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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Our Club's new committee is vibrant, ambitious and adventurous, with clear goals. We have already made several changes, which we trust will be welcomed by our members.

- o The newsletter subcommittee has redesigned the newsletter. They have done a wonderful job.

- o The website will be redesigned and the database improved. (Please send contact information regarding possible new members for our database, as well as any changes of address, including email addresses to info@kastellorizo.com.au)

- o A genealogy section will not be established, as there is already an excellent genealogy site in existence, operated by Allan Cresswell.

Members wishing to access the genealogy site can do so directly. It is a free service. Just log on to www.castellorizo.org and register and Allan will send you login details and password.

If you wish to update any information on the genealogy website you may contact Allan Cresswell direct by email: cressie@castellorizo.org

- o We are working towards going "paperless" as much as possible in our communications, including the newsletter, and all notices to members will be circulated by email.

- o As previously advised the Kastellorizian of the Year award will be presented at the Gala Dinner to be held on the 17th October 2015 at The Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. Nomination forms are included in this newsletter.

- o We have reconvened the Pleasant Sunday Morning program, thanks to Tony Lolas. Check out the dates. The Kazzie Picnic will also make a comeback this year.

Call for volunteers

The Committee is keen to attract young people back into the Club and this can only be achieved by the formation of a KAV Youth subcommittee which is "tuned in" to events that will work.



We now call for volunteers to set up this subcommittee. Please target and encourage young people to come forward. (Approx age group 20 – 40 years).

Membership

Membership renewals are due with the new financial year. The database needs updating and we request that you send us updated information with the membership form. Email addresses are crucial. Membership form attached.

News items and other information for the newsletter can be sent directly to the newsletter subcommittee. If you want it in, then send it in. Email items to Fortis Josephides f.josephides@gmail.com

We want your feedback and your help in rebuilding the ethos of the club.

To end on a sombre note, we were all saddened by the sudden death of the Club's secretary, Barry Davidson. He will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace. We extend our sympathies to his wife Christine and her family.

With best Wishes

Nick Lolatgis
President of the KAV

KAV MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US!

Interested in contributing material to the newsletter? Share your news in the next edition of "The Kastellorizian" August 2015!

Submissions should be saved in a Microsoft Word document, include the authors name and contact details and be sent to **f.josephides@g-mail.com**.

For any additional information regarding the newsletter (i.e. submission deadlines) please contact the Editor.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS!

The next issue of the KAV newsletter will be sent to members via email, along with a hardcopy in the mail. Members will continue to receive hardcopies of the next few editions of "The Kastellorizian".

To ensure you continue to receive our publication and important updates please contact the KAV and update your email address and contact details!

Please send your updated details to info@kastellorizo.com.au

XRISTOS ANESTI!

On April 12th Orthodox Christians across the world celebrated the death and resurrection of Christ. The KAV hopes that you all enjoyed the Easter celebrations.

These photographs were taken over the Easter weekend on Kastellorizo and submitted by Margarita Kannis.

(Clockwise from below) Easter Function, Kastellorizians at Church and traditional red dyed eggs.



MEGISTEON HERITAGE SOCIETY

I am very pleased to say that cataloguing is now up to date, waiting of course for the next donation. For cataloguing purposes the KAV Heritage Collection has been divided into five main groups:

1. Prints, framed photographs, paintings etc
2. The Cabinet including the Heirloom Project
3. Reference library – text and audio-visual
4. Artefacts Boxes – currently 22 boxes covering a range of items from KAV memorabilia to costume items and Kastellorizian souvenirs
5. Archival material – both electronic and hard copy (almost 100 folders), covering a range of topics including social events, KOY, newsletters, newspaper articles, maps, club correspondence and minutes etc;

Recent additions to the collection

Paintings & photographs

o Michael Zervos donated a 1988 Greek Government tourism poster (68 x 98cm) promoting and depicting Kastellorizo as a tourist destination; a good match for a similar one in the KAV Collection

o Michael Zervos also donated a set of 6 framed photographs depicting contemporary scenes of Kastellorizo (photographs by Anna Redlich 2014);

Audio-visual library

o Welcome to Kastellorizo – (Christos Vazaios 2011)
o The Kastellorizian Wedding – 14 parts; (CLA Sydney 1992)

o The Allan Creswell Kastellorizian Wedding Series – 5 volumes of Victorian, NSW, WA and overseas wedding photographs (2014)

o Footage of the 1956 visit by WA Hellenic Club vs Melbourne Olympic; (Allan Creswell 2015)

Reference Library

The series, Australians and Greeks by Hugh Gilchrist
- Volume 1 The Early Years 1992, Volume 2 The

-Middle Years 1997 and Volume 3 The Later Years 2004

Artefacts

o Napery & linen souvenirs donated by Christina Pavlou commemorating the 1982 WA Cassie Club's 80th Anniversary

o Chrissie Paltoglou (nee Penglis) donated a set of reproduced contours (slippers), which she bought at a Kastellorizian Ladies Society function in the 1970s

o Daisy Panourias (nee Augustes) donated her mother's shawl (Flora Georgiou) which she brought out to Australia with her in 1926. She also donated a bolero, made & embroidered by herself, which she wore when she performed as part of a dancing group at Kazzie & Greek Community functions in the early 1950s.

o A Kastellorizian Brotherhood badge was donated by Connie Gregory – date unknown (possibly 1940s);

Archives

Connie Gregory and Christina Pavlou donated documents, both hard copy and electronic, relating to their times as either Committee members or when they supported the club in its many activities.

Connie Gregory donated this badge to the club which she sourced on E-Bay. Do you have any idea of its date?



Current and recent Heritage Projects

As part of the 90th Anniversary celebrations, with the theme of Kazzie Weddings, I showed the Allan Creswell tapes of Kazzie Wedding Photographs at the May Seniors meeting. The Seniors loved them, not just the Victorian tapes but also those from NSW and Western Australia. It was very touching to hear and observe their responses as they recognised their extended families in the photos, to the continual cries of "stop the tape, stop the tape!" Also on display were items from the KAV Heritage Collection depicting Kazzie wedding costumes as well as actual costume items including the gowna (donated by Winnie and Alex Hetrelezi) which Christine Dimer modelled for all to see.

I am presently working on the theme of Kazzie Picnics 1925 - 2015 for a slide show to be shown at the June Seniors meeting. I also intend to make hard copies of each slide and display them around the clubrooms so members can assist in dating and identifying the people in each photo. Photographs have, in the main been sourced from the KAV Collection but if you have any photographs you would like included please send them to me ASAP.

The next Seniors' project is Kazzie Dances 1925 – 2015 including dances, taverna nights, parties, weddings and the like. If you have any group photos from any eras of Kazzies getting together, please send them to me and if possible date and identify the people in the photos.

After being contacted by Helen Pappas and Anna Coutsis, I visited and interviewed Beryl Georgakopoulos (nee Nittes) for their proposed publication/project titled Kastellorizian Kerasma – Food Evoking Memories. At present I am transcribing the material before I send it to Sydney and will also make a copy for our own KAV Collection.

I will be working with Connie Gregory to make available items from our archives for the coming display "Treasures from Kastellorizo" scheduled for August and assisting in the sourcing of other items.



A close-up of the shawl (krepí) which Daisy Panourias donated. Her mother, Flora Augustes (nee Georgiou) brought it out to Australia in 1926, leaving Kastellorizo two weeks after the earthquake. Notice not only the intricate embroidery and vivid colours but also the oriental influence in the pattern design.



Beryl Georgakopoulos being interviewed in her home by Florence Livery for the Kastellorizian Kerasama Project. On the table in front of Beryl are glassware & linen brought out to Australia in the early 1940s by her paternal grandmother Kyriakoula Nittes. On the pillow-slip Kyriakoula embroidered 1916 (the year the work was crafted) and the initials D N (the initials of her husband Demetrios Nittes).

Submitted by Florence Livery
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Social Events

National Womens Day

On Sunday 15th March, the Hellenic Women's Cultural Association celebrated National Women's Day at the Hellenic Cultural Centre.

Marika Bisas was a guest speaker alongside the main speaker Joy Damousi, who is a History Professor at Melbourne University.

The facilitator of the event was Dina Gerolymou – a producer with SBS. Marika is to be congratulated on her eloquent speech.

Submitted by Christine Dimer

Marika Bisas' speech

My name is Marika Bisas and I was born in Port Said in Egypt on the 25th of March 1929. My family arrived in Australia in 1934, when I was just five and we could not speak a word of English. So I am honoured today, 80 years later, to be invited to speak on my life's achievements at the Hellenic Women's Cultural Association on this International Women's Day occasion, of noting Greek women's contributions to Australia.

When my family first arrived in Australia, it was not the tolerant multi-cultural country that it is today. Being practically first immigrants, times were hard for us then, both financially and culturally. But over time we learned to live in the best of both worlds, retaining our Greek heritage, language and religion, yet adopting the Australian way of life.

While in Australia we were the 'Greeks', in Greece we were the 'Australians' - what a loss of identity. My ancestors were from the island of Kastellorizo, the furthest island from mainland Greece. Its history shows that it was invaded by many countries – Turkey, Italy, Germany, France and England to name a few – but it is now proudly Greek.

As well as working extremely hard in Australia to



establish his family, my father George Koutsoukis was always involved in the Greek community and I think those 'genes' were handed down to me. My husband Jack Bisas, also a Kastellorizian, born in Australia 90 years ago, has the same 'genes' for community service.

Jack and I have been blessed with 61 years of happy marriage, two sets of twins (Eula, Ian, George and Jim) and five wonderful grandchildren (Jacqueline, Simeon, Adriana, Jack Junior and Sam).

My very first taste of community involvement was when I was 17, as the sports secretary responsible for forming the first Greek girls' basketball team as part of the Greek Olympic Athletic Club, and then as representative to the Greek branch of The Red Cross for the club.

Being Kastellorizians, my father was an early president, and then my husband Jack was president of the Kastellorizian Association for 15 years, initiating countless formal events and new clubs. He was awarded 'Kazzie' of the year in 1997. I supported him in many ways, and in 2007 was awarded Kazzie of the Year, which was even reported in the Greek newspaper of Kastellorizo, with a picture of me beside the Greek Consul to Australia.

Whilst the governance of the majority of Greek organisations in the 1960s and 1970s remained in the hands of men, I proved that Greek Australian women could also make a significant contribution in a leadership role in these organisations.

As the first president of the Kastellorizian Ladies' Society, I continued in the role over five separate years. A major task for us was raising money to pay off our South Melbourne building in Dorcas Street. I point out that with the support of a committed and hard working committee they, as did future committees of the Ladies Society, raised money to help pay off the mortgage on the club premises. In the broader Greek community, Jack was president of the Australian Greek Welfare Society for 9 years, after the presidency of founder Dr Spiro Moraitis.

During this time, I completed a training course as a voluntary welfare officer for this organisation. My major work for the Australian Greek Welfare Society began when I realised that genuine social provision for elderly Greeks was not formally available. Initially, starting in the back room of a Greek doctor's surgery in Oakleigh, four Greek men came to the first session - women dare not invade. Once I had persuaded the doctor, Dr John Malios, to involve his mother, many Greek women, as well as men began to attend, so much so that we needed more room.

So, I approached the Oakleigh Council. I convinced them of the need for a Senior Citizens group where elderly Greek people, who also paid their local council rates for services, could have a place to enjoy themselves and speak Greek. A separate Weekly session was established.

I took this initiative across to Box Hill, where, after I had asked the priest to announce the possibility at his church service, I worked with the Box Hill Greek Ladies' Auxiliary to set up a Greek Elderly Citizens Club. Richmond became my third location. I held roles as president, secretary and treasurer over the years, and was honoured with a medal for my work, by the Box hill community Ladies Auxiliary.

Of course it soon came to my notice too that Greek women and men were feeling isolated, abandoned and depressed in the nursing homes, which could not cater for them in terms of familiar language, culture or even food. Being acknowledged as the first life governor of the Australian Greek Society for Care of the Elderly, recognising my work of founding the committee, acting as secretary for 7 years and a member of the board for 10 years, for the inaugural Australian Greek Nursing Home. To get to this point, we had to obtain land, clear the bush on it, and hold multiple fundraisers, including radiothons, to then build the Clayton Pronia Nursing Home with the then President – the late John Basil Salvaris and his devoted committee.

We were most gratified when Prime Minister Gough Whitlam officially opened this first Greek Nursing Home with its provision for all levels of care for the elderly. How rewarding that now there are many Greek Elderly Homes across Victoria, a multi-million dollar project.

I shall always be pleased with the success of a fundraising function I organised, before 1966, in which 10,000 pounds was raised in one evening for the Royal Children's Hospital. The large gathering at this special event enjoyed Greek dancing and culture. In recognition of such efforts I was presented with an honorary Life Governorship of the Royal Children's Hospital.

Meanwhile, from the mid-1970s onward, after obtaining my diploma from RMIT, professionally I worked full-time as an interpreter and translator for the Counselling, Guidance & Clinical services of the Education Department.

Also, as the president of VITA (Victorian Interpreters and Translators Association of the Education Department), I worked for better conditions and recognition for both the interpreters and their clients. I even acted as CEO for a short period of time in Myer House in Melbourne - for interpreter services for the ministry of Education representing the work of 34 interpreters across 15 languages in Victoria. It was an attempt to bring structure, professionalism and recognition to the occupation of interpreters.

I have greatly enjoyed my involvement with the charitable organisation AHEPA. In my first term of presidency we raised much money for a wide variety of charities, including for cancer research and Parkinson's Disease, the Fred Hollows Foundation, special needs children and a Home for Autistic children run by the parents in Greece.

I served a second year as president of the Daughters of Penelope Chapter Athena 2. I am very happy to be a member and I cannot begin to tell you how hard members work for the good of the order and all for charity. AHEPA stands to promote Australian Hellenic ideals of Education, Philanthropy, civic responsibility, family and individual excellence.

SBS, in the days when it was known as 3EA, appointed me to an advisory committee to explore the provisions they could make for the Greek community. Following my input that elderly Greeks could no longer attend church physically, a religious element was included in the Greek program aired.

Jack was on the board at Melbourne High School, we attempted to provide Greek as a language, but all students had their own Greek schools – so we settled for Greek religion.

Being presented with an Order of Australia media in 2010, fifteen years after my husband obtained his, it to me a precious recognition of my community work. My most important achievement, I believe, has been promoting the role of Greek women in being able to contribute in formal voluntary roles to our community, and our appreciation of the Australian

nation to which we have been able to contribute. I have been treasurer of ESTIA, the Hellenic Women's Cultural Association, since 1995. It is wonderful, after all my other voluntary organisational endeavours, to belong to this group which provides organisational endeavours, to belong to this group which provides performance, concerts, and exhibitions show-casing Greek culture. I thank them this afternoon, very sincerely for honouring me with this opportunity to speak. I would also like to thank all those wonderful tireless people I had the honour of working with during my life in the community.

As a final tribute, I want to acknowledge my husband Jack who provided such a shining example of tireless commitment to the community. As a team, Jack and I have achieved so much. Our lives have been our family but also the community at large. To my mind, in volunteering it is not so much about the wins and rewards, but the wonderful other volunteers you meet along the way in achieving your goals.

I urge you to do volunteer work, whenever you can: it means so much!

Marika Bisas, 15th March 2015

For more information about the Hellenic Women's Cultural Association go to www.estia-melbourne.com.au/

SOCIAL EVENTS

PLEASANT SUNDAYS

Your committee has organised a monthly Sunday morning get-together and will be presenting a guest speaker to discuss a topic related to Kastellorizo and the our community in Victoria!

Each month will have its own unique topic and a guest speaker who will share their experiences or expertise in a particular field. Information on the upcoming talks will be emailed to members as it becomes available. Just in case you forget, email reminders will be sent to you a week before each Pleasant Sunday!

Remember if we don't have your email address you won't receive important information!

To update your contact details please contact a committee member or send an email to info@kastellorizo.com.au



(Photo Above) The KAV's first Pleasant Sunday on April 5th - Submitted by Tony Lolas

PLEASANT SUNDAYS CALENDER

7th June

5th July

9th August

13th September

11th October

8th November

6th December

Each Pleasant Sunday will begin
at 10am at the
Club Rooms - 250 Dorcas St.,
South Melbourne
(unless stated otherwise)

APRIL 5TH

The Pleasant Sunday Mornings began on April 5TH with "Travels through Turkey to Greek Orthodox Sites in Cappadocia" presented by Bronwyn Paltoglou.

Bronwyn, who is a current committee member, has made countless visits to Kastellorizo and the neighbouring mainland of Turkey (which is only 2.5 kilometres away!).

We thank Bronwyn for sharing her valuable experiences travelling across Asia Minor and congratulate her on giving a fantastic morning talk.



MAY 3RD

On May 3, our speaker was Michael Zervos.

Michael, (son of Con and Chrissie (nee Mangos) is a current committee member, is the General Manager of the charity "Alannah & Madeline Foundation".

Michael shared his experiences of working the last 15 years in senior roles with both Make-a-Wish and The Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

Over a cuppa or something a little stronger it was very interesting to hear of the great work these organisations are doing in our community and the impact one of our Kazzie members is having.

Of course you can't have a Pleasant Sunday Morning without lots of footy talk, although the Tiger and Blues supporters were pretty quiet!

WHAT'S ON NEXT?

7TH JUNE

Dr. Nick Lolatgis, the current President of our club, will be the speaker on 7 June, his topic being -

"My life as a Doctor".

This provides all members with the opportunity of a casual & relaxed get-together with Nick, and to delve into the "intricate" minds of the people who look after our health.

5TH JULY

On the 5th of July there is no scheduled speaker. The clubrooms, however, will be open to members for coffee and a chat.

9TH AUGUST

Jim Paltos, the current Vice-President of our club, will be the speaker at the get-together on 9 August. Jim's topic is, in simple terms, "Real Estate" - a subject that appears to be occupying the minds of everyone right across Australia.

Jim has been heavily involved in all facets of Real Estate for many years and so his talk will be based on his extensive experience and expertise.

13TH SEPTEMBER

Evelyn Salvaris will be our guest speaker and will discuss aspects of St. Vincents Immunology Research

4TH OCTOBER

Florence Livery will be our guest speaker and will discuss the Megisteon Heritage Society & her role as the Archivist.

SOCIAL EVENTS

TREASURES FROM KASTELLORIZO FROM THE CABINETS OF THE MEMORY KEEPERS

On the 15-16 August an exhibition of traditional Kastellorizian jewellery, and other items, will be held at our clubrooms. The scope of the exhibition depends on whether we get some funding from the Victorian Multicultural Commission, and we are awaiting news as we go to press.

The idea for this display came out of a small exhibition of Kastellorizian items at the Emerald Hill Cultural Centre as part of a larger display of items that people brought into Australia. It was very well received. It was also rewarding to those who loaned items as it was a way of honouring the original owners and their stories. I will act as the coordinator of the display with the valuable advice of our Archivist/Curator Florence Livery who will also make available items from the KAV Archives.

Call for the loan of items for the exhibition:

Some items will be from the KAV Archives but mostly we want our membership to delve into their cabinets and baoules (chests) to see what they are prepared to share. Each item on display will have a small story with it, and detailing who it belonged to and who is the keeper now. All items should come from Kastellorizo.

I will be approaching some of our members to see what they have, but would appreciate it if you would contact me if you think you have anything to contribute.

I would particularly like Koufokoukia (Kazzie word meaning empty beans) which are gold or silver long multifaceted hollow beads popular on Kastellorizo, (I have never seen them), and a Yelekaki with-



Kouthounakia, which are silver filigree buttons.

We do need examples of the jewellery for which Kastellorizo is famous - gold bracelets, particularly those which incorporate gold coins, earrings, brooches and if anyone has a Psatha (a woven chain of cascading gold coins worn on the chest) that would be a star attraction. I doubt whether anyone has one now, but there might be one hiding away somewhere. Of course all jewellery will be secured in a locked glass case. I will certainly be putting in my own jewellery, but much more is needed.

We are also interested in children's items. We have a few antiques - including a child's talisman - Haimali (filakto); and a Sasouna (child's silver whistle with bells); and a large silver filigree cross. We would like more examples of the triangular Haimali/filakto. I have never seen a square or rectangular one of the type sometimes given to boys and called Kastanakia - it would be wonderful if anyone has one.

It would also be good to have some examples of everyday life such as cooking utensils, dishes, cutlery, bread stamp, spice jars, and the pointed lace runners that lined mantlepieces. Anything at all that came from Kastellorizo which would fit in with the exhibition. Also things like a water pipe, flat irons, doorstops, old komboloi beads etc.

Antique Icons – We have St Michael and St Spyridon, but would really like to have an Icon of Sts Constantine and Helen.

Our archivist Florence Livery will make available several items from the archives, including various garments and a beautiful Krepi silk shawl, but I wonder if anyone has

- a length of the Ikat material (cotton and silk) used for lining garments
- any other materials such as hanks of cotton, wool and silk
- gold thread that were used for embroidery etc.
- any implements used for handiworks, such as the embroidery hoops they used,
- implements for making carpet etc.

Would also like a silk bedding cover – they are usually in a floral silk, lined in Ikat fabric.

The exhibition will be photographed and documented and will be a valuable resource for our Archives. At this stage the exhibition is planned to be open for two days, but it may be that the opening times are extended. We will see.

There is quite a lot of work entailed in putting this exhibition together. If anybody would like to assist, please let me know.

Please contact me with your offers of items for the display.

Submitted by Connie Gregory

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Talk by Nicholas Bogiatzis on Kastellorizian Jewellery

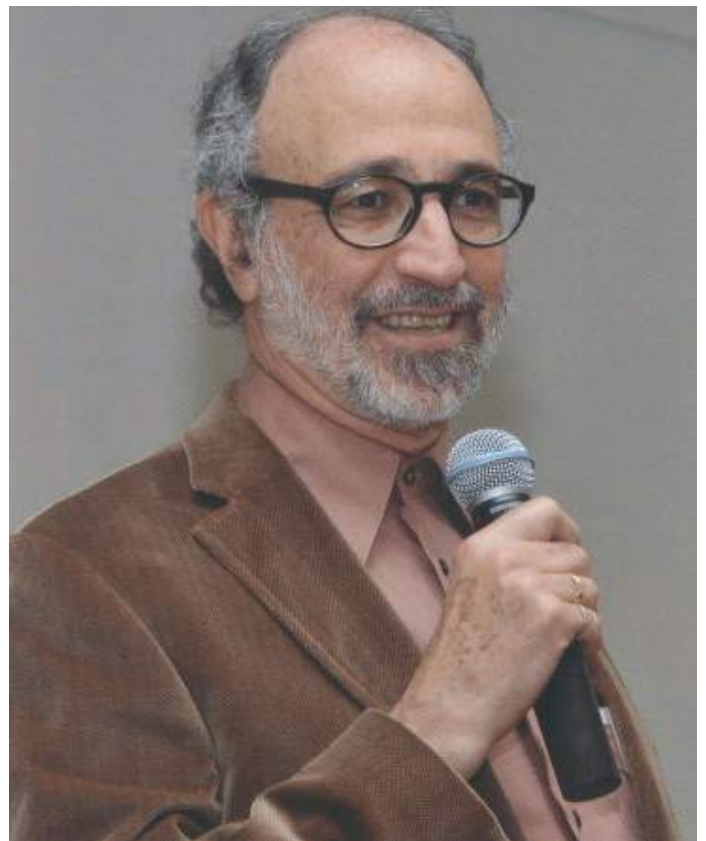
Sunday 16th August

Time - 2:30pm

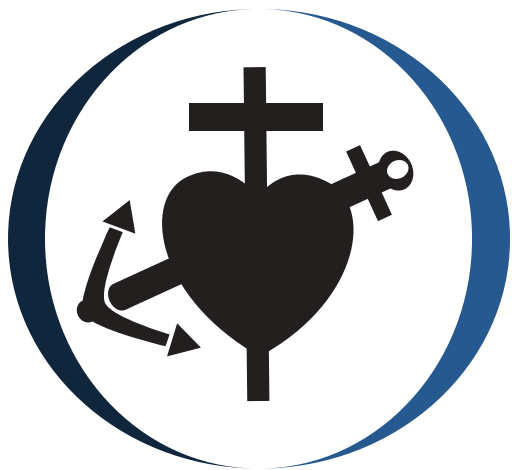
As part of our event, Nick Bogiatzis, co-author of the Kastellorizian historical book "An Island in Time", has offered to present a talk on traditional Kastellorizian jewellery and some traditional artefacts.

He has suggested that people bring in items to identify and discuss. Nick is keen to share his knowledge and to learn about all things Kastellorizian. I have consulted him at various times on different pieces and his information is helpful. He will bring some of his own collection with him.

We are working with him on the details of his talk and expect to set aside time for him to meet individuals to discuss their items. He may also be able to identify and date some of your old Ottoman and Venetian coins for you.



Nicholas Bogiatzis at Sydney Greek festival 2012
Source: <http://www.greekfestivalofsydney.com.au/>



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Gala Dinner

KASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION

17 OCTOBER 2015

**KOOYONG LAWN
TENNIS CLUB**

489 GLENFERRIE RD
KOOYONG, 3144

7:30PM - 12 MIDNIGHT

\$150 PER HEAD

BOOKINGS: 03 9592 9450

0418 331 221 | 0432 915 049

Help celebrate this milestone in our history



KASTELLORIZIAN SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION OF VIC

SOCIAL REPORT

Functions and clubroom lunches continue to be popular and well supported by our Senior members. Meetings are scheduled for the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of **EVERY** month at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated.

DEC (2014)

To cap off an eventful year the Seniors enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Crown Mesh Restaurant. The event was most successful with 68 members in attendance.

FEBRUARY

Our first meeting this year was in February and was held at our clubrooms. Excellent meeting and lunch enjoyed by 37 members.



MARCH

Our March meeting was held at the always popular Tommy Ruff Restaurant in Elsternwick. 37 of our members enjoyed a wonderful "Fish & Chip" lunch.

APRIL

In April the Seniors had a luncheon, which was held at clubrooms.

27 of our members attended and enjoyed videos of old Kazzie member family weddings and photos.

MAY

In May the Seniors held a Mothers' day lunch celebration at the Crown Kitchen Workshop Buffet. The event was well supported with 43 members present.

A most enjoyable day. Our ladies were presented with chocolates as a small gift for Mother's Day.

1st WEDNESDAY
EVERY MONTH

At the Clubrooms
unless stated
otherwise

KASTELLORIZIAN SENIOR CITIZENS

WHAT'S ON NEXT?

3RD JUNE

On the 3rd of June we will be holding a traditional greek lunch at club.

There will be a speaker from the Greek Orthodox church present to talk about the patron saints of Kastellorizo - Saint Constantine and Saint Helen.

Come celebrate 90 years of Kazzie traditional music and songs! Please bring some greek sweets to share.

1ST JULY

On the 1st of July we will be holding a luncheon at Columbo's family restaurant (250 Whitehorse Road Balwyn) at 12 noon. It will be \$10 for members.

Afterwards, we will be visiting Crossroad Books (373 Canterbury Road, Surrey Hills). The bookshop is run by George Varsamis, who is Nick Patiniotis' son-in-law.

George is well versed in a large range of books related to Orthodoxy.

Anyone interested in going after lunch will need to have or organise their own transport. We will finish lunch and leave at approximately 2:00pm for the bookshop.

It is optional as to how long you stay, although we would like to have a rough idea though of how many members would like to go.

5TH AUGUST

In August we will be holding a lunch and fundraising for Cancer Council of Victoria at the club. bring along homeland memorabilia to show. for example bring a brac, clothing, jewellery, books etc.

2ND SEPTEMBER

Proposed free bus trip to celebrate 90th year of KAV. visit to rhododendron gardens in the Dandenongs with lunch at the Cuckoo. Cost for lunch tba and confirmed. Pick up points for bus will be advised, but be prepared for an early start and late return back home. it will be a wonderful day out.

7TH OCTOBER

We will be holding a lunch at the club. AGM and bingo. There will also be a confirmation of the Christmas lunch cost. A speaker or entertainer to be organised.

4TH NOVEMBER

There will be lunch at the club and a spring carnival hat parade, with a prize for favourite hat. Payment for xmas lunch will also be due on this day.

2ND DECEMBER

Christmas lunch at the Mesh restaurant at Crown Casino.

We thank you all for your support.

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BIRTHDAYS AND CHRISTENINGS

RUBY DINA GOLAN

In February this year Ruby Dina Golan celebrated her first birthday with family and friends.

Ruby is the daughter of Stephanie and Omer and also the first grandchild of Chris and Irene Mingos.

The KAV wishes Ruby all the best for the future.

(Submitted by Christine Dimer)



SADIE DIMER

Sadie Dimer was christened in March by Alex Paltos at St Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Prahran.

Alex is the son of Jim and Jane Paltos. Sadie is the daughter of Camilla and Steve Dimer.

Sadie was christened Chrysanthi after her grandmother Christine Dimer. George and Christine Dimer are the proud grandparents of 5 grandchildren.

(Submitted by Christine Dimer)

CHARLES LOUISE

Congratulations to Maria Prodromou (nee Pavlou) on becoming a first time grandmother to Charlie Louise, born 25th March 2015. Charlie is the daughter of Evan Prodromou and partner Erin and is the first great grandchild for Jim and Christina Pavlou.

(Submitted by Christine Pavlou)



MARRIAGES



JAMES + CHRISTINE GOODMAN

Christine Verginis, beautiful daughter of Jim & Evi Verginis, married her beloved James L. Goodman on Sunday 22 March at the Old Treasury Building in Melbourne.

James is the second son of Ian & Lynne Goodman of Sale, Gippsland, Victoria.

Friends and family celebrated the happy wedding with Greek dancing and Lebanese cuisine at the unique Rumi Restaurant in Brunswick.

The couple have left Australia for more celebrations in Italy

(Submitted by Jim Verginis)

JACK + REGINE MIRIKLIS

Jack Michael Miriklis and I (Regine Karantzas) got married on Saturday 30th November 2013 on our 5th Anniversary. Our ceremony was at St Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church followed by a reception at the River Room at Crown Towers.

Jack is the son of Michael and Zina Miriklis. His grandparents are Katina and the Late Jack Miriklis of whom he was named after and Lefteri and Katina Chryssochoos of Adelaide.



Regine is the daughter of Chris & Rita Karantzas. Her grandparents are Apostolos & Regina Karantzas and Michael & Maritsa Giannoglou.

(Submitted by Christine Dimer)



I N M E M O R I U M

EFSTATHIOS SAKELLAROPOULOS

We would like to thank relatives and friends for attending the funeral, and expressing their condolences for the late Efstathios Sakellarpoulos, who passed away on the 28th February 2015. Our heartfelt thanks..

(Submitted by Rita (nee Spartels), Costa, Nikolaos and Basil.)

JACK BARTHOLOMEW BISAS (23.2.1925 - 7.4.2015)

His engaging friendly personality, caring and supportive nature endeared him to anyone who came in contact with him.

On the 20th of September 1953 Jack Bisas married Marika Koutsoukis, the beginning of a loving 61-year marriage. Jack had an uncanny ability to socialise with all walks of life, from Prime Ministers, to men in the public bar. Therefore it was natural that a person with strong Christian values who adored people would be significantly involved in community.



Despite his extensive community involvement and his Australian honour, Jack was most proud of his Kastellorizian of the Year Award, reflecting his love for his Kastellorizian heritage. As well as President of the Association for 16 years, he established the Young Men's Kastellorizian Youth Association. He instilled in his family strong values as well as a commitment and love for both football (Richmond Football Club) and Politics.

The Bisas family would like to thank those who visited and contacted Jack and the family. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who wanted to see him, some who travelled from other parts of Australia: as a family member quoted "everyone loves Uncle Jack!".

We were privileged to have Jack in our lives; he will be sorely missed by his wife Marika, his children Eula, Ian, George and Jim, daughter-in-laws Popi and Pauline, and his grandchildren Jacqueline, Simeon, Adriana, Jack Junior and Sam.

Thank-you for a life well lived!

(Submitted by Marika Bisas)



IN MEMORIUM

VALE DAISY PANOURIAS (NEE AUGUSTES)

Anastasia (Daisy) Panourias was born in 1935, the fifth and youngest child of Emmanuel and Flora Augustes (nee Georgiou). Daisy's older siblings were Angelo, John, Peter and Grace. Emmanuel was one of the earliest Kazzies in Melbourne, arriving in Fremantle in 1917 and coming across to Melbourne in 1919, via the forests and timber mills south of Perth and the Port Pirie Smelter. Flora migrated to Adelaide in 1926 just two weeks after the earthquake hit Kastellorizo.

The Augustes children grew up in Balaclava where Emmanuel ran a fruit shop on Carlisle Street for 35 years.



(Above) Daisy is pictured at the front on the left

Daisy was part of a large extended family as her father was the eldest of eight children, all of who, by 1922 had migrated to Australia – sisters Florrie Conos, Asimina Jackomos, Mihalakina Pavles, Zabetta Xanthos and brothers Peter, Michael and Theodore. As her mother's family lived in Adelaide, on most weekends Flora would take her daughters to visit their Carlton Augustes cousins. This was the foundation of life long friendships and connection between these cousins.

Daisy met her husband Spiro Panourias at the engagement party of her cousin, Katina Fermanis. Spiro had just arrived from Thessaloniki and so was considered an xeni by her family but despite strong opposition they were married in 1955. Spiro and Daisy made a great partnership, both personally and at work. They operated a series of successful businesses, mainly to do with food. However, the greatest joy of their lives was the arrival of their son Michael in 1969. They were devoted to him and Michael became the centre of their lives.

Spiro died in 2000. These last 15 years, while adjusting to life on her own, have seen an expansion in Daisy's life – grandchildren Zac and Gracen, an interest in politics and current affairs, an avid reader, family history, time to educate herself about healthy eating and perfecting her excellent cooking skills.

Daisy will be sadly missed by all.

(Submitted by Daisy's family)

To have a social notice included in the next newsletter please send your submission in a word document to the Editor (f.josephides@gmail.com).

KAZZIE KOSMOS

DESMOS FOR KASTELLORIZIAN SCHOOLS

In late 2014 the local high school on Kastellorizo recieved a significant donation from Desmos, which is a charitable non-governmental organisation operating from Athens & Thessaloniki.

The donations, included:

- o 6 personal computers, a UPS and CD player for its IT laboratory
- o a fully-fitted Biochemistry Laboratory, which included laboratory shirts, heating and laser equipment and electricity models
- o Art and stationary supplies
- o Sports equipment
- o First Aid kits

The KAV wishes the children and teachers all the best for the future and hope they now have better opportunities in their tertiary studies. and for their future

Desmos identifies businesses which may have surplus items, such as furniture, books, stationery, medical products and electrical goods.

They then pass on these goods to social welfare organisations throughout Greece who distribute them to the needy. In two years of operation, Desmos has distributed over €1 million in support to such welfare organisations.

In 2014, Desmos initiated the Desmos for Schools program and distributed equipment & expendables to 25 Schools of 9 Remote Islands in the Aegean Sea (Astipalaia, Anafi, Iraklia, Schinoussa, Chalki, Simi, Nisiros, Kastellorizo, Serifos) & 1 Children's Playground in Amorgos.

For more information on the organisation go to www.desmos.org.

(Clockwise from Right) - Sports Equipment, Computers, Science Equipment and students and teacher from the high school.

Photographs provided by Marilyn Tsolakis



KAZZIE KOSMOS

LEADING BY EXAMPLE - RECYCLE

Kastellorizo has a recycling programme that was set up last year by its non-profit organisation, Drasi Kastellorizou.

With donations from expat Australians, Italians, English, South Africans they have bought an electric car (solar powered) and a compressor to compact the materials. This project has also provided 1.5 jobs for the small community.

In the inaugural season they collected over 30,000 plastic bottles! This year they hope to expand materials collected to include glass and batteries.

On March 18 the high school students and teachers of Kastellorizo took an excursion of a different kind. Armed with sticks and nail prongs, they walked the roads of their island for two hours picking up recyclable materials especially plastics, paper and aluminium.

They worked towards the space where the compressor is located and helped load up the machine with their overloaded bags, learning how the materials are packed for easy transport, sent to Rhodes and then on to companies on the mainland to be recycled.

It was a day of camaraderie and fun, and most importantly, it was done with strong community spirit. It is heartwarming to see the next generation caring for the future of their homeland.

[Submitted by Margarita Kannis.](#)

Margarita is an Australian born Kazzie from Perth and now lives in Kastellorizzo. She is part of the non-profit organisation Drasi Kastellorizou.

This article has been reproduced and was originally published in the Rodiaki - a newsletter on the island of Rhodes.



To find out more about Drasi Kastellorizou you can contact Margarita via email - margarita_kanni@hotmail.com



KASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR

CRITERIA AND APPLICATION FORM

The Award of Kastellorizian of the Year was introduced in 1993. Each year the award identifies a person who has achieved excellence in his or her chosen field and has brought honour to the Kastellorizian community.

The award in 2015 will be presented in Melbourne. This year the presentation will be made at the Gala Dinner on the 17th October 2015 to be held at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

A list of past recipients can be located at – www.kastellorizo.com.au

Closing date for all applications will be the close of business on the 28th August 2015.

Nomination may be made by any member of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria. Nomination can also be made by any member of another State Kastellorizian Association

Selection Criteria

The nominated person must:

1. Be of Kastellorizian descent.
2. Have demonstrated excellence in a field of endeavour and/or has made an outstanding contribution to the Kastellorizian, Greek and/or Australian community.
3. Be an inspirational role model for Kastellorizians.

Note: Members of the Selection Committee may not be nominated nor nominate a person for this award.

In considering the nominee, the Selection Committee will have regard to:

- The recognition the nominee has already received.
- What role has the nominee played in the Kastellorizian, Greek and/or Australian community?
- Why are he/she is an inspirational role model?
- Outline the way that their achievements have promoted good citizenship.

Nominations for the Kastellorizian of the Year Award must be received of by close of business on the 28th of August 2015

A person may be nominated more than once but a new and current nomination form must be submitted each time.

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NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATOR (please complete the following details)

Nominee's details (the person you would like to nominate)

Please provide as much detail as possible.

Title _____ First name(s) _____ Surname _____

Position/ Organisation (optional) _____

Residential Address _____

Telephone (home) _____ (work) _____ (mobile) _____

Email _____

Age _____

Mother's maiden name _____

Address to Criteria (If space is insufficient, please provide attachments)

1. Outline the Kastellorizian heritage of the nominee.

2. How has the nominee demonstrated excellence in they're chosen field, and/or has made an outstanding contribution to the Kastellorizian, Greek and/or Australian community?

Give field:

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3. ***Why is the nominee an inspirational role model? Please outline the reasons, and also the recognition the nominee has received in their field of endeavour or for any other endeavours.***

Nominator's details (the person nominating the candidate)

Title _____ First name(s) _____ Surname _____

Position/ Organisation (optional) _____

Residential Address _____

Telephone (home) _____ (work) _____ (mobile) _____

Email _____ Age _____

Nominator's State Kastellorizian Association (e.g. Victoria) _____

Relationship to nominated candidate _____

Signature of nominator _____ Date _____

Please enclose a resume of the nominee (if available) and any supporting material.

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NOMINATION FORM

REFEREE (please complete the following details).

Please note: The referee may be contacted for further information if your nominee is short-listed.

Referee's details

Title _____ First name(s) _____ Surname _____

Position/ Organisation (optional) _____

Residential Address _____

Telephone (home) _____ (work) _____ (mobile) _____

Email _____ Age _____

Relationship to nominated candidate _____

Signature of nominator _____ Date _____

NOMINATION SUBMISSION DETAILS **NOMINATOR please note:**

All nominations must be received by 5pm, Friday 28th of August 2015. The successful candidate will be notified by mid-September 2015.

The presentation of the Award will be held in Melbourne at the Gala Dinner to be held at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on the 17th October 2015.

The nomination form and attachments must be marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and submitted by post to:

The Secretary
Kastellorizian of the Year Nomination
Kastellorizian Association of Victoria
PO Box 112, South Melbourne, 3205, Victoria, Australia

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MEMBERSHIP

(For full voting rights)

Individual Membership (18 to 64 years)

\$20.00 per person

Honorary members (65 years +)

No charge

Financial Year is from 1st July 2014 to 30th June 2015

I,
(NAME IN FULL)

of,
(ADDRESS) (POSTCODE)

hereby apply to be accepted as a member of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria and
promise, if accepted, to abide by the rules and articles of the Association.

Date of Birth: ... / ... / Place of birth:

Occupation: Married/Single (Circle)

Telephone Nos. Mobile

Email:

Father's name: Place of Birth:

Mother's Name: Place of Birth:

If parents were not born in Kastellorizo, please record your Kastellorizian connection :

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Dated this..... day of..... 2014

Signature of Applicant:

Note: If membership renewal please ignore the section below.

Nominated by:

Address:

Date of Application..... Date of Acceptance:

Secretary:

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Mail Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Inc. PO. Box 112 South Melbourne Vic 3205
2. EFT transaction at your Bank, Post Office or Internet. BSB: 063014 Account No. 10118932
3. Credit Card Download forms from www.kastellorizo.com.au

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