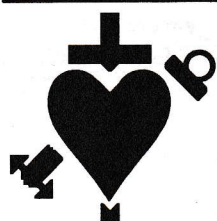


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Castellorizian Newsletter Number 104 gives details of our A.G.M. at which a new Board of Directors was elected. We commence this Newsletter with a report from our new President, Mr. Michael Spartels.

Report by Outgoing President Mr. Jack Bisas O.A.M.

As the Immediate Past President of the Cassie Association, let me commence by congratulating the President-elect and his Board. It gave me great pleasure in nominating and endorsing Michael as President of the Association.

After 20 years service to our Association, 14 years as President and also President of the Young Men's Castellorizian Society for 4 years and 2 years as a Board member, I will reiterate what I said in our last newsletter: "It was time for a change".

And a change we have and it can only bring further success to our Association.

I wholeheartedly wish Michael and his Board every success. They have my full support.

I would like to thank all those members who have served with me over the last 14 years. Together we have achieved much: gone are the mortgages and debts from the previous re-building program.

We have achieved financial stability and our achievements have been many. The re-building and refurbishment of our Club Rooms, the introduction of the "Castellorizian of the Year", the V.C.E. presentations and of course the setting up of our Senior Citizen's Club and the introduction of our newsletter.

Thank you all for a very enjoyable and successful stay with you.

JACK BISAS O.A.M.

Congratulations to Michael Spartels

As an eight year old boy, Michael Nicholas Spartels would sit on his front gate of his family home, in Bowen Crescent, and watch admiringly the view of the Carlton Football Ground, situated opposite. Although the thought was in his mind to be involved somehow with the Club, he did not expect, many years on, that he would be invited to join Mr. John Elliot, and the President's Committee, to participate in the management of one of Australia's most successful sporting clubs. Michael became familiar with the Club as a young child. He worked as a lolly and drink boy, sold footy records, and also manned the scoreboard for the seconds. As he grew older he was given the opportunity to play football at a junior level, by participating in the under 17s and 19s. From this point on, he reverted to becoming an avid supporter of the Club, and would frequent most games, but always desiring to become more involved.

Now as a 54 year old, Michael looks back at the front gate when he is on his way to meetings, and feels an overwhelming sense of achievement at the position he now holds. The Committee is comprised of 5 representatives from the Football Club, 5 from the Cricket Club, and five independent representatives, of which Michael is one. As a Director, his role will encompass responsibilities in ground management, developments and events gaming, financial management, administration, marketing and future directive management. Michael is the first person of Greek origin to be appointed onto this Committee and joins the likes of Mr. Laurie Kerr, Mr. Wes Lofts, Mr. Kevin Hall, Mr. Sam Smorgon and Mr. Richard Pratt.

We congratulate Michael on his achievement and wish him all the best in this position.

Report to the Members by the President-elect

Following the recent Annual General Meeting, I have great pleasure in accepting the position of Presidency of the Castellorizian Association of Victoria, and would like to congratulate my fellow committee members on their new respective appointments. As a team we enthusiastically and proudly accept the responsibilities handed to us, and look forward to promoting new ideas and activities to accommodate the needs of our members.

The Castellorizian Association of Victoria, has been in existence for many years and over time has facilitated uniting Castellorizians. From the quarterly newsletters, to the organised functions, the Association can proudly say that it has succeeded in preserving the bond that our ancestors brought with them when they migrated to Australia.

We will endeavour during 1997 to further solidify this bond by increasing our membership, and the participation at our functions. To achieve this, we need to encourage more feedback from the members as to what activities they would like the committee to organise. The committee is there to represent the community at large, which is why we place particular emphasis on your input.

At present an extension is being made to the function room, by enclosing the outside courtyard area, with timber and glass, which will create extra space to our existing premises, and consequently increase the comfort of members. If all goes to plan the improvement should be complete in time for the 1996 Children's Christmas Party.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing President, Mr. Jack Bisas. As a committee member working with Jack, I have witnessed the high standard of leadership that he has displayed. Many hours of hard work and dedication, have been contributing factors towards the club's existence today, and for this we sincerely thank him. Also, special thanks must be conveyed to the club's Solicitor, Mr Nicholas Zervos, and Accountant, Mr Andrew Caripis, who, over the years have honorarily provided the club with their expertise and invaluable time.

As this will be the last newsletter for the year, may I take this opportunity, on behalf of the committee, of wishing all our members and their families a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Thank you,

MICHAEL N. SPARTELS

Christmas Tree

The Cassie Children's Christmas Tree is to be held on Sunday, 15th December, 1996 at 2.30pm at our Club Rooms in South Melbourne. Entertainment, music, sausage sizzle and refreshments will be provided. Application Form for Christmas gifts to be returned by no later than the 25th November. Age up to 12 years. Only children in attendance will receive their gifts.

Cassie Greek Dancing Group

Expressions of interest are sought from interested families who would like to their children to learn and participate in a Greek dancing group, organised by the Castellorizian Association of Victoria.

The Group will be taught and supervised by an experienced and qualified instructor. Venue and fees have yet to be determined.

This is an opportunity for our heritage and culture to be continued and therefore your support and encouragement is required for its success. It is anticipated that the dance group will perform at cultural and social functions in the future.

If you have any queries please ring Kath Adgemis on 9842 8606 or Vivienne Mihalos on 9850 5294.

Future Social Events 4

TAVERN NIGHT - ~~February~~ - March 1997

FAMILY BBQ DAY - April 1997

STS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN'S DAY

25th May 1997 (with the Castellorizian of the Year and the VCE Awards)

BOWLING COMPETITION WITH W.A.

19th March 1997 (1 week in Melbourne)

Cassie Senior Citizens' Club

The following is a report from our Senior Citizens' Club. We congratulate the new Committee and wish them luck.

President: Mr. Nick Patiniotis

Vice President: Mr. Steve Bisas

Secretary: Mrs. Christina Pavlou

Treasurer: Mrs. Sylvia Coates

Committee Members: Mr. Jason and Mrs. Theresa Anastasiou, Mrs. Anna Adgemis, Mr. Jack N. Miriklis, Mrs. Chrissie Zervos, Mr. Steve Adgemis.

The Association of the Greek Elderly Clubs of Victoria has organised the following functions:

- Christmas Lunch at the Melbourne Town Hall, 17 December, 1996, 12.00 noon to 5.00pm. \$10 for members.

- Picnic at Mornington, 9th January, 1997. For further bookings or details, telephone Mr. Nick Patiniotis on 9859 8158

The Cassie Seniors have organised the following forthcoming functions:

- Christmas Function together with the Box Hill Elderly at Box Hill Receptions, Cambridge Street, Box Hill, on Thursday, 5th December, 1996. \$20 all inclusive.

Please note that this will be our break-up lunch and that there will NOT be a meeting on Wednesday 4th December. For further details and bookings ring Sylvia Coates on 9859 7784.

- Theatre Party "Sunset Boulevard" 19th February, 1997. \$36.50 (matinee concession) for further details ring Sylvia.

- The first meeting for 1997 will be on Wednesday 5th February 1997 (no meeting in January)

Donations in memory of Mrs. K. Penklis (NSW) from Mrs. Anna Adgemis and family.

Birth

☛ To Peter and Robyn Conos a girl (Sarah), First child for Peter and Robyn. Another grandchild for Theo Conos.

☛ To Michael and Mary Mangos a second child, a boy. Fourth grandchild for Con and Dorothy Mangos.

Holidays

➔ Home after a holiday touring the USA. Nicholas, Stacey Miriklis and family together with Mrs. Toumbouras.

➔ Welcome home also to Paul and Peggy Zervos from Castellorizo.

Happy Birthday



We congratulate Mrs. Evangelia Koutsoukis on her 94th Birthday.

Home after a stay in hospital

☒ Sam Alexander

☒ Vera Constance

Congratulations

✓ Natasha Fiona Mingos, daughter of Chris and Irene Mingos, granddaughter of Steve Paltoglou. Graduated on June 5th at Dallas Brooks Hall with the degree of Bachelor of Business in Property valuations at RMIT. Well done Natasha.

Bon Voyage

➔ Georgina, Natasha and Stephanie Mingos on an overseas holiday to Athens, London, Paris, Rome, Amsterdam, Thailand. Special visit to Castellorizo which is grandpa's homeland. We wish the girls a great holiday and safe return.

Peter Paltoglou

Graduated at Melbourne University in Law and Commerce with honours. Peter is the son of Con and Chris Paltoglou. He is in London at the present time for further studies. Peter will meet up with the Mingos girls in Castellorizo. Congratulations Peter and well done.

Olga Hondros

Daughter of Bill and Michelle Hondros, has opened practice as an Optometrist & Contact lens Practitioner at Latrobe University at Bundoora on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and Tuesday and Thursday at 14 Collins Street City.

Excellent service and discount to all our Cassie members.

Vale

✠ JOHN TRELLIS (ETRELEZIS) on August 12th, 1996, aged 75. Loved husband of Effie, father of Maria, Flora and Aphrodite (Freida), father in law of Christos and Michael and grandfather of Jonathan and Stephen. Brother of Alex and sister in law of Wynne.

In Melbourne for funeral Mrs Maria Mitaros (Darwin) The following have donated in memory of the late John Trellis to our society and to our Seniors Club:

Mrs Maria E. Adgemis, Angelo Loizou, Leo & Helen Koutsoukis, Herb & Maria Kyriakos, Mr, P. E. Augustes, Peter & Kathy Christofas, Sam & Cherry Alexander, Malcom & Cherry Ellis, Con & Kaye

Christofas, Jack & Maria N. Miriklis, Antoni & Rose Stabelos, Christina Verginis, Steve & Nellie Zombos, Dr Peter & Mary Mangos

Eulogy - John Trellis

Life's ebb and flow seems a cruel mystery to man but even old warriors need rest, my father knew this.

I was privileged towards his final days to catch glimpses of his brilliant soul shining through the cracks in his armour.

He was an angel that had taken human form. My generation will never really know the hardships that the early Greek settlers took on almost a century ago.

Just into his twenties, at an early age when my generation is pre-occupied with things like, "which restaurant we'll dine at tonight or what car we'll buy next", he found himself fighting on the front line as a commando in New Guinea. Coming back home to more difficulties, a sick mother and being met with rejection when trying to find work because he was Greek. Still he remained proud being one of the first Greek Australians.

It's only now that my father has passed on that so many people are coming forward and telling us about acts of kindness and charity.

Our father performed during his life whether he was rich or poor.

He gave selflessly and secretly. Injured animals always found a safe refuge in our home. Our backyard at times resembled a mini zoo.

Even as we tried to hang on to him, towards the end, he reassured us that old warriors live and die fearlessly.

Only two hours before his departure, he told us of his belief in miracles. His mother had come for him.

Dad, you and I know our spirit is eternal. Thankyou. thank you for being my father, my guiding light.

Death cannot separate us. The journey continues, dad I love you, I love you.

I bow to you.

WRITTEN BY: Christos Gabriel (son-in-law)

SPOKEN BY: Daughter Maria Flora

✠ EXINTARIS APOSTOLOS on the 11th September 1996. Funeral Service at St Efstathios Church Sth Melbourne and to Box Hill Cemetery.

Apostolos Exintaris passed away on the 11th September 1996. A Funeral service was held on the

16th of September at St Efstathios Church, Sth Melbourne, followed by tea/coffee at the Castellorizian Club room.

The family of the late Paul Exintaris would like to thank the friends and family who attended the funeral service and also to the many who sent cards, telegrams and flowers. A 40 day memorial service was held on the 20th October at St. Efstathios Church.

In Melbourne for the funeral:

from Brisbane Mrs Teresa Iconomou, Mr & Mrs G. Yanardasis, Mr & Mrs C. Comino, Ms B. Yanardasis; from Adelaide Dr G. Finikiotis, Mr & Mrs J. Kiosoglous;

from Sydney Mrs A. Passaris & family, Mr & Mrs S. Papapetrou, Mrs C. Ellis.

The following have donated to our Society and Seniors Club in memory of Mr Apostolos Exintaris:

Despina & Maria Kirke, Mr & Mrs N. Kirke & family, Mr & Mrs N. Kontuzoglous & family, Mrs Helen & Louis Lampros, Dr & Mrs N. Conomos, Drs S., R. Theodoros & family, Mr & Mrs A. Andronis, Mr & Mrs J. Conomos, Mr & Mrs S. Arghyros, Mr & Mrs M. Arghyros & family, Mr & Mrs S. Savas & family, Mr & Mrs M. Boubaris, Mr & Mrs M. Kyriakos, Mr & Mrs Steve Bisas, Mr & Mrs con Adgemis, Mrs Ann Adgemis, Mr & Mrs Spiro Mangos, Leo & Helen Koutsoukis.

A tribute to Apostolos Exintaris

Apostolos 'Paul' Exintaris was born on the 14th of January 1929, the youngest of 6 children.

Like many of us, Paul was born on the island of Castellorizo and spent his childhood and many of his teenage years there. During the war, his family, like many others, went and lived in Palestine for several years and on his return to Castellorizo was part of 'the Navagio' disaster, where he lost his mother and grandmother.

He then travelled the world, visiting many European countries, before migrating to Australia in 1949 to join his brothers Mick and Peter, and where the rest of the family eventually settled. He married Maria Papapetrou in 1969 and had 2 children, Betty & George. In the early 1970's Paul worked many years at 'The Ritz' hotel and 'Buckley's & Nunn' which later became David Jones.

He peacefully passed away on the 11th of September 1996, after a long and hard battle with a debilitating illness.

He is survived by his wife Maria, children Betty and George, brothers and sisters Nick, Peter, Anna, Teresa and all their families, including the late Katina's family, aunty Constandina and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

There are many reasons why we all have such fond memories of Paul. Other than the fact that he was very likeable fellow, he was an honest and caring man who was devoted to his family and close friends. As one close friend described:

"It was an honour to meet and be welcomed into the home of Apostoli Exintaris. His smile and good nature in turn, would put a smile on the grumpiest face of downcast soul. He is missed, no more than by the family who loved and cherished him, and whom he lived for. In the true sense of the word he was a gentle-man'. *RIP Dad.*

In Memory

† The following have donated to our society in memory of the late Mrs E. Kalimeri Perth, Mrs Anna Adegemis

Correction

† In memory of the late Mr Bill Hondros who died on Monday 27th May 1996, Mr Michael & Nina Kyriakos have donated to our Society.

We apologise that the above names were not printed in our last newsletter.

In memory of the late Christian Mangos, the Castellorizian Society of Victoria have donated \$100 to the Walter Eliza Institute.

Vale

† CHRISTIAN MANGOS on the 1st September 1996. Son of Dr Peter and Mary Mangos, brother of Michael, Damian, Simon and Anthony.

Dr Peter and Mary Mangos and family, through our newsletter, would like to thank all those who sent floral tributes, cards and kind thoughts and to those who have donated to our Society and various charities for their recent sad loss of their beloved son Christian.

Vale

† JOHN MAVRIS on the 12th July, in Sydney. Survived by wife Chrysanthi, children Yvonne, Peter and Nina, brother Michael and sister Vera Constance. Funeral at St. Spyridon Church and on to Botany Cemetary.

The CASSIE CHRISTMAS TREE *for children* Sunday 15 December

Name of child(ren):

Age

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Address:

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Telephone numbers:

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**This Form for Christmas gifts must be returned by no
later than the 25th November, to:**

**Christmas Tree, Cassie Club
P.O. Box 112
South Melbourne, 3205**

Age up to 12 years.

Only children in attendance will receive their gifts.

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*subscriptions to the
Cassie Club of Vic.*

NOW DUE

*Are you a financial member of the
Castellorizian Association of Vic.?*

If not, why not?

*Membership is only \$15 for families
and \$10 for singles.*

*All membership fees are due from the
1st July of each year.*

Name:

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Telephone numbers:

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Kindly fill in above form, detach and mail to:

**The Secretary, Cassie Club
P.O. Box 112
South Melbourne, 3205**