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President's Message

Well here we are again and another year has flown by. It seemed like a whirlwind with the Convention in Albania and all that it entailed. It was another huge undertaking and required the help of a lot of people to make sure it was a success in all ways, and it most definitely was that! Although many people deserve thanks, I would be remiss in not specially recognizing Lea Bitta, Richard Rafail, and Nerita Veliu, the heads of the Convention Committee in their tireless work in making the event so successful, as well as the special contributions of John Lulgjuraj. Without the special efforts of these people in Chicago, Detroit, New York, and Florida, as well as some others, this Convention would not have been the same.

The people who were going to Albania for the very first time were so pleasantly surprised about just how good of a trip they had, as well as about the modern amenities and the breathtaking scenery, and Rogner Hotel bending over backwards to accommodate every need. Those who had not been there in a while could not believe the advancements in infrastructure, technology and restaurants. President Nishani attended, as did the Deputy Ambassador to the United States, and neither one could have been more gracious. Many of us explored the South of Albania, some explored the North, some saw relatives, others went on to other European destinations. The one thing they all had in common was an amazing time! Those of you that wanted to attend but could not do so really missed something special.

Mesazhi i Presidentit

The other really positive thing to come out of the Albania Convention is that we decided to capitalize on some of the interest we have been receiving from the Dallas, Texas, community from over the last few years and the National voted that the next Annual Convention, to be held the first weekend in August of 2017, will take place for the first time in Dallas, Texas. The Albanians there are working hard to make it special and we are all excited to go meet many new faces and explore a new city. I can assure you, this is one Convention you will not want to miss. Start planning now. There is a lot in store for you.

This looks like it really will be a special year. Please join us in being part of it as much as possible. We need your continued support to keep succeeding and to be able to continue to make a difference in the lives of our youth through the Albanian-American Scholarship Organization.

I wish you a wonderful holiday season and all the best in 2017. Best wishes for good health and much love for you and your family.



Julia L. Black
National President
Albanian-American National Organization, Inc.



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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The Chicago Chapter

Chicago Chapter celebrating their 2016 holiday party. Gëzuar për shumë vjet!



The Detroit Chapter

The Detroit Chapter had a great time at their second annual Tigers game at the end of June, 2016. It was a beautiful night, the Tigers won, and there were close to 70 of our people in attendance ... and the scoreboard read "Detroit Tigers Welcomes the Detroit Chapter of the Albanian American National Organization." It was truly a fun time for all ages.



Detroit AANO members enjoying a great night at the second annual Shqipo's at the Tigers Game outing

The Detroit Chapter had a great time at their annual Halloween party which was held at the Albanian Orthodox Church in Farmington Hills, and raised proceeds for the Scholarship Fund. There were about 60 people in attendance, from babies to their grandparents. The costumes were great and everyone had pizza and snacks and went trick-or-treating for candy. There were games and prizes and the attendees had a lot of fun. The children danced and played musical chairs and other games and had a costume parade. There were new people in attendance and it was a nice blend of all of the religious groups and regions of Albania.



The AANO Detroit Chapter would like to congratulate Tringa Gocaj on a job well done in organizing the Albanian Festival at Hart Plaza in Detroit this summer. It was a huge last minute undertaking and there were a lot of great singers and dancers and Albanians gathered in one place for a nice time!

The Detroit Chapter of the Albanian Organization would like to thank the National on a job well done in organizing this year's convention in Tirana, Albania. For many of them it was their first trip and they were in awe of the breathtaking scenery and the event in general. The Detroit Chapter was well represented by Rose Black, Julia Black, Tadd Harburn, Justin Negip, Averina Cela, Janet Modrokavic, Jack Riza, Lume Riza, Lisa Riza, Gayle Orlow, Tringa Gojcaj, Nancy Velu-Tare, Adile Velu, Auron Tare, and some others being in attendance. Nine of us went together to Saranda for a few days and had an amazing time touring the South of Albania. Everyone was definitely glad they made the trip.

Attention Past Scholarship Winners



We would love to know what you're doing !!

Please send your information to Gayle Orlow (gorlow@comcast.net) and list the year that you won your scholarship, where you attended school, your major, and what has transpired since. If you like, attach a photo.

We enjoy keeping up to date on our Scholarship recipients.

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AANO National Board members from 5 different cities enjoying some time on the lake after the National Meeting in Detroit



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wish all of our members ...*



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70th Annual Convention

August 4, 5, 6, 7, 2016

Tirana

By Rich Rafail



The return to Albania for the 70th annual convention started with a pre-convention dinner at EVA. Early arrivals to the convention who were interested in a night out took a relaxing walk a few blocks from the Rogner, the convention hotel, on Thursday. There they enjoyed a multi-course meal on the rooftop dining area. Old acquaintances were rekindled and new friendships were initiated during a fun-filled evening. After dinner the group casually strolled back to the Rogner, some people extended their evening by lounging at the hotel bar.



The official start of the convention began with the Friday morning meeting. National officers and delegates met to discuss organizational business and were informed of the activities and format of the weekend.

Friday night kicked off the social part of the convention with a cocktail hour and an address by the Albanian President Bujar Nishani. The President made a compassionate speech. He actually set aside his prepared remarks and spoke from the heart about the Albanian people. He was most gracious in making himself available to everyone in attendance who wish to speak and take pictures with him. Due to his schedule he was not able to stay for dinner.

After his departure, a buffet dinner was served and a night of dancing began. Entertainment was provided by Indrit Lelo. Later in the evening the raki began to flow.

Special thanks to Rich Rafail and Julia Black for sharing their Convention Photos !



Rose Black, President of Albania Bujar Nishan, Julia Black, Lisan Riza, and Lume Riza at the Friday night AANO function

Saturday allowed people to explore Tirana and also take short day trips to Shkodra, Vlore, Durrës and Kruja. For people interested in investing and/or doing business in Albania, a financial seminar was held at the hotel organized by Phil Giantris. Phil is an Albanian-American that has a consulting business in Albania and spends his time there and in the US. He assembled a group of individuals that could assist with people from the United States to initiate business dealings in Albania. For others hanging around the hotel pool was a more relaxing alternative.



Conventioners in Tirana Square

Saturday evening's more formal affair began with another cocktail hour. The attending dignitary was David Muniz, Deputy Chief of Mission, from the United States Embassy. Mr. Muniz was intermingled with attendees and also gave a speech during the dinner program. Mr. Muniz speaks Albanian and has a warm felt affinity for the Albanian people and is excited to be working in Albania. Opening remarks and welcome were made by Richard Rafail, co-chairperson of the convention. The Master of Ceremonies, John Lulgjuraj, then took over and made an address. Julia Black, President, addressed the audience as well as the Deputy Chief as previously mentioned. Finally Lea Bitta spoke on behalf of the Scholarship Fund. Dancing began after a served plated dinner. Mr. Muniz joined in the opening dance of the evening. Saturday's music was provided by the Ali Pasha Tepelena band. They provided music throughout the evening. Of particular note, there were many family and friends of US conventioners from Albania who attended the convention. As the night wore on the raki began to flow once again. After hours continued in the hospitality suite into the early hours of the morning.



Sunday's afternoon meeting began the culmination of the convention. New officers were elected; President - Julia Black, Vice President - Nerita Veliu, Treasurer - Richard Rafail and Secretary - Gayle Orlow. The site of the next convention was chosen. The 2017 convention will be held in Dallas, Texas. Following the official close of the convention pastries and coffee were served.



Conventioners caught in the rain in the ruins in Durres during the Sunday night trip

For many of the people in attendance this would be the beginning of their vacation in Albania. Some began their travels on Monday and others on Tuesday as they headed out across the country.



Detroit Chapter AANO members exploring ruins. (Rose Black, Lisa Riza, Averina Cela, Justin Negip, Janet Modrakovic, Julia Black, and Tadd Harburn)



Detroit members en route to Saranda (Jack Riza, Rose Black, Lume Riza, Julia Black, Lisa Riza, Janet Modrakovic, and Tadd Harburn)



Rich Rafail and new Friend

SOCIAL NEWS

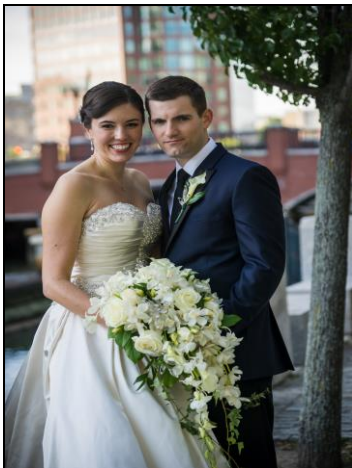
Engagement/Wedding



Detroit

Congratulations to past National Secretary, Eliada Ziraj, from Detroit, on her recent engagement. We wish her well in the busy wedding stage planning!

Worcester



Congratulations to Alexis Dempsey on her marriage to Corey Bruneault on September 17, 2016. Lexi is the daughter of Frank and Margarita Dempsey and granddaughter of Anna Boyatzi.

Babies

Detroit

Congratulations to Zamira Aliko Aliu and Nebi Aliu on the birth of their second child, a healthy, big, beautiful baby boy named Isak on September 27, 2016. Congratulations to the whole family and best wishes to Isak on a long and healthy life!

Congratulations to Ritchie and Sonya Riza, and the rest of their family, on the birth of their second child, a beautiful 9 lb., 3 oz. baby girl named Maya Qerime Riza on July 26, 2016. The whole family and big brother Enver adore her already!

Congratulations to John and Alisha Adam on the birth of their second child, the beautiful Ruby Zenepe Adam. Grandparents Fatmir and Bukuri Adam, and big brother Jaxon are all very excited as well to welcome her to the family.

New York

Congratulations to Stephanie (Rafail) and Billy Angarano who welcomed Valentina Rose to their family on October 26, 2016, weighing in at 7 lbs., 8 oz. and 21 inches. Also, best wishes to proud Grandpa Rich Rafail.



Valentina Rose Angarano

New Home



New York

In November. Samantha (Rafail) and BJ Gobena moved into their new home in Bedford Hills, NY. Congratulations !!

Graduations



Worcester

Tom and Joan Christo of Worcester, MA, announce with pride the graduation of their son, William J. Christo, from the Carroll School of Management at Boston College earning a Master's of Business Administration and a Master's of Science in Finance. William is currently employed at Bank NY Mellon as a Sr. Investment Accountant. We wish him all the best and may he now fly as an eagle (double-headed) toward his future endeavors.

Career

Worcester



Matthew Sturgis poses with SPM grads.
(Photo by Tanya Connor)

Congratulations to Matthew R. Sturgis who retired as headmaster of St. Peter-Marian Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School on June 30, 2016, the longest-serving and last headmaster of the school. We wish Matty and his family well as he enters a new chapter in his life.

Obituaries

Chicago



Helen Bardy, 78, passed away peacefully on January 15, 2016, surrounded by family. Helen was born to Albanian immigrants, Dimitre and Sena Barde in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on April 1, 1937. She was a longtime member of the AANO Chicago Chapter and will be deeply missed. Helen is preceded by her parents and her brother Peter Bardy. She is survived by her beloved brothers Alex Barde (Judy) and William Bardy (Diane), a host of adored nephews and nieces, and many dear friends.

Detroit

Condolences to the Family of Gjergj George Kalaj, formerly of Michigan, who relocated to Dallas, Texas. George passed away in October of 2016 and was very active in Albanian causes and Kosovo throughout his lifetime. George's son Robert and granddaughter Bella have participated in and supported AANO events over the years. May his memory be eternal.

Worcester



Kaliopi Gero Demma, 96, passed away on August 28, 2016. She was the daughter of Sotir and Katerina Gero in Fier, Albania. Kaliopi's son Michael and her husband Christo predeceased her, as did her sisters. She leaves her daughter Joanne Prizio of Boylston, her son Arthur Demma and his

wife Marie of Worcester, and her son Samuel who lived with her, as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Vangjel Naum, 101, passed away on August 29, 2016. He leaves two daughters, Marianne Naum and Carol Fotos; two grandsons, Stephen Fotos Jr. and Michael Fotos; his wife Faire Naum; a sister, Victoria Peters; and many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by his first wife Pauline Naum in 2002, his sisters, Helen Soter and Dora Naum, his brother Sotir Naum, and his son-in-law Stephen Fotos. Vangjel was born in Drenova, Albania, son of Pandi and Dimitroula Naum, and immigrated to the United States in 1929.

He served as a Corporal in the U.S. Army for four years in [World War II](#), and held many different positions in food service including owning Van's Market for several years. He was a member of St. Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of our recently departed former members and friends of the AANO.

**I Përjetshëm Kutimi i Tyre!
May their Memories be Eternal!**

REMINDER ...



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Mother Teresa Is Officially Canonized as a Saint by Pope Francis Just 19 Years After Her Death

September 4, 2016

[Mother Teresa](#), the Albanian-born nun who dedicated her life to working with the poor in India, was named a saint on Sunday by Pope Francis. According to the [Los Angeles Times](#), a crowd of 120,000 gathered in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City to celebrate the canonization of Saint Teresa of Kolkata, as she will now be known.

Pope Francis lauded the Nobel Peace Prize winner as "a generous dispenser of divine mercy" in his homily. "She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity. She made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime of poverty they created," he said in Latin.

The pontiff continued that the woman who he expected would continue to be known as Mother Teresa set an example to volunteers around the world. "May she be your model of holiness," he said.

The *L.A. Times* reports the enormous crowd included Queen Sofia of Spain, hundreds of nuns from the sisterhood started by Saint Teresa, Missionaries of Charity, their trademark blue-trimmed saris and 1,500 homeless who were treated to a pizza lunch at the Vatican after the ceremony.

Just 19 years after her death at age 87, the canonization took place unusually quick. The case for canonization is usually initiated five years after the candidate's death, but Pope John Paul II waived this rule for Mother Teresa. In December, a [second miracle](#) was attributed to the new saint, making her eligible for sainthood. According to the [Associated Press](#), the mysterious

recovery in late 2008 of a Brazilian man who was suffering from a brain infection that resulted in several abscesses was attributed to Mother Teresa. The man was in a coma and dying but, when he was scheduled to undergo surgery, suddenly sat up without pain and was soon declared symptom-free. His wife had prayed to Mother Teresa for his healing and was at her parish church praying alongside her pastor when he unexpectedly awoke.

In order to become a Catholic saint, one must perform two miracles. Saint Teresa's first miracle was approved in 2003, after she was said to have healed an Indian woman's tumor through divine intervention.



'Saint of the gutters'

Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910, Mother Teresa set up her Missionaries of Charity in the slums of Kolkata in 1950 and made her headquarters in the Indian city for nearly half a century. Her small figure, often in a white-and-blue sari and sandals, became familiar around the world. She died in Kolkata in 1997 at age 87.

Earning global recognition for her unending work and compassion for the poor, Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. The Norwegian Nobel Committee said her spirit and the respect she had for the worth and dignity of human beings inspired constructive efforts to do away with hunger and poverty.



What can Albania teach us about trust?

At a time when refugees are being turned away at borders all over the world, it seems that there is a lot to learn from Albania's penchant for hospitality.

By Quinn Hargitai, 15 September 2016

"There were refugee camps set up for the Kosovars all over the country. Albanian families would go to a camp, find a family and then take them home. These weren't relatives or friends, they were strangers, but the Albanians would take them in, feed them, clothe them, treat them as if they were part of the family."

Nursing a macchiato in a small cafe in Berat, Albania's famed city of 1,001 windows, I listened as Nevila Muka remembered the effects the Kosovo War had on her home country. In order to escape the death and devastation brought by Serbian military forces in the 1990s, more than 500,000 refugees, mostly ethnic Albanians, fled from Kosovo to seek sanctuary in Albania over the course of just two years. I quickly learned that Muka hadn't just observed the mass exodus from a distance.



Albania has generosity in its blood
(Credit: Christian Kober 1/Alamy)

"My grandmother actually took in a family. I was young, so I remember playing with their kids a lot. I remember they were really good bakers, they made the best bread I've ever tasted."

It's the Albanian way. It's besa.

"Didn't that ever get difficult?" I asked. "Not really for us, we were okay. But for many families it was a struggle, a lot of them didn't have the money to support the Kosovars. Many people

went into debt doing it, but they would never turn anyone away.” When I asked her why, she shrugged. “It’s the Albanian way. It’s besa.”



**Albania has offered refugees a safe haven over the years
(Credit: Brian Atkinson/Alamy)**

I had heard the word besa before, and knew that it meant something akin to belief, trust or faith, but I hadn’t heard it in this context before. Muka explained that it’s like a code for Albanians, one that dictates their generous hospitality. If someone comes to you looking for help, you give them a place to stay. It’s that simple.

After our discussion, I was fascinated by the concept of besa and wanted to learn more, so I contacted Orgest Beqiri, an Albanian university student and history buff I had met during my time in the country. I knew that if anyone knew more detail about besa, it would be him.

When we met, he explained that the tradition has been passed down for centuries as part of the Kanun of Lekë Dukagjini, a set of customary laws created in the 15th Century to govern the tribes of northern Albania. Though the Kanun is often considered to be the original source of besa, many argue that the tradition is in fact even older and that the Kanun merely put words to the tribal traditions that had existed long before.



**Travellers could knock on a door and ask for refuge
(Credit: Peter Eastland/Alamy)**

“There’s an old proverb written in the Kanun,” he said. “*Shpija para se me qenë e Shqiptarit, asht e Zotit dhe e mikut*’, which means ‘Before the house belongs to the owner, it first belongs to God and the guest.’ It’s a strong tradition, and in the older times, if you were a traveller or seeking refuge, you could knock on the door of the first house you found and ask ‘Head of the house, do you want guests?’ and the owner would have to take you in. The Kanun says that the master of the house should always have a spare bed ready at any time of day or night, in case a guest arrives unexpectedly.”

“So it was a duty, then?” I asked him. “Even if you didn’t want to host someone, you were bound by besa to do it?” “Not exactly. Yes it’s a duty, but honestly most Albanians really enjoy hosting guests. It’s a point of pride for them. In fact, there’s an old story about a town in the north somewhere that rebelled when a hotel was going to be built there. All the people went to the town hall and complained, saying people who needed a place to stay could just come and knock on their doors.”



**The master of the house should always have a spare bed
(Credit: Henry Wismayer/Alamy)**

Although some of the more rigid aspects of besa have lost their hold over the passing of time, this general sense of duty and hospitality has endured in the Albanian people. Even though the Kosovo War was certainly the largest crisis that the country has ever had to deal with, it was neither the first nor the last.

Little known to most, Albania was one of a few European countries to emerge with a larger Jewish population by the end of WWII than at the start, saving nearly all of its original Jews while offering refuge to more than 2,000 others from surrounding countries. Despite pressure from Italian fascists and occupying Nazi soldiers, Albanians refused to yield their guests, as doing so would not only result in great shame but would bind the master of the house to “clean the blood”, meaning to take vengeance.



**An ancient code dictates Albania's generous hospitality
(Credit: Ian Bottle/Alamy)**

More recently, Albania has again found itself offering besa, this time to those travelling from the Middle East. Hundreds of Iranian exiles are currently residing within the country after having been relocated from Camp Liberty in Iraq. Albanian prime minister Edi Rama has also expressed an intent to aid Syrian refugees, provided a collaborative agreement is reached with other European nations, saying that Albania will not ignore its duty.

Despite all these heroic instances, unassuming Albania remains unrecognized for its great services to the huddled masses of the world. The truth remains that this Balkan nation is small and poor, and as such, it hardly receives international attention for its exploits. Yet, at a time when refugees are being turned away at borders all over the world, it seems that there is a lot to learn from Albania's penchant for hospitality.

I later shared this sentiment with Muka, long after our first discussion about the Kosovars that her family took in.



**The ancient hospitality code of besa is the Albanian way
(Credit: Chad Case/Alamy)**

"It's a shame most of it's unknown. Albania is so under the radar that most of these things happened without anyone giving a second glance," I said. She smiled knowingly,

nodding her head. "Yes, but now you know, and that's something. You can start telling others. Maybe one day the rest of the world will know about it, too."

EDITOR'S NOTE: A previous version of this story stated that hundreds of Iranian refugees were residing in Albania. We've updated the text to explain that these Iranian refugees had been relocated from Camp Liberty in Iraq. We've also clarified that the refugees from Kosovo were mostly ethnic Albanians.

From: Archbishop Nikon

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Not Necessarily A Current Event: The History of Albanians in Italy

by Mary Dow, Los Angeles

Due to the war in Kosovo, thousands of Albanians sought temporary (or permanent) refuge in nations around the world. Though the Albanian people may be a new addition to most countries, not so in Southern Italy.

For over 500 years, Albanians have played a vital role in the history of Southern Italy. Beginning in 1448, the King of Naples enlisted the help of General Demetrios Reres, of the Albanian army, to help him defeat a rebellious uprising in Naples. In exchange for their aid, Naples's king declared the Albanian general governor of Calabria, granting land to the Albanians in the mountainous area called Catanzaro.



The success of Skanderbeg and the powerful Albanian army eventually came to an end. Like much of the Mediterranean, Albania became subject to the invading Turks. Many of its people fled the invasion to Venice. Throughout the 1500's, Venice and southern Italy was a refuge to Albanians. During these periods of concentrated Albanian immigration, many Albanian villages were formed in Calabria, Basilicata, Brindisi, and Sicily. The new immigrants often took up work as mercenaries hired by the Italian armies.



Many of these villages still exist in Southern Italy. Over 800,000 Albanians in Italy speak a language called Arbëresh, which derives from the Tosk dialect spoken in southern Albania. Arbëresh is distinct to Italy, containing traces of Italian and Greek. Although Arbëresh is not considered an official language in Italy, it can be heard spoken at homes in Albanian-Italian villages like Civita. There are four dialects, all spoken in Southern Italy. They are Sicilian Albanian, Calabrian Albanian, Central Mountain Albanian, and Field Marino Albanian.



Throughout Calabria and much of Southern Italy, Albanian customs influence many local festivals. Celebrations for the harvest emphasizing mushrooms and chestnuts typify Albanian influence. In some of these celebrations, nostalgia for the Albanian soil left behind weaves through the festivity. So although Italy may be facing what seems like a new immigration problem due to the war in Kosovo, the presence of ethnic-Albanians in Italy has a long historical precedence.



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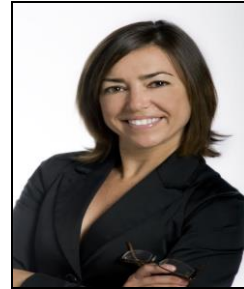


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Albanian Date Cookies



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Ingredients Nutrition (Yield 3 dozen Units US)

For the cookies

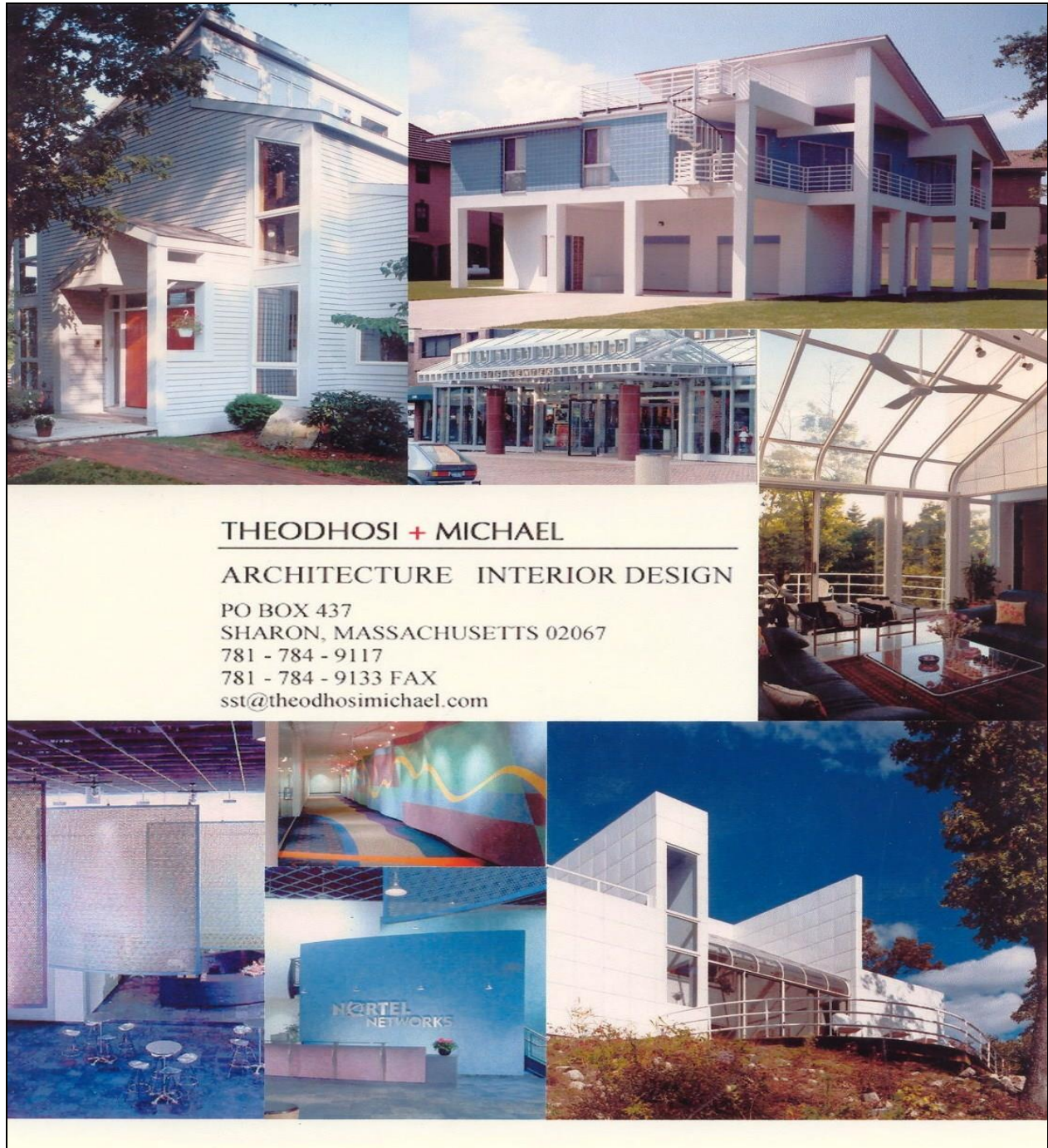
- 1 cup [oil](#)
- ½ cup [orange juice](#)
- 1 ½ teaspoons [vanilla extract](#)
- 1 tablespoon [baking powder](#)
- ½ teaspoon [baking soda](#)
- 1 tablespoon [sugar](#)
- 3 cups [flour](#)
- ½ cup [ground walnuts](#)

For the syrup

- 1 cup [sugar](#)
- 2 cups [water](#)
- ½ teaspoon [lemon juice](#)

Directions

1. Put the orange juice, oil and vanilla extract into a large bowl. In a separate bowl, mix the dry ingredients, then add to the orange juice mixture until a soft dough forms.
2. Break off pieces of the dough and roll into 1 1/2 inch balls. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet, and press one date into the center of each cookie.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool.
4. After the cookies have cooled, spread the crushed walnuts out on a plate. Mix together the water, sugar and lemon juice in a small saucepan and bring just to a boil over the stove.
5. Dip each cookie into the syrup, then press the bottom of the cookie into the walnuts. Repeat until all the cookies are done.



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