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*Castellorizian Newsletter number 87 is the first of our new look newsletters.*

*We will include a section in Greek prepared by the Society's Vice President Mr. Steve Zombos. We also re-print an article from Neo Kosmos written by the Co-Editor of New Generation George B. Bisas. The article features Elizabeth Exintaris. We also re-print an article from Woman's Day on John C. Mangos. We thank Neos Kosmos and Woman's Day for permission to re-print these articles.*

## CASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR SENATOR NICK BOLKUS

MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION & ETHNIC AFFAIRS

We congratulate Nick Bolkus on his selection as Castellorizian of the Year by the Castellorizian Society of Victoria and we look forward to the Senator joining us at our Saints Constantine's and Helen's day Church Service and luncheon.

10.30am      Saints Constantine & Helen Church  
Barry Street, South Yarra

12.30pm      Hawthorn Receptions  
555 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn  
For a light luncheon and drinks

## CASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR

Your Society, with the assistance of a Selection Sub-Committee have nominated Senator Nick Bolkus as Castellorizian of the Year. At this year's Saints Constantine's & Helen's Day Celebration, a special presentation will be made to the Senator in recognition of his achievements in politics and his elevation to the Cabinet as Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs. Nick has accepted our invitation to be present at our celebration on Sunday, May 23rd,

1993 commencing with a Church Service at Saints Constantine & Helen Church, Barry St., South Yarra at 10.30am. The Service will be conducted by His Grace Bishop Iezekiel of Dervis followed by a light luncheon at Hawthorn Receptions, 555 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn commencing at 12.30pm.

As this function is to be catered, it is imperative that your Society receives your RSVP by 12th May, 1993. Please tear off the slip below and return it to Box 112 Sth. Melbourne, 3205.

## ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION TO STS. CONSTANTINE'S & HELEN'S DAY

Member's name: .....

Accept your kind invitation to celebrate  
Saints Constantine's and Helen's Day.

Phone Number: .....

R.S.V.P. Wednesday, 12th May, 1993, to:

Secretary,  
Castellorizian Association of Victoria  
P.O. Box 112,  
South Melbourne, 3205

I would at this point like to thank my Committee together with the following members who assisted us with the selection of Senator Nick Bolkus: Cynthia Koutsoukis, Dr. Michael Piperoglou, Dr. Spiros Moraitis, Nick Adgemis. Special thanks to Sandra Varvodic (Gilavis).



## CASSIE ACHIEVERS AWARDS

Commencing in 1994, your Society will be making available Awards for Outstanding Achievers. These Awards will be presented annually on Australia Day in recognition of achievements in Australia by people of Castellorizian descent. Selection criteria and the form of the awards will be finalised by our special sub-committee during 1993. We look forward to co-operation and interest in this new initiative by your Society.

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## LUNCHEON BARBECUE

Over 65 members attended our luncheon barbecue held at Caulfield Park on Sunday, March 21st, 1993. Some confusion as to the venue was experienced by some members. We regret if any members were inconvenienced. However our newsletter did state Barbecue Area at Caulfield Park. There is only one barbecue area at the above Park.

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## RE-BUILDING PROGRAMME

Your Building Sub-Committee has continued to make progress and the first stage of our Re-Building programme has now been approved by the South Melbourne Council. Tenders for work to commence will be called for in the next 6 weeks. The first stage includes a new toilet block and a larger kitchen area plus re-furbishing of our present Club Rooms.

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## DONATION

Your Board has decided to donate a sum of \$500 towards the restoration works of Saint Nicholas Church on Castellorizo.

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## WEDDING

At Evangelismos Church on Sunday 9th May 1993, Angela Mangos will marry Peter J. Briscoe. Angela is the only daughter of Con and Dorothy Mangos and Peter is the son of Graham and Rhonda Briscoe. The Wedding Reception will be held at the ANZ Pavilion, Victorian Arts Centre.

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## 21st BIRTHDAY

We congratulate Michael Christofas on his 21st birthday. Michael is the son of Peter & Kathy Christofas. A party to celebrate the 21st was held at the Sheraton Towers, Southgate on 28th March 1993.

## HOME AFTER A STAY IN HOSPITAL

Dianne Spartels  
Con Constance

Alfred Hospital  
Cabrini Hospital

## IN HOSPITAL

Mary Livery

Box Hill Hospital

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## 25th MARCH, GREEK NATIONAL DAY

The Greek Consulate General celebrated the 25th March with a Cocktail Party at the Prahran Town hall. Amongst the dignitaries present were the Rt. Hon. Premier of Victoria, Mr. Jeff Kennett and His Grace Bishop Iezekiel of Dervis. Your Society was represented by the President and wife, Mrs. M. Bisas.

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## TRAVELS

Back from Sydney where she visited her mother Mrs. N. Cotis, our Secretary Mrs. Christina Pavlou with husband Jim.

In Melbourne from NSW George & Chris Kazaglis.

In Townsville for Easter, George & Helen Miriklis.

In Melbourne from Sydney, Kostia Salakas to see sister-in-law Maria Lolatgis.

In Adelaide to attend a family Christmas Zina and Michael Miriklis.

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## BOOK LAUNCH

On Friday, 23 April, 1993 at 2 Watt Street Thornbury, Alick Jackomos will be launching his latest book "Forgotten Heroes - Aborigines at war from the Sohmie to Vietnam". The book will be launched by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Hon. Michael John. The book has been written in conjunction with Derek Fowell.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Theo Conos on his election as President of the Carlton Football Club Coterie.

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## BIRTHS

On the 6th October, 1993, at St. Vincent's Private Hospital, to Barbara and Kevin Mangos a 2nd child, Diamanto (Amanda) 8th grandchild for Christulla Bisas and 2nd grandchild for Dorothy & Con Mangos.



RE-PRINTED FROM WOMEN'S DAY

# PEOPLE

Compiled by Pat Bowling

## For Connie, with love

**T**HE Midday with Ray Martin show switchboard was jammed. John Mangos had dedicated a story to "Connie" and the show's audience thought it had a scoop.

John tells us what happened next: "After years of public bachelorhood, viewers thought I had slipped and revealed the "woman in my life".

It was not what they were thinking. Connie Severino is only 15 years old and she has the life-threatening disease cystic fibrosis. We met at a function for the Make A Wish Foundation last year.

Make A Wish endeavours to fulfil dreams. Connie's wish to be in a TV soap had been granted. I met her soon after.

Like most teenagers, she's up on the latest fads, fashions and music, but it's her attitude to life that sets her apart.

She impressed me with her maturity one day when a group of adults was talking about "wish" children in front of her. I am sensitive about child mortality and asked her how she felt about hearing herself referred to in this way.

I will never forget her answer.

"I don't take it to heart. I'm used to it. What will happen will happen. It hurts, but I am used to it."

I had made a treasured friend.

Through our constant contact, Connie became an armchair traveller and delighted in my adventures. After I returned from a week at Sea World Nara Resort on the Gold Coast with the show, she wanted to know all about my swim with the dolphins.

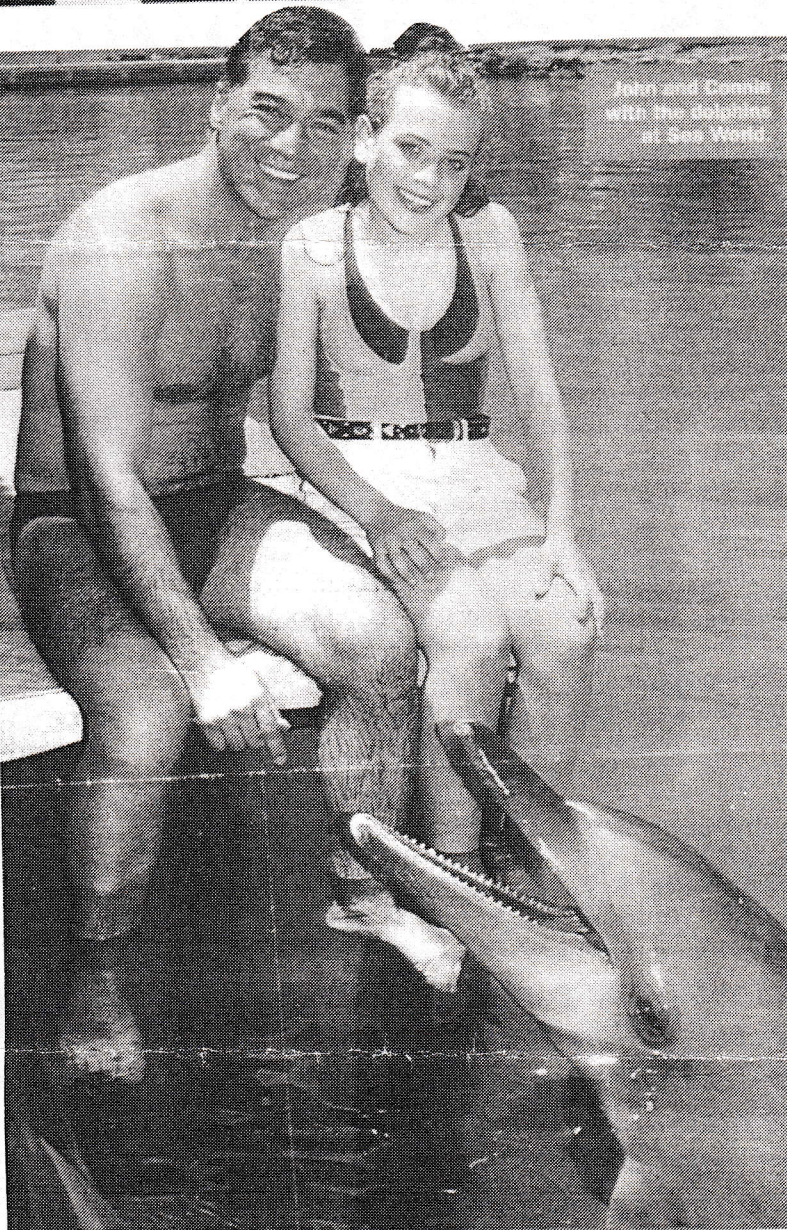
These beautiful creatures are quite extraordinary – to swim with them is to experience an exhilaration beyond comparison.

Many books have been written about their healing powers, and just as many have refuted them. The undeniable fact is that dolphins make people *feel good*.

I decided this would be my Christmas present to Connie.

Our swim was unforgettable. She had no fear, and the look on her face when she was towed by one of the dolphin's dorsal fins is etched on my memory.

While I will never know if our Sea World friends were aware they were



John and Connie  
with the dolphins  
at Sea World.

with a special young girl, I'm convinced they knew *something*. They were so gentle even the trainers were surprised.

Connie's friends said she was lucky.

No-one who has had to take at least 50 pills a day since the age of 20 months is lucky. No-one who goes to hospital four or five times a year for up to three weeks at a time is lucky. No-one who has physiotherapeutic percussion (rhythmic patting on the chest wall to loosen secretions) on the

front, back and sides of their body four times a day is lucky. I am the lucky one – lucky to have a friend like Connie.

This story deliberately avoids both sides of the argument about keeping dolphins in captivity.

It is about a gift from one friend to another; an effort to make a courageous girl happy, to fulfil a dream.

It would not have been possible without the assistance and generosity of Australian Airlines, Sea World Nara Resort and Sea World staff." ■

Pictures: Neil Holbrook



RE-PRINTED FROM NEW GENERATION NEOS KOSMOS

# The National Greek-Australian Song Festival

By George Bisas

Surely one of the most enduring and successful events in our annual Antipodes festival must be the Greek Song festival.

The song festival, now a national event, has this year attracted entries from all over Australia. "New Generation" spoke to the festival's Musical Director who is busily preparing for what promises to be an exciting evening this Saturday night. The National Greek-Australian Song Festival will be held on 27th March 1993, at the John Batman Theatre, World Congress Centre.

For the first time the competition will allow the inclusion of both Greek and English lyrics. Musical Director Elizabeth Exintaris explains.

"We are keen to encourage second and third generation Greek-Australians to also be a part of the competition."

The official program highlights the fact that of the very many entries received from all over Australia,

vides an evening of memorable entertainment. We will also be having a guest artist performing who should further enhance what the night has to offer."

Young Greek pianist Tatiana Papageorgiou, who is currently based in England, will play a selection of classical music for those attending the song festival. Ms Exintaris explains that there will be two major



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- Elizabeth Exintaris

only fourteen will be judged for inclusion in the final.

"Traditionally the concert produces a rich cross section of music that pro-

awards presented to the successful Song Festival contestants.

"The first will be the popular prize, to be voted upon by the audience,

• Ms Elizabeth Exintaris, Director of Music for the 1993 Song Festival.

sponsored by the Cyprus Popular Bank. The other award will be for excellence to be adjudicated by our panel of judges which has been selected from across the Greek and Australian music industry. This award has been sponsored by the National Bank of Greece."

There will also be two encouragement awards.

The Song Festival for so many years has provided a forum for young musicians to demonstrate to the community, in an extremely professional manner how good their work can be.

The inclusion of English lyrics is an obvious and long overdue extension of that opportunity. I hope it is a great night.



## THE KASTELLORIZO (MEGISTI) ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The following brochure was forwarded to us by the Kastellorizo (Megisti) Archaeological Society. We print the brochure in full for those interested to read and make their own decision as to how they can assist.

### INTRODUCTION

During 1992, Dr. Norman Ashton of the Department of Classics and Ancient History at the University of Western Australia had been compiling a comprehensive bibliography on the island of Kastellorizo. The purpose of this search was to establish the viability of a research project related to the island's history in ancient times. It became apparent that such a research project is both feasible and desirable. It was also envisaged that the project would promote a community focus on the history of the island for all Kastellorizians - both young and old. In addition to this, Dr. Ashton recently completed a research project on the island of Siphnos, with the resultant book, creating interest in the Greek community to conduct similar research on the island of Kastellorizo. To this end, the Kastellorizo (Megisti) Archaeological Committee has been formed to support and raise sponsorship for this historical project.

### THE PROJECT

Dr. Ashton's aim is to write a history of Kastellorizo and to publish his findings in a book to be ready for publication in late 1994. The chronological span would be from the earliest settlement (thereby establishing the origins of the island's ancient inhabitants) up to the end of the second century A.D.

To identify, record and analyse the ancient evidence, Dr. Ashton will examine the surviving literary sources, but also personally inspect the relevant epigraphical, numismatic and archaeological material, both that on the island and that now held elsewhere (for example in museums at Rhodes, Mytilene, Athens, Paris, London and certain Italian cities).

It will also be necessary to produce a series of three-dimensional digitised maps of Kastellorizo through the application of sophisticated Geographic Information System computer programmes to establish strategic view points on the island. In addition, there will be the need to conduct a full physical survey of the island and its immediate surroundings.

The project will commence in February, 1993 when Dr. Ashton and his family will leave for Kastellorizo to begin the survey.

### PROJECT COMMITTEE

The Kastellorizo (Megisti) Archaeological Committee is a sub-committee of the Western Australian Friends of the Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens which is a society within the University of Western Australia.

The Kastellorizo (Megisti) Archaeological Committee consists of Mr Ioannis Raptakis - Greek Consul, Dr. Patricia Kailis OBE - Chairperson, Mr Geoff Totterdell - Treasurer, Miss Kathy Andronis - Secretary, Miss Anastasia Kailis - Promotions Officer, Dr. Norman Ashton - Project Director, Mr Basil Georgiou, Prof. Byron Kakulas AO, Mr. Peter Kailis, Dr. Paul Boyatzis - President of the Western Australian Friends of the Australian Archaeological

Institute at Athens, Prof. Alexander Cambitoglou AO - Director of the Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens, and Mr Antonios Koufos - President of the Kastellorizian Association of Western Australia. Consultants to the Committee consist of Mr Michael Barboutis MBE - Sydney, Mr Nick Bogiatzis - Canberra, Senator Nick Bolkus - Adelaide, and Mr Nicholas Stephanou OAM - Athens.

The aims of the Kastellorizo (Megisti) Archaeological Committee are to promote and support research and the archaeological study and exploration of the island of Kastellorizo; to promote and support the publication of the results of such research, study and exploration; and to promote a community focus for the island of Kastellorizo.

The immediate aim of the Kastellorizo (Megisti) Archaeological Committee is to support and arrange financial assistance for an archaeological survey/study of the island of Kastellorizo to be conducted by Dr. Ashton and the publication of his findings.

### THE NEED FOR SPONSORSHIP

While the administration of this historical project will be based in Perth, financial support will be sought nationally within Australia, and on an international basis from expatriate Kastellorizians in Europe, North and South America and South Africa.

The investment required in this project is approximately \$32,000 which will need to be raised during the 1993 calendar year, to enable the project to commence during Dr. Ashton's year of Sabbatical Research Leave from the University of Western Australia.

The Kastellorizo (Megisti) Archaeological Committee is urging you to invest in this viable and desirable project - an historical project of which the research and resultant publication will be available to all Kastellorizians for generations to come.

### ABOUT DR NORMAN ASHTON

Dr. Norman Ashton was born in Fremantle and lives in Cottesloe with his wife, Joanna and their two young sons, Jack and George. He is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Classics and Ancient History at the University of Western Australia. Dr. Ashton is also the Vice-President of the Western Australian Friends of the Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens. Over the past twenty years, Dr. Ashton has researched extensively in Greece - most notably at Athens, Lamia, Larissa, Rhodes, Delphi and Siphnos. Apart from his family and academic interests, he is Chairman of the Board at Perth's Superdome and the Western Australian delegate on a committee of the Australian Cricket Board. In December 1992, Dr. Ashton was honoured by an award from the Academy of Athens for his book, *Siphnos: Ancient Towers B.C.* The only other non-Greek Australian ever to receive an honour from the Academy is Mr. Gough Whitlam.

INVEST IN THE KASTELLORIZIAN PROJECT TODAY!

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I will donate: \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ Other ☐

Donations over \$500 will be acknowledged in Dr. Ashton's publication based on his survey of Kastellorizo.

I enclose a cheque for the above donation made payable to "W.A. Friends AMFA".

Please return your donation to

Dr. Patricia Kailis  
Chairperson  
The Kastellorizo (Megisti) Archaeological Committee  
c/o M.G. Kailis Group of Companies  
P.O. Box 353 Nedlands WA 6009

Thank you in anticipation for your  
generous support in this important project.



GREEK SECTION

EDITED BY STEVE ZOMBOS

ΕΝΘΕΤΟ ΣΤΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ  
ΕΠΙΜΕΛΕΙΑ: ΣΤΕΦΑΝΟΣ ΖΟΜΠΟΣ

Αγαπητοί μας φίλοι και φίλες, ο  
Πρόεδρος κ. Βαρθ. Πισσάς και το  
Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο σας εύχονται  
ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ & ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ.

Χριστός Ανέστη ήκουσα  
και έκλαψα λυπημένα,  
γιατί έκαμα Ανάσταση  
μανίτσα μου λυπημένα.

Πριν λίγο καιρό είχαμε πάει στο  
Σύδνεϋ για διακοπές και είχαμε την  
ευκαιρία να επισκεφθούμε το Κασ/ιακό  
Γηροκομείο για το οποίο πρέπει να  
είναι υπερήφανοι οι αδελφοί μας του  
Σύδνεϋ διότι είναι ένα από τα  
καλύτερα του είδους του.

Πολύ καλά λόγια ακούσαμε για τον  
Γιατρό Δημήτρη Αρώνη, γαμπρό του  
κου. και κας. Μ. Σπάρταλη από την  
ίδια την ασθενή. Η συμπατρίτισά μας  
είχε επισκεφθεί προηγουμένως άλλους  
γιατρούς χωρίς καμία βελτίωση της  
υγείας της, αλλά χάρις στην έγκαιρη  
και καλή διάγνωση του Dr. Aroney  
έγινε καλά.

Ο Σύλλογος του Σύδνεϋ Αναβίωσης του  
Καστελλόριζου, είχε προτείνει στον  
Δήμαρχο του νησιού μας να μετατρέψει  
το Παρθεναγωγείο σε χώρο διαμονής δια  
Καστελλοριζίους νέους και νέες από την  
Αυστραλία με έξοδα του Συλλόγου  
αλλά η πρόταση δεν έγινε δεκτή.

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Αγγελίδης και αναφέρθηκε στην  
θρυλική Κυρά της Ρω.

Επίσης και ο κ. Στάθης Ραυτόπουλος  
σε ένα του ωραίο ποίημα αναφέρθηκε  
στο μικρό αλλά ηρωικό Καστελλόριζο.

Την 21ην Μαρτίου οι Έλληνες της  
Βικτώριας γιόρτασαν την επέτειο της  
Εθνεγερσίας του 1821 με παρέλαση στο  
Μνημείο του Αγνώστου Στρατιώτη όπου  
οι Εθνικές και οι Εκκλησιαστικές μας  
Αρχές κατέθεσαν στέφανα εις μνήμην  
των ηρώων του έθνους μας. Την ίδια  
μέρα και εμείς οι Καστελλορίζιοι  
γιορτάσαμε με το δικό μας τρόπο με  
μπαρμπεκιού στο Caulfield Park όπου  
περάσαμε μια πολύ ευχάριστη ημέρα.

Καϊμένο Καστελλόριζο

βούλα σου γερατίζαν

τσαϊ καλατσαγκαριετσές σου

τσαϊ τσίνες εμυρίζαν.