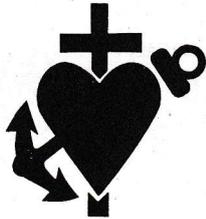


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Presidents Column

Following my article from the previous newsletter, it pleases me and I am sure you all feel the same, when we have a function such as St Konstantine and Helen and even the pleasant Sunday mornings and see the ages of the people who mix, (There is no upper or lower limit) the generation gap does not exist Every one enjoys listening to the stories they should be recorded for posterity (it is like being at a historical society meeting)

During our celebration on the 25th of May several people asked where the photos they have donated to the club were. So now, **we are calling on you!** To please call us to pickup all the history of our club and or anything you would like to donate or place on loan so we can display these things for all the members.

I am also calling on you to please find us photos and lists of all our former sports people. We would like to contact them to be a part of our Sunday morning reunions and to have them on our mailing list. (My phone numbers are in the first column.) People have mentioned names to me of persons who have boxes of records and or memorabilia Please do not let these prized possessions be lost we want them so they may be shared with our youth. It may be a notebook or an old flag, stamp, etc., whatever???

We are also asking for more volunteers for our Historical team, this is very important if we are to retain our heritage. **Please Ring ME**

Late Report Interstate Visitors:

In March Con and Dorothy Mangos along with son Michael, Mary and family, Angela, Peter Briscoe and family to celebrate the wedding of Kevin Colazis to Jenny in Sydney. Kevin is the son of Peter and Evangelia Colazis. Also visiting for the wedding was the grooms NONO Kominos C Zervos from Brisbane

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Visiting relatives in Perth, Connie & Paul Gregory

Congratulations: -

Kevin P Zervos during this month has been elevated to QC (Queens Councillor) within the judiciary of Hong Kong Visiting Hong Kong the induction Ceremony were Paul and Peggy and Kevin's daughter Lauren who has taken time out from Merton Hall to be with her father and family.

Visiting Kastellorizo

Anthony & Artemis Kritikides on holidays in Kastellorizo Anthony and Artemis have been working in London for over 2 years and this is **their 3rd visit to our island.** (Anthony is the son of Irene Kritikides and grandson of Peggy Paltos. Artemis is the daughter of Chris & Rosa Pappas.)



Congratulations to Savas J Miriklis who has been elevated to partner of Kliger Partners Lawyers Commercial Dispute Resolution. Savas is the youngest son of Katina and the Late Jack M Miriklis

Congratulations to Nicholas G Verginis for his elevation to lawyer of Holding Redlich

Bon Voyage to: -

Stephen J Adgemis, who is off on a jaunt around Europe and Greece, to spend his last week of the 6-week trip on Kastellorizo and to meet up with our roving reporter **Louise Katris**?

Also visiting Kastellorizo and the Greek islands from Canberra Sandra Georges daughters **Georgina and Jessica** who were here in Melbourne for our St Konstantine and Helens celebration and presentation of the posthumous award for their Grandfather the Late Senator George Georges who we inducted to our Hall of Honour.

Kalo Taxithi to: -

Katina J Miriklis daughter **Anna**, granddaughter **Georgia** and son in-law **Peter Plafadelis** who are all of on a trip to Limnos and the Greek islands

Despina and John Tarlamis cruising around the islands of Greece and visiting Kastellorizo for the first time in search of the finer weather and some heritage. Despina is the eldest daughter of Peter and Koula Adgemis

Ross and Cynthia (nee Koutsoukis) Andrews visiting Kastellorizo and the Islands for 3 Months

Travelling overseas and probably back by now!!!!

Colin Fermanis who, by his own admission has been permitted to travel by himself and stay out nights. Colin is off to Greece and to Kastellorizo for 5 weeks

Holidaying with a difference: - **Peter and Robin Conos** with children Sara and Max are driving around Australia in a Britz Campervan following in the footsteps of Peters grandfather who drove around Australia some 80yrs ago. Peter is the Son of Theo Conos.

Mark and Despo Josephides have left with their four (4) children for a 3 Month stay in Cypress

Back in Melbourne for a visit to her daughter, Kathleen was **Maria C Mangos**

Donation in Memory: -

Katina Miriklis in memory of her late husband **Jack M Miriklis**.

Peter Pappas of Santa Clara California USA has donated US\$20 in memory of the late **Christina Verginis**

Kevin P Zervos back in Melbourne from Hong Kong for a visit with family following his elevation to QC in the Justice system.

Visiting Melbourne

Evelyn Williams of California USA (ex Sydney) visiting cousins, Peter, Colin and Sylvia Coates
Report by Sylvia Coates

Overseas

Angela Zorbas taking an extended working holiday in the UK and visiting cousins Jason, Gregory and Katie Jetter (London Uni) whilst there.

Report by Sylvia Coates

Planes to Kastellorizo upgraded from a 15 seater to a 30-seater plane this service will commence on June 14th 2003

Who is visiting Kastellorizo?

Two week holiday on Kastellorizo in April/May were **Michael Mangos** (son of Dr Peter & Mary Mangos) with his girlfriend Megan her sister Kate from Torquay, parents Tony and Denise from Cairns. Wonderful time had by all.

George Bisas made a brief visit from Hong Kong to surprise his mother Marika for Mothers Day

Cherrie Mastropanagiotis (Peters) was in Melbourne visiting family during June and was enjoying the pleasure of old friends at the Club

Peter Pappas was editor of the USA Cassie news, which is, circulated worldwide. Peter was born in Kastellorizo about 80yrs ago and was neighbour to Christina Verginis (nee Zombos) they were not related but remained in contact by mail and later by phone. Peter and his brother were orphaned at a very young age and from then formed a strong tie to Christina, he was a very proud Cassie and

extremely religious man, and he sent money to our club regularly for subscription to our newsletter. The Family of Christina Verginis would like to express their gratitude and blessings for the friendship, comfort and love Peter gave to Christina over the years even though he battled with his own health and still does today.



Function Report: - Saint Konstantine and Helen's Day 2003 9am; Beautiful blue sky top temperature reported to be 19°C very little traffic on the roads and a football team that had been slaughtered by a Lion or two the day before the day looked terrific and I was enroute to church at St Konstantine and Helen in Sth Yarra.

Father Dimitri (who had in the last awards been awarded a jubilee medal for his services to religion the only one to have been awarded in Victoria) has graced our club for so many years beckoned me to the seating reserved for the Kastellorizians on our patron saints day. At the conclusion of church service, we quickly made our way to our clubrooms in South Melbourne. There were already about 50 people seated (they had listened to the advise of getting in early or there would not be any seating left)

Prior to the function, we had replies from approximately 120 people. We understood at that, time seating at our club were

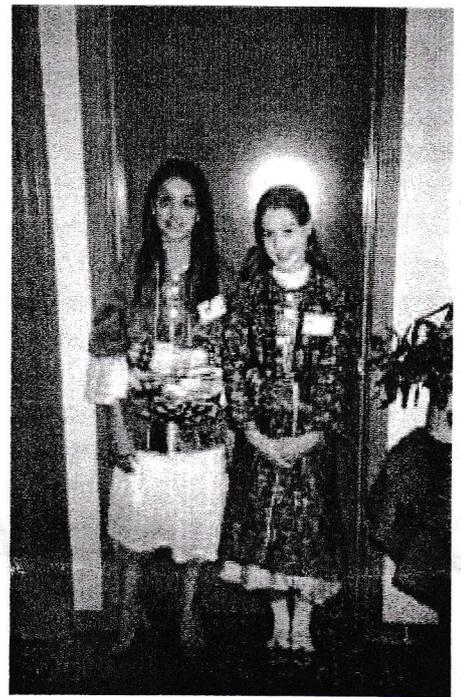
going to be very tight and in some disarray.

I looked through the list of people who had replied and thought that it was lacking in regulars. However, then I thought maybe the regulars would just arrive as they do to every function. This was so true and I want to thank every one who did participate in the day. Our Castellorizian of the Year Spiro Moraitis who appeared to have a pretty good time once he settled in, to our VCE Graduates they were terrific most of them met each other, we had the pleasure of listening to a tape of Elena Josephides (one of our budding singers) It was a day where the generation gap was bridged and everyone enjoyed being one big happy family.

Without you, there is nothing. As it was we estimated that there were approximately 180 - 200 people (a record) in attendance, there was no shortage of food or drink and plenty of conversation. At one stage, I thought that my presence on the microphone was an inconvenience to the laughter and socialising of the day. We lacked space and there was an inadequacy with the sound system due to the feed back with the microphone and the speakers.

We would like to thank our volunteers all the way from Perth **Parisse Spartalis and Narine Papanastasiou. In the Kitchen Jackie, Eve and Christine Verginis, Hellas Christopher, Daki (Jim) Pavlou, Chef Paul Kyriakou, Movie photographer Kathleen Adgemis.** Once again, a very special thanks to:

Anita Adgemis & Amanda Mangos who helped with the issuing of the awards and for dressing up in their Kastellorizian national outfits.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

By the time you receive this newsletter it will be membership renewal time again. Please complete the attached form and send it to our Post Office Box so, we may update our records. If you think our records do contain all your information then please fill it out anyway so we may double check. We would also like you to **dob in a Cassie** who you think does not receive our newsletter so we may include them on our mailing list. It will be with your help that we will find all the missing Cassies around Victoria. Do you know a Cassie that lives in the country or in metropolitan Melbourne whom we do not correspond with? If so let us know!!

NEWS FLASH

On Saturday 21st June, Former US President George Bush Snr was in Kastellorizo for the day. George and Barbara Bush arrived on the cruise ship "Alexander" Along with 50 close family and friends. The Bush's visited the Kastellorizo Museum, St George Church, and chatted to locals as

they walked casually around the harbour. They then made their way to the Megisti Hotel where George Bush was escorted back to the "Alexander" by one of the 3 speedboats circling the harbour. Barbara Bush decided to swim back to the ship, which was anchored just outside the harbour behind Faro nightclub (in front of the Museum). The 50 guests enjoyed an evening at restaurants "Athina", owned by Evangelis Mavrou and "Akrothalasi", owned by Tasia Constantino and George Papoutsis. The Bush's however chose to sleep on board the "Alexander"

News item from Louise Katris on Kastellorizo

Visiting Queensland for the 21st of Jack Basil Barboutis were grandparents **Nick and Maria Patiniotis, George and Sylvia Vasamis** along with Symbetheri **Anthony and Alexandra Vasamis**.

Report by Anna Miriklis

During May, Anna Miriklis arranged a first cousins reunion, which was held at Mykonos Tavern East Doncaster a very enjoyable evening was had by all. Anna is going to chase up her cousins regularly to repeat the outing.

Report by Anna Miriklis

Seniors Mothers Day Luncheon was also held at Mykonos Tavern during May it was well patronised and a joyous occasion for all who attended.

Reporter Anna Miriklis



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

To have our historic beginnings on record. I suggest that it would be the right thing to do for past and present young members. I have initiated the following:

- A wall of photos and names of the first committee of the Castellorizian Club of Melbourne (and/or all presidents there after)
- To call on the senior citizens to assist him with names and photos in order to complete the task. (All photos supplied can be copied and returned to owners.)

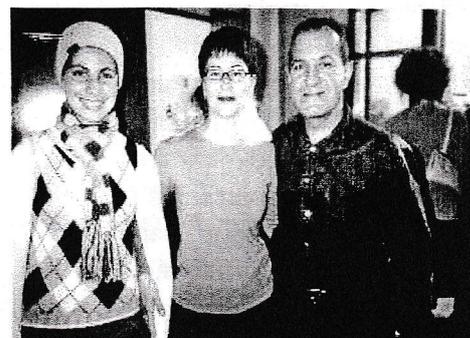
Article from Jim Verginis

Vale

Peter Janis (Barbaviannis) one of our former families and members, passed away in Sydney after many years of fighting sickness, we would like to express our deepest sympathy to his wife Maria (Parras) and children Flora and John from all Melbourne Castellorizians

Paul Konstantinides of Melbourne passed away during June 2003 our deepest sympathy to his family

A little birdie said that a twenty-year car park pass for the top of South Melbourne market has now been established at \$50.00. Can some one in our club please confirm this?



NEWS

FROM

KASTELLORIZO:

EASTER was a new experience for me because my past Easter church experiences in Melbourne were always standing outside chatting as it was too crowded to get close to the church doors. Easter brings on a ten-day break for all who live here. Kastellorizian's who live in Rhodes, Athens and even Australia came back to the island for a traditional Easter.

Thursday night church service was bringing Christ off the cross, Friday Night was the walk from the St Konstantinos Church down along the waterfront to St George Church (Australia Square) behind the "Epitafio". Saturday night was of course "Xristos Anesti", at 12 midnight they had a spectacular show of fireworks, which went for 20 minutes and then witnessing Papa Giorgio (the island Priest) banging and kicking the church door pleading to Jesus to re-enter the church. After the service the traditional feast started with the "Mayiritsa" (which is a soup consisting of offal and intestines) and for table decoration laid the goats head. Thank God, Avgo Lemono was also served. All the restaurants were busy with lamb on the spit and the day was a very festive one that concluded in the early hours of Monday morning.

Report by Louise Katris

EUROPEAN UNION CONFERENCE

On Saturday May 3rd, Kastellorizo was host to the European Union Conference, fifteen current EU Ministers of Exterior (External Affairs) and ten Exterior Ministers of countries who are currently non-committee members but will be part of the committee within the next

year. **Why Kastellorizo?** for the first 6 months of 2003 Greece is the presiding country over the European Union and Kastellorizo was the island chosen to discuss common policies between their countries, their current and future economics this was due to the proximity to the borderline of Europe. As of 2004, Cyprus will become the borderline of Europe when it joins the EU. The Ministers and their entourages arrived by two ships "Alexander" and "Triton" owned by Greek Shipping magnet "Latsis". Two Flying Cats arrived from Piraeus and Rhodes full of journalists, photographers and catering staff, in total Kastellorizo saw 1200 people arrive for the day. Greek Foreign Minister "George Papandreou" personally invited the Minister of Turkey "Abdullah Yule" who arrived by his own Flying Cat from Kas (Turkish coast 1.5km opposite Kastellorizo). He received a warm welcome from all the locals and press; this was significant because Turkey is not part of the EU but will be in the next few years. After Lunch, they departed for Kas where they received the same warm welcome and an afternoon buffet was awaiting. They returned to Kastellorizo where they then departed for Rhodes and Athens.

Report by Louise Katris

OLYMPIC TRUCE FESTIVAL

An Olympic Truce Festival was organised on Kastellorizo by the Headmaster of Megisti High School and the Greek Government. The festival signified a truce between neighboring countries that were once at war. Two hundred and fifty school students from Rhodes and 150 students from Kats, Turkey arrived for the day at 10am and were treated to refreshments,

clowns, magicians, the days events included the animated games at the school, a theatre show, trips to the Archaeological museum, an Art Exhibition in the Agora Market Place and Greek folk dancing at the harbour. The opening of the Olympic Truce was the main event later that evening down by the harbour where all the students and teachers were greeted by Vice-administrator of the Dodecanese Prefecture Mr. Fotis Hatzidiakes and by the Turkish Governor Halil Ibrahim Akpinar. More Greek and Turkish folk dancing was enjoyed by all and it ended with the representation of Olympic Truce by the students of Megisti Primary School and a 40-minute fireworks display before they all departed at 10pm.

Report by Louise Katris

St KONSTANTINE and Helen's DAY on Kastellorizo

Wednesday 21st May a Catamaran arrived with a 104 Kastellorizian's and friends for the day, they arrived at 9.30am went straight up to church for the service. At 11am, the procession from the church with the icon made its way along the harbour to St George Church and up to St Constantine. The harbour cafes removed all chairs and tables for the icon to pass. Two priest from Rhodes came to do the ceremony with the local priest, those with harbour side houses came out on their balconies throwing flower petals as the icon passed. Later the day-trippers enjoyed lunch and for first timers to the island a chance to see Kastellorizo. The Catamaran departed at 4.00pm for Rhodes and on the trip back the tourists got to see a video of the days events as they unfold each day during the summer months.

Report Louise Katris

George Georges was born in Darwin in April 1920. His parents had immigrated from Kastellorizo. He joined the Qld Branch of the Australian Labor Party in 1944. He established a solid reputation in the Labor Party, particularly for his work with Union Co-operative and Credit Union Society.

He became a Labor senator for Queensland in July 1968. He was Opposition Whip in the Senate from January 1976 to November 1980. Serving as a senator until June 1987. During this time, he served as Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts May 1983 to February 1987 and as Chair of the Senate Legislative and General Purpose Standing Committee on Education, Science and the Arts. He also served on the Senate Select Committee on the corporations and Securities Industry Bill 1975, the Senate Select Committee on Animal Welfare, and the Senate Estimates Committee.

He was a hard-working senator and a man of integrity. He made prominent stands to support his beliefs, leading campaigns against the Vietnam War and Leading Street marches in Queensland supporting the right to protest and freedom of speech. George was a leading figure in the Palm Sunday peace rallies.

For many within the Labor Party, he will be best remembered for his dedicated work reforming the Queensland branch of the ALP in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Any one of these causes would have been enough for most people, but George Georges was not able to turn his back on a cause he believed in. He had a passion for the rights of workers and was a pioneer in raising issues in respect of indigenous Australians, the environment and animal welfare.

George was a child during the Depression of the 1930s and had to help his father look for work in Brisbane's West End, this had a big impact on his beliefs and his concerns for injustice. He crossed the floor of the Senate to vote against deregistration of the Builders

Labourers Federation and for that was suspended from the ALP. After crossing the floor again to vote against the **Australia Card legislation**, he resigned from the ALP serving as an independent senator from December 1986 until his departure in June 1987.

When George Georges left the Senate, former Senator Arthur Geitzelt said:

"Senator Georges is one of the most honest men in the Senate. He abides by his principles through thick and thin."

George Georges was a socialist. He was proud of his beliefs and often talked about the need to go out and encourage people to be politically active. He had an unshakeable confidence in extra-parliamentary pressure. He believed that this was the essence of democracy; he used his office as a senator to assist the development of people power. He had valuable personal friendships with **student leaders, church leaders, women activists, academics, indigenous leaders and union leaders.**

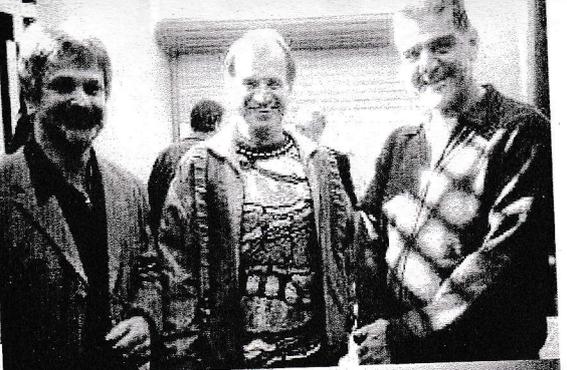
In his condolence speech to the Senate on 24 September 2002, Nick Bolkus said that George Georges was a person to look to for advice, guidance, and a role model for many people from migrant backgrounds who were looking at getting involved in politics.

Nick Bolkus pointed to George's Kastellorizian heritage—the location, the geography and the history of the island from which his family came. —“To appreciate some of the characteristics that we experienced in George as he lived his life of politics in this country, he had a strong commitment to independence, a sense of justice, an enormous stubbornness against all odds and a commitment to activism.”

Profile of DR. SPIRO MORAITIS, C.B.E., O.B.E., M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.G.P. Spiro was born in Athens, Greece in 1933, his father Charalambos Moraitis was Athenian

and his mother Anastasia (nee Couttoupes) was born in Russia of Castellorizian parents. They arrived in Melbourne Australia in 1939; Spiro was educated at Ripponlea & Brighton Rd., Primary, and at Melbourne High School. He graduated in Medicine at Melbourne University in 1957. He has been in General Practice for 45 years mainly working with the Greek community, being a child of migrant parents, he was well aware of the settlement problems. Spiro's Great-grandfather was the doctor on Kastellorizo early last century. One of the first committees Spiro served on was the Castellorizian Brotherhood where he was also the Medical advisor for the Castellorizian Football Team. He was involved in the development of the famous Beer Mornings or Pleasant Sunday Mornings, which became valuable Fundraisers for the Australian Greek Welfare Society and the Greek Old Age Homes. Spiro has been honoured by the Queen three times for his services to Migrants, their Health and Welfare. He received the Queen Elizabeth 11 Jubilee Medal in 1977, the Order of the British Empire in 1978 and he was made a Commander of the British Empire in 1983. He has also been appointed an Eminent Member of Melbourne High since 1998. Spiro has served on numerous Government committees both Federal and State and has written hundreds of articles published in the Media and Professional magazines. He was a foundation member of the Australian Greek Welfare Society where he served as both Chairman and President and served on many of the sub committees including health, education, childcare, elderly, and interpreter and language services.

Through his interest in marathons, he has run ten Frankston to Melbourne Marathons and several others; he very proudly was an Olympic Torch Bearer for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.





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