

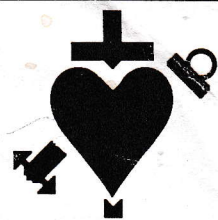
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Castellorizian Newsletter Number 88 gives details of our "CASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR" function held at our Saints Constantine and Helen's Day celebrations.

We are also happy to announce that after many years of indecision, our Re-building Programme has commenced. We hope that all costs can be met from our current funds. The Re-building Programme will take approximately 13 weeks and we thank Michael Spartels for agreeing to oversee the Programme. With the help of our Solicitor (Honorary) we are also preparing an application for a Restricted Club Licence for our Association (a short profile of Nick Zervos is included in this issue of our Newsletter

Special thanks to my Committee, together with the Selection Sub-Committee for an admirable team effort. This function, together with our Re-building Programme is another step forward towards the future of our Society.

We print a short interview by George B. Bisas of Neos Kosmos (New Generation) with Senator Nick Bolkus.

Special thanks to all those who attended the Church Service and reception at Hawthorn Receptions.

We thank the following guests for honouring our Society with their presence:

- The Consul of Greece, Mr Kokkonas;
- The President & Vice President of the Ithacan Society of Vic, Mr Tony Drake & Mr Denis Katsamis;
- The President of the Australian Greek Welfare Society, Mrs Margaret Moraitis OAM;
- The President of the Society for the Care of the Elderly, Mr Jacob Fronistas;
- The President of the Pan-Dodecanese Society, Mr Nicholas Pikos.

SAINTS CONSTANTINE & HELEN'S DAY

More than 150 members, with friends and families, attended our CASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR function. Let me thank the Senator for his attendance and his relaxed and friendly manner which helped to make this function one of the highlights of our term in office.

Two Photos from the Cassie of the Year function:

- *Below, Senator Nick Bolkus accepting the Award from our President, Mr. Jack Bisas.*
- *Right, the Cassie Committee with Senator Bolkus.*



VALE

✚ On June 13th, 1993, Maria Vallos, sister of Nick and Nina Zographou Funeral at Evangelismos Church and to Fawkner Cemetery.

BIRTHS



To Paul and Judy, a boy (Josh) at Masada Hospital. 1st child for Paul and Judy, and 3rd grandchild for Christina and Jim Pavlou. Another great-grandchild for Nina Cotis of Sydney.



To Tina and George Papadopoulos a son (Nathan Peter) at St. George Hospital. Tina is the 3rd daughter of Peter and Koula Adgemis and Nathan Peter is the 6th grandchild for Peter and Koula.

WEDDINGS



On the 15th May, 1993 at St. Spyridon Church, Unley, Adelaide, Peter Moschakis married Evy Prinos. Peter is the 3rd son of Fifi and Charles Moschakis. Reception at Prospect Town Hall. From Melbourne for the wedding:

- John and Stella Salvaris, Andrew & Tina Salvaris
- Elaine Platis, Michael and Elizabeth Platis
- Maria and John Argyropoulos and family

While in Adelaide, John and Stella Salvaris visited their son Basil who is a consultant with the State Bank.



On Saturday, 3rd July, 1993, Cynthia Koutsoukis married Ross Andrews at St. Catherine's Church, Malvern East. Reception to celebrate the wedding was held at Chapel Heights, Prahran. Cynthia is the eldest daughter of Leo and Helen Koutsoukis and Ross is the son of Sia and the late George Andrews.



On Sunday, 9th May, 1993, at Evangelismos Church, Angela Dorothy Mangos married Peter James Briscoe. To celebrate the wedding, a reception was held at the ANZ Pavilion, Victorian Arts Centre, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne. Attending the wedding from Sydney brother John C. Mangos and interstate visitors. Angela is the only daughter of Con and Dorothy Mangos.



At Saint Haralambos Church, Vivienne Papageorge married George Kardas. Reception at Number 9 Darling Street, South Yarra. Best man was

Anthony A. Adgemis. Vivienne is the God-daughter of Michael and Dianne Spartels. From Sydney for the wedding Dr. Jim and Evelyn Aroney. George Papageorge, the father of the bride, was formerly the coach of the Cassie Football Club.

42nd STREET



In Melbourne, Caraane and Alex Terreri. Alex is the daughter of Katina (Fermanis) and the late Michael Cavouras. Caraane is the Head Machinist for the production of 42nd STREET. Head Machinist duties include props and stage layout.

RETIREMENT



We congratulate and wish Michael G. Malaxos best wishes on his retirement from the Department of Defence after 35 years of service. Well done Michael, and enjoy your retirement.

BIRTHDAY



We congratulate Leo Koutsoukis on his 70th Birthday. Happy Birthday Leo. *Na ta εκατοστήσεις!*

CONGRATULATIONS

✓ We congratulate Alick Jackomos on his Award in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours. Alick received the Order of Australia Medal (OAM). Interesting to note that wife Merle is also a recipient of the same award. Well done Alick.

✓ We also congratulate Life Member of our Society, Michael George Kailis on his award of the Australia Medal (AM), to add to his CBE. Well done Michael.

HOME AFTER A STAY IN HOSPITAL



Marika Bisas



Michael Kyriakos



Mary Livery



Gina Livery

IN HOSPITAL



Nick Zographou

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Mr. Jack Bisas President,
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Dear Jack,

I would like to congratulate you and the committee for a most enjoyable day on Sunday 23 May to celebrate the feast of St Constantine and Helen.

As always, the committee put in a lot of hard work to organise these functions and if members would only take the time to read their newsletters they would have seen that an acceptance was necessary and that these trivial things would not happen.

Keep up the good work, its hard to break old habits. The blame does not lie on the committee, but on those who did not take the time to accept.

Regards
Maria Katris



To the President, Jack Bisas and Committee

Con and I and all my family would like to thank you very much for a lovely day we had at the St. Constantine's day. Everything was lovely. If there were any complaints, then I would not listen. They would have been the people who did not let you know. I give you credit on a fantastic day.

Thank you once again,
Con, Despina, Kristine and George Lucas.

LONSDALE STREET

After 10 years in practice in Lonsdale Street, our Honourary Solicitor, Mr. Nicholas P. Zervos, is leaving to take up practice in South Yarra. Nick is amalgamating his practice with Nicholas Giasoumi, at 399 Malvern Road, South Yarra. Nick is the youngest son of Paul and Peggy Zervos. Married with 2 children, at present Nick is Assistant Commissioner for the Liquor Licensing Commission & Member of the Ministerial Advisory Council on National Archives.

Nick was a City of Melbourne Councillor from 1982 to 1985; during this time he was the Chairman of the Bourke Street Mall Committee, Member of the Moomba Festival Board and is still a member of the Melbourne Thessaloniki Friendship City Committee, & the Greek Precinct Steering Committee for the City of Melbourne. Nick's involvements in community affairs are too numerous to list. However, just a few:

- Foundation President, National Union of Greek Australian Students (NUGAS)
- Chairman, Australian Greek Welfare Society

- Committee Member, Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria, 1982 - 1984.
- Vice President, Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria, 1988 - 1990.
- Legal Advisor, Heidelberg United Alexander Soccer Club 1988 - current.

Congratulations and best wishes to Nick on his future direction, and on behalf of our members and the Committee, we thank you once again for your assistance as Honorary Solicitor to our Society and for your current assistance in our application for a restricted club licence.

Jack Bisas

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CASTELLORIZIAN CONNECTION

The Castellorizian Association of Victoria presented its inaugural award for outstanding achievement to Senator Nick Bolkus, Minister for Immigration and Minister assisting the Prime Minister in Multicultural Affairs.

Senator Bolkus, is of Castellorizian parentage, and he spoke at a special function, of his pride in his origins.

"We talk of Australia as a multicultural community but I do not believe people really appreciate what it means. To have 150 different ethnic backgrounds in one country without any of the fighting and conflict we see over the world is a great achievement.

"If people want to know from where this stability comes they need look no further than the Castellorizian community a community from wher the foundations were laid.

"Castellorizians have managed to maintain our Greek language, culture and religion. We have been able to show others that if you want to keep families you need to show them their origins."

Senator Bolkus received the best response when he indicated that although he had never been back to Castellorizo, he will go there in very special circumstances as the first Australian Minister for Immigration to visit the Island.

A son of Greek migrants returning to Greece, 80 years since his grandfather left, returning as Australia's Immigration Minister. A significant achievement.

George B. Bisas

GREEK SECTION

EDITED BY STEVE ZOMBOS

ΕΝΘΕΤΟ ΣΤΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ

ΕΠΙΜΕΛΕΙΑ: ΣΤΕΦΑΝΟΣ ΖΟΜΠΟΣ

Στον Ιερό Ναό Αγίων Κωνσταντίνου & Ελένης, την 23ην Μαΐου, γιόρτασε ο Σύνδεσμός μας την γιορτή των Αγίων Κωνσταντίνου & Ελένης, με Δοξολογία και Αρτοκλασία. Επακολούθησε δεξίωση στην αριστοκρατική αίθουσα του HAWTHORN RECEPTIONS όπου παρευρέθηκαν περίπου 170 μέλη.

Την δεξίωση τίμησαν με την παρουσία τους ο Πρόξενος της Ελλάδας και αντιπρόσωποι διάφορων Ελληνικών σωματείων της παροικίας μας. Επίσημος προσκεκλημένος ήταν ο Υπουργός Μετανάστευσης και συμπατριώτης μας Καστελλοριζιός, Γερουσιαστής Νίκος Μπόλκας.

Τον πανηγυρικό εξεφώνησε ο κ. Γιάννης Σαλβάρης με την συνηθισμένη του ευφράδεια. Στην συνέχεια, ο πρόεδρος μας κ. Βαρθολ. Πισσάς καλωσόρισε τα μέλη, και με πολύ ωραία λόγια για τον υψηλό προσκεκλημένο συμπατριώτη μας, τον οποίο κάλεσε στη σκηνή, τον απένειμε Τιμητική Πλακέτα, με τα σύμβολα της πατρίδας μας. Επί πλεόν του απένειμε και δεύτερη πλακέτα, Τιμητική Διάκριση, ως ο Καστελλοριζιός της Χρονιάς. Ο κ. Υπουργός, ειλικρινά κατασυγκινημένος, ευχαρίστησε τον κ. πρόεδρο και όλα τα μέλη του Συνδέσμου. Πραγματικά ήταν μια ιδιαίτερα ευχάριστη ημέρα.

Επι τέλους άρχισαν οι εργασίες για τον καλλωπισμό της Καστελλοριζιακής Λέσχης. Επί πλεόν θ' ανακαινισθούν οι τουαλέτες και θα επεκταθεί η κουζίνα. Επίσης θα προστεθεί σύστημα κλιματισμού heating & air conditioning.

Για την ανακοίνωση εκ μέρους του Ιδρύματος Ευαγγελίας Μωραΐτου ότι συνεχίζονται οι απονομές-υποτροφίες σε όλους τους φοιτητές Καστελλοριζιακής καταγωγής, εξέφρασαν την ικανοποίησή τους τα μέλη του Διοικητικού μας Συμβουλίου. Ως γνωστό, ο Σύνδεσμός μας είχε στείλει ένα σημαντικό ποσό για τον ως άνω σκοπό. Η Εκκλησιαστική Επιτροπή του Καστελλόριζου μας είχε στείλει μια επιστολή ζητώντας χρηματική βοήθεια για την συντήρηση του Ιερού Ναού του Αγίου Κωνσταντίνου.

Εκ παραδρομής, ο δαίμων του τυπογραφείου, στο προηγούμενο τεύχος, το πασχαλιάτικο

τραγουδάκι γράφτηκε "γιατί έκαμα Ανάσταση μανίτσα μου λυπημένα" αντί του σωστού "μανίτσα μου στα ξένα".

Η νοσταλγία η βαθιά,
η παραπονεμένη,
βγαίνει από τα στήθια μας,
και την καρδιά πονεμένη,
και σε θυμίζει σαν όνειρο,
τα παιδικά μας χρόνια,
Τα αξέχαστα και ξένοιαστα,
ο πόνος θα μετριαστεί,
θα φύγει το μεράκι,
αν πας στο Καστελλόριζο
για ένα ταξιδάκι,
Κι όταν θα φθάσεις ευλαβικά,
σκύψε, φίλα το χώμα,
Εκεί που ο ουρανός και η θάλασσα,
έχουν το ίδιο χώμα,
Και όταν μια μέρα θα σκεφθείς,
να πας και στο Νιφτάτσι,
Εις μάτην θα αναζητάς
γειτόνους και φίλους σου,
Τα σπίτια όλα ερίμαξαν,
απ' το γυαλό μέχρι πάνω στους μύλους.

*Οι παραπάνω στίχοι είναι από ένα ποίημα του
Ευσταθίου Νικολιού.*

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"NEW" ARCHAEOLOGY FINDINGS

BY DR. NORMAN ASHTON ON KASTELLORIZO

"In the five weeks since we commenced the Surface Archaeological Survey of Kastellorizo/Megisti, the finds have been exciting - both in quantity and quality. Already we have discovered and catalogued many previously unreported ancient remains including tombs, towers, look-out posts, roads, sacred-sites, community settlements, wine presses and water reservoirs. Pottery shards from the centuries B.C. are also numerous.

These items of particular interests are:

1. A beautifully worked subterranean tomb, of large dimensions, with five carefully picked steps leading down to its entrance, in the region of Kathreftiou on the brow of the cliffs behind Mandraki Bay.
2. A sizeable set of community dwellings, with an adjacent sacred-site, a wine press, a watch tower and tower and a network of ancient roads in the area east of the mountain of Ayiou Georgiou above the cliffs bordering on Avlonia.
3. A regional acropolis on the Ayiou Stephanou promontory, on the slopes of Ipsili Tapia near Kastrelli. The walls are impressive as are the accompanying rock-cut tomb and a water reservoir.

In summary, even at this early stage, it is apparent that the island has an extensive number of ancient structures - far more that anyone had anticipated.

N.G. and J.L. Ashton
Kastellorizo/Megisti
12 April 1993