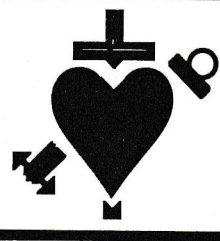


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On behalf of your Committee I would like to wish all members, families and friends a healthy and happy New Year for 1994.

1993 has been a succesful year for our Society. The 1st stage of our Re-building Programme has been completed and I am happy to report that all costs have been met from our current funds and consequently no borrowing was necessary.

Two new initiatives introduced last year have been very successful: Our first Castellorizian of the Year Award was granted to Senator Nick Bolkus and was a great success. This year, and included in this newsletter, will be a Nomination Form for this year's award. Please think about your nomination and forward it before 28 February, 1994.

The other initiative introduced this year has been our Senior Citizens' Get Together, held at our Club Rooms on a monthly basis. They too have been a great success. In 1994 they will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Our next: Wednesday, 2 February 1994, 10.30am
 Wednesday, 2 March 1994, 10.30am
 Wednesday, 6 April 1994, 10.30am

So come along and enjoy a very pleasant day. If any members have problems regarding transport, please contact the Convenors, Mr. Steve Zombos or Mr. Nick Patiniotis.

This year we will also be introducing, for the first time, a Young Castellorizian Achiever's Award. Final details, categories and Nomination Forms will

be included in our next newsletter. We hope members will give their full support to these Awards, as they have for the Castellorizian of the Year Award.

Successfull functions held in 1993 include:

- Castellorizian of the Year Award
- Taverna Night at Lexicon Tavern
- Christmas Get-Together Party
- Senior Citizens' Get-Togethers
- Lecture by Professor Norman Ashton
- Castellorizian Christmas Tree

WHAT A GREAT LECTURE!

Our Lecture at Cassie House by Professor Norman Ashton on Tuesday, 9 November was one of the most interesting and informative that members have attended. Special thanks to Life Member Michael Kailis from Perth and his wife Dr. Patricia Kailis; it was most pleasing to welcome Patricia to our Club Rooms.

IN MELBOURNE

✈ To visit her parents, Nick & Maria Patiniotis and sister Sylvia & George Varsamis (from Brisbane) Zefi & Basil Barboutis, sons Kyriako & Nicholas.

✈ In London to see her family Wyn Drever.

✈ From Perth Bartley Kakulas QC with wife Nellie.

✈ From Adelaide to attend the Kostoglou Baptism, Mr. & Mrs George Kostoglou with son John and daughter Angela with husband Nick Markou, Lefteris and Katina Chrysostomou.

BAPTISMS

👦 On Sunday 7th November, 1993 Kevin & Barbara Mangos Christened their daughter Amanda (Diamanto). Grandparents Mrs. Christulla Bisas and Con & Dorothy Mangos. Godparents Michael & Mary Mangos.

👦 On the 9th January, 1994, Peter and Vivien Kostoglou Christened their daughter Kristal (Christulla) at St. Andrews Church, Forest Hill. A celebration was held at the home of Peter & Vivien. Kristal is the granddaughter of Mrs. Christulla Bisas and Mr. & Mrs. Kostoglou of South Australia. Godmother Barbara K. Mangos.

👦 On Sunday, 6th February, 1994, Peter & Hélène Jasonides will Christen their son (George) at St. Eustathios Cathedral, South Melbourne. A party to celebrate will follow at the Victoria Room, Elysee Receptions. Godfather George B. Bisas.

WEDDING

👰 On January 2, 1994, Allen McLintoch married Betty McMenamin. Wedding at St. Mathews Church of England, High Street, Prahran. Allen played for 4 years with the Castellorizian Australian Rules Football Club (Victoria).

KASTELLORIZO!
IMPRESSIONS OF A "XENOS"
BY FRANK BRODY

I had the pleasure of visiting the island of Kastellorizo in May/June 1993 with my wife Angela. We had both tried to journey to the island some nine years ago after we had wed but were thwarted. Trying to discover the timetable for the boat trip from Rhodes to Kastellorizo was well nigh impossible from Australia.

This year our journey was made easier because Olympic Airways now flies from Rhodes to Kastellorizo by regular scheduled flights that can be booked with certainty prior to departure from Australia. We arrived early at Rhodes airport for our early morning flight to Kastellorizo. After checking in, we went to the departure lounge from where we could see, in the distance, our twin propeller Dornier plane that was to take us to the mystical and much talked about at home island of Kastellorizo.

In due course we were ushered onto a bus for the 50 metre dash to the plane. We alighted from the bus and lined up for boarding onto the plane. Immediately animated dialogue broke out between the pilot and the ground staff. Apparently, someone had forgotten to put fuel in the plane.

We all dejectedly made our way back to the terminal not by bus but by foot. Ten minutes later, we were back on the bus and taken to the plane. This time we boarded without a hitch and the plane took off.

The plane ride was uneventful but as we came closer to the island, the sense of anticipation grew. Would the island and indeed the airport be like what I had seen in the film "Mediterraneo"? Soon the plane was on its approach for landing and we could see the tiny runway in front of us high on the hill top. Would the plane pull up in time before proceeding over the edge of the runway at the other end? For a moment, it looked as if it would not.

I saw my parents-in-law waving to us as the plane hurtled past the terminal building as fast as it was going when it first touched ground. As if miraculously however, the plane came to a halt in an instant and it taxied back to the terminal building.

My first impression on putting my feet on the ground was "Am I really here after all the months of planning?" Then I knew I was there. I was kissed by my mother-in-law and I was shaking hands with my father-in-law. My "Uncle Paul" had promised many months earlier that he would greet us at the airport on our arrival and he was true to his word.

The bus trip down the hillside to the centre was an experience. It summed up at once one of the attractions of the island. Life was different here. Life was more tranquil and the world was going to have to wait for the bus rather than the bus having to keep up with the

pace of the outside world. This was what I wanted; a place to relax and not have to think about work back home. How would work find me? The travel agent had never heard of the island that she subsequently referred to with a smile as "Red Castle".

As a "xenos", I think I was a curiosity to the locals. Who was this blue eyed blond man that wore a hat all day, long sleeve shirt and long trousers? My long ago ancestors from Northern Europe hardly ever saw any real sun. (The sun may not have set on the British Empire but then again I do not think it rose very often either going by the pigmentation of my ancestors' and my skin.)

I spoke a few Greek words hoping to blend in with the locals even if I did not have an olive complexion. It was a little disheartening when more often than not, the answer would come back in English. Perhaps the locals were as keen to practise their English as I was to practise my Greek.

My wife and I spent a fortnight on the island. During that time, we both relaxed and enjoyed the island hospitality and met many kind and interesting people. We managed to travel to Kas (affectionately referred to as "going across the road") and see a different world over there. We had the privilege of witnessing the twice weekly ritual of the arrival of the boat from Rhodes and the "organized" unloading and loading of people, animals, machinery and food.

Of course there was the need from time to time to change money. "What rate did you get today?" would be the favourite topic of discussion before attending the foreign exchange office. In the space of the fortnight, the rate varied from 165 drachmas to the Australian Dollar to 143 drachmas to the dollar. The wiser and more skilled travellers had locked in a favourable rate before leaving home and were not subject to the daily gyrations of the drachma.

Each day would begin with the momentous decision of determining when to get up followed by where coffee would be drunk. This was quickly followed by where lunch would be eaten. The obligatory siesta was nearly always taken in the early afternoon after which a swim off the hotel forecourt out of the heat of the day was taken.

Then decisions had to be made where dinner would be eaten in the evening. The constant in all this however, apart from the fact that you could be sure the next day would be hotter than the day before, was that evening drinks would be had at Sratís bar (the Poseidon Pub).

All too soon, the day of departure came. We made our way on the bus back to the airport in the hills. Soon we were taking off over the edge of the cliff and banking past the harbour for a last look at the port. Half an hour later we were in Rhodes.

What did I enjoy about the island? I enjoyed the warmth of the climate and of its people. I enjoyed the ability to relax and get away from the rat race. I enjoyed being accepted as a quasi local (well at least I like to think so) even if I did not speak the language perfectly or have an olive complexion.

Would I go back again? Of course I would and next time I would go not only with my wife but also with my two children to let them see something of their heritage.

Frank Brody
Ο Ξένος στο την Αστράλεια

HOME AFTER A STAY IN HOSPITAL



Mrs. M. Lolatgis



Mr. Spiro Galatis



Mrs. Daisy Mangos

GET WELL



Nick Georgoulis

THANK YOU

☛ Renee Adgemis would like to thank all those friends and relatives for their cards, calls and good-wishes during her recent stay in Hospital at Mercy.

40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

🎀 We congratulate Con and Chrissie Adgemis on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Married at Evangelismos Church on the 28th November 1943. Officiating Priest was Rev. Father Theophylactos.

BIRTHS



To Tina and Peter Garrick at St. Vincent's Private Hospital, a girl (Samantha Eleni), 2nd child for Tina and Peter and fourth grandchild for Leo and Helen Koutsoukis.



To John and Elizabeth Stabelos (Sydney) a girl (Melanie). Grandchild for Tony & Rosa Stabelos.



To Dr. Terry and Tracey Bisas on 12th November, 1993 at Mercy Hospital a girl (Nicole). 2nd child for Terry and Tracey, sister to Rosemary and 2nd grandchild for Alex and Maria Bisas.

V.C.E.

👉 Congratulations to Melissa Christopher on passing her V.C.E.

👉 To George C. Lucas on his successful VCE. From his grandparents Con and Chrissie Adgemis.

CONGRATULATIONS

✓ To Kylie Mastores who won "The Yvonne Barret Perpetual Trophy" for song and dance, and song and tap solos in the under 16 years class at the Royal South Street Ballarat Eisteddfod in September 1993. Kylie has also been awarded a Performing Arts Scholarship at Ruytan Girls' School in Kew for years 1994-1995. Kylie is the daughter of Christine and Peter Mastoris and grand-daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Karis.

✓ To Jack and Katina Miriklis on their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Married at Evangelismos Church on 24th January, 1954.

VALE

✚ Mrs. Marika Augustes • At Alfred Hospital on 26th November, 1993. Funeral at Saints Anargyroi Church in Oakleigh and to Cheltenham Cemetery. Aged 57. • Survived by husband John, sons Emmanuel, George; brothers in law Angelo and Peter Augustes; daughter in law Jaci; sister in law Helen; sister Daisy and husband Spiro Panouris. Eulogies by Theo Partarakas and son George. Mr. and Mrs. John Trellis have donated \$20 to our Society *In Memory* of the late Marika Augustes.

✚ Mr. Con Emmanouil (Theoharis). Funeral at Evangelismos Church and then to Box Hill Cemetery. Survived by wife Dina and son George. Sisters Katina, Garyfallia and Eleftheria.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION

We congratulate the new Committee of the Western Australia Castellorizian Association and wish them well during their term in office 1993-1994:

President Nick C. Nicholas
Vice President Con G. Kailis
Secretary Jack Anastasakis
Treasurer K. (Jack) Pitsikas
Committee Michael Anastas, Peter A. Kangunas
George Levissiaros, Albert S. Papalazaros

RETURNED SERVICEMEN

We thank those members who have forwarded their names and details of service. To those who have not, please forward these details as soon as possible so that the Honour Board can be placed in position at our Club Rooms.

RECORDS

As recorded in the President's Report, your Society has appointed Mr. Peter E. Augustes. To collate and maintain our records. Please note Peter's telephone 534 3381. Peter will be assisted in his work by John B. Salvaris and Jack Bisas. I note with concern that there are no records available prior to 1964. I ask once again where are our records? They belong to the archives of our Society and not to individual members. If you have any paper work, minutes etc, please contact Mr. Peter Augustes. Thank You.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We enclose a copy of the President's Report presented at our 68th Annual General Meeting.

IMPRESSIONS OF A "XENOS"

We print an article by Mr. Frank Brodie in his recent visit to Castellorizo with his wife Angela. Frank is the son in law of Maria and Kevin Kominos of Melbourne.

GREEK SECTION

EDITED BY STEVE ZOMBOS

ΕΝΘΕΤΟ ΣΤΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΑ

ΕΠΙΜΕΛΕΙΑ: ΣΤΕΦΑΝΟΣ ΖΟΜΠΟΣ

Αγαπητοί μας φίλοι και φίλες, ο Πρόεδρος κ. Β. Πισσάς και το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο σας εύχονται Χρόνια Πολλά και Ευτυχισμένος ο καινούργιος χρόνος 1994. Το χρόνο που μας πέρασε, το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο προσπαθούσε να κάνει όσον το δυνατό περισσότερες εκδηλώσεις για την ψυχαγωγία των μελών, και όλες είχαν μεγάλη επιτυχία.

Αξέχαστη θα μείνει η δεξίωση που έγινε προς τιμή του Υπουργού κ. Νικολάου Μπόλκα. Ως γνωστόν στην δεξίωση αυτή του έγινε τιμητική διάκριση ως ο Καστελλοριζιός της Χρονιάς. Το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο προετοιμάζεται για την επόμενη δεξίωση η οποία θα γίνει πολύ σύντομα, προς ανάδειξη του Καστελλοριζιού της Χρονιάς 1994. Όλοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι να προτείνετε οποιονδήποτε που κατά τη γνώμη σας νομίζετε είναι το καταλληλότερο πρόσωπο να ανακηρυχθεί ο Καστελλοριζιός της Χρονιάς.

Οι υποψήφιοι πρέπει να είναι κάτοικοι Αυστραλίας. Η αρμόδια επιτροπή θα διαλέξει από τους υποψήφιους αυτόν που νομίζει καλύτερο, όπως και πέρσι.

Τον περασμένο χρόνο ιδρύθηκε ο Σύλλογος Ηλικιωμένων Καστελλοριζίων. Το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο απαρτίζεται ως εξής:

Πρόεδρος Ν. Πατηνιώτης
Γραμματέας Σ. Ζόμπος
Ταμίας Σ. Κωτσόγλου
Σύμβουλοι Κατίνα Μύρικλη
Κυρ. Ν. Μύρικλης

Οι 2 συγκεντρώσεις που κάναμε είχαν μεγάλη επιτυχία. Η επόμενη θα γίνουν στις ακόλουθες ημερομηνίες στη Λέσχη μας, από τις 10.30π.μ.:

2 Φεβρουαρίου
2 Μαρτίου
6 Απριλίου

Όλοι και όλες είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι.

Η κυρία Ειρήνη Σ. Αντζέμη, μέσω της Στήλης αυτής, ευχαριστεί όλους και όλες που την επισκέφθηκαν στο νοσοκομείο κατά τη διάρκεια της ασθένειάς της.

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NOMINATION FORM FOR CASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Name of Nominee

Nominated by

Please include details of achievements and why you think the nominee is worthy of the award and send to the address below by no later than February 28, 1994:

Castellorizian of the Year

P.O. Box 112,

South Melbourne, Victoria, 3205

If insufficient space, please attach other paper.

CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA
68TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 3RD, 1993

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting the 68th Annual Report of the Castellorizian Assoc. of Victoria.

- *Change:* This year has been one of achievement for our Society. We have successfully introduced a new Constitution together with Articles of Association; further, we have appointed Mr. Michael Spartels as our Public Officer.
- *Award:* We have introduced our Castellorizian of the Year and our first recipient of this award, Senator Nick Bolkus, was well received by our members. This event will now be held annually. The 1994 presentation will be held at Saints Constantine and Helen's Day.
- *New:* We will also introduce the first of a new award for young Castellorizian Achievers.
- *Project:* We have now completed Stage 1 of a three stage plan which will bring our Club, front and rear, into full use by members as soon as it is financially possible. I would like to express my appreciation, and that of the Society's, to Mr. Michael Spartels for his supervision of our re-building programme. His interest and experience has saved our Society considerable amounts of money. Thank you Michael.

Stage 1 has been the re-building of our toilet block, enlargement of our kitchen and re-furbishment of our Club Rooms.

Stage 2 will be to obtain a Club Liquor Licence, complete the re-equipping of the kitchen and the replacement of furniture, crockery, cutlery, glasses etc. We will also roof the rear courtyard. Our application for a liquor licence is proceeding with the acceptance by Mrs. Christine Dimer as Nominee for our licence. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs. Christine Dimer for her acceptance of this voluntary position. I would also like to place on record my appreciation for the assistance and advice given to me by the Chief Town Planner of the South Melbourne Council, Mr. Malcolm Hunter. We have been a registered Club since 1977 and I do not envisage any problems with our application.

Stage 3 will include the refurbishing and re-equipping of our front hall. Discussions have commenced with the Gaming Commission; these are still the early stages and are subject to completion of Stage 3. It is interesting to note that the current Victorian Government is now looking favourably at Associations such as ours to issue Poker Machine Licences so as proceeds can be used for sporting, welfare and community activities.

- *Future:* Let me make it clear that in my opinion the introduction of poker machines will not be the total answer to our Society's future. This still requires the full support from members through subscriptions, successful functions and donations. We have not, at this stage, had to borrow to complete stage 1, however stages 2 and 3 would require an increase in our income.

- *Records:* For many years I have been very concerned with the condition and lack of proper historical records of our Society, after 68 years as a brotherhood. Other organisations have succeeded in collating and maintaining their records in order. Our only continuous record has been our newsletter which is now in its 10th year. From today's meeting, October 3rd 1993, your Committee has accepted an offer from Mr. Peter Augustis to collect and collate all records held by your Society and I hope by members.

If members have any records that may assist us, please, and I mean please, contact Peter and he will arrange a pick-up. We need all records, whether members think they are important or not. Peter will be assisted in the project by John B. Salvaris and myself. I thank Peter and sincerely hope and trust that members will come forward to assist us.

- *Hall:* Members will have to make a decision as to how we will be using our hall. Over the past eight years, our hall has been used by the Greek Elderly Citizens of South and Port Melbourne. However, we would like to see our hall used on a regular basis by our own Castellorizian Senior Citizens. It would be ideal if they could meet here on a weekly basis and supervise the current Elderly Greek Clubs. We need to know what the members think about the use of the hall by outside organisations. We intend to move a motion that for a period of 6 months, the Club rooms be used by members only.

- *Newsletter:* Your newsletter continues to keep members informed of events, but more involvement with articles, profiles etc by members would be very welcome. We have tried to make the newsletter more interesting with a new look and included more articles.

- *Thank you:* Finally, I would like to thank my Board for a job well done. Their hard work and attendance at meetings has been excellent. To all those who help our Society by attending functions, thank you. Special thanks to our Honourary Solicitor, Mr. Nick Zervos, and to our special sub-committee who worked diligently to select our Castellorizian of the Year.

JACK BISAS
President
Castellorizian Association of Victoria