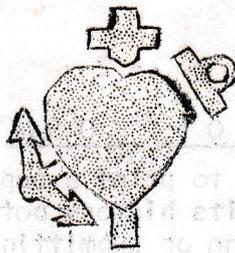


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This Newsletter No. 9 contains details of our Annual General Meeting, details of our next functions, the President's Report and, in place of our regular Profile feature, a discussion paper prepared by J.B. Salvaris on a brief history of Castellorizo and our start in Victoria. This is strictly a discussion paper and is just one more link in preparation for the writings of "The History of Castellorizians in Victoria". We welcome comment of any additions or corrections that Members may like to make. Next month's Profile will be that of the late Mr. S. Coufos.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1982/85

PRESIDENT: Jack Bisas
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TREASURER: Jacob Fronistas
SECRETARY: Christina Pavlou
COMMITTEE: Peter Christofas and Michael Spartels

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 28TH AUGUST 1983 AT CASSIE HOUSE

The Annual General Meeting of our Society was held under the patronage of The Consul General for Greece, Mr. Georgiardi. Guest Speaker was The Right Hon. Mr. Peter Spyker, Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs: Mr. Spyker spoke on The Role of The Ethnic Affairs Commission and the contribution made by early migrants, such as the Castellorizians, to the growth of Victoria. Mr. P. Spyker is in a very good position to speak on behalf of migrants as he is the son of Dutch parents who migrated to Australia in the post war era.

His talk was followed by an interesting question and answer segment. We thank the Minister for his most courteous and interesting talk. The talk was followed by a short speech by the Consul General for Greece, who was accompanied by Mrs. Georgiardi. The Board of Directors would like to record their appreciation to The Minister and Consul General for their attendance and interest. The attendance by these gentlemen is a recognition of the role Castellorizians have played in the growth of Victoria. We would also like to express our thanks to the President of the Ithacian Society of Victoria, Mr. Michael Black and Mr. Vanyia Pitsikas for their attendance at our Meeting.

- To Mr. George Papadopoulos, deputy Chairman of the Ethnic Affairs Commission for his assistance to the Minister.
- To Stanley Piperoglou for his address of thanks.
- To Dianne Spartels for her excellent catering.
And finally to our Members who attended, and I am sure they enjoyed this most Interesting Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting passed a motion to make a donation of \$2000 to sponsor a Multi-Purpose Room at "The Home For The Fraild Age". At its Meeting held on the 1st September, the Board of Management, in recognition of the deep involvement of our Society, voted to allow us to set up the main Multi-Purpose Room at the Home. A suitable plaque will be erected to thank the Castellorizian Society.

" N E O S K O S M O S "

The Greek Newspaper "Neos Kosmos" is to print a supplement in late September on the Castellorizian Society in Victoria, its history both past and present. We invite any Member who is interested in sponsoring or submitting articles, to contact the Feature Writer, Mrs. Vivienne Morris, at "Neos Kosmos"; Telephone 663 4822 or write to our Secretary, Box 112, South Melbourne.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CASTELLORIZIAN SOCIETY

We thank Vanyia Pitsikas for his greetings from the South Australian President, Mr. Jack Economos and for their kind comments on our Monthly Newsletter.

QUEENSLAND KASTELLORIZIAN SOCIETY

We thank Mr. K. Lakerdis (Secretary) for his letter on behalf of the Queensland Society thanking us for the sending of our Newsletter to Queensland. In his letter he raises a number of queries. Two of his queries would be of interest to Members.

1. Why do different states use 'K' instead of 'C' in the spelling of Castellorizo?
2. Why do we have different emblems???

WEDDING BELLS *****

On Sunday 21st August, 1983, Anna Mangos, daughter of Con and Val Mangos, was married to Gary Redlick at Quat Quatta Receptions. From N.S.W. for the wedding:- Jack and Despina Mangos and Cherry Peters; from Queensland, Mr. & Mrs. Symon Symons and Mr. & Mrs. George Symons. The couple are in Greece for their Honeymoon. We wish them luck in their new life together.

The Wedding took place on September 3rd at St. Efstathios Church, South Melbourne, of John C. Adgemis (son of Con & Chrissie Adgemis) to Joanne Pacholi. The Reception was at "Le Chateau". We congratulate the couple.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

Saturday 1st October at Evangelismos Church, Chrissy (daughter of Stephen & Nellie Zombos) will be married to Paul Velissaris. The Reception is at "Leonda".

Sunday 2nd October at St. Anargyroy Church Oakleigh, Maria Platis (daughter of Elaine and the late Spiro Platis) is to be married to John Argyropoulos. The Reception is at 'Columns'.

Sunday 16th October at Evangelismos Church, Julie (daughter of Spiro and Nina Mangos) will be united in marriage to Harry Constantas. Reception at 'Oakville Receptions'.

21ST BIRTHDAY PARTY

On the 20th August at the home of her parents, Steve and Christina Bisas, Zefi celebrated her 21st birthday. Zefi was 21 on the 17th August, 1983.

On the 3rd September at "Fiddlers" (YWCA Elizabeth Street) Michael C. Mangos celebrated his 21st birthday. Michael is the son of Con and Dorothy Mangos.

Happy Birthday to both Zefi and Michael.

G E T W E L L

Home after a stay in hospital:- Mrs. Maria Karpoozes (Epworth), Mrs. Lola Zographou.

- IN HOSPITAL:- Mr. Paul Zervos (St. Vincents Private) and Dr. Peter Mangos (Epworth).

C O R R E C T I O N

We correct a typing error in our No. 8 Newsletter:

The engagement of Roslyn, daughter of Lucy and the late Max Peronis, to Michael Zervos, son of Chrissy and the late Con Zervos.

B I R T H

Congratulations to Michael and Lemonia Piperoglou on the birth of a daughter, "Renee". Best wishes to Bill and Renee Piperoglou on their first grandchild and to Uncle Stan on his first niece.

H O L I D A Y S

- Back in Melbourne after a holiday in Darwin with the Jordan Family, Vera & Con Constance.
- Mrs. Dianne Spartels joins a group from Sydney on a trip to Hong Kong.
- Nick M. Spartels to Palm Beach, N.S.W.
- Con and Val Mangos in Queensland.
- Back from a world trip, Steve and Renee Adgemis. WELCOME BACK.
- In Melbourne staying with daughter Christine Pavlou, Mrs. Nina Papacotis of Sydney.
- In Melbourne staying with Tony & Katina Voyage, Maria and Vayia, daughters of Mark Voyage of Sydney.
- In Melbourne visiting daughter Marcia and son-in-law Michael K. Miriklis, from Adelaide, Mr. & Mrs. Elefterios Chrygochoos with daughter Thespina.

In Memory of the late Mrs. Christanthi Alexander, the following donations have been received by the Castellorizian Society:-

- Mrs. Evangelia Mangos \$10
- Mr. & Mrs. Con J. Mangos \$20
- Mr. Peter J. Mangos \$10

In Memory of his late wife, Mrs. Anastasia Mangos, Mr. Michael Mangos has donated \$20 to The Home For the Fraild Aged.

V A L E

The death occured in Melbourne on the 19th August of Mrs. P. Christopher aged 79. Born in Castellorizo, Mrs. Christopher came to Sydney in 1923. In 1925 she came to Melbourne and married Chris George Christopher (Agá) in 1926. Mrs. Christopher was the youngest of four children. They are as follows:- Christina, who died in Brazil; Maria (Mangos) and Michael Theodore. She is survived by five children: Koula Adgemis, Michael, Spiro, Stell Salvaris and Betty Lucas. She also has 15 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Chris George Christopher died in 1961. Mrs. Christopher's funeral was at Carlton Melbourne Cemetary on the 23rd August 1983. The Castellorizian Society extends its sympathy to the family.

In Memory of the late Mrs. P. Christopher, the following have donated to our Society:

- Mr. & Mrs. Christofas - \$10;
- Mr. & Mrs. C. Mangos (Adelaide) - \$20;
- Mr. & Mrs. M. Nittos (Adelaide) - \$10;
- Mr. & Mrs. C. Mangos (Adelaide) - \$10;
- Mr. & Mrs. C.N. Miriklis - \$10;
- Mr. & Mrs. M. Kyriakos - \$10;
- Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bisas - \$10;
- Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Adgemis - \$20;
- Mr. & Mrs. A. Mangos (Adelaide) - \$10;
- Mrs. K. Anastasas (Adelaide) - \$10;
- Mr. & Mrs. Exintaris and family - \$10;
- Mr. & Mrs. K.N. Miriklis and family - \$10;
- Mr. & Mrs. J. Trellis - \$20;
- Mrs. Maria Karpoozes - \$10;

In Memory of the late Mrs. P. Christopher, the following have donated to "The Society For the Care of the Elderly":

- Mr. & Mrs. S. Paltoglou and family - \$10;
- Mr. & Mrs. T. Adgemis - \$10;
- Mr. & Mrs. Alex Bisas - \$10;
- Mr. Michael Mangos - \$10;
- Mr. & Mrs. S. Bisas and family - \$10;
- Mrs. V. Bisas - \$5;
- Mrs. Chrissy Zervos and family - \$10;
- Mr. & Mrs. B. Piperoglou - \$50;

VALE CONT.

The death occurred in Sydney at the age of 68 of Mr. Alexander Philip Georgouras, brother of Mrs. Renee Adgemis of Melbourne. Born in Alexandria, Egypt, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Nick Hatadges (formerly of Melbourne). The Society extends its deepest sympathy to the family. In Sydney for the funeral was Mrs. Renee Adgemis.

VALE

The death on the 20th August, 1983 of Mr. Savvas Bollos in Townsville, Queensland, aged 64, born in Castellorizo in 1919. He came to Australia in 1947. He was the son of the late Nick and Barbara Bollos and was one of eight children. They are Nick, Flora (Barboutis), Savvas, Anastasia, Thespo (Bandelikas), Christulla (Bisas), Katina (Miriklis) and Angela (Boyatsis). In Townsville for the funeral were Mrs. Christulla Bisas, and Mrs. Jack and Katina M. Miriklis. The Society extends its deepest sympathy to the entire family.

The following have donated to the Castellorizian Society in Memory of the late S. Bollos:-

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| Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Miriklis - \$20; | Mr. & Mrs. K.N. Miriklis - \$10; |
| Mr. & Mrs. C.N. Miriklis - \$10; | Mr. & Mrs. Kominos - \$10; |
| Mr. & Mrs. Con Zombos - \$10; | Mr. & Mrs. J. Pavlou and family - \$10; |
| Mrs. Maria Karpoozis - \$10; | Mrs. Chrissie Varigos - \$10; |
| Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bisas - \$10; | Mr. & Mrs. Forde Josephidis - \$10; |
| Mr. & Mrs. Tony Stabelos - \$10; | |

The following have donated to The Society For The Care of The Elderly in Memory of the late S. Bollos:

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| Mrs. V. Bisas - \$5; | Mr. & Mrs. Alex Bisas - \$10; |
| Mrs. John Mangos - \$20; | Mrs. Chrissy Zervos - \$10; |
| Mrs. Christulla Kanis - \$10; | Mrs. Panayota Zervos - \$10; |

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

- FAMILY CAR RALLY - September 11th 1983. Combined Car Rally will be held on the above date at 10 am. Cars leave Cassie House at 10 am.
- PICTURE NIGHT - 31st October at Mid-City Theatre, "Phar Lap" on CUP EVE. Tickets are \$6.00 each (\$4.00 for children).
- POKER MACHINE TRIP - 23rd October. Total Cost - \$12.00 (Includes lunch). Full day trip to Albury, N.S.W. We leave at 8 am and return at Club at 9 pm. Last day of Bookings - 16th October, 1983. For further details please ring Mrs. Dianne Spartels on 211 3201 or Mr. Peter Coates on 861 8428.

(PLEASE SEE SEPARATE BROCHURE ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER)

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL BOOKINGS ARE MADE BY 16TH OCTOBER!

ALL WELCOME

BOOK EARLY

HISTORIC 1965 - CASTELLORIZIAN LADIES SOCIETY

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|------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------|
| PRESIDENT: | Tessa Hondros | VICE PRESIDENT: | (Mrs) Celestine Coutoupes |
| SECRETARY: | Teena Lolatgis | TREASURER: | Melody Hetrelezis |
| COMMITTEE: | Despo C. Adgemis, Maria C. Adgemis, (Mrs) Maria Bisas, (Mrs) Maria Kyriakos, Irene Lolatgis, Christine Karas, and Val Pallasas. | | |

HISTORIC 1965

CASTELLORIZIAN YOUTH CLUB

In April 1965 the CASTELLORIZIAN YOUTH CLUB took part in a visit to Adelaide. The purpose of the visit was to have a combined cultural and sporting activity time with the C.O.Y.A. Society of South Australia. A party of 75 left Victoria by train, car and plane to take part.

CASTELLORIZIAN TOUR OFFICIALS

- GENERAL MANAGER: Peter Christofas
- FOOTBALL MANAGER: Michael Jackomas (Captain/Coach)
- BASKETBALL MANAGER: Anthony Lolias (Captain/Coach)
- BASKETBALL MANAGERESS: Maria C. Adgemis
- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH: Stelios Makris
- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CAPTAIN: Effie Lolias
- DEBATE TEAM LEADER: George Pappas
- OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE CASTELLORIZIAN BROTHERHOOD OF VICTORIA: Jack Bisas
- OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE CASTELLORIZIAN LADIES SOCIETY: Mrs. Celestine Coutoupes
- PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER: George Verginis

The VICTORIAN DEBATING TEAM consisted of George Pappas, Cynthia Loliatglis and Tom Kritikides.

The 1965 Castellorizian Brotherhood of Victoria Positions:

- PRESIDENT: Mr. John Kanis
- VICE PRESIDENT: Mr. Paul Zervos
- COMMITTEE: Mr. Jack Bisas, Mr. E. Mangos, Mr. M. Spartels, Mr. John Kyriakos and Mr. Steve Bisas.
- TRUSTEES: Mr. Nick J. Adgemis, Mr. C. Zombos and Mr. M. Kyriakos.
- TREASURER: Mr. Steve Zombos
- SECRETARY: Mr. Stavros Coufos

1965 YOUTH COMMITTEE:

- PRESIDENT: Peter S. Christofas
- SECRETARY: George Verginis
- COMMITTEE: Chris Christofas, Michael Christofas, Michael Jackomas, Paul Kyriakou, Peter Mangos, George Pappas and Michael Spartels.
- VICE PRESIDENT: Dr. Spiro Moraitis
- TREASURER: John Charouhas

CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

P R E S I D E N T ' S R E P O R T

PRESENTED TO THE 58TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON
SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST 1983

On the 21st of November a special Meeting was held at our Club Rooms in Dorcas Street, South Melbourne. At this Meeting the following motions were passed:-

- A) That the present system of Committees be replaced with a Board of Management consisting of seven Members.
- B) The past procedure of Committees electing office bearers be dis-continued, so that Members of our Society could elect office bearers from the most suitable candidates.
- C) The New Board took office on the 21st November 1982. This period of nine months has been one of success. The Board has met on a regular basis and the attendance at Board Meetings must be a record of consistency for Castellorizian Committees.

D) This year, which we have just completed, has been a year of consolidation. The completion of Title Transfers, the paying of all outstanding taxes and a new one year lease has been offered and accepted by our tenants at an increase of rental of 25%. The new yearly rental will now be \$11,000 per year. The tenants also have agreed to pay total rates for the total property, which for the year totals \$2500.

It would be remiss of me if I did not mention on behalf of Members of our Society to express our appreciation to our tenants for their co-operation in the maintenance of the property. The front hall has been kept in excellent condition by the tenants.

To my Committee I express thanks for their support and attendance during the past nine months. It is often necessary to remind Members that all Board Members are Honorary and give their time because they believe in the work we are trying to do. Most of us are involved in other activities and have business' and family commitments and yet are prepared to devote this time to the Society. However, this must work both ways. We need the support of all Members to make it work. We will do our best to organise suitable functions, meetings, etc., but all the organisation and work will have no fruition without your support.

The cost of maintaining the building and taking into account the tenants' contribution continues to accelerate. Insurance for the building now costs \$1200 per year and together with other costs continue to make heavy inroads into our bank balances. However, we are indeed in a strong financial position and our Treasurer will give a detailed report later today.

In all Reports it is the duty of the President on behalf of the Board to thank those who, like ourselves, have assisted the Society.

The SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE consists of Mrs. Dianne Spartels, Mrs. Joyce Pallaras, Mr. Peter Coates, Mr. & Mrs. George, Kathleen Adgemis and Mr. Theo Tsarepas. The above have organised and catered for many successful functions for the Society. We thank them and hope that they will continue their excellent work!

To our WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE:- Mrs. Con Zombos and Mr. Tom Adgemis, thank you for your assistance in a most difficult area.

To our HONORARY SOLICITOR, Kevin P. Zervos and ACCOUNTANT AUDITOR, Mr. Andrew Carlpis, thank you for your advice and assistance.

CLUB ROOMS

Our Club Rooms are used by the Elderly Greek Citizens of the South Melbourne and Port Melbourne district every Wednesday under the auspices of the Greek Orthodox Church of Victoria.

CASTELLORIZIAN NEWSLETTER

Your Board has been very happy indeed with the response we have received for our monthly Newsletter. We hope that in the 1983/84 period some, if not all, will be translated into Greek for our older Members. I, as editor, take this opportunity to apologise for any errors that may occur from time to time.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE OF OUR SOCIETY?

Your Board has spent many long hours in discussion on the direction our Society should take. This is the one major problem facing your Society today. It appears that the majority of our Members would like to see us in new Club Rooms. At a vote taken at our last Annual General Meeting, a majority gave the Board the right to find more suitable Club Premises to lease or buy. However, this is not an easy task to complete. We appear to be no closer to the solution.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT.

After nine months of inspections and discussions, three propositions are beginning to clarify themselves to us.

- 1) All three houses at the rear of our present buildings are now available for purchase. We are negotiating for a price.
- 2) Mr. Hugh Nakis has offered us the old Masonic Club in Flinders Street at a rental of \$400 per week plus Council and M.M.B.W. Rates. We will be re-inspecting this property at a later date.
- 3) The property known as "Rowallen Reception" in High Street Ashwood is being inspected by us.

The Poker Machine Enquiry which is now in progress will clarify in the near future as to whether Poker Machines will be introduced into Victoria. If so, we must be in a position to take advantage of their introduction. With this in mind, the decision to give a further one year lease to our tenants was taken.

Your Board will commence at once to set up a feasibility study on our Dorcas Street property. The study will be carried out with the South Melbourne Council and the Licencing Branch of The Victoria Police. (The Licencing Inspector at the Port Melbourne Branch has been most co-operative). We hope that we will once and for all and in the near future, be able to give a proper Report as to the future of our present Dorcas Street property.

Before closing I would like to express my disappointment at two sections of our Society.

- 1) "LIFE MEMBERS": The lack of involvement by Life Members in our Society has been most disappointing and hard to understand. When money was needed in 1977/78, these Members came forward to assist our Society. We will in the next twelve months organise a dinner for our Life Members to discuss their re-involvement in our Society.
- 2) The second disappointing aspect is the failure of the immediate past Committee to give us their support. We realise that it must have been disappointing not to receive the full support of the Members, but this is not the fault of the present Board. We stress once again that we need the support of all sections of our Society to make the future a success.

YOUTH SOCIETY

The rejuvenated Youth Society has become very active in Society Affairs. Continued co-operation is essential for the benefit of us all. Under its President, Anthony Adgemis, and assisted by a strong Committee, they have had many successful functions. Their contribution (although not always to our liking) has been appreciated by the Board and we wish them continued success. A successful Youth Committee gives us hope for the future.

Finally, to sum up, the Society is in a very sound position. The property is now clear of all mortgages. All costs and taxes have been met and we have an income of \$11,000 per year from rentals. All this is very pleasing and should not make us complacent. All this is of no value if we do not have proper Club Rooms which will allow Members to enjoy proper facilities to which they are entitled.

DISCUSSION PAPER TO BE USED IN THE WRITING OF THE HISTORY OF CASTELLORIZIANS IN VICTORIA.

BY JOHN BASIL SALVARIS

A) BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. The Island of Kastellorizon is situated 75 miles NE of Rhodes and one mile from the coast of Asia Minor (Turkey).
2. The Island is very small, measuring 5.25 sq. miles.
3. The soil is rocky and the Island has no natural sources of water other than rain water.
The amount of arable land is minimal and would not support a community of more than 100 people.
4. The only natural advantage the Island has is our excellent deep water harbour in an area where no other significant harbours exist.
5. To all intents and purposes the Island should have been uninhabited, however contrary to this it has a record of continuous uninterrupted habitation that goes back to prehistoric times.
6. Archaeological and historical evidence indicate that significant numbers of people lived on the island for 5000 years, despite frequent occupation by outside forces and natural disasters.
7. The foundations of 10 towns superimposed on one another have been found on the site of the present main and only town of the island.
8. The Island is an archaeological treasure chest, containing prehistoric walls, Greco Roman tombs, Medieval Castles and World War I and II fortifications.
9. Despite its insignificant size, Kastellorizo managed to get a mention in every period of History from Homer to World War II.
10. The only explanation of this disproportional notice and extraordinary durability in that up to about 1916, Kastellorizon played a role to Asia Minor and Middle East which is similar to that of Hong Kong in South East Asia today.

B) POPULATION

1. Up to 1916 the Island's population numbered about 12,000.
2. This disproportionally large number to the small area and non-existent resources was sustained by imports to the island paid for from earnings of the fleet of merchant ships it owned.
3. With the decline of the Ottoman Empire, the relative commercial importance of the island also declined. The number of ships owned decreased and the fleet disappeared. The people started to migrate and today the total permanent population is 180 people, nearly all fishermen.
4. Kastellorizians migrated mainly to:- Greece, Egypt, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Australia, France, U.S.S.R., Brazil, Argentina and U.S.A.
5. By far the largest group is in Australia (30,000) where they have settled since 1890 and were among the first Greeks to come here.

B) POPULATION CONT.

6. Kastellorizians knew of Australia since the early 1800's and many of their sailing ships came here and their crews used to make excursions to the gold fields, but always sailed back.
7. They first settled permanently in Perth, around 1890, when Augustes and Constantine Salvaris stayed for a few years in order to escape arrest from the Turkish authorities occupying the Island, who wanted them for their part in some political activity.
8. Both went back for a brief time and returned with their families. By 1910 the chain migration was in full swing. Each Kastellorizian brought here his brothers and brother-in-laws, etc., etc. A numerous colony was thus established in Perth.
9. The chain migration was also helped by one of the many exclusive habits they have. Custom decreed that Kastellorizians marry Kastellorizians. Marriages to a 'foreigner' and the definition of a foreigner is anybody born outside the territorial waters of the Island, irrespective of whether he or she is Greek or not was frowned upon.
10. So the need to have husbands for their daughters and wives for their sons make them sponsor more and more migrants to Australia.
11. The custom of marrying Kastellorizians is still alive today, even in the third generation Australian born, and even today 80% still marry Kastellorizians and the other 20% who marry 'Non Kastellorizians' have their spouses assimilated in the Kastellorizian culture so quickly that by the second year of marriage they are referred to as Kastellorizians.
12. Another characteristic of the Island's culture is an empathy with education. Everything is sacrificed to the education of the children; as a result the first Greek professionals in Australia were Kastellorizians and in 1970 about 70% of all graduates of Greek descent in Australia came from this island group. Even today they form a significant portion of the total Greek descent graduates.
13. During the 500 year long Turkish occupation of the Island, Kastellorizo enjoyed because of its commercial importance, a special type of autonomy and self-government, which developed along surprising modern lines.
14. Even in the late 1870's taxes were collected according to the level of income by the local authorities elected by the people, from these taxes to the Turkish government were paid and the remainder was spent in local works. The financing of free to all education and Medical Services and Welfare Poverty relatively speaking was unknown.
15. When Kastellorizians migrated they immediately formed in their adopted land Associations (Brotherhoods). The functions of these organisations were to help the needy Members with education of children, Welfare, Medical Care and to ensure that no Kastellorizian was buried in a paupers grave. Even during the depression this was not allowed to happen. Also the Association provided social functions which ensured that families stayed within a narrow circle and children met and married other Kastellorizians. All Associations of this kind, no matter where they are in the world, have similar constitutions and objectives, and once within their premises you cannot distinguish the one from the other.
16. In Australia the first settlers from Perth slowly went to Darwin, Infield and Townsville to work in the meat works and canefields and as pearl divers. Then they moved to Sydney to open cafes and fish and chip shops. Then it was Kalgoorlie to mine gold and Port Pirie to work in the smelters.

Finally in the early 1920's they started settling in Melbourne. Where one went, soon others followed and our Kassie Club was set up in Melbourne in 1925. .../10

POPULATION CONT.

- 17. Fiercely Independent and Individualists with a commitment to social conscience they were instrumental in the set up of nearly all Greek Institutions in Australia and particularly early Churches and Greek Communities.
- 18. When, in the 60's, the Church split developed in Australia, it was in reality a Kastellorizian Civil War.

They also do well in public offices. The two Senators in the national Parliament (Bolkus and Georges) are Kastellorizians as are the Minister of Ethnic Affairs of Northern Territory, Mr. Dondas, and the Lord Mayor of Perth, Cr. Michaels. There are also a few City Councillors and University Professors. Of the very few Australians of Greek descent in the Judiciary 90% are Kastellorizians. A fair number also have been very successful in business. The prominence in Public Affairs is not confined in Australia only. For example the leader of the opposition in Greece is a Kastellorizian and so was the president Designate of Brazil in 1956, who died in a plane crash before he took office.

- 19. The culture of that small rocky Island is remarkable and has contributed to multi-cultural Australia. It will be a great pity if it is not traced and recorded now that this is still possible.

There are many interesting stories to be told about Ethnic survival in early Australia and also it does not appear that it is dying. The descendants of these hardy people even after four generations of living away from the Island remain Kastellorizians at heart and they all go back to the Island at least once in their life time.

JOHN B. SALVARIS.

AUGUST, 1983.

CASSIE YOUTH
Family

CLUB
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PRESENTS

Rally

\$ BBP ON 11.9.1983

qualifying fee \$5

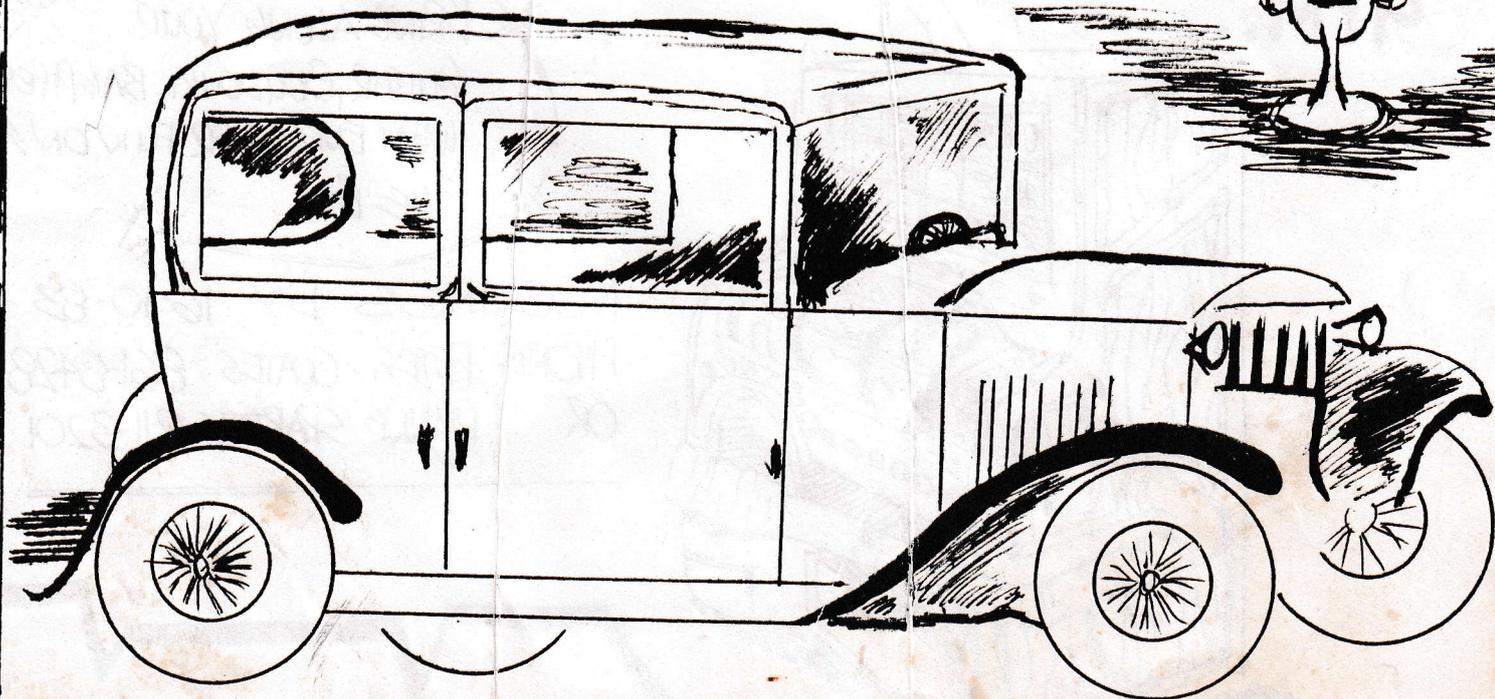
"take-off" point → CASSIE HALL, 250 DORCAS ST, STH MELBOURNE

time → 10 AM (last car will leave by 11 AM)

destination → unknown!!! (BBP facilities available, playground & ovals)

clue sheet as to destination will be given at starting point any person who requires a lift must be ready at CASSIE HALL at 10 AM!!!

PRIZES for "CASSIE CAR CHAMPION"



CASSIE CLUB PRESENTS TWO TOP
FUNCTIONS IN OCTOBER...

1983

FILM NIGHT

ADULTS \$6.00
CHILDREN \$4.00

MID CITY CINEMA 7:30

PHARLAP

MONDAY

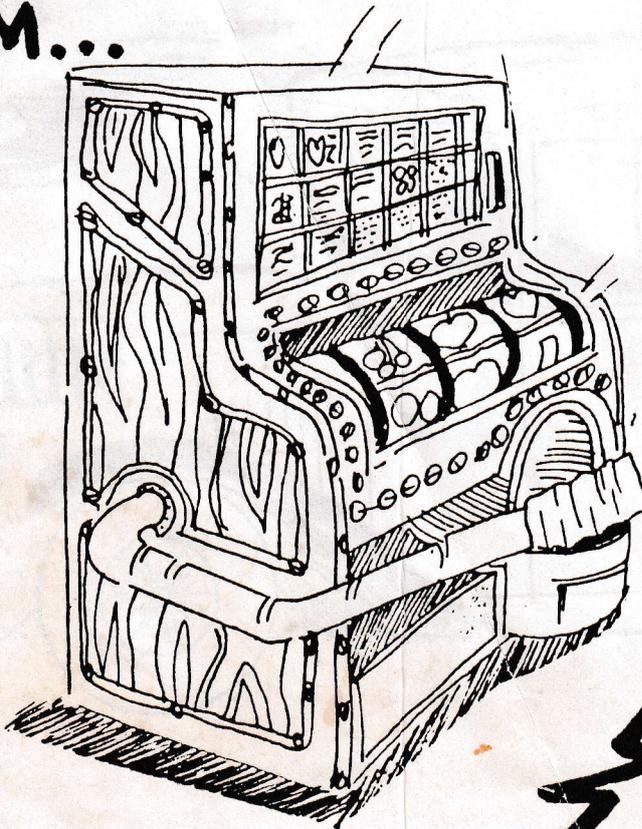
CUPEVE 31ST OCTOBER

BOOK EARLY ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE...

SUNDAY

ALBURY BUS TRIP 23RD OCTOBER

PLAY THE POKIES AND HAVE A SMORGASBORD
LUNCH, FOR ONLY \$12 PER HEAD.....
BUS LEAVES CASSIE CLUB 8AM AND RETURNS
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