



# Kazzie Communications Volume 5 April 2011

## Message from the President

The month of March has been truly outstanding. Having just completed Stage One of our renovation we then embarked on a series of events that went from one amazing experience to another.

In early March a team of girls led by Chrysanthi Koutsoukis presented a Katoumari demonstration as part of the Glendi Festival in Lonsdale Street. For two hours solid they cooked, charmed and entertained the crowds, family and friends and fellow Kazzies with their commentary on the making of one of our most treasured delicacies. Thank you to the support team of Christine Dimer, Kathleen Adgemis, Connie Gregory, Vera Koutsoukis, Angela and Tahlia Briscoe. These girls proved... beyond reasonable doubt... that the “Katoumari is King” and I hope they will savour their skills for future Katoumari tastings at the clubrooms.

Yoga classes have begun at the clubrooms and are lots of fun. Christine Lolas our teacher is well organised with relaxing music and various pieces of equipment. More importantly, with a wealth of experience, she is able to tailor the exercises to meet the needs of our members. Please contact Christine if you are interested in joining this group.

In mid March we welcomed Allan Cresswell from Western Australia. Allan has nearly 20,000 Kazzies on his database and he was able to demonstrate the extent of his work linking most families in Melbourne to Kazzies in other states of Australia and overseas. His research has allowed a number of families to trace their descendants through eight generations. He was able to describe the various ways to research and explore the Castellorizo Genealogy Website and gave various details for people wishing to source information on their families and provide methods to add, correct or adjust information on the website. Allan’s travel expenses, printing of booklets for the two day workshops and technological support systems were made possible through the generous funding obtained from the Victorian Multicultural Commission. Special thanks go to Evelyn Salvaris for co-coordinating this two day event and making all the detailed arrangements necessary to ensure its success. The funding has allowed us to commence other projects that are now underway to ensure that our archives and artefacts are stored and eventually displayed systematically.

Our members Cocktail Party on March 26<sup>th</sup> was a great success. With good food, plenty of drinks, new furniture, and live music we were able to celebrate the completion of Stage One of the refurbishment of our clubrooms. The feedback has been both enthusiastic and complementary. Members can take pride in the rooms looking fresh and inviting and we hope to see many more happy occasions such as this in the future. Special thanks go to Flora Adgemis Hamilton, our Events Manager for the planning and management of this very happy event.

Recently some members of the committee joined me for afternoon tea at the Lyceum Club to welcome the new Consul General of Greece- Eleni Lianidou. We were delighted to hear that not only has she visited Kastellorizo and considers it one of the most beautiful islands of Greece, but she wishes to support our projects to protect, preserve and promote our Kastellorizian heritage. It was a most encouraging discussion and Ms. Lianidou expressed interest in meeting members of our Association later in the year.

## **Kastellorizian of the Year 2011**

Finally, I would like to announce that **Mr. Nick Nicholas** of Western Australia has been selected as the Kastellorizian of the Year for 2011. With a strong field of deserving candidates it was decided that Mr. Nicholas, who has worked tirelessly within the Kazzie Community of Perth should be acknowledged for his outstanding commitment and hard work over a period of many years. The Kastellorizian of the Year Award, the VCE Awards, and the Young Achievers award will be presented on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at the clubrooms as part of our annual celebration of St. Constantine's and St. Helen's Day. Members are encouraged to attend St. Constantine's and St. Helen's church service in South Yarra in the morning followed by the celebration at the clubrooms for members and friends. Details of other important issues will appear in our next newsletter in July. Meanwhile I wish to thank Evelyn Salvaris for her work in collating and publishing this Kazzie Communication. I hope you find it interesting and informative. Wishing you every happiness for the Easter festivities,

Yvonne Panagacos

President

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.



**Left to right: Katoumari Day: Allan Cresswell on Genealogy day: Committee members with the Consul-General of Greece, Mrs. Eleni Lianidou; members at the cocktail party to launch the renovated Clubrooms**

## **Kastellorizian of the Year**

It is great pleasure that the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Committee announces that the 2011 "Kastellorizian of the Year" is Nicholas Constantine Nicholas of Perth Western Australia. You will agree that Nicholas's list of achievements meets the criteria of this award and is clearly a worthy recipient of the title "Kastellorizian of the Year".

Nicholas was born and educated in Perth. He completed year 9 at Perth Boys High School but left school, aged 16 to commence work as a postage boy with Atkins WA Ltd working his way up to Credit Manager. Fourteen years later (1965), Nicholas took a position as Credit Manager at Gascoyne Trading (Wesfarmers Subsidiary). In 1978 he moved to Gordon and Gotch Ltd. as where he progressed to Special Projects and took up the role of State Manager of Golden Press P/L, a subsidiary of Gordon and Gotch Ltd. In 1987, he became Book Division Manager and in 1989 was appointed Stationery Division manager which operated successfully for seven years until it was closed down in 1996. Nicholas career at Gordon and Gotch spanned for 19 years and at 61 years of age took over as State Agent for Cumberland Stationery and Atsco (Aust) a Victorian company.

Not only has Nicholas achieved excellence in his career, he has a most outstanding record of active participation and community service within the Greek community of Western Australia. Nicholas's interest in sport resulted in his 24 year participation in the Hellenic Cricket Club (1951-1975) and was a senior team Captain for 8 years. He was also a member of the Hellenic Football Club and played over 100 games. Nicholas is a life member of both the Cricket and

Football Clubs. He also played and coached softball with Hellenic Men's Softball team (1975). Nicholas was also a member and player with Philon Golf Club (1998- 2008) and was the Secretary from 2002 to 2008.

Nicholas was a member of the Hellenic Youth Association (1951) and Hellenic Association Club (1956 to 1972). He is a current member of the Hellenic Community of WA (member since 1958) and the Kastellorizian Association of WA Inc (Member since 1958).

Nicholas has been an active member within the Kastellorizian Association of WA Inc for many years and was on the Committee of Management (1983 to 1985). In 1985 he took up a two year term as President. During 1985-87 Nicholas presided and organised a week of activities to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association which included a World Conference of Kastellorizian Associations and a Gala Dinner Dance. The event was recorded on video along with a historical record of the first 75 years published in Greek and English. During this time the Perth City Council commemorated the pathway in Russell Square (the park opposite the church) to Kastellorizian Association as a gift and named it "Megisti Promenade".

1993 to 2003 Nicholas returned to the position of President and was faced with many challenges including declining membership and financial debt. The committee of six, under Nicholas's Presidency assumed a caretaker roll and in 1994 the committee declined to five. Despite the small committee size, the entire debt was all paid off within six years.

On a social level, Nicholas and his Committee hosted a number of book launches: "Kastellorizo an Illustrated History" (1994); "Embers of the Sea" and "Megisti I the Antipodes" (1995); "Orliff the Gentle Giant" (1997) and "The Knight's Castle on Kastellorizo" (1999) with the authors in attendance. To keep the social momentum going, they held regular Friday Happy Hour with guest speakers. In 2002, Kastellorizian Association of WA successfully nomination Kenneth Comminos Michael for The Kastellorizian of the Year and the Kastellorizian Ladies "Megisti"/Kastellorizian Association of WA also joined the wider Greek community and participated in the first Glendi held in Lake Street along with the second Glendi held in Russell Square.

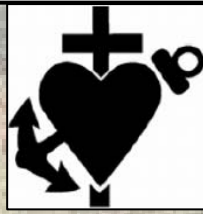
Since retiring as President, Nicholas has remand active and is a Chairman of Trustee' Kastellorizian Association of WA Inc and is on the committee for the "Kastellorizian Centenary 2012". He has also been involved in a project researching the Greek Community and its people in Northbridge (1900 to 2010). This project was initiated by the Western Australian Premier.

Nicholas is married to married Mary Sertis in 1958, the second daughter of Paul and Despina Sertis. Nicholas and Mary have two children Constantine (1961) and Desiree (1965) and three Grandchildren: Lachlan, Mia, Ella.

We hope that all members will join the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria in welcoming Nicholas, Mary and Family on 22 May at our Sts Constantine and Helen's Day celebrations and the Awards presentations.

## **Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award and VCE Recognition Awards**

Each year the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria takes great pride in supporting and encouraging our youth in their endeavours. This year is no exception and the Association is pleased to announce that **Adriana Hendrickson** has been awarded the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award for her involvement as a volunteer for Oxfam and as a participant in the "Relay for Life" (2009-2011) for the Cancer Council of Victoria. Adriana is the daughter of Eula (Bisas) Hendrickson and granddaughter of Jack and Marika Bisas. She was also awarded a Duke of Edinburgh Award and completed her VCE last year. Adriana along with **Amanda Mangos** and **Michael Caripis** will be presented with a VCE Recognition Award for the completion of their VCE studies in 2010. Amanda is the daughter of Barbara (Bisas) and Kevin Mangos and Michael is the son of Christine (Constanti) and Andrew Caripis.



*The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria  
would like to invite  
All members and their families  
to the  
Saint Constantine and St Helen's Day Celebration  
and Ceremony for  
Kastellorizian of the Year Award  
Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award  
and VCE Recognition Awards  
on  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, 2011*

*The program will commence at 10 am with a church service at  
The Greek Orthodox Church of St Constantine and St Helen's  
Barry St South Yarra*

*The Celebrations will begin at 12.30 pm at  
The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Clubrooms  
250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne  
Refreshments and finger food will be served*

*2:00 pm Awards Ceremony  
Followed by speeches  
Photo session with awardees, committee and distinguished guests  
Afternoon tea*

*Please RSVP by 9<sup>th</sup> of May to Flora Hamilton at [florahamilton@redscooter.com.au](mailto:florahamilton@redscooter.com.au)  
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# DIARY DATES

## Kastellorizian Senior's Association Inc

**May 4<sup>th</sup>:** Mother's Day luncheon at Savoy Vibe, 630 Lt. Collins Street (opposite Southern Cross station). Meet in the foyer at 11.45 for 12pm lunch. Cost \$31.50. Will be subsidized and is now fully booked.

**June 1<sup>st</sup>:** Fifth Ave Collection jewellery demonstration presented by Sophie and including lunch and bingo at clubrooms. All Kazzies welcome.

**July 6<sup>th</sup>:** We are planning a lunch at a Greek Tavern or Hotel, details available at our June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**All dates and functions are subject to change.** Kindly keep in touch with committee members, and regularly support the association by coming to clubrooms to be eligible for membership benefits.

For all enquiries contact:

**Christine Dimer – 9592 9450 or 0432915049**  
**Peter Christofas – 0422 586 177 or 9379 8635**

## Pan Dodecanese Federation Event

"Tavern Night" Saturday 30th April 7.30pm at the KOS House 1 Bastings St. Northcote. Cost is \$40 per person. Includes 4 course meal, all refreshments, entertainment and music. RSVP to George Verginis Mobile 0417542224 or Email [george\\_verginis@hotmail.com](mailto:george_verginis@hotmail.com)

## Kazzie News

Look out for more events in the **July/August 2011** edition of the **Kazzie News**, including all your favourite articles, reports and social announcements.

**Closing date for Newsletter submissions**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2011**

**Forward all articles to** Evelyn Salvaris at [evelynsalvaris@gmail.com](mailto:evelynsalvaris@gmail.com) in a Word or PowerPoint 2003 document and ensure that all details are accurate and names are spelt correctly. Please submit in a separate attachment, all photographs (high resolution JPEG file) and provide names of all individuals pictured.

« **Kali Anastasi kai Kalo Pascha!**  
**Happy Easter!** »

**From the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria**

# Pleasant Sunday Morning

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of May  
Kastellorizian Association of Victoria  
250 Dorcas Street (enter via Hotham Street)  
South Melbourne

11.00 am sharp to 1.00 pm

Speaker at 11.30 am.

**Lambis Englezos, AM**

*Fromelles, the Missing*

Refreshments provided. Drinks available. Donation \$5.

**RSVP** by April 26<sup>th</sup> to either  
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## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

As this year is the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Fromelles, and our speaker's topic concerns the discovery of an unmarked and forgotten mass grave site at Fromelles, and subsequent events, the Pleasant Sunday Morning, by popular request, will be open to **all** members and guests.

The Battle of Fromelles, in July 1916, resulted in 5,533 Australian soldiers' dead, wounded or captured, and 1,500 British dead or wounded. The majority of the Fromelles "missing" were recovered, from the open ground of no man's land, after Armistice, except for those that the Germans buried.

Australian amateur historian, **Lambis Englezos**, began his research to find the burial site in 2002. His research and his lobbying led to a survey in 2007, and the site, which had been forgotten for more than ninety years, was identified. Mr. Englezos was later involved with assisting the project team. The Australian Government honoured Mr. Englezos, when he was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM), in the General Division. His citation read: "For service to the community through research and advocacy roles relating to Australian Soldiers of the Great War buried in Fromelles, France".

Exhumations at the site commenced in May 2009, and 250 allied soldiers were recovered, of whom 203 were believed to be Australian, with 96 Diggers positively identified last year, and three identified as British. At this stage 154 remain unidentified. It is hoped that more will be identified.

