

Kazzie NEWS

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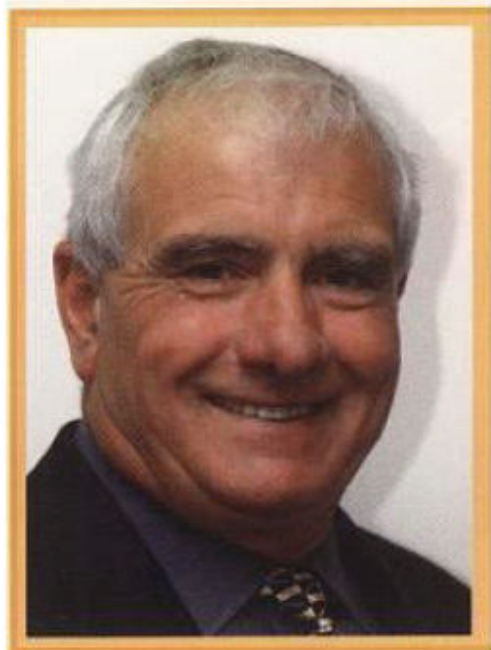
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear members,

I would like to firstly report on the St. Constantine & Helen's Day celebration on Sunday 27th May, 2007. It is accurate to say that our clubrooms in South Melbourne were literally 'bursting at the seams' however this didn't detract from an eventful and hopefully enjoyable day for all concerned. The number of attendees was in the vicinity of 130 plus which is quite staggering. The event was fully catered for with food provided by an external caterer and refreshments and beverages supplied and served by the committee. A special thank you to the organizers and workers on the day who all helped to make it a great success.

The official proceeding commenced when the Consul-General for Greece, Christos Salamanis arrived.

He kindly said a few words in Greek and then in English making strong references to the significance of Kastellorizo as part of Greece and the Dodecanese group of islands. Marika Bisas was then announced as this year's Kastellorizian of the Year to a volley of rapturous applause - a most popular and worthy winner. Marika responded in her inimitable style outlining the major milestones throughout her years of community work. In addition to having a strong sense of pride in her Greek heritage Marika has demonstrated enormous dedication to her work over such a long period. Her acceptance speech was delivered with typical wit and a sprinkling of humour. She expressed heartfelt gratitude to her husband Jack and family for all their support. Marika's CV is available on the website in the Awards section.

The next awardees were the VCE recipients whose names are listed with all Awardees on our website at www.kastellorizo.com.au including the inaugural Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award (KYAA), which was conferred to Katherine Gekas.

One of the issues raised at the last AGM was in relation to the Kastellorizian Association (VIC) constitution or rules. A special sub-committee was formed to revise and amend the rules that apply to issues such as membership and voting rights. I would like to report that the final draft has been forwarded to the Committee for its approval. The aim is to have these legally ratified and adopted as our Rules of Association. All members will receive a copy and advice of an extraordinary AGM at which we will vote on adopting the proposed amendments. I'm sure that this will be an exercise well worth the effort and I thank the diligence and dedication of the working party that spent a considerable amount of time on the exercise.

Once the Rules of the Association are legal and operational another working party will be established to tackle issues surrounding the future direction of the Kazzie Club.

Our website is continuing to receive considerable attention from outside its boundaries; such as NSW, USA, South America. We will be including a section in our newsletter which lists people & families who are interested in locating their relatives and need our assistance. This is most exciting and a new era in electronically developing contact with Kastellorizians wherever they may be.

I would also like to announce the formation of the Greek Bowlers of Victoria which deserves all our encouragement. The inaugural meeting to discuss its formation was held on 26th June 2007 and the next meeting is on Tuesday 7th August – details are provided in the “Bowlers Required” section of this newsletter. The Bowling Club will be open for all age groups and for those of you who may be new to bowls there will be tuition available. I would like to endorse the formation of this sporting activity and encourage you all to get behind it. The concept is worthy of our support and I would be keen to see the concept extended further in the future. For more enquiries, please contact Herb Kyriakos on 9531 3108 as he will be delighted to hear from you.

Finally, we are planning more social events so look out for details on the website and in this and subsequent newsletters. If you have any suggestions please email us and we will consider these as well.

Looking forward to your continued support.

Regards,

Michael Spartels

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSTITUTION WORKING PARTY

At the AGM on Sunday 25th Feb it was decided that the new Committee would establish a working party to review the “Rules of Association” and make the necessary amendments/updates to reflect the wishes of the members in relation to honorary status, life membership, voting rights etc. The procedure was that once these amendments were ratified by the committee, they would be lodged with the authorities and incorporated into the Model Association rules under which the Club operates. The sub-committee has recently completed its final draft which has been forwarded to the committee for their review and approval. If there are no major changes the new “Rules of Association” will be mailed to all members along with the agenda for the AGM that is scheduled for Sunday 28th of October 2007. This will allow members to discuss and vote on the recommended changes to the Constitution. The sub-committee for the revision of the constitution is George Dimer, Paul Gregory, Jim Paltos, George Papadopoulos, John. B. Salvaris, George Verginis, Jasmin Verginis and Nick Zorbas.

KASTELLORIZIAN YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (KYAA)

2007 saw the introduction of the annual Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Awards (KYAA). The first recipient was Katherine Gekas who was awarded the KYAA for her achievements in the fields of music and community service. Katherine’s greatest passion is music and she is an accomplished pianist and percussionist. During her secondary schooling at PLC she established the Pipes and Drums Band. In 2004 she was awarded the first Melbourne Scots award for Drums. In 2005 she toured Asia as a member

of the PLC Asian Tour. Whilst undertaking her VCE, Katherine participated in the PLC Band and Orchestra. Katherine has achieved AMEB Grades (Grade 6 Practice of Music, Grade 7 Pianoforte and Grade 5 -Theory of Music) and has been awarded first (2006) and second (2004) place in the Tenor Drumming Elementary section of the Drum Solo Championships. She has also participated as a band member of the Australian Youth Band Southern Stars in the ANAZC March 2006, 2007 and in the 2007 Moomba parade as well as at the FINA world Swimming Championships, Bendigo Festival and Australian Military Tattoo. Katherine is currently a member of the Australian Youth Band Southern Stars and the City of Melbourne Pipe and Drums band. Katherine, along with the Australian Youth Band Southern Stars has been invited to play at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Katherine has also found time to volunteer for the RSPCA and has been awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Katherine is currently studying at Information Technology – Multimedia at Swinburne University and is the daughter of Con and Gina (Kyriakos) Gekas. Well done Katherine and we all look forward to hearing more about your achievements in the near future.

The Association would also like to congratulate Anita Adgemis, Stephanie Victoria Antonopoulos, Fiona Caripis, Liam Conor, Stephanie Conos, Katherine Gekas, Kye Kevin Mangos, Ayapitos McAuliffe, Con Messimeris, and Jamieson Pearce for achieving their VCE.

VCE recipients Katherine Gekas, Anita Adgemis, Kye Kevin Mangos and Con Messimeris (Left to Right) are pictured outside Kazzie House.

Photographs of the day and larger selection photographs of all awardees can be viewed on our website.



A few of the VCE recipients (Left to Right) Katherine Gekas, Anita Adgemis, Kye Kevin Mangos and Con Messimeris.

ANNAUL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 2 pm on SUNDAY 28TH OF OCTOBER at the Clubrooms 250 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne.

The main agenda is the tabling and acceptance of changes to the Constitution (Rules of Association) and Voting Rights as per the new committee's mandate. The proposed amendments will be forward to you in the near future for your consideration.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Memberships for 2007 are now due!

The **1st July to 30th June** subscription period will be **strictly enforced!**

IF REGISTRATIONS ARE NOT UP-TO-DATE YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE!

To facilitate this process we sent out the Membership Forms prior to the new financial year so that you had the opportunity to renew your subscription as soon as possible. We have updated the form so you can indicate by ticking the appropriate box as to whether you

are Family, Single or Honorary. The new form is included in this edition of the newsletter and can also be downloaded from the website. In addition, we have added a "Donation" section, as many members have been using this form instead of the Donation Form which is available on the website.

NEWS FROM THE CASTELLORIZIAN LADIES' AUXILIARY, NSW

We would like to inform you that the Castellorizian Ladies Auxiliary held their elections on the 6th May 2007, and the Committee for 2007-2008 is as follows:

President: Irene Kazacos
Vice President: Irene Zervos
Secretary: Mary Omeros
Assistant Secretary: Margaret Panaghis
Social Secretary: Kathy Miriklis
Treasurer: Eva Exintaris
Assistant Treasurer: Pat Sechos
Anti-Stefani Treasurer: Senya Kranitis
Assistant Anti-Stefani: Phyllis Sintras

Committee:
Stella Boyages, Christine Gabriell, Sophie Lacherdis, Katina Nicholas, Nina Stergoulis and Betty Theodore.

Contact details:
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Submitted Mrs Mary Omeros, Secretary

BOWLERS REQUIRED – next meeting

Tuesday 26th June, 2007 saw the formation of Greek Bowlers of Victoria. We would like to encourage all interested bowlers to direct any enquiries to Herb Kyriakos on 9531 3108. The next meeting will be held at the Sandringham Bowling Club, 25 Tulip St.

Black Rock commencing at 5.30pm on Tuesday 7th August.

KAZZIE COOKBOOK UPDATE

Amongst the Greeks, the Kazzies are well known for their celebrations with tables spread full of scrumptious Greek dishes and their specialties of "Halva tou koutaliou", "Katoumaria" and "Strava". As reported in the 129th edition, May 2006 of the Kazzie News, Georgia Bromley (Livery) kindly offer to put together a cookbook, on behalf of the club.

She was very disappointed when she did not receive any recipe contributions. We have a number of restaurateurs, café owners, food suppliers and retired members of the hospitality industry, as well as family chefs amongst us. Collectively there are many recipes out there, so please share them. A cookbook is a great way to preserve our culinary heritage. Modern interpretations of Greek recipes as well as recipes from our Australian heritage are also welcomed. Along with your recipes, photographs of Kazzie restaurants and restaurateurs (past and present), celebrations and kitchen memories would also be appreciated. Please help out and forward your recipes to Georgina and Evelyn Salvaris at: PO Box 222 North Carlton 3054 or liveryg@tpg.com.au

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SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

The Australian Government (Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs) has announced that a Social Security Agreement between Australia and the Hellenic Republic (Greece) has been signed. The Agreement is expected to commence as soon as administrative

arrangements have been completed which typically takes around 12 months.

Interested parties have been invited to forward their views before the Government prepares documentation and tabling both the Agreement and a National Interest Analysis in Parliament for consideration by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties.

Under the Agreement, Australian and Greece will each share the retirement income support for people who have spent part of their working life in both countries. People will be able to move between Australia and Greece knowing that their pension rights are recognized in both countries.

Former residents of Australia living in Greece will be able to claim an Australian Age Pension for the first time and, similarly, many Greek-Australians living here will be able to claim a Greek old age pension.

More information can be obtained by phoning Centre link International Services in Australia on 13 1673

THE 1ST CONFERENCE OF THE DODECANESIAN DIASPORA. AUGUST 4TH TO 5TH, RHODES, 2007.

The aim of the conference is to build and further develop relationships between the Dodecanese and the Dodecanese diaspora.

The Dodecanese prefecture will conduct the conference and will soon release details of the conference on its website www.dodecanesedream.com

We encourage anyone traveling to Rhodes during this time to take the time to attend.

Further interest and registrations can be directed to the Office of Popular Education,

Prefecture of Rhodes by telephone (22413881 or 224103247) or email (omkiron@rhoforthnet.gr)

EVENTS

MEGISTE TEACLUB REPORT

In 2006 a series of functions were begun to raise funds to establish a Kastellorizian costume collection. It was felt that we needed to preserve our history by collecting and cataloguing the precious items from our heritage which are in jeopardy of becoming lost. With this in mind, we, namely Christine Dimer and I set out on a project to enlist the support of Kastellorizians and others to form the Megiste Tea Club. The overwhelming result is that Michelle Hondros, Wynn Hetrelezi and Sylvia Coates have very kindly donated magnificent pieces of Kastellorizian costumes. With the funds raised we have purchased a cabinet where Michelle's costume will be displayed. To date, we have had 3 functions with great entertainment by George Symons and Chris Maris and which have been very much enjoyed by all those who have attended. Support for our functions has been sensational and we thank all those who have contributed towards our catering and donated towards the raffle prizes. Our next function will be a luncheon on the 29 July when we will be unveiling the cabinet. See details in the enclosed flyer.

Your continued support is much appreciated
Cynthia Koutsoukis.

Also at the Megiste Tea club function held on April 22nd, George Symons kindly donated a bronze plaque of Kolokotronis to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria. Plaque was crafted in Greece and will be placed on display at the clubroom for all to view.

On behalf of the club, the committee would like to thank the organizers Christine Dimer

and Cynthia Koutsoukis for their on going support and hard work, all the contributors and the generous donation from Michelle Hondros, Wynn Hetrelezi, Sylvia Coates. and George Symons.

We would also like to thank the members for your attendance and we hope that you will continue to support the Megiste Tea club. The Megiste Tea Club events with special guests have proved to be very enjoyable and successful. These events have raised funds to enable us to build and permanently display our Greek costumes at the Clubrooms. The display is impressive and their efforts are much appreciated.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please note the following events in your diaries

Sunday 29th of July, 1 to 4 pm

The Megiste Tea Club presents a Sunday luncheon at the Kastellorizian Club when the new costume cabinet will be unveiled. For enquiries please call:

Christine Dimer **0432 915 049** or
Cynthia Koutsoukis **0402 253 244**

See also enclosed flyer

Saturday August 25th, 7 pm onwards

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria will hold a Tavern Night at Stathis Tavern 2A Cambridge St Box Hill. Cost is \$40 per person and includes a traditional Greek Banquet and 3 piece bouzouki band. For bookings please call:

Dianne Spartels **9696 0047** or
Anna Miriklis-Defteros **9841 4314** or
0410 488 823

See also back page

CULTRAL ARTICLE

As the Kastellorizian community becomes more integrated in Australian society, the Greek language and cultural formalities may become less of a focus. What is “appropriate to say” at the many social and cultural functions can be daunting. This can be overcome with the help of the following article by Anna Miriklis-Defteros. All Greek phrases are written phonetically to allow non-Greek speakers and readers to benefit from the article.

“AS THE GREEKS SAY”

by Anna Miriklis-Defteros.

The following Greek expressions and names are commonly used and easily learned. Some examples are particularly inspiring:-

At a Baptism or birth or 40 day blessing say:

“Na sas zisi” (May he/she live for you)

“Na zisi” (May he/she live)

“Na mas zisi” (May he/she live for us – note this only said among family)

At Birthdays say:

“Chronia polla” (many years)

“Ke tou chronou” (and to the next year)

“Na ta ekatostisis” (may you live to be 100)

Bon Appetite:

“Kali orexi” (Good appetite/eating)

Christmas Greeting:

“Kala Christogena” (Good Christmas)

At a death or funeral say:

“Zoi se mas” (Life to us – note this only said among family)

“Syllypitiria” (condolences)

“O Theos na ton/tin sychoresi” (God forgive him/her)

“O Theos na ton/tin anapafsi” (God rest his/her soul)

Easter Greetings:

“Kalo Pascha” (Happy Easter – note this said before Easter)

“Kali Anastasi” (Good Resurrection – note this said after Good Friday Service)

“Christos Anesti” (Christ has risen – note this said after the Anastasi service) and the response : “AliThos anseti (Truly he is risen) or “AliThos o Kirios” (Truly the Lord)

At an Engagement say:

“Kala Stephana” (Good crowning)

“Sycharitiria” (Congratulations)

To ward of the Evil Eye say:

“Ptou Ptou” (Verbal substitute for spitting)

To wish one “Good Luck” say:

“Kali Tichi” (Good Luck)

Greetings:

“Yai Sou” (Hello/goodbye – informal)

“Cherete” (Hello/goodbye – formal)

Independence Day

“Zito Ellas” (Long Live Greece)

“Zito I elefteria” (Long live liberty)

During Lent say:

“Kali Sarakosti” (Good Lent)

At a Marriage say:

“Na zisete eftychismeni” (Live happily)

“Na zisete” (Long life)

“Na mas zisete” (May they live for us - note this said among family)

“Sycharitiria” (Congratulations)

“Ke sta thika sou” (and to yours (wedding) – said to single women and men)

“Ke sta pethia sou/sas” (May your children get married and to theirs)

At a Memorial Service or Saturday of Souls say:

“Eonia I mnimi” (External be his/her memory)

See also “death”

When a misfortune occurs:

“Esti itan grumeno” (that’s the way it is written)

A Nameday say:

Chronia polla” (many years)

“Ke tou chronou” (and to the next year)

During New Year say:

Chronia polla” (many years)

“Ke tou chronou” (and to the next year)

To a pregnant woman say:

“Kali leftheria” (Safe delivery)

When someone sneezes say:

“Yia Sou” (To your health – formal/informal)

So-so

“Etsi ketsi”

For toasts say one of the following:

“Yia Sou” (To your health – formal/informal)

“Is iyian” (To your health)

“Yia chara” (Health and joy)

To avoid a problem say:

“Hitpa Xsilo” (Knock on wood)

Bon Voyage say:

“Kalo Taksidi”

Expression of joy say:

“Opa” (Yippee!!!!!!)

“COOL TO BE KAZZIE”

Thank you to all of you who responded to this new feature. Your comments were welcomed and encouraging. I hope that you will enjoy this feature as much as the last. Happy reading and I look forward to your comments and suggestion which you can send to:

“Attention Evelyn”

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“info@Kastellorizo.com.au”

Young or old, we all know that the song “Rum and Coke-a-Cola” by the Andrew Sister’s is legendary. So much so that Christina Aguilera recently released a new song “Candybaby”. The composition is influenced by the 1930 and 40’s swing era. In the film clip for the song Christina pays tribute to the famous Andrew sisters by appearing as LaVerne (1911 - 1967), Maxine (1916 - 1995), and Patty (1918) Andrew. Now that’s cool. So you may ask “where is this going?” We all know the sisters are Greek, and if you listen closely you will hear them sing “Coke-a-Cola” with a Greek accent. My Yiayia, Parareskevi Christopher (1907-1983) told me that the Andrew Sister’s were actually Kazzie. She referred to them as the Andrikou or Androkou “gores” (daughters). Similarly, her co-patriot, Chrysanthi Lucas also told the same story. So far, my research supports the fact they were of Greek background. Their father’s surname was recorded as Andreos/Andros before he changed it to Andrews. How cool would it be if we can verify that they were Kazzie! If anyone has any information to confirm this story, please let us all know, otherwise I may need some liquid rum and Coke-a-Cola.

It was cool to get some feedback on my report of the “Australian Woman’s Weekly” article featuring John Mangos. John will be demonstrating Greek seafood dishes, in style at the Sydney Fish School on Wednesday the 17th of October at 6.30 pm. He will teach you to prepare some simply delicious Greek seafood dishes - all great for casual entertaining. John will greet you with barbecued octopus and ouzo before your hands-on dinner class. You can book on line at www.sydneyfishmarket.com.au quoting class code JMG. The cost of the class is \$105. So if you are in Sydney, I am sure he will be more than happy to see a familiar face!

May 27, 2007 marked the 40th Anniversary of Australian citizenship status of Indigenous Australians. To mark the occasion, Andrew Jackomos and his sister Esmai Manahan (the children of Aboriginal rights campaigner and Kazzie, Alick Jackomos) attended a ceremony at Parliament House, Canberra. Despite the achievement, Mr. Jackomos relayed his concerns to Manny Tsigas from the “Neos Kosmos” that “Australia’s indigenous population still had a long way to go to achieving the same level of quality of life as the rest of the Australian population”. He said to that he hope that there would be greater support from the Greek community for Indigenous Australians. The Jackomos’s support of the Indigenous community has been relentless. How cool, to be contributing to Australian society in this way.

Poetry is cool.

Being Kazzie and a poet is cooler still.

Writing about Kastellorizo and Kastellorizians makes for interesting reading.

The following poem “Kastellorizo” was kindly reproduced with the permission of the author, Komninos Zervos. Komninos is an accomplished poet who has performed his poetry in a wide variety of venues such as schools, hotels, music venues, universities,

prisons, on radio and TV. The contents of Komninos's poems are based on autobiography, social commentary and are often comical. His poetry is represented in many forms ranging from the traditional or written prose through to digital representation. Digital poetry uses text, image, movement, sound and the spoken word to guide the reader through the poem. Digital or cyber poetry can be viewed on the internet. I recommend you visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRhBSawUmY0> to see and hear Komninos perform his poem "kastellorizo". I am sure you will agree that it is a very cool, innovative and interactive delivery of the poem!

Komninos has also published a number of books of adult and children's poetry and has been awarded the following awards for his literary works:

- 1991 Australian Human Rights Commission Award for Literature for book of poetry, *Komninos*, UQP.
- 1992 Australia Council/Ros Bower Community Artist of the Year.
- 1997 Prix Ars Electronica, Austria, .Net Award, Highly Commended.
- 2001 Electronic Literature Organisation Literature Award for poetry, Runner-up.

Komninos is one of the few Kazzies listed in the Greek-Australian section of wikipedia. He is a lecturer in CyberStudies, in the School of Arts at Griffith University in Queensland and is the son of Chrissie (Mangos) and Con Zervos.

kastellorizo

my family came, my family came, from
kastellorizo
been living in the land of oz, for eighty years
or so
they called them refst they called them wogs,
they called them so and so's
but they survived, the racist jibes, for eighty
years you know.
now my papou, he's ninety-two, he watched

the family grow
it grew and grew, and grew and grew,
the greeks like sex you know.
my family came, the cazzies came, from
kastellorizo
been living in, the land of oz, for eighty years
or so.
from fish and chips, and steak and eggs,
they built their family homes
on good australian soil they built, they helped
australia grow
and in their homes, their souvenirs, from
kastellorizo
the hallowed map, the harbour view, the
painted plates on show
and photographs, old photographs, that told a
tale of woe
of poverty, and tyranny, under the bed they
go!
my family came, the cazzies came, from
kastellorizo
been living with, the memories, for eighty
years or so.
their children grew, they went to school, they
learnt the aussie ways
they changed their clothes, they changed
their talk, they even changed their names
but in the house, the parents taught,
that cazzies they will stay
a cazzie born, a cazzie be, until their dying
day
'cos everything that's greek is good,
it's always been that way
and cazzies are, the best of all, my old yiyia
would say.
my family came, the cazzies came, from
kastellorizo
been living in, a time-warp zone, for eighty
years or so.
at weddings and, at christenings, they'd sing
the cazzie songs
we did the cazzie dances, and we all would
sing along
and all the stories, you would hear, about this
grecian isle
would put it on, a pedestal, a faultless pure
lifestyle
but reality, as time goes by, gets twisted,
warped and changed

and the longer, they had been here, the
bigger the myth became.
my family came, the cazzies came, from
kastellorizo
been living in, the past too long, for eighty
years or so.
the myth of kastellorizo, so good, so greek,
so great
to live by myth, in a changing world, simply
does not equate
'cos no man can, an island be, the proverb
wisely states
and progress never comes to those, to those
who sit and wait
and so we see, the culture clash, worship of
myth creates
you can't live in, another time, another mental
state.
my family came, my family stayed, in
kastellorizo
been living with the myth too long, for eighty
years or so
the cazzies came, the cazzies stayed, in
kastellorizo
they left reality behind, some eighty years
ago!

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I think that the poem "Kastellorizo" by
Komninos Zervos is relevant and will strike a
cord with all Kazzies, irrespective of age and
generation. The poem is a reflection of
Kastellorizo and the Kastellorizian philosophy
from the point of view of a first/second
generation Kazzie and Australian, Komninos
Zervos.

I am sure that we are all haunted by the
philosophies of Kastellorizians past and
present, their island, their struggles, their
survival, their pride, their rules, commitment
for a better life for themselves, their children
and grandchildren.

But the indoctrination of "all that is Kazzie"
can be a repellent, especially when there are
the temptations of different cultures and
bounty of opportunities that Australia has to

offer. This makes it very easy to rebel and
abandon the Kazzie culture. But are these
good reasons to abandon and forget that we
are "Kazzie"? After all it is these
fundamentals that make us who and where
we are today!

I think, we should preserve, remember,
reflect and recall the good and the delete bad
attributes of Kastellorizian culture, take all the
good that Australia has to offer us and unite
and embrace the best of both worlds to
create "Kastel-ralian" or "Austr-llorizian"
relevance and modernize our Kazzie
foundations.

Perhaps if we adopt this approach then
Kazzies of all ages will interact with each
other. I think one the best forum is through
the Club and its website. Unfortunately, so
few "young" (<50 and even less <35 years of
age) Kazzies regularly attended the Club's
activities or at present become involved in
the committees and sub-committees. Is it
because the Club and its activities are boring,
irrelevant to your age group or life style, are
you just rebelling against being Kazzie or do
you feel alienated from the Kazzie ways?

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria
wants to move ahead and provide activities
to include a blend of "traditional" and "modern
relevance" and to encourage all age groups,
especially the young and young families to
attend the club's functions. We want to keep
the club alive and vibrant and not let it
become another "Kazzie myth".

The Committee is keen to change your
views, but we need your input and
participation to get it right.

Now that would be cool if you got more
involved!

So now **I challenge you to have your say!**
Contradict me.
Agree with me.
Stand up and be counted.

Become an “active and financial” member. Participate in the functions and committees.

Are you ready to be a cool Kazzie?

See you at the AGM on Sunday 28th of October 2007 and have your say.

Evelyn Salvaris

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Louise (nee Katris) & George Karagiannis on the arrival of their second daughter Mia (Maria), born on 6 May in Rhodes. Louise's mother Maria was in attendance for the birth, unlike the last time when she was in flying time.

In Adelaide, Kathy (Moschakis) and Justin Nugent have become proud parents of a son, Oliver Charles. It is their first child and 7th grandchild for Fifi (Platis) and Charles Moschakis.

ENGAGEMENTS

It is with great pleasure that Con Lucas and Despina (Adgemis) Lucas announce the engagement of their son, George Lucas to Poppy Siskamanis. George is the grandson of Chrissy (Mangos) Adgemis and the late Con Adgemis, Chrysanthi and George Lucas. Congratulations and “Kala Stephana”!

WEDDINGS

Saturday June 16th, in Sydney, Nick and Matea Kouloumbrakis. Nick is the son of Leah and Arthur Kouloumbrakis and the grandson of Lily and Peter Peters. Matea is the daughter of Chris and Vayani Kotsiolos.

From Melbourne to attend the wedding Jack and Marika Bisas and their granddaughter Adriana, Ian and Popi Bisas, Nina and Michael Kyriakos, Christine Christofas and her daughter Linda.

GET WELL

We wish George Verginis and Christine Dimer speedy recoveries after spending time in hospital.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

George Stambelos. George has completed his Medical degree from the University of Sydney. This is George's second university qualification. He is already a qualified chiropractor.

Well done!!! George is the son of Andonis and Rosa Stambelos.

Lisa Athans recently graduated with both a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Arts from Monash University. She is the youngest daughter of Sam & Grace Athans and is pictured below with her proud grandmother Helen Athans (nee Zervos).



VALE

Spiro A. Mangos sadly passed away on Sunday, 8th April 2007 with all his family by his side. Beloved husband of Nina (Loucas). Loving father of Maria and Nick Georgoulas, Julie Mangos, Stella and Ilias Messimeris. Adored and fun loving grandfather of Phillip, Ross, James, Con, Krista and young Spiro. You Will Be In Our Hearts Forever.

The funeral was held at St. Haralambos Church - Templestowe and attending from Adelaide was brother Con A. Mangos and his wife Mary. Godson and nephews Arthur, Nicholas and George Mangos with their children Con, Kerry, Michael and Jonathan. From Perth, sister-in-law Mrs. Joy Loucas, Emmanuel Loucas, Julie Halvorson and Carol Panaia.

THANK YOU

Spiro Mangos's family would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy through their attendance, donations, visits, floral tributes and cards.

Your thought at this time was very much appreciated.

The family would like to thank both the Kastellorizian Association and the Elderly Citizen Club for the floral tributes that were presented at our father's funeral. It was a lovely recognition and hope the tradition continues.

Submitted by Maria Georgoulas, on behalf of the Mangos family.

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria received the following thank you letter from Marika Bisas:

"I am writing to thank you and the Board for the memorable day held at the clubrooms on May 27th.

The entire day will be remembered as a special day in my life. Commencing from the church service at St. Constantine and Helens and Father Dimitri's blessing for Kastellorizians and his very generous and kind words to me.

I was also very pleased that so many members of my family, club members and friends attended to support and help celebrate the day. Could I ask that through the newsletter, you pass on my thanks to the very many people who sent flowers, cards and made personal calls to wish me the best. Thanks also to members of the Greek Women's Cultural League (Estia) and A.H.E.P.A who attended on the day.

A special thank you also to Mrs. Lillian Gomas who traveled from Darwin to join me on the day. Finally to Michael, Diane and all the members of the Board for their efforts in making the whole day such a special one for me.

May I take this opportunity to wish you every success in the future. *Marika Bisas*"

LOST & FOUND

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.

The aim of this feature is to help them in their quest. And it also shows us how effective and useful our website is to the global Kastellorizian community.

Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006

I am writing to ask your help on a matter of personal interest to me and my family. In particular, I am looking for my great-grandfather, Bartholomeu Cyriaco Lazaro's, certificate of registration or any other information about my relatives. He was born on the island of Kastellorizon, Greece, on 25th March 1899. His parents are Lazaro Cyriaco and Anastacia Lazaro. In 1924, he moved to Brazil with some other islanders from Kastellorizon, whose relatives now live on the island of Santa Catarina in Southern Brazil, where I am from. He married my great-grandmother, Othilia Chirighini on 24th May 1924.

During or after the Second World War, many families left Kastellorizon, and few remain. In addition, I have been informed that there is a possibility the documents I am looking for were destroyed, as there was a fire in the prefecture at some time. I would very much appreciate your guidance on this matter. Perhaps you know someone from the area who will be able to tell me where to start.

There is a significant Greek community in Southern Brazil and I am eager to find out more about my family's ancestry. Also, I know that his sister moved to Australia and I would be very pleased if you have any information about her. Thank you for your help. Guilherme.

From: "Guilherme Luz (Bartholomeu Family)"
guilhermedaluz@hotmail.com

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2006

I am trying to trace my family tree, my family came from Kastellorizo early 1900's Savas was a son of Pantelis and Theofania. Is there anyway of me searching further back than that.

From: "Alyson McGarrity White Taifalos"
gumbyclan@aapt.net.au

Sent: Friday, 16 March 2007

Hi, I'm hoping you may be able to locate any relatives of my grandmother - Maria Marl Mauqilvn or Th Roditis. She left Greece in the late 1920's to live in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia. I was hoping to visit Kastellorizo towards the end of this year to get an understanding of my roots and who knows? maybe some relatives are still around??? Love the website, it's helped me get in touch with a part of my life that has been unknown.

From: geohel@westnet.com.au

Sent: Wednesday, 28 March 2007

Is there an association in NSW, other than the Castellorizon Club, which I am a life member of. I thank you for your website. Both my mother and father were born on Megisti. I am the founding member of The Megisti Souls Society which I started in the latter years of my mother's life. She passed away in August 2006. I started this society for the children of descendants who have married persons from other cultures. I want to instill in my children the meaning of what their forefathers did to enable them to have the wonderful life they have. My wife of 25 years is Canadian of Austrian heritage and my children are fascinated by the history and sense of being that my parents showed them. I spent six summers and one winter on the island from 1974, 75, 78, 79, 80 and 81. I have not returned since but it has never left my soul, I am now 51. MSS-Only wishes the best for their fellow Megisticoes (what we call the next generations} Again, thank you for the time and effort of this website. If you wish to know more of our group, please email. We have our own INSIGNIA in ancient Greek and follow the old tradition of paying homage at The Stone of Timon when returning to the island and also when leaving the island. This practice was done in the 3rd century BC by

the mariners. Our philosophy is basic and meaningful and I know that my children and their children after will understand what heritage they are part of. Regards Kimon

From: kpeters@hy-lite.com.au

Sent: Monday, 9 April 2007

My grandfather was James Constantine Kotis (Pappakotis, Papacotis ?) who emigrated from Kastellorizo to the United States in 1909 at age 19 and settled in Mobile Alabama. His brother Nick Cottis also came. We don't know why their names are spelled differently and we're really not sure how to spell Pappakotis. My cousin Gregg Cottis and I are both very interested in our family history. I have sent him the link to this site. lone

From: ione@pappakotis.com

Reply: Sunday, 22 April 2007

My name is George Papacotis. I note an enquiry from a papacotis in the USA. I have been working on a Papacotis family tree for some time and understood that we have relatives in the USA. I would love to make contact.

My email is papacotis@aapt.net.au.

From: papacotis@aapt.net.au

Sent: Thursday, 3 May 2007

My name is Leah Lemke (Christina Pavlou's daughter). I was just looking at the lost & Found section on your website and you have a sample of correspondence from "lone Cotis" who I believe is related to me on my Grandfather Papacotis side. Do you have any information on where this correspondence came from, like an email address, so that I can contact "Lone Cotis"? Your help would be appreciated. Kind Regards Leah

From: leah.lemke@bigpond.com

Leah, Lone's email details can be found in the above entry. We hope this helps you with your quest!

Sent: Tuesday, 5 June 2007 3:06 PM

My name is Diane and my mother-in-law's father was originally from Kastellorizo. My mother-in-law is 70 + and has never been overseas. Her father died in 1936 and her mother (whom she believes also had Kastellorizion ancestry but as born in Port Said Egypt) brought up 3 daughters on her own. We are trying to get mum interested in going on a holiday to Greece and the islands. We would like to get some information on Kastellorizion and some history especially the very late 19th Century and early 20th Century. Mum is not sure exactly when her father may have left Kastellorizo and if he left anyone behind. Mum's surname was Koutoupas! Diane

From: Diane.Athans@pt.nsw.gov.au

Kastellorizians, if you have any relevant information, **please help out** by emailing your information directly to the enquirer. If you do not have internet access please contact the Club via mail or a committee member and we will be only too happy to pass on the information on your behalf.

Just as the global Kastellorizian community is looking for lost members, so is the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria!!! Many of you are only too familiar with the stress of moving house to contact the Club with change of address. The committee can only keep you informed with news and activities if we have your correct details. Similarly, the Club can be placed in an embarrassing position by addressing mail to departed members or when family circumstances change. To facilitate communication a change of address/details form can now be found on our website.

In our April newsletter mail-out, we had 26 “return to sender” items. We require your help to update the current address and details of the following members:

Mr. Chris. Alexiou
Mr. Dean. Alexiou
Mr. & Mrs. John Agritis (nee Loucas)
Mr. Noel Augustes
Mr. & Mrs. C. Doyle (nee Kambouropolous)
Mr. Phillip Georges
Ms. Anne-Marie Georgio
Mr. Michael N. Heterelzis
Mr. Andrew Jackomos
Mr. & Mrs. M Jackomos
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Josephides
Mr. Steve Lolagtis
Mr. & Mrs. A & K Magliano
Mr. Mick Malaxos
Mrs. Chrysanthi Pachos
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Pappos (nee Zombos)
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Pavlou
Mrs. M. Phillips (nee Hadjiyanakis)
Dr & Mrs. B. Savas
Mr. Michael Starvou
Mr. & Mrs. R Vargas
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Vellisaris (nee Zombos)
Mr. & Mrs. N Zervos
Mrs. Nellie Zombos

Can you help us find our missing members?

If so please contact The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria at:

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

Or at:

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

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: **9th of November.**

Just in time for our Christmas celebrations.

**ADVERTISING &
SPONSORSHIPS**

We would be interested in hearing from any person or business interested in sponsoring the Newsletter and at the same time making people aware of their business activity. As “LOOK AT THIS SPACE” indicates you can choose a column or half page advertisement.

If you would like to sponsor long-term we can also make these arrangements – you will then be a permanent feature in each newsletter.

LOOK AT ALL THIS SPACE!!

Our distribution list is currently experiencing considerable growth therefore we expect a much larger membership base in the future.

Are you interested in advertising in the newsletter?

Also we are currently experiencing an increase in the numbers of hits received on the website to date. We expect this to become an exciting and important area from which we can reach a wider audience to which we can promote the activities of the Kazzie Club as well as its members.

Are you interested in advertising on the website?

Fees are currently being established. See our next newsletter or stay tuned to the website, for details.

Alternatively you can **register your interest** by emailing us at:

info@kastellorizo.com.au

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