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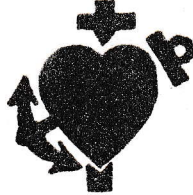
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Castellorizian Newsletter No. 58 is the final Newsletter for 1988.
We print Part 2 of the Pino Livery story and a report from the Board of Directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

On behalf of the Board of Management of our Society I would like to extend to all Members, families and friends a Happy, safe and healthy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Our Society in 1989 will be entering its 64th year of continuous service to its members and to celebrate the birthday we will be holding a **Cocktail Party on February 5th, 1989.** The Society has appointed Mr. Jim Paltos of Machin Shephard Paltos to act as agent for the building. We have finalised all back rentals and the tenant is now up to date with all his payments.

FUNCTIONS for 1989

A Cocktail Party to celebrate our 64th birthday will be held at Manhattan Receptions on February 5th, 1989. Invitations will be posted to all Members with the time and further details. Any enquiries please contact - Mrs. Anna Adgemis Tel: 848 4447; Mrs. Maria Katris 584 5559 or Mrs. Dianna Spartels 596 1787.

Our **Annual Picnic** will be held on **Sunday February 26th.**

On **Sunday March 19th** at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Mastores we will be holding a Fashion Parade for both male and female fashions.

TENNIS NIGHT

Any persons interested in playing night Tennis are welcome to ring Mrs. Maria Katris Tel: 584 5559.

CO-OPTED MEMBER

We welcome Chrissie Alexion as a co-opted Board Members, I am sure she will be a valuable addition to our Team.

Our St. Constantine and Helens Day will be held on Sunday 21st May, 89.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY PICNIC

A very successful and enjoyable Picnic was held at the Doncaster Botanical Gardens on Sunday December 4th. The Society provided 71 presents for the children, approx. 180 to 200 (including children) enjoyed a very pleasant day. Special thanks to those hard working Committee members and in particular George Verginis.

WELFARE

Your Board of Directors are seeking persons interested in acting as Honorary Welfare Officers to visit the sick in hospitals and Elderly Citizens Homes, those living alone, and any member who is in need. The Board has allotted funds to cover cost of travel and the purchase of whatever may be required to brighten the lives of our Members.

All details can be obtained from Jack Bisas Tel. 25 6233.

We thank the Board of Directors of N.S.W. and the President Mr. Mick Malaxos for their letter of congratulations on the recent election of the Victorian Board of Directors.

We congratulate Mr. Jacob Fronitsas on his recent election as President of the Society for the Care of the Elderly Pronia Homes and wish him and his Board continued success and an early completion of the new Nursing Home at Springs Road, Clayton.

21st BIRTHDAY

On the 17th December, 1988 Angela Mangos will celebrate her 21st birthday. Angela is the daughter of Con and Dorothy Mangos. The Reception will be held at the Francis Hotel. From overseas for the celebration her brother Chanel 9 Chief American correspondent John C. Mangos.

In Perth for the marriage of her goddaughter Julie Loucas, Mrs. Nina Mangos.

In Sydney Jack and Maria Miriklis.

Off to Sydney to join the Castellorizian Choiristers for their New Year's Eve visits to Members homes Mrs. Dianne Spartalis with daughter Alexandra.

THIS MONTHS THOUGHTS

Are you an **Active** Member, the kind that would be missed?

Or are you just contented that your name is just on the list.

Do you attend the Meetings and mingle with the flock?

Or do you stay away and criticize and knock.

Do you take an active part to help the work along?

Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs.

(Author unknown)

STATE DINNER

A State Dinner to welcome the President of Greece to Victoria was given by the Governor and Mrs. McCaughey on Thursday 24th November, 1988 at Government House, it was gratifying to see so many Members of our Society present. At the State Dinner amongst the guests were Mr. & Mrs. John B. Salvaris, Mr. & Mrs. Nick Adgemis, Dr. Spiko and Mrs. Moraitis, Mr. George & Mrs. Papadopolous, Mr. Jacob Fronitsas and Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bisas.

At the welcome given to the President and Mrs. Christos Sartzetakis by the Greek Consulate of Victoria held at the Pan Arcadian Club rooms, Members present were Mr. & Mrs. Michael Spartels, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Pavlou, Mr. Theo Conos, Mr. & Mrs. John B. Salvaris, Mr. Jack Bisas and Mr. & Mrs. Sakellaropoulos.

While in Melbourne the President His Excellency Mr. Christos Sartzetakis officially opened an Exhibition at the Melbourne Museum "**Ancient Macedonia**" the Exhibition is the biggest and most controversial exhibition of antiquities to visit Australia from Greece.

DONATION

The Greek Elderly Citizens Club of South Melbourne who meet at our Club Rooms every Wednesday have made a donation of \$400.00 towards the purchase of a new commercial refrigeration for our Club Rooms, we thank them for their donation.

In Melbourne, from Perth Mr. Jack Kyris to visit his brother Herb Kyriakos and wife Maria, sister Maria and Tom Adgemis, brother Michael and Nina Kyriakos and sisters Eyelyn (Karis) and Eva (Hondros) brother Herb is recovering from a major operation.

VALE

Mrs. Nina Kios passed away on November 9th, 1988. Mother of Jack and Elaine (Platis), mother-in-law of Georgia, wife of Michael (Kiosoglou) dec., sister of Mary Jordan (Darwin), Con and Theo (Sydney). 6 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren. Funeral at St. Catherines Church and then on to Springvale Cemetery.

In Memory of Mrs. Kios (Kiosoglou) the following have donated to the Castellorizian Society of Victoria.

Mr. Theo Comos \$35.00; Mr. & Mrs. Aleck Bisas \$20.00;
Mrs. Vayani Bisas \$10.00; Mr. & Mrs. Pino Livery \$15.00;
Mr. & Mrs. Zographou \$20.00; Mr. & Mrs. D. Pavlou \$10.00;
Mr. & Mrs. K. Kominos \$15.00.

In Memory of the late Mr. V. Gekas - Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Konstantinidis have donated \$10.00 to our Society.

In Memory of the late Mr. Chris Alexander - Mr. & Mrs. K. Kominos \$20.00; Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Konstantinidis \$10.00

VALE

On November 9th, 1988 in Austria as a result of an accident Harry (Charlie) Charallam only son of Stella (Jackomas) and George - aged 31 years, grandson of Andrew and Asimina Jackomas. Funeral at North Altona Lawn Cemetery on November 22nd, 1988.

We congratulate **Kominos Zervos** on his recent grant from the Literature Board of Australia of \$25,000 to enable him to continue his Poetry writings and readings.

IN MELBOURNE

For the Jasonides-Sofianos wedding from Perth, W.A. John T. Kannis. Gary V. Spartalis. Peter is a financial member of our Society and a converted Castellorizian.

GET WELL

Forde Joshephidis in Epworth Hospital.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. of the Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria was held at the Collingwood Town Hall on Sunday 27th November. A New Committee was elected and we congratulate Dr. D. Ktenas, and his Team on their election included in his Team are two of our Members Mr. Nick Zervos and Mr. George F. Josephidis. Past President was Mr. Sam Papasauas.

We congratulate **Kristina Scotis** who is the State's best female discus thrower aged 12 - 13. Kristina is the daughter of Lucky and Cynthia Scotis and granddaughter of Nick and Nina Zographou: Kristina Scotis aged 12 was the State discus thrower for girls at the recent championships. Kristina is a student at Boroodara School.

From the Castellorizian News - N.S.W. Newsletter

"Compatriots Wherever You Are"

Dear Compatriot from whichever state or part of Australia, I am sure that many times you felt like visiting a relative in Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Perth Darwin or Brisbane.

The opportunity now arises to meet with relatives or friends from other states of Australia or other parts of the world on your native island.

next year all roads from Canada, Australia, America, Brazil, Egypt or wherever you lived or migrated from will lead you to your native island.

It is an opportunity for your dream to come true. I suppose you heard how successful our 1985 trip was...

The Board of Directors of the Castellorizian Club have given me the opportunity to organise a second pilgrimage to our Island. Write to relatives wherever they are and ask them to meet you there.

Forget your age, don't say I can't, ask those who came on our first trip and if you decide get in touch with our Brotherhood or write to me in Sydney.

Perry Kailis

We print PART 2

of a true story of one of our members - Able Seaman AA3 P.G. Livery while he was a crew member of H.M.A.S. Canberra in the 1939-45 war.

"The Years that were Wasted" by P. Lee Verrachi.

For the next two weeks we were heading north east, and during your break from cruising station when you came up top for a breath of fresh air, one could see the ships and the transports were carrying out manoeuvres and at one stage, they made a mock landing troops and all on a lonely Island, which lasted for many days. All these exercises acted by dummy aircraft raids were going on day and night as we were slowly heading for our objective the Solomon Islands, known as operation "Watch Tower."

Somehow you could smell it, that action was not too far away, everyone was all tied up for it and when action stations were ordered consistently one could sense it was close.

And also everyone was starting to feel edgy, cause for the last week prior to action, Action stations was strictly adhered to. Just imagine yourself all closed up in a small room; the only time you were allowed up into fresh air was for ten minutes about every 4 hours and then you had to make it to the toilets also; the meals were mostly hard boiled eggs and tea and coffee, yes it was take it or leave it; if you didn't eat it, the others would eat it for you; and as for uniform or dress, a pair of shorts, and a life jacket (mae west); yes no matter what you wore you must wear that life jacket at all times. It often came in handy as a pillow, when blown up, as well, because down in the room there was very little to do, but to sleep, tell yearns, sing some old favourites like Road to Gundagai. If you were the Only Girl in the World, Chatanooga Choochoo, Isle of Capri, You are my Sunshine, and other hit parade songs of the time. But the main discussions always turned to who was the best actress of the time or should I say who was the best sort.

You had Betty Gable, Ann Sheridan, Alice Faye, Loretta Young, Rita Hayworth, Alexis Smith and others to choose from.

And believe me by the time we were in action you knew the anatomy of everyone of the above plus a few more. And to cap it off there was a poster 18" x 18" in dimension of Betty Grable stuck on the wall in the room and from this we were given physiology lessons by the owner of the poster at regular intervals.

I found it was better to listen to his lecture, than listen to some of the filthy yarns that were floating around and anyway, they were always repeats, and then I often used to wonder how the hell it is possible for a greek to end up here. You know when you think back now to that time, it makes me shudder but that's fate. (to be Cont'd)