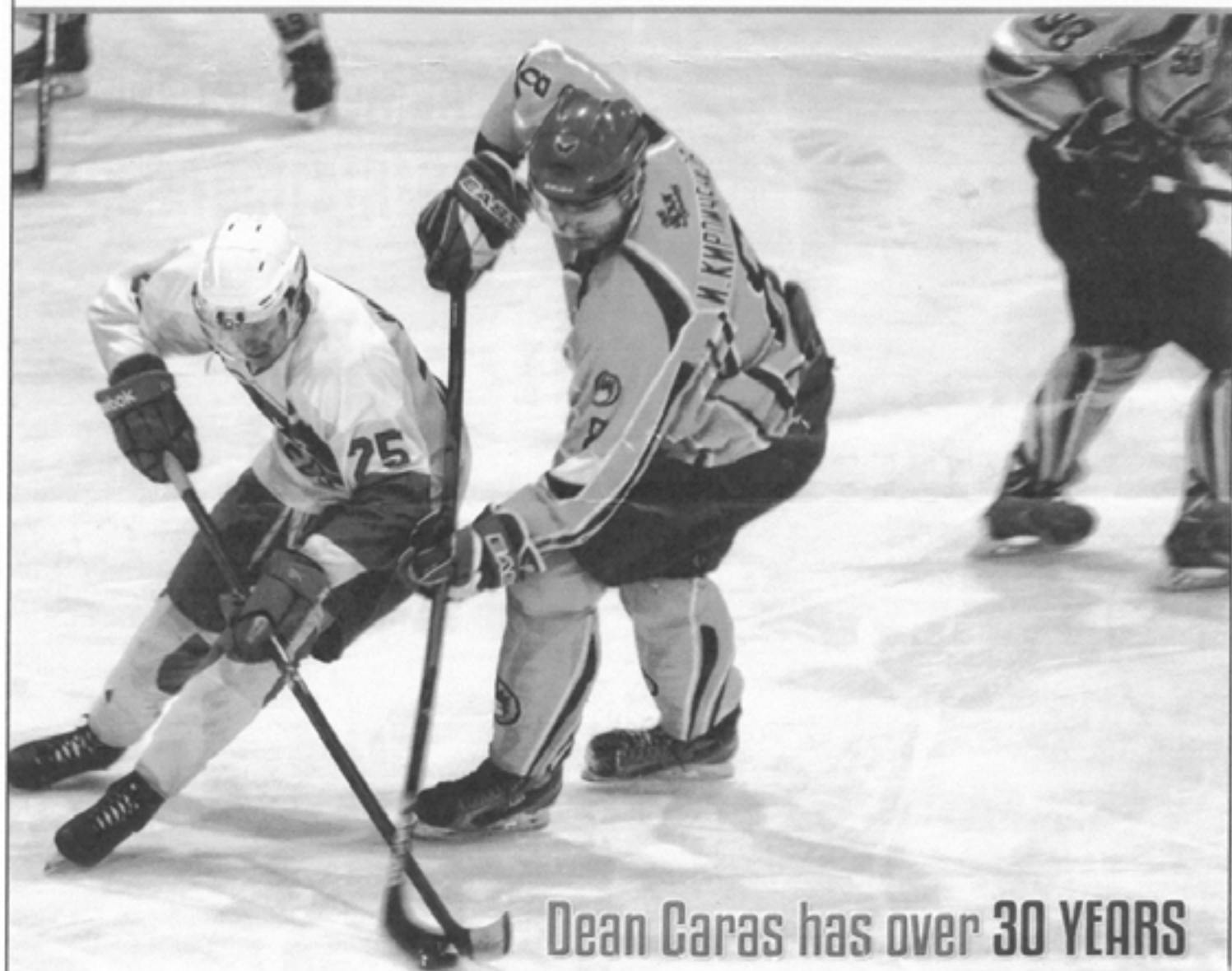
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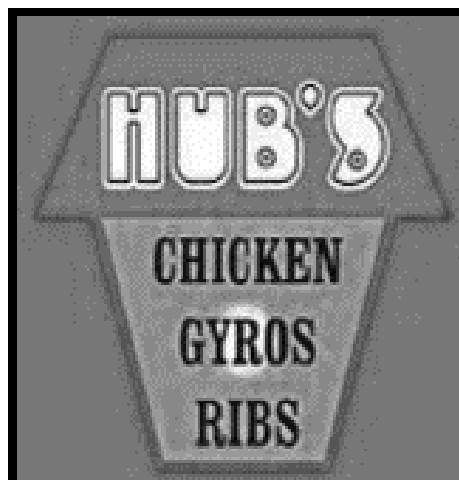


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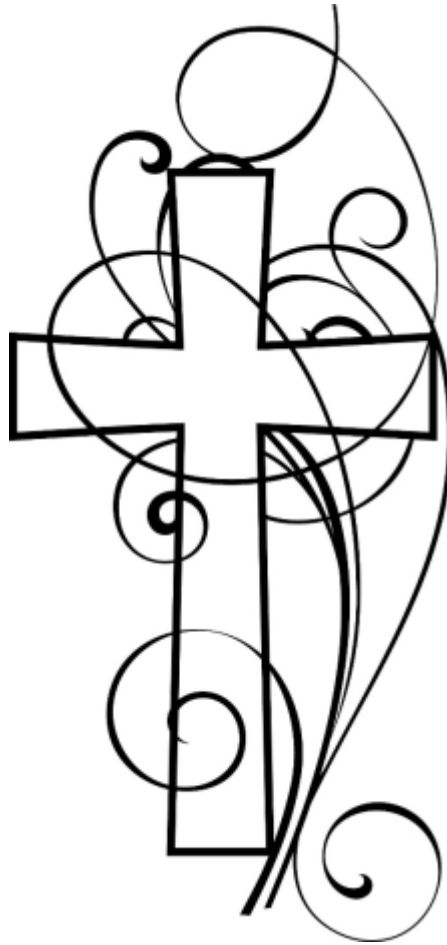
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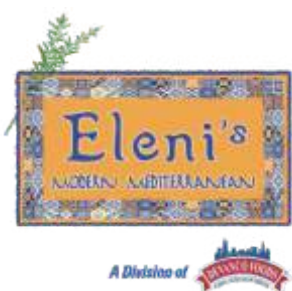


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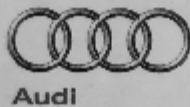
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