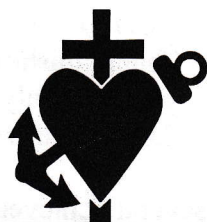


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The new President and board are as follows: -

Chairman/President: -

John S Adgemis

Vice Presidents: -

Jasmine Verginis

John A Adgemis

Director/Secretary: -

Maria Katris

Director/Assist Sec: -

Christina Pavlou

Director/Treasurer: -

Anna Miriklis

Director/Assist Treas: -

Peter Coates

Directors/I.T. Managers: -

John S Karis

Chris M Christopher

Directors/Board Members: -

Sylvia Coates

Dianne Spartels

Sandra Vavodic

Jim Zombos

Events Managers: -

John A Adgemis

Jasmine Verginis

Welcome to the Presidents Opening Address

On the 13th of October 2002. At the annual general meeting, a new board was elected to our association. President is John S Adgemis, along with the 12 other nominees who have accepted duties on the board they are, as per the list and duties included in the previous column. This is the largest cross section of representation we have had from our families for many years. To succeed we will require all their efforts and those of all Castellorizians of Victoria.

Our board will consult with and co-opt volunteers to run events and functions. The success of each function will be your responsibility as well as ours; in short, your participation and interest will be the resulting outcome. This is your association help us to help you and our successors!

We have established an initial Email address for correspondence this is as follows: -

cassiesvic@hotmail.com

I believe that we the new board have a massive job ahead of us to reunite and increase our membership to pave a new direction for our association. Moving forward into the 21st century, we have, like it or not landed well and truly into the IT (Information Technology) age. Therefore, we will establish a WEB site, which will allow contact from members, along with other clubs throughout Australia and the remainder of the world; it will have links to

areas such as sports, reunions, cultural, genealogical, historical, trips, functions, social and family services, seniors and many more. Please let us know what you want and how you can help. We can there fore become aware of and provide for your needs.

These initiatives will encourage the return and new members to our club. It will be possible for you to send in your news articles direct and have your say with them on our WEB page and in our news letter for historical and archival reference by members.

Your family tree will also be stored on our secure site for your family to peruse and update at their convenience by use of a PIN. Our list of annual events will be there for quick reference. Get togethers, Movies, Historical gatherings, Golf Days, afternoon teas, cultural events (dancing), Guest speakers etc; the list will evolve as we progress.

This is the first of many news publications by the 78th administration of our club.

The number of newsletters to be produced will depend upon the news articles you send us to fill the space, it is an arduous task to put this news paper together, we are looking for roving reporters to email finished articles and to gather information from sources we do not already cover (please ring me on 0408547660 if you can assist). We want our members to advertise their businesses as this will assist to fund the printing and postage costs as well as promoting support to each other. While it is not mandatory, it will help!

Due to time constraints it will not be possible to have a new years eve function this year however if you would like to utilise the club rooms and do the arrangements we could have some ready and able participants to join you in making your function a success.

As most of you are aware on the 2nd of October 2002 a storm struck our property and removed half of the roof from the main building at 250 Dorcas Street South Melbourne, after 2 Months the replacement has been completed, with a few remaining repairs that are still outstanding. We are addressing these with our insurance company along with the loss of rent for the period; it appears that we will not be out of pocket. Since the elections we have had to address several issues that members have had with the building such as tenant usage of our new kitchen, this we solved by fitting a sink and small electric hot water unit to the area rented by him, the door locks had to be repaired and or replaced, toilets doors not working and leaking taps, there were no door closers on the main toilet doors exposing the areas, these are now rectified. We have increased security of our property. Our coffee machine has served us well; finally, it broke down and has gone to God. We have installed mains pressure boiling water unit. It has been an issue to have the members area clean when we require it for functions, now we have engaged cleaners to keep the rooms and toilets clean for your comfort. We have **no** immediate plans to sell our club building as it is still our home. However, we will look at relocation of our meeting hall and use of our current meeting area, when we analyse the information you will be returning to

us. We would like to think that we can all remain open minded. During the course of this board, we will be addressing the on going concern of the geographical location of our membership and their ages. It is important to us that you fill out the annual membership application form with all current information (if you want another form please ring me) we have inserted an additional sheet for new information on friends and family who have relocated and/or changed their contact details, and any other suggestions you have. Please it return to us with or without your payment. Financial or not we want you on our mailing list. Have you knowledge of lost or mislaid Castellorizians. **Please let me know.**

We would like to once again thank our past president and his board for the strong financial position they have left our club, as we venture forth and take these steps into our brave new world. (Aldus Huxley)

Thank you for now.

Should you wish to contact me directly please do so.

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Sport

Congratulations

Marathon Man: -

Michael A Miriklis Has done it again, completing his tenth marathon "the Frankston to Melbourne" on the 13th of October 2002 in 3hrs 14mins finishing in the top 10% of the field. Michael is the son of

Katina (Atherinos) and the late Angelo M Miriklis (Dec)

Taekwondo: -

Philip J Adgemis (Youngest son of John S Adgemis) on 20.10.2002 competed for Victoria (Blue Belt 69KG section) in the National Championships Held in Brisbane, and was duly rewarded for his gallant efforts with a gold medal

One of several achieved since his commencement with Taekwondo.

Hockey: -

Jason and Thomas Gregory (sons of Paul and Connie), will fly to Athens from London and Perth respectively, to undertake a weeks training session with the Hellenic field hockey team. They have both been selected in the Hellenic Olympic hockey squad. It is early days yet but if all goes well and they can fit the gruelling training schedule in with their respective careers, they could look forward to representing Greece in hockey at the Athens 2004 Olympics.

Melbourne Cup: - WOW what a week! This has to be the most full on week in Melbourne if you like socialising and Horse Racing, each year breaking the previous years record. Melbourne Castellorizians and their friends experienced the joy of being alive to participate and/or just to be there.

Fashion, food, people and of course, horses we have the best facilities in the southern hemisphere. Next year there could be an opportunity to invite some of our Castellorizians to be guests with us. Make contact if you or your overseas family

would like to be at the spring carnival in 2003

Birthdays: - 18th celebrations

Despina Miriklis, Celia Konstas, and Maree and Joanna Adgemis, Michael N Spartels 60th

VCE Students: - Good Luck with your exam results and we will look for you next year at our award day the nomination form will be in the next issue. Please contact us if you do not receive one.

Visiting from Interstate

Sydney has released her Diminutive Diva (Despina Lucas) for the 79th birthday celebration of her mother Renie Adgemis. Despina and husband Luke have recently returned from her tour singing with the Sydney Philharmonia Choir in England where they performed at Royal Albert Hall, Birmingham Symphony Hall & Worcester Cathedral at the Three Choirs Festival. Under the Baton of Conductor Simon Rattle

Visiting Interstate for the: - KALAFATAS Family Reunion

This was held in Perth, on the 27th October 2002, Over 200 people celebrated the reunion at Cassie House, Perth. Thirty family members travelled from Queensland, NSW and Victoria for the occasion. The next and more comprehensive reunion is planned for 2005.

-See photos in the next newsletter.
Reported by Jasmine Verginis

Interstate: -

Away in Surfers for schoolies week, Jack A Bisas.

Birth

Congratulations to George and Dimitra Stabelos for the birth of their second child another son, Peter

who is the sixth grandchild for Tony and Rosa

Christening

Peter Stabelos was baptised at St Andrews Greek Orthodox, which was followed by celebrations at Zeppos Tavern. Congratulations George and Dimitra.

Overseas on Vacation

George and Sylvia Vasamis Holidaying in Neumia Half of Melbourne were in Kastellorizo: - Maria and Louise Katris, Con, Val, and (son) Nicholas Mangos, Daughter Anna with husband Gary Redlick and Children Ben and Michaela. Christine Dimer (nee Paltos) with daughter Katrina meeting up with her sons Stephen and Ilia with his fiancée Anna who were over from the U.K.

Georgina and George P Exintaris. Nick and son Paul N Zervos Betty Adgemis and Daughter Despina Hatzatouris (from Syd). For their annual pilgrimage, Paul and Peggy Zervos and Maria Kominos

Gala Stefana

Betty Exintaris (eldest daughter of Doxa and Peter) to George Antoniou (son of Nikos and Stavroula)

Congratulations

Nick Pationiotis for his nomination for "The Victoria Awards" for Excellence in Multi Cultural Affairs, the state government acknowledges outstanding achievements by individuals. On Monday 2nd of December 2002 at a ceremony hosted by the Governor of Victoria Sir John Landy at

Government House, Nick will be presented his award.

Nicholas George Verginis was graduated from Melbourne University On the 20th March 2002, having been admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Arts and the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He has commenced his Articles of Clerkship with Holding & Redlich, Melbourne.

George Katris (son of Maria and Grandson of Con and Chrissie Adgemis) for his appointment to House Master at Mentone Grammar School.

Philip J Adgemis for his appointment as Prefect at Mount Waverly College for 2003 (VCE year 12) and for his third successive prize winning music award at Kool Schools musical competitions.

Michael Spartels after six years at Carlton Football Social Club as a Director / Committee member, he has now been elected to be one of three Vice-Presidents.

Reported by: - Dianne Spartels

In light of the current events at the Blues and as a supporter one can, only say lets go forward pleeease!

Nominations for Castellorizian of the Year are invited, please post them to our mail box with the details or by Fax or Email address on the front page

Wedding Bells

Nik M Spartels was wed to Dina Hagi at St Eustathios Greek Orthodox Church in South Melbourne on Saturday 26th of October. This was followed by a wonderful bridal breakfast for 260 guests at the Grand Ballroom of the Melbourne Hilton on the

Park. Interstate guests included Dr Jim and Evelyn Aroni with their children James, Alannah and Michael, Dr Noel and Marissa Leon from the Gold Coast. George Spartels (one of our aspiring actors) from Sydney. Kevin P Zervos (from Hong Kong) Nick and Stephanie Leon (from Brisbane) Dr and Mrs George Gondileou from Sydney. The bride looked stunning in her full Chantilly lace gown. Nik is the eldest son of Michael and Dianne Spartels of Middle Park. Dina is the eldest daughter of George and Georgia Hagi of Middle Park in Victoria.

Reported by Dianne Spartels

Michael Stavrianos married Hellene Paroulakis in Sydney on the 9th of Nov inst at St George Greek Orthodox Church Rose Bay which was followed by a wedding breakfast at the Four Seasons Hotel in Sydney, among the interstate guests were Michael and Dianne Spartels, Betty Adgemis, John N and Lyndel Adgemis and Katina Voyage from Melbourne, and numerous people from the Gold Coast and Perth. Michael is the son of Tony and Adriana Stavrianos and Hellene is the daughter of Peter and Phyea Paroulakis.

Reported by: - Dianne Spartels

New Members

Welcome to: -

Eleni Gogos (Nancy nee Kalaf) and Maria Sita both Formerly of Perth

Michael N Hetrelezis

Formerly of NSW

Message from Rhodes: -

The Kastellorizian Dancing group have requested, via one of our travellers, if anyone here wishes to donate or sell Kastellorizian costumes for their use as they wear

out and replacements are becoming harder to find. Should you wish to make contact please ring Maria Katris Bus 6803 3811 to discuss it further.

Missing!!!!

We are desperate to find our records (minutes books) that are being held for safety by one of our faithful members, the dates are as follows: -

1925 to 1952 and 1965 to 1973

We are attempting to collate these books, to record on CD Rom for the permanent history of our club.

Can you give us the exact dates of any of our past presidents; we have an initial list, which we believed was pretty well exact, but now, have been informed that it is not accurate at all. This is another reason we have to collect our historical information for safekeeping. Please ring me on 0408 547 660 if you can help or you have the information I will come and pick it up.

Get Well

We wish a speedy recovery to: -
Chrissie Adgemis after surgery and her stay in hospital

Vale

Michael (Mick) Finos of Adelaide. Deepest sympathy to Anne (nee Miriklis) and Family for your loss.

Angelo Jackomos: - Born 3 June 1927 Died 7 November 2002.

Survived by wife Nicoleta and children Andrew, Stephen, Tina, and Dianna along with his grand children Grant, Jason, John, Candice, Kaylee, Holly, Natasha, Alexander and Jodie-Lee.

Angelo was the second son of the late Andrew (Kalis) and Asimina Jackomos and grew up in Carlton and Collingwood attending Faraday Street State School and Collingwood Technical School. He was in the Australian Army and served in Japan as a member of the Occupation Forces from 1947 to 1949.

Angelo had a keen interest in swimming and diving and served on various committees including the Victorian Amateur Diving Association to promote the sports. He was also a one-eyed Collingwood supporter and enjoyed going to Collingwood's games with his family.

Editorial By: - Andrew Jacomos Thailand

May our friend and fellow Castellorizian REST IN PEACE.

Christina Verginis: - Was one of five children born to Dimitri and Evthokia Constantinou Ververis (later to become Zombos). She was born on our island of Kastellorizo in Aug 1916 and died in her 86th year. July 5th 2002. She grew up in a very Christian environment as both her mother and her aunt Chrisafina, who was later to become a nun, had a very big influence on her upbringing. She was introduced to the art of needlework at a very early age and many people who visited her home admired her handcrafts. Christina's eldest brother Costa was the first member of the family to leave Kastellorizo, and he arrived in Melbourne in 1937, to be joined 6 months later by his brother Antoni, whose first job was at the Koutsoukis' Catelina Café in Lonsdale Street. He told the owners Nicholas and Chrisanthi of the impending

arrival of his two beautiful sisters Christina and Evangelia. The sisters, together with their mother and younger brother Steve, arrived at Station Pier in Port Melb on 16 Nov 1938. Christina was just 23 years old, striking and attractive, attracting the eye of the Koutsoukis matriarch Chrisanthi, who with husband Nicholas were friends with a very eligible Lefkadian man Nicholas Verginis. So through the Koutsoukis family a meeting between the two was arranged. Nicholas was instantly impressed by her persona and by her family. Father Theofilaktos married them on 27 Aug 1939 at Evangelismos Church. They lived in Brunswick. As the war intensified, they moved to the "Country Side" – North Balwyn. Their Maud Street home was well known to family and friends, where Christina was always on hand to entertain, especially during name days when there was a continuous flow of people. She was a warm hostess and an excellent cook.

Christina was honorable with high standards. Whilst she had a strong character, she was also a gentle person. She was devoted to her family and proud of her Kastellorizian heritage and the links to her relatives and friends were very important to her. She constantly corresponded with them both in Australia and Greece. During the war years and beyond she was called the "Kokkino Stavro" always sending parcels to others less fortunate.

Years passed and she watched her own children George, Mary and Jim begin families of their own. She was blessed with four grandchildren Natasha, Nicholas, Christina and Fiona.

She retained a passion for needlework, one of these handcrafts included a framed tapestry with the words "Faith, Hope, Love" she lived by these words

Her family and close friends will remember her legacy and love forever. Rest In Peace

Editorial By: Jim Verginis Family

John Jordan (Dec) of Darwin
Wife Mary (Nee Koutsoukis)
formerly of Victoria. Rest in Peace

Travel Report

Whilst in Rhodes (I) Maria Katris had the pleasure of attending a tourism festival with Rosa Geronikolas and Daughter Danae Korypas. It went for three nights and featured a display of all the old Vrakes, Nighties, Shoes and Bridal Beds. They also had stalls set up around the harbour promoting tourism to the Dodacanese Islands. On the Kastellorizan stand, they had memorabilia collected from the Kastellorizo over the years, along with a presentation of "Gatoumari" and "Strava". During the festival, the Mayor asked Rosa to present the Bridal "Stoli" as Rosa had worked tirelessly to prepare the exhibition.

I was lucky to have been there to assist Rosa and Danae. Those who attended were not disappointed. Last year Kastellorizo won the best island award.

Reported by: - Maria Katris

Competition: - Kastellorizians
Who are they, what do they stand for?

Write your version of what you would like to find as an

introductory story when the world opens our WEB page.

How would you describe "US Kastellorizians"?

Are you proud of your heritage?

Please register your interest with me, John Adgemis or at our Email address – displayed at the beginning of this newsletter. The winner will have their prize-winning story published on our website (and receive a prize to be Determined.) Should you require information or would like to talk to some of our historians, please contact us and we will introduce you to the people most likely to be of assistance.

Christmas Party

December 15th 12.30 pm onwards. This has been traditionally for kids only! All Kastellorizians are welcome to come and join in for this last function of the year. Please return the green form acknowledging your attendance so we can cater for you, (brochures should be in your possession by now) and the children of our clubs future, who are coming along to be entertained and receive a gift from Santa. This year have some Christmas cheer with your friends and family.

CHRISTMAS IS NOT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN
12.30pm Sunday the 15th of December See You All there! Don't forget, for catering purposes, please contact us to let us know the number of persons attending. **As soon as possible, Don't be shy!**

Keep these dates free

Picnic 23rd of Feb
Venue to be decided

Golf Day 23rd Of March
Followed by 19 hole barbecue
Venue to be decided

Seniors

On Tuesday 19.11.2002 the seniors annual Christmas luncheon held at the Sheraton Hotel Southgate, it was a most pleasant day with lots of laughter and talking, it is this type of time when one has the pleasure of relaxing with their peers. We find out as Castellorizians just how similar we are with Hobbies and Families and how individual and Diverse with our occupations, the one thing you find that is a common denominator is the, Warmth or as we say the FILOTEMO.

Just to verify: - the last seniors function for the year will be held on Tuesday 10th of December 2002. However, don't forget all are welcome to join the Association annual Christmas party on Sunday 15th December 2002.

Technology in our club is has been zero until now. In the future we will have to invest in computers Scanners Printers and Programs etc., we have to define our requirements, in doing so it is difficult to hand over money till our full requirements are explored. We have been offered a computer by one of our members as it has out lived its requirements. This will help us to continue to computerize our mailing list information and have it on hand in our rooms with up to date records for you and your family so you receive our mail.

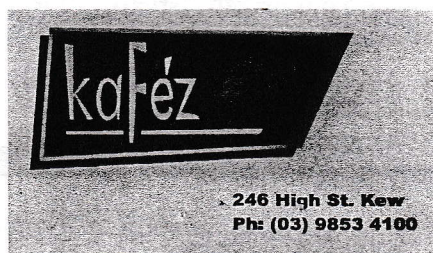
It would also be accessible for you to learn to use, any time you visit.

If there are any operating computers you would wish to donate to a worthy cause, we would be interested in putting them to good use.

Please call John Adgemis so we can make arrangements.

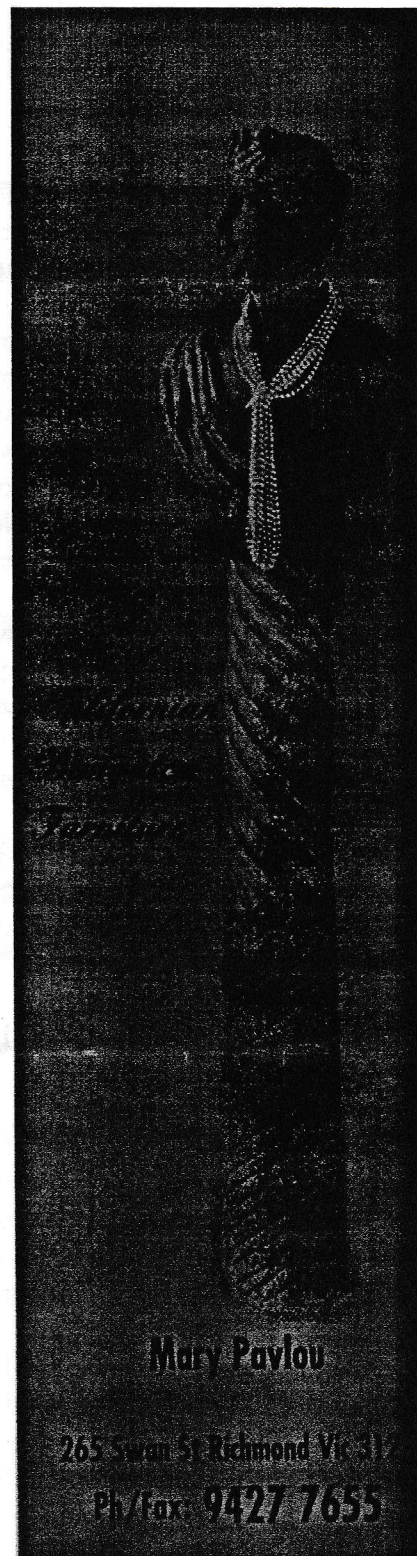


Last week the writer had the pleasure of a visit to **PLUS Furniture Upholstery and Lighting**. I was escorted around the factory and showrooms where I was pleasantly surprised at the range of products produced and sold. Should you require any of their products give Peter Coates a call for an appointment. I am sure he will welcome you as he did me.



As a weekly visitor to Kaféz I feel I should be disqualified from complimenting Anthony (adg) for the professional development he has continued to display from the beginnings of Kaféz almost twelve months ago, he has opened his new room, doubling the size of the floor area and continuing the quality of customer service. Kaféz yes, a nice place to finish the week on a Saturday discussing events and pleasantries with numerous other

Cassies that make it their meeting place. Kaféz also caters for functions on the premises. For enquiries, please ring Anthony Adgemis.



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Membership

Subscription for the Cassie Club of Vic.

Family membership \$25.00

Single member \$10.00

Financial Year is from 1st July to 30th June Annually

Widows/Widowers and persons over the age of 65 years free
(Honorary)

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Hobbies	

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