

# The Pan Laconian Assosiation "The Spartans"



The Women's Committee of Pan - Lakonikos Syllogos "The Spartans" celebrated mother's Day this year with an exciting lunch @ The Novotel [Brigton Le Sands] on Sunday 9th May 2010. It was a wonderful outing for the families and mums were spoilt as they enjoyed delicious food in a beautiful and welcoming environment.



## Formula 1 drivers in the "race" for Parthenon Marbles return

The drivers of this year's Formula 1 Monaco Grand Prix race, also known as the Natiole Piloti and headed by the Michail Schumacher will participate in a friendly soccer match that will send out two messages: the first being safe driving and the second and most important for Greece-the return of the Parthenon Marbles to Greece, their homeland. With this special event to take place before the lavish opening of the Monaco Grand Prix, the drivers aim to sensitize many of the dignitaries and officials as well as the people attending this spectacular sporting event. Among the expected celebrities to be attending the event will be Greek-French television personality, Nikos Aliagas, who spearheads the drive for the Parthenon Marbles to Greece.



## Harry Barkas, once known as hot chocolate rapist, jailed for nine years

A MAN once known as "the hot chocolate rapist" has been sentenced to a minimum of nine years' jail for raping three women whose drinks he had spiked.

Victorian County Court judge Paul Lacava sentenced 48-year-old Harry Barkas, of South Yarra, to 13 and a half years jail with a non-parole period of nine years.

Barkas pleaded guilty to drugging and raping three women over 14 years.

He had originally been committed to stand trial for 21 offences against seven victims, including allegations that he served spiked hot chocolate, but those charges were struck out in a plea deal.

Judge Lacava said the conduct of Barkas was "offensive, repugnant and intolerable in this society." The court heard that on each occasion, Barkas spiked the drink of a woman known to him with Rohypnol or a similar drug and then raped them. "It was premeditated, deliberate and in my view despicable. No woman deserves to be treated as you treated your victims," Judge Lacava said. The court heard that Barkas' closest friend from childhood remains jailed serial rapist John Xydias, who received a 28-year term for filming sexual assaults on 11 drugged women.

Judge Lacava said, "your offending is similar (to Xydias); each of you drugged your victims before raping them". But he added: "You are not to be sentenced for the sins of John Xydias."

The court heard that the first complaint against Barkas was made to police in 1991 but at that time the victim did not proceed with the matter out of fear. Judge Lacava said the fact that Barkas was not then deterred from raping two other women over the next 14 years marked his offending as "brazen".

"You no doubt felt like you got away with that first offence", he said. Barkas has been in custody since his arrest in August 2007.