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Timecode Notes

:00	Intro: Alea, 32, Joanne, 59 – daughter/mother
:56	Oldest Greek Fraternal organization – Panecarian Brotherhood
2:01	Centennial year – story of Icarus, name of island – how Icarian immigrants started organization, needs at time.
4:31	Why Greeks emigrated (Turkish rule), how arrived in US, grandmother coming through Ellis Island – bethrowed women.
6:51	Why Greeks came to Pittsburgh – jobs, industry jobs, painters, smoke stack work, where else Greeks settled.
9:13	Life of common Greek laborer – wanting to go home, racism against them, very misunderstood – “Greeks & Blacks need not apply.”
12:05	1911 – man received a letter from home in Icaria about revolt against Turk occupations – sending him home w/ammunition.
13:50	Great uncle sponge diver – a man drowned and asked him to recover body -= got a job instead of \$ - affects of Great Depression
16:06	WWI & Spanish American War had many Greek soldiers – brotherhoods war efforts during WWI –sending packages, buying bonds.
18:18	Orgs. 25 chapters in US, Canada & Australia – yearly convention – 7000 people at last in Pittsburgh – big family reunion
19:40	Orgs. Projects – large educational component – built h.s. & hospital back home – infrastructure, immigration, senior center/old age home coming into 21 st century – 1 important Icarian – Greek elite intellectual – top US education – directed path and into philanthropy – died
24:26	Advice to future Icarians – carrying the torch.