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The Castellorizian Newsletter No 57 gives details of the A.G.M. held on 2nd October at which a new Board of Directors were elected and a report from the 1st Meeting held by your new Board. We held over Part II of the Pino Liveris story to our next edition because of lack of space: We print a short article from the Emerald Hill Times.

The Society is indeed fortunate that a Board of Directors of this calibre has been elected for the next two years to take over at a time when our Society was once again facing the real threat of dissolution. I as President welcome one and all to the Board and I am sure that as a team we will do our utmost to return a sense of direction to the Society.

Jack Bisas President

The new Board of Directors elected on 2nd October, 1988 numbered 12, our Articles of Association place a number of 7 that are eligible to form a Board. However, at our first Board meeting a motion was passed to co-op the extra 5 on to the Board. A motion was also passed, that all names deleted from our mailing list by the last Board of Directors be returned to the list in keeping with the motion passed at our A.G.M. in 1983: If you have not been receiving your Newsletter or if you know of any member whose name is not on the list please contact any member of the Board with your subscription - \$5.00 per person. The Board has also decided to commence repainting the interior and exterior of the building, and generally return the building to a first class condition.

BIRTHS

To John Stabelos (Sydney) a son Antoni, second child and second grandchild for Antoni, Roza Stabelos on 20/8/88.

To Dr. Euanne & Dr Richard Ranger, a girl - sister for Xanthe and Andrew, 7th grandchild for Dr Andrew & Chrissie Varigos and another great grandchild for Mrs. Maria Karpoozes.

WEDDING

In Melbourne for the Bisas-Hendrickson wedding Mrs. Nina Cotis, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Peters, and Mr. & Mrs. Jack Peters all from Sydney, and attending the wedding from Perth, W.A. Mr. Manoli Lucas.

BAPTISM

In Melbourne for the Christofas christening Mrs. K. Moraiti from Sydney: sister of Mrs. J. Mangos.

ENGAGEMENT

Michael C. Mangos to Mary Tsocas; Michael is the son of Dorothy & Con Mangos and grandson of Mrs. J. Mangos, a family party was held to celebrate the event.

In Melbourne to visit his sister Mrs. Nina Kios, Dr. Theo & Florence Constance from Sydney.

CASTELLORIZIAN COSTUME

My mother, Christina Verginis (nee Zombos), expressed the wish to donate her full traditional costume from her native Kastellorizo, to the National Gallery of Victoria, as a gesture of Australia's Bi-centenary and to give Victoria and future generations a tangible gift representing her past heritage and to allow future generations to share her past.

The Gallery has asked for a brief history of the island of Kastellorizo, the costume and a little about its present owner.

This costume is the only Greek costume on display at the National Gallery.

(Mrs) Mary Maniotis

Recently, George's mother, Mrs. Christina Verginis, presented to the National Gallery of Victoria, a full bridal outfit from her native Kastellorizo, as a gesture to Australia's Bi-centenary, and a gift to Victoria, in appreciation of the many fulfilling years she has lived in Australia.

To make such a donation to the National Gallery, quite a lot of preliminary work needs to be done. Representatives of the Gallery interview the donor, scrutinise the proposed gift and make quite detailed investigations into its authenticity, state of repair, worthiness as an example of what it represents, its general interest to the public, etc. When all this criteria has been satisfied, the Gallery presents the material to the Gallery Trustees, who carry out their own assessment and make a recommendation whether to accept the gift.

Today, with advanced forms of communication, i.e. fax machines, teleprinting and the like, investigations are very quickly made. In this case, it was interesting that as soon as the initial contact was made with the Gallery, they contacted their sources overseas (in this case the major museums in Athens) to categorise and assess the gift. The Gallery staff came back to Mrs. Verginis within days and were able to tell her a great deal about this particular costume. George's sister, Mary, who was dealing with the Gallery for her mother, had a lot of trouble explaining to the elderly Mrs. Verginis, how through telephone/pictures (fax), the Gallery had been in contact with Athens and had much details of the history of the costume, and could describe it so well.

GET WELL

Mrs. Nina Mangos - after a stay in hospital.

Mr. Con J. Mangos - in Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Mr. George Malaxos - after a stay in hospital.

Mr. Herb Kyriakos would like to thank all those who rang, visited and sent good wishes during his recent illness.

Mr. Kyriakos has donated \$50.00 to the Castellorizian Association.

We thank him and wish him a full recovery.

We congratulate Mrs. Atzemis-James on her traditional Greek Lace and Embroidery Exhibition at the recent "Australian Communities Exhibition" held at The Powerhouse Australia's largest museum and newest landmark at the Darling Harbour development, Sydney.

Maria was born in Castellorizo in 1928 and her father arrived in Australia when she was 14 years of age. The craft that she was demonstrating at the Exhibition had been passed from generation to generation, Maria first learnt it from her mother and she has continued to develop her decorating skills in Australia. Mrs. James is the mother of Mrs. Diane Spartels of Melbourne.

MELBOURNE MARATHON 9/10/88

The following entrants completed the Marathon

1. Roslyn (Michael) Zervos
2. Michael Zervos
3. Michael Con Mangos
4. Harley Moraitis
5. Dr. Spiro Moraitis

Roslyn (Michael) Zervos is the first Castellorizian female to finish the course (and only the 3rd Greek female to complete the Melbourne Marathon), we congratulate all the competitors and in particular Roslyn, quite an achievement.

(We are indebted to Dr. Spiro for the above information).

SPORTS STAR 1988

We congratulate **Grant Brady** age 9. Grant has been selected in the Victorian Team to compete in the Australian Diving Championships in Brisbane; he is the youngest diver ever to be chosen in Victorian teams. His best performance for 1988 was a 3rd in the under 11 boys championship. He is trained by his aunt Diane Jackomas a former Australian and International champion.

A Memorial service for the late Luke Lucas was held at St. Raphaels' Church on October 9th, 1988. From Sydney for the Service Mr. Peter Lucas, Mrs. Helen Gregory and Mrs. Rose Shepherd.

We print a short article from the Emerald Hill Sandridge and St. Kilda Times the title is

"FOOTY FANS CONNOISSEURS, PATRIOTS"

by Mary-Anne Toy

In the 1920s, Carlton resident Albert Sam fancied Harley Davidsons, Rolls Royces and the 'fast life'. His brother Jim was one of the first to enlist when Australia entered World War I. Their father, George Sam, was a Chinese migrant. In 1911, when the boys were still young, George had his 45cm long queue (plait) cut off. His wife, Scottish midwife Annie Bennett, did the honours. It was 1911 and news had come to Melbourne of the fall of the hated Manchu dynasty. The queue was a symbol of servitude imposed by the Manchus when they took power in China. The Sams, successful market garden wholesalers, were not your average migrant family. But, according to the State Library's guest curator and historian Morag Loh, there are no typical migrants.

Ms. Loh is compiling a special photographic archive - "**Building a Country - The Migrant Experience**" - and has been researching the history of five migrant groups (the Chinese, Lebanese, Greek, Italian and Vietnamese) to plug gaps in the library's collection.

The migrant contribution to Australia has been lost, buried and forgotten in a welter of recent stereotypes, she says.

Victoria's migrants were not farmers and factory workers, they were also captains of industry, football fanatics, connoisseurs and patriotic soldiers, she says.

For more than 40 years, from the 1920s to 1960s, a Greek cafe in Bridge Road was a favourite meeting place for the Richmond Football Club.

"**Kanis's Cafe**" and its affable Greek owner **Mick Kanis**, was where coaches would deliver their pep talks and celebrate or commiserate after Saturday's game.

Mick Kanis even toured with the team. One of the archive pictures shows a smiling Mr. Kanis in the midst of the team, with a young Jack Dyer in the front row.

It was the Greek community, known more for souvlaki these days, that was partially responsible for educating Melbourne diners beyond the "chop and three veg" level, Ms. Loh said.

The father of well-known teacher of Greek dancing, **Nina Black**, ran the successful "**Paris Residential Cafe**" in the heart of what is today the City Square.

In one picture, the four-storey building is shown decked out in ribbons and banners for the welcome home parade after World War I ended.

"There is no question that **Greeks** made a very significant contribution to restaurant life and ran many of the city's classy restaurants," Ms. Loh said. "They came cultured and were enterprising."

The Lebanese were some of the earliest "ragtraders", said Ms. Loh. They came out in the 1880s and became hawkers, selling rags and clothing from their horse drawn carts and later they branched out into industry and became clothing manufacturers.

Latoof and Callil from the 1880s to 1982 were one of Victoria's biggest manufacturers and employers with six factories across Victoria.

Ms. Loh, a freelance historian of Scottish descent, has written several books on migration history and pioneered the use of oral history to document the experience of migrants.

The photograph archive project is funded by the Bicentennial Authority and photographs of the past and present have been lent by the public to be copied. Contemporary photographers have also been commissioned to add to the collection, part of which will tour in June 1989,

Ms. Loh wants anyone of migrant descent who has pictures of everyday life to contact her on 6699928.

XMAS DAY FAMILY PICNIC

The Annual **XMAS TREE** and **PICNIC** will be held at the Doncaster Municipal Gardens on the corner of George Street and the Boulevard, Doncaster. Melway Map 33 - F10.

Sunday December 4th, 11.0a.m.

B.Y.O. Food and Drink
Barbecue facilities available

Santa Claus arrives at **Lunch time**

Races, Games Fun for all!!!

Presents for children 10 years of age and under

Please fill in and return to Xmas Tree Box 112, South Melbourne, 3205.
no later than **18th November, 1988**



We will be attending the Xmas Tree

NAME.....

Number of children 10 years and under

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Please mail before 18th November, 1988.