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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members,

The past few months have been very busy indeed. On 20th May, we celebrated the feast of St. Constantine and St. Helen by attending the church service in the morning followed by our annual reception at the Clubrooms. In the presence of the Consul General for Greece Ms. Eleni Lianidou and the Member for Albert Park, Mr. Martin Foley several students were presented with their VCE bursaries, and each one spoke admirably to the fascination and interest of the audience. The Kastellorizian of the Year Award for 2012 was presented to **Michael Nicholas Spartels**. This popular and prestigious award recognised his unfailing commitment to the KAV and the Greek community generally. His loyalty to the Kastellorizian Club as well as other institutions is well known and acts as an inspirational role model to both the young and old. Members may wish to consider nominating a worthy fellow Kastellorizian in readiness for the 2013 award as we will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary. A copy of the application form can be found on our website.

Following this mammoth day, several members travelled to Perth to participate in the WA Castellorizian Centenary celebrations. Together with **Betty Adgemis, Christine Dimer, Connie Gregory, Paul Gregory, Michelle Hondros, George Panagacos, James Paltos, Evelyn Salvaris, George Verginis and James Verginis**, we were given the "red carpet treatment". The week began with a beautiful church service on Monday 21st May at St. Constantine's and St. Helens celebrated by nine priests. A series of seminars, lunches, afternoon

teas were held and the Gala Dinner at the Birdwood Casino was the culmination of the festivities. We are most grateful to our fellow Kastellorizians for the warmth of their welcome- three years in the making, and congratulate them for achieving their centenary. This is an outstanding milestone for any organisation and an inspiration for other Kastellorizians to aspire to in the years to come.

At the end of the Western Australian Centenary Week an informal meeting of state representatives was held to discuss ideas for the future. One concept raised, was the possibility of forming a loose national alliance. No firm decisions were made and notes of this meeting recorded the various comments. Another possibility is to hold a National Conference every three years or earlier and it was felt that Melbourne was the most central city to do this. I would be happy to hear from our KAV members or any interstate friends with any views on this topic and encourage you to telephone me on 0421326199 or email me on gpanag@bigpond.net.net.au

The Gala Dinner on 2nd June was a wonderful night. The venue "Red Scooter" is known to many of us as the venue of **Flora and Eamon Hamilton** who went out of their way to ensure that the members had a memorable evening. The night was a sell-out and a great time was had by all. Several timid members were seen to be carving up the dance floor well up to the last dance! Flora oversees our major events and we are fortunate to have her skills represented on the Committee.

The *Kastelloriziaka Nea* is published in Greece every two months and is distributed world wide. For over 40 years Mr. Nick Patiniotis acted as the Victorian correspondent and his efforts have been well recognised and fully appreciated. Our search for a replacement correspondent has taken some time. Fortunately, **John Steve Adgemis**, a Past President of the Association, has agreed to take up this role and we wish him well. Please contact John directly on 0408547660 if you wish to contribute to this publication or if you have any queries.

The archival work is making good progress. Our Heritage Co-ordinator, **Florence Livery** and I met with our consultant to discuss our collection and our "Significance Assessment" Report, funded by the National Library of Australia, has now been completed. This report provides guidelines for our future direction and we have many exciting possibilities to consider. We will be able to use this to develop a plan for the effective management and storage of our materials. You may be aware this work

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was reported in "Neos Kosmos" on Saturday 17th March, 2012.

In response to the competition in the last edition of the *Kazzie News*, the Committee was delighted to receive half a dozen entries for the naming of the heritage subcommittee. They decided that the best entry was from **Sandra Wyatt (August)** who proposed The Megisteon Heritage Society. The name Megisteon links the ancient coin found on Kastellorizo with the name of Megisteon - the people of Megisti as described in Norman Ashton's book *Ancient Megisti*. Sandra was presented with her prize at the Megisti Club afternoon tea. My thanks go to the members who submitted entries and responded to this competition.

Florence is interviewing key people to collect valuable data about our organisation. The Megisteon's first event will be held on Sunday 23rd of September and we eagerly invite all members to support our first event. For more details see pages 6, 18 and 19.

Please take the time to consider these matters and read the whole newsletter. I wish to thank our editor, **Evelyn Salvaris** for the time she gives to compile our newsletter. A time consuming task, this newsletter is the "lifeblood" of our organisation and heavily supported by the Committee generally.

With best wishes,

Yvonne Panagacos.



Above: President Yvonne Panagacos with

1. The Victorian delegation at the Centenary Celebrations of the Castellorizian Association of WA.
2. The KAV Committee at the KAV Gala Ball. Photograph by Happy Medium Photo Co.



Above: President Yvonne Panagacos with Kastellorizian of 2012, Mr. Michael Spartels (left), Consul General of Greece, Mrs. Eleni Lianidou and Mr. Martin Foley MP.

Below: President Yvonne Panagacos awarding Sandra Wyatt the prize for naming the Kastellorizian Heritage Society the Megisteon Heritage Society.



Announcements

**2012-2013
Memberships
are payable now!**

Membership Subscription Fees:

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

Non-Fee-Paying Memberships:

1. Must be >65 years of age
2. No monetary fees required

To ensure your voting rights,
you must register and return your forms

Voluntary donations to the Association will be gratefully accepted.

PLEASE NOTE:

Increase in membership fees will be an agenda item for discussion at the AGM.

If you feel strongly about this issue, please ensure that you pay and or register your 2012-13 membership and vote at the AGM on October 14, 2012

Annual General Meeting And General Elections

Date: Sunday 14th October, 2012

Time: 2-5 pm

Venue: Kastellorizian House
250 Dorcas St
South Melbourne

To be eligible to vote and hold a committee position you must be a 2012-13 financial or registered non-fee-paying member

**Payment/registration of your membership must be RECEIVED BY
30 SEPTEMBER 2012!**

The AGM report and election ballot forms will be distributed early September, 2012.

Announcing the *Kastelloriziaka Nea* Correspondent

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria (KAV) is pleased to announce **John S Adgemis** had been appointed to the role of Correspondent for the *Kastellorizian Nea*, published in Greece.

John will work closely the central committee to promote the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria in the *Kastellorizian Nea*

John will oversee the management of the yearly subscriptions which are currently at \$60.

**For further information, subscription details and enquiries please contact
John Adgemis on 0408 547 660**

SOCIAL EVENTS

Cassie “Legends” 50 Year Reunion!

An event for all the family to share!

***Reminisce of the Young Men’s Castellorizian Society
1962 to 1965 and the friendly rivalry between GOYA South
Australia and the Melbourne Cassies***

KAV Clubrooms

Sunday 23rd September 2012 at 11am

For more details see pages 18 and 19

Bring your family, friends

and any memorabilia or photos from the era.

All Members are welcome!

Annual General Meeting and General Elections

**Sunday,
14th October, 2012
2pm Sharp**

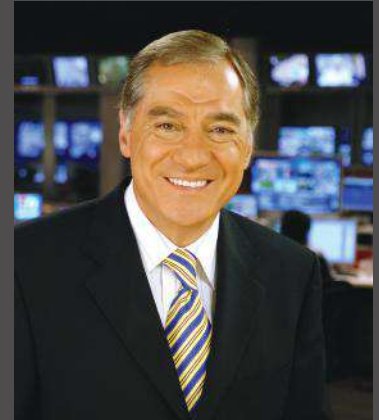
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or on the web www.kastellorizo.com.au
for further details**

Children’s Christmas Function

**Sunday,
2nd December, 2012**

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for further details**

Renovate or build your house in Greece



John Mangos
journalist

"OIKO built our house in Kastelorizo. Their attention to detail was meticulous and they finished on time and on budget. I can't recommend them highly enough for a build or restoration."

Very professional service with regular email updates and photos, simply the best"



"The Blue House" Currently under restoration.



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News from the Megisteon Heritage Society

Over the past few months I have been very busy identifying gaps in our archives. I am very pleased to say that as word gets out, the gaps are slowly closing. This has included visits to past office bearers of the Association as well as members who have their own collections of documents and artefacts relating to the club and Kastellorizo. Policies and procedures are in place and once donations have been considered as suitable to the collection, they are secured, properly housed and future access supervised. Because of this, members are gradually becoming only too willing and pleased to make appropriate additions to the *Megisteon Heritage Collection*.

The present archival focus is:

1. Records from past office bearers – minutes, personal papers to do with Kazzie business
2. Club newsletters – with the present run of Kazzie News which Jack Bisas began in late 1982. We are now only missing editions 14, 19 and 95. Also, pre-1982, other versions of newsletters existed which we have very few of.
3. Fliers, brochures and memorabilia of past club events.

We are also very keen to enhance our electronic photographic collection, particularly of past club events and group photos such as weddings and picnics. Photos of past committees. Photos of each past president of both the Brotherhood and the Ladies Committees.

Along with this I have attended numerous workshops to enhance my skills in curating, archiving, cataloguing, historical research and electronic photo management, all at no expense to the club. These workshops have been held by the Public Record Office of Victoria, The State Library of Victoria, Museum Victoria, the Genealogical Society of Victoria and Box Hill TAFE. The association is now a member of Museums of Australia (Victoria) and the Oral History Association of Victoria. I also have worked very closely with Annette Welkamp in undertaking the Significance Assessment of our heritage collection and we eagerly await her final report.

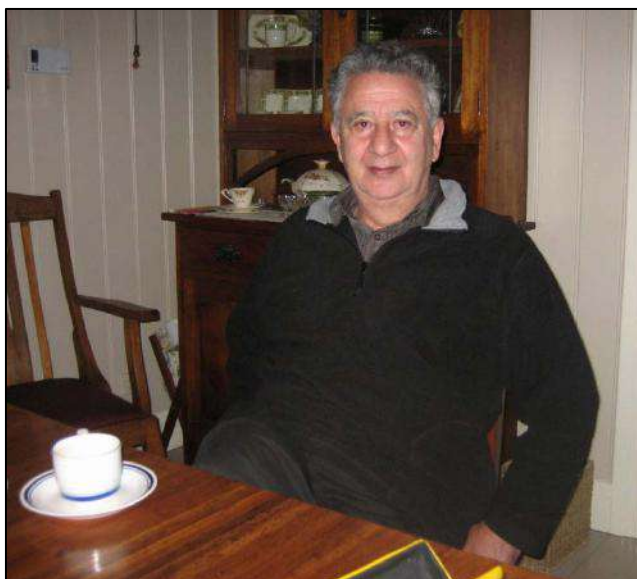
We also need to remind ourselves that the main reason we are doing all of this is to ensure that the Kazzie story will be told, particularly that of Kazzies in Victoria. A comprehensive collection makes research so much easier as I have found in my present endeavours in researching the history of the Young Men's Kastellorizian Society (YMCS), founded in 1962.

To read through the minutes of the Kastellorizian Ladies Society committee meetings is an absolute joy and privilege, to witness how the Ladies tried in vain to support this youth group, through their many social events, with waning support from the Senior Brotherhood.



Above: Arthur Calwell, Federal Opposition Leader presenting Michael Jackomos (left) with a sporting Award at the 1965 Cassie Annual Ball with Jack Kios, secretary of the YMCS in the middle.

Below: Michael being interviewed at his home for the YMCS project.



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News from the Megisteon Heritage Society

Megisteon aims to hold a major historical event annually as well as support historical publications and events. On September 23rd we have planned an event to celebrate the 50 year Anniversary of the Young Men's Castellorizian Society. We eagerly encourage all Kazzies to attend. Whilst it will be a reunion for past players and officials we would dearly welcome Kazzies from all generations to hear about this "heyday" time of the club, the glory days of the Cassie Football team, and the cricket team. However, the younger generation who are reading this may be of the misunderstanding that all of the activities of the YMCS were male dominated. The Cassie women were also at the fore – supporting the teams in fundraising and cheering as well as being active participants in the GOYA South Australia weekends. On these two weekends (1964 Melbourne and 1965 Adelaide), the women played basketball, the men played football and they united for debating and extensive socialising. The program for the Anniversary event will focus on igniting your memories through a series of photographic displays, short presentations, candid reflections from invited speakers and the audience.

In preparation for this event, I have visited and interviewed many Kazzies including Jack & Marika Bisas, Jack & Peter Constance, Michael Jackomos, Jack Kios, George Pappas, Michael Spartels, George Verginis, and made phone and email contact with many others, as well as undertaking research at the Victorian Amateur Football Association's Archives and the Melbourne Cricket Club Library.

Below: Jack Kios being interviewed at his home with son Michael eagerly hearing about his father's days as captain/coach of the Cassie Cricket team



If you can assist the activities of *Megisteon* in any way it would be greatly appreciated. This could include possible donations to the collection, stories or memorabilia to enhance our YMCS 50 year anniversary, attending our events or volunteering with archiving and research. Please do not hesitate to contact me (Telephone: 0423 007 339; 9348 0751 Email: liveryf@gmail.com)

As Michael Spartels said to me recently, "How does this make you feel? Are you proud to be Kazzie?" "Oh yes." I replied."

Florence Livery

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Kastellorizian Association of Victoria **St Constantine and St Helen's Day Celebrations and Awards**

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria celebrated St Constantine and St Helen Day on Sunday the 20th of May. Father Demetrious conducted an intimate service at St Constantine and St Helen Greek Orthodox Church, South Yarra for his regular congregation and approximately 15 members of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria which included the Association's President, Yvonne Panagacos and the 2012 Kastellorizian of Year, Michael Spartels. Following the service, Father Demetrious proceeded to give his sermon and at the conclusion welcomed the members of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria. He outlined to the congregation the role that the Kastellorizians have played in the Greek community. He also mentioned the Kastellorizian involvement with St Constantine and St Helen Greek Orthodox Church South Yarra and their participation each year on Church Saint's Day. Father Demetrious went on to explain the principle behind the Kastellorizian of the Year Award and introduced Michael Spartels to the congregation and outlined his achievements and involvement in the community.

Afterward the members who attended the Church service made their way to the Association's Clubrooms where they joined the other awardees and their families for the feast day celebration and award presentations. Once again the catering was sponsored by the Association and provided by Kartel Catering. As recorded in the guest book, the waiting staff served approximately 81 guests with the standard variety of finger food and drinks. Invited guests who attended included the Consul General of Greece Mrs. Eleni Lianidou, Mr. Martin Foley, MP, former Kastellorizians of the Year, Jack and Marika Bisas OAM and John B Salvaris OAM. Previous recipients of the Kastellorizian of the Year Award, Professor Byron Kakulas, former Senator Nick Bolkus, along with the President of the Greek Orthodox Community, Bill Papastergiadis sent their apologies. However they conveyed their congratulations to Michael and the recipients of the KYAA, VCE Recognition awards.

Following the arrival of the Consul General of Greece and the official presentation promptly began with Mrs. Yvonne Panagacos and Mrs. Eleni Lianidou awarding the VCE Awards to the recipients. **Erasmia Antonopoulos, Samantha Garrick, and Josh Pavlou** (photograph 2, page 11) accepted their awards eagerly and gave a brief speech about their current pursuits. **Kristal Kostoglou** was unable to attend the presentation, however, her proud grandmother, **Christalla Bisas** accepted the award.

Kristen Mihalos was presented with both the VCE and Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Awards. Kristen delighted not only her parents and grandparents but the entire audience with a candid and confident speech where she outlined her future plans and explained to the audience what her Kastellorizian heritage meant to her and how it has helped shaped her into the person she is today.

Yvonne then introduced Mr. Michael Spartels and summarised his long list of achievements which resulted in his award of Kastellorizian of 2012. Mrs Lianidou presented Michael with the Kastellorizian of the Year Award and he made an (photograph 1 page 11) emotional speech outlining the role the Kastellorizian Community, in particular, the Association has played in his life. Michael also emphasised the importance of family and notably the extended family. He later thanked his wife, Dianne and his children for their continued support over the years and also expressed how proud he is of their involvement as individuals in their support of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria. Evelyn Aroney daughter of Michael and Dianne Spartels, travelled from Sydney together with her children to attend the presentation.

The presentations concluded on a high note when the Consul General of Greece delivered a very impressive speech explaining her knowledge and ties with Kastellorizo, through her travels to the island, her many interactions with Kastellorizians and her knowledge of Kastellorizian history and the current political issues that surround Kastellorizo sovereignty. She said how impressed she was of our community's recognition and preservation of the Kastellorizian heritage irrespective of the fact that members of the community range from Kastellorizian immigrants to fourth generation Australian-Kastellorizians.

After the formalities, the guests enjoyed a variety of sweets which included home made baklava supplied by the Committee along with tea and coffee.

Evelyn Salvaris

Photographs Page 11.

1. Michael Spartels 2. The Awardees 3. Consul General of Greece, Mrs. Eleni Lianidou 4. VCE recipient, Josh with proud grandparents Christina and Dimitri Pavlou 5. Michael with sisters, Maria Kominos and Peggy Zervos and cousins Yvonne Panagacos and Nick Zervos 6. Michael with his extended family 7. Kristen Mihalos, recipient of the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award with proud parents, Vivenne and Alex.

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Gala Dance

Despite the cold Melbourne winter's evening on the Saturday 30th of June, a glamorous and elegant Gala Ball was enjoyed by 100 guests.

The event venue, *Red Scooter* in Balaclava was easily identifiable by the red scooter situated on the curb outside the premises. As the guests arrived they were greeted by *Red Scooter* staff, who assisted them to car parking. The guests then entered the luxurious Maddison Room along a red carpet, where they mingled with friends and family whilst enjoying welcome drinks and canapés.

When seated, a "three hatted equivalent" three course meal was served starting with an entrée of feta spinach & pine nut ravioli. The main meal was a choice of eye fillet with cabernet sauvignon jus and red onion jam or an oven baked chicken breast stuffed with sage, shallots and garlic crumbs on a bed of mushroom and spinach with jus gras. Both mains were accompanied by tangine of vegetables which were lightly spiced served on preserved fruit & nut couscous with mint and yoghurt. Finally a mouth watering dessert platter of fresh fruit tarts topped with lemon curd and fruit, mini apple pies and mini chocolate éclairs were served with tea and coffee.

During the evening there was plenty of dancing to the music of the live Greek band *Glendi*. A raffle was held following the welcoming speech by the President of the Association, Yvonne Panagacos. Sandra and Tass Nikou won the first prize of the five piece Estelle cookware set valued at over \$1000 donated by Nik Spartels and family. Second prize of a Persian carpet was won by Flora Hamilton and John A Adgemis won the Kazzie Boukla brooch.

The Association's gratitude goes to Flora and Eamon Hamilton for providing us with such a lovely evening and to all raffle prize donors.

It was very pleasing to see such a young crowd, as well as our regulars, enjoying the evening and many requests for the evening to be repeated on a regular basis.

Evelyn Salvaris

PHOTOGRAPHS Right: 1. Maria Kominos, Christine and Barry Davison on the Red Carpet 2-4. The "younger set" having a good time. Photographs by Happy Medium Photo Co.



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Megiste Club

A Gypsy Inspired Afternoon

On the 17 June 2012 the Kazzie club was transformed into a combination of a Moroccan, Egyptian, gypsy inspired *kafenio* with all the trimmings you could imagine. A tent with Egyptian rugs, cushions, beautiful wall hangings and candle light set the scene for an exciting afternoon.

Our special guests, fortune tellers Evie McKinna, from Brisbane and local coffee cup reader Koula were kept very busy reading the fortunes and coffee cups of many of the 60 people who attended. The heat was on in the kitchen with Maria Katris, Yvonne Kaponis and Christine Mastores-Davidson churning out the Greek coffees. Gina Gekas won the award for the best dressed gypsy and she certainly looked fantastic.

To set the atmosphere the Kazband kept us entertained with beautiful gypsy music. The Kazband comprised of Karen Kyriakou on violin and Stephen Stanisic on piano accordion. Karen, who has a grandmother from Kastellorizo, was very pleased to be part of the day and to visit the club for the first time.

Sandra Wyatt accepted her prize for naming the Megisteion Heritage Society which will be used as the future name for the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's historical group.

Many thanks go to all of the people who contributed with their delicious food and sweets and donations. A good profit was made on the raffle with many prizes for our guests.

Bookings for the Kazband Mob: 0417052677 or check out the website @ www.kazband.com.au
Bookings for Evie Mob 0438883615. You can have a reading by skype via Evie's website www.soulsearchenterprises.com

Christine Dimer
Chrysanthi Koutsoukis

PHOTOGRAPHS Right: 1. Christine Dimer with Karen Kyriakou and Stephen Staisic 2. Koula in action reading Sandra Varvodic's coffee cup 3. Evie in her tent telling someone's fortune 4. The Caripis party enjoying the day.



AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS REPORTS AND FUNCTIONS

KASTELLORIZIAN SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB Inc

by President, Christine Dimer

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2012

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Starting at 10.30am , UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

September 5

Buffet Lunch at Templestowe Hotel- 23 Parker Street Templestowe 3107.

Pickup bus (provided by Hotel) will leave Caulfield Tabaret, Station St, Caulfield at 10am sharp.

Lunch is \$19.90 -members pay \$10.

Bus will leave Templestowe for Caulfield at 2pm sharp. For those that live nearby, we will meet at the hotel for morning tea at 11am. **We need 45 members for this function to go ahead. Please let us know if you are coming. Ring Peter or Christine.**

October 3rd

**AGM and Lunch at Club
250 Dorcas St South Melbourne.
Bingo after conclusion of meeting.**

Bookings will be taken for Christmas Lunch at Crown. Full payment will need to be made. Recent enquiries have confirmed that Crown has renovated the Conservatory and costs have increased considerably. It may be at least \$50 for lunch. We will of course subsidise, but it will be at least \$30 or \$35 for members. To be confirmed. An alternative, is that we could go to the Kitchen Workshop at Crown and the Christmas lunch would be fully covered by us - in other words a FREE Lunch.

November 7

**Spring Carnival Lunch at the Club and Bingo.
Kastellorizian Association of Victoria
250 Dorcas St South Melbourne.
Best hat and outfit competition. Oaks day raffle.
Finalise details for Christmas Lunch.**

December 5

Christmas Lunch - venue to be confirmed.

All dates and functions are subject to change. Kindly keep in touch with committee members and regularly support the seniors association by participating in all our functions. External outings will be subsidised for members.

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Peter Christofas 9379 8635 or 0422586177
Val Lazarakis 9523 5362
Sam or Cherry Alexander 9857 8951
Irene Mingos 9571 5919

**Christine Dimer
President
August 2012**



Christmas in July at the Glasshouse Caulfield

Top Right: Daisy Panourias, Marie Zorbas, Peter Augustes, Nick Zorbas

Below: Steve Bisas, Michael and Hellas Christopher .

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Kastellorizian Senior Citizens Club Inc:

News and Social Events *by President, Christine Dimer*

In May we had a Mother's Day luncheon at the Savoy Vibe. 36 Members attended for a Buffet Lunch. A free raffle was held on the day and some lucky members went home with vouchers to spend. They were Anthony Stabelos, Michael Spartels and Sylvia Miriklis. Thank you to Peter Christofas for organising this function in my absence.

In June, the Seniors had lunch at the clubrooms. 41 members attended. We had Hahndorfs chocolates to taste and purchase and we played Bingo with lots of prizes given. Yvonne donated a tea towel (from the 100th Anniversary celebrated in Perth) and George Verginis a bottle of wine. We thank them both. Yvonne Panagacos kindly showed us over 400 photos from Perth's 100th celebration of their Club. It was wonderful to see so many faces from other states who attended.

Michael Spartels was congratulated on his becoming Kastellorizian of the Year and a good time was had by all. A lovely lunch of roast chicken and salads was enjoyed and we thank all those members who bring along morning tea and raffle prizes.

In July, we celebrated Christmas in July at the Glasshouse Restaurant in Caulfield. It was lovely to see Con and Despo Lucas, also Maria Katris and Jim Verginis who have become members.

We also wished Michelle Hondros many happy returns on her recent Birthday celebration.

At this function, members paid \$10 and we subsidised \$11.90 for the two course lunch of Roast Turkey and Ham with vegetables and plum pudding and custard. Many thanks to all those members who attended.

For the coming functions, please note that the August 1st get together will be at the club and we will be contributing our takings to the Cancer Council of Victoria, which has become an annual event. Please bring along a sweet or savoury to share for lunch. Bring along family and friends on the day. Donation \$5 for all. Payment of \$10 will need to be made for

our lunch the following month at the Templestowe Hotel. For the functions from September to December, please refer to our Diary or contact our members below.

We would also like to let you know that we have purchased a new digital camera for the Seniors, together with a new vacuum cleaner. We have also contributed \$700 towards the television purchased for the club rooms I also attended a certified training course at TAFE in Moorabbin on Food Handling which was very informative, as many of us are handling and storing food at the club. The funding for all the above purchases, was made available to us from the Volunteer Grants for 2011. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs made this funding available to acknowledge the valuable work of Australia's Volunteers.

Thank you to all for your ongoing support of our Seniors Club and we look forward to providing you with enjoyable get togethers.

Many thanks

Christine Dimer
President
July 2012



Christmas in July at the Glasshouse Caulfield

Above: - Maria Katris with sister, Despo and brother-in-law Con Lucas.

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Castellorizian Association of WA: **Centenary Celebrations**

Recently I attended the 100 year Anniversary for the formation of the Kastellorizian Association of Western Australia. Due to my participation at the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's St Constantine and St Helen's Day Celebrations and Awards presentation, along with my work commitments I was unable to leave for Perth until the afternoon of the 21st of May.

For me the celebrations began with the Conference which was held at the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia's clubhouse in Mount Hawthorne, about 20 minutes from the CBD. I walked down the path and into the entrance hall to a sea of unfamiliar faces. Catherine Papanastasiou, the Secretary of the Steering Committee for the Celebrations appeared out of the crowd to welcome me. After a few introductions to Kenneth Michael, Byron and Bartley Kakulas, Nicholas and Mary Nicholas and Jim Manifis, I entered the conference room and met more "Kazzies" from all over Australia. Finally, I started to put faces to the many famous Kastellorizians names. The Victorian group consisted of Yvonne and George Panagacos, Paul and Connie Gregory, Christine Dimer, James and Jane Paltos, Michelle Hondros, Betty Adgemis, George and James Verginis and not forgetting John C Mangos. Some of you may disagree with John's inclusion but as the saying goes "you can take the boy out of Melbourne but you can't take Melbourne out of the boy!"

Master of Ceremonies, Bartley Kakulas invited the President of the Castellorizian Association of WA, Mr. Jim Manifis to the stage. Jim welcomed all the attendees, the numerous interstate delegates and invited speakers.

The first speaker of the program was Kastellorizian historian, Mr Nicholas Pappas. Nicholas began by describing the life on Kastellorizo in its' "heyday" in the mid 1800's when Kastellorizo was wealthy due to the privileges it shared with its Ottoman rulers, the prolific ship building, merchant trade and the lucrative sponges market. Then Nicholas explained how technology, that is; the arrival of the steam ship, the tightening of Ottoman privileges, subsequent decline in trade and the economy, numerous wars, invasion by a variety of different foreign powers and natural disasters all took its toll on the Island and its people.

Over morning I endeavoured to make my way to the scrumptious selection of sweet treats at the morning tea table but I was side tracked by conversation.

I learnt from the other Melbournians what had transpired at the Sunday Registration BBQ and the Church service and Feast Day Luncheon of Saints Constantine and Helene. From all accounts, the Church service was spectacular. The service was delivered by nine Greek Orthodox Priests and accompanied by magnificent Byzantine chants from the Cantors. The magnificence of the day is depicted below.



The above photographs of the Sts Constantine and Helene Day service are courtesy of the Castellorizian Association of WA

The second session of Day One was conducted by Dr John Yiannakis. His topic covered the arrival of the Kastellorizians in Western Australia. He discussed their role in the Greek Community in Perth and their assimilation in the Australian Community. Later he highlighted the influence that Kastellorizians played in fields of medicine, dentistry, the commerce and local politics. At times John was somewhat controversial as he explained that the Kastellorizians were not always the first Greeks to make notable achievements in the Greek community of WA but they were in the forefront.

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At the conclusion of the first session, I thought of the hardships our ancestors went through, both here and in Australia and how lucky we are to reap the rewards of their hard work and courage 100 years later.

The next day, I arrived at the conference a little "jetlagged" and the caffeine boost from my breakfast coffee had not kicked in. However, I soon "woke up" to the raw of laughter from the audience when John Mangos opened his witty, thought provoking and controversial presentation 'Kastellorizian culture - Dilution and Demise'. John's presentations brought to the fore the topical issues that many young Kazzies face growing up in a Kazzie family in present day Australia. As I listened it dawned on me how these issues also impact on the future of the Kastellorizian Associations in general. John also raised concerns regarding the economic and political climate faced in our ancestral homeland, Greece. The audience listened attentively. At the conclusion a barrage of questions was raised and an excellent debate followed. As many Melbourne Kazzies could not attend, John has kindly allowed us to print a précis of his talk (see page 24 and 25).

Prior to lunch, Marilyn Tsolakis gave an excellent summary of the conference and skilfully put the speaker's topics into perspective.

It would have been very difficult to return to the next session after the generous lunch, if it wasn't for the final presentation by the Kastellorizian genealogy wizard, Mr Allan Cresswell. Allan surveyed the audience and selected seemingly unrelated people from the various states. With a wave of his magic wand he linked the group and identified them as relatives either through blood ties or marriage. The room was abuzz as everyone discovered newly found relatives sitting close by.

At the conclusion of the conference, I left thinking that all the topics discussed at this event were something every Kastellorizian should hear at least once in their lifetime. However I was somewhat disappointed that the young Kazzie descendents did not attend or did not have the opportunity to do so.



Above: The Steering Committee for the Centenary Celebrations courtesy of the Castellorizian Association of WA

On Wednesday evening, an official reception was hosted by the Lord Mayor of Perth to commemorate the Centenary of the Castellorizian Association of WA. The reception was held at the Civic Centre.

During the course of the evening, I was impressed to discover the relationship between the City of Perth and many Kastellorizians over the last 100 years. I was in awe that the City of Perth held the Kastellorizians in such high esteem that they officially established sister city relationships with Kastellorizo (and Rhodes) in the 1980's.

Thursday was scheduled as a free day and I had hoped to explore the sites of Perth. Instead, I chose to accept the very welcoming invitations from a number of Perth Kazzies. Yvonne and I were driven to Kings Park by Stacey Doucas. We arrived at the café in centre of Kings Park. The views from the enormous windows of the café were spectacular. The ambience of enjoying the outdoors from inside was further assisted by the beautiful sunny weather. At the café we met our hosts Faye Katris, President of the Castellorizian Ladies Association of WA and the ladies from the Committee (see photograph below). Also invited were representatives from the Castellorizian Ladies Auxiliary of NSW. There was so much chatter that the morning passed very quickly and we only had time for a very brief walk around the Park before heading back to our hotel.



After a brief "pit stop", we were whisked away again. This time by Marilyn Tsolakis, who took us on a quick tour of "Subi" or for non locals, Subiaco. We arrived at Boukla, a very charismatic café run by fellow Castellorizian, Debbie and her husband (Debbie is the sister of Merrill Kostarelas). As soon as I walked in the door, I was immediately reminded of Kastellorizo. Beautiful kilims were suspended on the walls and Kazzie memorabilia and decorations of brikis and Turkish tea sets sat on the counter. We "unexpectedly" ran into and met many Kazzies who passed in and out of the café throughout the day.

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Centenary Celebrations

These chance meetings were uncannily similar to bumping into familiar Australian Kazzies unexpectedly whilst visiting Kastellorizo. In true Kazzie tradition, Debbie emerged from the kitchen and offered us a kersma, a freshly baked Sofra, still warm from the oven. In brief, Sofra is a milk custard pie with ruffled filo pastry and dusted with icing sugar and pistachio nuts. It was delicious. It was only when I walked out of the café then I remembered I was in Perth and not Kastellorizo and all too soon, I was back at the hotel. I quickly changed and met with friends from Melbourne, who now live in Perth. More food, more pleasant company and what a lovely day it turned out to be!

Friday, I joined the interstate delegates for a visit to Fremantle. Whilst on the bus, I heard the sounds of Greek spoken with a French accent. Allan Cresswell confirmed that I had not misheard. Later at morning tea, I approached the ladies to ask if they knew of one of my father's relatives, who had migrated to France. I quick call on the mobile to my father to confirm details. "Lo and behold", it turned out Marie Pizanis was the goddaughter of the relative in question. So part of the French link in our family's history was solved.

We had lunch or should I say a "feast" of Fish and Chips at Kailis' Fish Market at Fremantle Wharf. By the time I returned to the hotel from the bus trip, I was exhausted and I gave the evening event at the races a miss.



Above: Yvonne Panagacos enjoying lunch at the Kailis' Fish Market with ladies from the Committee of the Castellorizian Ladies Auxiliary of NSW Pat Sechos, Rene Zervos and Eva Exintaris

Saturday morning and with only half a day available to squeeze in some sight seeing. I speedily ran through the Gallery of Western Australia, the Northbridge shops, which included a visit to the Kakulas Brother's food store and the Bell Tower.

A quick dash back to the hotel through the city via the beautiful London Arcade. I made it back to my room with just enough time to prepare for the Gala Dinner.

I arrived at the Astral Ballroom in the Burswood Entertainment Complex with Paul and Connie Gregory and in a few minutes the venue was flooded with just over 500 guests. I was seated with and enjoyed the company of Christine Drimatis, her husband and their guests who included Irene and Jack Antonas from Adelaide. Christine was a member of the Organising Committee and she explained the concept of the beautiful "Blue Grotto" inspired table features. The meal started with a lobster salad. The main was beef fillet on rosemary potatoes and vegetables. A lovely pistachio bomb Alaska followed and was served with tea or coffee.

In between courses we were entertained by a series of speeches, presentations of congratulations to the Castellorizian Association of WA by the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria and Castellorizian Ladies Auxiliary of NSW, a lovely revolving photograph presentation and plenty of Greek dancing. All of this was beautifully presented by the Master of Ceremonies, Catherine Papanastasiou. During the course of the evening, I also had the opportunity of rekindling of more family ties as I met more distant relatives from both the Salvaris and Christopher sides of my family.

Sunday morning and it was time to leave the beautiful sunny and warm weather of Perth to return to the bitterly cold and wet Melbourne winter. Whilst on the plane, I thought it was a shame that more Victorians could not attend. I made a wish and hoped that the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria will have a similar opportunity to celebrate their 90th Anniversary in Melbourne in three years time and more impressively their Centenary Anniversary in 2025. Overall I had an expectedly wonderful time in Perth and I thank everyone for making it so memorable.

Evelyn Salvaris

The letters that follow on pages 21 and 22 reiterates what an enjoyable time all of the Victorian delegates had at the Centenary Celebrations of the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia. The first letter is the copy of the official letter of congratulation from the President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria to the Castellorizian Association of WA. The second letter is from Jim Paltos who expresses his thoughts on the celebrations but also proudly links the recent influence the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria has had on the Castellorizian Association of WA.

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Castellorizian Association of WA: Centenary Celebrations

Mr. Jim Manifis
President of the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia
160 Anzac Road,
Mount Hawthorn. 6016
Western Australia

18th June, 2012.

Dear Jim,

On behalf of the members and the Committee of the Victorian Kastellorizian Association, I wish to congratulate you and your Committee on the success of your Centenary Conference. Your committee and the Centenary Committee staged an event that was outstanding in every way.

The delegates that attended very much enjoyed the full programme that you offered and the many details that were addressed to ensure that each event was a success and that the delegates felt welcomed.

The church service at Sts. Constantine and Helene is still a topic of discussion and admiration. With nine priests in attendance, the flowers, the cantors and the choir made this pivotal event memorable. The luncheon that followed with the speeches and the rolling PowerPoint picture show of Kastellorizian wedding photographs was not only entertaining but spell binding.

Each key note speaker presented original and well researched information which I am sure all the participants found informative, interesting and thought provoking. Each subject may give cause for further discussion in the future. Dr. Nick Pappas' talk of the history of Castellorizo surprised many people who were not aware of the issues that affected the island during the 1800's. Dr. Yiannakis' talk on the history of the Castellorizians in Western Australia and the Greek Community caused some of us to think of the need to do the same in the State of Victoria. John Mangos, whom we claim as an ex-Melbournian, was entertaining and predictably informative. He also raised several stimulating ideas. We expected Allan Cresswell's talk to be impressive as he has visited Melbourne several times and has generated enormous interest in the genealogy of Kastellorizians. He was able to show just how closely we are all connected which is a delightful thought. Marilyn Tsolakis did a fine job in summing up the four sessions, which is not an easy task but she discharged this duty admirably.

The Castellorizian Ladies Association kindly hosted a most delightful morning tea in Kings Park. This was followed by a tour of the local area which was a novelty for us.

The Gala Dinner was outstanding. This grand affair was a fitting end to the Conference. We cherish memories of the "sousta" danced by guests and members early in the evening followed by the ex-Castellorizians singing our native songs. How can we ever hope to experience such a wonderful event again?

Please express our heartfelt thanks to your army of diligent workers who contributed to the success of this Conference. It is impossible to name them all and it would be a tragedy to omit anyone.

The Western Australian Centenary Celebration set a wonderful example for other Greeks and Kastellorizians to follow. It not only demonstrates that we Kastellorizians have the ability to achieve success at all levels but your Conference will stand as an inspiration to our younger members.

With thanks and best wishes,

Yvonne Panagacos

President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.

Submitted by the President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, Yvonne Panagacos

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Castellorizian Association of WA: Centenary Celebrations

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28/05/2012

President & Committee,
Kastellorizian Association of Vic. Inc.,
P.O. Box 112,
SOUTH MELBOURNE, VIC. 3207

Dear Yvonne & Committee,

Re: Attendance at the W.A. Kastellorizian 100th Year Celebration [1912-2012]

As you are aware, I attended the conference with my wife Jane [regrettably she had to return home early because of the serious illness of her mother]. Notwithstanding this, it was a splendid week of celebration with the local Kazzies of W.A. They made us feel most welcome and the warmth they showed to the interstate visitors was humbling. The effort their Committee put in to organise this celebratory week was monumental. Many individuals donated their precious time and in some cases money. It was made abundantly clear to me [now later in life], how blessed we are to have had Kastellorizian parents.

I am biased, but the intelligence and success of my fellow Kastellorizians is hardly surprising. I rubbed shoulders with the recently retired Governor of the state of W.A. Mr. Ken Michaels, Doctor of History Nick Pappas, Dr. John Yiannakis and Byron Kakulas, Professor of Medicine. I spoke to the first Greek barrister to become a Queen's Counsel, Bartley Kakulas [a delightful, modest and friendly person]. I met doyens of the business world in the Kailis clan.

Our very own John Mangos was outstanding delivering his speech. The brilliant Nick Pappas whose command of the Greek language and grasp of the history of Kastellorizo is unbelievable. It is obviously a labour of love and achievement. Incredibly Nick also finds time aside from his busy legal practise to be Chairman of South Sydney Rugby League Club and Chairman of Beirut Bank. An amazingly industrious person. Dr. John Yiannakis [who has just recently completed a book on the history of the Kazzies of W.A. from 1912-2012] was excellent. M/S Marilyn Tsolakis and Alan Creswell were impressive.

I must mention when it came to the Presidents' reports of all the states, our own Yvonne Panagacos gave a splendid account of our activities and made us Victorians feel very proud. Our tireless News Editor, Ms Evelyn Salvaris has created a Newsletter format that other states are following. Evelyn is also to be congratulated with identifying Alan Creswell's genealogical site as the way to the future and the perpetuation of the Kazzie heritage. I believe that nearly all of us Kastellorizians are connected by 'six degrees' of separation. I met cousins I never knew I had, it was unbelievable.

In closing, those Kazzies from Victoria who chose not to attend [only 14 went from our state] missed a "once in a lifetime opportunity". Not many organisations last 100 years without the support of it's members.

Yours faithfully,

JIM PALTOS

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The Greek Orthodox Community of Box Hill - Ladies Auxiliary

Award of Excellence in Multicultural Affairs

By Florence Livery

On Sunday 10 June, 2012 eight of our members were presented with an Award of Excellence in Multicultural Affairs, in recognition and gratitude for their services to the Box Hill Greek Orthodox Community Ladies Auxiliary Committee. The Ladies Auxiliary was established on 11 September 1969 and 43 years later it is as strong as ever.

Our Kazzie Ladies were part of a team, instrumental in laying the foundation stone of this organisation and for pioneering outreach welfare services in the local Eastern suburbs Greek community. Their many activities included fundraising for local and wider Australian-Greek and Greek appeals as well servicing the Opportunity Shop owned by the church.

Those who received an award were **Katina Miriklis**, Vice-President of the first committee; **Anna Adgemis**, President of the second committee; **Maria Bisas**, Treasurer of the second committee; **Renie Adgemis**, **Christalla Bisas**, **Mary Livery** and **Evdokia Kambouropoulos** (all who served on either the first or second committee) and **Marika Bisas** who helped establish the first Box Hill Greek Elderly Citizens Club.

This celebratory luncheon included speeches from Father Dionysios Rallis, Box Hill MLA Robert Clark and past presidents. It was an excellent opportunity to honour our Kazzie ladies and in recognition of their tireless efforts they were each presented with a medal.

Mary Livery and **Evdokia Kambouropoulos** were each represented by their daughters, Florence Livery and Nellie Zombos respectively.

Bottom Right: Florence Livery accepting the Award of Excellence in Multicultural Affairs, in recognition and gratitude for their services to the Box Hill Greek Orthodox Community Ladies Auxiliary Committee, in honour of her mother Mary Livery.



Above L to R: Representatives and founding members of the Greek Orthodox Community of Box Hill, Ladies Auxilliary: Rene Adgemis (insert), Nellie Zombos (insert), left to right: Christalla Bisas, Katina Miriklis, Florence Livery, Maria, Jack and Marika Bisas and Anna Adgemis

Below left: Rene Adgemis

Below right: Nellie Zombos



GENERAL INTEREST

Kassie Culture – Dilution or Demise by John Mangos



The above photograph is courtesy of the Castellorizian Association of WA

Earlier this year I was honoured to have been invited to Perth to speak at the Kastellorizian Centenary Celebrations. I was asked to speak in my capacity as the 2008 Kastellorizian of the Year, an award more difficult to get than a Brownlow Medal and quite possibly more prestigious.

I called my paper “Kassie Culture –Dilution” or Demise quite deliberately, there was no question mark after it because it's not an alternative, it's an absolute. I genuinely believe that we either embrace dilution or face the demise of our culture. It was a challenging topic and precipitated some passionate discussion.

I was even challenged, why dilution and not evolution. Because dilution is evolution.

I began with a half serious joke that I used to tell.

When I turned 20 my mother wanted me to marry a Kassie girl,
By the time I was 30 she wanted me to marry a Greek girl,
And by the time I was 40 she was happy if I just married a girl!

It's funny, but it highlights a point I was trying to make. Now that we are third and fourth generation Australian we have to accept dilution as a positive and not a negative, because the alternative is demise.

Haven't we all been through the angst of a member of our family bringing home the Anglo-Australian love interest for the first time? We have reached the point, much to the lament of our grandparents and in some cases parents, where we have to work with this trend and not against it.

And how often have we heard it said: “My daughter married and Australian, but, he's a good boy”.

Further, it's a natural follow in the changing complexion of Australian society that each of our generations is becoming more Eurasian. One day soon, if it hasn't happened already, you will see a gorgeous Eurasian child and ask, “Where is your family from?”

“Mum's Chinese and Dad's Greek”, may well be the reply.

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Really, what part of Greece? (Why do we always ask that question?)

“Oh, small island you wouldn't have heard of called Kastellorizo”.

Our challenge is to ensure that Eurasian child embraces their Kassie culture as much as their Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Thai or whatever Asian nation their parent is descendant from. How we do that is the hard part.

Thirty years ago when I was a Federal Political correspondent with the Nine Network I travelled to Hong Kong with the then Foreign Minister, Bill Hayden. He had met with the Governor to discuss the handover of Hong Kong to the Chinese, which was still a few years away. He was concerned about the impact it may have on Australia.

In a news conference afterwards, he declared Australia had to accept the fact it was an Asian country and the complexion of Australia would unquestionably begin to become Asian in appearance.

This was front page news here in Australia the next day. White Australia was horrified at the thought. The shock jocks on talkback radio went ballistic. It precipitated a huge political discussion about Australia's immigration policy. Ultimately, however, his prophecy is becoming a reality.

But along that thirty year journey look how much respect and knowledge we have gained about our first Australians, how much more we all now know about Aboriginal culture and tradition.

It's this parallel development that I believe we must follow. But we must be honest in our approach.

We take great pride in saying our forefathers came to Australia early last century and did the jobs the locals didn't want to do. That they assimilated and added value to the fabric of Australian society. And they did.

So why is it some of us are uncomfortable with Albanians on our island doing the jobs the locals don't want to do?

Are they not equally adding to the fabric of that society?

It is hypocritical, self righteous and disingenuous to suggest otherwise.

They too, like our people, have come to a new country from hardship to build a new life for themselves and their families and the first thing they do is learn the language. And when one is speaking of culture and customs the first place to start is the language. Language is the key, the gateway to all cultures.

Of course, we have a subtext here because we have the Greek language and our Kastellorizian dialect. I went on in my talk to give examples of how language has been shown to shape many other domains of thought.

I would have loved to have given my talk in Greek, but like so many of us, victims of our forefathers' anxiety to assimilate quickly, my Greek language skills don't extend to public speaking. So in many ways, the dilution began upon arrival to this country, so shouldn't be wrongly blamed on those whom we choose to marry and breed with outside our Greek or Kassie culture.

I touched on preservation of some of our wonderful cultural idiosyncrasies like the classic “Sabbatovratho”, the bride's “trapezi”, the songs and proverbs, and the imperative that to achieve such preservation language is essential.

I suggested we need to speak the language of the new generations by creating apps, that the states need to get behind Allan Creswell and support his wonderful work on the genealogy site, that we need to pick our yia-yia's brains (they are walking encyclopaedia and besides who else can teach you to make katoumari), and that if the current tattoo trend continues instead of an ancient zen symbol for peace love and harmony go the heart, cross and anchor.

I don't have the space here to articulate all of my points suffice it to say I know the idea of dilution is unpalatable to some. Especially those who remember and believe, quite rightly, that we withstood occupations in the first and second world wars and still remained proudly Hellenic. But we are now in a diaspora, the mother country is in turmoil, and the times, well ...”they are a changing”.

The KAV welcomes your contribution to the debate. Do you believe in “dilution or demise” or are you of the view that to maintain our Kazzie culture we should be “evolving to survive”? Send your opinion to the Editor at evelysalvaris@gmail.com and the best articles will be published in the next edition of the *Kazzie News*.

GENERAL INTEREST

As you would have read earlier (pages 8 and 9), Jack Kios was Captain/Coach of the 1960's Cassie Cricket team and Secretary of the YMCS. One of Jack's hidden talents is poetry. The following letter and poems from Jack Kios were passed onto me by Florence Livery. What the readers may find of interest in poems is no matter how much time passes one thing that remains constant is the affiliation shared by Kastellorizians with the island of Kastellorizo. The second is how Kastellorizian traditions and customs are passed down from generation to generation. This is shown by Jack's willingness to share with us a poem his father handed down to him. Thank you Jack for sharing this with us.

Evelyn Salvaris,
Editor of the *Kazzie News*

Dear Florence,

I received a copy of the Kazzie news last week, at the same time I was recovering from an operation, and I felt that I would like to write a poem about Kastellorizo, so I drafted one on the same day.

I have only been to Kazzie once, way back in 1974 with my family, my wife Georgia, and children, Michael, Nina, and Gary. We left Piraeus together with your uncle Theo, your grandmother, aunt Florrie, Evelyn, and Fay. Well, it was Easter time, and arriving at Kazzie, we were overcome with its beauty. It still stands out so vividly in my mind starting with the minaret museum, and I know that it's an impossible task to describe it.

However, the poem I have written about it tries to present my feelings, and the birth of our ancestry. The barriers mentioned are many, such as the advent of the steam engine, and the loss of trade by the residents. The scars of war impacted badly on the island, and basically the intestinal fortitude of the residents to withstand these disasters over a long period of time was a credit to them. Notwithstanding all of these hardships, served to strengthen the timbre of the people.

My father's poem to me was written author unknown, and I was told to memorise it which I did, the emphasis being placed on the message it conveyed. I know that I used to get into strife in my teenage years, like most teenagers do, but this wasn't the reason for this poem given to me.

Love cousin Jack

Submitted by Florence Livery on behalf of Jack Kios

Kastellorizo by Jack Kios

The spirit of the past withdraws,
when foot sets forth upon its shores,

And ancestry in profound thought,
sedates the soul from whence it sought,

Some answers to the heartfelt pain,
of loved ones passed through its terrain,

Where barriers rose from deep within,
yet standing firm for all with kin.

This ancient rock of sadness grew,
and moving in its mystic hue,
blending old and with the new,
transformed this isle of royal blue,

And into the loving homes it drew,
a blissful life for all,

Not few,

A people, greatly proud and true, of courage, hope,
and friendly through.

The poem below passed down to Jack from his father.

Phonetic Greek

Jack's Translation

Eime apou tin meyisti,
Ke me prothimia blisti,
Meleto oso mboro,
Grammata ean then matho,
Di bolla kaka tha batho,
Thame koutsouro ksero,
Ullean kula sbouthasso,
Tonomamou tha thoxusso,
Ke to ethnos mou afto.

I am from megisti
and with hard work
I study as hard as I can
if I don't get educated
I will suffer badly
I will become dead wood
if I don't study well
to make my name proud
And that is my ambition

COOL TO BE KAZZIE

I attended the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia's Centenary Celebrations and was blown away! And not by the Fremantle winds either! Despite that fact that I am not a WA Kazzie, their achievement of reaching their 100 year Anniversary makes it "Cool" for every Kazzie, residing anywhere throughout the Kastellorizian diaspora to be proud of their heritage.

Not to mention just how many "Cool Kazzies" that were involved in putting the very interesting event together, so successfully. Congratulations to all the WA Kazzies and the Steering Committee.

Evelyn Salvaris

KAZZIE KERASMA

It is winter! The weather has been the coldest it has been for a few seasons and all I can think about is keeping warm. Sitting by a open fire or heater, sheltered from the rain and the biting Melbourne winds and the grey skies, with the fragrance of a hearty slow cooked meal wafting through the house whilst reading a good book.

In my case the good book is a cookbook of traditional Greek recipes. Flicking through the pages, my mind travels back to my first trip to Greece. It was Christmas time and winter in Greece and my cousin's Andrew and Helen Hadjipetrou took me for a drive to Mt Parnassas. I was so cold, it was the first time I saw or touched snow. Yes imagine that snow in Greece. Eventually we reached what appeared to me to be a little wooden hut. We opened the door and was invited in by the warmth of this charming ski chalet with a pot of mountain tea brewing on the fire place and the smells coming from the kitchen of home cooked hearty stews. Whilst I can't remember what I ate that day, I do remember the warmth and joy of sharing that day with my cousins. I had hope that my travels through my cookbook may have sparked my memory, however I discovered this great recipe for traditional Greek stew made with quince.

I have always thought of this winter fruit to be used in a sweet dish, but this easy recipe made me hungry.

Quince is an interesting fruit, it requires cooking before it can be eaten. And it needs hours of cooking! So it makes it perfect for a slow cooked stew.



Meat Stew with Quince (Kidonato)

Ingredients

150 g butter
1.5kg of stewing meat such as chuck stake or lamb or veal.
1 onion finely diced
1 cup of meat stock (This will depend on the type of meat cooked)
1 can of peeled tomatoes
1kg of quinces (about 2-3 depending on the size)
1- 2 tablespoons of sugar depending on taste
1 cinnamon stick, 5 clove, 5 Juniper berries
Salt and pepper
Juice of one lemon.

Method

1. Caramelise the onion in a heavy pan (eg Le Creuset) with half (75g) the butter.
2. Add meat and cook until lightly browned.
3. Pour in half the stock, the tomatoes.
4. Add spices and season with salt and pepper.
5. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until meat is tender (about 1.5 hrs).
6. In the mean time prepare quince as follows:
7. Peel, core and cut into bite size pieces.
8. Sprinkle with lemon juice to prevent quinces from going brown.
9. Melt remaining 75g of butter in a fry pan and add quince
10. Cook for 5 minutes or until light brown.
11. Add sugar and caramelise.
12. Pour in remaining stock and transfer to pan with meat and mix.
13. Cover and simmer until quinces are tender.
14. Serve with crusty bread and a glass of red wine.

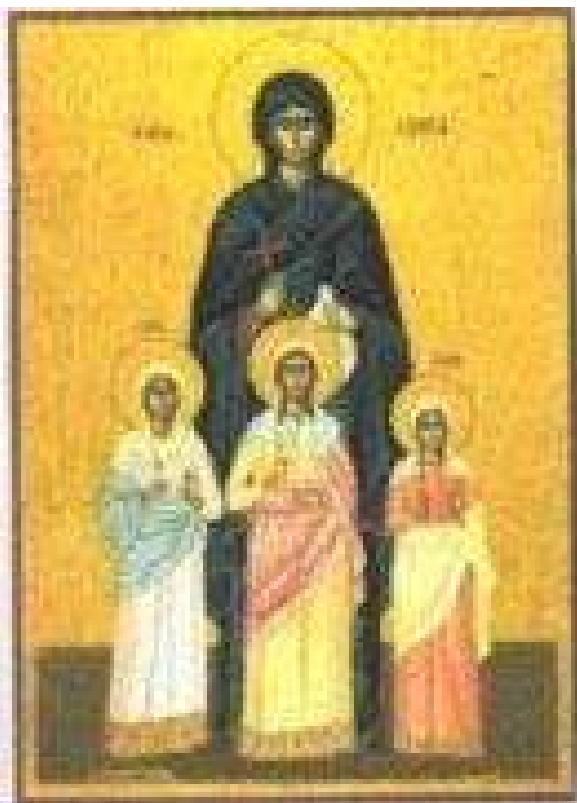
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Above left: Meal stew with quince served with crusty bread

Below left: the humble quince

CULTURAL FEATURES

"SAINTLY LIVES" SAINT SOPHIA



Above: an icon of Saint Sophia and her three daughters

Nameday: 17 September
Meaning: "Wisdom"

Sophia was a lady of substance, who came from the southern part of Italy. She lived later in Rome, with her 3 daughters "Faith" (Pistis) "Hope" (Elpis) and "Love" (Agapi) and husband. When her husband died, she remained a widow, devoting her time to raising her daughters in a Christian environment.

The four lived at the time of Roman Emperor, Adrianos, who was a persecutor and terminator of Christians (117-138AD.) Adrianos learned of Sophia's family and fervid faith.

In the love of Christianity, Sophia and her daughters suffered interrogation and ultimately death by the persecutors. All three daughters were sent to death first and then Sophia. However, all were true to their faith and beliefs in God, until the end of their earthly lives.

In Istanbul Turkey, "Hagia Sophia" is a great architectural beauty and an important monument both for Byzantine and for Ottoman Empires. Once a Church, later a Mosque and now a Museum for the Turkish Republic. Hagia Sophia is one of the most significant monuments not only in Turkey, but on earth with its architecture and its historical richness.

The Kastellorizian Symbol honours the three core values of Sophia and her daughters: Faith (the cross), Hope (the anchor) and Charity (the heart)



Above: the former Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Sophia, Istanbul, Turkey

Pictures and article submitted by Anna Miriklis-Defteros

NAMES & MEANINGS

Iris: From the Greek "rainbow" and "iris of the eye." In Greek mythology, goddess of the rainbow & a messenger of the Gods, crossing between them and mortals on a multi-coloured bridge.

Michael: From the Hebrew "Who is like God." In the bible, the archangel is messenger to the Jews in the Old Testament then appears in the New Testament as leader and conqueror of the war against Satan and the weigher of Souls at the Last Judgement. Many Icons show Michael holding weighing "Scales" in that famous battle.

Nicholas: From the Greek "nike" (victory) & "laos" (people.) Hence, victory of the people. A most popular Christian name since 4th Century.

Raphael: From the Hebrew "God has healed." One of the 7 Archangels and patron saint of Doctors

Zephira-From the Hebrew for "morning." In Greek Mythology, Zephyr (or Zephyros), God of the West Wind, was son of Eos, goddess of Dawn & Sunrises and brought soft, gentle winds.

Submitted by Anna Miriklis-Defteros

CULTURAL FEATURES

Saint's Days (August to October)

AUGUST

August 6 - Sotiris, Sotiria
August 7 - Asterios, Asteria
August 15 - Assumption Day - Koimisis tis Theotokos, Maria, Despina, Thespina, Marios
August 24 - Kosma tos Aitolos
August 26 - Andrianos & Natalias, Adrianos, Nathalia, Natalia (Adrian)
August 27 - Fanourios, Fanouria
August 30 - Alexandros, Alexandra
(Alexandra, Sandra, Sander, Alexander, Alex)

SEPTEMBER

September 1 - Simeon
September 3 - Anthimos
September 4 - Moisi, Ermionis
September 5 - Zaxarios, Zacharias
September 8 - Gennisi tis Theotokos
September 9 - Ioakeim & Annis (Joachim)
September 11 - Evathia (Eve, Eva)
September 13 - Kornilios, Aristeidos, Kornilia
September 14 - Ypsosi tos Timios Stauros, Stavros (Steven), Stavroula
September 15 - Nikita
September 16 - Eyfimias
September 17 - Sofias, Pisteos, Agapis, Elpidas, Sofia, Agapi, Elpida
September 18 - Eumenios, Ariadnis (Ariadne)
September 20 - Eustathios, Stathis
September 22 - Fokas
September 23 - Sullipsi Prodromos
September 24 - Theklas, Thekla
September 25 - Eyfrosinis
September 26 - Metastasi Ioannos Euaggelistos
September 27 - Kallistratos
September 29 - Kuriakos, Kiriakos

OCTOBER

October 1 - Ananios / Pomanos Melodos
October 2 - Kuprianos / Iosstiounis
October 3 - Dionisios Aeropagitos, Dionisos
October 4 - Ierotheos
October 5 - Xaritinis
October 6 - Thoma (Thomas, Tom)
October 7 - Poluxronios
October 8 - Pelagias, Pelagia
October 9 - Iakovos (Jakob)
October 10 - Eulampios
October 15 - Loskianos
October 18 - Loska, Loskas (Lucas, Luke)
October 19 - Kleopatra
October 20 - Artemios / Gerasimos Kefallinias, Yerasimos
October 21 - Sokratous, Sokrates, Sokratis
October 23 - Iakovos (Jacob)
October 24 - Sevastianis (Sebastian)
October 26 - Dimitrios Myrovilios, Dimitris, Dimitrios, Dimitria (Jim, James)
October 27 - Nestoros
October 28 - Agias Skepis
October 30 - Zinovios

Please note this is not a conclusive list of Greek Orthodox Saints for the months of August to October. If you know of a significant Saint or a Saint that is patronised by the Kastellorizians that has been omitted from this list please inform the editor at evelynsalvaris@gmail.com

In the last edition it was brought to my attention that the feast day of St John, which is held on the 24th of June each year was omitted. Apologies to all Kastellorizian who celebrate this Saint's day.

Evelyn Salvaris

PROVERBS & SAYINGS

by Anna Miriklis-Defteros

O Theos thokimuzi :God is testing us

Liyga kai kala: Little/moderation/humbleness works best

Orpoo iepudki zilgyia, then iepudki agapi: Where there is jealousy, there is no love

Orpiyios thelli ta polla, hunni kai ta liyga: The more you want, the less you get

Dto emma nerro then yinnedte: Blood is thicker than water

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Birth



On Saturday 12 May 2012, **Jodie Fox** and **George Katris** welcomed into the world their third daughter **Sophia** (pictured above). Sophia was born at the Cabrini Hospital in Malvern under the guidance of Dr Dennis Price. She is the younger sister of **Amelie** and **Zoe Katris**. George is the son of **Maria Katris** and Jodie is the daughter of **John and Jenny Fox**. Sophia is Maria's fifth grand daughter

Submitted by Jodie Fox and George Katris

New Life and Greater Opportunities

Pictured below with her nephews **Alexander** (left) and **George Filopoulos** (right) is **Evelyn Kehaidis** (nee **Adgemis**) at Oakleigh's "Vanilla Lounge" Cafe. Both men have arrived for permanent residence in Australia from Greece & are adjusting well to the land of "The Lucky Country." **George** and **Alexander** are the sons of **Despina** (nee **Adgemis**) & **Dimitri Filopoulos** & the grandsons of **Maria** (nee **Barbagiannis**) and the late **George Adgemis**. All the very best for the future.



Submitted by Anna Miriklis-Defteros.
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Engagement

Kylie Mastores (daughter of **Christine Mastores-Davidson**) and **Joseph Heath** announced their engagement on the 11th May 2012. The occasion was marked with a celebration in London (UK) where Kylie has been living for the past few years.

Submitted by Christine Mastores-Davidson



Donations

Donations made to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria in honour of the late **Mr. Steve Paltos** were received from **Mr and Mrs Angelo Loizou**, **Mr and Mrs. Michael Christopher**. Submitted by Yvonne Panagacos.

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In Memoriam

Mary Livery 12.8.1924 – 19.5.2012



Eulogy for Mary Livery written by her three daughters Evelyn, Florence and Georgina.

Our mother's life was based on special relationships. Her warmth, her calm manner, her acceptance of people, her love of conversation and her inquiring mind drew people towards her. She loved to hear about people's lives and share her stories with them. She loved to talk. She loved to listen. So for us, her three daughters, we feel that the best way we can pay tribute to our mother is by describing to you the wonderful relationships she formed throughout her life.

Mary's life began at the 777 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy fruit shop. When Mary was 6 years old her parents took over the 319 Lygon Street fruit shop. This was the start of a new era for the Conos family – parents Michael and Florrie, Mary and her younger brother Theo. This was the start of 30 years stability, based around the fruit shop and Carlton life and a small Greek Castellorizian community in Carlton.

It may have been the depression years economically but Mary always spoke of the emotional advantages.

Imagine a good half of a large brood of first cousins (from both sides) living close by, within a block of the fruit shop and the other half, a short tram ride way. What a wonderful community Mary was a part of in those years. Male and female cousins just around every corner. Some were girlfriend-cousins, like the Jackomos girls – Mary, Stella and Maisie. Others, she took on the older cousin role – for Jackie, Elaine & Chrissie. Many others were just a natural part of Mary's daily life – the Jackomos boys, the Gillavis and Brondou crew, Uncle Manuel's family, Uncle Peter's family, Mihalakina's family, the old Uncle Theo, Auntie Rosie's family and a bit further down the tram track the Constance family. The cousins were her life – she loved them all and stayed in contact with them throughout her life.

Michael Conos, Mary's father died in 1944. A gentle man and even though we never met him she always told us what an influence he had on her life. We have always imagined Mum's personality was an exact replica of her father's. Florrie, her mother, was a true Augustes woman - very loving, reliable, hard working and provided continuity for Mary and Theo. Mary was always fond of her brother Theo, but when her father died the bond grew even greater. Florrie, Mary and Theo persevered with the fruit shop, Theo effectively running it, doing the 1am markets from when he was 16, with Mary and Florrie as support. This unconditional love for her brother was confirmed here. She loved him like no other sibling can love another, (even more so when Florrie died in 1979.)

And then along came Pino, the love of her life. 1951 and married life began in Canning Street, North Carlton. Mum loved Dad from the day she met him and never stopped loving him. Pino was a very determined and stubborn young man, with a great passion for life and Mum loved him for it. Like many of her cousins, Mary and Pino started married life in North Carlton where daughters, Evelyn and Florence were born. The cousins were still very close by.

The late 1950s saw the family move east, the housing commission were moving in and they all got scared.

Growing up in the 1960s in Blackburn North was a wonderful time. Along came our Georgina, Nana was now living with us and Uncle Theo and Auntie Jan, Michael and Faye were just around the corner. Neighbours and friends everywhere, and distance was no obstacle to keeping up with all of the cousins. This did not change when we went to Box Hill North. The Conos's went to Chadstone, now with Peter and Susan but we were still together all of the time –

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weekly dinners, birthdays, Easter, Christmas, music lessons, swimming lessons, holidays – great times.

Mum always worked. By Dad's side, she was always at the shops. To begin with - the fruit shops, then the milkbars, the coffee shops and the last one, the Chocolate shop. Despite the dreadful illnesses Mum experienced throughout her life she still got up and kept working, keeping the family strong – even if at times that meant two hours on public transport either way. She was determined to send us to private school and once when she was experiencing one of her serious Lupus attacks she made Dad promise, no matter what, that the girls were to stay enrolled at MLC.

By the mid 80s Mum had lost sight in both eyes and Pino became her right arm. But that was okay. It never stopped her from doing what she wanted – she just made lots of mistakes and was the first to laugh about them. When she went to flip the fried egg she could not find it; it was not in the frypan but sitting on the stove top. Remember those jigsaw puzzles that she had out every night – she made those pieces fit whether they wanted to or not. Remember the time she told Florence off for crying when the dog lost an eye. "But you never cried when I lost my sight!" she said.

In 1985 Mary and Pino retired and they fell in love again. These were great years for Mary's children and grandchildren to be a part of. Mum thrived on Pino's retirement hobbies but also had time to do her own things. Somehow or other she got to the Greek Church Op Shop three times a week, (how she sorted those clothes we will never know) and volunteered at the Greek Doncaster Nursing Home, the Box Hill Greek Elderly Citizens Club and the Box Hill Greek Church Women's Auxiliary.

Mary's sense of family never changed. She went from Mother to Grandmother and Great Aunt and loved every minute of it. She kept on loving her family and Perth was no obstacle. Pino's death in 1996 devastated her and she was never quite the same but tried to shield us from her terrible grief. The Perth trips slowly wound down, the letters by now could not be written but the phone calls never stopped. Evelyn and Mum were like two little old ladies on the phone, talking for hours about everyone and everything.

She was our mother always. Even up until last week Gina knew that when Mum called her Georgina, she had done something wrong. Florence was still trying

to master the Greek rissoles to Mum's satisfaction and Evelyn was still being offered friendly parental advice.

We need to thank many people in Mary's life – the many who formed such wonderful relationships with her.

We thank the Karana community for giving Mum four happy and caring years.

Her phone became her lifeline. She continued her friendships with family and friends through her phone calls - to Chrissie, Daisy, Ina, Stella, Elaine, Sylvie, Win, Renie, Mosca, Maria, Pam, Hannah, Peggy and Betty. We thank you.

To cousin Maisie – a special friend and cousin who visited Mum nearly every week after Dad died. We thank you.

To her special nieces and nephews – Michael (her godson) and Janet, Faye, Peter Susan and Lisa.

To her cousins, she loved you all – the Jackomos, Augustes, Xanthos, Pavles, Gilavis, Brondou, Platis and Kios families.

To Auntie Jan – Mum's best friend whom she loved dearly.

Her beloved Theo – the brother she adored.

She loved being Nana to Andrew, Brett, Kathryn and Matthew. Her face would light up every time she saw them or heard about their latest experiences.

To Bevan and Tony, Mum appreciated your time, patience and love.

As Auntie Stella said to Florence on the phone yesterday:

"You don't forget good people. You always love them forever. You may not see them that often but good people stay with you."

There are many of you here today whom we may not have mentioned who knew Mum or knew of her. Thank you all for paying your respects.

In recent days, so many people have said how much she loved her three daughters. What wonderful daughters they were. **"Mum, it went both ways."**

It is now time for Pino and Mary to be together.

In Memoriam

Michael George Kyriakos

Born: 19th March 1922
Darwin, Northern Territory
Died: 9th July 2012
Age: 90 years



The Man

Michael was highly intelligent, had a sharp mind, good natured, honest and always popular with his family and friends. He was a man of his word and a genuine good bloke.

The Family

Michael was born in Darwin, Northern Territory on the 19th March 1922, the third child of George and Christina (nee Kailis) Kyriakos. His father migrated to

Australia in 1911 and his mother 1918. They married in Darwin, Northern Territory in 1919.

Michael was dearly loved and well respected by each of his siblings and he had a special and unique relationship with all of them. **Michael** was the brother of **Mary Adgemis (deceased)**, **Jack Kyros (dec)**, **Evangelia (dec)**, **Evelyn Karis**, **Eve Peters**, **Herb Kyriakos** and **John Kyriakos (dec)**. He was the loved brother-in-law of their respective partners **Economos (dec)**, **Kath (dec)**, **Bill (dec)**, **Harry (dec)**, **Maria** and **Zeffie**. He was also loved brother-in-law of **Con (dec)** and **Shirley Koutsoukis**, **Lily** and **Peter (dec) Peters**, **Marika** and **Jack Bisas**. He was loved 'Uncle Mick' to many nieces and nephews. And the proud godfather of **Margaret Moraitis**, her son **Harley** and **Leah Kouloumbrakis**.

Upbringing

From Darwin the family moved to Perth in 1926 where he attended Highgate Hill Primary and then Perth Boys High.

Growing up as a child through the depression there were many hard times, as work was scarce. He would help his father peddle their fruit barrow after school and on weekends.

In 1938, with the mining boom in Kalgoorlie, Michael, his father & older brother Jack moved there for work, with the rest of the family joining them in 1939. There, Michael worked in restaurants to help provide for family, which provided a foundation for his future endeavours in the restaurant business.

Army

Michael joined the Army in the Infantry division in November 1941. He served in Onslow, North West Australia and completed special jungle training in Cunangra, Queensland. He was first stationed in Bouganville, Solomon Islands where they took over from the Americans. He then went on to serve in Rabaul, New Britain and Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea. He proudly served in the Army until March 1946.

Marriage

In 1946, Michael followed his heart and travelled to Melbourne, where he met Nina Koutsoukis. Michael's mother overwhelmingly approved of this decision. At the same time he commenced work in the hospitality industry at the Savoy Hotel and the Victoria Coffee Palace located behind the Melbourne Town Hall.

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Michael and Nina married on the 19 January 1947 and were happily married for 65 years and shared a wonderful long life together with love and company. Between 1947-1952 Michael and Nina lived with her parents, George and Eva Koutsoukis at 423 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn

In 1952, they purchased their family home at 20 Hambledon Rd, Hawthorn, where he and Nina have lived for 60 years. They had three daughters, Christine, Vivien and Gina, where they all shared wonderful experiences growing up throughout the years. He encouraged his daughters in education, in their careers, in work and to pursue their dreams. There were many happy family occasions but a particular highlight was Michael's legendary name days filled with singing, dancing and the banquet table.

Work

In 1947, Michael together with Nina's brother Con Koutsoukis went into business partnership in the Jolly Roger Restaurant. They developed the business by purchasing the adjoining paper shop and grocery store, so that they could extend the restaurant and create a take away area and also acquire a BYO licence. It was the first Melbourne restaurant in St Kilda Road. With his wife's assistance they were hosts over the years to tens of thousands of satisfied customers from all walks of life, for instance celebrities from the early years of television, identities from the racing fraternity, office workers, school children and of course, Michael's friends. They ran the restaurant for 38 years, it became a landmark in Melbourne. It was a meeting place for everyone, filled with happy and cherished memories. Michael and Nina spent a majority of their married life together working side by side at the Jolly Roger.

Michael was an active man and after a short retirement in 1985 he sought out work again. In 1987 he worked in a number of hotels and at the Canterbury Day Care. His final workplace was at St Paschals for the Franciscan Friars, where he worked for a decade from 1992-2002. The friars became respected and close friends and held Michael in high esteem.

Interests

Michael was a one eyed Collingwood football supporter all his life, despite the numerous hardships associated with being a Pies supporter. He was an outstanding card player due to his exceptional memory and was the Best Solo player at the Leskie (Club). He loved horse racing and he went into partnership with friends, owning a number of race horses between 1965 and 1980.

He was well liked within the racing fraternity - so much so, the T.A.B. Chairman asked him to cater for the very First Fashions of the Field on Melbourne Cup Day, Flemington Spring Racing Carnival in 1970.

Family

He was a great role model for his children and his grandchildren.

His three daughters Christine, Vivien and Gina have relied on Michael at different times of their lives and he has always been there for them. Family came first as he had a strong value system and strong sense of duty to family. The girls were included in his hobbies and pursuits, including many fun times. However, there were sad times as well, with the death of his daughter Vivien a particularly hard time.

He was respected and highly regarded by his son-in-law, Con Gekas.

He had four wonderful grandchildren, Linda and Stanley Christofas and Michael and Katherine Gekas, who all adored him. He was extremely proud of each of them and their achievements in attaining tertiary education and graduating from University. He had a unique relationship with his grandchildren, who turned to him for advice or looked to him as a role model in their own lives.

He was proud of both his Greek Heritage, of a Castellorizian background, and to be an Australian. He was a respected trustee of the Castellorizian club. He could socialize with anyone, never being out of place with the Greeks or the Aussies. In the Greek clubs, he was affectionately known as Australian Mick.

Michael was much loved and highly regarded by a vast network of extended family and lifelong friends, past and present. Michael was respected for his integrity, strength of character, loyalty, good nature and sense of humour.

He was popular amongst his peers, as people found him interesting and great company. People would gravitate towards this affectionate, sociable man. He had excellent historical memory and always had a story to tell.

He was hardworking, had a strong work ethic, strong value system and a generous family man.

We will cherish the memories of this good man.

Michael, your family will miss you deeply, your love, company and humour.

We will miss your beautiful, winning smile and the twinkle in your eyes.

You are and will forever be in our hearts.

In Memoriam

Michael is survived by his wife Nina, his daughters Christine and Gina, son-in-law Con, grandchildren, Linda, Stanley and Tanya Christofas, Michael and Katherine Gekas.

Submitted by Gina Gekas on behalf of Michael Kyriakos' family.

Thank you

Herb and **Maria Kyriakos** and family would like to express their appreciation for the many condolences they received on the bereavement of **Michael Kyriakos**.

Donations

Donations from **Mr. and Mrs. C Lucas**, **Mr. and Mrs. A Loizou**, **Mrs. M. Kominos** were received by the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria in memory of the late Michael Kyriakos



The photo above of veteran **Michael Kyriakos** with grandsons **Michael Gekas** and **Stan Christofas** was taken at the book launch of "*Greek Australians in WW1 and WW11*" (author Steve Kyritsis) at Parliament House on May 18th, 2012.

VALE

Mrs. Peggy Caripi, wife of the late **Leo Caripi**, recently passed away. Peggy was the daughter of the late **Maria and John Piperoglou**, sister of the late Rene Livery and Billy Peters. Peggy is survived by her sister, Chrissie Pitaridi. Submitted by Stella Salvaris

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