

the NEWSLETTER of the CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

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# Welcome

Welcome to Castellorizian Newsletter Number 105 gives details on the selection of the Castellorizian of the Year Award and also the awards for the students who have completed VCE. This is a jampacked edition with news of Cassies that I am sure you will enjoy reading as I have enjoyed putting it all together for the first time.

Michael Spartels

# Castellorizian of the Year Award

We would like to congratulate Mr. Jack Bisas for being selected Castellorizian of the Year, 1997. This year, the selection criteria has differed from other years. The selection this year was made by the full Board of directors of the Association.

We look forward to Jack Bisas joining us at our Saints Constantine and Helen's Day Church Service and Luncheon on the 25th May, 1997.

10.00am, Saints Constantine and Helen Church, Barry Street, South Yarra.

12.30 noon, Luncheon at Cassie House, 250 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne.

#### A Profile of Jack Bisas O.A.M.

Jack Bisas was born on 23 February 1925 in Melbourne. Shortly after his family moved to Western Australia where he was educated at Perth High and Fremantle Boys High Schools.

Married in 1953 to Marika (Koutsoukis) he has four children, Eula, Ian, George and Jim.

Jack has made a significant contribution to the community, particularly for those Australians of Greek background. He was nominated by the Prime Minister as a Founding Member of the *Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs* and was awarded the **Medal in the Order of Australia** in 1985 for services to the Greek Community.

Jack also served as **Deputy Chairman** of the **Welfare Committee** of the **Ethnic Community Council**. Other achievements have included:

Australian Greek Welfare Society: President - 9 years 1979 to 1988 Board Member - 2 years - 1977 to 1978 Co-edited souvenir publication "20 year History of the Australian Greek Welfare Society 1972-1992"

#### Castellorizian Association of Victoria:

The Castellorizian Association of Victoria was (and still remains) another very special interest of Jack Bisas. His participation in the organisation has spanned over thirty years and his roles have included: **President** of the Castellorizian Association of Victoria for a total of 14 years including 10 years consecutive from 1986 to 1996.

Founder of the newsletter "Cassie News" and its Editor for all 104 editions.

#### President of the Young Men's Castellorizian Society

for 4 years and a board member for two years. The Young Men's Castellorizian Society fielded an Australian rules football team which played in the Sunday amateur league and the Victorian Amateur competition on Saturdays. It also supported a cricket team, which was a member of the V.J.C.A. and a debating team. The teams competed in interstate matches against South Australia.

Jack Bisas represented the Castellorizian Association of Victorian at numerous national and international forums which included the Castellorizian World Congress meetings held in Sydney, Perth and Castellorizo. Jack has been responsible for introducing a number of very successful initiatives for the Castellorizian Association during his period of Presidency they have included: Castellorizian of the Year Award Awards to V.C.E. students Establishment of the Senior Citizens Club Clubroom Rebuilding Program

Jack is very proud that the Castellorizian Society is now on solid financial footing with a number of long outstanding debts from previous building programs being settled.

#### Victorian Education

Jack Bisas was the first person of Greek origin to be elected to the **Board of Melbourne High School** and the first **President of the Melbourne High School Greek Parent's Association**. As part of his involvement with Melbourne High he was instrumental in introducing the teaching of Greek religion at Victorian Government schools, piloted at Melbourne High.

# Memberships

First life member Australian Greek Welfare Society. Life Membership Castellorizian Association of Victoria. Life Membership World Castellorizian Society. Member of Order of Australia Association.

# Wedding Bells

On Sunday 18th May, Mr Ian Bisas will marry Miss Poppi Kostarakis at St Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church in East Malvern. Ian is the eldest son of Jack & Marika Bisas.

We wish them much happiness for the future.

# Happy Birthday

We congratulate Mr Jim S. Paltos on his birthday which he celebrated on the 7th March at Ellinis Taverna in South Oakleigh. Over 50 family and friends attended.

# Cassie Greek Dancing Group

The newly formed group have now had over eight dancing lessons and all reports coming from the parents and children have been most favourable and encouraging. They are now working towards performing for the first time in front of an audience on Saints Constantine and Helen's Day Celebrations. There are twenty eight students attending lessons at present. Opportunities are still available for new students to join and participate contact Kathleen 9842-8606 or Vivienne 9850 5294.

Term 2 Dates: May 4th, 11th, 18th June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Times Juniors 4.45-5.30 Seniors 5.30-6.15

Term 2 fees \$24 per child payable by 11th May 1997.

We would like to thank Kathleen Adgemis and Vivienne Mihalos for their interest, time & organisation of this venture.

# Grecian Ball

This year the Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria is celebrating its 100 year Anniversary. As a centenary celebration, a **Grecian Ball** will be held at the Grand Ballroom of the new Casino on August 23rd. As this will be a one off occasion any persons wishing to attend please contact Dianne Spartels on 95968610. The price of each ticket will be \$100 per head. As there will be minimal numbers available to us early bookings are essential.

# Congratulations

To Joanne Calmer on graduating with her Bachelor of Arts Degree at Monash University in March.

Well done Joanne.

# Get Well

Get well wishes to our Honorary Treasurer Jack Miriklis who is having a short stay in hospital.

#### Advertisements

You will notice that we have commenced accepting sponsorship/advertisements in this newsletter anyone interested in placing adds in the newsletter is to contact our Editor, Michael Spartels, for details.

# Vale

**t** Jason Anastasiou on 21st March 1997. Deepest sympathy to his wife Tessa (nee Penglis) and family.

#### Engagement

On the 8th February 1997 Ian Bisas to Poppi Kostarakis. A party to celebrate the event was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Kostarakis. Ian is the son of Jack and Marika Bisas. From Sydney to celebrate, Mr and Mrs Peter Peters.

#### Birth

To John and Lyndell Adgemis a son Nicholas. John Charles was born on January 13th 1997 at St Vincent's Private Hospital. Brother for Paige and another grandchild for Betty and Nick Adgemis.

# Christmas Tree

This years Cassie Children Xmas Tree and sausage sizzle was held at our club rooms on Sunday Dec. 15th 1996. It was also the first occasion of the newly completed courtyard renovation was used. Presents were distributed to 60 children, once again we thank Santa Clause Mr George Verginis for his assistance.

# Birthday

On the 26th October 1996, Mrs Evangelia Koutsoukis celebrated her 94th birthday with a party at the home of her daughter Mrs Marika Bisas. *Happy 94th birthday.* 

#### Anniversary

Nick and Dulcie Fermanis celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in December 1996 with a party for family and friends at their new hotel, The Montague Hotel in South Melbourne.

#### Anniversary

Nina and Michael Kyriakos celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 19th January 1997 at the Burwood Tennis Club, with family and friends, including from Sydney, Peter and Lily Peters.

Congratulations from Christine, Vivien, Gina, Con, Linda, Stanley, Michael and Katherine.

# Mailing List

The committee is currently updating the mailing list. Any members not receiving the newsletter or any correspondence and would like to, please contact our secretary with details. Also persons who have changed their address, or do not want to receive any correspondence could they please inform the Association.

# Membership

The response to people paying their membership fees have been most disappointing. We urge our members who have not paid their membership fees to do so immediately. Family \$15, Single \$10.

#### Vale

**†** Mary Pavles (Nee Augustes) passed away 20th Dec. 1996 aged 88. Husband Dimosteni, son Leo, daughter inlaw Helen, daughter Anna son in-law John. Grandmother of Chris, George and Val. Great grand mother of Justine and Corinne. Mary arrived in Melb. form Castellorizo in 1921. Among the first women to arrive she had 4 brothers and 3 sisters who had all arrived by 1922 with their mother. Her father died in 1919. Brother Peter Augustes born 6 April 1906 the day of the San Francisco earthquake is the only one left. *Passed away: Emmanuel Augustes 1900-1988, Michael Augustes 1914-1981, Theo Augustes 1917-1979, Florence Economidis 1902-1980, Rose Xanthos* 1911-1969, Asimina Jackomos 1904-1991

#### Vale

**†** Angelo Michael Miriklis on 10th Dec. 1996. Loved husband of Katina and father of Michael and Anna. The Castellorizian Seniors Club received the following donations in memory for the late Angelo Michael Miriklis. Mr & Mrs N. Exintaris, Mr & Mrs M. Kyriakos, Mr & Mrs A Stabelos, Mr & Mrs J Anastasiou, Mr & Mrs D Pavlou, Mrs S Coates, Mr & Mrs C Mangos (SA), Mrs K Anastas (SA), Mr & Mrs C Adgemis.

#### Vale

Lucky (Lambros) Scotis on 24th March 1997 beloved husband of Cynthia and adored father of Danielle & Kristina.

# **Memorial Service**

**†** A 12 month memorial service for the late Mr Bill Hondros will be held at St Haralambos Church, Templestowe on the 1st June 1997.

#### Social Report

May 25th St Constantine & Helen's Day Celebrations.

• A **TAVERN NIGHT** will be held at the Ellinis Greek Taverna, 66 Portman Street, Oakleigh, on Friday night 6th June 1997. Price: adults \$25, children 12 and under \$12.50. For bookings ring our Social Secretary, Dianne Spartels, on 95968610 or mobile on 018330878. *Please book early.* 

# VCE Cassie Student Awards

Congratulations to Michael Calmer son of Chris and Yvonne Calmer. Grandson of Evangelia (nee Zombos) and John Kalomiris. Michael will be studying a Bachelor of Arts/Education course at Deakin University.

Students who have completed their V.C.E. studies for the year ending 1996 and would like to receive an award please write to our secretary with all their details no later than 1st May 1997. The awards will be presented on St Constantine and Helen's Day 25th May 1997.

# Pan Dodecanese Association

A church service and a luncheon was held on 9th March to celebrate the anniversary of the union of the Dodecanese Islands with Greece. The church service was held at the Evangelismos Church and the luncheon was held at the Koaki Society Northcote, the following people represented the Castellorizian Association: Michael Spartels, Dianne Spartels, Anna Adgemis, Sandra Varvodic, Jack and Maria Miriklis, Chris Calmer, Steve and Nellie Zombos. Mr Steve Zombos is our Representative on the Pan Dodecanese Association Committee.

# Pan-Hellenic Triples

On 17th March the Castellorizian Committee and relatives welcomed a group of bowlers from W.A. Many bowlers and their partners were of Castellorizian origin.

On 19th March Elsternwick Park Bowling Club played host to the group of bowlers from W.A. There were 30 bowlers and 12 non-playing guests.

There was also a luncheon held at the bowling club.

Two sessions for bowls were played. 15 in the morning and 12 in the afternoon. A total of 27 ends. Prize money of \$450 was shared and 9 trophies were distributed.

In all there were 84 bowlers and 50 guests.

The winners were as follows:

<b>1st</b> N PAPPAS	SKIPPER	DROMANA
M KARIS	SECOND	DROMANA
M PAPPAS	LEAD	DROMANA
<b>2nd</b> R WHITE	SKIPPER	VERMONT SOUTH
M WALTER	SECOND	VERMONT SOUTH
B MAY	LEAD	VERMONT SOUTH
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The day and cash were sponsored by Maria and Herb Kyriakos. The Trophies were donated by the Castellorizian Association of Victoria. The weather was fine and play was continuous. A good time was had by all.

Congratulations to Herb Kyriakos and Steve Adgemis on their involvement of the organisation of this event.

### Appreciation of Donation

Below is a copy of a letter sent to Mr Henry Krause for his generous donation to our clubrooms.

Mr Henry Krause, Fitzroy Glass Ptd Ltd 168 Johnston St, COLLINGWOOD VIC 3066

Dear Mr Krause

The president, Mr Michael Spartels and the Board of Directors of the Castellorizian Association of Victoria Inc, would like to thank you for your generous gift in donating the bevelled mirrors which will be of prominence on our clubroom's wall.

I wish to confirm that the above details will be printed in our next newsletter as an appreciation and gratitude towards our Club. Also, we would like to thank you for your association with Mr Peter Coates, a member of the Board of Directors of the Castellorizian Association of Victorian Inc, for mutual arrangement of the bevelled mirrors to be fixed to the clubroom's wall.

#### Vale

**†** Anastasia Kalafata passed away, 6th April, aged 83. Beloved mother of Jasmin, Ian & John and adored grandmother of Natasha and Nicholas, Nicholas, Luahn, Amalia and Lachlan.

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