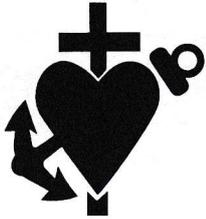


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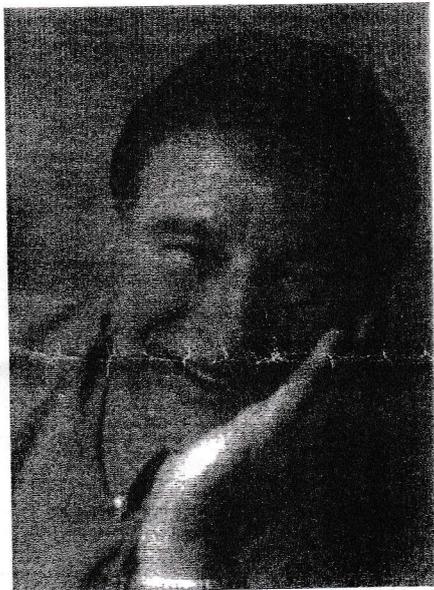
### Presidents Column

I deliberated somewhat considering the topic of this column. The essence of this editorial is sometimes what people know and are too afraid to talk about. It has become clearer in recent times that from such a small island as Kastellorizo we have integrated into or with (possibly) every race / nationality of the world as well as integrating vertically within our own Greek nation. Wherever you look or search you will find a Kastellorizian. It was only yesterday when in attendance at a Pan Dodacanese anniversary function that it was pointed out to me from other group leaders, that most of them had persons of Kastellorizian heritage in their extended families. We ask why they do not socialise with us? They find it much easier to move from one social circle to another after many years as a Kastellorizian Member. As I also wade through our mailing list, I look at some of the names and find this extension of our membership reflected. Some of our members have drifted to other organisations, some have inherited or created animosities and grudges from generations ago, and choose to carry them, and bear the load by them selves. Ask them why they are so burdened? (There may be no single answer. Perhaps it is inherited.) So many have lost their partners and do not have the confidence to venture to our gatherings by themselves. Many of our youth and some of the parents of these youth do not use our Greek language as their day-to-day means of communication and are too shy to mix in our club. These are some of things that distance them from the us and their family. As we

grow in this world we have to be more tolerant of people and enjoy the good things from those we encounter. It is too easy for us to make excuses and not attend the functions. Some cannot carry the load of reality that we are from an ethnic background; we are all equal in this world and strive for something better for our children than what we had ourselves, and some for perfection, wherever we choose to align ourselves being in our daily occupations or in our hobbies and sporting activities. There should not be any consideration of comfort zone when you think of the Castellorizian Association, it is generally known that we are a shy proud group of people and this is misunderstood by others who think that we are snobs. I challenge anyone to attend one our functions and scratch the surface of our hospitality to find just how warm and welcoming we are. Why not introduce your children and grand children who have never been to your club. Give us their mailing addresses and we will send them a newsletter and invitation to our functions. Don't tell them they have to attend or ear bash them let them decide for themselves. With the newsletter in their homes, they can deliberate over it and do the necessary soul searching about their heritage. Without these children and grand children they will lose everything about the heritage of our forefathers. Is this what you want?

**Have your say!!!!**

We are privileged to announce that the 2003 Recipient of: - "Castellorizian Of the Year" Is the most highly decorated Greek in Australia

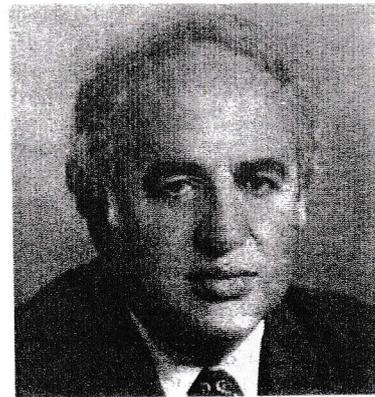


Doctor Spiro Moraitis

CBE 1983 (Commander of the British Empire) for services to migrants and their health OBE 1978 (Order of the British Empire), Queen Elizabeth 11 Silver Jubilee Medal 1977, Melbourne High School Eminent Person 1996. Medical Practitioner. Born Athens, Greece 1933 son of Charalambos and Anastasia (nee Coutoupes) Moraitis. Married to Margaret Hetrelezis 1959. Spiro and Margaret have four children Anastasia, Katina, Harley and Melissa. Educated at Melbourne High School and Melbourne University 1946 – 1957. MB BS 1957; FRACGP 1984; MAMA 1957; Secretary, Chair of Modern Greek Appeal Committee 1970-73; Vice President, Greek Orthodox of Melbourne and Vic 1971-74; Australian Greek Welfare Society: President 1972-79 and 1988-92, Chairman 1972-79, Archivist 1972-96; Editor, Greek Action Bulletin 1972-86; Committee 3EA Radio 1975-76;

ABC Advisory Committee 1976-79; National Consultative Council on Social Welfare 1976-80; Alfred Hospital Migrant Services Committee 1976; Member, Victorian Committee Social Security 1977-83; National Heart Foundation Adviser, Ethnic Medical Health 1978-83; Deputy Advocate, Doctors' Medical Defence Assn, Vic. 1979-; Member, Health Advisory Committee, Vic 1979-83; Health Advisory Council of Vic. 1979-93; SBS Advisory Committee 1980-85; Victoria 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Board 1982-85; National Selection Committee, Australian-Greek Presidential Awards 1982-84; Australian Greek Society for the Care of the Elderly: Life Governor 1984, Trustee 1977-84; Greek Australian International Medical and Legal Conference 1985-90; Greek Australian Conference Consultative Committee 1986-87; Member, Board, Office of Psychiatric Services 1987-91; Foundation President, Board, Australian Greek CI Community Services 1992-96; Advisory Board, Second World Conference, Hellenic Bio-Medical Diaspora, Athens 1992-94. *Military Service:* - National service 1951-55. *Sporting Achievements:* - Marathon Running. *Cultural achievements:* - hundreds of articles published in the media and professional magazines. *Main Achievements:* - services to Australians from Greek background in health, welfare, education and community. *Clubs and Memberships:* - Life Member, Melbourne High School Old Boys 1957; patron, MHS Appeal 1977.

Extracted from the Australian Roll Honoured by the Queen 1952-98



Senator George Georges

This year for the first time, we are to give a "Posthumous Award". This award is to Honor our First Greek (Castellorizian) Senator / Federal politician. Senator George Georges (Georgouras) ALP. For Queensland from 1968; Opposition Whip from 1976; Member of the Senate Select Committee Air Pollution 1968-69, Drug Trafficking and Drug Abuse 1967-68; Delegate Australian Area Conference C.P.A. Sydney 1969. Born 1920 in Darwin N.T. Survived by his wife Gloria Wishart, Son Arthur and Daughter Sandra. George Georges recreational activities were Music and Tennis. More on the life and times of George Georges in the next edition of this newsletter. Extracted from the Notable Australians Who's Who 1<sup>st</sup> Edition 1978

**Castellorizian of the Year award** is researched by a couple of dedicated workers and final approval is by the Executive Committee. This result sometimes does not meet with the approval of all our members. If you want to nominate a recipient you only have to let us know and we will look into the achievements based on the following Guidelines.

## **Guidelines for Nomination**

The Castellorizian of the year: - is awarded to a person of Castellorizian descent, whose achievements have been an inspiration to the Castellorizian Communities of Australia.

Their achievements can be in the state, national or international arena or areas such as social, community or cultural development, research, or economic development.

Categories can be interpreted broadly, and the nomination should relate to work accomplished over the culmination of many years or during the preceding 12 months.

In 1995, the guidelines were extended, to read; **'.....Whose achievements are an inspiration to the Castellorizian Communities of Australia and an example to the generations that will follow.'**

See Cassie news no.98.

This clarified the main purpose of the award, that its recipient be a source of inspiration and a role model for the Cassie youth of Victoria and Australia.

Since its inception, the award has caused much disappointment and some controversy.

The concerns voiced have followed the lines, "we don't know this person"; "what have they done for our community, or for our club?" "What has this person done for the wider Greek community?" "Why only university graduates?" "What about those people who have worked tirelessly for the Castellorizian community without acknowledgment?"

### **The complaints are valid.**

The Cassie of the year award does not address all the needs of our community. The guidelines do not describe those individuals who have contributed a lifetime of work to our Castellorizian community or to the wider Greek community.

It does not acknowledge years of tireless work and dedication to our community or club. A new award is needed, one which will reward these individuals. In addition, be of equal stature as the COY award.

Further complaints refer to the award being "too elitist" or "only accessible to university graduates". The first of these complaints cannot be avoided.

An award by definition is conferred, upon the elite in any field of competition. **It is the prize for being the superior performer.**

The 'field of competition', with regard to Castellorizian Of the Year, often tends to be overly represented by university graduates, a situation which reflects the fact that Castellorizians have a high propensity for academic or professional pursuit.

The guidelines, however, allow for individuals who make outstanding achievements in 'social, community or cultural development'. The candidates do not need to hold university degrees

to be considered for nomination, **they do however need to prove achievements, which inspire '...Castellorizian communities of Australia.'**

**The Castellorizian Of the Year award is a national award.**

It is awarded to **'a person of Castellorizian descent whose achievements have been an inspiration to the Castellorizian communities of Australia.....'**

The '**achievements**' need to be of a sufficient standard as to be

'An inspiration' to Castellorizian communities at a **National level**. Achievements, which are an inspiration, **not just to the local community but also to the rest of the Castellorizian communities of Australia. This is a key criterion. If the candidate does not fulfill this guideline, he/she cannot qualify for nomination.**

A further criterion, in tandem with this, is **'and an example to the generations that will follow.'**

The '**and**' means that these two criteria must **both** be satisfied.

## **Birth**

Helen (Fronistas) and John Katsoulis are proud to announce the arrival of their first baby Renee Eleni Katsoulis on the 23rd March 2003. Renee Eleni is the first grandchild for Therese Fronistas (nee Lazarakis), and niece of Jacob Fronistas (previous recipient of Cassie of the Year 2000) Special thanks to all the family and friends for their kind thoughts and good wishes.

Reported by Helen Katsoulis

### **Interstate Visitors: -**

In Melbourne for work related Conferences and visiting fellow West Australian Eleni Gogos, were Melissa Vlachou (Kotsoglou) Daughter of Sandra & Peter, and Troy (Lefteri) Livissianos (son of Faye and Angelo of Perth).

Nick and Maria Patiniotis had the pleasure of a visit from their grandsons Jack and Nicholas who surprised them with a visit from Brisbane Jack and Nicholas are the children of Zephi (Patiniotis) and George Barboutis

Bill and Jessie Spartalis of WA visiting catching up with their relatives during family luncheon around town

Dianne and Michael Spartels had the pleasure of a visit from their Daughters and families Evelyn and Dr Jim Aroni Syd and Marissa and Dr Noel Leon of Mermaid Beach Qld. Michael has reached his 61<sup>st</sup> year. shhhhh!!!

John Karis having a well earned rest soaking up the sun on Hamilton Island now that No 1 Son; Simon has returned from his jaunt around Europe and the USA.

### **Visiting Interstate: -**

Yes! Once again, that elusive butterfly Renie Adgemis is visiting her daughters, sons-in-law and families for the baptism of her third Great grandchild Peter John Kranitis, who is the progeny of Dianne and John P Kranitis. The proud grandparents are Senya (Adgemis) and Peter Kranitis.

Dianne and Michael Spartels have gone to Byron Bay for a short break again, followed by a jaunt to the Gold Coast.

### **Cassie Picnic: -**

Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb between 55-60 people arrived to enjoy the pleasure of being in the company

their Castellorizian family and listen to the music provided as a backdrop by the City of Booroondara. We wish to congratulate Jack Bisas on the Celebration of his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday with us in Canterbury Gardens. The Cake was delicious **Na Egatostisis**. This was supposed to be 26 Deg day and it turned out to be 34 Deg, we had a terrific time commencing at about 10.30am and concluding at 8.00pm. Turn to the Back page for more photos to see if you recognise anyone of your friends and family.



### **VCE Achievers Cont: -**

George J Zombos will continue his education attending Holmsglen TAFE in the pursuit of Engineering Draughting. George is the second son of Esther and Jim C Zombos

#### **Elena Josephides**

Elena having completed her VCE is now attending JMC Academy in South Melbourne undertaking a Special Popular & Performance Degree in singing. Elena is the daughter of George and Effie, grand daughter of Rosa and Ford Josephides

Jack T Bisas will take a break from further studies while assessing his options for the future. Jack is the second son of Terry and

Sylvia and Grandson of Daphne and the late Juicy Jack Miriklis and Crystalla and the late Nick Bisas

**Joanna Adgemis** having completed her VCE will now move on to RMIT University for a career in marketing, Joanna is the daughter of Irene and John and grand daughter of Anna Adgemis and Maria and Jack N Miriklis

**Maree Adgemis** having completed her VCE will also attend RMIT University and pursue Banking and Finance; Maree is the daughter of Irene and John and granddaughter of Anna Adgemis and Maria and Jack N Miriklis

**Krystalla Pearce** having completed her VCE will now continue her studies in Arts at Melbourne University. Krystalla is the Daughter of Flora (Loukides-Augustes) and Jamie Pearce.

**Nicholas Ioannidis** having completed his VCE is now attending Moorabbin TAFE in the pursuit of the Hospitality industry. Nicholas is the son of Tassia Ioannis and the Grandson of Margaret and Spiro Moraitis

### **CULTURAL EVENTS**

**Melbourne Workers Theatre and Canto Coro present: -** a populist opera- **1975** - by Irine Vella and conducted by Peter Mousaferiadis. 21st May-7th June at North Melbourne Town Hall (cnr Errol & Queensberry Sts) 7.30pm.

Ph. 93268371

#### ----- **MATILDA GOES DOWN**

Playing at the Mechanics Institute (Next door to The Retreat Hotel) Cnr Glenlyon & Sydney Rds Brunswick. 27th-31st May and 4th-7th June at 8pm Ph.98538582 Produced by Nick Verginis & Sarah Austin  
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**FIG TREE: -** *the music*

Arnold Zable and The Boite Present the musical companion to his Acclaimed book. WED 30th July 8pm **With** Anthea Sidiropoulos, Klezmania, Costas Tscaderis and more. Southbank Ph. 9417 1983

**Newsletter: -**

This is now my third news letter and I am sure that there will be errors in this one as well as names missed, other names inserted in error, misspelling! Incorrect information! The list could be endless. Therefore, this is your challenge! If you want, the newsletters perfect hop in and help! Gather news articles type, fax or email them to me and they will go in as you report them "without errors"

Family stories, articles from the past or items of interest. If you want to advertise just send your copy to us.

**St Konstantine and Helen's Day Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>** at Cassie House. This is preceded by the Name Day at church in Prahran.

This year there are a large number of VCE awards, it will be a big help for catering purposes to telephone one of our committee to give us an indication of number of attendees Phone, Fax or Email someone to list your group numbers attending. (Phone numbers at are on the front page)

**Development: -**

As a part of our development team, we are sourcing members with qualifications in specialised areas to form groups for advice in all areas. We will store this information on our database and call these groups together as our demand requires. Our current requirement is for Graphic Designers. We want to establish a

WEB page that we will all be proud of, not that we do not think that our IT managers have the talent to do this, but we want the best of the best for our Association and by having a group we can pool our resources.

**Please call John Karis on 0412 662 079 to register your input.**

**Computers at Club: -**

We have at your disposal in our clubroom a couple of computers suitable for training purposes. Chris Christopher (one of our IT managers) has offered to train people in basic computer use.

We will open the clubroom to you and offer free computer training however, if you just want to go to the club to have a coffee and a talk this is ok.

Let us know when you would like our clubrooms opened and we will endeavour to accommodate you.

**Events Committee: -** as reported in our previous newsletter. We are looking for volunteers to work with our event manager Jasmin Verginis 0416226581 to coordinate and run functions and events. Please ring Jasmin and arrange to be a part of this new team.

**Annual Events: -**

No matter how much warning we are given we will always forget, the functions advertised. Therefore, from this year we have decided to introduce an events calendar. These events will take place annually and will be about the same date each month each year so you can plan and be there or miss out!

The list will be in a later issue for you to retain for the coming year.

Castellorizian of the Year is an award that has caused more heartache and hurt than was ever envisaged.

It has tried to be all things to all people. It does not address the diverse interests in our community. It cannot satisfy the needs of the youth as well as the needs of the mature members of our community, each has different expectations and inspirations. Consequently, a companion award needs to be instituted. The committee is considering the formation of a new award, to be established in the next year, which will be of equal stature with the COY but which will place emphasis on **outstanding contribution and dedication** to the Castellorizian community of Victoria.

**Have Your Say! Send Letters to the editor or emails to**

[cassiesvic@hotmail.com](mailto:cassiesvic@hotmail.com)

This Year our **St Konstantine and Helens Day** celebration is on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of May.**

Presentation of the awards for **VCE achievers, Castellorizian of the Year** and most importantly, celebration of our Patron Saints Day, will follow our annual attendance at St Konstantine and Helen Church located at Barry St in Prahran (behind the Prahran Market). The celebrations then move to Cassie House in South Melbourne for a lite lunch and lots of socialising.

**See you all there!!**

During a stroll down Victoria St Abbotsford on his way to lunch at a local restaurant, a Prominent Castellorizian stopped in the centre of the foot path for a look in the shop window, only to be addressed by a young lady who said "Excuse me Grandpa would you get out of the way"  
How shocked would you be ???  
Grandpa indeed !!!!!

### **Correction: -**

Last issue it was reported Fiona Verginis was to undertake a career as a Chef, as it happens this was an extra curricular activity during her VCE year and will be attending RMIT University pursuing a career in Public Relations, once she has returned from her overseas jaunt.

### **Overseas: -**

Simon Karis has returned from his European and USA Vacation after experiencing the Big Freeze in the USA it is a welcome change to be back in Aust

Jason and Tommy Gregory are playing with the Greece Hockey team for the Qualification rounds Good Luck! We will keep in contact by email and report their progress.

Good Luck to Jamieson Pearce who is participating in a student exchange program to the UK for a period of 3 Months. Jamieson is the son of Flora (Loukides-Augustes) and Jamie Pearce

### **Overseas late Report**

Welcome back Colin Tarlamis who began his adventure with about a Million people at a concert in Hyde Park London celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee. Colin then embarked on a 17 day Contiki tour followed by eight (8) weeks in the Greek Islands. The highlights of his trip were Kastellorizo,

Mykonos and of coarse Lemnos, (his fathers birthplace) where he met up with an abundance of family and friends. Colin is the son of Despina (Adgemis) and John Tarlamis and Grandson of Koula and Peter Adgemis.

On his return Colin re enrolled to complete his studies in Real Estate to obtain a full Agents licence, Colin has embarked on his career with Stockdale and Leggo Waverley City

### **Get Well: -**

Con Adgemis,  
Peter Adgemis,  
Nick Fermanis  
Nick Salvaris and  
Paul Zervos.



### **Wedding Bells: -**

Despina Miriklis betrothed Harry Chrsanthou on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of March the wedding took place at the Evangelismo and was followed by the wedding breakfast at Box Hill Receptions the happy couple went of to Noosa for the honeymoon. Despina is the daughter of Phyllis and Con H Miriklis.

### **Greek Week launch in Melbourne: -**

We received a late invitation to attend the opening of Greek Week Antipodes by the Lord Mayor (John So) on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March at the Melbourne Town Hall for a dinner, along with other representatives and leaders of Greek groups. After several speeches and catching up with friends, we all settled in to some Greek dancing. Following this the Antipodes Festival cocktail party was held at the Greek Community Building on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March for the opening of the Antipodes festival Many familiar faces attended and the festival appeared to have the largest attendance in the 20 years of since its inception. Jasmine Verginis and Maria Katris would like to hear from anyone interested in the participation of a stand to sell Castellorizian Sweets and literature at the Antipodes festival for 2004 as we will have to book in advance should you wish to participate. We would like to hear from interested persons to organise and train a Castellorizian dance group for 2004.

### **Vale: -**

Mrs Kritikos wife of the late John Kritikos Deepest Sympathy to all c the family from the Castellorizian Community. May she rest in Peace

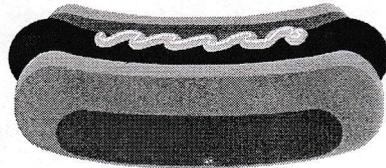
**CHRISTOS ANESTI !  
TO ALL**

**from  
The President  
and  
The Commitee**

# Pleasant Sunday (Beer) Mornings



Commencing Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 10am and continuing on  
the first Sunday of every month until the October 5<sup>th</sup> at  
Cassie House 250 Dorcas St South Melbourne



## Featuring: Olympic and Cassie Footy Teams Reunions

Notify and or Bring all past players from Olympic and Cassies  
If you have the address of a past player who wants to come, or  
you would like to be invited contact us or them

Voice your opinions will Brisbane make it 3 in a row or will  
Carlton win another wooden spoon.

Will the Swans win a game without being on TV



Donation required for this illustrious event

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