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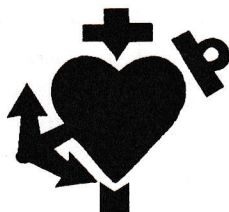
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Newsletter gives details of our Annual General Meeting at which your Board will present the new Constitution for our Society. This is not an election year however under the new Constitution your Board will be increased to 12.

Details of our next **Pokies Trip** and an article with the permission of the New Generation page of Neos Kosmas on what has happened to G.O.Y.A. and a story on Spiros Galatis.

Have you sent your Annual Subscription - it is NOW DUE

CANCELLATION

Because of lack of interest the Snow trip to Lake Mountain Sunday August 25th has been cancelled.

CONSTITUTION

All financial Members will by now have received their copy of our proposed New Constitution, any Member who has not please contact our Secretary Christine Pavlou 598 2925

This Constitution will be the main item on our Agenda on **September 22nd, 1991** the day of our Annual General Meeting. Don't forget to send in your comments please.

POKIES BUS TRIP

October 6th, 1991 bus leaves Cassie Club at 7.30a.m. returning at 7.30p.m. Cost will be \$15.00 including lunch.

No monies will be collected on bus and no seats will be kept unless booked and paid for by October 1st, 1991.

So book early and avoid the disappointment of getting a seat: **To New Sportsmen Club - Moama**

Ticket Secretaries: Dianne Spartels Tel:596 1787
Eva Lucas Tel:654 3866
Christine Dimer Tel:592 9450

BIRTHS

To George & Jenny Voyage a boy at Cabrini Hospital "Nicholas Donald George", a brother for Anthony & Katherine and 5th grandchild for Mrs. Katina Voyage.

To Evelyn & Bevan Johnson a son Andrew -Michael, 1st child for Evelyn and Bevan and 1st grandchild for Mary & Pino Livery.

BAPTISM

At Ayios Athanasios Church Springvale on July 13th. Michael & Kathy Kios baptised their son (Jake) godmother was Ourania Miltos. At the same ceremony Nina & Con Saris baptised their son (Stephen-Jacob) godmother Kathy Saris, Jake & Stephen are the grandsons of Jack & Georgia Kios and Peter & Mary Saris. Reception at the Dandenong Community Centre.

WEDDING

In Townsville at St. Ayios Theodoros Church Samantha Liaros married Mark Boyiatzis. Mark is the son of Angela & Michael Boyiatzis. Reception at International Hotel Townsville. From Melbourne for the wedding Mrs. Christulla Bisas, Jack & Katina M. Miriklis with grand children Kyriakos & Paul Plafadellis, Savas J. Miriklis, Terry & Sylvia Bisas, with children Nick, Jack, Krystal and Daphne.

On Sunday October 6th Michael Platis will marry Elizabeth Gazeas at St. Haralambos Church, Templestowe. Reception at Villa Borghese Kilsyth. Michael is the son of Elaine and the Late Spiro Platis and Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. Gazeas.

GET WELL

Tom & Mary Adgemis would like to thank all well wishes - family and friends for their kind thoughts during Tom's recent hospitalisation and illness.

Paul Zervos in Rhodes on the sick list. Mrs. P. Zervos with sons Nick & Kevin off to Rhodes - Castellorizo to be with her husband. We wish Paul a speedy recovery and safe return.

In Sydney to be with her mother after her recent operation Tina & Jim Pavlou who report that her mother Mrs. Nina Cotis is on the mend.

In Mercy Hospital Mrs. Evangelia J. Mangos.

Home after a Holiday in Cairns Herb & Maria Kyriakos & Peter & Juana Kanis.

In Melbourne to attend an Ethnic Affair Meeting Michael George Kailis. Michael is a life member of our Victorian Castellorian Society.

Off overseas George & Melody Papadopoulos will visit America, Europe, Ithaca and Castellorizo.

NEW AGENT

We congratulate Jim S. Paltos on his new business venture "Lord and Paltos" first National Pty. Ltd. in Murrumbidgee. Jim has been in real estate for 23 years.

NEW BOOK

Steve Malaxos former captain of West Coast Eagles has launched a book "Inside The Eagles The Untold Story". The book outlines the history of the Club and the foreword is by former captain Ross Glendinning. The book is now available in Melbourne bookshops.

VALE

In Sydney on Friday July 12th Angelo J. Adgemis, husband of Rose, father of Despina, Dianne, (Eleni Dec.) son-in-law of Eleni Confos. Service at Greek Orthodox Church of St George - Rose Bay, and then to Botany Cemetery. The funeral was attended by family, relations and friends.

The following have donated to the Re-building Fund for Agios Nicholas Church on Castellorizo:-

Mr. & Mrs. A. Stabelos \$20 Mrs Maria Lolatgis \$20
Mr. & Mrs Steve Bisas \$20 Mr & Mrs Mangos (S.A) \$20
Mr. & Mrs. John Stabelos (N.S.W.) \$20

The following have donated to our Club in memory of the late Mr. A. Adgemis:-

Mr Steve Paltos \$10 Mr & Mrs. A. Bisas \$10
Mr & Mrs. Spiro Mangos \$20 Mrs M. Kailis \$20
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kyriakos \$20
Mr Angelo & Catina Miriklis \$20

Extract "from CLEO" August/September issue in an article by Jan Balodis with the title of "Turkish Delight"

The road to "Kas" is one of the most visually splendid coastal highways in the world. "Kas" in size and atmosphere is like the little harbour towns of the Greek Islands. Linger a while in "Kas" then take a boat trip to the nearby island of Kastellorizo (the Turkish name of the island is Meis) or to any of the smaller islands such as Veagiz where ruins of the cities are submerged under the waters of the Mediterranean!

We thank Cleo for permission to print the above extract.

CUP EVE DINNER DANCE

VENUE: International Receptions
81 Bay Street, Brighton

DATE: November 4th 7.0p.m. - 12p.m.

COST: \$40.00 per head - all inclusive

BAND: Omega

Bookings are now open - Ticket Secretaries

Dianne Spartels Tel: 596 1787
Betty Adgemis Tel: 857 4035
Christine Dimer Tel: 592 9450

Book early - Tickets available now

The following is an article printed in the New Generation Section of **Neos Kosmos re G.O.Y.A.** The new current President is a former member of our Youth Society and team member of the Cassie Football Club Noel Alfris.

"To The Editor"

"GOYA has been in existence for 27 years, and during that long period has provided a steady stream of social, cultural and sporting functions with continuing success. Your article in the New Generation Page, on the 29th July carried a number of comments which could be considered to be inaccurate.

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The club bought the building at 400 Sydney Road, Brunswick as a meeting place and alternative venue for

social functions. Currently, GOYA Committee meetings are held there every Monday, at 7.30p.m. and are open for GOYA members.

GOYA has been financially successful in recent years, and it is an irony that this success sowed the seed for its present difficulties. Some past committee members forgot they were essentially committee members of a voluntary youth organisation and not entrepreneurs. We now have the problem of owning two buildings of which one is under litigation to ownership, and the other has a large mortgage. In addition, tragically, some executive members of the committee could not resist the temptation of the monies that they were responsible for on behalf of the club and its members. Sadly it has resulted in the charge of theft being placed by the police against an ex-president of the club.

These problems resulted in a number of past GOYA committee members and presidents returning to the present committee to help the club and set it on a steady path once again. I can say that for the older Goyas, there are fond memories of their past involvement in the club, and a desire to secure its future for their children and grand children.

This concerned group and the committee, decided to take the unprecedented step of holding an extraordinary general meeting within the legal requirements of the GOYA constitution.

The meeting was arranged and duly held on the 10th June, where just over 60 GOYA members attended, just within the constitutions quorum requirements.

The meeting was turbulent and traumatic for many attending, but it did allow members to voice their anger and frustration. A number of positive resolutions were voted for, details of which can read in the next GOYA newsletter, out in two or three weeks. These included the endorsement of the extra members to the committee.

The present committee is putting democratic procedures in place for the future running of the committee, and sorting out the financial maze for the long term well being of the club.

The Annual General Meeting is in early October, and it is hoped that by then the club will be on a solid foundation, and continuing its role and activities in the Greek Community for our youth, a role which it has carried out in the past with excellence.

The present committee makes a plea to the Greek Community to help GOYA in its hour of need so that its future can be assured and it can provide the cultural, social, and sporting activities for which it is renowned.

The GOYA committee has organised a GOYA Forum for members and friends of the Club, to be held on Sunday, September 8th at 3p.m. at 400 Sydney Road, Brunswick. Afternoon Tea will be provided. The purpose of this forum is to activate interest in the club, to get to know the committee and to exchange ideas. The committee hopes that a good sized crowd will attend.

Noel Alfris
GOYA President"

We print the following letter from His Grace Bishop Dervis Iezekeil -

**"Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia"
St. Basils Homes for the Aged in Victoria"**

St. Basils Home is to be built in Lorne Street Fawkner. The hostel is to house 50 beds, building will commence at the end of this year at a cost of \$3,500,000. of this amount \$2,700,000. has been guaranteed by Government, the balance will have to be raised by the community the sum required would be \$800,000.

This letter asks all Associations for their help or assistance so that the building can be completed as soon as possible.

We suggest that perhaps a function could be organised by the Castellorizian Society and the proceeds to go towards the building fund or if we could assist in any other way to raise funds for this project.

All donations over \$2. are tax deductible. This letter is addressed to the President and Members of the Board of the Castellorizian Society.

All donations to St. Basils Building Fund
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Victoria
221 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne, 3205

This article is taken from Neos Kosmos July 8th, 1991

The article is dedicated to the **"Greeks of Richmond"**

We thank Neos Kosmos for permission to print this extract from the above article.

"Spiros Galatis 50 years in the same shop in Bridge Road, Richmond.

Spiro Galatis arrived in Australia in March, 1938 when he was approx. 20 years old. In his first 3 years he bought his own shop in Bridge Road, Richmond and now after 50 years is still in the same shop.

Spiro is quoted as saying "Even up to this day I believe that a person, for as long as he lives must be occupied with something, if I were to stop working I would become ill."

He came as a young man from Ithaca, the trip by boat "Esperance Bay" which took 40 days. His older brother Gerasimos had arrived previously in Australia in 1924.

Spiro liked Melbourne from the first time he saw it. It was so large and the people were likeable. For three years he worked with his brother who had a chocolate factory in Bay Street, Port Melbourne.

In 1939 his mother Mrs. Rodamanthi Galatis together with brother Vasili arrived in Melbourne.

Spiro together with brother Vasili combined to buy the shop in Richmond in 1941, the shop which still has the same name was "The Don Cafe".

They worked 7 days a week, Spiro remembers it as if it was today.

3 days after they bought the shop, 7th December, Japan declared war on Australia. People were very frightened particularly when the Japanese were sighted close to Sydney.

All that time Australians were not sympathetic towards foreigners so it was helpful to put up the Australian flag in the shop to show that we were on the side of the Allies. Business went very well after that, four to five years later Vasili got married and left to live in Adelaide where he still lives today:

Over the next few years things were tough their wasn't many jobs around. Those who had shops did very well because American Forces had arrived in Australia spending a lot of money.

Spiro had no problems getting on with his Australian friends and customers and in the 50 years he has been in business some of his best friends and customers are Australians. Today Spiro is 73 years old and he has never worried about tomorrow and he feels that this is the reason that he can still cope after 50 years.

When he first came to Richmond in December, 1941 it was like a country town with some dirt roads, horse and buggies. People could walk safely and freely in the streets, times have now changed.

I remember the horse troughs specially placed to water the horses, now its garages watering cars. Who would have thought in 1940 that we would have T.V. video, and that man would walk on the moon and we would be able to travel to Greece in 20 hours.

In the 40's their was only one Cinema in Richmond Hoyts Cinema in Bridge Road.

In the 60's we had our first Greek Cinema in Richmond. His biggest memory in those 50 years were the Olympic Games held in Melbourne in 1956. Because the stadium was in walking distance from Richmond he has a souvenir of a ticket to see the basket ball.

Never will he forget the Opening of the Olympic Games when the Greek flag came first on the big M.C.G. Ground he cried with emotion. Also the last day of the Games when all Nations celebrated together that's why the Games were called the Friendly Games.

He recollects that he was married practically in the shop. He met his wifes father who was a regular in his shop George Chrisohos who came from Castellorizo and that is how he came to meet his wife Eva Chrisohos. She worked in his shop for a year before they were married.

They have a daughter Dionisia (Denise). The Chrisohos family had lived in Richmond for many years, Evas mother and father were both from Castellorizo Triandafillia and George.

At the end of the interview Eva Chrisohos interrupted to say that now is the time to visit Greece Castellorizo and Ithaca.

We thank Marika Bisas for her translation of the above article from Neos Kosmos.

1991-92 Annual Subscriptions Now Due

Name

Address

Family/Single

\$15 Family \$10 Single

Cheques made payable to Castellorizian Association of Victoria, P.O. Box 112, South Melbourne, 3205.

The extreme importance of the A.G.M. is obvious and the Committee expects all financial members of the Association to attend.

If however for any reason a financial Member is unable to attend in person, provisions exist for that member to **record his/hers vote** in favour of or against the following resolutions:

(1) Approval of the adoption of the proposed statements of purposes and rules

(2) Election of Public Officer

In this instance two choices are available:-

(a) The proxy is authorised to vote for the candidate that has obtained the majority of the votes at the Meeting.

or (b) Any other person named provided the Member has satisfied himself that the candidate will accept the nomination.

(3) Authorise the Public Officer to incorporate the Association under the Associations incorporations Act 1981.

For this purpose forms of appointment of proxy and a pre-stamped envelope are included with this notice.

All proxies must be received by the last post of the **21/9/91** to facilitate the orderly transaction of the business.

The Committee recommends that you appoint as your proxy The President of the Castellorizian Association Mr. J. Bisas O.A.M. of 40 Scott Grove, Glen Iris 3146

Please fill in the form and post before or on the 19/9/91.

The Secretary.

Appendix 2

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I of

being a member of
(name of incorporated Association)

hereby appoint of

being a member of that Incorporated Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the General Meeting of the Association (Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, as the case may be) to be held on

the.....day of..... 19 and at any adjournment of that Meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against(delete as appropriate) the resolution (insert details).

(a) The statements of the proposed purposes and rules

(b) Elect a Public Officer

(1) The candidate that has obtained the majority of the votes at A.G.M.

or (2) Mr/Mrs/Ms.....

of.....

.....who has accepted my nomination.

(c) Authorise the Public Officer to incorporate the Association under the Associations incorporations Act 1981.

Signed

Theday of..... 19

To The Editor

Reference: Report of Sub-Committee Review of By-Laws.

Firstly, congratulation are in order to the Sub-Committee for their comprehensive and timely review of the by-laws of our Association. I fully agree with their conclusions and suggestions as to the future of our Association and submit the following comments for their personal and appropriate action.

1. The ethnic culture of our forebears must at all costs be preserved for eternity and it is indeed alarming that the second generation onwards, of those illustrious Castellorizians that settled in Australia are failing to participate in these ideals. As future generations continue to proliferate and assimilate into other cultures, so the danger of our ethnic origins being forgotten and lost forever increases.
2. I recommend that an appropriate form be forwarded to all financial members requesting their approval/non approval of the proposed action of the sub-committee. This way a documented record of what I am sure will be an overwhelming consensus of approval for the proposed review of our by-laws.
3. "Statement of purposes" para. 14 (c) needs classification, as no time limit is imposed on the three members forming the management of the proposed Trust; a time limit of 5 years would be appropriate. The incumbents of A and B are self explanatory, however the three positions of (c) should be **elected** by the Members, rather than be **selected**, as this would remove any suggestion of bias by the Committee. A supply valve should also operate whereby any incumbent could be relieved of duty subject to a majority of Members so indicating. This way any friction or descension which may occur would be obviated.
4. Rules of the Association page 6 (1): I would assume, there will not be too many "natural persons" born in Castellorizo in the foreseeable future, and perhaps residents of "Australia not necessarily "Victoria" should also be eligible for membership.
5. Obligations of Public Officer page 9 (4): Perhaps for such an important decision as (4) indicates, surely any such decision must be left to a general meeting to decide rather than the Public Officer, therefore after the word "Association" in para. 4 page 9 include the wording "in accordance with the decision of a general meeting."

In conclusion I once again heartily congratulate the review Committee on a difficult job well done, and fervently hope the Castellorizian Association will prosper and grow in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,

N. Gillavis