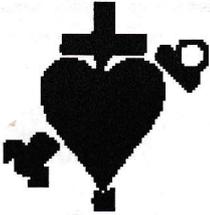


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WELCOME

Welcome to the Castellorizian Newsletter No. 111 which gives details of

- 1999 The Castellorizian of the Year Award
- Victorian Certificate of Education Awards
- Feature on the Elgin Marbles

Castellorizian of the Year Award

We would like to congratulate Mr Nicholas Patiniotis for being selected Castellorizian of the Year 1999

We look forward to Nicholas Patiniotis joining us at our Saints Constantine and Helen's day church service and luncheon on the 23rd May 1999.

10:00 am St Constantine and Helen's church
Barry Street, South Yarra

12:30 Luncheon at Cassie House 250 Dorcas
Street South Melbourne

Due to the overwhelming response we have experienced in past years we request that people indicate their intention to attend (for catering purposes) by calling:

Dianne Spartels 9596 8610

Vivienne Mihalos 9850 5294

Profile of Nicholas Antonios Patiniotis

I was born in Castellorizo on 4 February, 1918.

I graduated from Santrapia Secondary School. In March 1941, I was arrested by the Italians with 28 fellow (countrymen) Castellorizians and sent to gaol in Italy till 9 June 1944, when we were freed by Italian partisans.

On August 1944, I was enlisted into the Greek Army of the Middle East whilst in Rimini Italy. In December 1944, I arrived in Pireaus and took part in the Civil War. In February 1945, I was transferred to Volos to the 6th Regiment

3rd Greek Mountain Brigade where I stayed till I was discharged from the Army in August 1945.

From the Greek Government i.e. the Ministry of the Army I was awarded the Exceptional Deeds Medal, and the Medal of the Cross of St. Mark from the Patriarchate of Alexandria.

On the 12 September I departed to Castellorizo and arrived there on 14 September 1945.

In November I became an employee of the Greek Government being placed in charge of the Port Harbour & Customs Office at Castellorizo till March 1947. Then I was made a permanent Public Servant in the Finance Department on Rhodos where I stayed until October 1956.

In October 1956, I departed with my family to Australia arriving in November 1956, and settling in Melbourne.

In 1958, I was elected Secretary of the Castellorizian Club until 1971, i.e. continuously for 13 years.

In 1967, I became the Melbourne representative of the Castellorizian News newspaper which I remain to this day.

From 1963, I worked in the P.M.G. in the Mail Exchange Branch of Melbourne until 1983 when I retired.

In June 1985, and January 1991, the Castellorizian Association St Constantine of Pireaus awarded me two certificates of honorary distinction and proclaimed me an honorary member of the Association.

In 1992, I established the Greek Elderly Citizens Club of North Balwyn and was its President until 1996.

In 1993, I was elected Secretary of the Federation of Greek Elderly Citizens Clubs of Melbourne and Victoria and remain so till today.

In 1994, the Castellorizian Elderly Citizens Club was established and I was elected President which I remain until now.

Nicholas A. Patiniotis

V.C.E. Awards

Students who completed their Victorian Certificate of Education during 1998, and would like to receive an award for their achievement, are advised to send their details to our secretary no later than the 1st May 1999. The awards will be presented at the St. Constantine and Helen's day function.

Congratulations

To Dianne Apostolopoulos, daughter of Dr. Chris and Evelyn Apostolopoulos, Grand daughter of the Late Chrisanthi Lucas. Dianne has been accepted to study Bio-Medical Science at Melbourne University.

Historical

On November 15th 1998 the Castellorizian and Ithacan Historical Societies held a joint cocktail party and photo exhibition which was held at the Ithacan Society clubrooms. Photos of picnics, dances, weddings, cafes and families depicting early life in Melbourne were on display. The dancing of both society groups performed in front of an enthusiastic audience. Over 250 People attended a most successful and memorable day. Listed below is part of our president's speech.

On behalf of the Castellorizian society of Victoria, I welcome you all here today, to witness this historical exhibition between two of the most established and respected Greek organisations in Victoria, the Ithacan Philanthropic Society and the Castellorizian Association of Victoria.

Our Ancestors travelled the same course to this country, in order to establish the roots for the future of their offspring. As immigrants, with very little, they endured many obstacles, but kept on striving, being motivated by not only their initial objectives, but also the encouragement of each other.

This common ground has established a special relationship between the Ithacans and the Cassies, which has resulted in many endearing friendships. I myself have been lucky enough to have associated with many Ithacans in my life, sharing many interests such as Football, Greek School, English School, Scouting and Friendships.

Today I am proud to see that we are pooling our resources and providing our members with the opportunity to reminisce.

As two separate bodies it is vital that we support each other, as our ancestors did, maintaining our existence, and providing a source for the future generation to work off.

I would like to sincerely thank the two historical committees who have made this day happen, and I would also like to thank Peter Paxanos and his board of directors for their coordination of the event.



Association and Historical Committees

Back: L to R: George Bisas, Jim Virginis, Chris Calmer, Kathleen Adgemis, Florence Livery.

Front: L to R: George Adgemis, Dianne Spartels, Michael Spartels, Vivienne Mihalos, Anna Plafadellis.



Cassie Dancing Group with Committee Members and Teacher Olga Black.

Re Appointed

Congratulations to our president Michael Spartels who was recently re-elected unopposed for a further three year term as an independent director of the Carlton cricket, and football social club.

Forwarded by C. Calmer

Christening

Nicholas, Son of George and Lara Bisas was christened on Sunday 28th February at St. Andrews in Forest Hill. A reception at Greythorn Primary School Hall. Godmother was Vivienne Kostoglou (nee Bisas) It was also Nicholas' 1st Birthday. Nicholas is the Grandchild of Cristulla Bisas

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Castellorizian Seniors Club

Mother's Day Special Event

Wednesday 5th May 1999

Cruise on the Yarra

Join us for morning tea on the Yarra River followed by lunch at the Crown Casino where you can try your luck before returning home.

Coach Travel Pick up points:

Doncaster Shopping Town 8:45am

Castellorizian House 9:30am

Limited Seats available so book early.

Phone Christina 9598 2925

Memorial

The twelve month memorial service of the Late Evangelia G. Koutsoukis was held at St Catherine's church Malvern on the 21st March 1999.

Kalanta

Following was the article and photo printed in "TA NEA" 23/12/98. Thank you to the young Cassies and their parents who once again visited homes and the Elderly in Clayton to spread Christmas cheer.



Last Sunday I happened to be having coffee at Nick Poupouzas' in Oakleigh, when all of a sudden we were confronted with about 15 children, chanting the Kalanta. And this brought me back to a time when I too had participated in the Kalanta, and all of a sudden it really felt like Christmas. Three cheers for all those children from the Castellorizian Youth Group who have put the spark of Christmas back into our lives. And the story doesn't just end here. These children have spent their times chanting the Kalanta for the elderly as well as attending various homes to put some real meaning back into Christmas.

It would be more heartening to see the various church groups and associations take a leaf out of the Castellorizian Youth Group's example. The Kalanta are a part of our culture and unless we take our culture to the people it will be eventually forgotten and ultimately lost.

Cassies for 2000

Questionnaires: Thankyou for the great support that has been shown by members. At present 75% of all questionnaires that were sent out have been completed and returned. If you have misplaced your copy, need another for missed member or if you need assistance in completing your questionnaire please get in touch with a member of the committee. Spare copies and assistance will be available at future Seniors meetings on Wednesdays.

Members are encouraged to contribute stories and histories both biographical and autobiographical for printing in this publication or for our archives. Short anecdotes of the recent and not so recent past, are welcomed.

Year 2000 our 75th Anniversary

Any member who is interested in assisting on a sub-committee to plan activities for our 75th anniversary in the Year 2000 please contact Michael or Viv. We are thinking of having a major ball, anniversary book and other activities to commemorate this special year.



By gone days

Thankyou to Mrs Glykeria Stavrou for this wonderful photo which was taken on 6 March 1938 at the Santrapia School. Teacher at the time was Nikos Palaos. In the photo are the following schoolgirls: Sitting: Evangelia Lazaraki, Elouisa Lakerdi, Mary Kikya, Cristulla Bollos. Standing: Glykeria Athanasiou, Katina Pallares and Maria Lazou.

If you have any old photos that you would like to share with other members please send them into Vivienne Mihalos or Michael Spartels c/o P.O. Box 112 South Melbourne or contact Vivienne on 98595294 (AH). All photos will be returned.

Visiting

Visiting their daughter Desiree and son in law John in Melbourne recently was the president of the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia Mr Nick Nicholas and his wife Mary. Nick attended one of our senior citizens monthly luncheons. Nick and Mary also met Michael and Dianne Spartels at their home together with our past president Jack Bisas and his wife Marika.

George and Angelique Taifalos and baby Maria from Kurrimine Beach (North Qld) in Melbourne for three weeks to visit his brother and sister-in-law Chris and Kelly Taifalos.

Greek Dancing News

Another term of dancing has been completed under the tutelage of Miss Olga. The children have learnt a variety of dances from all over Greece. It is exciting to see how professional the senior group is now looking. The juniors as well have continued to improve and regularly shower Miss Olga with their affection. To mark the end of term over 40 children and parents gathered for dinner at Beacon Inn in Doncaster.

Vivienne Mihalos

70th Birthday

Michael G. Kailis celebrated his 70th birthday in Perth W.A on February 14th 1999. Michael is a life member and Castellorizian of the year 1994 of our society. In Perth to join the celebrations cousins Jack and Marika Bisas. Happy Birthday Michael.

Get Well After A Stay In Hospital

Spiro Mangos
Theo Conos
Taki Pavlou
George Virginis
Dianne Spartels
Nina Kyriakou
Christina Verginis

Castellorizian Social

Function Calender 1999

- May 23rd** St Constantine and Helen's Day
June 19th Taverna Night at Stathis Tavern Box Hill
July 31st Trivia Night - All enquiries Diane Spartels 9596 8610
Vivienne Mihalos 9850 5294

VALE

Jackomos Alic OAM died 4th March 1999. Husband of Merle, Father of Andrew, Michael and Esmail. A funeral service was held at the Northcote Town Hall. Alic was an active member of our association and was a regular visitor at our clubrooms in particular the Senior Citizens luncheons and social functions. He was a returned serviceman, an avid wrestler and sporting identity and devoted many years of his life for the welfare and care of the Aboriginal community.

Elgin Marbles

Once again the Order of Ahepa is serving the great purpose for which it has been organising – Service to the Community on a local, national and international level. The following editorial is from the Southbridge, Mass. Evening News which is to be commended for its editorial stand on an important international cultural issue.

A petition currently is being circulated in Southbridge that reaches far back in history to dispute between Greece and Great Britain. Involved, besides the present signatories, are the British Museum of London and the Acropolis of Athens, and two very colourful gentlemen dead these many years: Thomas Bruce, Earl of Elgin; and the English poet-adventurer, Lord Byron. An ardent friend of Greece, Lord Byron regarded as outrageous a certain enterprise conceived and carried out by the Scotsman Bruce, the Earl of Elgin. This was nearly a century and a half ago. It was while he was serving as British ambassador to the Turkish government at Constantinople that Lord Elgin cast a covetous eye on the classic ruins of the Parthenon. Greece at that time had no government of its own, but instead was under the domination and rule of Turkey. From Turkish authorities Elgin received permission to “take any stones that might appear interesting to him” from the Acropolis.

After 10 years of painstaking labour artisans hired by Elgin at his own expense had completed their task. Crated at dockside were the fruits of their work, awaiting shipment to England ; some of the finest marble statuary stripped from the pediments and frieze of the Parthenon, and from the neighbouring Erechtheum.

“Vandalism!” cried some when the Elgin Marbles finally reached their destination. Others were not so sure. In any event the British Parliament purchased the collection for 35,000 pounds sterling – about one-third of its cost to Lord Elgin – and the Marbles subsequently were placed in the British Museum. There they remain today.

The petition of the moment rests in the pocket of Sam Billis. Mr. Billis is collecting signatures of people active in local affairs who are sympathetic to the cause of his organisation. This group is the Southbridge-Webster chapter of AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational

Progressive Association), of which Mr. Billis is president. The desire of this group, as expressed in the petition, is that the Elgin Marbles be returned to their rightful place: AHEPA chapters in this country are circulating similar petitions. Agitation of the same nature is being carried on in Canada and Australia, and, of course, in Greece itself.

Aside from the close national interest involved in this tug-of-war, is a consideration of precedent. If Greece obtains the return of the Elgin Marbles from the British Museum, will other great museums throughout the world be called on to surrender parts of their collection of archaeological antiques? A precedent might be established here that could be painfully damaging to all museums.

On the other hand it might be remembered that it was a Turkish government – not Greek – that allowed the classic antiques to be moved from Greece to England it would seem, therefore, that Greece may fairly claim that its treasures were taken without just authority, and should be returned.

Again, apart from these considerations is the one of where Elgin Marbles may be appreciated to the highest degree by the largest number of people. In the British Museum? Or associated with the classic buildings on the scene for which they originally were intended: the Acropolis? This much would seem to be satisfactorily recompensed, we believe the marble statues should be returned to Athens.

Forwarded by J. Verginis.

Membership

All membership fees have become due and payable from the 1st January 1999. Each financial member will receive a membership card confirming their membership.

Benefits for members who become financial will be the discounting of social tickets through out the year.

Members who are 65 years of age or over and would like to receive their honorary membership card are asked to apply in writing to our treasurer with their details.

PAN DODECANESE ASSOCIATION

On the 7th of March the Dodecanese Association celebrated the 51st anniversary of the union of the islands with Greece, beginning with a church service at the Evangelismos. The service was attended by the Greek Consul General Mr. D. Anninos and his wife.

After the service a light luncheon was provided by the association at the Rhodian Club, which was attended by Mr and Mrs M. Spartels, Mr and Mrs N. Exindaris, Mr and Mrs S. Zombos, Mr and Mrs G. Loisdidis, Mrs L. Yanios, Mrs Sandra Varvodic and Mr Chris Calmer. The 150 guests were entertained by the Pegasus dancing group.

S. Zombos



"A Senior Citizen Defined"

A Senior Citizen is one who was here before the pill, television, frozen food, credit cards and ball point pens. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness not computers, and a chip meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant hard ware and software wasn't even a word. Teenagers never wore slacks.

We were before pantyhose, drip dry clothes, dish washers, clothes dryers and electric blankets.

We got married first and then lived together (How quaint can one be?). Girls wore Peter Pan collars and thought cleavage was something butchers did.

We were before Batman, vitamin pills, disposable nappies, pizzas, instant coffee and even Chinese takeaways.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was for mowing, pot was something you cooked in. A gay person was the life of the party and nothing more, while AIDS meant beauty lotions or help for someone in trouble. We are today's Senior Citizens, a hardy bunch when you think of how the world has changed and of the adjustments we have had to make.

Forwarded by Jim Verginis.



Cassie **CLUB**

KARAOKE

NIGHT



Saturday 24th April

7.30pm 1999

RSVP by 17th April

financial members \$12.00

Vivienne 9850 5294

non financial members \$15.00

Dianne 9596 8610

children \$5.00

tea and coffee provided

