

# Kazzie NEWS

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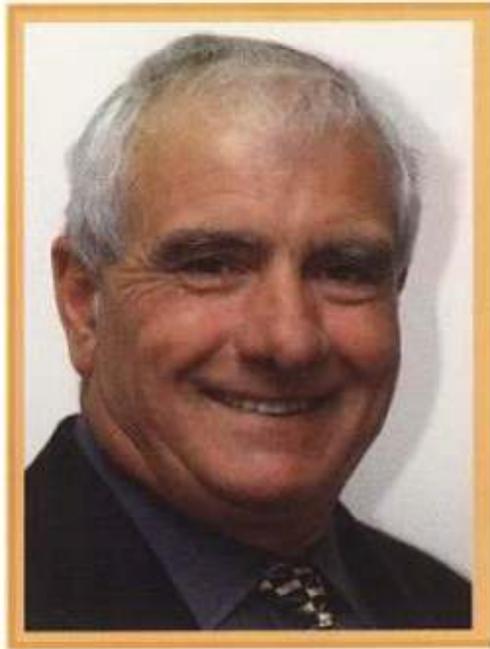
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Kastellorizian Costume donated to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria by the Paltoglou family 2007. Display cabinet was purchased from money raised by the Megisti Tea Club 2007 and is on display at the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Clubrooms.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that Christmas and the New Year is just around the corner. The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria has been very active this year. We have held many successful events but most importantly the issue of the voting status of members appears to be resolved.

There were 38 voting members in attendance at the Annual General Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. After a late start the meeting proceeded for approximately 3 hours. There was much discussion regarding the proposed amendments. Numerous motions were made and voted on by the attending members. At the conclusion of the meeting the members present unanimously voted to accept the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Association, which were further amended on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October and subject to the review and approval of the Association's Solicitor, Nick Zervos. The revised document has been sent to our Nick Zervos for review and we are currently waiting on his advice. Once that advice has been received we will inform you of the outcome.

I can report that since our last newsletter our social functions have been well supported. The Megisti Tea Club luncheon held at the end of July was a success. Money raised from the Megisti Tea Club events was used to purchase a cabinet to display and preserve of our Kastellorizian Costume which was donated by the George Paltoglou family. The cabinet along with the costume was presented to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria at the luncheon and looks marvelous in our clubroom. We welcome all our members to come and view our display.

A tavern Night held at Stathis Athenian Tavern on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August was so successful that we held a second Tavern Night on Cup Eve.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of October I attended the 1<sup>st</sup> match of Hellenic Bowls Club of Victoria at the Sandringham Bowling Club. The event was well attended and I encourage anyone interested to join the competition. If you are not familiar with the game, lessons can be arranged, for details please refer to page 8.

Also on behalf of the Kastellorizian Association, I attended the "thank you reception" for donors to the Greek Fire appeal along with my wife and fellow committee member, Dianne Spartels. The Pan Dodecanese Dinner Dance on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October was attended by myself, my wife and family along with some of our committee members and other Kastellorizians.

However the year is not over yet and there are still some social functions still to come. The Megisti Tea Club has organized a Christmas Afternoon Tea at the clubrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December and I hope that you will add this to your busy Christmas schedules and support the girls by attending. I recommend that you book early as the previous functions have been a sell out.

Christmas time is particularly an important time for the children and this year is no exception. To help Santa out with his busy schedule, he will be making an early appearance at our Club rooms on Sunday

the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. **We strongly urge all members with children 10 years old and under to fill out the letter and post it to Santa at 250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne, 3205 by the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.** Santa will be arriving at 2.30 pm on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. There will also be lots of fun and entertainment for the children on the day and a light afternoon tea will also be provided.

The Committee has worked hard this year and I would like to take this time to thank them for all their efforts. I would also like to again thank the Subcommittee for the Review of the Rules and the Association and the Megisti Tea Club for their contributions to 2007. I wish you all the very best for the festive season.

I would like to mention that in 2007 our newsletter has received many positive comments from our members and I would like to thank everyone for their contributions towards making the newsletter a success.

**On the agenda for 2008,** is to formulate a **Subcommittee to Review the Future Directions of the Association.** The role of this Sub-committee is important for the continuing future of our Association. We are looking for a wide selection of Kazzies from a variety of age groups to participate. We strongly encourage VCE and KYAA recipients to participate in this subcommittee. We are seeking to have a selection of Kazzies representing the varying life stages such as; young families, singles, empty nesters, Kastellorizians of the Year and Kazzie Elders. It is very important to get wide circle of participation from all age groups and with different views so we can rejuvenate and give the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria longevity. Your support and participation is essential for the survival of the Association. Please look out for our nomination/registration forms in the coming months. I look forward to your future contributions.

**In February,** we will be sending out **nomination forms for the Kastellorizian of the Year and Kastellorizian Youth Achievement award.** Please use the

Christmas break to think about who you think is worthy of these titles and place your nomination in the post early. Registration forms for all Kazzies eligible for VCE awards will also be distributed at the same time.

The Christmas period is at time when new computers are purchased as gifts or for the coming school year. So when you connect up to the internet remember to log on to [www.kastellorizo.com](http://www.kastellorizo.com) you will be amazed at the improvements made to our site.

**The major addition to our website is the introduction of our genealogy data base.**

In collaboration with Allan Cresswell from Perth, we already have an extensive database. You will be amazed at how much information is already present. Type in your name and see what information is present. We strongly encourage you to build on this information. Add in yourself, your family etc. You will be amazed at the family connections you will discover. We also have links to Castellorizian History, a website run by Nicholas Pappas of Sydney. It is an interactive site where you can lodge your questions or help to answer questions raised by fellow Kazzies from around the world. I strongly recommend you have a look at both websites which can be found when you log on to [www.kastellorizo.com](http://www.kastellorizo.com)

Plans for next year are in progress. As you will see from the calendar, the committee has many social functions planned for next year. I hope that you will give them your full support and attend these functions. There is always a lot of hard work that happens behind the scenes and the best reward is to have a well attended function.

In closing **I would like to wish you and your families all a safe and Merry Christmas and good wishes for the New Year. I looking forward to seeing you all in 2008 and I hope you will continue support in the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria in the coming year.**

Seasons greeting, "Kala Xristoyena ke Kali proto xronia",  
Michael Spartels

# REPORTS

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The Annual General Meeting was held at 2 pm on Sunday 28<sup>TH</sup> of October at the Clubrooms 250 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne.

The main agenda was to discuss the proposed changes to the Rules of Association and to address the issue of membership and Voting Rights status. The proposed amendments were forward to you for your consideration in September 2007 in our 2007 annual report and AMG agenda.

Under our current "Rules of the Association" quorum of 25 voting members was required to ensure that the AGM would proceed.

On the day, 38 voting members attended the AGM. The meeting was successful as it generated lots of discussion and many suggestions were made to the committee.

Just prior to the conclusion of the meeting, the members unanimously voted on the motion to accept the proposed changes as outlined in the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Annual Report and Annual General meeting Agenda , 2007 and amend on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October and subject to the examination and approval of the Association's Lawyer, Nick Zervos. The motion was delivered by Jacob Fronistas and seconded by John B Salvaris. We are waiting on Nick's response and we will inform you of his advice in due course.

## WEBSITE UPDATE

### LAUNCH OF THE KASTELLORIZIAN GENEALOGY SITE:

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria has been keen to create our own genealogy database. However resources, collection of information, costs of developing/integrating

software and the time to document the information on our own site, has made it difficult for the committee to dedicate the time and commitment to such a worthy project.

Allan Cresswell of Perth is a keen genealogist of Kastellorizian descent. He has been documenting his family history for over twenty years and has collected an abundance of genealogical information on his Kastellorizian relatives and along the way, many non-related Kazzies. We have discussed the possibility of making his knowledge available to all Kazzies by our member's access to his Kastellorizian Genealogy Website.

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria endorses and supports Allan's fantastic achievement and is delighted to announce that we are collaborating with Allan and ultimately link to his website which will contain our own official genealogical database. Our members will be able to securely access Allan's website directly by logging onto our site for instructions at [www.kastellorizo.com.au](http://www.kastellorizo.com.au)

Although persons can view Allan's site directly as a Guest (i.e. without a User ID and Password), information on all living persons (if known) is restricted. However we will be able to provide full access to all details by allocating a USERID and password. This will enable our members to view all details such as names, dates and locations such as birth and marriage information. Many photographs of weddings, persons and headstones can also be viewed on the site.

Members who are interested in obtaining a USERID and password to the Genealogy section should contact John Karis on 0412 662 079 for details. The next stage is to obtain your family trees submissions in order that we can add these to the website content. You will simply need to email us the information and we will liaise with Allan to upload all the details.

Both the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria and Allan Cresswell look forward to your support and contributions. Please don't use

the excuse that you are not computer literate. After all it is a wonderful chance for some quality "family time" where grandparents or parents can sit down at the computer with their grandchildren or children. It's a win – win situation, one learns about computers and the internet and the other learns more about their family history. The main point is that we are working on the preservation of our history.

### **CASTELLORIZO HISTORY WEBSITE:**

After receiving many requests from numerous Kastellorizians, Nicholas Pappas of Sydney has established an interactive forum about Kastellorizo. The website was launched in May 2007. The website is called [www.castellorizohistory.com](http://www.castellorizohistory.com). The principle behind the website is to collate a history of Kastellorizo from numerous sources, to pool the information and to document it and make the information accessible to all interested persons. The website utilizes an interactive forum as one way of gathering information about Kastellorizo. The forum or "chat room" allows Kazzies and other interested people, the opportunity to ask questions about the history of Kastellorizo, its customs and about Kastellorizian genealogy. The questions are then open to discussion and because of the large pool of knowledgeable Kazzies in cyberspace the questions can be answered and the information is subsequently documented on the website for all to access. The site is still in early development and additional features will be added over time.

The currently site has three areas of interest:

1. History of Kastellorizo;
2. Forum which includes the following topics for discussion a) Genealogy, b) History and c) Photography or photo submission sections
3. Literature.

Recently, a new search facility was added to the home page. This now enables a researcher to instantly search the

"Castellorizo Forum" for Kastellorizian family names.

With the assistance of contributors worldwide, Nicholas hopes to connect people of Kastellorizian heritage from across the globe who seek to learn more about the island of their origins and in addition collect and document the collective knowledge of Kastellorizo and is people before it is lost forever.

The link to this site can be found on our website [www.kastellorizo.com](http://www.kastellorizo.com) under the heading of "links".

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria recommends all members participate in the forum, to assist with answering the questions raised and lend a hand with documenting our Kastellorizian heritage.

### **KAZZIE COOKBOOK UPDATE**

After two attempts (Newsletter #129 May 2006 and #131 July 2007) to collect recipes from our Kazzie members in order to write a cookbook on behalf of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria (and to generate funds for the Association), we have decided to "shelve" the cookbook idea due to lack of members positive response. Unfortunately no recipes were received. The premise of compiling a cookbook was to preserve our culinary heritage (Kazzie, Greek and Anatolian) as well as adding in Modern interpretations of Greek recipes and recipes from our Australian heritage to pass on to the younger generation.

The verbal feed back received indicated that you, the members, did not want or feel a cook book was necessary for the following reasons:

1. "There are only a handful of "truly" Kazzie recipes and they have either been lost or published elsewhere".

2. "In the past, other Kastellorizian groups (one in Brisbane and another from Sydney) have printed Kazzie cookbooks" (Younger members please note these books are out of print and one is printed in Greek).

3. "There is nothing unique about the Kazzie cuisine after all it is mix of Greek and Turkish recipes".

However the committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria believes that our Kazzie Culture revolves around celebrations of many kinds and all our celebrations revolve around the 3 F's.....Family, Friends and Food. So read the newsletter little further and we hope you will be tantalize by the new feature....."Kazzie Kerasma". On behalf of the Association, the Committee would like to thank Georgina Bromley (Livery) for her idea, her interest in the "Club" and the generous offer of her time.

### CUP EVE TAVERN NIGHT REPORT

On Cup Eve, Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria held its second Tavern night for the year.

58 people enjoyed a wonderful evening at Stathis Athenian Tavern in Box Hill. The event was held in the private dining room and a band exclusively provided music for our function. The highlight of the evening was the phantom race call. Everyone who attended had an enjoyable evening which concluded after 1 am.

### THE PAN DODECANESE FUNCTION REPORT – GLENDI

Submitted by Anna Miriklis-Defteros

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of October at the KOS club in Northcote, the Pan Dodecanese Association held a Glendi. In attendance were people representing each of the 13 islands that make up the Dodecanese group of Islands (see Greek Islands section on page 12). Approximately 250 people attended the function where they enjoyed authentic Greek food, listened to and watched authentic Greek music and dances. The Greek Banquet was supplied by Nikos Tavern of Ringwood. An enjoyable evening was had by all including the two tables of Kastellorizians that attended the function.



**Top and bottom photos:** The Kazzie contingency enjoying the evening. **Middle photos:** Traditional Greek Dance group dancing the many Greek dances during the evening.

### THE 2<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF "DIASPORAS" FROM ALL WORLDWIDE KASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

**APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> TO 11<sup>TH</sup>, KASTELLORIZO, 2007.**

The Congress was organized by the Municipality of Megisti, the worldwide Kastellorizian Association "St Constantine", the Central Society of Kastellorizians of Rhodes "Megisteus", the Worldwide Educative and Cultural Society of Kastellorizians, Friends of Kastellorizo-Megisti.

The topics open for discussion were:

1. Development of religious tourism and eco-tourism, through the restoration of Byzantine Monasteries and Temples.
2. Entry-Exist, for the tourism increase of the island.
3. Nationality to be granted to the homogeneous form abroad
4. Foundations of summer schools aimed at teaching the Greek Language for children of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> generation of expatriates, as well as, for the adults. These summer schools will also teach the customs and traditions as well as musical inheritance (sons-dance) of our motherland.
5. Allocation of land form areas decided upon by the state, to expatriates in order to replace their lost property caused by the 1943 holocaust.
6. The significance of the contribution of expatriate women.
7. Operator of the court of Justice.

The topics discussed were of interest to the inhabitants of Kastellorizo as well as the Kastellorizian Diaspora. Representatives from the various Kastellorizian Associations across Australia, USA, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Europe and Rhodes participated in the Congress. It is estimated that there are 93,000 Kastellorizian worldwide.

## **GREEK FIRES**

Here in Australia, we are all too familiar with the threat of bush fires and during the northern hemisphere summer, Greece was plagued with many fires, some which threatened which threatened the outskirts of Athens. Homes were destroyed across Greece and many people were taken to hospital as a result of the Greek fires. Like in Australia, officials believe that some of the fires were deliberately lit. A state of emergency was declared in three Greek districts. Large areas of forests have been lost and the full extent of the fire damage is

currently being assessed by Greek authorities.

In Australia, the Greek diaspora showed their support to Greece by contributing generously to the Greek Fire Appeal. Approximately \$AUD1,000,000 was raised for the fire victims.

Dianne Spartels reported that on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October, a function was held at Star Receptions in Preston by 3XY, Greek Radio Station to thank donors to the Greek Fire appeal who each gave in excess of \$AUD500.

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria donated a total of \$AUD1200.

The donation consisted of:  
\$700 donation by the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria  
\$200 contribution from the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria to the Pan Dodecanese Association donation and  
\$300 donation from the Kastellorizian Seniors Association

Representing the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria at the Reception on the 25<sup>th</sup> were the President of the Association, Michael Spartels and his wife and committee member, Dianne Spartels.

The total amount raised for the Greek Fire Appeal was \$AUD972, 000. The Bank of Cyprus and the Laiki Bank forwarded the donation to the Greek Fire Appeal in Athens on behalf of the Australian branch of the Greek Fire Appeal.

## **“OXI” SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2007, the Australian Hellenic Foundation and the Hellenic RSL Sub-Branch held a Wreath Laying ceremony, Unveiling of the Interpretive sign and Olive tree planting ceremony at the Australian Hellenic Memorial in the Domain Gardens, Melbourne. The event was attended by George Verginis, who filed the following report on the occasion.

In 1986 Peter Kalimnakis approached the Melbourne City Council to acquire land (next to the shire of Remembrance for a building that he had designed as a place of remembrance. The memorial was completed some 10 years later and every 28<sup>th</sup> of October on the site, former Greek, Australian World War II and Vietnamese soldiers come to pay homage and remember the sacrifices made during this time. Wreaths were laid by respective members of the Greek Clubs and the Greek RSL. The event was attended by the Consul General of Greece in Victoria, Mr. Christos Salamanis and John So, the Lord Mayor of Melbourne. George Verginis represented for the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria. On behalf of Association George Verginis laid a wreath as he has done so at past events.



**Left to right:** Jenny Mikakos MP representing John Brumby, George Verginis, John Kyritsis President of the Dodecanese Federation, John Pandazopoulos MP, unknown dignitary, Peter Kalimnakis President of the Hellenic Memorial Foundation.



The Hellenic Memorial designed by Peter Kalimnakis.

For further information about the significance of "Oxi Day" please refer to Anna Miriklis-Deferos's article on page 12.

## HELLENIC BOWLS CLUB OF VICTORIA:

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of October the first match was played at Sandringham Bowling Club. The match was a mixed triples event (3 players with 3 bowls each versus three other contestants).

54 players competed and there was an audience of over 40 cheering the players on. The winning team received prize of \$120 and the runners up received \$60. This prize money was provided by the many sponsors of the club.

The guests that were interested in the formation of the club and were in attendance were: Andrew Robb, the Federal Minister for Goldstein, Murray Thompson, Liberal Victorian Member of Parliament and his charming Greek wife Phenea, George Lekakis, Chairman of the multicultural Committee of Victoria, Michael Spartels, Chairman of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria and many others.

Bill Lock was our Compare for the day and everyone enjoyed his professional performance. The weather was perfect and the competition fierce. Greek savories, pastries and sweets were served after the competition.

Our President, Demetre Saltas and the Secretary, Herb Kyriakos worked hard to make this event the success it was. We were pleased that many people showed a great interest in joining the club and participating.

The intention is to have these events on a monthly basis. During the summer we will have evening bowls under lights which is a very popular event.

We are keen to teach any person wishing to learn the game and have a registered R.V.B.A bowling coach in Herb Kyriakos (9531 3108) give his free time to those wishing to join.

Submitted by Herb Kyriakos,  
Honorary Secretary of the Hellenic Bowling Club of Victoria

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Please note the following events in your diaries:**

### **2007**

#### **KASTELLORIZIAN SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**

Seniors Christmas lunch:  
12 Noon Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2007.  
Savoy Hotel: Cnr Spencer and Collins Sts  
Melbourne  
All invited.  
Members \$13.50  
Non-Members \$26  
All enquiries/bookings to  
Nick Patiniotis 9859 8158  
Or Irene Mingos 9571 5919.  
This is the last function for 2007

#### **MEGISTI TEA CLUB**

**2- 5 pm Sunday 2nd of December**  
250 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne.

Donation: \$15.00.  
Come along for our last function for 2007. We will have great entertainment (bouzouki player and singer),

Great Christmas treats and a fabulous raffle:  
1<sup>st</sup> prize an original painting of Kastellorizo for kindly donated by Beryl Georgakopoulos.

Please let us know if you are coming.  
Ring Cynthia on 0402253244 or  
Christine on 9592 9450 or 0432 915049.

#### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUNCTION**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of December, 2 to 4.30pm**  
Meet Santa at the Clubrooms  
250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne.

Plenty of Entertainment for the children  
Afternoon tea and snacks provided

And gifts for all children attending (up to 10 years old)

#### **RSVP by 30th of November.**

To make sure that Santa remembers to bring all his presents and for catering purposes RSVP are essential see enclosed letter to Santa.

### **2008**

#### **FEBRUARY 2008**

##### **Inaugural "Dodecanese Beach Picnic Day"**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of February,**  
Port Arlington Picnic Ground (beach front).

The day's events will include sports competitions "Kazzies vs. the Rest" in 100 meter dash, ½ mile races, Egg and Spoon Races, Beach Volley Ball and more

Anyone interested in representing the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria in the sporting event that will be featured on the day please contact **George Verginis** for further details **0425 785 532** .  
No sporting skills are required.

##### **Call for Nominations for:**

**Kastellorizian of the year (KYA),  
Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award (KYAA) and registration for VCE Awards.**

\*\*\* Watch out for your nomination and registration forms in the mail

#### **MARCH 2008**

##### **Pan Dodecanese Ball**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of March.**

Venue to be advised.

For further details please call George Verginis 0425 785 532

**Newsletter Submissions Closing Date**  
**28<sup>th</sup> of March**

## **APRIL 2008**

### **NEWSLETTER MAIL OUT**

**Good Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>**

## **MAY 2008**

### **St Constantine and St Helen's Day Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of May.**

Also on the day will be the presentation of the KYA, KYAA, VCE awards.

## **OCTOBER 2008**

### **AGM 2009 and committee elections Date to be advised**

### **ALSO IN 2008:**

#### **Megisti Tea Club**

Date and events to be advised

#### **Kastellorizian Senior Association**

The first Wednesday of each Month

#### **VCE Recipients Get-Together**

Date to be advised

**\*\*\*\* Watch out for our new "annual"  
Competition \*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\* Call for nominations for the  
Subcommittee for the Review of the  
Future Directions of the Kastellorizian  
Association of Victoria \*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\* Call for nomination for a  
subcommittee to investigate and apply for  
the 2010 Immigration Community Gallery  
Exhibition \*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\* Call for Kazzies of all ages with a  
keen sporting interest to coach and or  
form Kazzie sporting teams \*\*\*\***

For enquires on any of these events or sub-committees please contact your any one of the committee for further details or email us at [info@kastellorizo.com.au](mailto:info@kastellorizo.com.au)

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# ARTICLES

## THE LEGEND OF THE ICON OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

We need no introduction to our island of Kastellorizo, the eastern most point of Europe located only 2km from the Anatolian coast line of Turkey.

Kastellorizo has been inhabited by humans for over 4000 years. Over this time, people of many ethnicities have lived on the island. Most ethnic groups arrived on the island as conquerors, only to be conquered themselves. In the islands recent history of the early 1900's, the arrival and continual change of foreign sovereignty over the island was one of the many contributing factors that led to the mass migration of the native Kastellorizians. These events left many scars on the island and its people. The rape, pillage and depopulation of the island left behind many ruins and loss of many of the island's treasures. As a result of such loss, many Kastellorizian myths and songs were created. Despite the tragedy, some historical and cultural treasures of the Kastellorizian homeland remain, hidden, until they resurface many years later in the baggage of the Kastellorizian diaspora. The following is one such story.

In 1958, the Greek Orthodox Church dedicated to the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary was built in Perth. According to Mr. George Bafiti (Μπαφίτης), the church was built to house an icon of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary. This icon was brought to Australia by fellow Kastellorizian, Mr. Nicolas E Stamatoglou (Stamatiou) when he migrated to Australia around the time of World War II.

According to Mr. Bafiti the history of the icon is such:

120 years ago, in the Kastellorizian city of Antifilo, on the opposite Turkish coast, a well-to-do Kastellorizian family owned an olive grove. It was on the olive grove that the family wished to build a church to honor of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary. During the building of the church's foundations, one of the workers, hit a hard object with his spade. On closer observation, the workers found two wooden panels. The panels were removed from the ground, cleaned and to their amazement they revealed an icon of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary. This omen prompted the family to dedicate the church to the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary instead of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary. On completion of the church, the iconostasis was thought to be too large to house the icon that the dedicated church was built for. Therefore the family commissioned for a larger icon to be painted and placed on the iconostasis where the icon of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary was to be housed.

However, this is by no means the end of the story. As the legend reveals, the day after the new icon was placed in the iconostasis, the icon fell to the ground. The icon was re-hung and again it fell. This continued until the original icon, despite its small size was placed on the iconostasis. The icon remained fixed in its place until the 1922 exodus of the Greeks from Asia Minor. Emmanuel G Hadjimanolis saved the icon prior to the destruction of the church by the Turkish occupiers and took it to Kastellorizo. There he gave it to E Stamatoglou, who lobbied the then Italian authorities of the then occupying forces, to build a church to house the icon. The Government refused and the icon remained in the possession of the Stamatoglou family until it was brought to Perth and the church was built.

Today a visitor to the church can find the icon located in a special iconostasis to the right-hand side after you enter the church.

As a keen historian, I think that it would make an interesting project for the younger Kazzies to confirm and document the story so far and to determine when, where and who painted the icon and to attempt to find out why the

icon was buried in the olive grove. It won't be an easy task, it will be hard work but it will provide the right Kazzies with a great journey and satisfaction that a Kazzie legend can be translated into history.

By John Basil Salvaris OAM

### **“OXI DAY”: 28<sup>th</sup> OF OCTOBER.**

“Oxi” Day is a national secular holiday in Greece commemorating its resistance to Axis (Italian) forces during World War II.

On October 28 1940, Benito Mussolini, the dictator of Italy, demanded that Greece give free passage to Italian troops through Greek territory. The then Greek Prime Minister Ioannis Metaxas responded with a resounding “OXI” pronounced O'chi and meaning NO. Although outnumbered, the Greek forces fought valiantly for six months, rerouting the Italians, who retreated to Albania. The victory was the first allied success against the Axis countries and aroused great ethnic pride. Winston Churchill had said of the victory “Hence we will not say that the Greeks fight like heroes, but those heroes fight like Greeks”

“Oxi Day” is remembered at church with a special doxology, a service of thanksgiving and glorification held after Divine Liturgy. Dignitaries attend and poems are usually recited in Greek by children. The congregation stands to sing the National Anthem “Hymn to Liberty” (“se gnorizo apo tin kopsi”, please refer to April 2007 edition of the news letter for the lyric).

“OXI” the day of defiance is still widely celebrated as a National Holiday throughout Greece. Since most of the fighting took place in Northern Greece, Thessaloniki holds the largest parade. In Athens, an electric sign saying “Oxi” shines over the city from Lycabettus Hill during the last few days of October.

By Anna Miriklis- Defteros



Oxi Day Celebrations, Kastellorizo, 1947.

If you can identify yourself or any other Kazzies please let the committee know.

### **GREEK ISLANDS**

Anna Miriklis-Defteros has also provided us with some information on which Greek Islands belong to the different geographical island groups of Greece:

#### **Dodecanese Islands (tho-thei-kun-isya)**

(Twelve islands):

Patmos, Lispi, Leros, Kalymnos, Kos, Astplalaia, Nisyros, Tilos, Symi, Chalki, Karpathos, Rhodes and the 13<sup>th</sup> is **Kastellorizo** (the smallest Greek Island)

#### **Ionian Islands (Epta-ni-sya)**

(Seven Islands)

Corfu, Paxos, Lefkada, Kythira, Zakynthos, Kefallonia, Ithaca

#### **Argo-saronic**

Salamina, Aegina, Pores, Hydra, Spetses

#### **Sporades and Evvoia**

Skiathos, Skopelos, Alonnisos, Syros, Evvoia

#### **Northern Aegean Islands**

Thasos, Samothraki, Limnos, Lesvos, Chios, Ikaria, Samos

#### **Cyclades**

Andros, Tinos, Mykonos, Delos, Santoirni, Kea, Syros, Kythnos, Serifos, Sifnos, Paros, Naxos, Amorgos, Ios, Sikinos, Folegandros, Milos

#### **Crete**

The largest Island in Greece

## “COOL TO BE KAZZIE”

In this edition of “Cool to be Kazzie” I have highlighted two Kastellorizian who are truly proud of their heritage. So much so that they both spend a lot of their spare time researching and documenting their findings about Kastellorizo and Kastellorizians. Their knowledge is then made available to all Kazzies via their websites for all to learn more about their Kastellorizian heritage. So if you are not already familiar with them, allow me to introduce you to Allan Cresswell and Nicholas Pappas.

It was whilst I was investigating my own family history that I met Allan Cresswell. What amazed me about Allan was how much he knew about Kastellorizian genealogy. As so many of the older generation of Kazzies have passed on, it is cool to see that there is someone who has the passion to document the genealogy of our Kastellorizian community of the past and present and to allow the information be available to all Kastellorizian and their descendants before the information is lost forever.

My first thoughts were how does a man with a surname of “Cresswell” know so much about the Kazzies. After all, “Cresswell” is definitely not a Kazzie surname but after I gave Allan a true Kazzie interrogation, I soon found out that Allan is one “Cool Kazzie”. So read on and find out what inspires this “Cool Kazzie” to document his own family tree and extend it to create a Kastellorizian Genealogy site for all Kazzies to learn more about our family histories, relationships and answer the basic, but important questions of how and who we are related to.

**Ad Space!!!**

See page 24 for details



**Left:** Allan Cresswell  
**Below:** Allan's Father Ron, Sister Stacey (Anastacia), Allan (Agapitos) and Mother Cynthia (nee Xanthi Panayiota Karasavas)



**Allan (Agapitos) Cresswell** of Perth has been researching his Family History since 1983 (that's almost 25 years!!!!). His initial interest started with his father's side of the family and he concentrated on his early Australian Angelo-Saxon ancestors and their arrival/migration to Australia. Amongst these ancestors, he discovered numerous convict ancestors in NSW and Tasmania. Through his research he began to establish some very interesting facts, such as one of his great-great-grandfathers was shot and wounded in the famous Eureka Stockade Rebellion of 1854 at Ballarat. Allan was a bit shocked initially at the backgrounds of his ancestors.

However he realized his family history was not complete and he began to investigate his mother's family history. Allan's mother was Xanthi Panayiota Karasavas, was born in 1923 in Kastellorizo. She migrated with her parents and siblings to Australia in 1928 when she was 5 years old. However locating details of her ancestry back in Kastellorizo was far more difficult compared to researching his paternal side of the family. From a genealogical research point of view, location and documentation of official records to confirm family stories is very important. However, this was an extremely difficult task when researching his mother's side of the family. As most Kazzies know, the majority of the records (birth, baptism, “Birkosympona” or Dowry contracts, marriage and death certificates as well as property titles) from Kastellorizo had been destroyed by the end of World War Two. So he did what any good genealogist does and interviewed his mother. This interviewing proceeded over many years and Allan obtained details and documented

this information about his family based on what she knew. The one thing that amazed Allan was how much his mother knew of her ancestry despite leaving the island she was only five years old. But like many Kastellorizian families the stories had been passed down through the generations and like any good Kazzie of the time she had taken the knowledge to heart. Many family names such as Xanthis, Agapitos, Malaxos, Komninos, Zoumbroutas and Efstathiou were mentioned over and over again in the stories he heard. Allan was encouraged and spoke with, and interviewed other family members and cousins who lived in Perth and Sydney to fill the gaps about their common family connections. They too were passionate about their family stories and were keen to preserve what they knew. They passed on their knowledge and additional details of their common family heritage to Allan willingly. His passion for his family history led him to document his family pictorially and he began collecting and documenting old photos of his immediate family that he obtained from his extended family members.

However one question haunted him and that was "what do I do with all this information?" Allan believed that many of his family members would also be interested and would like to access this information. So he placed the collection of his family data, both paternal and maternal sides, on a website. Other Kazzies using the internet to search for information on their families started to "hit" Allan's site. Most of them were willing to add to his site and he had amassed various details of other non related Kazzie families. One non related Kazzie from Perth talked him into including all of her own family research on his website and other Kazzies soon wanted to be included on Allan's website.

In the last twelve months the Kazzie content on his website had grown from over 3,000 to nearly 7,000 Kazzies and it began to overwhelm his own family history on the website.

After some discussion between Allan and the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, he then

created a separate Kastellorizian genealogy website using all his Kazzie (family and non-family) information he that he has collected to date to construct a Kastellorizian Genealogy site.

Allan has spent the over 20 odd years to get to this stage. He does this out of personal interest and this in addition to his job and family commitments. He has no vested interest in the information other than being a keen genealogist. He always acknowledges the source of his information and the data submitted is "owned" by the submitter. There is no cost to the submitter as Allan carries the cost of running and maintaining the site.

**Now I am sure you will agree with me that's one cool and dedicated Kazzie!**

**NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO BE COOL KAZZIES.**

**Please support this project. Add your family tree and family photos to the site and allow present and future Kazzie descendants discover their heritage.**

I strongly encourage all Kazzies to add to this site. Enter and include your family history to this incredibly fast growing tree. It is a great feeling of belonging to find out how you fit into not only the Kazzie Community but to the global one. To contribute see page 4 for further details.

Well done and thank you Allan for your hard work and commitment! I hope that this project continues to feed your passion for Kastellorizian knowledge and help you to continue to discover many more "family members" and new Kazzie friends.

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**Nicholas Pappas** is the founder of the website [www.castellorizohistory.com](http://www.castellorizohistory.com) and his commitment to documenting and preserving Kastellorizo's history, customs and Kastellorizian genealogy, along with all his other achievements makes him worthy of the title "Cool Kazzie".

Many of you may already know Nicholas as a keen Kastellorizian historian and some years ago he visited the Association's Clubrooms in Melbourne to promote his book "A History of Kastellorizo". For those of you who have not been introduced to him, this is what Nicholas does when he is not actively being a "Cool Kazzie".

Nicholas is the son of the late George Pappas, a Kastellorizian immigrant who along with his two sisters came to Australia on the SS Misr in 1947. His mother is Marina Pappas from the Georgouras family. Nicholas is the Principal of his own law firm in Sydney and was the lawyer for the South Sydney Rabbitohs from 1999 to 2003. During his time as the Rabbitohs' lawyer, the club was removed from the National Rugby League (NRL). The Rabbitohs entered into a lengthy and highly publicized legal battle to be reinstated to the competition. Nicholas and his team represented them and the club was successfully reinstated into the NRL in 2002. In 2003 he became Chairman of the Rabbitohs until 2006 when he handed over the position to Russell Crowe and Peter Holmes á Court in a partial privatization deal that he helped engineer. He is currently one of the directors of the South Sydney Football Club and the Chairman of the South Sydney Members Rugby Legal Football Club.

However, Nicholas's commitments do not stop there. He is also President of Australia's largest museum, the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (the Powerhouse Museum), Chairman of Laiki Bank (Australia) Limited, Governor of the Steve Waugh Foundation Australia, Secretary of the Archdiocesan Council of Greek Archdiocese of Australia and a council member of the Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens.

Nicholas is a keen historian and has written numerous books and articles on the topic of Kastellorizo. A list of his works can be viewed on his website, which is linked to our website [www.kastellorizo.com](http://www.kastellorizo.com). He holds a PhD in Economic History from the University of Sydney and has also written widely on topics ranging from Greek politics to rebetika.

Nicholas is also a dedicated family man. He is married to Helene and they have twin 16 year old children, George & Marina.

Where does someone so busy find the time to dedicate themselves to an interactive website about Kastellorizo?

I cannot answer that question, but I can say Nicholas is definitely another "Cool Kazzie".

I have attempted to make "Cool to be Kazzie" an enjoyable, informative, entertaining and topical read for all age groups. I hope I have achieved some of these goals with this feature and I hope I have enlightened some of you, especially the younger generation, that it is "cool to be Kazzie".

I would like to take this opportunity thank all the members of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, your support and comments over the last year.

**All it takes to be a "Cool Kazzie" is a mixture of pride, dedication, commitment, time management, a hint of interest and a pinch of "Kazziness", every Kazzie can actively be a "Cool Kazzie".**

I welcome any suggestions which can forward to me at PO BOX 112, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, Australia. Please mark "Attention Evelyn"

Or [evelynsalvaris@gmail.com](mailto:evelynsalvaris@gmail.com)

"Merry Christmas and Happy 2008 to you all.  
*Evelyn Salvaris*

## Kazzie Kerasma

I have yet to walk into a Kazzie house where you are not offered food. Whether it be a “glyko” or a banquet, the guest is always welcomed with food and the more important the occasion, the more intricate and extensive the offering is. The visit or event is always accompanied with a gregarious conversation between the host and guests. Therefore I have selected to call this section “Kazzie Kerasma”, meaning an offering of food that may accompany a visit or celebration in a Kazzie household. The Greek word “Kerasma” (Κερασμα) means “offering” or “treat”. In today’s Kazzie households the “Kerasma” that may be offered to a guest maybe of Greek or Kazzie origin but can also reflect the Australian and Asian cuisines that we are exposed to here in Australia. Therefore, this segment will reflect all these styles and recipe or two will be featured in each newsletter.

As we are about to embark on one of the more festive time of the year, the Christmas and New Year period, I thought it appropriate that the first recipe of a new segment reflect the new start. Thus the first recipe I have chosen is “Vasilopita” or Greek New Year Cake/Bread.

### Vasilopita (Βασιλόπιτα)

The word Vasilopita literally means the sweet 'bread of Basil' and it always contains a coin. This tradition began in the fourth century, in Cappadocia of Caesarea when Saint Basil the Great, who at the time was a bishop, wanted to help the poor in his Diocese. He commissioned some of the town’s women to bake sweetened bread, in which he arranged to place gold coins. When the poor families cut into the bread to relieve their hunger, they were pleasantly surprised to find the coins which helped them to reduce their financial burden. The sweetness of the bread symbolizes the sweetness and joy of life everlasting.

The Vasilopita is usually made on the last day of the year and served after the midnight or during New Year's Day. The head of the household lightly passes a knife, three times, in a cross formation, without scoring or cutting the cake, while saying a prayer of thanks for all that has been received in the past year and all that will come in the New Year. The Vasilopita is then cut into pieces. The first three pieces are offered to: St. Basil, Christ (also known as: "The Zityano" - The Beggar) and The Virgin Mary. The following servings are cut for "The House" (the family's household) and then the immediate family members living in it, beginning with the oldest member and ending with the youngest followed by the guests paying respect to their age and family position.

Even today a coin is added to the Vasilopita and the cutting ceremony or “Vasilopita Observance” symbolizes the hope that the New Year will be filled with the sweetness of life, liberty, health, and happiness for all who participate. When the Vasilopita is cut and the observance begins, the individual who receives that portion of the Vasilopita which contains the coin is considered blessed and will have good luck during the year.

The Vasilopita can either be a cake or bread. The recipe type depends on the region of Greece and family tradition. In my family my Yiyia Evangelia Salvaris (nee Miriklis) followed the cake recipe Vasilopita, and my mother Stella Salvaris (Christopher) continues the tradition and makes it every year without fail. The cake version of the Vasilopita recipe is also the traditional Vasilopita recipe of Rhodes.

The first Vasilopita recipe is a bread or Tsourekis styled Vasilopita recipe and it is followed by a cake recipe from Rhodes. Have go and send back your comments and recipe rating to Evelyn at [info@Kastellorizo.com.au](mailto:info@Kastellorizo.com.au) and we will post your comments and ratings on our website.

## VASILOPITA 1: the bread or tsoureki version



**1/2 cup** Milk  
**2/3 cup** sugar  
**1 tsp** salt  
**3/4 cup** butter, melted  
**1/4 cup** tepid water  
**2 tbsp** sugar  
**2 pkts (14g)** dried yeast  
**3** eggs, well beaten  
**6 - 7 cups** plain flour  
**1 tbsp** Mahlepi powder  
**1** silver coin, washed, & wrapped in foil  
Note: all ingredients should be at room temperature and place bread to rise in a draught free warm place

1. Preheat oven to 190 °C.
2. Scald the milk and stir in sugar and butter and let mixture cool.
3. In a large bowl, combine tepid water, 2 tbsp sugar and yeast. Leave for 15 minutes until it doubles.
4. Stir in cooled milk into yeast mixture and add in eggs.
5. Slowly add 3 cups of flour and beat until smooth. Add Mahlepi and 2-3 more cups of flour.
6. Turn out dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth.
7. Then place dough in a buttered bowl, cover and allow to double in size (about 2 hours)
8. Once the dough has risen, knead again
9. Split the dough in two and make 9 inch rounds. Insert a coin in each and place onto a greased tray or 10 inch cake tins.
10. Cover and allow to rise for approximately 1 hour.
11. Brush top of loaves with the beaten eggs and sprinkle with sesame seeds or blanched almonds or arrange the almonds on the cake in a decorative

pattern "such as the year or abstract design or a flower or a cross."

12. Bake at 180 °C for about 40 -45 minutes or until golden brown.

## VASILOPITA 2: cake version

**3 1/2 cups** all-purpose flour  
**2 1/2 tspn** baking powder  
**1 cup** unsalted butter, softened  
**1 cup** sugar  
**3** eggs, 2 whole, 1 separated. Reserve 1 egg white.  
Peel of 1 orange, grated  
**1/4 tspn** nutmeg  
**1/4 cup** cream  
**1 tbsp** Greek brandy  
**1/8 cup** almonds  
1 silver coin, washed, & wrapped in foil

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. Sift flour and baking powder, set aside.
3. Beat butter until fluffy.
4. Add sugar and cream together about 4 minutes.
5. Add 2 whole eggs and egg yolk, one at a time, while beating.
6. Add flour and baking powder mixture, mixing well with wooden spoon.
7. Then place in foil-wrapped silver coin and stir in as well (or you can leave it out and place in the bottom of the cake after the cake is baked and cooled.)
8. Pour batter in into a heavily greased 10 inch round pan.
9. Arrange the almonds on the cake in a decorative pattern "such as the year or abstract design or a flower or a cross." Alternative bake plain and dust the cake with icing sugar after it is baked and cooled.
10. Bake at 180°C for about 30 minutes.
11. Remove cake from oven.
12. Beat reserved egg white until white and fluffy.
13. Brush beaten egg white onto cake.
14. Return cake to oven and bake about 15 more minutes, until toothpick inserted into centre of cake comes out clean.

"Kali epitixia" ke "Kali proto Xronia"

Evelyn Salvaris

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTH

On Tuesday 5th Nov 2007 Winnie Evelyn Mastores was welcomed into the world. Winnie is the first child of a very proud Justin and Tahli Mastores (Justin is the eldest son of Christine Mastores, nee Karis). Winnie was born at 5.41 am and weighed in at 7lbs 3ounces. Winnie is Evelyn Karis' first great grand-child, Christine's first grand-child and John Karis (our IT Manager's) first grand-niece.



Winnie Evelyn Mastores

## CHRISTENING

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of October, Stephanie Michelle Leon was christened by her godparents Nikolas and Dina Spartels at St. Eustastios Greek Orthodox Church in South Melbourne. Following the christening, a beautiful luncheon was held for 75 people at Brighton Bath's Restaurant in Brighton. An enjoyable time was had by all. Stephanie is the third child of Dr. Noel and Marissa Leon (nee Spartels) and granddaughter of Michael and Dianne Spartels and Nicholas and Stephanie Leon of Brisbane.

## BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Maria Prodromou who celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on 26/10/07 with her friends and relatives at her mother and father's home. Maria is the daughter of Demetrios and Christina Pavlou.

Congratulations to Steve Paltos who turned 96 years of age recently. In Melbourne for the occasion was his sister Betty Theodore from Sydney with her son George.

## WEDDING

On Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, Dionne Tomlin married Nathan Millett. Dionne is the granddaughter of Irene Kalafata and Evangelos Kalaitzis. In Byron Bay for the wedding were Jasmin Verginis and her daughter Natasha Ballingal. Other Kastellorizians from around Australia also attended.

## BON VOYAGE AND HOLIDAYS

Peter Defteros and Anna Miriklis-Defteros holidayed in the Gold Coast. Whilst staying at the "Crowne Plaza", they made the most of their opportunity and caught up with cousins, Basil and Zephie Barbouttis from Brisbane.



Anna Miriklis-Defteros and Zephie Barboutis

On Holidays in Germany and Greece was Andrew, Christine Caripis and family.

Jim and Eve Verginis are off to Greece to meet up with their daughter, Fiona who is flying from London to meet them. Jim and Eve will spend 4 weeks traveling through Greece. The following 2 weeks will be spent in London. Whilst in the UK they will visit their nephew Nicholas Verginis who is Manchester.

Maria Katris is back in Melbourne after visiting her daughter Louise, son-in-law George and granddaughters in Kastellorizo.

### **TRIP TO KAZZIE** by John Karis

This is part of a diary extract of my recent trip to Kastellorizo. The full version will be available at the Travel section of [www.kastellorizo.com.au](http://www.kastellorizo.com.au)

Firstly, I must share with you the traumatic experience we had trying to get to Kazzie by plane. Due to crosswinds we made two attempts; one which was abandoned on the runway prior to take-off and the other aborted when 5 mts off the Kazzie runway. Being a terrible flyer and happy to be alive, as soon as we returned to Rhodes it was the ferry (Porteus) the next day. Being the first trip to my grandparent's homeland, and the aeroplane experience, I started to get a sense of how inhospitable and remote the island is; the hardship that previous generations endured but at the same time; the incomparable natural beauty and wonder, the pretty waterfront and historical buildings - the disparity between beauty and hardship.

I remember entering the harbour by ferry and starting to feel overwhelmed by finally arriving in Kazzie, thinking of my Grandparents living there, the innumerable pictures of the harbour and houses which seem to alter in each photograph. The old photos display a thriving town and this is in stark contrast to today which is a pretty facade of new and renovated houses lining the waterfront. The other fascinating aspect is how close Kazzie is to Kaz (Turkey); at night it's like a reflection of each other, 'bookends' - we can see Kaz illuminated and Kaz can see a smaller but 'prettier' Kazzie. The significance of the closeness is 'thought-provoking' and you begin to realise the whole picture and history of the region - the Dodecanese islands, what was Greece originally, why the region is so important to Greece in terms of history and international sovereignty. This was bluntly realised when we left Kazzie for Kaz to continue our trip from the South of Turkey up to Istanbul, and the Greek flag was lowered and the Turkish flag raised, once we were about half way

across. So, once we set foot on Kazzie we toured the island by foot, recording our exploits in a diary and capturing the sights on camera. I am looking forward to sharing these with you on the Travel section of our website.

### **GET WELL**

Vera Constance was recently unwell and spent some time in Cabrini Hospital and is now home convalescing. We wish her a speedy recovery.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Lisa Caripis** on her successful scholarship to study in Germany. Lisa is studying Law at Melbourne University and is the daughter of Andrew and Christine Caripis and the granddaughter of the late Michael (Mick) Caripis and Eleousia (Lucy) Miriklis.

"Sycharitiriya" to **Irini Piperoglou** on her successful completion of her Law/Arts degree from Monash University. Irini made her parents and Godparents and extended family very proud. She is now all set on completing her Articles year in 2008. Irini is the daughter of Dr Michael and Mrs LEMONIA Piperoglou and the granddaughter of the late Vasilios (Bill) Piperoglou and Irene (nee Miriklis). "Kali Tichi" to you Irini from Anna Miriklis-Defteros.



Irini Piperoglou

Congratulations to **Phillippa Adgemis** who successfully played the famous opera singer Maria Callas in the recent production of "Master class" in Melbourne at the Peridot Theatre. This year is the thirtieth anniversary of the death of this most famous Greek opera singer. Aided by her own Greek heritage, Phillippa was able to delve into the depths of

this passionate complex woman. Phillipa is the daughter of Renie and the late Steve Adgemis and many family and friends were there to see her latest magnificent performance.

Congratulations to **Andrew Panayi** and all the staff at Stavros Tavern in Albert Park for achieving yet another high and consistent score of 13.5/20 (Good Rating) in The 2008 Age Good Food Guide that was issued in September this year. That is 1.5 points off a hat rating. The ratings are based on the quality of food, service and ambiance. Well done and Congratulations! Andrew is married to Tania Adgemis, youngest daughter of Koula (Christopher) and Peter Adgemis.

## VALE

Eleni Marcou passed away on September the 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. Eleni was the wife of the late Marko Marcou and mother of Savas, Emanuel and Angela. Condolences to the family.

“Sylipitira” to Michael and Lemonia Piperoglou and family on the passing of Lemonia’s mother, Theani Kilopoulos. The funeral service was held at “St Anaygi”, Oakleigh followed by the burial at Springvale Cemetery. “Zoi se sas”

In Sydney, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September, Peter Kalaitzis passed away. He is survived by his wife, Despina (Daisy) Kalaitzis (nee Diamond) and son, Evan. The funeral service was held at St Spyridon, Kingsford. In Sydney from Melbourne to attend the funeral were Tina (nee Pitsikas) and Andrew Salvaris, their sons John and Basil and daughter-in-law, Alessandra, Jasmin Verginis and daughter Natasha Ballingal. A 40 day memorial service was held on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. “Sylipitira” to Daisy and Evan.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2007, Chrisanthe Christopher (nee Diamantis) passed away peacefully at the age of 93. A funeral service was held at St. Constantine and St. Helen’s Church South Yarra. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Yvon Calmer (Kalomeris) passed away on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Yvon was the wife of the late and former Kastellorizian Association of Victoria committee member Chris Calmer and daughter of Evangelia Zombos.

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of October, Peter Peters (Hatzikyriakou) died after a long illness, he was 83. Peter was the husband of Lilly Peters (nee Koutsoukis). He was also the father of 4 children Jack, May, Leah and Gina and Father-in-law of Thalia, Arthur and George. Peter was the proud grandfather of 9 grandchildren. Peter was a Returned Serviceman and he served Australia in the Australian Machinegun Battalion in New Guinea, Borneo and along the Kakoda trail. The funeral was held at St Spyridon, Kingsford, Sydney. The casket was draped in both the Australian and Kastellorizian Flags and accompanied by his 5 medals. He was buried at Botany Cemetery. From Melbourne to attend the funeral were Jack and Marika Bisas and son George and Nina and Michael Kyriakos. Rest in Peace.

The Committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria would like inform all members that they have decided as of now, Victorian members of the Association who pass on will be honored with Flowers and a memorial notice will be placed in the Herald-Sun on behalf of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.

## NEW BOOK

Yvonne van Dongen recently contacted Connie Gregory and informed her of a book written by her late husband Michael Kailis on the history of his family’s migration to Australia from Kastellorizo. On behalf of Yvonne, Connie has forwarded the following information to the Association as it is likely to be of interest to many Kastellorizians.

Michael (Stratos) Jack Kailis was born in Western Australia of Greek parents. His formative years were spent in North Perth, now known as Northbridge.

The catalyst for his story was 16 pages of hand-written notes entrusted to Michael by

his mother shortly before her death. That document, and a passion to tell his grandchildren of the lives of their forebears in Australia, became the kernel of this book.

Michael tells of the dangerous times that forced his parents' families to come to Australia. He tells of how his father and mother met, of their courtship and marriage, and of their humble beginnings. Above all, he writes with pride about the hard work and dynamism of his father in building a major business, which grew to employ over 800 people.

Michael fleshes out his family history with his own memories of growing up in North Perth. He gives us an intimate portrait of a busy extended family household adapting to the Australian way of life and, in turn, helping to make Australia the multicultural society we now all enjoy. He introduces his reader to many unforgettable characters, men and women whose stories – funny, sad, ordinary or strange – make up the very fabric of Australian post-war social history.

Enormously proud of his Greek heritage and culture, Michael Kailis has nevertheless written a testament to family life for all Australians. A few months after the book was published Michael died in Perth, aged 71.



Anyone interested in purchasing the book (\$39.95, soft cover) can do so by, placing an order direct to Stratos Investments Pty Ltd for both trade and retail. PO Box 267, Cottesloe, 6911. Phone 0417 902 150 Fax 08 9286 2275, or E-mail: [stratsy@bigpond.com](mailto:stratsy@bigpond.com)

Submitted by Connie Gregory

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria would like to welcome its newest David Garrick, who turned 18 on June 5, 2007. David has taken out his own individual subscription to the Association. David is the son of Katina Koutsoukis.

Welcome David and congratulations on becoming a member of the Association. We

look forward to seeing you at our future functions.

The Kastellorizian Association looks forward to welcoming more young members to the association in the near future.

## POSTCARDS FROM ABROAD AND CORRESPONDANCE



"18/10/07 Hi Gang, Thought you might like to know, whilst visiting Europe, I visited a church that I heard of in Britain. It's Orthodox, some 600 years old. In 1877 it became Greek. There are many plaques inside dated 1915, one says "In memory of 2 Anglo Greek brothers killed in action. Died for England, Michael Spartali 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut, 33 years, Cyril Spartali, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut 27 years dated 1915. The church is Ayia Sophia 1877. Could they be related to the President's grandfather?"

Regards James Verginis"

Is there anyone who can fill us in on the relationship (if any) and some more information on the Church?

Chrissie Zervos (nee Mangos) from Sydney recently sent a letter to Michael Spartels. The following is an excerpt from that letter

"My husband Steve is updating a history of Kastellorizo that he wrote back in 1950's and recently included excerpts from it on his own website ([www.stevezervos.com](http://www.stevezervos.com)). He has been swamped with hundreds of responses from around the world wanting to know more, so he decided to include some special pages of Kazzie interest.

Steve can satisfy most of his visitor's requests, but he needs to know something in relation to Melbourne. We would like to know of any gallery that exhibits Kastellorizian handicrafts, costumery, adornments etc ... or any other related displays that Steve can direct his Melbourne site-guests to. Thank you and I believe that the Association itself may even be contemplating such a display for the near future.

As well as a brief biography of me in his "profile" page, Steve has written a short history of my father John Mangos (Association President in 1953) and the Excel Café (see [www.stevezervos.com](http://www.stevezervos.com)).

Incidentally, the Chrissie's Corner Page on Steve's website ([www.stevezervos.com](http://www.stevezervos.com)) includes Steve's own recipe and a light-heart method for making Katoumaria. Steve's says it is a special "art" lamentably lost to the younger generation of Kazzies, especially here in Australia. He adds that there are only two other Katoumaria recipes to be found anywhere in the entire "net world" and in fact one of them is featured on your own web page.

Regards Chrissie Zervos"

Chrissie, yes you are right. We are currently building up our collection of Kazzie artifacts and memorabilia. We now have our Kazzie costume displayed in a lovely cabinet at our clubrooms along with a few other Kazzie household decorative items so please direct your interested site readers to us at [www.kastellorizo.com](http://www.kastellorizo.com) or they can email us at [info@kastellorizo.com.au](mailto:info@kastellorizo.com.au)

## NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria has received many requests from Kazzies from Victoria, interstate and overseas to be placed on our newsletter mailing. We especially encourage interstate and overseas Kastellorizians who would like to receive our newsletter to email your email address to **info@kastellorizo.com.au** and we will include you in our email newsletter distribution list.

Also any Victorian member who would prefer to receive the newsletter by email in preference to our paper edition please send in your email address and short note telling that you prefer to receive the newsletter by email.

## LOST & FOUND

### TOUR OF KASTELLORIZO DVD

This was provided by a Kazzie member around the time of the 80th Anniversary activities. We have had requests for more copies however are not able to locate the original supplier. If you can assist by advising us of the right person/s to contact it would be greatly appreciated. Otherwise, if someone could offer their copy we could then arrange for more copies. Please contact John Karis on 0412 662 079

### CAN YOU PLEASE HELP US?

Many Kastellorizians from interstate and overseas have been contacting the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria through its website. They have contacted us in order to seek genealogical information or to reunite with relatives that they have lost contact with due to the Kastellorizian diaspora. Here are some examples we have received recently.

"Hi, I am a Kastellorizian descendant. My father was Agapitos Paraskevas Haramis. I was born in Port Said, Egypt in 1960 and immigrated to South Africa, Johannesburg in 1969. I have cousins in Sydney. Now they told me to have a look at photos that are on this site of my aunt Eva Galatis Haramis etc, but I can't. How do I become a member here in South Africa? Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Christina"

Subject: From South Africa  
Email address of Basil Charalambous

"Hi there,  
I am trying to learn more about where my Mother Katina who passed away 3 years ago. She was a Kazzie and would often talk about the island, the goats, the water etc;  
Is there a register or website that might help me learn more about her and her beginnings in Greece?  
Many thanks if you can help. Rory"

Subject : Katina VANAREY nee ZERVOS  
Email address of [coop21@bigpond.net.au](mailto:coop21@bigpond.net.au)

"I too am a granddaughter of James Constantine Kotis-Mobile, AL. Any information regarding his origins (and thus my own) will be greatly appreciated. I believe his mother's name was Irene. Thank you."

Subject: James Constantine Kotis-Mobile  
Email from: Constance Kotis Read

**Kastellorizians**, if you have any relevant information, **please help out** by emailing your information directly to the enquirer contact the Association via mail or a committee member and we will be only too happy to pass on the information on your behalf.

**PO BOX 112, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, Australia.**

Or at:  
[info@kastellorizo.com.au](mailto:info@kastellorizo.com.au)

Or through a committee member.

### \*\*\*SHARE YOUR NEWS\*\*\*

We strongly encourage our Kastellorizian community to share their news with our members by way of emailing the information to our email address:

[info@kastellorizo.com.au](mailto:info@kastellorizo.com.au)

We also accept legible hand written items from our members who do not have access to a computer or to the internet. Please pass your items of news (with your name and contact number) post or contact any member of the committee and we would be only too happy to process it for you. We look forward in hearing from you very soon!

#### **Please let us know of what's going on!**

The newsletter and website can only be interesting and informative if you help to contribute.

**Closing date for submissions** for the next newsletter is: **28<sup>th</sup> of March, 2008.**

## **ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE**

"LOOK AT THIS SPACE" is space left over after we have formatted our article into our newsletter. We are making this "space" available to interested person or business interested to advertise in our newsletter or on our website. If you wish to advertise in the newsletter, you can choose up to 1/4, 1/2 or full page advertisement space. On the other hand, our Website Home Page may be your preferred ad placement space.

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Note: The website receives hits from visitors outside of Victoria and Australia so here's an opportunity to advertise a product/service to Alternately you can **register your details and/or interest** by emailing us at:

[info@kastellorizo.com.au](mailto:info@kastellorizo.com.au)

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Photographs from the AGM held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2007.

**Top left to right:** (1) The committee at "work". (2) The committee (back) John Karis, Jim S Paltos, George Verginis, Michael Spartels, Maria Alexiou, Sandra Varvodic, Evelyn Salvaris, (seated) Christina Pavlou, Dianne Spartels, Anna Miriklis-Defteros. (3) Some of the attending members attentively listening.

**Middle left to right:** (1 & 2) Different views of the attending members in the audience. (3) Basil Heterel and Jack Bisas.

**Bottom left to right:** (1) More members of the Association. The committee in discussion (2) and listening to the members (3).

The Committee of Kastellorizian Association of Victoria thanks all members for their support in 2007. We look forward to you continuing support and to seeing you all in 2008 for what is shaping up to be a very social and active year.

**Seasons greeting to all and have a safe and happy 2008!**

