

**Multinational Liaison Club    March 29, 07    Greece**  
**Cultural speaker    Michael Labatos**

Michael was born in Greece, and grew up in Athens, Greece.

He received a dual education in Greece and U.S.A. majoring in international finance.

He served honorably in the U.S. Navy Dept. of Meteorology (forecasting weather) and his secondary duty was acting as an interpreter and as a tour guide to Europe. When his duty in the navy ended he opened a family restaurant. While managing the family restaurant he became involved in the Kiwanis Service Club, Downtown Merchants Association and he served as Board Member and President of the Massena Chamber of Commerce.

He has been a host/speaker of the Great Lakes Commission Conference and new teachers welcome events.

He served in an intermittent assignment capacity in the department of Justice.

He has delivered lectures on Greek culture, history and customs in schools, St. Sophia's Festival and business groups. For the last 20 years he has been in the real estate business. He has been the principal broker/owner of Alpha Realty of Syracuse for over 16 years.

He is presently and for the last 5 years teaching at the Greek school of St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church.

He is the Chairman of the Board of Governors of AHEPA Chapter #37 of Syracuse, N.Y., which is a chapter of the largest and oldest Greek American Organization with one of its main missions to promote the Greek (Hellenic) history and culture. Also he is an active member of the Board of Directors of the AHEPA Housing located on AHEPA Circle near the corners of Valasko and McDonald Rd. in the town of Onondaga.

His hobbies are soccer, chess, dancing, singing and coaching soccer.