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And the Kastellorizian of the Year is....

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members,

The year has begun on a good note. Already several luncheons have been held by the Kastellorizian Senior Citizens Club Association Inc. These functions are always well attended and **Christine Dimer** and **Peter Christopher** ensure that everyone is warmly welcomed.

Florence Livery has been reading through our archives and working with our consultant curator. Together they are preparing a "Significant Assessment" of our collection, and we will be able to use this to develop a plan for the effective management and storage of our materials. For the present we are unable to collect items. However, once our policies are confirmed we will issue a call for items needed to complement the materials we are currently holding. You may be aware this work was reported in "*Neos Kosmos*" on Saturday 17th March, 2012. If you happened to miss this publication you will find a photocopy on the Club's noticeboard.

Kastellorizian of the Year 2012.

I am delighted to announce the Kastellorizian of the Year for 2012 is **Michael N. Spartels**. The Committee gave regard to the high calibre of candidates submitted this year and decided that it was time for Michael to be selected for this Award in recognition for his community work and decades of loyal service to the Club. Michael has served as President on several occasions and our archives are littered with references to his participation and support. On Sunday 20th May, 2012 we will

celebrate the feast of St. Constantine and St. Helen at the Greek Orthodox Church in Barry Street, South Yarra followed by refreshments at the Club together with the presentation of Awards to our VCE Students and the Kastellorizian of the Year. All members and friends are encouraged to attend this special event.

The Committee has decided that this year our VCE students will be presented with a selection of Kastellorizian publications and a \$100 bursary. Students who completed their secondary schooling in 2011 and who have not already registered their names are urged to do so *by the end of April*.

Gala Dinner

A Gala Dinner has been arranged for Saturday 2nd June, 2012 at "**Red Scooter**". **Flora (Adgemis)** and **Eamon Hamilton** are planning a fun night for the young and...the young at heart. The venue caters for 120 guests and already several tables have been sold! Tickets are \$95 a head and further details are located in this newsletter. To avoid disappointment please book your tickets with **Christine Mastores-Davidson**, our ticket secretary, on 0414 822 234 at your earliest convenience.

This newsletter has been prepared for you by your Committee under the supervision of our hard working editor, **Evelyn Salvaris**. If you truly value your Kastellorizian heritage, please take the time to read this newsletter carefully and make the commitment to attend at least one or two functions this year. I look forward to seeing you at a function soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any matters you wish to discuss.

With best wishes,

Yvonne Panagacos



Above: President Yvonne Panagacos with husband George (far right) representing the KAV at the commemoration of Oxi Day, 2011

Announcements

2012 Kastellorizian of the Year Mr. Michael N. Spartels



Many members in Victoria will be aware of Michael's commitment to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria which spans nearly four decades of distinguished service. During this time Michael participated in the many events, served and supported the Association on numerous committees, along with renovating and maintaining the clubrooms. He has helped to propelled the Association into the position that it is in today.

Michael has served as President of the Association several times. One of Michael's achievements during his last term in 2008-10, was directed towards preserving the heritage of the members and the Association. Under his leadership the Multicultural Commission of Victoria awarded the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria a grant of \$9,000 to enable the organisation to properly manage, document and store the collection of the club and develop a set of policies to ensure that future collections would be managed appropriately. By developing a serious approach to the management of the Association's heritage, members past, present and future will be able to access materials that will enable them to understand their Kastellorizian heritage and feel proud to be a member of the Association. The success obtained from the Multicultural Commission grant was instrumental in helping the Association to secure a further grant of \$4,400 from the National Library of Australia to conduct a "Significant Assessment" of the clubs collection. These funds will assist the Association to continue to manage the collection at a level closer to a museum standard. A project which is on going today.

The Kastellorizian of the Year Award was established in 1993 to give recognition to distinguished members of the Kastellorizian Community within Victoria and Australia and has included many eminent men and women as listed on our honour board, who have made an outstanding contribution to life in Australia and brought honour to the Kastellorizian heritage.

Each year the Kastellorizian of the Year Committee is faced with the difficult task of selecting the Kastellorizian of the Year from the numerous nominations that are received. It is with great pleasure that the Selection Committee announces that the 2012 Kastellorizian of the Year Award is to be awarded to **Mr. Michael N. Spartels**

Michael's passion included promoting the activities of the Association to the senior members of the community as well as supporting a program for the younger members to participate in. He encouraged younger members to attend the Association functions and to participate at all levels of the Association and in particular, to serve on the committee. Michael was always available to give younger and less experienced committee members advice and encouragement. It is also clear that his love of his Kastellorizian heritage has been extended to his children and grandchildren, as they actively participate activities and committee of the Association.

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Michael's support and generosity also extends to the Greek and wider Australian communities.

Michael organised and supervised the construction of the Manse at the rear of "St. Eustathios" Greek Orthodox Church, in Dorcas Street, South Melbourne. This project was a significant and long term commitment generating a major construction of the church which houses the offices of the Bishop and it is regularly used by members of the Greek community.

As a youth, Michael played for the thirds with the Carlton Football Club, which has resulted in a long time commitment and love for the Carlton football team. He went on to coach junior football and served on the committee for ten years. In later years, Michael became Social Club Director and Vice President. As a result of his commitment to the Carlton Football Club, Michael was recognised with the titles of Life Member of the Carlton Cricket Club and the Carlton Football Social Club.

In 2010, Michael was nominated for City of Port Phillip Seniors Award.

Throughout these achievements, Michael has had the support of his loving family. His wife, Dianne supported Michael in his endeavours. Dianne has also been participant in the club's activities and was a former member of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Committee in her own right. She has been valuable asset to Michael and their children and grandchildren.

The Kastellorizian of the Year Award will be presented on Sunday 20th of May 2012 commencing with the church service at St. Constantine and St. Helen's Church in Barry Street, South Yarra and followed by refreshments at the Club rooms, 250 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne.

VCE Recognition Awards 2012

Also on Sunday 20th May, the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria will be recognising the success of our young members, who have completed VCE in 2011. This year the recipients of the VCE Recognition Awards are: **Erasmia Antonopoulos, Samantha Garrick, Kristal Kostoglou, Kristen Mihalos** and **Josh Pavlou**. This year each student will be awarded a bursary of \$100 and a selection of Kastellorizian books.

2012 Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award

It is with great pleasure that the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria (KAV) announces **Kristen Mihalos** as this year's recipient of the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award.

Kristen has been recognised for her deeds in the area of community service and her achievements in the performing arts. Over the last 5 years Kristen has been an active member of Amnesty International. She has also hosted a Pink Ribbon Breakfast where she single-handedly raised over \$800 for the cause. Whilst in Year 12 she performed in the Ivanhoe Girls Benefit Concert to raise funds for Frontyard Youth Services. Kristen was also on the organising committee of this event which raised \$46,000.

Kristen's other achievement is in the area of the performing arts. During her Year 11 studies in 2010, Kristen performed as Asaka, the main character in the musical *Once on this Island* in the Young Australian Broadway Chorus production at the Adelaide Fringe Festival.

Last year whilst in year 12, Kristen was a Prefect at Ivanhoe Grammar School. In her role as Prefect, Kristen offered assistance to the school community and provided peer support. Whilst studying VCE, she was invited to audition for the 2011 Top Class Season of Excellence and achieved full marks in her self-choreographed Year 12 Dances. Kristen completed VCE and achieved an ATAR score of 94.35, with scores of over 40 in English, Dance and French. Also in 2011, Kristen completed the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

At the beginning of this year, Kristen participated in the Melbourne premier of the musical *Spring Awakening* at the National Theatre. At present Kristen is teaching dance for the Young Australian Broadway Chorus and choreographed the 2012 Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School musical production of *Sweet Charity*. Kristen is also studying at Monash University.

We look forward to seeing Kristen, who will also receive the VCE Recognition Award, along with all other awardees on 20th May, 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

Audio-visual upgrade

Over the last 18 months, many of you would have visited or read about the upgrading of our clubrooms. We have successfully completed two of the three proposed stages of the facilities upgrade.

One area of improvement on the “to do” list was to upgrade the audio-visual facilities in order to provide *state of the art* facilities for conferences, talks and presentations, as well as general entertainment for members of the KAV. At last year’s AGM, members were given the opportunity to put forward their views on what audio-visual system they thought the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria’s clubrooms required. The members listened to the pros and cons of purchasing a data projector system or one of the top of the range TV with presentation and entertainment capabilities. They then shared their views with the Committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria and the general consensus favoured the TV system.

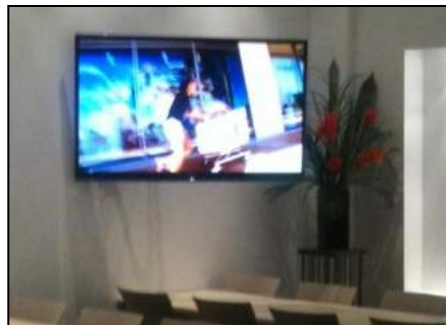
At a recent Kastellorizian Association of Victoria’s committee meeting, the Committee weighed up the suggestions presented by the members, and along with the Committee’s research, the Committee decided to purchase a *state of the art* TV with audio-visual-presentation functions on behalf of the Association.

Nik Spartels and John Karis researched the purchase of a flat screen LED TV which has 3D options, audio connections along with presentation capabilities via hook up to our computer. The TV is also able to play DVDs via the DVD player. The additional feature of this system is the “conference calling” facilities through Skype, via the internet. This will provide the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria with the possibility of holding long distance conferences and time zone permitting making direct and audio-visual contact with friends on Kastellorizo. The installation, cables and labour costs of the TVs were donated by the Spartels family.

As shown in the photograph on the top of the right hand column, the TV-AV system compliments and adds further function to our recently renovated clubrooms. The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria welcomes all members to attend our functions and to enjoy our invigorated facilities.

Nik Spartels

Vice President and Facilities Manager



Wanted! Correspondent for the *Kastelloriziaka Nea*

Do you have a desire or what it takes to be a
journalist?

If so, the KAV wants YOU!

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria (KAV) is seeking a suitable person who is willing to take on the role of Correspondent for the *Kastelloriziaka Nea*, published in Greece.

We are seeking a suitable person to prepare and submit appropriate articles in English and Greek to the Editor in Greece on a bi-monthly basis.

The aim is to promote the KAV both interstate and internationally

The correspondent will be required to:

- Report to the Central Committee at least once a year.
- Liaise with the Newsletter Editor to obtain articles and photographs from the KAV for ongoing publication in the *Kastelloriziaka Nea*.
- Oversee the management of the yearly subscriptions-currently at \$60.

The role is for a period of up to three years.

**For further information and enquiries
please contact :**

**Yvonne Panagacos (President) or
Kathleen Adgemis (Secretary) at
info@kastellorizo.com.au**

Please place “Kastelloriziaka Correspondent “in the subject box

SOCIAL EVENTS

KAV Gala Dance

2nd of June, 2012

Be quick!

***Tickets are selling fast
5 tables already sold!***

Book your seats/table NOW!

Call Christine Mastores-Davidson 0414-822-234

\$95 PER HEAD all inclusive

For more details see enclosed flyer.

Send cheque or credit card details to
Event's Manager, Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, PO Box 112, South Melbourne, 3205
by Sunday May 20, 2012

Megiste Club

**Sunday June 17, 2012
2.00pm till 5.00pm**

At the Kastellorizian Assoc of Vic
250 Dorcas St Sth Melb cnr Dorcas & Hotham Sts

For more info see enclosed flyer or call

Christine Dimer H: 9592 9450 or Mob: 0432 915 049
Chrysanthi Koutsoukis H: 9555 1716 or Mob 0402 253 244

Donation \$20

SOCIAL EVENTS

Cassie “Legends” 50 Year Reunion!

***Were you a member of the Young Men’s Castellorizian Society
1962 to 1965?***

Were you a member of their “cheer squad”?

***Come to the KAV Clubrooms
Sunday 23rd September 2012 at 11am***

***Reminisce, share a beer and pie
and have a laugh with old friends***

***Bring your family, friends
and any memorabilia or photos from the era.
All Members are welcome!***



**COME ALONG
DON'T BE SHY, SHOW YOUR FACES, “LADIES” !**

This event is proudly organised by the
“Kastellorizian Association of Victoria’s Heritage Committee”

See the next newsletter for more details

For enquires call Florence Livery
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SOCIAL EVENTS

**Dodecanesian Federation of Australia,
and supported by the
Kastellorizian Association of Victoria**
proudly presents

**An afternoon with Mr. Steve Kyritsis and
Mr. Lambis Englezos**

***The story of Greeks who served and fought in the Australian
Armed Forces during the Boer, WWI & II, Korean and Vietnam
Wars***

3 pm Sunday July 29, 2012
at Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Clubrooms
250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne

For more information call or email George Verginis: 0417-542-224 or
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Annual General Meeting and General Elections

Sunday,
14th October, 2012

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



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Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Preservation of our cultural history

Historical News - Community Heritage Grant

In early November 2011, I was most fortunate to be able to represent the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria at the 2011 Community Heritage Grants – Preservation and Collection Management Training Workshops, organised by the National Library of Australia in Canberra. The association was extended this invitation because of its success in being awarded a Federal Government grant for a Significant Assessment of its historical collection.

For the coming year, Community History Grants worth \$408,000 have been distributed to 82 community groups and organizations from around Australia to assist in the identification and preservation of community owned but nationally significant heritage collections.

This grant is important in supporting the effort to preserve the Kastellorizian collection at the grassroots level. Whilst the grant will provide the funds for a significant assessment to be carried out by an appropriately qualified and experienced historian, the workshops offered training to a community representative to assist in protecting the collection and making it accessible while it remains in the local context, and in doing so, gain a degree of expertise to act and follow-up on the Assessor's report. To ensure this, community representatives were taken through a three-day intensive preservation and collection management workshop. For someone like me, who for over 20 years has maintained a keen interest in community and family history, this was "the "experience of a lifetime."

The conference was superbly organized. It included a rich and diverse series of workshops and lectures. It also ensured situations arose where participants could network with experts and authorities in the archival management and preservation fields. Meeting fellow participants was also very stimulating. The workshops covered a vast array of topics, all centred on the themes of collection management, collection significance, preservation, access and recording of history. Workshops were held at a range of locations including the National Library of Australia, the National Archives of Australia, the National Film and Sound Archive and National Museum Australia. This guaranteed participants could directly see and hear what the experts "say and do."



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Kastellorizian Association of Victoria **Preservation of our cultural history**

Preparing for a Significant Assessment

In preparation for the Significant Assessment I have been visiting the clubrooms each Monday to familiarize myself with the historical collection. I am indebted to Nicholas and Marie Zorbas for making this task so much easier for me. Over many, many months last year, in a voluntarily capacity they comprehensively archived 21 boxes of documents containing 150 folders into categories for accessibility. Because of their huge effort the documents are now archived, stored safely in a systematic way and easily identifiable in their boxes, ensuring that the growth of our archives in years to come should be a relatively simple process. Nicholas and Marie also carried out a preliminary assessment of artefacts and textiles. (For a full copy of the Cultural Report written by Nicholas Zorbas, see the 2010-2011 KAV Annual Report).

For a successful Significant Assessment the club is required to *"talk to the collection before the assessor."* *What is important and unique about our collection? What is the story behind the key items in our collection?* This will firstly involve the identification of significant items within the collection. This could be, for example, past minutes of early Committee meetings (some in Greek), correspondence regarding sporting events from the Young Men's Kazzie Club or the Ladies' Society election results. Research needs to be carried out about our key items so we can appreciate what makes our collection unique. What is the story behind the briefcase, the costume? What does our collection of Kazzie News symbolize? As I am familiarizing myself with the collection, I am trying to identify significant items with a view to researching them early in the new year.

The Assessment

The Assessor will make a 2-3 day on-site visit followed by 4-5 days writing up the report. At the site visit the Assessor needs to examine and assess the collection, looking at the provenance of the items (story behind them), the physical condition, associated documentation, storage and display. A report will follow making recommendations for the management and preservation of our historical collection.

The club is in the process of appointing a suitably qualified and experienced assessor, one who is familiar and has recent experience with the Significant Assessment process. It is crucial that the assessment follows the National Library of Australia endorsed methodology if we wish to apply for future funding, particularly for preservation needs.

Whilst we move through the Significant Assessment process the club is also very keen to enhance its historical document collection:

Gaps in the collection. As Nicholas Zorbas noted in his report to the 2011 Annual General Meeting, *"Unfortunately, no documents prior to 1950 and very few prior to 1960 have been found. There are also large time gaps in some of the documents that have been found. It is assumed that many documents have been lost over the years, or if they still exist, are held in private houses, attics or garages."* The association urges all members, particularly past committee members to please check their sheds, boxes, home storage areas etc. Whether it be a single document, files or boxes, please contact me and I will collect it. I also encourage you to not sort the documents, to keep them as they are. Documents are best kept in their context. Documents are also best kept in their entirety, no matter how trivial you think they may be. E.g. a thank-you card may well be extremely significant in the context of other documents in a file. This all adds to the provenance of the items. Do you have any correspondence from the club? Any fliers from events of days gone by? Any thank-you cards? These items maybe from 50 years ago or less than 10 years ago.

The Kazzie News. Do you have any old copies of the Kazzie News? In particular we are missing the following

1984 (14 & 19), 1986 (36 & 37), 1987 (44, 47), 1989 (62) and 1995 (95). Also, we do not have any copies of the earlier newsletters which the club distributed before the Kazzie News was revived in 1983.

Whilst the historical collection is important in its own right, it is only with a comprehensive collection and allowing access to it, (such as for display and exhibition or research purposes), can we ensure that the history of Kastellorizians in Victoria is recorded, comes alive and stays alive for future generations.

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Kastellorizian Association of Victoria **Preservation of our cultural history**

We need to remind ourselves that the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria and its members have played a very important role in the cultural heritage of the state of Victoria and of the nation.

Finally, I wish to personally thank Yvonne Panagacos and Connie Gregory who had the foresight to apply for the Significant Assessment Grant. Their successful application has ensured that the club has prioritised the process of preserving its history and in doing so, secured the place of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria in the national distribution of Australia's history.

Please contact me if you would like to volunteer some of your time and support the club in its historical endeavours. This may include anything from translating documents, managing and preserving the archives, collecting historical material, organizing access of the collection, researching, recording and publishing our Kastellorizian history or assisting in displays and events.

If you would like to join an email list to stay in touch about our historical projects please also contact me.

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Missing in action KAV documents

Are you a Past President or
Former committee member?

**Do you or your family members have any
KAV documents stored for safe keeping
at your homes, or in your garage or
office?**

If so, please contact Florence Livery,
KAV Heritage Curator and the KAV will
gladly look after them for you!

**We are looking to complete our records
and are searching for:**

**KAV Minutes pre 1970s
&
Kazzie News**

Editions 14 & 19 (1984),
36 & 37 (1986),
44, 47 (1987), 62 (1989)
and 95 (1995).

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There has been a significant amount of attention from the Greek Community regarding the \$9,000 grant from the Multicultural Commission of Victoria awarded to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria and more recently the Significant Assessment Grant. This, in conjunction with Florence's participation in the Community Heritage Grants – Preservation and Collection Management Training Workshops in Canberra, has resulted in a very favourable article printed in the *Neos Kosmos* on 17/ 03 /12 . If you have not had the opportunity to read the article, a copy is available in our archives.

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Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

In search of a name for the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Historical Committee

Following initial consultation with our advisor, Annette Welkamp, a temporary name for *The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Heritage Committee* has been chosen for the Historical Committee. However, the Committee felt that although the title described the group accurately, it has no emotion and does not describe the sentiment behind the project that the committee is to oversee.

Following Florence Livery's appointment to the role of Curator of the heritage project, she proposed that the title of the KAV's Historical Committee be called *Horafia*. Her reasons for selecting the name *Horafia* are outlined in her article that follows.

However, the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria faces a dilemma: to select a name for the Historical Committee which is both unique and representative of its project. **We are now calling for your support and assistance in naming our Historical Committee.** We are offering you a chance to participate via our **competition. Details of entry can be found on page 35.** Get your "thinking caps" on and enter today as **entries close on Sunday 20th May, 2012. The winner will be announced at the Gala Dance on Saturday 2nd June and will receive a \$100 dinner voucher.** The winning proposal will be published in the next edition of the **Kazzie News.**

Proposal to name the Historical Society of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria - 'Horafia' by Florence Livery.

Over the recent summer vacation I went through the many journals of my late father, Panos Livery. In the journal of his trip to Castellorizo, in 1985, Dad made sporadic mention of the area called the 'Horafia.' One such entry, dated 27/9/1985, 'I met Basil Hondros and his daughter, Nina in the Horafia.' "The Horafia is a funny place – ruins, good houses, renovated houses, empty houses, trees and a few little gardens, and even goats penned up; fruit trees, pomegranates and the greenest part of Castellorizo." Entries like this made me start to think about the Horafia. What was it? I then turned to our expert historian, Nicholas Pappas and posted a question on his website, asking if anyone knew about the history of this area known as the Horafia.

Nicholas replied, 'The area known as the **Horafia** was originally just that - 'horafia' or fields where limited agriculture was undertaken. This was in the 18th century, when the town extended only halfway along the promontory known as Kavos. At this time, the only church in this area was the small church of Panaghia which today sits beside the church of St Spyridon in the square.

During this period, the island's cemetery was also located here (ie beyond the outskirts of the urbanised area) and it remained here until the end of the 19th century when a decision was taken, due to overcrowding, to re-locate it to the Niftis promontory. The more recent graves were moved to the new site, but most of the remains were re-interred in the ostothyke (ossuary) which is to be found at the rear of the church of St George (Ayios Yeorgios 'tou Louka' or 'tou Horafiou').

From the end of the Greek revolution, and starting with the construction of the Cathedral of Sts Constantine & Helen, the Horafia precinct became integrated into the town, and later construction, which included the boys and girls schools and the St George church, turned the area into a social, religious and educational hub for the islanders, a far cry from its long-forgotten agricultural role, or even its function as the site of the island's cemetery. Photos from the 1920s and 1930s, in particular, regularly show the islanders reveling in the square formed by these civic additions and the square has retained this civic function to this day.'

From the changing use of the Horafia from a place of agriculture, to a cemetery, to a social, religious and educational hub I instantly drew in my mind a parallel to our Australian pioneer Kazzies and their descendants. From humble beginnings a century ago, prevailed by hard labour and menial employment, Victorian Kazzies have evolved and forged their way across all elements of Australian society, institutions, professions, businesses and pursuits. We have revelled in Australian society yet at the same time we want our story to be told, the story of our homeland and our newland. We want to tell our story both to fellow Kazzies and the wider Australian community. Victorian Kazzies have an incredible amount of communal and individual wisdom, knowledge and experience to share. Maybe we will not be sharing it by communicating over coffee at the tables and chairs at the Horafia on Castellorizo. Hopefully, we will be sharing it through the pages and projects of our Horafia.

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Kastellorizian Association of Vic

Membership Report

By John Karis and Katina Garrick

As of 22nd March 2012, the Kastellorizian Association had 395 recorded entries on its mailing list. Figure 1 shows the percentages for members and non-members based on our mailing lists and registers.

A total of 270 members are eligible to vote which represents 68% of our member and registration lists. This percentage has increased significantly since last year which is due primarily to a large increase in Honorary members. The Financial and non-financial numbers are consistent with other years.

Note: The Membership subscription fee reverted back to \$10 per person for members in the 18 to 64 years bracket, as per the AGM.

Disclaimer: All data included in the above Membership reports have been diligently compiled from records made available by the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.

With the advent of the new website we have been able to start collecting email addresses from members and visitors interested in receiving an electronic version of our Newsletter. This will go a long way to reducing the numbers of mailed out copies and consequently reduce costs in the future.

It would be of great assistance, if you prefer to receive your Newsletter electronically, that you go to the website and click on the Homepage "Subscribe" button. Please ensure you enter in your email address where required.

Remember: If you are not registered as a paid-up member or not paid your subscription for the 1st July 11 to 30th June 12 please do so immediately as we need your continued support. If you are uncertain as to your membership status please contact John Karis on 0412 662 079.

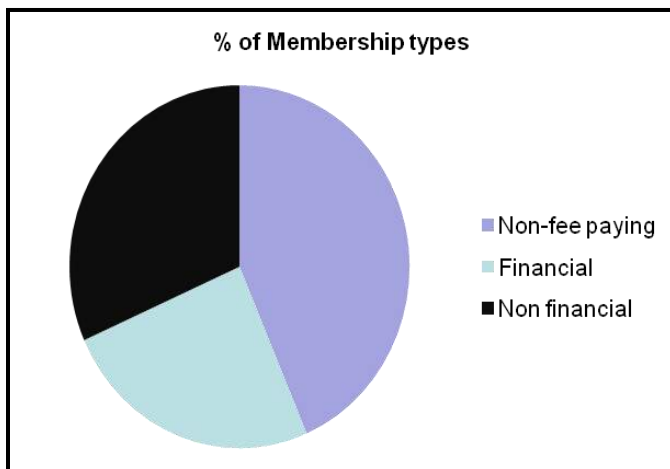


Figure 1: Percentage types of members as at 22nd March 2012

Annual General Meeting and General Elections Sunday, 14th October, 2012

2.00pm Sharp
250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne

**Don't forget to pay or register your membership
before September 30! To be eligible to vote or
stand for a position on the committee**

**Our Statistics show our Website is experiencing a large number of hits
Advertise on www.kastellorizo.com.au website or in the *Kazzie News***

**Seize the opportunity - register your business on our Website
For enquiries and tariffs, call John Karis 0412 662 079**

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Kastellorizian Association of Vic

Website Report

By John Karis

The new website came into effect on the 11th November 2011. The information provided in this report relates to the period from this date to the 22nd March, when the data was collated.

Website performance

Visitors: Last month the number of visitors to the site was approximately 500. This is under the annual average, however, it includes the festive season at which time activity normally tapers off. (This does not include multiple hits)

Most visited pages in order: Home, Gallery, Travel, Greek Orthodox Calendar, Newsletters and Genealogy

Source: 72% from Search Engines, 12% Direct (decrease in Search Engines and increase in Direct traffic)

Major countries: Australia, USA, Greece and UK

The average time spent on site was 2.5 minutes

The bounce rate was 51%. This reflects a decrease which suggests visitors are finding the information they are searching for)

New Visitors: 72%

Pages visited: 3.13 pages per visitor (increase)

Observations

The traffic to our website is quite seasonal in that Genealogy is usually further up the top in the most pages visited. However, with Easter coming up there is always a large increase in visitors to the calendar pages to access information on dates and name days etc.

Greece has stabilised in 3rd place, in relation to countries of origin, after previous months of variability.

Although traffic is down on the annual average there are significant achievements such as: people are staying logged on longer and coming straight to the site, compared with previous years where they would search by Kastellorizo or keyword. This means we are becoming more well known.

Content

This is an integral component of what makes a good website. We are still making changes to the Recipes, Culture and Newsletter pages in order to make it easier to navigate and store information. For example, the Newsletters section will soon include an archive folder for past editions, which will be password protected, and recipes will have folders based on food type ie. savoury, desserts etc.

Facebook

We amended our Kastellorizian Association of Victoria 'Facebook Page' by adding the word (Australia). It was considered that we needed to be more universal and appeal to a wider audience. The new website now also has a clearly visible Facebook tab so this should attract more visitors in time.

We reported last year that we were disappointed that our Facebook page was not receiving a great deal of traffic with most of the notifications and postings emanating from the more mature members and visitors. It now appears that we are increasing our visibility and have a considerable number of new visitors coming to our page.

To exemplify this we have provided some "insights" into our visitors' demographics:

- The most number of visitors are female with 67% compared with males at 33%
- The female age bracket is 25 to 44 years and the male 25 to 34 years. This could be considered unusual for young males to be interested in our page. We will continue to track this aspect.
- The countries of origin in order of activity are: Australia, Greece, USA, Italy, UK, Sweden and Cyprus. A good mix of destinations and we are pleased to see Greece being so prominent, which is mainly attributable to visitors wanting to announce Kastellorizian-related events and activities.

If you haven't visited our Facebook page as yet then I urge you to do so and, by all means, make a comment or post some information which you feel would be of interest to all Kastellorizians around the globe.

It would be appreciated if you could also make your children aware of the page as they could communicate/chat with their own friends and family.

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Kastellorizian Association of Vic Social Report

Tavern Night

On the 24th September 2011, 62 people enjoyed a wonderful evening at Yiannis Tavern on High St in Kew.

As the guests arrived, they were welcomed with live Greek music from the house band. The group was seated on the ground floor of the restaurant, with close and quick access to the dance floor. The food was bountiful and consisted of a wide selection of mezethes, main course which included meat as well as seafood platters. The meal was topped off with a selection of Greek sweets and followed by tea and coffee.

In between courses there was plenty of lively Greek dancing and the guests eagerly participated.

During the course of the evening a very successful raffle was held, with the majority of the prizes going to the very lucky Plafadelis table.

It was also a very special night as George Alexiou celebrated his 80th birthday with the guests, his wife and daughter, Maria, who was a KAV committee member in 2006-8.

A fantastic night was had by all and the guests left the event asking "When is the next one?"

Thank you to the Events Coordinator, Flora Hamilton and Christine Mastores- Davidson for arranging such a wonderful evening.



Children's Christmas party

The Children's Christmas Party was held on the afternoon of Sunday 4th December, 2012. The weather was good and the children all enjoyed exploring the Kew Traffic school. They had fun learning and putting into practice their road rules whilst they patiently waited for Father Christmas to arrive.

There were squeals of excitement from the children when Father Christmas arrived and off-loaded his bounty of presents. When it was time for Father Christmas to leave some children didn't want him to go!!!!

The adults enjoyed catching up with each other and they participated after in the raffle.

A big thank you must go to Barry Davidson for delightfully wearing the Red and the White on the day! Thank you to Flora for booking this very popular location and to the Committee members who donated gifts for the raffle.

It is not too long until Father Christmas's return on Sunday 2nd December, 2012. So keep the date free! We look forward to seeing you and all our little ones and their families on the day.

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Left: George Alexiou with his 80th by his birthday cake was congratulated by his wife as daughter, Maria looked on

Above: Father Christmas takes a break at the Kew Traffic School, surrounded by all the children and some of their parents

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1. Current KAV President, Yvonne Panagacos with husband, George enjoying the meal at the Tavern night, 2011.
2. KAV Heritage Curator, Florence Livery was surprised to see Father Xmas at the Children's Xmas Party, December 2011.
3. Former KAV President, John S Adgemis and KAV IT Manager John Karis at the 2011 Tavern night.
4. A group photo of Father Christmas and all the guests at the Children's Christmas Party held at the Kew Traffic school December, 2011.
5. Former KAV President Michael and wife and former KAV committee member, Dianne Spartels at the Tavern night, 2011.
6. Vice President Nik Spartels and wife Dina at the Kew traffic school.
7. Peter Defteros and wife, Anna Miriklis-Defteros and friend at the Tavern night.

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Kastellorizian Association of Vic Events, 2011



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KASTELLORIZIAN SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB Inc

by President, Christine Dimer

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2012

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

**AT CLUBROOMS
250 DORCAS ST SOUTH MELBOURNE VIC
Phone: 9699 7875.**

Starting at 11 am, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

**May 2nd Mother's Day Lunch at Savoy Vibe, 630
Lt. Collins Street (opposite Southern Cross
Station). Meet there 11.45am.
Lunch 12-2.30pm. Mother's Day Raffle.
Members will be subsidised \$11.50. Net Cost to
members \$20.**

**June 6th Lunch at Club Rooms– Speaker and
Bingo.**
Money will be collected today (\$10) for next month's
function:
Hahndorf's Chocolate demonstration. Chocolates
for sale (to be confirmed).

**July 4th Lunch at Glasshouse Restaurant,
Caulfield Tabaret, Station Street, Caulfield.**
Meet there after 11.30 for lunch at 12 noon. Lunch
\$18.50 for three course **seniors meal**.
Members will be subsidised \$8.50, net cost \$ 10. All
drinks extra.

August 1st Cancer Council Brunch at Club. Bring
savouries/sweets to share. Raffle will be held and all
takings donated to Cancer Council (in 2011 we
donated \$500).
Bingo. All members welcome and bring a friend or
neighbour. **Donation: \$5.**
**Money will be collected today for next month's
function.** (Members will need to pay \$10 each).

**September 5 Buffet Lunch at the Templestowe
Hotel, 23 Parker Street, Lower Templestowe 3107.**

Pickup bus will leave Caulfield Tabaret, Station St,
Caulfield at 10.00 am sharp.
Lunch at this stage is \$19.90 – members will be
subsidised \$9.90, net cost \$ 10.00.

September 5 cont: All members will need to
provide their own transport to the pickup point.
Bus will leave the hotel to return to Caulfield at 2pm.
For those who live nearby: we will meet at the hotel
for morning tea at about 11am. We need 45
members for this function to go ahead.
Telephone No. of Templestowe Hotel is: 9850 4866.

**October 3rd AGM and lunch at the Club, in
South Melbourne.**

Bingo after conclusion of meeting.
Bookings will be taken for Christmas Lunch at
Crown. Part or full payment will need to be made.

**November 7 Spring Carnival Lunch at the Club
and Bingo.**

Best hat and outfit competition.
Oaks Day sweep or raffle.
Finalise details for Christmas Lunch at Crown
Conservatory.

**December 5 Lunch at Crown Casino
Conservatory.** Price not yet confirmed but the cost
will be partly subsidised by the Club. We will meet at
the upstairs restaurant, at 12 noon.

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 AND ACTIVITIES.
ALL EXTERNAL OUTINGS WILL BE SUBSIDISED
FOR MEMBERS.

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT:

**CHRISTINE DIMER : 0432 915 049 or 9592 9450
PETER CHRISTOFAS:0422 586 177 or 9379 8635**

Val Lazarakis	9523 5362
Sam & Cherry Alexander	8957 5362
Dianne Spartels	9696 0047
Irene Mingos	9571 5919

Christine Dimer
President, Kastellorizian Senior Citizen Club Inc
April 2012

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Kastellorizian Senior Citizens Club Inc: ***News and Social Events 2011 -2012*** *by President, Christine Dimer*

Last November, the Kastellorizian Senior Citizens Club members celebrated Melbourne Cup day with our annual "Spring Carnival Hat day". Everyone dressed up in their finery and proudly wore their favourite hat. Vera Constance (third from the right) won best outfit, whilst Yvonne Panagacos was awarded best Hat (centre).



Spring Carnival Hat Day Left to right: Anastasia DeMelis, Dianne Spartels, Christine Dimer, Mary Kominos, Yvonne Panagacos, Irene Mingos, Vera Constance, Marika Bisas, Christina Pavlou

At the first Seniors meeting for the year held on February 1st, Lisa Kulig, nee Christofas, was our guest and chatted to members about her life in Sweden and her favourite place, Kastellorizo, where she was married in 2010, and enjoyed her 1st Anniversary in 2011. We were all happy to hear about her travels and thank Lisa for coming along. Lisa currently lives in Sweden and was on holidays in Melbourne visiting her parent's Kathy and Peter Christofas.



On March 7th, our members enjoyed a lunch at the Kitchen Workshop - Crown Casino. Lunch was Buffet and we have returned here due to the high standard of food offered Thank you to Peter for looking after the group.

DONATIONS:

The following donations were made to the **Kastellorizian Senior Citizens Club Inc. in memory of the late Stephen Paltos (Paltoglou), Maria Malaxos, Alexandra Varsamis and Paul Zervos.** The donors are listed below:

A donation was received from Mr & Mrs Steve Bisas in memory of the late Paul Zervos

Mrs Nellie Zombos donated in memory of her late husband Steve Zombos and Chris Calmer (Kalomoiris). Both passed away in 2005.

A donation received from Mr & Mrs Tony Stabelos in memory of the late Alexandra Varsamis.

Donations were received from Mrs Cristalla Bisas, Mrs Katina Miriklis, Mr & Mrs Con Mangos, Mr & Mrs Steve Bisas in memory of the late Maria Malaxos.

Donations were received from Mr & Mrs Steve Bisas, Mr & Mrs Alex Mihalos, Mr & Mrs Peter Christofas, Mrs Cristalla Bisas, Mrs Katina Miriklis, Mr & Mrs Tony Stabelos in memory of the late Stephen Paltos (Paltoglou)

Deepest sympathy is extended to all members of their families

Kastellorizian Association of WA: Centenary Celebrations

It is not long until the Kastellorizian Association of WA will hold their Centenary Celebrations. The week long event is turning out to be an extravaganza with the Centenary Gala Dinner already booked out. The celebration has even made headlines in the *Neos Kosmos*.

If you are thinking of making a last minute dash to Perth to join in all of the action, there is still time! You can add your name to the waiting list for the dance (currently at 50 people) or join in any of the other fun and interesting events on offer between the 20th to the 25th of May, 2012. Registration and payment for the event is required by April 27, see enclosed flyer.

We wish them "all the best for their celebrations and many more successful years !"

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Dodecanesian Federation of Australia

by Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Representative

and President of the Dodecanesian Federation of Australia, George Verginis

The Dodecanese Islands consisting of our mother Island "Kastellorizo" and the many others celebrated the liberation and unity with mainland Greece in March of 1947, this year in Melbourne on the 11th March, with all the Dodecanese Islands clubs, as part of the Dodecanesian Federation of Australia, at the Axion Astin Monastery in Northcote.

It was celebrated in 3 parts, firstly by a Doxology and Liturgy at the church where hundreds of people attended, including our Kassies: Yvonne and George Panagacos, Michelle Hondros, Helen Koutsoukis, Peter and Katina and daughter Samantha Garrick, Chrissy, Con and Bronwyn Paltoglou, Peter Coates and Jim Verginis (pictured below). The congregation followed the clergy and official party to the Shrine to the Unknown Soldier where they prayed and laid wreaths.



The invited guests then attended the reception luncheon in the main hall where it was an honour for me as President of the Dodecanesian Federation to welcome the many Dignitaries from the Greek Consulate, Parliamentarians Liberal and Labour, and our Greek Community President. They all spoke of the importance of this Liberation Celebration and the important role that the Dodecanese Islands have played in history.



Mr Vasilios Gkokas the Consul for Education presented VCE awards to 3 students and we were proud to see our own Samantha Garrick (pictured below, left) receive her framed certificate witnessed by her family and especially a very proud grandmother Helen Koutsoukis.

I was in attendance for the Dodecanesian Federation representing all the Islands for the celebrations for our Greek National day, 25th March, with the march down St Kilda Road to the Shrine of Remembrance. Also at the March was fellow Kastellorizian, Jacob Fronistas (pictured below).



We then went to the Hellenic Memorial where I laid a wreath on behalf of our Dodecanese forefathers who fought vigorously for us to belong to the Greek nation, and this I did with pride.

Please keep **Sunday 29th of July** free to attend the **seminar presentation by Steve Kyritsis and Lambis Englezos, at the KAV clubrooms. The topic is the Greeks who served in the Australian Armed Forces.** Many of you will be familiar with both gentlemen. Steve fought in the Vietnam War and has written a number of books on the subject of Greeks who served in the numerous wars for Australia. Lambis, who presented a seminar last year at the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, was responsible for discovering and locating the graves of Australian soldiers who fought and died in the World War I battle of Fromelles. Afternoon tea will be served following their interesting presentations and question time.

Youth Feature

My Travels to Zambia, Botswana and Namibia

By Paige Adgemis

The following article by Paige Adgemis give us all an opportunity to catch up on some of interesting and challenging activities of our young members participate in. The KAV hopes you enjoy the article and we look forward to receiving more interesting articles from our young members in the near future! If you would like to submit an article please contact the Evelyn Salvaris evelynsalvaris@gmail.com

My Travels to Zambia, Botswana and Namibia.

On Saturday the 26th of November 2010, eight Ruyton students, two teachers, one World Challenge leader and myself set off on our four week expedition to Africa. Saying goodbye to our family and friends, we were left with many mixed emotions and the feeling of uncertainty as we were not sure what to expect for the four-weeks ahead.

After a long, 26 hour plane journey we finally arrived in Zambia. We were greeted with our 'moving home for the next four weeks' - a safari truck and its driver Simba! Stepping out of the tiny airport the heat was over 40 degrees and this was average weather for Zambia at this time of year. That night there was a huge thunderstorm; sleeping in tents, the thunder sounded a lot closer. The next day we made it to Victoria Falls, which was incredible. I was amazed that the falls was a border for five countries - Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Angola and Zimbabwe.

Before long we were back on the road and heading for Botswana, this is where we did our acclimatisation trek, which was very scary as we travelled along the 'Okavango Delta' on wood boats similar to canoes but hand made and called 'Mokoros'. As we set off along the river our trek guide had forgotten to tell us that the water was home to many crocodiles and hippopotamuii, which sent the whole group into a frenzy. Making it to our camp alive, we set up our tents and went on a walking safari where we saw the 'Big 5' - Lion, Elephant, Buffalo, Leopard and Rhinoceros which was very exciting.

The next stop was Namibia which took a two whole days of travelling. We drove though the desert, seeing an animal on the odd occasion but we were all very relived to arrive at our project phase destination - Waterberg Primary School.

The primary school relies on donations and volunteers in order to continue educating Namibian children, from grades 1-7. As we arrived at the school we were introduced to the Principal, Mrs Adelaide, who presented us with our tasks for the week. These involved repainting classrooms, building

a carpark for staff, designing and creating a sign for the school and planting various flowers and vegetables.

On our first day we were faced with the challenge of purchasing all the required equipment with the money we'd fundraised throughout the year. As we were in a remote area we had to travel over an hour to Otjiwarango where we spent a tiring and stressful day finding materials and bargaining for the best prices. Throughout the week we found ourselves digging trenches, mixing cement, laying bricks, knocking down walls, painting classrooms, doing heavy lifting and many other tasks we weren't accustomed to. Despite the blistering heat, we successfully accomplished all of our tasks and during the process gained many rewarding skills. Along the way we were fortunate enough to meet many students from the school; this was an extremely eye opening experience and made us realise how much a week of work would benefit them, their school and the community.

With our remaining money and donations we were also able to provide the children with netballs, soccer balls, footballs, pencils, crayons, sharpeners and various other goods. Although at times it seemed as though we would never finish, with the help of friendly locals and the continuous determination and support from each other, we managed to pull through and achieve all of our goals. Together we completed a project which could seem almost impossible for a group of nine Ruyton school girls and two awesome teachers. On our last day we said our goodbyes and left the Waterberg community with pride and something for the kids to always remember us by. This experience was unforgettable, as we were able to benefit the community as well as ourselves and take home a lifetime of memories.

Paige Adgemis



Above: Paige Adgemis (second row, second from the right) is pictured with her class mates, teachers and local children

Cultural Feature

Saints Constantine and Helen

21 May (Our Patron Saints)

Constantine The Great (Equal of the Apostles) is the first Roman Emperor to accept Christianity. The Latin meaning of the name is "firm and faithful." The English meaning "constant."

Constantine's mother, Helen, means "light." Helen is closely associated in the discovery of the "wood of life", the true cross, which was the All-Holy Cross of our Sovereign Lord.

In the Orthodox Church, both Mother and Son are memorialised on 21st May.

Constantine was born in 274 A.D. in Serbia. His father was Constantine The First King of the vicinity. Helen was from Asia Minor. As in her name, she was "Hellenic" in descent and married Constantine prior to him becoming King, at the age of 23. Constantine The Great became a general when his father died and thereafter became King Constantine Junior by the army. In his reign, Constantine had a love for Christianity and for the Christian people. Towards the Church, he abolished crucifixion, working on Sundays and issued punishments towards blasphemers. Constantine put an end to duel fighting and freed the of slaves in order to cease being abused. He offered financial support to the poor, to those with many children and to the disabled.

Towards the later years of his extraordinary life, Constantine's empire had Greece as it's epicentre known as the "Hellenic Byzantine Empire." The capital city was named, "Constantinople" by the fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. In 337 A.D., when Great Constantine became ill, he asked to be baptized a Christian and thereafter did not wear his robes again until his death.

The Icon of Mother and Son shows the holding of the Cross and Nails with both wearing Crowns of Sovereignty.

In Kastellorizo, the Church "St Constantine and St Helen" is picturesque and grand to see. In Melbourne (South Yarra), the Church "St Constantine and St Helen" sees the celebration of it's Nameday with respect and honour for the Kastellorizian people.

"Xpovia Polla" to our Patron Saints and may we all be proud of our origins!!!

by Anna Miriklis-Defteros

Saint's Days (May to July)

May 02 Zoodochos Pigis

May 03 Timotheos (Timothy)

May 05 Eirinis, Irini (Irene)

May 06 Serafim

May 07 Akakios

May 09 Christoforos (Christopher)

May 10 Simonos (Simon)

May 11 Kyrillos & Methodos

May 13 Sergios, Sergios / Glykerias, Glykeria (Sergio)

May 15 Paxomios

May 17 Andronikos

May 18 Ioulia, Ioulia (Julia, Julie)

May 19 Menandrios

May 21 Konstantinos & Elenis, Konstantine, Kostas, Tina, Kostantina, Eleni (Helen)

May 27 Ioannos Rosos

May 28 Tis Analipseos

May 29 Theodosias

May 30 Isaakios (Isaac) nt.

June 2 Nikiforos

June 4 Marthas & Marias, Martha

June 5 Dorotheos (Dorothea, Dorothy)

June 7 Sevastianis (Sebastian)

June 8 Kalliopis (Calliope)

June 11 Vartholomaios (Bartholomew, Bart) / Varnava

June 19 Paisios

June 22 Zinonos

June 29 Petros & Paulos, Petros, Pavlos (Peter, Paul, Pavel)

June 30 Synaxi ton 12 Apostolon, Apostolis, Apostolos

July 1 Kosma & Damianos (Damian)

July 3 Yakinthos (Hyacinth)

July 7 Kyriakis, Kyriaki

July 8 Theofilos / Prokopios

July 9 Pagratios

July 11 Eyfimias / OlgasJ uly

12 Veronikis (Veronica)

July 14 Nikodimos

July 16 Athinogenoss

July 17 Marinas, Marina

July 18 Aimilianos (Emile, Emily)

July 20 Profiti Elia, Ilias (Elias, Elijah, Eli)

July 22 Marias Magdalinis, Magdalini, Magda, Magdalena, Lena

July 26 Paraksevis

July 27 Panteleimonos, Pantelis

July 29 Kallinikos

July 31 Iosif Arimatheias, Iosif, Sifi

by Evelyn Salvaris

General Interest

Michelle Fermanis-Winard is travelling to Kastellorizo with her cousin, Julie (Fermanis) Lacombe. Before travelling to Kastellorizo, Michelle and Julie spent time looking through family photographs of Kastellorizo and the Fermanis home. This inspired Michelle to write the following poem in anticipation of her journey.

"Kalo Taxidi", Michelle

A Handful of Shells
by Michele Fermanis-Winward

Shells tossed into the sea
prised from their world
as tides of war
took them to other shores.

But we persist
cling to what now remains,
these rocks of birth
can never be replaced.

The church of ritual sustains
our culture to renew,
faith will not be betrayed
by politics or dearth.

Wealth ebbs and flows
as tourists trade their dreams,
our harbour still provides
the history we maintain.

For the people of the Island.

COOL TO BE KAZZIE

With ANZAC Day approaching, it is relevant to bring to your attention the following "cool" book. In August last year, a book launch for the first novel by Kastellorizian descendant Phil Kafcaloudes was held at Readings in Carlton. The novel was based on his Grandmother's involvement in WW2. Following its launch, the book received good reviews in the *Neos Kosmos* (<http://neoskopos.com/news/en/someone-elses-war-review>) and *The Daily Telegraph*. The book was also featured on 105.7 ABC Darwin's *Guestroom*. You can listen to Phil's interview by following the link (<http://www.abc.net.au/local/audio/2011/09/14/3317824.htm>).

Phil contacted the KAV and gave us the following synopsis: "I am a radio and TV presenter with the ABC of proud Kastellorizo descent. In September 2011 my novel came out about my grandmother, who was a Greek-Australian spy in Greece in WW2. Even though I am Melbourne-based, the book, *Someone Else's War*, has been embraced by the Greek community in Sydney. It was launched by former premier Bob Carr, and then there were special receptions at AHEPA, and at a Hellenic Society reception at the war memorial in Hyde Park to mark Oxi Day, 2011. The novel was also featured at a function for the Greek Orthodox community the next day. I would love to share this story with the Kazzie community in Melbourne. Although the story is mostly taken up with my grandmother's fights against the Nazi's, I also tell the story of my grandfather's trip from Kastellorizo to San Francisco in 1906 and (on the other side of the family) my Dad's rescue from Kastellorizo as a refugee baby during WW1."

For more details on the book go to: www.someoneelseswar.info or visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZxCcEbplFA to hear and see Phil talk about the book.

Evelyn Salvaris

KAZZIE KERASMA

Kazzies and their descendents are firmly entrenched into the DNA of Australia's history. In this edition of the *Kazzie News*, again I deviate from our traditional Kazzie Kerasma and bring you a recipe from our Australian table. As we have highlighted Phil's book, *Someone Else's War* and are supporting a seminar on Greeks (including Kazzies) who served in the Australian Armed Forces and with ANZAC Day approaching, my recipe selection for this edition is for **ANZAC Biscuits**.

A quick scan of the literature suggests the usual Australian/New Zealand rivalry with regards to who can claim the fame as the originator of the recipe. But it is greatly acknowledged that the Australian Country Women's Association recipe is *bona fide*.

This is my recipe for **ANZAC Biscuits** from my school days.

- In a large bowl, combine: 1 cup plain flour; 1 cup sugar; 1 cup rolled oats; 1 cup desiccated coconut.

- In a small saucepan over a medium heat combine 4 oz butter and 1 tablespoon golden syrup

- In a small bowl, combine 2 tablespoons boiling water and 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda and add to the melted butter and Golden Syrup.

- Add in dry ingredients and add a teaspoonful of the biscuit mixture onto the greased baking tray and bake at 180°C (or approx 375 °F) for 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool and enjoy!

Kali Oresi, Evelyn Salvaris

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Birthday Celebrations

21st Birthday



A birthday party was held for **Krista Constantas**, daughter of **Julie** and only granddaughter of **Nina** and the late **Spiro Mangos**. A fun night was had with family and friends celebrating Krista's birthday. Krista (centre) is pictured above with her mother, Julie (left) and brother, James (right).

We wish her every happiness for her future.
Submitted by Kathleen Adgemis

60th Birthday

Congratulations to **Stan (Anastasios) Piperoglou** (pictured below with Thenia) on the occasion of his 60th birthday. A party celebration was held by his wife, **Thenia**. Guests from Melbourne were his brother, **Dr Michael** and **Lemoia Piperoglou** and family and cousin **Michael Kyriakos Miriklis** and wife, **Zina**.

Na ta Ekatostisis Stan!
Submitted by Anna Miriklis- Defteros



70th Birthday

Michael Spartels celebrated his 70th birthday on the 10th March with close family and friends. 80 people attended the party at the Commonwealth Golf Course where Michael is a member. Friends and family attended from Gold Coast, Sydney, Wentworth Falls, and Hong Kong. The Band, *Glendi* played on the evening. A wonderful time was had by all who attended. Visitors were **Kevin Zervos** from Hong Kong, **Anthony and Helen Kanaris**, **James** and **Alexandra Kanaris**, **Jim**, **Evelyn**, **James**, **Michael** and **Alannah Aroney** from Sydney, **Tass** and **Jan James** from Wentworth Falls, Katoumba, N.S.W. Submitted by Dianne Spartels.

80th Birthday

Mrs Nina Mangos celebrated her 80th birthday in November 2011 at Yianni's Tavern with her immediate family. The surprise for the night was the attendance of her brother- and sister-in-law, **Con and Mary Mangos** from Adelaide. Nina would like to thank her family and friends for their cards and good wishes. Submitted by Kathleen Adgemis.

100th Birthday

On Sunday 30th October, **Steve Paltos** celebrated his 100th Birthday (Born 25/10/1911). It was held at the Mediterranean Tavern in Elsternwick. **Steve's** immediate family and sister **Betty Theodore** from Sydney attended, as did 24 nieces and nephews from interstate. Many of Dad's cousins, relatives and close family friends helped him celebrate this wonderful milestone. His children **Irene**, **Jim** and **Christine and families** organised the party for their father and it proved to be a most memorable day with speeches, anecdotes and good food.

Steve enjoyed the day, and was delighted that he was able to stay all day.

Submitted by Christine Dimer

On the following page, the family share a snap shot of some of the official well wishes that arrived on this a momentous occasion.

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Congratulations received on the occasion of Steve Paltos's 100th Birthday

Submitted by Christine Dimer

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The Premier of Victoria

Mr Stephen Paltos
3 Liscard Street
ELSTERNWICK VIC 3185

Dear Mr Paltos

It gives me great pleasure to offer you my warmest congratulations on the occasion of your 100th birthday on 25 October 2011.

What a wonderful achievement it is, and certainly one worthy of both recognition and celebration.

Robyn and I wish you many happy returns and our best wishes on reaching this milestone.

Warmest regards

Ted Baillieu MLA
Premier

3 October 2011

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PRIME MINISTER

Mr Stephen Paltos
3 Liscard Street
ELSTERNWICK VIC 3185

Dear Mr Paltos

It gives me great pleasure to offer you my warmest congratulations on the occasion of your 100th birthday. I hope that you enjoy this memorable occasion with your family and friends and I wish you every happiness for the future.

A spirit of hard work, decency and effort has undoubtedly seen you through many challenges and personal achievements, and I am sure that you and your family will celebrate the rewards that these qualities bring as you mark this significant milestone.

Australians are greatly indebted to people of your generation for the sacrifices and achievements you have made over the years, as well as for the strong and enduring values of family and community that underpin Australian society.

I would like to join your family and friends in extending my congratulations and best personal wishes to you on this wonderful occasion.

Yours sincerely

Julia Gillard
Prime Minister

Tuesday, 4 October 2011

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Mr Paltos

I am pleased to hear that you are celebrating your One-Hundredth Birthday. My sincere congratulations and best wishes on this very special day.

Elizabeth II



Photographs: Letters of congratulations for Steve Paltos's 100th Birthday from 1. the Premier of Victoria. Ted Baillieu 2. the Prime Minister, Julia Gillard and 3. Her Majesty, the Queen

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Engagements

Congratulations to **Joanna Adgemis** on her engagement to **Michael Xiradakis**. The wonderfully organised function was held on Friday 24th of February, 2012 at "Berth" which is situated over the water at New Quay, Docklands. Father Elias of Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, Templestowe, blessed the ceremony.

Joanna is the daughter of **John and Irene Adgemis** and granddaughter of **Anna and the late Anastasi Adgemis** and **Jack (Nicholas) and Maria Miriklis**.

Best wishes for your future

Submitted by Anna Miriklis- Defteros



Above: Proud grandmother, Anna Adgemis with the newly engaged couple Michael and Joanna.

Congratulations to **Vasili Piperoglou** on his engagement to longtime true love, **Kate**.

Vasili is the son of **Dr Michael** and **Lemonia Pipergolou** and the grandson of the **late Bill and Irene (Miriklis) Piperoglou**.

With every best wish for happiness in the future.

Submitted by Anna Miriklis- Defteros



Above: Vasili and Kate



Wedding



On Saturday August 20, 2011 **Stephen Dimer** married **Camilla Pinkney** at St. John's Church in Carlton. It was followed by a reception at San Remo Ballroom where 200 guests danced the night away.

Best man was **Elia Dimer**, **Steve's brother**, with groomsmen, cousin **Alex Paltos** from Dubai, **Sam Tamblyn** and **John Papatolis** from Adelaide.

Thirty or more relatives and friends attended the wedding from overseas and interstate. **Steve** is the youngest son of **George and Christine Dimer** and the grandson of the **late Steve Paltos**.

Submitted by Christine Dimer

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Congratulations to **Ms Freda Miriklis** on her appointment as International President of BPW International for 2011-14. **Freda** was elected the 22nd president on 22/06/11 and she is the youngest to serve in the role in the organisation's 80 year history. BPW stands for Business and Professional Women and is a network and advocacy group for women in business with 30,000 members world wide. Freda's focus is on creating a gender equality in the workplace and empowering women to have a voice and lead in business. Freda is the daughter of **Marika (dec)** and **Con (Nicholas) Miriklis (dec)**.

Submitted by Anna Miriklis- Deferos

Donations

Donations made to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria in honour of the **late Mr. Steve Paltos** were received from **Despina Platis, Mr. and Mrs. C. Paltoglou and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lucas, Mrs. I Kritikides and Family and Mrs. M. Kominos.**

Submitted by Yvonne Panagacos and Christine Mastores-Davidson



Overseas Travel

In September, George and Christine Dimer travelled overseas. Christine went to Russia and spent a few days in Prague with friends whilst George went to Greece. George and Christine then met up in Budapest where they visited the school George attended as a young boy in Csurgó. A River Cruise followed, with friends from Melbourne, from Budapest to Amsterdam, visiting wonderful picturesque places along the Danube, Main and Rhine Rivers. It was a great holiday and recommended highly.

Submitted by Christine Dimer

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news from around the world

NEWS from KASTELLORIZO

Last year the Northern Hemisphere Summer saw an influx of Kastellorizians from Melbourne holidaying on Kastellorizo. On page 28, Louise Katris-Karayiannis and mother, Maria Katris share their memories of Profiti Ilia day (water day), 2011. Also on page 28, you can see how proud Louise and her family are of their Australian heritage, as they celebrate Australia Day with a BBQs on Rhodes. The celebration was shared with friends from Australia and Canada.

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Thank you

The overwhelming response at the funeral and the numerous cards and flowers received reflected upon **Paul's** ability to touch many people.

There is no doubt that **Paul** had enjoyed an enriched life, one in which he had to overcome a number of adversities, however, he achieved a number of objectives without complaint.

Above all, he clearly demonstrated that he was a man of integrity and a person who was deeply loved.

On behalf of **Peggy, Kevin and Nicolas Zervos**, the family would like to extend their gratitude to friends and family who expressed their sympathies and condolences as a result of the passing away of the **late Paul (Apostolos) Zervos**.

Thank you

Michael Kyriakos would like to thank his family and friends for their love and best wishes, their visits and telephone calls during his stay in hospital. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. Good health to you all.

Louise would like to remind you that if you are travelling to Kastellorizo this year and would like information on accommodation or activities to please contact her on either lmkatris@hotmail.com or dailycruises@hotmail.com or via facebook page - Barbara Daily Cruises Kastellorizo or Kastellorizo Barbara Boat

NEWS from KASTELLORIZO

Photographs below:

1. Prophet Ilias July 19th- Maria Katris, Tony and Christine Lolas jump in the water to avoid being thrown in
2. The Karagiannis girls celebrate Australia Day 2012 in Rhodes.
3. John Mangos and son Kostas, Lynette Kyriakos and daughter Daisy, Maria Katris, Louise Katris-Karagiannis and daughter Vara.
4. Kevin, Barbara and Amanda Mangos with Vara Karagiannis (Louise Katris-Karagiannis's daughter)
5. Daniel Adgemis with Louise, George, Vara & Mia Karagiannis.
6. Bronwyn Paltoglou, Maria Katris and Sydney Kassies.



In Memoriam

It is a sad time for close family and the Kastellorizian Community when our elder and highly respected members pass away. It is even more so when so many depart in a short space of time.

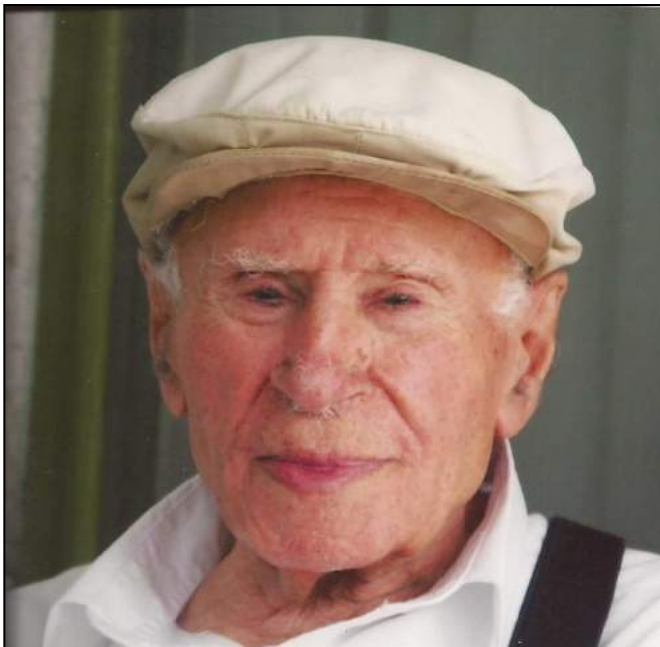
The following dedications to Alexandra Varsamis, John Augustes, Simeon Diamond, Stephen Paltos, and Paul Zervos will ensure that their spirits remain alive in our memories.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to all members of their families.

Stephen D. Paltos [Paltoglou]

Born: 25th October,
1911 Died: 27th November,
2011

Age: 100



Stephen Paltoglou was born on the island of Kastellorizo, Greece. His father was Dimitrios Paltoglou and his mother was Irene Amonis. He was the eldest of seven siblings. His brothers were Peter and Bill [both deceased]. His sisters Maria, Anna, Cherry [all deceased], with Betty being the remaining sibling.

In 1928, at the age of 17, Stephen came to Australia [on a boat called the 'Villdamiens']. He travelled with his best friend Mick Lucas, who later married his sister Cherry. The journey from Port Said, Egypt took 35 days, across turbulent seas. On three occasions they were told to put on their life jackets. Could you imagine that!

Stephen stayed initially with his Uncle Mick Mangos and his mother's sister Aunty Tassia Mangos. In 1928 work was scarce but he foraged jobs in cafes and fruit shops.

Shortly after he arrived, he arranged for his father Dimitrios to come from Kastellorizo, financed by borrowings from a money lender introduced by his Uncle Mick Mangos. At the beginning of the depression in 1929 gaining employment was difficult. They travelled together to Mildura picking grapes and tomatoes. In 1932, due to the scarcity of work, his father Dimitrios returned to Kastellorizo. In 1934 Stephen arranged for his father to return to Australia for the second time.

In 1935 Stephen opened his own business at 230 Carlisle Street, St. Kilda. It was called 'The Oyster Cafe'. It was a very successful business and unique for the times. Stephen arranged for an out of work American artist, [in return for food and board], to paint three magnificent murals on the walls of the cafe. Mural of the Acropolis, the Shrine [Melbourne], Milne Bay [U.S.A.] and Port Moresby [P.N.G.]. Draped over the kitchen entrance were large painted flags of Greece and Australia. This cafe/shop was the lifeblood of the Paltoglou family for many years and laid a foundation from which all the family benefited.

Between 1936/1937 Stephen brought out his mother and his siblings. He arranged the marrying of his sisters, with obvious monetary and dowry obligations. [He was the 'captain cook' of his family]. In 1943 he met his future father-in-law Peter Mavris [in Sydney] and his daughter Ann whom after a short courtship he married in 1943.

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He and his wife Ann were a great team working hard in their business and rearing three children, Irene, Jim and Christine. In 1959 he moved from 230 Carlisle Street to 193 Carlisle Street, St.Kilda. This was a smaller shop with a large dwelling and there they remained until 1975. He purchased a dwelling in 3 Liscard Street, Elsternwick and lived there for 52 years. His wife Ann passed away in 1985.

Stephen was fortunate to have nine grandchildren: Georgina, Natasha, Stephanie, Stephen, Andrew, Alexander, Elia, Katrina, Stephen. Seven great grandchildren: Bella, Cherry, Zephyr, Arthur, Archie, George, Lucy. He was Father-in-law to: Christo, Jane and George.

Stephen was a proud Greek and the Patriarch of his family and constantly reminded them of their Kastellorizian heritage. He instilled to all that they should be always proud and preserve their cultural history. On a daily basis he would emphasise to us the Grecian influences on all walks of life.

Stephen witnessed great changes and upheaval in Australian life and faced many personal challenges along the way. He made great sacrifices and maintained strong and enduring values of family during his long life. He was very welcoming to all his family and friends and was a great listener to all and wasn't afraid to strongly express his philosophical views. He was blessed with a fantastic memory, robust good health and was an inspiration to all during his long life.

In his youth in Kastellorizo, Stephen was known for his swimming and running prowess which he continued to exhibit in many Kazzie picnics here in Melbourne. He had an active intellect and whilst self educated, was very knowledgeable about history and world affairs.

He will be sadly missed by his adoring family, relatives and many loyal friends. He will remain in our hearts forever.

God bless you Steve! [And Dad!]

Rest in peace.

Today is a sad day for us all, but in a sense it is a happy day to celebrate the life of my father Stephen Paltos who was an extraordinary man. You would have read in the printed eulogy, the incredible journey of his life and the challenges he faced along the way. Dad saw many things during his long life. World War 1 and 2, the Depression, the invention of radio and telephone, T.V., mobile phones, computers, advancement of aeroplane travel, fashion trends [the bikini, he liked that!] Fracouthes he'd say then 'treponde' [you have to be Greek to understand]. He saw man walk on the moon, medical discoveries. Lastly the Greek financial crisis [not too pleased about that].

Dad was an avid reader and a great student of history. I can recall my father buying a set of *Encyclopaedia Britannica* from a family relation [Peter Demos] who by the way represented Australia in basketball at the Olympic games.

Dad read the set from cover to cover, doing his reading at night after work. We would have numerous arguments about dates and history [it's difficult having two know-alls in the family, as you all would appreciate]. But I can recall when Jane and I went to Venice and we were standing in St. Mark's square and looking at St. Marks church which has a magnificent facade of statues and ornate frescoes depicting the story of Christ. I rang Dad and he said 'Are you out the front?' I said 'yes'. He said 'see the statue of the 4 horsemen at the front, they were brought from Constantinople'. I was flabbergasted. I rang dad from Paris, told him I was at the Eiffel tower. He said 'you know it was built as a temporary structure for a world fair in 1889 which coincided with the 100th anniversary of the French revolution. [Unbelievable]. He didn't know the date of the battle of Hastings in 1066. [I told him!]. Dad was blessed with a high intellect and a photographic memory.

In 1980 I took dad and mum to Greece and back to the island of Kastellorizo where he was born in 1911 and had not returned since he emigrated in 1928 [52 years]. I may add that dad had not travelled the world, unbelievably he had not been any further than Rhodes [a large island about 12 hours away on the ferry]. Circumstances and the responsibility of family was the reason.

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My dad was of the old generation, tough [didn't show emotion] but when the ferry entered the harbour, tears streamed down his cheeks. That was a wonderful time for us both with dad showing me the fabulous island, where he went to school and played, where he swam, places of interest and of course the history. Dad had never been to mainland Greece but all the knowledge came to the fore. Suddenly all his reading came alive. The Acropolis, temple of Delphi and numerous other archaeological sights, he knew about it. That was dad!

In later years he loved watching all sport on TV. Racing, [he's in the Guinness book of records as one of the oldest punters at the tab]. Football, he followed St. Kilda [lived in the area for over 46 years] celebrated their 1966 premiership. He loved Hawthorn as well because his cousin Peter Kanis played 23 games and his brother con played with the reserves. He was always crook on Peter Daicos who was a Greek but called himself a Macedonian." "He's no good" Pop would say. We never heard the end of Steve Malaxos who was a Kazzie and who played for West Coast Eagles and Hawthorn. He was interested in tennis [loved Roger Federer and Pete Sampras], cricket [he broke Don Bradman's record and made 100, a great innings!], Soccer, athletics and of course the Olympic games, which he watched from start to finish.

He loved company and he was a great cook and always had something on the stove, which you could never refuse. Dad got great pleasure out of growing his tomatoes and cucumbers and sharing them with you.

But family was paramount to dad!

If you were to visit Dad's house, you would see all the family photos proudly displayed throughout. We were privileged to have him attend the graduation ceremonies of his daughter Christine and of his grandchildren, Elia and Stephen Dimer, Stephen and Alexander Paltos, Georgina and Natasha Mingos. Dad photographed at their side celebrating their scholastic achievement.

It was only a few weeks ago [Sunday, 30th October] That many of us here today, celebrated Dad's 100th birthday. Dad steeled himself to keep that date despite the onset of medical problems. We thought he would stay '20 minutes' but to our amazement he

stayed all afternoon. We saw a little bit of the 'Dad' of old, recognizing many of his relations young and old and proffering little anecdotes from his amazing memory. He told Michael Spartels 'your father was the first Greek to join the police force', inspired by an assault he witnessed on a friend. He told his cousin Chrissy Zervos 'you were born on the 21st October, 1928. He talked to John Melemenis [our Alex's godfather and the best fishmonger in Ripponlea] about the price of fish and who controlled the fish market in his days as a shop proprietor.

I read a quote: 'rich is the man who is the master of his own time'. Dad certainly achieved this.[Living to 100] but dad had a rich life [not in the material sense].

Rich in core values, honesty, integrity and compassion. Rich in the generosity of his time [he had plenty of time for everyone] and was a great listener. Rich in the love he received from his family and friends. He enriched our lives in the generosity of his spirit. I'm sure all of you would have been touched by dad in some way.

As many of you would know, mum passed away in 1985 and Dad nursed her through her long illness in the family home. Dad was also granted his wish to die in his own home surrounded by his adoring family.

On behalf of our family I would like to thank you all for coming as a final tribute to my Dad. Special thanks to immediate family, Irene and Christine [who devoted themselves to Dad]. My nieces, Georgina, Natasha, Stephanie. And my beautiful wife Jane [whom Dad adored]. Dr. Spiro Moraitis, R.D.N.S Prestige home care, Access Care and Gail [Dad's devoted carer] . Special mention of Julie Malios, Cleo Dimer and Maria Giannakis who were very kind to Dad.

My thanks to the Sandringham club and our manager Anthony and our caterer Scott and staff. Special thanks also to all our cousins who travelled from interstate.

We are all going to miss Dad's warm Greek welcoming of 'kaloston' from a true gentleman. I've lost my father and also my best friend. Goodbye dad!

I would like you all to raise your glasses and toast dad's life.

To Steve!

In Memoriam

Paul (Apostolos) Zervos

1926 -2012

Paul was born in Kastellorizo, Greece on 26 August 1926. He was the son of Komninos and Panagiota (nee Boyatzis) Zervos and one of 10 siblings.

His adolescence in Kastellorizo was short. He left Kastellorizo at the age of 16 years due to the hostilities of war and lived the life of a refugee for approximately 5 years thereafter. He and others were removed from Kastellorizo by ship to Cyprus as refugees in 1941. From Cyprus he went to Jerusalem living in a variety of refugee camps.

Whilst living at a refugee camp at Suez his father Komninos Zervos entered the refugee camp at night and took away from the camp Paul, his mother Panagiota, together with his sisters Helen and Evangelia and his brothers Nick and Steve. They remained in the Middle East until 1946 when they came to Australia.

On his arrival he commenced work with family members at Kanis' Café in Richmond. Through his association with the Kastellorizian Brotherhood of Victoria he met his wife Peggy Spartels. They were married on 11 January 1953 and shared 59 years together. They had two children Kevin and Nicolas.

He predominantly was a self-employed person throughout his working life. After his marriage both Paul and Peggy operated a number of businesses namely a Milk Bar in Brunswick, a Fish and Chip business in Balwyn, a Fruit Shop in Carnegie. He operated as a Fruit Providore for a number of years and then took over the Tasmanian Coffee Lounge in Bourke Street, Melbourne opposite Myers. At the age of 48 he decided to become involved as a Publican and eventually operated the Max Hotel, Prahran and the London Hotel, Port Melbourne.

In 1960 he was elected President of the Kastellorizian Brotherhood of Victoria which gave him his link to his home Island.

Deep down he had a dream and that dream was returning to his birthplace. During the late 1980's he annually returned to Kastellorizo during summer to his family home which was affectionately referred to as the "Blue House".



He immersed himself in the fabric of that Island's society. He established a rooming house known as "Paul's Mediterraneo Apartments".

The Blue House featured in an Italian movie "Mediterraneo" which was awarded an Oscar for best foreign movie in 1991. He played a significant part in that movie, but more importantly that movie gave him a source of a new found identity. The Blue House was predominantly featured throughout the movie. Thereafter many Italian tourists would visit the Island to see the famous Blue House. He was fully conversant in Italian and as a consequence he discovered new friends.

He was honoured by the Italian Government in 2009 where he was made a Knight (Cavaliere) of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity.

The Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity recognised the achievements of those Italians and Foreigners who played a distinguished role in contribution to the Italian Republic.

This was a personal recognition by the Italian Republic and it was an Award instigated by Italian tourists who had visited Kastellorizo and were overwhelmed by Paul's generosity and support.

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The citation read "Mr Zervos has contributed enormously to assisting Italian tourists on the Island of Kastellorizo and the manner in which he welcomes Italians who visit this Island".

Paul's generosity and hospitality was always an integral part of his ethos.

He once said when he decided to stop operating the Apartments in Kastellorizo "I have now lost my identity", but he really hadn't.

Despite his years Paul had to overcome substantial health issues. He had a strong desire to live and more importantly to be there for his beloved wife Peggy. He was her backbone. They were inseparable.

Through his two children Kevin and Nicolas he lived his life. He had a strong philosophy in ensuring that they obtained an education. What he didn't have, he wanted them to have. He was extremely proud of their achievements, that they had respectively attained both in the Law and in the Community.

He was a man of frugal words, but maintained the highest integrity and was always conscious that you do not attract a bad name.

No more proud was he of his immediate family and of course his greatest joy came through his grandchildren Paul, Lauren, Alana and Diandra.

Despite the adversities of life that he endured he always retained a strong constitution and the respect that he attained was widespread, throughout Australia, Greece and Italy. He has left an impregnable impact upon his wife, children and grandchildren.

Finally, the touching aspect that has been expressed by all who have contacted the family after the passing away of Paul are their reflections of the wonderful moments that they enjoyed in Kastellorizo with him. It is clear through their comments that he left his own imprint upon those who came across him".

Submitted by Nic Zervos on behalf of the Zervos family.



Alexandra Varsamis

26/6/1926 to 1/8/2011

Alexandra Varsamis was the wife of Anthony Varsamis, mother of George, mother-in-law of Syliva Varsamis and symbethera of Nicholas and Maria Patinyoitis. Her funeral was held at Saints Anargyri-Komas and Damianos Greek Orthodox Church Oakleigh by Bishop Iakovos Miletoupolis and parish preist, George Adamkis. Alexandra was a regarded and respected lady who will sadly be missed. Her later years were spent in Brimlea Nursing Home, where she also had the company of her husband, Anthony. May God rest her soul.

Submitted by Anna Miriklis- Defteros.

Simeon Diamond

15.10.1917 – 11.1.2012

Simeon was born on the Greek island of Kastellorizo. He came to Australia in 1934 at the age of 17 and has lived in Melbourne ever since. Simi passed away on 11 January, 2012. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Simi will be remembered for his humour, his beautiful singing, his stories, his generosity, his sharp intellect and his inspiring and enduring spirit.

His funeral service was held at 11am on Wednesday January 18 2012 at St Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church Epping St Malvern.

Simeon's family would like to thank you for your friendship, kindness and comforting presence at this service. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Submitted by Yvonne Panagacos on behalf of the KAV.

In Memoriam

John Augustes

1930 - 2011

John Augustes (1930 – 2011) was the second son of Emmanuel (dec. 1988) and Flora (nee Gergiou dec. 1953); he was younger brother to Angelo (dec 1995) and older brother to Peter, Krystalla (dec 1982), and Tasia.

John was born in Melbourne and grew up in pre-war St. Kilda, where his father owned a fruit shop in Carlisle St. Though he enjoyed school, life in Melbourne during the war meant that John had to help put some food on the table, and so began his working life at 14. By the time he was 22 he was head of room service at the Menzies Hotel in Collins St., and in 1955 John travelled to Greece to marry.

John was a proud and dignified man, and this was evident when he chose not to stay in Athens and marry his fiancé Anna, because, unaware of the social snobbery of middle class Athenians of the 1950's, he was asked to be someone he wasn't, something he would never be prepared to do. He developed a love for travel while in Europe, a love that he passed onto his children. On his return to Australia, he met Marika Heiladakis, and they married in 1957. They had two sons, Emanuel and George.

John, with his beloved Marika, worked 16 hour days, 7 days a week, for years at a time in small businesses. Not wanting their boys to struggle as much as they did, they made great sacrifices to ensure the boys received the best education possible, and both were immensely proud when the boys graduated from university into safe and secure professions.

John was a great believer in the educative value of travel. He wanted the boys, then aged 10 and 8, to experience the wonders of travelling on an ocean liner, so John booked passage on a ship to Sydney. John enjoyed 4 course meals and long walks on the decks taking in the sea air, while Marika and the boys were lying in their bunks hoping this small version of hell would soon be over. Undeterred, John tried again 4 years later when the family made it to Europe, this time by airplane. It was a great success.

John was also a proud Freemason. He joined in 1952, and in 1983 was a founding member of the Gregorios Lodge, a lodge for freemasons of Greek heritage. In 1987 he served as Master of the Lodge.

But the hard work took its toll. John's world collapsed for a while when Marika, died in 1993. But in 1994 with Chloe, and in 1997 with Lucy, John re-joined life as a Pappou, a role he loved. He also returned to Greece and Europe, and fulfilled a long held wish to see the great palaces and cathedrals of Russia, and was again thrilled to see his team, Collingwood, win the 2010 premiership.

Having defied predictions about his health for over a decade, John died peacefully in his sleep in the early morning of October tenth at the Northern Health Palliative Care Unit in Broadmeadows. He was very happy and contented in the 3 weeks he spent there, and was lucid and engaged with visitors to the very end. The staff treated him with the utmost care and respect, and the family would like to thank them all. John was thoroughly decent and honest. He was a truly good man who should have been proud of his life as a husband, father, grand-father, brother, uncle, and friend. He will be sadly missed.



Above: The late John Augustes pictured with his sister Daisy Panourias in the front row and with his sister-in-law Niki Paterakis and his brother Peter Augustes pictured in the top row.

Submitted by Emmanuel Augustes of the Augustes family.

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Competition to name the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Historical Committee

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria is looking for a novel, innovative name which clearly describes the essence of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Heritage Committee. Both Annette Welkamp and Florence Livery have offered suggestions (see page 13 of the April (142) *Kazzie News*). **The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria now invites you to participate in our competition to name our Heritage group.** Please use the entry form below and state your reasons for your choice. We strongly encourage supporting data/research and photographs to bring your name to "life". **Entries close on May 20th, 2012 and the winner will be announced at the Gala Dance to be held on the 2nd of June, 2012 at Red Scooter.** The winner's name and proposal will be published in the next edition of the *Kazzie News*. The winner will receive a dinner voucher to the value of \$100. Please note that the judges' decision will be final.

Entry Form to name the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Historical Committee

Name: _____
Address: _____
Contact phone number: _____

Proposed name: _____

Reasons for Proposed name: Please provide reasons and supporting data and research on a separate sheet of paper or in a Word 2003 document for email entries

Photographs included: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ JPEG (for email entries only)
Return Photographs to entrant: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Send entry forms to:

"Name the KAV Historical Committee" to Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, PO BOX 112,
South Melbourne, Victoria, 3205

Email entry forms to: :

info@kastellorizo.com.au

add "Name the KAV Historical Committee" in the subject box

For electronic entries A PDF version of this entry form is also available on the website.

Closing date: 20th of May, 2012

Please note entries will also be accepted at the St Constantine and St Helen's Day Celebrations and
KAV Awards Ceremony held on the 20th May, 2012 at the Clubrooms.

Office Use only: Received by May 20, 2012 ☐ Yes ☐ No

A new look *KAZZIE NEWS* is coming!

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Feature Articles & News from the **Kastellorizian Association of Victoria**

Submission deadline Monday July 16, 2012

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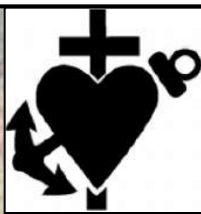
Evelyn Salvaris at evelynsalvaris@gmail.com

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*The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria
would like to invite*

All members and their families to

*Saints Constantine and Helen's Day Celebrations
and*

*2012 Awards ceremonies for
Kastellorizian of the Year
Kastellorizian Youth Achievement
and VCE Recognition*

Sunday 20th May, 2012

*The program will commence at 10 am with a church service at
The Greek Orthodox Church of St Constantine and St Helen's
Barry St South Yarra*

*The Celebrations will begin at 12.30 pm at
The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Clubrooms
250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne
Refreshments and finger food will be served*

*2:00 pm Awards Ceremony
Followed by speeches
Photo session with awardees, committee and distinguished guests
Afternoon tea*