

THE CASTELLORZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

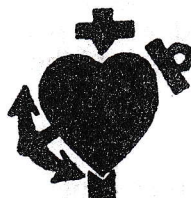
THE CASTELLORIZIAN NEWSLETTER

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Castellorizian Newsletter No. 47 gives details of the Annual General Meeting. Details of a Symposium to be held on the 30th September, 1987. A short article on M.G. Kailis. The Board of Directors Report follows.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT - JULY/AUGUST

The Annual General Meeting will be held at our Club Rooms on 30th August, 1987 at 3.00p.m. sharp, followed by cocktails.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
YOUR ATTENDANCE IS VITAL
The Clubs Future Direction is to be decided
Is it time to change our Direction???

- Do We
- (1) Sell our South Melbourne building?
 - (2) Relocate to a venue with facilities for Youth
 - (3) Stay as we are
 - (4) Amalgamate with other Clubs either on a social basis or other common goal
 - (5) Ask other Greek Clubs to join with us in a cultural joint community project
 - (6) Or _ _ _ _ _ ??? Your ideas

As you and your family have been a part of our Clubs 62 year history you must feel part of its existence and future.

Tell your Cassie friends to come with you and voice your opinion on our future.

This is not an election year
Your attendance is VITAL

Late notice

Our Treasure Miss Zefi Bisas will tender her resignation at the annual general meeting, so nominations for this position will be accepted by the secretary on or before the meeting of the 30th August.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are now due \$5.00 per person - so please fill in and return the form at the end of this Newsletter.

GALA BALL

The recent Ball held at *Meteora Receptions* on Saturday 25th July was a social success, nearly 200 guests attended and they enjoyed the food, music and dancing. Guest of Honour Deputy Consul General *Mrs Trianta Fillou* in her speech praised the Castellorizians for their continuing efforts to maintain their heritage.

Your Board of Directors has responded to an appeal from Castellorizo to help send a young Castellorizian suffering from "Lymphona" to England for treatment \$A200.00 was donated to this worthwhile appeal.

A copy of a letter received from the Mayor of Castellorizo re the ownership of houses on the island is included in this letter for your information.

Notice of motions to be presented at the Annual General Meeting are

- (1) By Mr. George Verginis - that the directors relocate present premises to a suitable property which can provide facilities to attract the younger members of the Castellorizian families and also explore the possibilities of the Society to co-operate with other Greek communities who have the same cultural and social objectives with a view to obtaining more suitable premises.
 - (2) By Mrs. Christina Pavlou - that the fees as stated in constitution be reviewed and set by the Executive Committee at the sum of \$10.00 per year 1987 - 1988 for members.
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The Board of Directors have co-opted to the Board Mr. George Verginis, as two members are at present on holidays - Mr. Nick Patiniotis (Greece) and Mr. Con Adgemis (Queensland). We thank George for his acceptance of this position.

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Greek Welfare Society will be held at 8 Corsair Street, Richmond on Thursday 10th September, 1987. This is the fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Society and the ***Right Hon. R.J. Hawke*** Prime Minister of Australia will be Guest Speaker. All welcome to this open Public Meeting. Members of our Society who are Office Bearers are -

President: Mr. Jack Bisas
Chairman: Dr. Spiro Moraitis
Vice President: Mr. Stan Piperglou
Don't forget Thursday 10th September, 1987 7.30p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Memorial Service for late Con Zombos (12 months) will be held on the 13th September, at St. Efstathios, South Melbourne.

BIRTH

Congratulations to Paul and Kathy Velissaris on the birth of their 1st child - a baby *girl* (*Melanie*) on the 18th June, 1987. Kathy is the daughter of our President Mr. Steve Zombos and wife Nellie who now have three grandchildren.

OFF OVERSEAS

Luke Lucas on a 3 month extended holiday to visit relations in America and on to Europe.

In Melbourne

From Perth West Australia Mr. Marcus Michael.

Back from overseas after an extended trip Cynthia L. Koutsoukis.

Off Overseas

To continue their holiday Mr. Paul and Peggy Zervos.

BIRTH

To Mark and Despo Joshephidis - a daughter at St. Andrews Hospital. Mark is the youngest son of Forde and Roza Josephidis and grandson of Mrs. Maria Karpoozes 3rd grandchild for Forde and Roza.

BAPTISM

John and Maria Argyropoulos baptised their son (*Daniel*) at Ayios Athanasios Church, Springvale on Sunday 26th July, 1987. Maria is the daughter of Elaine Platis and granddaughter of Nina and Michael Kiosoglos. A party to celebrate the Baptism was held at the home of Mrs. Elaine Platis. God father - Maria's brother Nick Platis.

21st BIRTHDAY

On Saturday 10th August Helene Fronitsas celebrated her 21st Birthday. Helene is the daughter of Kerasia and the late John Fronitsas, and granddaughter of Helene Lazarkis. We wish her all the best for her 21st.

GET WELL

To Mrs. Despo Zombos at Alfred Hospital.
Home after a stay in hospital Mr. Mick C. Mangos.

"ODD SPOT" - with apologies to the AGE

During recent trips by members to Darwin, Perth, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide etc. we are always met with the story that Melbourne has the *worst weather* in Australia "The Bureau of Statistics" have released the following information. We pass this on to our interested friends.

Rainfalls of Main Australian Towns - Year ending 1986

Sydney	1219	millimetres
Perth	882	" "
Darwin	1535	" "
Brisbane	1152	" "
Melbourne	659	millimetres

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. Michael Barbayannis on his graduation as a first Lieutenant in the Reserve Army on 26th June, 1987.

VALE

On 9th August Michael K. Kisogolou (Kios) aged 88. Husband of Nina Kios (Koutsoukis) father of Jack, and Elaine (Platis). Funeral at St. Catherines Church, East Malvern and to Springvale Cemetery on Tuesday 11th August, 1987. The late Mr. M. Kiosoglou is survived by grandchildren (6) and great grandchildren (2).

MEMORIAL NOTICES

In Memory of the Late Mrs. Panagiota Zervos who died 22nd May, 1987

To the Castellorizian Society of Victoria

Mrs. Maria Karpoozes \$10.00 Mrs. Chrisanthi Christopher \$15. 00
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Christopher \$10. 00 Mr. & Mrs. C.H. Miriklis \$15.00

To The Castellorizian Society

In Memory of the late Mrs. Vayani Simonides, Sydney.

Mrs. Christulla Kanis \$20. 00

To The Society for the Care of the Elderly

In Memory of the late Panagiota Zervos

Mrs. Maria Catacousinos \$20. 00 Mr. & Mrs. M. Christopher \$10. 00
Mrs. A. Hondros & family \$20. 00 Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Salvaris \$10. 00

In Memory of the late Theodora Kalafatis

Mrs. A. Hondros & family \$20. 00

In Memory of the late John Christopher

Mrs. A. Hondros & family \$20. 00

The correct spelling of the name Mr. & Mrs. C.G. Loukas to Mr. & Mrs. G.V. Lucas - from our June Newsletter.

Apology - in memory of P. Zervos. Mr. and Mrs K. N. Miriklis not C. N. Miriklis from our June Newsletter. We apologise for any embarrassment to the family concerned.

MEMORIAL

In Memory for the late Kominos Papapetrou U.S.A.
to the Castellorizian Society

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Kominos \$50. 00 Mrs. Despo Zombos \$10. 00

CONGRATULATIONS

To Savas J.M. Miriklis son of Jack and Katina Miriklis on his admission to the Bar. Congratulations to Savas and parents Jack and Katina.

To Katina and Envangelos M. Miriklis on their sons Bachelor of Commerce.

ATHANASIOS KARABATSAS MUSIC AWARDS 1987

As an ongoing tribute to the late **Athanasios Karabatsas** these prestigious awards have been established for furthering the study of classical music.

Mr. Karabatsas combined his concern and love for the Community, the Welfare of Children, and his interests in the Arts, especially Music, to enrich the lives of many people. The *Awards* are for students and graduates of Greek extraction to assist with further studies in the Classical Music field. These awards were founded a few years ago by the Karabatsas family and are administered by a group of highly qualified people in the classical music field.

All awards are to take the form of *Scholarships* to be used by the winners.

1. In a private tuition or at a University College or School.
2. For the furtherance of study or for the procurement of materials associated with such studies.

This years senior scholarship award in the Senior section was won by **Mrs. Pauline Bisas**. Pauline is currently training her voice for the Opera with Dame Joan Hammond at the Victoria College of the Arts. Pauline is the wife of James B. Bisas. Her future ambition is to become a professional opera singer and to travel overseas to further her experience. Pauline is a High School teacher by profession.

A Prize Winners Concert will be held on
Saturday 29th August, 1987 at 8.0p.m.
at Melba Hall, Melbourne University.

All Prize Winners both vocal and instrumental will perform - Miss. Betty Exindaris is a Committee Member and will be hosting the Nights Concert.

2nd ORAL HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

I will be presenting a paper at the above Symposium to be held on 30th September at the Phillip Institute. If any Members wish to take part please contact me no later than 12th September, 1987 - **Jack Bisas**.

The Department of Community Studies at Phillip Institute of Technology together with the Victorian Affairs Commission are organising the second Oral History Symposium centering around the theme:

"The pre-World War 11 Greek Communities and Organisations in Melbourne"

The Symposium is to take place on Wednesday 30th September at the Library Seminar Room, Coburg Campus, from 9.0a.m. to 7.30p.m.

Taking part in the Symposium will be prominent individuals who served the Greek community at large during the pre-war 11 period; that is, before the mass migration of the post-war years. The life and actions of the following Communities and Organisations will be elicited throughout the proceedings:

1. Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria. est. 1897
2. Panhellenic Club "ORPHEUS" est. 1916 (1919)
3. Ithacan Philanthropic Society "THE ULYSSES" est. 1916
4. Kastellorizian Society of Victoria est. 1925
5. Cyprian Brotherhood "Zenon" est. 1931

6. Greek "Democritus" League est. 1931 (1935)
7. APOLLON Club est. 1933
8. Hellenic Soccer Club est. 1937
9. OLYMPIC Club est. 1942

The key-note speaker will be the historian Dr. M. Tsounis who has been a prolific writer and researcher regarding the history of the Greeks in Australia.

Convenor of the Symposium is Mr. A. Sophocleous, Lecturer of Modern Greek Studies at Phillip Institute.

The main aim of the Symposium is the presentation and elicitation of various perspectives of life in the pre-war period in Melbourne, as seen through the eyes of Greek people actually living in those days. During the Symposium there will be a display of relevant materials (books, newspapers, pamphlets, photographs etc.)

The Symposium is open to the general public. Those who would like to take part are advised to register their application as soon as possible.

The closing date is **25th September**. Application forms are available from the Secretary of the Symposium Mrs. Jeanette Tsagalidis. Tel: 353 9363.

Letter from the Mayor of Kastellorizo
Ref: Ownership of houses on the island
21-5-87.

The Mayor of Kastellorizo has sent a circular letter dealing with the ownership of Houses on the Island. Mr. Hondros expresses his concern that many houses on the island are in such a state of disrepair that they are "in a dangerous state of near collapse." He appeals to the owners of houses to support him in the restoration of unoccupied dwellings and the preservation of their architectural and commercial value, by authorising the City Council (a) to repair the houses. (b) to manage their renting and retain the rent until the cost of repairs is paid off. (c) to have the right to sublet the houses to companies or individuals. He guarantees that ownership will remain unchanged and that owners will have the right to live in the house for a stipulated length of time each year. For further enquiries write -

Mr. M. Hondros
 Mayor of Megisti
 City Council
 Megisti, Greece.

MICHAEL G. KAILIS

Michael is a life Member of our Victorian Society and we thank the West Australian Tourist Bureau for permission to print the following article. Michael is the son of the late George and Lemonia Kailis of Perth, Western Australia.

Western Australian born **Michael Kailis** pioneered a new method of pearl culture in Broome. His name is also synonymous with the lobster and prawn industry and his ship building yards are the largest builders of deep sea multi-purpose fishing trawlers in the world.

The pearling industry in Broome was established at the turn of the century by Europeans and Orientals. In 1925, Broome had 400 pearling luggers and 80% of the world's mother-of-pearl shells

were produced in Broome. The pearling industry was virtually closed down during the war years and plastic eventually replaced the use of mother-of-pearl buttons.

Kailis looked at pearling during the 1973 oil crisis. "The company realised we should get into something that didn't require fuel." A system evolved to farm the shells on the ocean floor. The aquaculture, located at depths of 50 to 60 feet, is relatively unaffected by cyclones. The 50,000 plus shells are first acclimatized after they are moved to the area off Broome. A seed is then carefully implanted in each of the shells during a delicate operation from which a pearl eventually forms.

The shells must be brought up and cleaned every three months. A round pearl takes about three years to mature. "Interestingly enough," says **Kailis**, "natural pearls, developed by an accident of nature, are found on a ratio of about one to ten thousand shells and have little value".

"Our pearling methods are uniquely Western Australian but we have been willing to share the technology. Technicians from several countries have come to study our system." **Kailis** believes the pearling industry offers excitement and challenge. "We're looking at developing cultured pearls in other forms such as hearts, droplets, crosses and all sorts of other things."

Kailis started his multi-million dollar business enterprise in Exmouth where he established a successful prawning and fishing industry. In fact, a major contribution to the industry was his development of methodology increasing the amount of meat recovered from rock lobster tails by 35 to 40 per cent.

It seemed a natural adjunct for **Kailis** to design a boat that would maximise the fishing potential and minimise the number of crew. The boat he designed is the now well-known "K" class fishing boat.

"The industry," he says, "has shown great potential. We have shown the way with the export of our prawn trawlers to India, Indonesia, Burma and Nigeria and we are joint venture partners in shipbuilding in Madras, India, providing an exchange of technology."

A favourite pastime is game fishing at Exmouth where **Kailis** pioneered and developed the prawn fishing industry and established a fishing community including schools, medical facilities, housing and a processing factory at Exmouth Gulf.

Asked about his favourite Western Australian gifts, this entrepreneur says "pearls for women or rock lobsters for men. We have the finest rock lobster in the world and I recommend it to all overseas visitors."

SUBSCRIPTION for 1987/88 NOW DUE.

\$5.00 per person

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