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## THE CASTELLORIZIAN NEWSLETTER

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This Castellorizian Newsletter No. 39 gives details of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 12th October, 1986, and details of an Extraordinary Meeting to be held by the Society on Sunday, 16th November.

We say Farewell to Mr. Con Zombos, who died on 16th September, with a tribute by Mr. Basil Stefanou; we present our President's Annual Report. Our Newsletter has been delayed because of your Editor's holiday into the Northern Territory. We also have news from Darwin, Northern Territory.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT GIVEN AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT OUR CLUB ROOMS, ON SUNDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1986.

Dear Members,

It gives me pleasure to present to you the Director's Report for the year 1985-86. The present Board of Directors was appointed during November 1985 and my report will cover the period November 1985 to June 1986, as the period June 1985 to November 1985 has been covered by the former Board of Directors.

The seven months since our Board was elected has been challenging. However, I must record the disappointment of the Directors because of the apathy of the members. We, the Directors, arranged and held the following functions:

Christmas Tree,  
Picnic,  
St. Constantine & Helen's Day,  
Pleasant Sunday Morning,  
Fashion Parade,  
Tavern Night,  
Excluding Christmas period, we held a function monthly.

The Directors were somewhat disappointed at the small amount of members who availed themselves of the opportunities offered to them.

In addition a programme of renovations of the club-rooms has been undertaken. We have replaced the curtains and repaired the roof of the whole building, as it was in poor condition, and the courtyard was thoroughly cleaned.

In addition to this, the Newsletter was circulated normally, thanks to Jack Bisas. A questionnaire and survey was sent to all members, the results of which were discussed at the end of the General Meeting.

Our Association is once again at a decisive time of its history and will require hard work and dedication to overcome the problems we are facing to ensure its survival.

Thanking you,

Michael Christopher,  
President.

REPORT ON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. was attended by approximately 35 members and commenced with the President's Report, Treasurer's Report, and then a short discussion was held under the Chairmanship of John B. Salvaris (Vice-President). Matters discussed were wide-ranging and included the following:

1. That the Society sells its building and sets up a Castellorizian Benevolent Fund. The Benevolent Fund or Trust to invest the proceeds and from the interest, create Castellorizian Scholarships for education, arts, etc. Also, to conduct functions at a rented or public hall two to three times a year.
2. To sell the building and use the interest to lease a more suitable venue for our members.
3. That a Manager be appointed to conduct the Society's affairs, thus allowing the elected Board to concentrate on forward planning.
4. To terminate the lease of the present tenant and use the complete building for members.
5. That the Castellorizian Ladies' Society be re-formed as a separate identity.

It was resolved that the Current Board as constituted were not prepared to carry on, so an Extraordinary Meeting was called for. To be held on Sunday, 16th November, 1986, at which an Election for Office-Bearers will be held.

SUNDAY, 16th NOVEMBER, 1986  
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING to be held  
at Cassie House - 2.30 p.m.  
Election of New Board  
and  
Discussion of Motions.

We once again stress the importance of the above meeting. Your current Board of Directors had only served Seven Months of a Three-year period, and indicates the difficulties facing members once again. Our Society has assets of approximately \$600,000 and it is about time that more members of our Society became involved in its affairs. We look forward to a record number of members attending this meeting.

V A L E

On 16th September, 1986, aged 76 years, Mr. Con Zombos, husband of Kathleen, father of Evelyn, Jim, Michael and Fred, - and grandfather of 13 children.

Funeral at St. Euthasios Church, South Melbourne, and to Springvale Cemetery. Eulogy by John B. Salvaris and the service conducted by His Grace Bishop Ezeikel, and eight Parish Priests.

"The Society has lost a dedicated and true Castellorizian and the Castellorizian Society of Victoria will be poorer for his passing. I would like to say that during my many years on the Committee, including years of Presidency, Con Zombos gave me his full support, as he always gave to the Society. We will miss him."

(Editor,)

Jack Bisas.

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We print a letter from Basil Stefanou as a tribute:

"CON ZOMBOS. It is becoming frequent nowadays to grieve at the loss of an honest Castellorizian Patriot. Con Zombos was such a person. We all grieve at the loss of the Castellorizians who lived in Castellorizo during the period between the two world wars and the great depression in Australia. They bravely faced the difficulties and stresses of these periods imposed on our compatriots who travelled the harsh road of human endeavour.

Con Zombos was such a person. He fulfilled his role as an endearing husband and a loving father.

He lived during the period of the beginning of the decline of Castellorizo.

As a boy he saw and lived through the Italian occupation of Castellorizo.

As a youth coming to Australia he had to face the harsh conditions in Australia of unemployment during the great depression.

His skill as a tailor assisted him in overcoming economic and social problems. Nevertheless, he never forgot his patriotic origin and worked hard to organize the Castellorizian brotherhood.

He considered it his duty to encourage the younger generation of Castellorizians of the post-war period to visit the birthplace of their fathers and mothers.

He always described the Castellorizo of his youth as a Castellorizo of hundreds and thousands of people. A Castellorizo minus the present desolation and lack of its sons and daughters. He has now joined many of them in the bowels of a new land.

The Castellorizo that thrived is no longer there. The hundreds and thousands who pay an annual visit see the remnants of a once-thriving community.

The ruined centre of the island that once provided shelter and livelihood to many is a stark monument to the destructive nature of war.

Con Zombos' efforts to popularize the ancient and modern history of Castellorizo are well known. His ardent support for the purchase of the Brotherhood's headquarters and his assistance in the social activities of its relatively now young membership are the fittest monuments to his memory.

The following have donated to the memory of Con Zombos:

Mr. & Mrs. R. Golias	\$10.	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Zervos	\$10.
Mr. & Mrs. J. Hetnelzis	\$10.	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bisas	\$10.
Mr. & Mrs. M. Kyriakos	\$10.	Mr. & Mrs. Con J. Mangos	\$10.
Mr. & Mrs. Con Adgemis	\$10.	Mrs. Vangelia Mangos	\$10.
Mr. Theo Conos	\$20.	Mr. & Mrs. Apostole Exintaris	\$10.
Mr. Mick & Zimi Exintaris	\$20.	Mrs. Zoe Pallanis	\$10.
Mr. Stamathis Pappas	\$10.	Mr. Spiro & Mrs. Nina Mangos	\$15.
Mr. & Mrs. Jack N. Miriklis	\$10.	Dr. Spiro & Margaret Moraitis	\$20.
Mr. Steve Paltoglou	\$10.	Mr. & Mrs. Leo Koutsoukis	\$10.
Mr. Peter Exintaris	\$10.	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Zographou	\$10.
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Alexander	\$10.	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Adgemis	\$10.
Mr. Con Paltoglou	\$20.	Mr. & Mrs. Aleck Bisas	\$10.
Mr. Luke & Mrs. Maria Lucas	\$10.	Mrs. Maria Karpoozes	\$10.
Mr. Michael Velsarris	\$20.	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Christofas	\$10.

V A L E

In October, 1986, aged 65 years, Mrs. Mary Brondou. Daughter of Tony and Alexandra Gelavis (dec.)

Wife of the late George Brondou and Mother of Christine and Anthony - 4 grandchildren. Sister of Sylvia Spyratos and brother of Nick.

Funeral at St. Evangelismos Church, East Melbourne, and to Fawkner Cemetery.

Service conducted by His Grace, Bishop Ezeikel.

The following have donated in Memory of the late Mary Brondou:

Mr. & Mrs. John Hetrelzis	\$10.	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kyriakos	\$10.
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WEDDINGS:

On Saturday, 4th October, 1986, at St. Catherine's Church, Katina Koutsoukis married Peter Garrick.

Katina is the youngest daughter of Leo and Helen Koutsoukis. Reception at Arion Receptions. From Sydney for the Wedding:

Sylvia and Tony Confos; Max & Irene Kondos and family; Peter & Katie Manettis; Yvonne Pitsikas and family; Mr. & Mrs. George Manettis; Mr. & Mrs. Peter Samios; Mrs. Angie Gemenis; Mary Lackendis and daughter Yvonne; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lackendis and family; George and Chrissie Athos with family, Renee and George; Steve and Mary Koutalis; John and Melanie Koutalis; George & Andrew Koutalis; Danny Koutalis with fiance Christie.

We wish the couple every happiness.

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On 30th August, 1986, Anastasios Piperoglou married Thenia Papantoniou in a Registry Office ceremony, attended by close relatives and friends. Afterwards an informal party was held at Ilios Restaurant, Carlton.

Anastasios is the eldest son of Bill and Irene Piperoglou and Thenia is the third daughter of Andreas and Maria Papantoniou of Lanarca, Cyprus.

A more formal, traditional religious celebration will be held in early 1987.

We wish Stan and Thenia every happiness.

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B I R T H S

To Nick and Georgia Zervos a Boy at St. Vincent's Private Hospital. First child for Nick and Georgia and first grandchild for Paul and Peggy Zervos. Welcome - Paul Zervos (Junior).

To Andrew and Christine, a Girl (Eleousa) at Mercy Maternity Hospital on Wednesday, 13th August, 1986. First child for Andrew and Christine, and third grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. M. Caripis.

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ITHACAN PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY.

We congratulate the Ithacan Society and their President, Mr. Stathis Raftopoulos, on completion of 70 years' continuous service to their members.

A Debutante Ball to celebrate the event was held at the Southern Cross on 11th October, 1986. 13 Debutantes made their debut. Amongst the Debutantes were Angelika Papadopoulos, escorted by her brother Andrew. Angelika and Andrew are the children of George and Melody (Hetrelezis) Papadopoulos.

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CONCERT

A Concert was held at the Victorian Arts Centre from 3rd September to 13th September, 1986.

"EPITAHIOS" and "SOPHISTICATED SOUVLAKI"

Music by Mikis Theodorakis, Poetry by Yannis Ritsos and Kominos Zervos.

"An original and humorous look at Life in Australia, Migrant-style" - Kominos Zervos takes us on a touching and funny journey all the way from his childhood in a Fish and Chips Shop in Richmond to Greek Military dictatorships. "Kominos Roars, rather than Reads" (National Times). "He works with an enthusiastic gusto which is both stirring and appealing".

ATHANASIOS KARABATSAS

Music Awards 1986  
Prize Winners' Concert  
Saturday, 23rd August, 1986  
at Wesley College, Prahran

Amongst a number of winners in the above awards was Pauline Bisas. Pauline is the wife of Jim Bisas.

The Concert was compered by Betty Exindaris and the Presentation of Awards was by well-known Greek Violinist, Spiros Pantos.

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AUSTRALIAN GREEK WELFARE SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the A.G.W. Society was held on 30th September, 1986. The Board of Directors for 1986-1988 are:

President:	Jack Bisas.
Vice-President:	Stan Piperglou.
Chairman:	Dr. Spiro Moraitis.
Secretary:	Miranda Di Georgio.
Directors:	Dr. Chris Christophi, Christina Hionis, Con Sarris, Demos Krouskos, Savas Augoustakis.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE CARE OF THE ELDERLY

was held on the 23rd September, 1986.

Members who were elected to the Committee of Management were:

John M. Salvaris	Vice-President
Jacob Fronitsas	Assistant Treasurer.

The Board of Management of the Home includes Chairman, Mr. J.B. Salvaris.

Mrs. Marika Bisas did not stand for re-election after 10 years on the Board.

Marika was the first Secretary and held that position for seven years.

At a Barbecue to celebrate their 10th year, John B. Salvaris paid tribute to those original Committee Members who were responsible for the foresight, and for their dedicated work in the early days when the Society started from nothing.

Amongst the original members of the First Board of Directors were:

President:	John Basil Salvaris
Vice-President:	John Michael Salvaris
Secretary:	Mrs. Marika Bisas

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NEWS ITEM FROM WEST AUSTRALIA :

The first female of Castellorizian origin to join the West Australian Police Force is Kyraki, daughter of Greg and Triantafilias Kaykani.

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HOLIDAYING IN MELBOURNE

From Perth: Varol and Chrissie Spantalis,  
Angie and Manuel Gelavis, with daughter Sandra.

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HOLIDAYING IN MELBOURNE (Continued)

From England: Dr. Michael C. Koutsoukis. Michael was in town to view the Carlton/Hawthorn Grand Final.

From South Australia: Former Victorians - Con and Kaye Christofas.

Home after an extended trip overseas: Jack and Georgia Kios, - Con and Dorothy Mangos, with daughter Angela.

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NEWS FROM DARWIN

The Annual General Meeting of the Northern Territory Greek Community held in Darwin in October, 1986, resulted in the election of a New President.

For the first time in Darwin, and probably in Australia, a female - Mrs. Lillian Gomatis, was elected President of the Northern Territory Community.

Mrs. Lillian Gomatis is the wife of Theo Gomatis, who is the Vice-Consul for the Northern Territory. She is the daughter of John and Mary Jordan (formerly of Melbourne).

We congratulate Mrs. Gomatis on her election, and also for her effort (together with her Committee) of raising \$40,000 for the victims of the Kalamati earthquake.

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I conclude this month's Newsletter with the following:

Your Editor, together with his wife Marika, ventured into the Northern Territory in September. From Melbourne to Adelaide by road, and then by the Ghan Train to Alice Springs, by car to Ayres Rock, The Olgas, Kings Canyon, etc., and then on to Katherine River and Gorge to Tenants Creek - then on to Darwin via the Adelaide River.

I recommend the trip to all.

We would like through the Newsletter to thank, in particular, John Jordan, Mr. Gomatis and Mrs. Lillian Gomatis and family; Mrs. Chrissie Paspalis, Mr. George Manolas, Mr. Peter and Mrs. Phenia Paroulakis for their kind hospitality during our stay in Darwin.

LATE MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In Memory of the late MARY BRONDOU:-

\$10 Mr. & Mrs. D. Pavlou  
\$10 Mr. & Mrs. G. Malaxos

In Memory of the late XENDFON STABELOS (Died in Greece):-

\$20 A. & C. Miriklis

In Memory of the late MR. CON ZOMBOS:-

\$10 Athanasia Hondros & Family  
\$10 Mrs. M. Kailis  
\$10 Mr. & Mrs. A. Bisas  
\$10 Mrs. Maria Karpoozes  
\$20 Mr. & Mrs. M. Spartels  
\$10 Mr. & Mrs. T. Stabelos  
\$10 Mrs. A. Adgemis  
\$10 Mr. & Mrs. D. Pavlou  
\$10 Mr. M.C. Mangos  
\$10 Mrs. Chrissie Zervos  
\$10 Chris Lazarakis