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Professor Evangelos Hadjiyannakis and Mrs. Kiriaki Coster Efstratiadis-Hadjiyannakis with the 2007-08 Committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, the Consul General of Greece and *Kastelloriziaka Nea* correspondent, Mr. Nick Patinyiotis

Seated Left to Right: Dianne Spartels, Michael Spartels President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, Professor Evangelos Hadjiyannakis President of the , Mrs. Kiriaki Coster Efstratiadis-Hadjiyannakis , Consul General of Greece Mr. Christos Salamanis, George Verginis, Nick Patinyiotis. Standing left to right: Sandra Varvodic, Evelyn Salvaris, Anna Miriklis –Defteros. Photo by Peter Kakalias© 2008

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members.

On Sunday the 16th of November the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria held it Annual General Meeting and biannual elections. I was very honored to be nominated for "President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria" for a second term and it was with great pleasure that I accepted the nomination.

I was also pleased to see George Verginis, Sandra Varvodic, Dianne Spartels, Jim Paltos, John Karis and Evelyn Salvaris re-elected as committee members. I am very confident that we will continue to work harmoniously, together for the benefit of the Association.

It was with much consideration that Christina Pavlou, Anna Miriklis-Defteros and Maria Alexiou chose not to stand for re-election. The committee and I would like acknowledge Christina's long standing commitment as secretary for the Association over many years and to Anna for her excellent financial skills as Treasurer over the last eight years. Their dedication and support should be commended. It remains for me to wish all ladies, the best for their future and we look forward to seeing them at future functions.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Paul Gregory and Katina Garrick on to the committee. I am sure you will agree that their input and skills will help to further enhance the progress of the Association.

Whilst on I am still on the topic of the AGM, I was very pleased to see 48 of our members attend and contribute to the discussion at Sunday's AGM. I personally thank each of the attendees for their valued contributions and support on the day.

As a result of the discussion at the AGM, it was clear that the job ahead will be challenging but I hope successful. Over the next two years the committee and I, will try to improve membership support by formulating a number of subcommittees to assist us in investigation of the "Future direction of the Association" and to formulate an active social calendar for all age groups. To make these subcommittees successful, we need and look forward to your support when approached for participation.

On a lighter note, we have a number of functions organised before the end of the year.

The first function will be held by the Megisti Club on Saturday the 29th of November. Unlike their Sunday function this function will be held on a Saturday evening, which will enhance the "Taverna" atmosphere.

Christmas is a time of celebration and what a better way to kick of the festive season with the first Young Kazzies function, please see page 6 for further details. I hope that all the Young Kazzies take up the invitation and enjoy the first of many enjoyable functions.

At Christmas time, the most enjoyable celebrations revolves around children. So come along and bring the children to meet Santa on Sunday the 14th of December and fill the clubrooms with lots of laughter and Christmas cheer.

Following Santa's return to the North Pole, the committee and I will have a short brake before returning to make a start on the Kastellorizian of the Year, Youth Achievement, VCE awards, so please look out for your nomination forms in the mail early next year, along with an active social calendar for 2009.

Finally the committee and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2009.

With Kind Regards

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria held its 83 rd Annual General Meeting and bi-yearly Committee Elections on Sunday the 16th of November, 2008.

Forty-eight number of financial and registered Non-fee paying* members attended the AGM and committee elections. The Rules of the Association stipulates that a committee of up to 12 (4 office bearing positions and up to 8 committee positions) people is required to operate the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.

Christina Pavlou, Anna Miriklis-Defteros and Maria Alexiou resigned from the committee and were acknowledge for their contributions over the last 2 years. Whilst the remaining members stood for re-election.

The results of the elections are as follows:

President: Michael Spartels Vice President: George Verginis Secretary: Sandra Varvodic Assistant Secretary: Dianne Spartels Treasurer & Public Officer: Jim Paltos IT Manager: John Karis Kazzie News Editor: Evelyn Salvaris Paul Gregory Committee: Katina Garrick

The members of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, passed a motion to award a life membership to Andrew Caripis and Nic Zervos for their continual and constant services to the Association as the Association's Accountant and Lawyer. Christina Pavlou was also honored with a life membership for her services to the Association of more that 40 years. It is anticipated that the life memberships will be presented to Andrew, Nic and Christina at next years St Constantine and St Helen's day celebrations.

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The members stipulated that over the next two years the committee's job is to improve membership support, establish the aims and future of the Association and to improve the social calendar.

* Please Note:

Under the newly ratified Rules of the Association the term "honorary" no longer applies and has been replaced with the term "Non-fee paying".

Members eligible for the "non-fee paying" category are members 65 years and over, who have been a financial member for at least three consecutive years prior to turning 65.

Members who are 65 years of age and were not financial before their 65th birthday must pay fees for three consecutive years before they are eligible for a fee exemption irrespective of age.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

After the resounding success of the children's Christmas party that was held at the Clubrooms last year, we have chosen to again hold the Christmas party at our club rooms on Sunday the 14th of December. There will be many activities planned for the children which includes a visit from Santa. The annual Christmas function is a great opportunity for all the parents and grandparents to catch up with all their Kazzie friends and family before the festivities of Christmas begin.

The newly elected committee looks forward to entertaining our junior members, their parents and extended families

WHAT IS IN STORE FOR THE KASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA IN 2009?

Watch out for the next KAZZIE NEWS NEWSLETTER to find out what the new committee has planned for you.

MEMBERSHIPS

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

Forgotten to renew your JULY'08 to JUNE'09 **MEMBERSHIP?**

Don't' delay renew NOW! It's never too late!

In line with the newly modified Rules of the Association

New Membership Subscription fees are:

\$10 PER PERSON 18 TO 65 YEARS OF AGE.

NON FEE PAYING* membership fees:

* Members 65 years and over who have been a financial member for at least three consecutive vears prior.

No monetary fees but you must fill out and return your forms to remain registered and ensure your voting rights.

However voluntary donations by you to our Association will be gratefully accepted.

www.kastellorizo.com.au>forms>membership Or contact a committee member now

Download your membership form at

What you get for your membership fees

- 1. Voting rights
- 2. A copy* of the newly approved Rules of the Association.
- 3. The Kazzie News (3 times per year)* and Kazzie Communications*
- Access to our Website and password for the Genealogy site
- At least 2 "free" functions per year 5.
 - Saints Constantine and Helen's day Celebrations
 - Christmas includes a Christmas aift for member's children up to 10 years of age.
- 6. Notification of Social Functions for all ages includina Kastellorizian Association of Megisti Club and Affiliated Victoria Association functions
- 7. Participation in the preservation and promotion of the Kastellorizian culture, heritage and history.

Now that's VALUE for your \$10 MEMBERSHIP FEES!!!

* Please note: One paper edition or electronic copy per postal or email address.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Many members who formerly held family memberships are renewing their Membership under one individual per family.

Please note:

the new individual memberships does not cover the entire family (unless personal circumstance deem otherwise)

Remember you must register your membership individually i.e. one membership per person per family.

Under the Rules of the Association all non Kastellorizian spouses are considered to be Kastellorizian and are eligible to be a member.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

THE MEGISTI CLUB

Theme: Greek tavern night

Date: **SATURDAY 29TH OF NOVEMBER**

Venue: Kastellorizian House, 250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne

Time: 7.30 pm

RSVP:

9592 9450 Christine Dimer:

or 0432 915049

Cynthia Koutsoukis: 0402 253 244

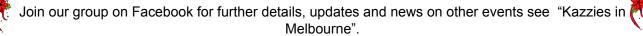




YOUNG KAZZIES XMAS EVENT

It's time for the 18-35 year olds to have a function of their own! Come and celebrate at the first Kazzie Youth Event:

> 7.30-11pm Friday 5th December Union Hotel, 90 Chapel St Windsor





KASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA'S **ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUNCTION**

Sunday 14th of December 2-4.30 pm Kastellorizian House, 250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne Come and enjoy all of the festivities and surprises of the festive season

To be eligible for your gift you must be up to 12 years of age and parents must be financial members



REPORTS

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF THE KASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA.

On Sunday the 31st of August the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria held the "FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION SUMMIT".

After a great deal of promotion of this event in the editions November 2007 and April 2008 and July 2008 of the Kazzie News and a multitude of requests for volunteers to assist on the subcommittee for the future direction of the Association, it was extremely disappointing that only 25 members attended.

Despite the lack of numbers, the presentation went ahead. Feedback was limited due to the modest number of attendees. As a result, the lack of support at this event has made it very difficult for the Committee to reinvent and modernize the Association, as well as design and plan for well attended future functions and events.

The key to the future of the Association lies with the "Lost Generation" (30-55 year olds) . No progress was made on how to attract this group of members to attend the Association's functions and become active at an administrative (committee) level.

How to interpret the lack attendance of the "Lost Generation" is open to intereptation. The most obvious message appears to be that lack of attendance equates to lack of interest thus implying that we unable to rejuvenate the Association to attract younger members. This further highlights that the Association in it's present form does not have a place in Melbournian Kazzie life. An interpretation of this result suggests that the days of the Association are numbered. How long it will survive is anyone's guess, but if we keep travelling along this path it may be soon.

On the other hand, there was a glimmer of hope as five youth members (16-30 years of age) attended the "Summit". The committee and the other attendees eagerly listened to their views and reasons for not attending the Association functions. The message that came across was that the Association was not relevant to them or that their parents had not educated them about the Association. It was identified that the lack of education of the children by the parents was partly due to lack of activities for the children to participate in.

This highlighted the need to engage members with children under 12 and to fill the void by continuing to provide relevant activities for children 12 to 18 years of age. It is clear that to be successful, we require the assistance of parents who have children in this age group to participate in the organisation of children's activities. Undoubtedly this would assist in making the activities relevant and interesting. Once again there was no offer of assistance or constructive advice on how to achieve this.

At the end of the day, the five youths decided to investigate formulating a youth club. However they were keen to do so independently of the Association. In the end they agreed to liaise through committee member Evelyn Salvaris in order to maintain loose connection with the Association. Further details of their first function can be found in the Kazzie Youth Column.

Once again if you feel strongly about the continuation of the Association, WE STILL REQUIRE YOUR ASSISTANCE AND INPUT

THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION DEPENDS ON YOU!!!!

REMEMBER OUR AIM: To ensure the survival of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria beyond it's 100th Anniversary in 2025.

Give us your support and get involved now!

REPORTS

Kastellorizian Association of Vic Social Report

Professor Hadjiyannakis, and Mrs Kiriaki Coster Efstratiadis-Hadjiyannakis, visit the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.

In August, Professor Evangelos Hadjiyannakis and his wife Mrs Kiriaki Coster Efstratiadis-Hadjiyannakis visited Australia. Professor Evangelos Hadjiyannakis was in Australia to attend the XXII International Congress of the Transplantation Society that was held in Sydney between the 10-14th of August, 2008. Both he and his wife also took the opportunity to also visit the many Kastellorizian Associations, family and friends throughout Australia.

After very short notice of Professor and Mrs Hadjiyannakis's impending visit, the Committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria held a cocktail reception on Saturday the 16th of August, in their honour. Professor Hadjiyannakis is the World President of the Association Kastellorizians) and his wife, Mrs Kiriaki Coster Efstratiadis-Hadjiyannakis is President of the Educative and Cultural Society of Kastellorizo. Also in attendance was Mr Christos Salamanis, Consul General of Greece. The reception was held at the Associations Clubrooms in South Melbourne.

During the evening, Professor Hadjiyannakis was presented with an honorary membership to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria by the President, Mr Michael Spartels. Later, Professor Hadjiyannakis and Mrs Kiriaki Coster Efstratiadis-Hadjiyannakis presented Mr Michael Spartels and Mr Nicholas Patinyiotis (long time correspondent for the "Kastelloriziaka Nea") with a Diploma of Honour on behalf of the Worldwide Association of Kastellorizians and the Educative and Cultural Society of Kastellorizo.

During his speech Professor Hadjiyannakis informed the guests about the current state of affairs in Kastellorizo. .The atmosphere of the reception was relaxed. It was clear that the committee had a lovely evening catching up with news from Melbourne, around Australia and of course Kastellorizo.



Above (left to right): President of the Worldwide Association of Kastellorizians, Professor Evangelos Hadjiyannakis, Dianne Spartels, Mr Michael Spartels, President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, Consul-General of Greece, Mr Christos Salamanis and Mrs Kiriaki Coster Efstratiadis-Hadjiyannakis, The President of the Educative and Cultural Society of Kastellorizo.



Above: Professor E Hadjiyannakis giving his acceptance speech. Left to right, Dianne Spartels, Michael Spartels and seated Mrs Hadjiyannakis



Above: Mr Michael Spartels, President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria receiving his Diploma of Honour from Professor E Hadjiyannakis and Mrs Kiriaki Coster Efstratiadis-Hadjiyannakis. Dianne Spartels on the left.



Above: Mr Nicholas Patinyiotis receiving his Diploma of Honour from Professor E Hadjiyannakis and Mrs Kiriaki Coster Efstratiadis-Hadjiyannakis Also photographed Mrs Maria Patinyiotis (left of Mr Patinyiotis), Dianne Spartels and Michael Spartels (background)

Kastellorizian Association of Vic General Reports

WEBSITE UPDATE

There will be no website report in this edition of the Kazzie news due to the recent publication of the Website report in our 2007-2008 AGM report.

KAZZIE MEMORABILIA

In the July Kazzie News, Jack Bisas forwarded a very interesting piece of Kazzie memorabilia relating to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria. Unfortunately there have been no other memorabilia items forward for publication.

KASTELLORIZIAN GENEALOGY WEBSITE UPDATE

Allan Cresswell, founder of the Kastellorizian Genealogy website is currently overseas and is unable to provide any recent information about the website. During his holiday, Allan and his wife will be visiting Kastellorizo for the first time.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION'S REPORTS AND FUNCTIONS

KASTELLORIZIAN SENIOR ASSOCIATION Inc.

by Christine Dimer

Our September function was very successful and we had a very good attendance. Lunch was delicious from all reports, so we will again go for lamb and chicken off the spit - delicious.

We would like to thank Mike Zervos who came along and spoke about the Alannah and Madeline Foundation - who work to keep children safe from violence. It was a very interesting talk and we wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Welcome back to those members who have been away.

Congratulations to Peter Christofas who has kindly offered to take on the position of Treasurer for our Seniors .

Hellenic Bowls club of Victoria.

Social Mixed Triples, Sunday November 30th, 2008 12.30 pm 16 ends \$10/person

Playing for the "Hellenic Bowling Trophy"
Oakleigh bowling Club, 87 Drummond St, Oakleigh
Ph Demetre Saltas 9598 6689

Art Exhibition Report

By George Verginis.

On Friday evening, 8th of August at the "Arts Complex" in Essendon, I represented the Association where our very talented artist, Beryl (Nittes) Georgakopoulos exhibited some of her works. During the evening Beryl gave a speech to the 100 guests about her work. Everyone enjoyed the art works whilst enjoying savouries and drinks and I even purchased one of her work.

AUSTRALIAN FRIENDS OF KASTELLORIZIO by Marilyn Tisolakis

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria recently received a letter informing and promoting the activities of the Australian friends of Kastellorizo. This letter was sent to us from Marilyn Tisolakis, coordinator of the program. The following is a summary of the Australian Friends of Kastellorizo's aims and recent activities.

Any one wishing to join the organisation can contact Marilyn at mazzmacc@tpg.com.au or (08) 93871681 or you can go the their website at: www.australianfriendskastellorizo.org

Membership to the organisation is free of charge. So don't delay, join now!

"Dear Members of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria,

I am not sure how many of you have heard of Australian Friends of Kastellorizo which is an organisation established to develop the ideas discussed at an International Symposium for the Diaspora on Kastellorizo in April 2007. Even if you have heard of AFK, you may not know about the aims, goals or projects identified at meetings in Sydney in June and December 2007 as a follow-up to the International Symposium. Many of you who subscribe to Kastelloriziaka Nea or have visited the website are aware of many of the exciting projects that are underway. Please visit the website to keep updated and sign up for free membership. Just click on the membership category and fill in the details in order for us to add you to our database. Alternatively, if you would prefer to send me an email or phone me to include you on the database, please do so. You will be included in the broadcast emails sent to all AFK members. The idea is to be inclusive of all who are interested in, and committed to the island.

www.australianfriendskastellorizo.org

The following goals have been identified and projects have been activated to make them happen:

Environmental 1. Greening of Kastellorizo

2. Keep Kastellorizo Beautiful

Cultural Activities

include Kastellorizian Customs and Special Days along with a Youth Festival

Educational Activities

Include writing, illustrating and translating Children's Literature Books in both Greek and English

Student Exchange program

Economic - Accessing Grants

Communication in "KASTELLORIZIAKA NEA" "Voice of Megiste" to publish in
every second edition a 4 page
English insert and Webpage

Restoration of 1. the Windmill

2. Passas Wells

3.Recognition **Empire** of the Patrol Disaster to commemorate lives lost. Plans are for a Restoration underway Architect to prepare a report for the Archaeological Society who is responsible for

giving approval.

Infrastructure 1.Water

2. Electricity

3.Sewerage/Waste

4.Transport

These small steps are contributing to the momentum

that is driving AFK. Thank you to all those people who have provided positive and constructive feedback. If you have any further ideas we would love to hear from you. Don't forget to become a member and either register on-line or send us your email address to hear about recent developments. We are also on an active drive to broaden our email distribution list.

Presently we have over 200 members and would like each of you to forward by return email the contact details of 2 people who you believe may be interested.

Marilyn Tsolakis

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FEATURE ARTICLES

GREEK CULTURE

Timon

Timon lived on Kastellorizo some 3000 years ago (about 1000 B.C.). He was a sailor whose sailing ship carried produce of Asia Minor to the ports and islands of Eastern Europe. Timon was also know to do a little pirating on the side.

The world that Timon lived was harsh and full of danger and uncertainty. Men like Timor who were bold enough to travel and trade, were at the mercy of the elements and the savagery of their competitors. They were superstitious and prayed to the spirits for protection.

Timon was successful enough to build a monument to himself. However he was not on good terms with his compatriots and also had issues with his family. Thus he gave them a warning of what to expect if they defaced his monument. We know this from the inscription on a rock that was discovered by two Austrian archeologists, Hetesy and Kalinga, in 1895. The rock is situated at the entrance of Kastellorizo's harbor and is locally known as "Koutsomaston".

Unfortunately, age and erosion has changed the shape of the rock, but careful observation shows that the rock was an alter on which offerings to the Gods were deposited. Parts of the inscription are still readable and their free translation is given below.

"It is Timon, who built this monument in memory of this beautiful harbor because he knows that his family, his house and his children do not respect him enough to build him a monument after his death. He built it himself with images of the subterranean Gods in perpetual memory

But you traveler, who sails by on your boat, hail..... you foreigner,"

Unfortunately the most spicy parts are missing, but further down another message is carved, possibly by somebody in authority after Timon died, or perhaps by Timon himself.

It reads: "This is the memorial of Timon, no-one is to do it injustice or to erase it because in it are demons and subterranean Gods."

Oh Timon you must have been some man. So when you are next on Kastellorizo and have nothing to do, go to "Koutsomaston" and say "Hello" to him, but please respect the wishes he made 3000 years ago.

By John B Salvaris OAM

MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Would you like to increase your business profile?

As an alternative to advertising, which can be a large investment, we can reach your target audience through media distribution. We have the contacts and can arrange to distribute your information to the relevant media.

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we can **customise** your media campaign according to your needs!

Contact

John Karis on **0412 662 079** for an informal chat to discuss your needs.

The above ad is the first of our "paid advertisment".

Call **John Karis 0412 662 079** to place your ad in the next edition of the Kazzie News

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FEATURE ARTICLES

GENEALOGY

Family reunions

Family reunions and are often held to mark a special celebration in ones life. In the following article by Phillipa Adgemis, she describes the wonderful time she spent on Kastellorizo celebrating her cousin form Adelaide John Kiosoglou's 70th birthday and the blessing of the Adgemis family home. The day was shared with many friends and family now living in all corners of the globe.

The Adgemis Family Reunion/Birthday and House Blessing Celebrations held on Kastellorizo by Phillippa Adgemis

"It all happens today, July 12, 2008. Today we celebrate the 70th birthday of my cousin John Kiosoglous and the blessing of the Adgemis house (which has passed to his daughter Michelle) by Kastellorizo's priest. Michelle has struggled though three years of legal battles to retain and restore the house to its former glory. To look at a finished product and the incredible sense of pride and achievement of the heirs of the property then you feel the pull that the land and heritage has over the emotions.

Here is a photo of the house that Michelle has painstakingly restored and certainly when the priest did the blessing service and she then conducted a tour of the very 'skinny' house, there were many of us cousins who were emotional and quite moved to think that this room was where 9 of the 11 children, including my father were conceived. How 11 of them slept in that room however, (let alone when any of the conceptions occurred) is anyone's guess.





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On the way to the party.

On the Lamini, Kastellorizo Betty Adgemis, Des Tarlamis, Maria Katris. Phillippa Adgemis, Donnie, Karene, Despina & **Demetrios**

Filopoulos, &

Despina Lucas

Michelle has planned both functions today down to the last details. Tables decorated in filmy green fabric that catches the breeze, small jars of hand made sugared candied orange peel, the candles creating a lovely atmosphere in the dusk. The air is balmy after the heat of the afternoon and Kiosoglous and Adgemis relations have gathered from around the world. Cousins from Greece, England and Australia (Melbourne, Sydney, Perth. Queensland) are for the 70th birthday. This is possibly the most elaborate function the island has seen. We gather in the lit up courtyard and find seats as plate after plate of a whole variety of delicacies such as barbequed goat, tiny fried shrimp, keftethes, revithopites, katoumari and other Kastellorizian treats that we so seldom get in OZ are served by candle light.

The lights of the Turkish coast flicker off and on....and then off for most of the evening in another of Turkey's frequent blackouts. The live music starts and everyone is up showing that the diaspora Greeks know not only the dances from their own region of Greece, but also of the mainland, the islands and even Macedonia. The island throbs with a beat of its own punctuated by whoops of enjoyment of tourists dancing on their yachts nearby...all private moored wonderful. The evening draws to an end and we clutch our gifts and walk shoeless along the paralia in the light of the moon that shines on the water. The night breeze accompanies us - tired but happy, to our accommodation."

LEFT a & b The Adgemis House

c John Kisogolous on the doorsteep of the house

Right: At The Party Frank, Despina Lucas, Phillippa Adgemis. Karene Luke Lucas Donnie

