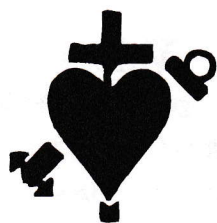


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# Cassie NEWS



**the NEWSLETTER  
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CASTELLORIZIAN  
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## Welcome

to The Castellorizian Newsletter  
No. 115 which gives details:-

- Annual General Meeting
- 75th Anniversary Details
- Article on Greek Antiquities  
Exhibition in Sydney

## Annual General Meeting

**On Sunday 8th October  
2000 our A.G.M. will be held.  
All board positions will be  
declared vacant. Current  
Board Members who wish to  
continue on the board will  
have to be nominated.**

**All nominations must be in  
writing on the correct  
nomination form, which is  
included in this newsletter  
and send to:**

**The Secretary**

**Castellorizian Association of  
Victoria**

**P.O. Box 112,**

**South Melbourne 3205**

Nominations to be received no  
later than the 1st October 2000.  
We hope this year that some of  
our younger members will be  
able to join the board and assist  
in continuing the tradition and  
culture the Association has

enjoyed and experienced over  
the past 75 years.

The out going committee has  
constantly endeavoured to  
create enthusiasm and interests  
for their members. However  
now is the time that decisions  
have to be taken to ensure the  
future of our Association  
progresses successfully in this  
new Millennium.

We must inform you all that it is  
extremely vital that members  
attend the Annual General  
Meeting to be held on the 8th  
October 2000.

## 75th Anniversary

On Sunday 27th August 2000  
a Cocktail Party will be held  
to celebrate the 75th  
Anniversary of our  
Association. This event will  
also incorporate the  
presentations of the  
Castellorizian of the Year and  
V.C.E. Awards.

Date: Sunday 27th August  
2000

Time: 4:00pm

Place: Cassie House

250 Dorcas Street

South Melbourne

R.S.V.P. John A. Adgemis -  
9842-1253

Jim Verginis - 9890-8505

## **Greek Antiquities Exhibition in Sydney**

Michael and Dianne Spartels attended the opening of the Greek Antiquities 1000 years of the Olympic Games - Treasures of Ancient Greece, which was held at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney on Tuesday the 18th July.

The article below was written by Professor Manuel Aroney, for our Newsletter.

We would like to express our gratitude to Professor Manuel Aroney for providing this interesting article.

Tuesday the 18th July saw the opening of a magnificent exhibition of Greek antiquities "1000 Years of the Olympic Games - Treasures of Ancient Greece" at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney. About 1100 invited guests attended including leading figures from the arts world and politics as well as who's who of the Greek community of Sydney, and a number of guests from interstate. Among the latter were Michael and Dianne Spartels from Melbourne. In opening the exhibition, Premier Bob Carr enthusiastically declared it to be "the greatest collection of artistic treasures ever to be in Australia". Fifty four priceless objects, all with a classical Olympic theme, had been loaned to Australia by the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and were accompanied here by twenty three distinguishing archaeologists and ministry representatives, led by Dr. Lina Mendoni, Secretary-General of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture. Most of the antiquities had never before been allowed to leave Greece and, unlike the copies sent to the Atlanta Games in 1996, these were originals, many dating back to hundreds of years B.C. Premier Carr acknowledged the extraordinary efforts of a Greek-Australian group, chaired by Professor Manuel Aroney, which initiated the project and worked with the New South Wales Government and the Powerhouse Museum to make this exhibition a reality. The ancient pieces have been individually presented in locations within a simulated Greek temple; the settings and lighting are brilliant. As well,

the exhibition contains a highly sophisticated, three dimensional virtual reality display of the statue of Zeus and of classical and contemporary Olympia. Among the many important guests were His Excellency Mr. I. Beveratos, the Greek Ambassador to Australia, His Grace Bishop Seraphim, Consul-General Mrs. R. Ieremia and Mr. A. Freeleagus, Greek Consul-General for Queensland. The exhibition will continue beyond the Olympic Games to November and the antiquities will then be returned to Greece.

## **Wedding Bells**

Anthony Kritikides and Artemis Papanastasiou, were married at St. Eustathios on May 13, 2000. Their reception was later held at the Plaza Ballroom. Anthony's brother Peter was his best man and Artemis's sisters Constance and Emily were among her four bridesmaids.

The newlyweds leave in September to work in London for two years. Anthony has accepted a position within Westpac to become Manager, Foreign Exchange, Europe. Artemis is being transferred within Price Waterhouse Coopers and will work as a senior consultant in Transfer Pricing. Their families congratulate Anthony and Artemis and wish them much success and happiness.

## **Torch Bearers**

Congratulations to Nicholas Sakellaropoulos and Dr. Spiro Moraitis for participating in carrying the Olympic Torch. Nicholas who is the second son of Stathi and Rita (Nee Spartels) Sakellaropoulos. He carried the torch in one of the stages in Warnambool district area.

Dr. Spiro Moraitis carried the torch along Clarendon Street South Melbourne where he was sent off by a large crowd of family and friends.

## **Trivia Night**

Members and Friends enjoyed a successful Trivia Night which was held on 5th August

2000. The competition was closely contested all night. The Verginis table was able to eventually win by one point only.

## **Happy Birthday**

To Phillip Georgoulas on his 21st Birthday. A party for friends and family was held at the Apokalypsi Restaurant on the 5th August.

## **Vale**

Stephen John Adgemis (Life Member)

Alex Pallaras (Life Member)

Vivienne Kyriakos

Marika C. Miriklis

Regretfully the Association has lost four of its members. Once again the Association conveys their deepest sympathy to the families of the above mentioned deceased.

## **In Memory Donations**

**Late Vivien Kyriakos**

Peggy, Nick & Colin Fermanis

Mrs Christina Verginis

Mr & Mrs P. Exintaris

**Late Steve Adgemis**

Mrs Christina Verginis

Mr Jim Verginis & Family

## **Holidaying**

From Hong Kong to see their family and friends were Kevin and Tish Zervos with daughters Lauren and Alana.

Kevin has recently been appointed Senior Assistant director of Public Prosecutions in Hong Kong, which involves him contesting many international cases. We wish him well in his new appointment.

## **Overseas**

In Europe for four weeks Marissa Spartels. Leaving for Cassie, Paul and Peggy Zervos.

## **Interstate**

Visiting her daughter and son in law in Melbourne was Mrs Maria James.

## V.C.E. Awards

The Association would like to congratulate the five students who completed their 1999 V.C.E. year.

They will be presented with their award on the 27th August.

The five are:

Kyriakos Plafadellis

Xanthe Ranger

Despina Paltoglou

Nicholas J.P Adgemis

Peter Apostolopoulos

We wish them every success for the future.

One of our 1999 V.C.E. students Nicholas J.R. Adgemis is now attending Monash University where he is studying Bachelor of Music Degree with Politics. He is also a member of rising funk group The Fungus who appear regularly at Edwards Tavern Prahran.

## Eulogy of Stephen John Adgemis

Steve's smiling personality, fighting spirit and enthusiasm for life enabled him to face all the trials and challenges he endured in his 80 years.

Stephen John Adgemis was born in Castellorizo on 10/2/1920. The family survived the earthquake of 1926, which destroyed their homes forcing them to temporarily live in tents. In 1928 they arrived in Australia and settled in Melbourne.

Being part of a family of 9 brothers and 1 sister created financial difficulties. To help the family, Steve delivered fruit and vegetables on his pushbike after school.

Steve loved his football. As a teenager he played with the Richmond Under 18's and later with the Melbourne Olympic Club. But his first love was the Carlton Football Team. Recently he became an avid lawn bowler playing at the Vermont

South Bowling Club and South Coogee Bowling Club on his regular visits to Sydney.

During World War II after being rejected by the Australian Forces, Steve joined the United States Merchant Navy Supply Ships as a Second Lieutenant, serving in the South Pacific. On his way home from the islands he passed through Sydney where he met and fell in love with Renie Georgouras. They were married in 1945.

Steve was a proud father leaving behind 4 children - Despina, Xenia, John and Phillippa, 10 grandchildren and a soon to be born great grandchild.

Sadly, Phillippa and her children, Tina and Lee are not with us today, but they held a Trisayio for him in a Greek Orthodox Church in Bordeaux, France. They have sent this message -

"Dear Dad, We love you and thanks you for being a wonderful father and grandfather - you will be in our hearts forever."

Steve lived for 80 years and we know we couldn't keep him with us forever. But when the curtain finally

dropped there was an emptiness in our hearts, an emptiness that will never be filled again.

Steve, we will miss you twirling on the dance floor, your produce from your wonderful garden, but most of all we will miss you.

As a friend said today -

"Steve's happy smile is the first thing we'll remember and the last thing we'll forget."

May he rest in peace.

Stephen John Adgemis has over many years been an enthusiastic, passionate member & committee person of the

Association. His input, ideas, concern and dedication that he had often displayed will be sadly missed.

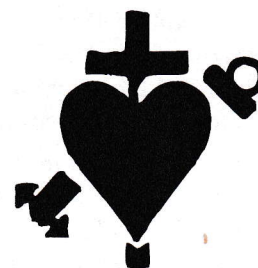
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## CASTELLORIZIAN SENIORS CLUB

The Castellorizian Seniors Club has had an interesting year despite the untimely loss of members. Congratulations are due to the outgoing committee for a successful year of administration. At the Annual General Meeting of the Seniors Club held 2nd August 2000 the President reported the activities of the past twelve months and the Treasurer's report proved that we are operating within our budget. Full reports will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Castellorizian Association later this year. A new committee was elected as follows: Mr Nick Patiniotis, Mr Steve Bisas, Mr Steve Zombos, Mr, Anthony Stabelos, Mr Jack N Miriklis, Mrs Anna Adgemis, Mrs Syliva Coates, & Mrs Tessa Anastasiou.

Congratulations & Good Luck

Donations received in memory of Late Mr A Pallaras from Mr & Mrs Tsakulas (S.A.)



## Profile of Alexander Pallaras

- Born 24/10/25 Adelaide
- Parents: mother Magdaline Jackomos (maiden name who married Stavros Pallaras)
- Had 2 children Stephen & Katina
- Had 2 brothers Savas & George, 1 sister Mary
- At the age of 14 started apprenticeship in cabinet making
- At 18 years joined Army (1943). Sent to Taralcan & returned to Australia in 1946.
- At time of discharge awarded 1939 - 45 Star 1939-45 Pacific Star Australian Service Medal 1945-75 Australian Service Medal
- Married Joyce Netes from Sydney and settled in Melbourne
- Married happily for 53 years
- Worked as Foreman Stevedore for many years
- Carlton Supporter
- Committed Post Master in the Masonic Lodge
- Loved & respected by all his friends children, grandchildren & wife
- Last years of his life struggled with kidney cancer

## Eulogy for Vivien Kyriakos

Vivien Kyriakos known to all as Vivi, was a highly intelligent, warm, refined, gentle, sensitive, vivacious, thoughtful and considerate person. She was gifted with artistic talents. She had a beautiful singing voice and was a talented artist.

Vivien was born in Melbourne on the 7th of November 1950, on Melbourne Cup Day, the second of three daughters to Michael and Nina Kyriakos. She was the middle sister of Christine and Gina.

Her childhood years were happy ones. She celebrated many of her birthdays at her Mum and Dad's legendary Name Day parties and many will remember her entertaining everyone by singing Al Jolson songs such as 'Swanee' and 'April Showers'. She would also sing and accompany herself on the guitar with such songs as, the Greek version of the

'Boy on a Dolphin', 'Tinafto pou to lene agapi' and 'Hava Nagilah'.

She also sang at school, and entertained us all with her beautiful voice at Castellorizian and Greek functions singing some of her favourite songs, 'Besame Mucho', 'Yesterday' and 'Can't Help Falling In Love'.

Vivien attended Glenferrie State School where she became DUX of the school. Then she attended Auburn Central and completed her secondary education at MacRobertson Girls' High, where she had taken an active part in the musicals, choir and art.

Vivien Matriculated in 1968 and passed well in five subjects, English, History, Geography, French and a high distinction in Arts.

She was offered a Commonwealth Scholarship in Arts teaching as well as a place as Monash University for an Arts degree.

In 1969, Vivien was the first Melbourne Castellorizian girl to go to University, Monash University. After that, she worked for a number of years in the Law and Library Industry, as a law clerk and then a library technician.

Vivien was fluent in Greek and French; she wrote, spoke and sang in these languages. Vivien loved and studied singing and guitar. There will be many here today, who will remember in 1972 her winning her heat in Kevin Dennis New Faces, singing the song 'Sway'.

She loved singing Latin American songs and she also sang many songs in Greek. She was an Elvis fan and enjoyed his music. Vivien was an extremely talented artist who expressed her emotions through music, drawing, knitting and painting. In the future, whenever we see a lovely work of art or hear a beautiful song we will remember the creative shine of her soul.

Vivien was kind hearted, affectionate, thoughtful, gentle person who was very generous. She enjoyed giving to her many relatives whenever there was a special occasion. Her generosity knew no bounds when it came to her nieces and nephews, who she adored, Linda and Stan Christofas, Michael and Katherine Gekas.

Vivien was extremely close to both her parents and they will miss her company, as she lived with them all her life. Vivien

and her Mum were very close. Her Mother would say to her, that she inherited the creative artistic side from the Koutsoukis side, her family and her good memory, organisational and neatness skills from her Dad's family, the Kyriakos side.

Being the middle sister, Vivien was close to both her sisters, Christine and Gina. She shared a room with each of them, at different times in her life and told them to keep their side of the room neat and tidy like hers. And Vivien had been involved in Greek dancing groups with both her sisters. She was a good listener and friend to both. They will miss her greatly.

Vivien had a strong bond with her late maternal grandmother Evangelia Koutsoukis (her namesake) and she had a great respect for her brother-in-law, Con Gekas.

Vivien's life had some good times but also some not so good times. Her Mum and Dad were always very supportive and there for her. Those who know her, were inspired by her capacity for warmth, kindness, sincerity and love, strengths she maintained courageously all her life.

Vivien was devout Christian and deeply religious. She found great comfort in her religious beliefs and had a strong faith in God.

She is to be admired by all. Some of you will remember her better because you spoke to her, visited her or asked about her. Her family wishes to thank those of you, who spent time with her and cared about their Vivien.

"Vivien your family will miss you deeply, your love, company, humour and friendship. You always greeted everyone with a smile and a little giggle. You always thought more of others than yourself and always prayed for us. Our family will never be the same. We love and cherish our memories of you. You are forever in our hearts".

Vivien is survived by her parents Michael and Nina and her sisters Christine and Gina, brother-in-law Con, nieces and Nephews, Linda, Stan, Michael and Katherine.

Vivien's family wish to thank all relatives and friends very sincerely for your loving expressions of sympathy conveyed to us in so many ways.

# **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Members are hereby advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Castellorizian Association of Victoria will be held on the Sunday 8th October 2000 2:30pm sharp at the Castellorizian House, 250 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne.

## **AGENDA**

1. Opening meeting 2:30
  2. Apologies
  3. Minutes of last A.G.M.
  4. Business arising from minutes
  5. President's report
  6. Treasurer's report
  7. Senior Citizen's report
  8. General business
  9. General committee elections
  10. Closure of A.G.M.
- Meeting closed followed by refreshments

# CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

## NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: .....

Nominated By: .....

I wish to nominate for:

- ☐ President
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Committee Member

Nominee:

Nominated by:

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Nominees Address:

Address of person nominating

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Signature of nominee:

Signature of person nominating:

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### PLEASE NOTE:

All nominations must be on this nomination form and must reach the Secretary Castellorizian Association of Victoria (P.O. Box 112, South Melbourne 3205). By the 1st October 2000.