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At the Special General Meeting of our Club on 30th November last year, a committee was duly elected, and I am honoured to be your new President as we reach the milestone of 90 years of continuous operation.

The new committee is dedicated to the future of the club and is wholehearted in its wish to revitalise the club. The future of course depends on what we do now and what direction we take. We want our members to be as enthusiastic as we are and welcome your input and ideas. This club of ours was built on “filotimo” (the most untranslatable of Greek words), brotherhood, family values, and strong bonds with all things Kastellorizian. It has survived for 90 years, adapting along the way under the leadership of dedicated committees who strived to keep pace with changing circumstances and keep the club alive and relevant.

We want you, club stalwarts, new members and young people, to be as enthusiastic as we are in keeping the Club relevant and vibrant in the twenty-first century. We plan to do our best to increase membership and as a first step we will be updating our database and might need your help to get it right, so don't be surprised if we ring you.

We are enthusiastic and we are here to make a difference, and keep you informed of our progress.

90th Anniversary celebration. We have set the date for 17th October for a gala dinner dance to celebrate our anniversary. It will be held at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Association. Details to be announced later. Please put the date in your diaries now. It is a great milestone to celebrate and we would like to see as many people as possible attending the function.

Kastellorizian of the Year. In a break with previous protocol, the Kastellorizian of the Year Award will be conferred at the 90th Anniversary Gala Dinner to be held at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Association.

KAV Community Award. In addition to the KOY Award we plan to institute a new annual award for service to the community.

Feast of Sts Constantine and Helene will be celebrated as usual at the Club on Sunday 24th May, and the annual awarding of the VCE awards at the function will continue, making it a family occasion.

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Function for young people. We would like to plan a function for our youth in July where they can socialise and establish networking opportunities. For years now we have been trying to attract younger people and those with young families. We need your input. So, please ask your family and friends, from teens up to say early 40s, what sort of function they would attend, and let us know their thoughts.

Family Functions for young people. We are thinking of “Father and Son” nights (can also include nephews, sons-in-law, grandsons etc), and “Father and Daughter” (can also include nieces, daughters-in-law, granddaughters etc). These have been popular with the Castellorizian Association of WA. If we proceed with these events and things go well, we can expand these gatherings.

Pleasant Sunday Mornings will be reintroduced, and open to all, not just for the blokes. The first Pleasant Sunday Morning will be on Sunday 8th March, and every four weeks after that.

Electronic media. A revamp of all electronic media will be undertaken, including social media. We will try to keep the website up to date with easy access. I am particularly pleased that three younger Kazzies have volunteered to do this – Steven Lolatgis, Fortis Josephides and Stephen Paltos. Our Membership database needs to be streamlined and it is also likely that some of our information is outdated, so you might receive a call, or an email, to verify your details. If you have access to email, it would be appreciated if you could email the club with your current contact details (email, phone, address) to save us calling you.

Christmas Party for Kids. We apologise that there was no Christmas function in 2014. There will be a Christmas party this year.

Megisteon Heritage Society. We will lend our full support to our Archivist, Florence Livery, to continue her fantastic work in maintaining the archives, and to encourage her to keep the Megisteon Heritage Society alive and well.

Our Seniors. The committee respects and understands the need for the Kastellorizian Senior Citizens Club, and we will continue to support them, and make every effort to attend functions. We respect the views of our seniors, who after all are the “memory keepers” who have so much to pass on to us.

So even though we have been quiet since being elected to office, we have been busy. I am sorry it has taken up until now to write to you all, but until we had laid out some plans there was little point in posting platitudes. The committee is harmonious, open to suggestions, and committed to transparency in its endeavours. Contact us at any time. Also, any emails that are sent to info@kastellorizo.com.au will definitely reach me.

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PS: Feel free to photocopy this Bulletin and pass to those of your friends who may be interested in our plans. Any help in expanding our membership is much appreciated.