

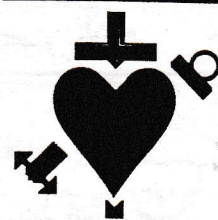
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Castellorizian Newsletter Number 90 gives details of our Xmas Tree get-together, and a report on our AGM, details of our Tavern Night. This year's Xmas Tree get-together will be held at Albert Park lake on December 5th. Brochure and details are attached to this newsletter.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING '93

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, October 3, 1993. The meeting commenced with the Opening of our refurbished club-rooms; a Blessing (ayiasmos) was delivered by Rev. Father Basil. We thank him for his attendance and support.

The AGM was attended by 64 members including committee (a disappointing response). Motions passed by the meeting were as follows:

1. To establish a Senior Citizens' Club for Castellorizians at Sth. Melbourne on a regular basis. The AGM accepted the offer by Mr. Nick Patiniotis and Mr. Steve Zombos to convene these meetings. We thank them for their interest and wholeheartedly wish them good luck in this very special project.
2. That the Board make arrangements with our Bank for overdraft facilities when needed for stages 2 and 3 of our redevelopment programme.
3. That the current Board be congratulated for the progress so far with the re-building programme.

✓ We also would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Tsakalos from Adelaide for their attendance at our AGM and for their generous donation of \$250.

TAVERN NIGHT

135 Members attended a very successful Tavern Night at the Lexicon Tavern in Richmond, on Sunday 17th October. After some initial seating problems, as a result of the lack of bookings, a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all members. We thank Dianne Spartels for her tireless effort in organising this function. It is never easy to please all... Our raffle was won by Helen A. Augustes and Janet Conos.

TRAVEL

✈ Peter and Kathy Christofas have returned home after an extensive two month trip around the world which included Asia, USA, Brazil, UK and Europe. While in Brazil, Peter and Kathy visited her uncle and auntie Basile and Zoe Peretsis in Rio De Jeniero.

✈ In Sydney to attend the 80th Birthday of her mother (Mrs. Maria James) Mrs. Dianne Spartels with daughter Alexandra. We wish Mrs. James a Happy Birthday celebration at the Inter-continental Hotel.

✈ Overseas on holidays Stephen P. Christofas to New York and Michael P. Christofas to Europe and Egypt.

✈ John and Lyndal Adgemis off to England, then Germany to attend "The Book Fair" then to Greece, including Athens, Rhodes and to meet brother Stephen on Castellorizo.

✈ In Melbourne visiting his family and friends John Kyriakos and his wife Zeffie from Perth W.A.

✈ In Melbourne to visit her son Peter Plafadellis and family his mother from Greece.

✈ Home after an extended stay in Castellorizo Paul and Peggy Zervos and Kevin and Maria Kominos.

✈ In Sydney to attend the wedding of her grandniece Reneé Athis to George Pantelinos, Helen and Leo Koutsoukis together with Tina and Peter Garrick with son David and Ross and Chrisanthi Andrews. Wedding on Sunday, 24 October at St. George Greek Church and then to a reception at the Sheraton Wentworth Hotel. Renee is the daughter of George and Chrissie Athis and grand-daughter of Katie and Peter Manettas.

EXAMS

✍ Good Luck to all students doing VCE & University exams. Good Luck. Good Luck. Good Luck. Good Luck.

BIRTHS



To Zefi and Evan a girl at Mercy Maternity Hospital (Christina Georgia), sister for Penny Marie. Second child for Zefi and Evan and fourth grand-child for Steve and Christina Bisas.



To Paul and Chrissie Vellasaris a girl (Zoi) at Monash Medical Centre on 9th September, 1993. Third child for Paul and Chrissie and fifth grand-child for Steve and Nellie Zombos.



To Lisa and Anthony a boy (Alexander) at Monash Medical Centre. First child for Lisa and Anthony Maglionis and fourth grand-child for Theo Conos.



To Helen (nee Tsakalas, from Adelaide) and Bill Antonopoulos on the 8th September, at Cabrini Hospital a daughter (Erasmia Victoria) for Helen and Bill and a sister for Stephanie and Nicholas.


BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS


- ✓ To Mr. Steve Paltos on his 82nd Birthday.
- ✓ To Mrs. Evangelia Koutsoukis on her 91st Birthday.

CONGRATULATIONS


- ✓ We congratulate Nick Patiniotis on his election as President of the PanHellenic Elderly Citizens' Clubs of Australia. We congratulate Nick and thank him for his offer to become Convenor at our first Elderly Citizens' Club meeting, at our Club Rooms. All are welcomed, both family and friends.


40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

 Jack and Marika Bisas celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on September 1993. Jack and Marika were married at Evangelismos Church on September 20th 1953. The late Reverend Father Patsoyiannis officiated and the celebrations were held at Delphic Receptions. Marika's God-daughter, Melody Papadopoulos, organised a celebration dinner with family and friends. Thank you Melody.

 On 18th October, 1993, Nick and Betty Adgemis celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Friends and relatives joined in the celebration at our Tavern Night on Sunday 17th October 1993. Well done Betty and Nick.

THANK YOU

 We extend a thanks to Andrew Caripis for his excellent preparation our Annual Financial Report.

 We also thank Members of our Committee for their excellent catering at our AGM and in particular to Mrs. Rosa Stabelos for her classic Castellorizian sweets "katoumaria".

HOME AFTER A STAY IN HOSPITAL



Joyce Pallaras



Angelo Augustes



Rita Sakellaropoulos



Mrs T. Kalafata



Mick Caripis

GET WELL - in hospital




Marika Augustes



Theo Conos

VALE

 Mr. Michael Kehayia • Born on Castellorizo in 1915, passed away in Melbourne on Friday, 15th October, 1993. Funeral on 19th October and to the Necropolis, Springvale. Survived by wife Barbara, children Maria and John Salbiniktios, Triantafyllia and Antonis Patidis, and Vasilis and Heather Kehayias.

SYDNEY

REPORT OF THE CASTELLORIZIAN LOANS AND FUNDS COMMITTEE

On behalf of our newly formed committee, I am proud to announce that our members have provided the Club with the sum of \$86,080.00 to assist in these difficult times by way of loans and/or donations.

The Castellorizians in Australia, and in particular in Sydney, have a fine tradition that dates back to 1924. It is therefore not surprising to see members, Castellorizian and nonCastellorizian, come forward when their Club requires financial assistance.

However, we are of the view that further funds would be of great benefit in the short term and we urge members to consider donating or lending further funds to the Club.

*John Calopedos
Chairman*

FROM OCTOBER 1

- Departs Piraeus (Athens) every Friday for Rhodes.
- Departs Rhodes to Kastellorizo at 08.00 Saturday and arrives at 12.00. 4 hours at sea.
- Departs Kastellorizo Sunday 10.00am to Rhodes with immediate departure to Piraeus.

HONOUR BOARD CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

Following a suggestion put to our AGM by Mr. Alick Jackomos regarding ex-servicemen, your Society will now commence to collate names of all persons, male or female, who served in the services for the purpose of placing their names on an Honour Board. We require names, service rank & number, area of service, service decorations etc to be sent strictly in confidence to:

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

All enquiries regarding this important project should be directed to Jack Bisas (telephone 885 6233).

We thank Emmanuel Moraitis for this different view of Castellorizo:

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TO ALL MEMBERS

Due to the high cost of postage, printing etc, we are asking members who receive our Castellorizian Newsletter, or receive more than one copy per family, if it is not needed or read, please fill in the following and post to:

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

Please cancel posting the Castellorizian Newsletter.

Signed:

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Letter from Kastellorizo Harvey Stockwell

Halcyon days ahead

THERE'S a large map on the diminutive waterfront of Kastellorizo (Megiste) claiming that "Europe begins here". Some visitors strongly disagree, arguing that the island is undoubtedly the backside of Europe: certainly I felt I was leaving the continent via the back door when I sailed out of Kastellorizo 15 summers ago.

I had stayed on the island, because I was sailing overnight from Rhodes to Cyprus. We came ashore briefly to find, despite the claim that "fresh provisions may be obtained", it was impossible to buy food. The only other vessels were a yacht and a patrol boat.

Living here now is much as it was then — an island forgotten in time and space, semi-deserted, drifting in distant waters, disputed and decaying. Well, that's one view. There are what might be interpreted as optimistic signs — 30 building applications are currently being processed, a municipal water supply system exists, and the island has a high school.

There is talk of a yacht marina, of reclaiming more waterfront and of designating the island a duty free port with legal entry to Turkey. So that the indigenes don't feel neglected, two jet fighters rip low overhead each morning, the island is connected to Rhodes by plane, Nana

Mouskouri put on a free gig and, in a less popular move, government officials now try to ensure that individuals account for income and pay their taxes.

Some 22 houses are under construction for local families currently renting or squatting in properties owned by Kastellorizians who have emigrated to America or Australia since the 1920s. Then the island's population peaked at 14,000; today there are 240 inhabitants. To return to the houses — I know they are being built: I took possession of my supposedly remote summer cottage at Mandraki, with olive trees, cypress pines and views across aquamarine waters to Turkey, on the same day that bulldozers began ripping the surrounding countryside apart.

During winter the population was reduced by a half, and I was one of four non-Greek residents. I was happy. I felt the island was mine! Wind blew at high Beaufort strengths, waves pounded into the small *limani* (harbour) and swept over the stone promenade like the opening scenes of *Zorba The Greek*. There was thunder, and clouds swept above the ruined houses in breathtaking shades of grey — some dark like lead and others light and smokey. For two weeks we were cut off, with neither plane nor ferry able to han-

dle the tempestuous conditions.

But winter also presents its halcyon days — *Alkionides hmerés* — relating to the winter solstice, and to mythology. On hearing that her husband, Ceyx, had drowned, Alcyone threw herself firstly into a depression and then into the sea, where the couple were eventually reunited as magnificent kingfisher birds, always seen together riding the waves. Every year, in mid-January, there is a time of calm when Alcyone broods over her nest floating on the oceans. These are the halcyon days and once the young birds are hatched, winter's raging resumes.

Sometimes my good friend Net-tarios would exclaim, "Harvey, *ella* (come). We go hunting". He armed himself with a small rifle, a cross between a popgun and a .22. We headed towards an abandoned olive grove, past pine trees which were often host to *kotsifas* (blackbirds), vegetation that resembled clumps of barbed wire, stunted bushes of thyme, past Profit Elias monastery past ragged bushes of artichoke, and back through the edge of town. When I was present, the blackbirds were safe.

I am writing this in the furnace heat and boiling humidity of summer, looking forward again, like a kingfisher, to the halcyon days of mid-winter.

Harvey Stockwell is an Australian teacher on an extended vacation

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM KASTELLORIZO

At last! Somebody took the lead in making concrete paths in our cemetery. The cost is 4,500,000 DR.

Shortly the new telephone and water systems as well as the gas station will be finished. Our Municipality has bought a new electronic cardiograph for our Doctor's office.

50,000,000 DR. has been given by our government for the finishing of the 20 houses out of 40. We hope all 40 would be finished so the people will have no more problems.

The project of topography of pieces of land on the island is over.

The auction of the concrete of the road to our airport has been made. The road will cost round about 40,000,000 DR.

The local council came in session. They decided the acceptance of 4,500,000 DR. for the payment of topographers, for their job.

With brightness we celebrated the 50th year of the freedom of Kastellorizo. Among other guests were the Ambassador of Australia in Athens and the Minister of Immigration of Australia who happens to be Kastellorizian in descent.

The night of 13 September Mr. Karakosta a film with subject Kastellorizo. The film is to be projected in America and later on in Australia.

From 12.9.93 our island will be a free port. The Kastellorizian Club of Melbourne sent with Mrs. Maria Kominos 500 dollars for the restoration of St. Nicholas-Dimitrios.

V. Karpathiou

GREEK SECTION

EDITED BY STEVE ZOMBOS

ΕΝΘΕΤΟ ΣΤΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ

ΕΠΙΜΕΛΕΙΑ: ΣΤΕΦΑΝΟΣ ΖΟΜΠΟΣ

28η Οκτωβρίου. Επέτειος του ιστορικού ΟΧΙ, όταν ολόκληρος ο ελληνισμός με αρχηγό τον Ιωάννη Μεταξά απάντησε στον Μουσουλίνι ότι δεν πρόκειται να παραδοθεί η Ελλάδα στους Ιταλούς, και τους οποίους κατετρόπωσε ο Ελληνικός στρατός στα Αλβανικά βουνά.

Οι Καστελλορίζιοι είναι υπερήφανοι για την συμβολή τους στον Ελληνο-ιταλικό πόλεμο. 14 Καστελλορίζιοι παρασημοφορήθηκαν μεταξύ των διακριθέντων εθελοντών.

26η Οκτωβρίου εορτή του Αγίου Δημητρίου. Η στήλη μας αυτή εύχεται στους Δημήτρηδες και Δημητρούλες Χρόνια Πολλά.

Την 3η Οκτωβρίου έγινε η Ετήσια Γενική Συνέλευση του Συνδέσμου μας. Μετά τον Αγιασμό ο Πρόεδρός μας κ. Βαρθ. Πισσάς έκανε διαχειριστικό απολογισμό του περασμένου χρόνου. Ο Ταμίας μας κ. Γιάννης Σαλβάρης μας έδωσε λεπτομερή εικόνα της οικονομικής κατάστασης του συνδέσμου μας. Και η Γραμματέας μας, κ. Χριστίνα Παύλου, διάβασε τα πρακτικά της περασμένης Γενικής Συνέλευσης. Όλα τα μέλη μας έμειναν κατενθουσιασμένοι με το NEW LOOK της Λέσχης μας.

Την Κυριακή 17 Οκτωβρίου, 1993, πάνω από 135 Καστελλορίζιοι πέρασαν μια πολύ ευχάριστη βραδιά στην ταβέρνα Λεξικόν.

Συνεχίζοντας τις δραστηριότητές του, το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο διοργάνωσε μια βραδιά στην Λέσχη μας στις 9 Νοεμβρίου, και ώρα 7.30 το βράδι με εξαιρετικό ενδιαφέρον. Ομιλητής θα είναι ο Δρ. Norman Ashton, αρχαιολόγος. Ο Δρ. Ashton τους τελευταίους τρεις μήνες ήταν στο Καστελλόριζο για αρχαιολογικές ανασκαφές. Τα ευρήματά του έχουν μεγάλη αρχαιολογική αξία, και για εμάς τους Καστελλορίζιους έχουν και συναισθηματική έννοια, αφού θα μάθουμε από πού βαστάν οι ρίζες μας. Ο Δρ. Ashton θα δείξει όλα τα τοπία που έκανε τις ανασκαφές καθώς και τα ευρήματα σε διαφάνειες slides. Όσοι αγαπούν το Καστελλόριζο, δεν πρέπει να λείψουν από την Λέσχη στις 9 Νοεμβρίου. Θα προσφερθούν καφές και τσάϊ.

Το καθιερωμένο XMAS TREE θα γίνει στο Albert Park Lake στις 5 Δεκεμβρίου, 1993 και από ώρα 11.00 το πρωί. Ο Άγιος Βασίλης θα φτάσει στις 2 το απόγευμα.

Στις 19 Δεκεμβρίου στις 2.30 το απόγευμα το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο οργανώνει Απογευματινό Τσάϊ στην Λέσχη μας.

Ο κ. Νίκος Πατινιώτης θα διοργανώσει Σύλλογο Ηλικιωμένων Καστελλοριζίων να συχνάζουν τακτικά στην Λέσχη μας. Όλοι και όλες είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι μαζί με τους φίλους και φίλες τους. Τον κ. Πατινιώτη θα βοηθήσει στο κοινωνικό αυτό έργο ο Στέφανος Ζόμπος. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, παρακαλούνται οι ενδιαφερόμενοι να τηλεφωνήσουν στους:

κ. Πατινιώτη 859 8158

ή

κ. Ζόμπο 808 4239.

CASSIE CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON GET-TOGETHER

ALL WELCOME

Sunday 19 December, 1993,
2.30pm

at Cassie House
Dorcas Street, South Melbourne
Donation \$10

*Let us celebrate the end of 1993
with a pleasant
Christmas Sunday Afternoon
for families and friends*

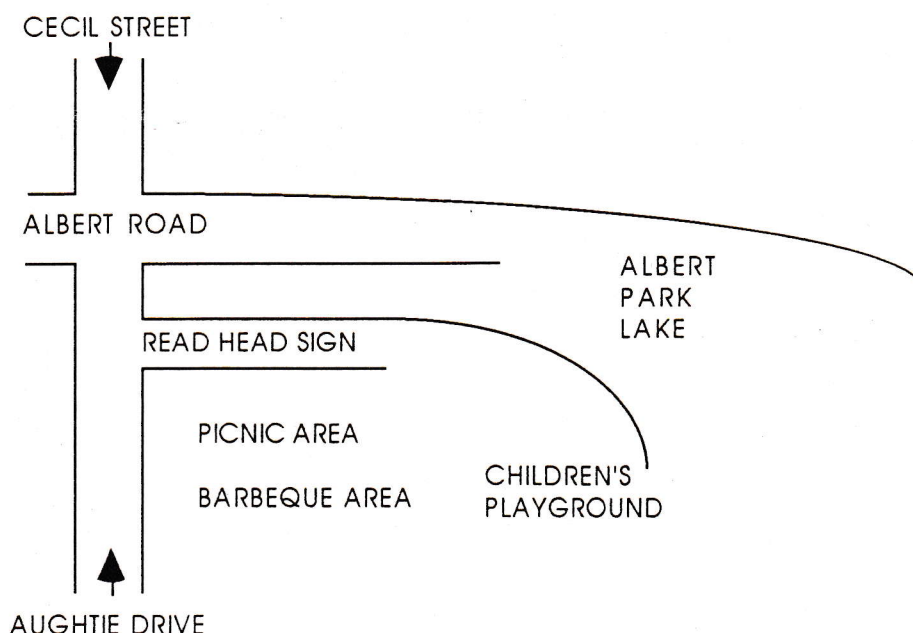
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Betty Adgemis (Telephone: 857 4035)

CASTELLORIZIAN CHRISTMAS TREE

*The 1993 Christmas Tree
for families and friends
will be held at
ALBERT PARK LAKE*

*on Sunday, 5th December, 1993 from 11.00am
Santa Claus will arrive at 2.15pm*

All seating is limited so please bring your tables and chairs



**DIRECTIONS: Along Aughtie Drive to the Red Head Sign
Turn into first Car Park
Enter from Albert Road**

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Please complete the following slip and return to:

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

no later than 20th November, 1993

CHRISTMAS TREE • DECEMBER 5, 1993

Name: **NOTE: CHILDREN MUST BE 12 YEARS AND UNDER**

Children: (Age:)

..... (Age:)

Are you a financial member?: Yes ☐ No ☐ If not, kindly forward your subscription
(Single members \$10 • Family Members \$15)

*The President and Board of Directors of the
Castellorizian Association of Victoria*

*have pleasure in inviting you to a
lecture
to be held at
Castellorizian House, South Melbourne,
on Tuesday 9th November, 1993
at 7.30pm sharp*

*The Lecture will be delivered by the very well known and acclaimed
West Australian Academic and Archeologist*

Dr. Norman Ashton

*Senior Lecturer in Classics and Ancient History
University of Western Australia*

*His subject is of great interest to all Castellorizians,
young and old,
so come along to this interesting and fascinating lecture.*

Also in attendance from Western Australia,

co-sponsor Dr. Patricia Kailis,

wife of our Life Member Mr. Michael Kailis.

*Dr. Ashton has already made many discoveries,
and his talk will be followed by viewing of many interesting slides.*

*Dr. Ashton's lecture will be of great interest,
in particular to the 2nd and 3rd generation Castellorizians in Melbourne,
and we will be very pleased and happy to see them there.*

CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The
First Get Together
of the
Castellorizians Senior Citizens
will be held at the
Castellorizian House,
South Melbourne
(entrance from Hotham Street)
on
Wednesday 17 November, 1993
at 11.30am

*This, we hope, will be the first of many such meetings
to be held at our Club Rooms on a regular basis.*

All welcome: bring your friends & family

All Enquiries to: Mr. Steve Zombos, Vice President
Castellorizian Association of Victoria
Telephone 808 4239

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Mr. Nick Patiniotis, President
PanHellenic Elderly Citizens of Australia
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