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John Mangos with his 2008 KASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR award, © 2008

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members,

Welcome to another interesting and informative edition of the Kazzie News!

In the April edition of the Kazzie News I mentioned that the Committee and I have been very active not only putting together a social program but more importantly we have been investing time in building the foundations for a stronger and more vibrant Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.

I will start on a light note and talk to you about our social activities. Our major social function was the annual St Constantine and St Helen's day celebrations and Kastellorizian Awards presentation. From all the pleasant comments that I received from our members who attended, it was clear that the event was very successful.

At last year's Saint Constantine and St Helen's Day we held a luncheon at our South Melbourne Clubrooms and the venue was overflowing with members. Seating was difficult to find and members were not able to easily get up and circulate. This year we made effort to find an alternative venue for our celebrations. However due to short notice a suitable venue could not be found. In light of this, the Committee and I chose to once again hold the celebrations at our clubrooms. Instead we selected to alter the format of the celebrations in order to cater for the increased attendance.

This year, the celebration was in the style of a "Cocktail Reception and I am extremely happy to say that the change in format was a resounding success.

Firstly I must comment, what a huge difference a little rearranging of furniture can make to the presentation of our clubroom. There were ample chairs positioned around the perimeter of the hall and an abundance of standing room. This made circulation of the guests and catering staff very easy and efficient. This was echoed by our guests, who all commented that it was the most enjoyable St Constantine and Helen's Day celebration that has been held in a long time because they could mingle, catch up and chat to nearly everyone in the room rather than being "stuck in one place".

Secondly, the finger food was of good quality, plentiful and was served to our members by the friendly and profession staff of Gas Catering Company of South Melbourne.

Thirdly, the awards presentation was the highlight of the day. Before the presentations commenced Father Dion and the Consul General of Greece, Mr. Christos Salamanis addressed the attendees. Following on each of the award recipients gave magnificent speeches and even Charlotte, who could not attend wrote an outstanding letter to the Association. The letter was read out by her mother and you can read it on page 11. I am sure you will find it very touching.

John Mangos, the Kastellorizian of the 2008 captivated the audience with a very entertaining speech that reflected not only on his career and personal achievements but also on why he is proud to be Kazzie/Greek/Australian.

It was evident by the presentation and achievements of the younger recipients that John and other Kastellorizian of the Year recipients have some very stiff competition in future. It was wonderful to hear the achievements of two up and coming Kastellorizians, Cassandra Zervos and Nicholas Paltoglou. Cassandra spoke of her success, her achievements and aspirations in Taekwondo and Nicholas spoke about is involvement in music and diving. Both Cassandra and Nicholas received the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award.

I was most happy to receive two late registrations for the V.C.E awards and this brought the total of V.C.E recipients to 4 (David Garrick, Anastasios Adgemis, Charlotte Lane and Diandra Zervos). I was most impressed with the articulate speeches of gratitude that David Garrick, Anastasios Adgemis and Charlotte Lane presented and I am sure we will hear many good things from these youngsters in the future.

Once again, "Congratulations" to all of our Kastellorizian Award recipients.

After attending such a successful function on the 25th of May, I can not tell you just how disappointed I am with the response to our other function "Thrills, Chills and curtain Calls", the first in a series of seminar programs aimed at our younger members.

Only two young Kastellorizian and their grandparents, the majority of the Committee and the Verginis family turned up to support the Association and attend Sarah Austin-Verginis's presentation on Sunday the 15th of June. I would like to add that I felt that this was not a very good impression to leave on Connie Lane, who was keen to support and attend a second Kastellorizian Association function, especially after she enjoyed herself for the first time, on the 25th of May. It was very enterprising of Maria Alexiou, who called upon her colleagues and encouraged drama students from her school to attend. Their participation helped to cement the enjoyable day that our two Kastellorizian Youth Members and they themselves, had on the day. If you don't believe me, just read Simeon Bisas's thoughts of the day on page 13.

I could dwell on the lack of participation by you our members as a "failure". However, the failure does not lie with the organization team but with you our members for your failure to attend. The committee and I believe that this event was a success because it provides us with valuable feed back for the Subcommittee for the Future Directions of the Association, but more about that later.

Still on a social level, the Megisti Club just goes from strength to strength. The Megisti Club held two very successful events, one in April and another in June, each with a different theme. The theme in April was based on an Ouzeri/Tavervna theme with entertainment of Greek music and song provided by Anthea Sideropoulos which was accompanied by mezze styled savories and desserts.

The "origins of the Kastellorizian costume" was the most recent Megisti Club function. The presentation by Geoffrey Conaghan about the fabrics used in the traditional ladies dress, Kastellorizian trading partners, the display of over 30 costume pieces and some family history left everyone wanting more. This was also helped along by Vera Constance's Katoumaria! Once again, thank you to the Megisti Club, Geoffrey and everyone who donated raffle prizes and assisted on the day.

I would now like to move on to report on the more serious behind the scenes projects that the Committee and I have been involved with recently.

Last year our most important task was to clarify the issue of the voting status of our members. The Rules of the Association, which were further amended at the Annual General Meeting on the 28th of October, were forwarded to the Association's Solicitor, Nick Zervos for consideration. I am happy to report to you that Nick Zervos has advised the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria that **"The Rules of the Association" have now been ratified and are now in force.**

This means that voting rights of members have been clarified and we now have a simpler Membership structure. Please read page 6 for more details.

I wish to remind you all that

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE NOW!

I urge you all to renew your memberships and pay your fees (18 to 65) or register (honorary) immediately.

Once again I have to bring down the tone in this report and say I am extremely disheartened at the lack of volunteers for the Subcommittee for the Future Directions of the Association. To date I have only received 3 nominations.

I can not emphasize just how important it is to formulate a Subcommittee to Review the Future Directions of the Association. The future survival of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria will is dependent on this program.

DIARY NOTES

After our so-called "failure" on the 15th with our youth seminar program I can not highlight how very **important it is to get a wide circle of participation from all age groups and with different views and expertise, so we can rejuvenate and give the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria longevity.**

On page 7 you will see that the Committee has been hard at work putting together a program format for the 2025. The Forum will be focused around our past successes and our current failure to attract more members, in particular our youth to our events. We will also give you, our members the opportunity to give us your opinions, advise and encourage your participation in the subcommittee, irrespective of your age.

The committee and I ask you for your participation and attendance on the 31st of August. Your support and participation is essential for the survival of the Association. We need you to volunteer for the Subcommittee and to participate at the 2025 Kastellorizian Summit.

I would also like to remind you of the importance of this years' **Annual General Meeting** which will be held on **Sunday 26th of October**. Not only does the Committee have the obligation of reporting about our activities, social and financial to you, but I would like to remind you that it is an **election year and each of the positions on the committee are up for re-election.**

Nomination forms for Committee positions will be sent out along with the AGM report in late September.

Also the newsletter has received an enormous amount positive feed back from our members, however, to sustain the amount of success it is achieving, once again I ask for any volunteers to assist our Newsletter Editor, Evelyn Salvaris in compiling future editions in order to maintain the high standard.

In closing, **I looking forward to seeing you all at the 2025 Kastellorizian summit on the Sunday the 31st of August and the AGM and election day on Sunday the 26th of October.**

I hope you will continue support and participate in the up and coming Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Events that you will find detailed on page 9.

Kindest Regards,

Michael Spartels

2008 Annual General Meeting and Committee Elections

Date: Sunday 26 October

Time: 2-5 pm

Venue: Kastellorizian House
250 Dorcas St
South Melbourne

To be eligible to vote and/or hold a committee position you must be a 2008 financial or registered member

Payment/registration of your membership must be RECEIVED BY 30th of SEPTEMBER!

IT'S TIME TO

RENEW

MEMBERSHIPS!

**JULY 2008/June 2009
Memberships are now
PAYABLE!**

**Send in your payment
and membership forms
TODAY!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

CHANGES TO THE RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AND ARE EFFECTIVE NOW!

As you recall the main agenda of the Annual General Meeting that was held on Sunday 28th of October, 2007 was to discuss the proposed changes to the Rules of Association and to address the issue of membership and Voting Rights status. The proposed amendments were forward to you for your consideration in the 2007 annual report and AMG agenda.

The meeting was successful as it generated much discussion and many suggestions were presented to the committee. Before the meeting concluded, the members present unanimously voted on the motion to accept the proposed changes as outlined in the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Annual Report and Annual General meeting Agenda, 2007 and further amended at the AGM on the 28th of October and subject to the examination and approval of the Association's Lawyer, Nick Zervos. The motion was delivered by Jacob Fronistas and seconded by John B Salvaris.

We are pleased to announce that we have received confirmation from Nick Zervos that the "Rules of the Association" have been approved and authorized.

Once again we would like to thank the sub-committee which consisted of: Paul Gregory (Chairperson), George Dimer, Jim Paltos, George Papadopoulos, John. B. Salvaris, George Verginis, Jasmin Verginis, and Nick Zorbas for their patience, dedication and time to assist the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria in preparation of this document. We would also like to thank Connie Gregory who assisted the typing of the numerous drafts of the Rules of the Association.

The newly modified Rules of the Association will be distributed to all "financial 2008-9", "registered honorary" and new members and will be issued in due course.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF THE KASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA.

The Australian Government has been reviewing the future of direction of the Australia nation and recently held the 2020 summit. On a smaller scale, the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria is also in the process of reviewing the future directions of the Association.

In our November 2007 and April 2008 Kazzie News editions we invited members of all age groups to volunteer for the subcommittee for the future directions of the club. The committee is extremely disappointed in the response. We have had only three members volunteer at the time of this edition going to print.

It is imperative that members from all age groups step forward and volunteer your ideas, expertise and time for the benefit of the ongoing future of the Association.

WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE AND INPUT to rejuvenate the Association to make it relevant, interesting and vibrant so members of all age groups will participate in future activities!!!

THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION DEPENDS ON YOU!!!!

OUR AIM:

To ensure the survival of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria beyond it's 100th Anniversary in 2025.

We urge you to attend the 2025 Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Summit

At 2pm SHARP on Sunday 31st of August 2008

Kastellorizian House, 250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne.

The 2025 Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Future Directions Summit

THE 2025 SUMMIT PROGRAM

Program will include discussion on:

1. A **brief history** of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria
2. A brief summary of **present position** of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria
3. **Who are the Participants:**
 - * Demographics
 - * Who participates?
 - * When do they participate?
 - * Are the "Statement of Purpose" relevant?

During the discussion we hope to address the following issues:

PAST SUCCESSES:

- Sporting teams, Ladies Committee Youth club
- * Why were they successful?
 - * Are they relevant today?

THE LOST GENERATION (30-55s year olds)

- * Where are they?
- * Why don't they participate in the Associations activities?
- * How do we get them interested?

THE YOUTH (≤25 years of age)

- * Are they exposed to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria
- * Do they know we exist?
- * What perception do they have of the Association?
- * How do we educate them about the Activities of the Association?
- * What are their commitments – school work, sport/hobby activities?
- * Do other organizations i.e. school and social groups provide them with all their needs?
- * Are we relevant to them?
- * Can we become more relevant to them?
- * Are we fighting an up hill battle?

THE "UNSPOKEN" ISSUES

- * What's in a name– help or hindrance?
- * Family politics
- * Pride and Prejudice
- * Xenophobia and integration into the wider community
- * Do we need to consider "Affiliated" memberships?
- * Does preservation means lack of progression?
- * Competition by other Associations for our memberships and support.
- * Time to let go - When is time for the elders to pass the baton to the next generation?
- * Lack of relevance in today's society
- * How to we deal with these issues and remedy longstanding damage?

BRAIN STORMING

It's your turn to contribute

Finally we would like to try to put it into perspective and ask?

What are current everyday commitments, pressures and present day interests and answer:

- * Is the Association relevant to "Kazzies" in 2008 in its present form?
- * Can the Association meet the needs of "Kazzies" in Victoria in 2008 and beyond?
- * Does our existing facilities meet the requirement?
- * If and when do we move to Stage three (Business Plan)?
- * How long do we preserve and try to improve participation and the Association?

If not what is the future of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria?

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!
PARTICIPATE**

**Come along and join the debate!
Join the subcommittee!
Get involved!**

This forum is not aimed to solve our problem in an afternoon but to get the "party started"
Come along and have your say
where we go from here, IT IS UP YOU!
AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

MEMBERSHIPS

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIPS!

In line with the newly modified
Rules of the Association

New Membership Subscription fees are:

**\$10 PER PERSON 18 TO 65
YEARS OF AGE.**

Honorary membership fees:

No monetary fees but you must fill out and
return your forms to remain registered and
ensure your voting rights.

However voluntary donations by you to our
Association will be gratefully accepted.

Fill out the enclosed form now!

If you require more membership forms simply

1. Download at
www.kastellorizo.com.au/forms/membership
2. Photocopy the enclosed form
3. Or contact a committee member now

What you get for your membership fees

1. Voting rights
2. A copy* of the newly approved Rules of the Association.
3. The Kazzie News (3 time per year)* and Kazzie Communications*
4. Access to our Website and password for the Genealogy site
5. At least 2 "free" functions per year
 - i) Saints Constantine and Helen's day Celebrations
 - ii) Christmas – includes a Christmas gift for member's children up to 10 years of age.
6. Notification of Social Functions for all ages including Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Megisti Club and Affiliated Association functions
7. Participation in the preservation and promotion of the Kastellorizian culture, heritage and history.

**Now that's VALUE for your
\$10 MEMBERSHIP FEES!!!**

* Please note: One paper edition or electronic copy per postal or email address.

**NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME!**

**DON'T DELAY
SEND IN YOUR
MEMBERSHIP FEES
& FORMS NOW!**

SOCIAL EVENTS

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

2025 KASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA'S SUMMIT: FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Date: **Sunday 31st of August**
Time: 2-5 pm
Venue: Kastellorizian House
250 Dorcas St
South Melbourne

ATTENDENCE ESSENTIAL

Membership payment and registration will be accepted on the day!

THE MEGISTI CLUB

Theme: Greek tavern night
Date: **TO BE ADVISED**
Venue: Kastellorizian Clubrooms
Time: 7.30 pm

For further enquires call:

Christine Dimer: 9592 9450
or 0432 915049
Cynthia Koutsoukis: 0402 253 244

Watch out for the next mail out for full details.

2008 Annual General Meeting and Committee Elections

Date: **Sunday 26th of October**
Time: 2-5 pm
Venue: Kastellorizian House
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South Melbourne

ATTENDENCE ESSENTIAL

Don't forget to pay or register your membership before September 30!

ART EXHIBITION

Three friends Bronwyn Andrews, Marion Camiller and **Beryl Georgakopoulos** are all artists each with their own distinctive style have joined together to exhibit their artworks.

The exhibition "**THE THREE OF US AND FRIENDS**" will be open daily from Thursday **August 7** to Sunday the **13th of August**. Opening hours 11.00 am to 4.00pm.

Beryl Georgakopoulos would like to invite all members to the **Opening Night** of:

"THE THREE OF US AND FRIENDS" Art Exhibition

Friday 8th of August 6.00 to 8.00 pm

INCINERATOR ARTS COMPLEX,

Holmes Rd, Essendon.

Near the corner of The Boulevard (Maribryngon River) Mel Ref 28 D6

REPORTS

Kastellorizian Association of Vic Social Report

Sts Constantine and Helen Day and Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Awards Ceremony.

If you listen to all the Kazzie talk you about Melbourne, you will already know that the Sts Constantine and Helen day celebrations and the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Awards Ceremony were very successful.

The day started off with the annual church service at St Constantine and St Helen Greek Orthodox Church in South Yarra. Following which the Consul-General of Greece, Mr. Christos Salamanis and Father Dion along with approximately 100 guests attended the celebrations at the clubroom in South Melbourne.

This year the Committee elected to replace the formal sit down lunch with a stand up "cocktail-styled" reception. The reason for this change was prompted by the overcrowded conditions experienced at last year's event. The Committee was a little apprehensive that the change in format would not be well received. However it proved to be extremely successful as many positive comments were received. Comments ranged from; "It is so nice to be able to mingle freely with everyone", "My I didn't realize that the room is so large" and "It is so nice to see the young ones chatting with everyone and having a good time". Even our more elderly members enjoyed the day and commented that they were well catered for as there was plenty of seating for them.

At the beginning of the celebrations, Father Dion gave a blessing after which an abundance and variety of finger food, provided by catering company Gas, was served to all guests. Drinks were available from the "bar".

The Awards ceremony began at approximately 1.30pm. George Verginis was master of ceremonies and introduce the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's President, Mr. Michael Spartels. Michael gave a polished opening address and then invited the Consul-General of Greece to say a few words. Mr. Salamanis gave speeches in Greek and English and he said that he always enjoys the hospitality of the Association. Following his speech, the award presentation began.

Michael began by introducing John Mangos, 2008's Kastellorizian of the Year. In true "John Mangos style", he captivated the audience with his charm and wit. In his speech, John joked that Australia was an ideal place for the Kastellorizians to have migrated to as they have a lot in common with the indigenous population and he joked that both groups have the desire to reclaim their land. Following this the crowd erupted in laughter. John was very honoured by the award made mention of his Kastellorizian heritage, one that he is clearly proud of.

Congratulation John, on your "KY" Award for services to the Media industry but in particular for your participation in your extra-career activities within the Kastellorizian/Greek/Australian communities and your involvement with many charitable organizations.

After the presentation of the plaque to John, he joined Michael Spartels in presenting the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement and VCE awards. All of the young "Kastellorizians" who were presented with awards stunned the audience with their excellent speeches of appreciation.

Once again we would like to congratulate our 2008 Kastellorizian Youth Achievement awardees Cassie Zervos (Taekwondo and 2012 Olympic hopeful) and Nicholas Paltoglou (Diving and Music) and VCE recipients Charlotte Lane, David Garrick, Anastasios Adgemis and Diandra Zervos.

Connie (Rousou) Lane accepted Charlotte Lane's VCE award as she was unable to attend the presentation ceremony due to her studies in Costume and Stage Set design at NIDA in Sydney. Connie explained the Lane family's Kastellorizian Heritage. Charlotte's Kastellorizian Heritage is from her maternal side of the family. Her great-grandmother was Kostantinia Kostantinidis and who was born on Kastellorizo and her grandmother is Ellen (Kyriakou) Rousou

Sts Constantine and St Helen Day and Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Awards Ceremony.



**2008
Kastellorizian of
the Year,
John Mangos (left)**

and sister of Paul Kyriakou. Mother, Connie read out Charlotte's acceptance speech and showed the embroidery that Konstantinia had made all those years ago. Charlotte's acceptance speech as presented by her mother, Connie Lane is presented below.

"I would like to thank my wonderful Yiayia for nominating me for this award. This award has opened up new doors for me and my family that may never have been opened, so we are so grateful to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria. We have started new conversations about our ancestors and cultural heritage.

I am told that my great grandmother could not speak easily about her youth due to trauma experienced through war, so we have lost some of our family history. However, we are finding out more each day and I have recently been reminded that I have been surrounded by great grandmother and her culture all my life.

She was extremely proud of her heritage to the point where she embroidered the emblem of Kastellorizo in gold thread on cream velvet. This beautiful, framed embroidery hung over her bed from the time of her arrival in Australia before being passed down to my mother. It has been hanging over Mum's bed all these years and only now I understand and appreciate the significance.

Thank you again for this award and for your commitment and support in encouraging, maintaining and extending interest in the Kastellorizian history and culture to young Australians such as me.

Charlotte Lane"

Charlotte's speech was very touching and it gives the present Committee hope that the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria still has a place in today's society.

Everyone who attended on Sunday the 25th of May clearly had an enjoyable day. Those that didn't attend missed out on a fantastic event. Do not despair as you will be able to catch up the day's proceedings when we release the DVD of the event in the near future.

2008 Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Awardees



Cassie Zervos



**Nicholas
Paltoglou**

2008 VCE Awardees



**Charlotte
Lane**



**David
Garrick**



**Anastasios
Adgemis**

Please note: Diandra Zervos was also awarded a VCE award but was unable to attend the ceremony



**The Committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria
and the award recipients outside the clubrooms**

SEMINAR PROGRAM

“Thrills Chills and Curtain Calls” was the first of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria’s seminar program. The program was established to provide a variety of interesting topics for all members, in particular the Kastellorizian Youth.

The aim of this type of event was to primarily encourage youth participation in the activities of Kastellorizian Associations of Victoria but in areas of interest to their age group. Such a program has the potential of allowing the youth to meet and interact with cousins and other Kazzie descendants who they may not normal interact with. The goal is that this will allow them to form their own network of friends and perhaps encourage more youth attendance in the other activities and functions that the Association has to offer, as well as providing them with useful information relevant to them.

It was extremely disappointing that only 2 out of the 12 youth participants were members of the Association. The other 10 students and three drama teachers who participated were from Staughton College in Melton South and were invited by Maria Alexiou (Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Committee Member).

Many of you may consider this event as a failure because of the lack of “Kazzie members” both youth and adults. However the Committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria disagree and we say it was a **“huge success”**.

This event was successful because it gives us a great deal of feedback for the Subcommittee for the Future Direction of the Association to use and if you read on, I think that you will agree, it is not about quantity (numbers) but about the quality of the event.

Sarah Austin-Verginis was an ideal first speaker in the seminar program as her passion of the

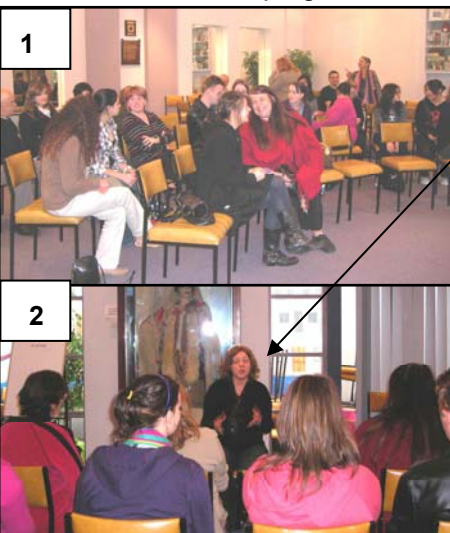
theatre was clearly displayed through her enthusiastic and interactive presentation. She related very well with the youth present, all of whom discarded their inhibitions and joined in the activities. Clearly all the youth who attended had a great time. They all learnt a great deal about the theatre and the exercises performed will assist them in developing confidence in everyday communication skills.

The adults who attended were banded from participation and were exiled to the kitchen. This allowed the youth to interact freely with Sarah. However the adults did not miss out and clearly made their own fun. The “party” was in the kitchen and there were numerous occasions when the adults were asked to keep their laughter and chatter to a whisper! At the end of the presentation both youth and adults interacted over light refreshments.

The following paragraph was written by Simeon Bisas, who along with his cousin, Adriana attended the event. I am sure from his description of the day that the rest of our youth and their parents will see just how much they missed out on by not attending.

“On Sunday the 15th of June, an enthusiastic group of students attended an interactive lecture hosted by Sarah Austin, the Artistic Director at St Martins Youth Arts Centre, held at the Kastellorizo Club. Sarah described her role at St Martins and elaborated on methods of acting and creating theatre. She pointed out possible career options and pathways for students with an interest in getting involved in performance. She then hosted intense but very enjoyable dramatic warm-up games with the audience. Sarah then patiently answered questions from the engaged crowd. After the presentation was completed, Sarah was thanked by the eager students who praised the always entertaining nature of her speech and were all left with plenty to think about due to the well-presented and intriguing information given.

Simeon Bisas”



Photograph 1. The attendees. **2.** Sarah speaking to the audience.
3&4. group activities with the youth. **5.** The “adults party” in the kitchen

MEGISTI CLUB

The Megisti Ouzeri

Our first function for 2008 was the “ **Megisti Ouzeri**” held on 13 April at the clubrooms.

Visiting from Sydney was **George and Chrissie Athis** with their daughter **Renee** and husband **George Pansellinas** with their children, **Connor** and **Leanna**. At first they thought that they had stumbled into a Greek tavern with the ouzo, octopus and mezethes that people were enjoying. One could hear the beautiful sounds of Anthea Sideropoulos accompanied by Achilles Yiangoulis on his bouzouki which added to the tavern like atmosphere of the “**Megisti Ouzeri**”.

Anthea and Achilles have been performing in Melbourne for more than 20 years. They entertained us with some of their own songs but also many old time favourites.

Thanks to **George and Chrissie Athis** for their **donation** of \$200.00

Many thanks to everyone who contributed in making the Megisti Ouzeri such a success.

Attendance for this function was almost 70 which were very encouraging for us. We are grateful for your continued support.

The Megisti Club,
(Cynthia, Christine, Maria, Evelyn and Sandra)



Megisti Ouzeri April 13th. Photographs Top left to right:

1. Nick Loukides, Krsytalla Pearce, Flora Pearce
2. Hellas Christopher, Stella Salvaris, Betty Lucas, Steve Lucas, John B Salvaris, Michael Christopher.
3. Michelle Hondros, Irene Mingos, Julie Malios, Tessie Hondros.

Bottom left to right:

4. Guest from South Africa.
5. Miss Arygropoulos, Elaine Platis, Sandra Varvodic and Vera Constance,
6. Renee Pansellinos Leanna, Connor, Cynthia Koutsoukis, Samantha Garrick and Helen Koustoukis.
7. The Megisti Club Committee (Cynthia Koutsoukis, Maria Katris, Sandra Varvodic, Christine Dimer and Evelyn Salvaris

Origins of the Kastellorizian Costume

by Cynthia Koutsoukis

Sunday the 29th of June was freezing, it was windy, it was raining but inside the Kastellorizian Club rooms there was a warm haven created to dispel the bitter June winds as 55 people gathered to hear the talk by **Geoffrey Conaghan** on his maternal great grandmother's (**Amirisa Hatsiagapitou Askitis**) wardrobe dating from 1890 to 1910. Geoffrey, the family wardrobe custodian, chose a sample from the 70 garments to display and describe to the enraptured audience. The garments that were chosen were incredibly beautiful such as the multi coloured long jacket delicately embroidered and fully lined with exotic fabric. Geoffrey described how the origins of the fabrics came from all over the trade routes and he provided an understanding of how the costume evolved and how it was influenced by the fashions from the Mogul empire, now known as Iran, Afghanistan and India. Some of the silks and fabric are from Gujarat, India, the velvet from Genoa the brocade from Venice and scarves from Sri Lanka (to tsirlanotiko mantili).

In order to safeguard the garments from damage and to protect them for the future, Geoffrey engaged a professional textile curator. Some of the techniques used included carefully vacuuming the clothes and washing certain garments in distilled water.

Hints on how to store your costume:

1. Garments should not be stored in moth balls or naphthalene as this can damage the materials;
2. Garments should not be hung as this can cause stretching;
3. Garments should be stored in acid proof tissue paper;
4. Garments should also be stored in an insect proof box.

After the talk people enjoyed a home made traditional afternoon tea put together by our very talented cooks namely Vera Constance, Helen Koutsoukis, Sandra Varvodic, Maria Katris, Evelyn Salvaris, Christine Dimer and Chrysanthi Koutsoukis. There were Katoumaria, baklava, halva, kourambiethes, bougatsa, karithopita and some Aussie mini pavlovas. Truly scrumptious!!!

The donated raffle prizes were also fantastic and included: Gold pass movie tickets, \$100 JB Hi-Fi voucher, lunch at the "Terrace Deli", home made hampers, chocolates, liqueur, wine, cup cake stand, a pack of Kastellorizian books/DVD's, a book by Kaillis, Limoges coasters and a platter of Greek sweats. Visiting from Adelaide was Maria Paltoglou.

Many thanks to Michelle Hondros who has donated another piece for the Megisti Club collection, the traditional scarf (tsirlanotiko mantili) which had many uses e.g. at the time of a marriage, the 3 rings which were part of the bride's dowry, were carried in the mantili. Many thanks to Despina the daughter of Maria Platis nee Paltoglou (deceased) from Adelaide who has also donated a beautifully embroidered and framed figure of a Kastellorizian woman.

Many thanks to all those who contributed in making the afternoon such a success.

Love your work Geoffrey!



Geoffrey captivating the audience with his presentation of "Origins of the Kastellorizian

Costume" on June 28th.

Top panel: Geoffrey "in action"

Bottom panel : Geoffrey with the assistance of Christine Dimer showing his favourite pieces from the collection of items from his grandmother's wardrobe.

Kastellorizian Association of Vic General Reports

WEBSITE UPDATE by John Karis

The information supplied in this edition is a follow on from the statistics reported in #133 April 08 edition which comprehensively tabled the source of visitors to our website and its overall performance.

Since April we have endeavoured to make contact with visitors to our website, especially Switzerland, which represents a significant part of the European interest. Contact can only be made via a request on the homepage of our website for visitors from specific countries to email us at info@kastellorizo.com.au

We are happy to report that this has resulted in some contact from the following:

Sweden – a teacher is interested in coming to Australia next year and, while she is here, meeting us to learn more about the Kastellorizo and the migration paths.

Switzerland – a few visitors confirming that they are of Kastellorizian descent but uncertain of all the details and requesting assistance. This is ongoing as we refer them to the Genealogy websites etc.

Germany – from one visitor who has compiled a photo book of Kastellorizo which is written in German and English. He visited Kastellorizo and 'fell in love with the place' (see page 18).

As mentioned previously all this is very exciting for a Victorian based Association endeavouring to penetrate the globe, learning more about where Kazzies have settled and strengthening our heritage.

Table 1: Most popular website pages visited from April to June 08

April '08	May '08	June '08
Newsletter	Genealogy	Travel
Calendar	Travel	Genealogy
Genealogy	Calendar	Calendar
Travel	Newsletter	Newsletter

The most popular pages have fluctuated between the four above (Table 1) and it was interesting at Greek Easter there was a spike in the hits for the

Orthodox Calendar we provide on the website.

Table 2: Statistics for June 08

	Average range	June '08
Hits	12,000 to 40,000	18,284
Visits	1,000 to 7,600	2,557
Downloads	1,000 to 1,900	1,587
Page views	4 to 7	4
Time/visit	5 to 12 minutes	8 minutes

The statistics (Table 2) illustrate that the website performance is steady and holding. This will be dependent upon new and fresh content and, obviously, new visitors to the site.

Table 3 a: Country or origin by

Europe	June '08
Switzerland	58.79
Italy	13.94
United Kingdom	7.58
Greece	3.94
Sweden	3.64
Netherlands	2.73
France	2.12
Spain	1.52
Germany	1.21
Luxemburg	0.61
Ireland	0.61
Denmark	0.30
Norway	0.30
Poland	0.30
Austria	0.30
Portugal	0.30
Belgium	0.30
Iceland	0.30
Finland	0.30
Yugoslavia	0.30
Romania	0.30
Bulgaria	0.30

WEBSITE UPDATE

Europe (**Table 3a**) is the largest visitor next to Northern America (USA/Canada) then Oceania (Australia/New Zealand) and trailing off for Asia, South America and Africa (**Table 3b**). Switzerland continues to dominate the European region with enormous hits in comparison to Italy and even Greece.

Table 3 b: Country or origin by

North America	June '08
USA	73.89
Canada	26.12
Asia	
Hong Kong	55.17
Israel	13.79
Turkey	10.35
Japan	6.90
Thailand	3.45
Bahrain	3.45
India	3.45
Indonesia	3.45
Africa	
South Africa	88.89
Egypt	11.11
Oceania	
Australia	99.68
New Zealand	0.32
South America	
Brazil	50.00
Colombia	50.00

North America – the USA continues to dominate this region and there seems to always be someone logged onto our website every time we check. It is yet to be confirmed as to who these visitors are despite requests.

Asia – Hong Kong has also been the most consistent visitor although we receive sporadic visits from a whole range of countries within the region.

Africa – South Africa is the leader with an interchange between Morocco and now Egypt for the second major visitor.

Oceania – it is expected that Australia shows a strong interest in our website.

South America – Brazil is the leader with an interchange between Uruguay and now Colombia for the second major visitor.

Summary of countries activity in June 08

North America	39.86%
Oceania	28.32%
Europe	26.57%
Asia	2.45%
Africa	2.45%
South America	0.35%

Definition of terms:

This report shows the number of requests for files or "hits" logged during the selected report period. A hit is a request to your web server for a file such as a web page, image, CGI, header request, etc.

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Visits

This report reveals the total number of times that people have visited your web site during the selected report period. Observing this report on a weekly or monthly basis can help identify trends in our website's overall traffic.

Downloads

This report shows the total number of files (e.g. .exe, .pdf, .zip, etc.) that were downloaded during the selected report period. This report helps us determine the popularity of downloads with people visiting our website.

Length of time

The Time Spent per Visit report shows the average amount of time each web site user spent during a visit in the selected report period. This report can help us gauge the level of interest in our website's content.

Pages viewed

The Page Views per Visit report shows the average number of pages viewed by people per website visit during the selected report period. This report can help us identify changes in the overall level of interest in our website.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Country of Origin

The Continent Breakdown report shows how often people visited from the different continents during the selected report period. This report may reveal opportunities for geographically targeting our information and activities.

You will recall from # 133 April 2008 edition of the "Kazzie News", John gave a very informative break down of where our website 'Hits' originated. Curious as to why people from places like Switzerland were accessing the site he placed the following on the website "WE KNOW YOU ARE THERE, So please let us know who you are and from where you originated "

On April 1st, he was please to receive the following response to this question was received from Horst Imhof of Germany.

"Hello from Germany!

On your website I have read - WE KNOW YOU ARE THERE, So please let us know who you are and from where you originated "

Something about us: We (my Wife Ivonne an me) were Island-hoppers in Greece for some Years. Once a time we have read something about Kastellorizo and were interested in "going there". So we have started a short trip in 2004 to Kastellorizo for 3 days and we have lost our heart there. From this time, we started twice a year to go to Kastellorizo. We have many friends there an we are known as the "German photographers (specially my wife Ivonne) "In the last two years we have taken many fantastic pictures, so we was encouraged to produce a photo book about Kastellorizo. It is not our business, but the Idea was an interesting challenge for us.

The book has an foreword in Greek, English, German and Italian (1 page each) and the other pages are designed photo pages in a very good quality. The book has the measure 21 cm x 21 cm and contains 72 pages inside. Publishing is in April, 2008. The price will be at 20 Euro additional shipping costs.

We think, in your community many people from Kastellorizo maybe interested in such a book. It is named "Moments on Kastellorizo" and shows

the Island and some Acts on the Island, as we where there. (Wedding - in October 2007, procession at St. Constantine and Helens day May 2007)

More information with a few example pages in a lower quality look at www.imhof-net.de/book.htm the page is under construction an every day there will going more pages with pictures online.

We will be glad if you take us in your Mailing list for your newsletter for all the interesting information about your community.

Sorry for my bad English.

Best regards
Horst Imhof"

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KASTELLORIZIAN GENEALOGY WEBSITE UPDATE

CASTELLORIZIAN GENEALOGY SITE NOW CONTAINS 10, 000 NAMES AND IS INCREASING DAILY!!!

I recently had correspondence from Allan Creswell. He has informed me that the Castellorizian Genealogical website has been in existence for seven months.

The site now has over 10,000 entries. That means that there are now more than 10,000 Kazzie related names listed on the site. **This is an incredible achievement in a short time. Congratulations Allan. It would not have been possible without you and your dedication.**

Despite Kastellorizo's small geographic size, the diaspora covers all corners of the globe. Allan has received entries from Kastellorizian descendants not only from Australia and Greece, but from countries such as USA, Lebanon, Sweden, Cyprus, Italy, Brazil, Belgium, France, United Kingdom, as well as other locations.

Allan has accumulated nearly 600 of media items which he is currently uploading to the site. Contributions of family trees and photographs are always welcomed and as members of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, you can access the site through our website. You will require a password, if you don't have one, contact John Karis on info@kastellorizo.com.au

The Castellorizian Genealogy Website is multifaceted as it displays photos, creates family trees for individuals (when details have been provided by clicking on the TAB associated with the person you are viewing). The more information and family photos provided, the more is available on the online display.

Allan's next aim is to collect 15,000 Kazzie names by the end of the year.

Please contribute!!! After all is for our benefit as much as for the benefit and interest of future Kazzie descendants.

Allan would like to thank all the people who have collaborated and sent in their contributions for the website. He says "You know who you are and I most certainly do know who you are! A great big thanks on behalf of all the people who view the website! We have had about 10% participation to achieve this great legacy to our descendants. Just think what the other 90% would achieve!"

If you are interested in contributing to the Castellorizian Genealogy website please visit our website at www.kastellorizo.com.au and follow the links to the Castellorizian Genealogy website. If you do not have a password please contact IT Manager, John Karis to obtain one.

If you are unsure as to how to go about gathering information on your family history please read our genealogy section on page 21 for some pointers.

Evelyn Salvaris

KAZZIE MEMORABILIA

After attending the Seminar Program, Jack Bisas sent in the following piece of Kazzie Memorabilia. What is interesting was that the "Young Men's Castellorizian Society" of Melbourne wanted to establish a theatre group and the meeting was to be held at the Emerald Hill Theatre which is now Kastellorizian House! **Does anyone know the year of this event?** Please let us all know. Also please send in any Kazzie Memorabilia for our archives and newsletters. This would make a great and interesting regular feature!

Evelyn Salvaris

INTRODUCTION
TO THE FORMATION
OF A THEATRICAL
GROUP YOUNG MENS
CASTELLORIZIAN SOCIETY

TO BE HELD AT
EMERALD HILL THEATRE
DORCAS STREET, SOUTH MELBOURNE
12th MARCH, 8 p.m.

FEATURING
WAL CHERRY GUEST SPEAKER
All welcome. So bring along your friends.

ADMISSION FREE
Light refreshments served after discussion.

Monthly meetings with interesting discussions by well known personalities are to be held, so your support is needed to make this organisation successful.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION'S REPORTS AND FUNCTIONS

KASTELLORIZIAN SENIOR ASSOCIATION inc by Christine Dimer

We are pleased to announce our new Kastellorizian Seniors Association Committee for 2008/09.

They are as follows:-

President	Christine Dimer
Vice-President	Sylvia Coates
Treasurer	Nick Patiniotis
Secretary	Irene Mingos
Asst Secretary	Dianne Spartels
Committee:	
	Peter Christofis
	Sam Alexander
	Cherry Alexander
	Valda Lazarakis

Congratulations to the above newly elected members.

We would like to thank Mr. Nick Patiniotis for his dedication and commitment as President the last 14 years. We are happy to announce that Nick will stay on as Treasurer and Maria, his wife, will continue to be an ongoing support.

On **May 7th** the seniors celebrated Mothers' Day at the Vibes Savoy. We had an enjoyable lunch and 43 members attended.



Photographs from the Kastellorizian Senior's Association luncheon that was that was held on May the 7th at Vibes Savoy.

Photographs supplied by Christine Dimer, the newly appointed President of the Kastellorizian Senior's Association Inc.



On **June the 11th**, we met for lunch at the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's club rooms and held our elections. 28 members attended, and after much discussion the above committee was elected.

On **July 2nd**, we met at Sante Buffet at Crown Casino where we were able to enjoy lunch and have a good chat together. Of course, some did go off to make their fortune on the pokies.....Twenty three members attended.

We cordially invite all Kazzies to join our functions monthly.

Come and have lunch with us, play bingo, have a chat and catch up or just pop in anytime for a drink. We would love to see you.

Our next get-together will be held at our Clubrooms and not at Medici Restaurant as mentioned in our Calendar of Activities.

PLEASE NOTE – DATE HAS ALSO BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY 4TH AUGUST.

We will be having a luncheon in honour of Nick Patiniotis who has now stepped down as President.

We invite ALL Kazzies to come along and join us on this day to acknowledge Nick's dedication with the seniors over many years. The clubrooms will be open from 10.30am on the 4th of August. For catering purposes, please notify one of our committee members if you are coming.

FEATURE ARTICLES

GREEK CULTURE

Τ' "Αι Ελία, Τ' "Αι Μάλα

Beware!!!!

If you are in Kastellorizo on the 20 th of July, name day of St Elias, be sure to wear your swimmers.

"Why?" you may ask. Chances are, the locals will pick you up, clothes and all and through you into the harbour.

This very old custom belongs to a much earlier time. Even then Kastellorizo was arid and lacked a good water supply. The Kastellorizians believed that prophet Elias was able bring water to the island, in the form of rain. In order to summons St Elias, the islanders celebrated the feast day by swimming in the surrounding waters. There was great commotion if any Kastellorizian was found dry. Often the sailors would leave their boats and search the houses call out "Nicholas, Basil etc where are you?". If these people were found dry, they would be carried to the waters edge and as they were thrown in the water, they would shout " **Τ' "Αι Ελία, Τ' "Αι Μάλα** and translates as "Saint Elias, St Mala ".

Wiser Kastellorizians would make their way with their families and picnic in the mountains.

Kai tou Xronou and make sure you are not near the water edge on the 20th of July!

By John B Salvaris OAM

ASSITANCE FOR NEWSLETTER REQUIRED!

ARE YOU A KEEN PHOTOGRAPHER? ARE YOU A COMPUTER WIZ?

**Can you
take photos,
scan, crop, red eye reduce, reduce file sizes
without compromising resolution
and can you meet deadlines?**

If yes, we need you to be our Photo Editor

Please contact Evelyn Salvaris on 0411 464 369

GENEALOGY

Family reunions

Family reunions are a great opportunity to obtain information from your family members in order document your family history. The reunion event can be as relaxed or as organised as you wish to make it. It all depends on whether you are on a "fact finding mission" or just wanting to catch up and enjoy the company of your extended family.

Here are some **helpful hints** to make your family reunion a successful one.

1. Be Organised!
2. Gather help from other family member ie delegate tasks.
3. Set a date and venue well in advance! To ensure that relatives that live interstate and overseas attend.
4. Make a list of all family members and collect their addresses. You may require the assistance of other family members to obtain a complete list
5. Send out invites and include questionnaires to help gather your family history.
6. Plan activities for the day. Why not ask family members to bring old photos, slides or home movies to show on the day
Have family tree displayed and ask members of the family to fill the gaps
Have a guest and address book for everyone to sign
Compile the questionnaire information and then hand it out your family on the day.
7. Record the event. Why not video tape the day

After the Reunion, send everyone a copy of photos and the video or why not organise a video screening. These days it is very hard to keep in touch so distribute the address list to everyone that was present.

**But the main objective is to have fun
on the day but also throughout the
organisation!**

Angela (Mangos) Briscoe is an expert at arranging family reunions.

In her article "the Zervos family reunion" she discusses the logistics of setting up such a major event. However as you read on you will agree that her efforts were not wasted. So much so that she took on the task of setting up a second one.

If this inspires you to organise your own family reunion please write in and share your experiences with us.

GENEALOGY

The Zervos Family Reunion

By Angela (Mangos) Briscoe

As the Zervos brothers and sisters, are now getting on , Michael Karp (Maria' Karps youngest son) and Angela Briscoe (Dorothy Mangos's daughter) took on the daunting task of trying to get all of the siblings, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and their respective spouses together in the one place, at the one time for a long awaited family reunion.

The reality is that most of us are bogged down with our day to day lives and obligations and only get together for weddings and funerals. The reunion date decided on was a day to celebrate "FAMILY". A day to spend with loved ones who had not seen each other for years to catch up, to reminisce and introduce the newer members of the family to each other.

Michael and Angela organised the reunion which took them at least six months to arrange. This involved emailing cousins (those who are on email, that is). The cousins were then delegated the responsibility of getting their respective parents to the lunch held at Crown Casino on Saturday, 30 November 2005. Crown Casino was selected to celebrate the reunion so that no one was stuck in a kitchen slaving over a hot stove

Despite the "oldies" putting up opposition every step of the way The reunion lasted on for at least 4 – 5 hours. Needless to say it was a huge success. Some of the family who were just "popping in for a drink" stayed for the entire time. Everyone, especially the "oldies" had an absolute ball to the extent that a pact was made to re-do the whole thing again within a couple of years. Many family members flew in from Sydney and Brisbane especially for the reunion. We were having such a hoot that a couple of "bikies" all decked out in their chains and leather decided to join in on our family picture. This just reiterates how much fun we all had on the day. The 2nd Zervos family reunion was held, as the pack decreed, on the 28 November 2007 along with a few new additions to the family. And yes, it was just as much fun as the first time. We all valued the fact that years are going by and we were all still around to appreciate each others company. It is good that as we all go our separate ways in life and form our own families. Best of all we can still get together, without judgment or ridicule and enjoy each others company, for no better reason than we all have a deep love and respect for our Zervos family.

A photograph from the first Zervos Reunion in 2005. **Front row left to right** Thalia Briscoe, Konnor Briscoe, Marcus M Zervos. **2nd row left to right** Theodore Theodore, Cassandra Zervos,

Michael C Zervos, Paul K Karp, Zanthi Zervos

3rd row left to right Daniel Park, (Madeleine's fiancé) Madeleine Theodore (Cynthia's daughter), Roslyn Zervos, John K Karp.

4th row from left to right: Peter Briscoe, Nikki (Luke's partner), Soultana Mangos, Angela Briscoe, Yvonne Andrianis, Max K Zervos, Nick Andrianis

5th row from left to right: Luke Kalaizis (with partner in front), John C Mangos (with wife Soultana Mangos in front), Cynthia Theodore, Kominos C Zervos, Kevin Karp and wife Donna Karp.

6th row from left to right: Paul K Zervos, Nick K Zervos, Chrissie Zervos, Helen Athans, Maria Karp
Top row Left to right Nick Paul Zervos, Peggy Zervos, Peter Kalaizis, Michael Karp, Rebecca Karp



GENERAL INTEREST

HEIRLOOMS

Late last year, SBS advertised that they were seeking stories about treasured heirlooms for a new program entitled “**Heirlooms**”.

I approached the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria’s Committee and Michelle Hondros for permission to put forward the Kastellorizian costume. They were in all in agreement and I put forward the following application for consideration by the producers, Parasol Productions.

Before I present the application essay, I would like to give you some background about the production. “**Heirlooms**” is an animated documentary featuring 13, one minute animations depicting each depicting an heirloom. The story of the heirloom will be told through a series of photographs, painted pictures and 2D animation. Each 1 minute segment will explain what the heirloom is, how it came in the possession of the current owner and its significance to the owner. The program aims to tell the viewer of Australia’s diverse cultural heritage through the heirlooms.

I am happy to inform you that the application was successful and in June 2008, the producers visited the Association Clubroom to take photos of the costume and interview Michelle Hondros whose voice will guide us through the story of the our heirloom, the Kastellorizian costume.

“Heirlooms” is expected to be released for screening on SBS sometime next year (2009). Stay tuned to the newsletter for screening details.



Michael Spartels (right) is pictured with Parasol Productions Producer Wendy Chandlers and our treasured heirloom, the Kastellorizian Costume.

THE KASTELLORIZIAN COSTUME: A VALUED HEIRLOOM OF THE KASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria would like to be considered for your heirlooms documentary that you plan to air on SBS in the near future.

As previous mentioned in an earlier email, our Association has a complete Kastellorizian Traditional Costume that is very important to our members, the Association as well as to the family who donated the costume.

To give you some background, The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria was established in 1925 by immigrants from Kastellorizo. Kastellorizo or Megisti is the southern most Greek island. In the early 1900’s Kastellorizo was prosperous and in it’s “hey day” had an estimated population of 9000 – 14000. The exodus from Kastellorizo began due to the hardships that Kastellorizians experienced on the island. The island was known throughout the shipping trade routes because of its natural harbour. Many trading vessels stopped at the island to re-load supplies or take shelter from poor weather, whilst they travelled the Mediterranean. However the advent of the steamship resulted in a down turn in the economy, as the new improved steamships sailed by the island. A series of other disasters ranging from World War I & II, occupation of the island by the Turks (1830 – 1912), a brief period of Independence (1913-1915), French (1915-1921), Italians (1921-1941), British (1941- 1943 with an Italian interlude) occupations, an earthquake (1926), bombings (1916-1918 & 1943) and fire (1944) all took its toll on the island and its inhabitants. By the time the island was reunited with Greece (1947) the population had dwindled to less than 600 inhabitants. The majority of the islands population migrated to Australia. Immigration to Australia commenced in the late 1800’s and many Kastellorizian settled in Perth and Darwin and later in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide. Today Kastellorizo has approximately 300 inhabitants whilst there is an estimated 93,000 Kastellorizian or their descendants living elsewhere as a result of the diaspora.

HEIRLOOMS

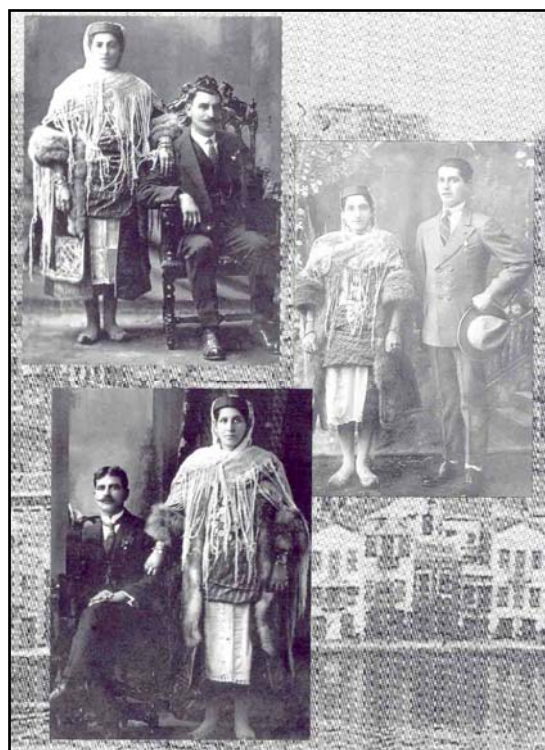
Despite the changing environment on Kastellorizo the one thing that remained constant was the Kastellorizian costume. It is unique to the Kastellorizo and was worn daily by most women on the island. With the introduction of modern clothing, the traditional dress was still worn on days of great celebrations, such as engagements and weddings. Traditional clothing was often worn when traveling to Athens and sometimes on migration. The Kastellorizians also had communities on the Turkish coast (Andifilo (Kas), Kalamaki (Kalkan)) and the women wore traditional dress on leaving Turkey during the exchange Greek-Turkish in the 1920's. The "Lady of Rho" was said to have worn traditional dress when she defied the Turks and hoisted the Greek flag on the flag pole on the small Kastellorizian island of Rho in 1945. Many Kastellorizian ladies wore this form of clothing in their new homelands. In many post-migration "official" family photographs, the Kastellorizian women are often pictured wearing the costume (see photograph* below).



1955
30th
Anniversary
of Kastellorizian
Brotherhood
held at
Masonic Hall
Albert Rd
Sth Melbourne



The Kastellorizian costume was so highly valued that when the matriarch of the family passed away often the costume was divided amongst the children to remind them of their mother but also of their heritage. As a result of this division and with the increasing generations, the costumes have been damaged, lost or destroyed. Division of the costume has also resulted in family feuds over what item was inherited, as the elaborate shawls and vests were considered more beautiful and "worth" more than the undergarments.



In the mid 1950's and 1960's the costume was often worn at celebratory dances that were held by The Kastellorizian Association here in Melbourne (see photograph * Top of next column)

Our Heirloom



HEIRLOOMS

The Kastellorizian costume consists of the following pieces:

- * **kondovratsi** (short bloomers) held at the waist by the **vrakozoni** (belt)
- * white chemise with **voukles** (buckles)
- * **kavadi** or **chrysos sakkos** (dress, open in front)
- * **zosma** (draped hip scarf)
- * **gouna** (overcoat trimmed with fur)
- * **kondochi** (short overdress)
- * **raxini** (small cap)
- * **tsaki** or **kaski** (band encircling the cap)
- * **krepi** (silk shawl imported from China or Spain)

The Kastellorizian costume which is now displayed (pictured above) at Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's clubrooms was donated to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria by the family of George and Despina Paltogou.

I spoke to Michelle Hondros, Despina's daughter, who told me that it was a family decision to allow the costume to remain in its entirety. The family's viewpoint was that the donation of the costume to Kastellorizian Association of Victoria would allow all family members, relatives, Kastellorizians as well as future generation of Kastellorizians to be reminded of their common bond of their homeland and heritage. It is not only a memorial to Despina, but a legacy to the many Kastellorizians who also struggled to make a new and better life for their families and future generations of Kastellorizians in Australia, and to those who were left behind. Michelle explained that this particular costume was Despina's "Sunday Best" and that she wore it to

to visit her siblings in Athens before she, her husband and children migrated to Australia. The journey to Australia was a long and hard one with many stops including a long delay in Cyprus and brief stay Egypt before the family was finally granted a visa to Australia after World War II. After Despina passed away the clothing remained in Michelle's care. Michelle lovingly looked after the costume and she routinely aired and repaired it when necessary. The costume was donated in July, 2007. to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.

To the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, the costume represents the struggles, determination and sacrifices that were made by our "fore fathers". Its uniqueness and preservation is a symbol of Kastellorizian courage, strength and unity. All the characteristics that were required to cope with the hardships faced on the island, on the journey to and for settlement and ongoing life in Australia.

Today the costume represents unity and cultural respect and knowledge in our heritage. Many fund raising functions have been held by the Megisti Club (Christine Dimer and Cynthia Koustoukis) to raise money for the preservation and display cabinet which now houses the costume. These fund raising activities have brought together many Kastellorizians of all ages

Please note:

Due to the large size of this document the photograph panel has been omitted from the website edition of the newsletter.

Please view #132 November 2007 Edition of the Kazzie News for photographs

Top (Left to right): The Kastellorizian costume and cabinet. Shown Kastellorizian home ware. Christine and Cynthia with some of The Association Committee members. Christine Dimer's grandson in traditional costume.

Bottom (Left to right): President Michael Spartels with Christine and Cynthia. The Megisti Tea Club organisers. Kazzie Youth participation at Tea Club luncheon. Donor Michelle Hondros with her Granddaughter & the Kazzie Costume.

HEIRLOOMS

The symbol of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria is the symbol faith, hope and charity (or also known as the cross, anchor and heart) and we believe that this costume is a representative symbol of our creed.

The costume represents the “hope” that accompanied our ancestors who wore it with pride for a new and better life. The Association “hopes” that it will also be a symbol to the younger and future generation of Kastellorizian Australians as a reminder of our past, on Kastellorizo but also of our life in Australia and the subsequent achievements and contribution that many Kastellorizians have made and will make in the Australia community.

The costume is representative of the “faith” of our ancestors had when selecting Australia as a country to settle in. They had “faith” that the “Lucky country”, Australia would provide a better life for their families. They had “faith” in the Australian community to accept them as part of their community.

Finally it represents the “charity” of immigrants as they bonded together to provide support to each other and in order to establish their lives in Australia. We also believe that this “charity” has translated into the many contributions that many Kastellorizians (or descendants of) have made through their involvement in many community, welfare and business programs, the political arena, as well as contributing to multicultural enrichment of the Australian community.

If we are successful with our application, the Committee has requested that due to the delicate state of the costume, that the costume not be removed from the clubrooms and we welcome you to our clubrooms to view it as required. Further information about the Association and Kastellorizo can be found on our web site www.kastellorizo.com.au

We hope that you will consider our application.

Yours truly,
Evelyn Salvaris

On behalf of the Committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria: Michael Spartels (President), George Verginis (Vice-President) Christina Pavlou, (Secretary), Sandra Varvodic (Assistant Secretary), Anna Mirkliis-Defteros (Treasurer), John Karis (IT Manager), Jim Paltos (Public Officer) and Committee Members: Dianne Spartels, Maria Alexiou and Evelyn Salvaris.

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KAZZIES BE IN IT!

“LIFE BE IN IT” was a great advertising campaign designed to make the less active and lazy members of the community get up out of their chairs and apart take actively in life. This campaign was aimed at not only promoting physical health but also mental health by participating in social and activities.

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria also has a similar program, where “arm chair” Kazzies can get out of their comfort zones and participate in a range of activities.

Please read on and participate today. As the 2007 Kazzie of the Year Marika Bisas said in her acceptance speech “You never know if you don’t try, you might be pleasantly surprised and enjoy it!”

**** **Volunteer for the Subcommittee for the Review of the Future Directions of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria** ****

**** **Volunteer for a Subcommittee to help organize social functions for the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria** ****

**** **Become a final Member of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria** ****

**** **Nominate for a position on the 2008 - 2010 the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Committee** ****

REGULAR FEATURES

COOL TO BE KAZZIE

The number 8 is a very auspicious date in the Chinese calendar and this year 8/08/08 marks the start of the Olympics games in China. This led me to investigate whether there had been any Kazzie participants in the modern day Olympics. I remembered family stories that **Michael Diamond AM, MBE** from Sydney, participated in the **1956 Melbourne Olympic Games**. I confirmed those memories with a little research. Michael was an A grade Fencing Champion, a multi-skilled expert in the areas foil, saber and épée and a member of Sydney University, State and Australian Fencing teams between 1954-1964. Sure enough, Michael participated at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne. Michael was the Assistant Manager of, and due to an injury was a reserve in the 1956 Australian Olympic Fencing team. In 1954-55 Michael, was awarded a University Blue award the highest sporting honour of the University of Sydney. It was awarded to Michael in recognition of his outstanding performances in sports field of fencing. Michael also participated in the Australian Fencing squad in the Perth 1962 Commonwealth Games where he won a Silver medal in the team Fencing event. How cool and what an achievement!

If anyone knows of any “Kazzies” that participated in any of the modern Day Olympic Games for any country, please let me know.

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In February this year the Australian Government held the **2020 Summit** to discuss the future directions of Australia. Of the 980 delegates, 7 had obvious Greek surnames and were clearly of Greek decent (0.7%). **What is cool is 3/7 delegates were of Kastellorizian decent and this represents 42.85% of Greek descendants that participated in the 2020 summit.**

The 2020 summit was divided into 10 categories, with representation in 6/10 of the categories by delegates of Greek background.

The Kastellorizian descendants that participated in this historic and hopefully successful event in reshaping and improving Australia were:

Mr. George Pappas from Victoria (Populations, sustainability, climate change and water);

Mr. George Etrelizis from WA (Future directions for rural industries and rural communities);

Ms. Marilynne Paspaley from WA (The Productivity Agenda (education, skills, training, science and innovation)).

Other Greek descendants who participated were: Prof Jonathan Carapetis (NT), Mr. Kon Karapanagiotidis (Vic), Mr Angelo Gavrielatos (Vic) and Ms Ana Kokkinos (Vic).

I also know of one at least one other “Kazzie” who was involved in preparing one of the proposals that was put forward by the delegation at the 2020 summit. How Cool to have participated in the future of Australia!

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How cool! **Kastellorizo** has made into “**The Australian Financial Review**”!

Yes and it was a double page spread at that!

Why? You may ask.

Kastellorizo was featured in the “Life and Leisure” section of “The Australian Financial Review” on March 28-30th. The article “The homecoming of a lost generation” was written by Joy Dodds who she states, has many “Kazzie” friends. She writes briefly about her visit to Kastellorizo and talks about the many features of the Island such as the Castle and the Lycian Tomb. She also gives a brief history of the Island, the reasons for the mass migration to other countries, especially Australia and some details for people interested in traveling to Kastellorizo.

A great promotion for the summer time tourist season on Kastellorizo!

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In the last edition of Cool to be Kazzie I left you with the question “which **notable Kazzie** landed an **extras role** in the **Tom Hanks/Steven Spielberg** mini series “**Pacific War**” that was recently filmed in Melbourne and Central Victoria?”

Did any one work it out?

If not, the answer was **George Verginis**.

Be sure to watch out for him in the background of Pacific War when it is released.

KAZZIE KERSMA

Winter is upon us and the most satisfying meal that warms the body from head to toe on a cold and chilly day or evening is soup.

In Greek cuisine, no soup is more famous than *Avgolemeno*. It is a comfort food ideal for the winter months and has the healing properties equivalent to every Jewish mother's chicken soup. However *Avgolemeno* is not just a soup. It is a versatile sauce made of eggs (avgo) and lemons (lemonia) and can be used to flavour a variety of dishes. It complements chicken the best but can accompany meat, fish and seafood.

Avgolemeno is an "à la minute" sauce, one you can make in an instant and it can enhance a boring dish and make it into an exotic one.

There are two ways to make ***Avgolemeno* sauce**.

The **first** is by whisking together egg yolks and lemon juice together. The egg yolks are beaten and the lemon juice is added slowly, drizzling it into the egg yolks whilst mixing continuously. A few spoonfuls of the hot pot juices are added to prevent the eggs from curdling. *Volà*, the sauce is complete and you are ready to "dress" your dish.

The **other** technique, involves whipping the egg whites into a meringue. The egg yolks are beaten with lemon juice and folded into the meringue. This method produces a much thicker bodied and foamy light sauce. Once again it is important to add a small amount of hot pot juices to the sauce before garnishing your dish.

The traditional Greek recipes that use *Avgolemeno* are:

Fricasse, hot pot of lamb and greens, pork and celery, or fish, usually sea bream, and greens.

Dolmades such as stuffed cabbage, vine leaves or tomatoes.

Youvarilakia – meatballs and *avgolemeno* combination soup.

Avgolemeno is so adaptable it can also be applied to Modern Greek cuisine, as is practiced by George Calombaris at the Press Club in Melbourne. Dishes like Greek Carbonara, with pastourma and *Avgolemeno*, or lobster and pasta with lobster stock *Avgolemeno*, are two such examples of the current Modern Greek cuisine movement.

Avgolemeno can be further enhanced with a variety of other flavours, such as, herbs (lemon balm to further emphasize the citrus overtones, Lemon grass, soumak, green peppers or hot chili peppers, saffron, Mastika and even Champagne). These additions can make Greece's most traditional and famous sauce into something "sexy and exotic".

However, with all the versatility that *Avgolemeno* has to offer, I will share with you my recipe for *Avgolemeno* soup. I should mention that *Avgolemeno* can be made with a variety of stocks bases such as fish, meat, seafood and chicken. In my opinion, to create a creamy, thick *Avgolemeno* soup is to use chicken stock and short grain rice, such as Arborio. This soup is sometime referred to as *Kotosoupa* or chicken soup.

***Avgolemno* Soup (Serves 6-8)**

Ingredients:

1 large chicken (size 16)

½ cup of short grain rice

3 eggs

Plenty of lemons

Water, salt and pepper.

Method

Wash and season chicken. Place a half a sliced lemon in the cavity. Put chicken in a large saucepan and cover with water, season with salt and pepper. Bring stock and chicken to the boil and skim of any fat that is floating. Then simmer the soup until the chicken is cooked. Remove the chicken when cooked and set aside. Strain the stock and return to the saucepan. Bring stock to the boil and add rice.

While rice is cooking, make the *Avgolemeno* base. Beat egg yolks, and then add ¼ cup of lemon juice. Whisk egg white until they form peaks. Slowly fold in the egg white to egg and lemon mixture, making sure not to knock the air out of the whites. When rice is cooked, slowly add a ladle full of hot stock to the egg mixture, mixing continuously. Once mixed, remove the stock from the heat and add the *Avgolemeno* base to the stock. Mix gently and serve immediately with a little freshly ground black pepper and some of the boiled chicken.

The soup can be reheated gently, but to avoid curdling the eggs, do not bring the soup.

Kali Orexi!

Evelyn Salvaris

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KYC:KAZZIE YOUTH COLUMN

After the presentation of the VCE and Kastellorizian Youth Achievement awards, it appears to me to be an appropriate time to launch the Kazzie Youth Column.

I thought that the acronym or abbreviation for Kazzie Youth Column, K.Y.C was appropriate because the first thing I thought of was the meaning of the word “kick” and other related words such as “kick-start” or the football term “kick off”. Each of these words or terms has the meaning of “to boost”, “to make a start”, “to give a helping hand” or to be “given encouragement” in the right direction.

We all have our “youth’s” very best interests at heart and we wish them very best start in life. Therefore the **aim of this new feature is to provide useful information for the younger generation to help them to discover the numerous career choices and paths that they many wish to consider.** This column was inspired by Yvonne Panagacos, who sent the following article on her career in education, in particular, teaching.

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria has many talented and knowledgeable members, who have careers in many interesting and varied areas such as accountancy, marketing, business, property development, trades, hospitality, legal, medical, scientific and sporting professions just to name a few. I hope that this feature will encourage and inspire you to write a brief informative piece on your career for the benefit of our “youth”.

You can follow Yvonne’s simple formula of: “The Job, My Career and The Workplace”. Or you may choose to take the different approach, such as a “Day in the life of....a being a mum” or “Tips on... starting a small business” etc.

An added benefit of this feature would also be as a valuable contact point for people to network as either new, or established practitioners in their chosen career or for the purpose of Year 10 work experience placements.

I strongly encourage our youth to contribute to this column. Please feel free to give the “older” generation an education and insight into what is of interest to you and the challenges you face growing up. It is also a great way for you to gain experience in your writing skills (creative and informative styles), share information, advice and help each other and perhaps establish friendships with Kazzies of a similar age.

I hope that everyone will take up the challenge and contribute, so please send in your contributions to: info@kastellorizo.com.au or directly to: evelynsalvaris@gmail.com

Evelyn Salvaris

EXPLORING CAREERS: TEACHING

by Yvonne Panagacos.

THE JOB. The life of a teacher is dominated by timetables, bells, students, more students and regular meetings. Furthermore, with changes of government at both the State and Federal level, there are regular shifts in curriculum directives, report mechanisms and management policies. For all the gibes teachers receive regarding lengthy vacations, anyone who is a teacher, or lives with a teacher, will tell you that there are only two speeds in teaching- “fast” or “stop”. Holidays taken during the year are times for catching up on marking, planning and recharging the batteries ready to begin again with the first bell at the start of a new term.

However, the rewards are wonderful. To see students grasp the meaning of a new concept; to listen to them deliver a talk or to debate with confidence or to observe waves of classes develop both academically and emotionally as they move through the school, is special. Teaching is an excellent and rewarding profession. A good teacher needs to be patient, organised, knowledgeable, passionate, caring and fun. The salary scales are not that competitive at present, but are under review and should improve in the near future.

MY CAREER. Happily, my schooling experience was very positive. During my years at Methodist Ladies College, Kew, my academic progress was complemented by a large number of fabulous extra- curricular activities. With this background, I knew I wanted to become a teacher and began as a primary teacher. Slowly, over a number of years, I went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts, Graduate Diploma in Educational Administration and a Masters of Education from the University of Melbourne. My teaching appointments took me to a variety of government and independent schools. Beginning in the Primary area, I moved to Secondary classes teaching History, Politics and especially Legal Studies, which was to become my passion. I wrote various articles, co-

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authored a VCE text and marked examination papers for a number of years. After working as a senior teacher at Ruyton Girls' School for thirteen years, I moved on to Alphington Grammar where I am currently Head of Middle School and Deputy Principal.

ALPHINGTON GRAMMAR. "Alphington" was established by the Greek Orthodox Community in 1989 and competes with nearly 30 schools in what is the highest density of independent schools in the world.

Over the years, Alphington has grown and now has an enrolment of nearly 600 students from Pre- Prep to Year 12. Whilst most students have a Greek background, there are now over 20 nationalities represented making the school a cosmopolitan, friendly and, I believe, a happy place to be. The variety of programmes that teacher offer never ceases to amaze me. I see them deliver a plethora of creative programmes for the Primary students. The integrated units of study in the Middle School are now used as exemplars of best practice amongst other schools and the VCE results are remarkable.

Over the last few years, the VCE students have matched and, in some areas, surpassed the results of local, independent schools. As an "open entry" school, we have students with a range of talents and work to help them achieve their goals. We are now producing students who have gone on to study law, architecture, medicine, accountancy, as well as people in the trades and business world. Alphington is a great place to work and visitors comment on the "nice feel" of the school. For more information about the school contact Yvonne Panagacos

As a **youth member** you may wish to contribute an article about: the pressures of the VCE year; what it is like to train and participate in a sporting competition; what it is like to go to university; finding and starting your first job or planing and going on your first overseas holiday; or trials and tribulations of planning your wedding. The topics are endless.

The following article "My Grandpa, My Hero" was sent in to the Association by Scott Wrigley's proud Grandmother in Xanthoula Wrigley of Ringwood. The article is a very touching general interest story and was written as a school essay (Year 8) and published in the "Melbourne Legacy Newsletter – Issue 289 – 1 August 2007". In accordance with copyright laws, the article has been reproduced with permission of Scott, his family and Melbourne Legacy.

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We hope that this article will inspire our youth members to contribute to Kazzie Youth Column.

My Grandpa, My Hero by Scott Wrigley

He cowers feebly in his metallic wheelchair, a shell of the man he used to be. I stare at his cancer-riddled body, remembering the towering frame he once was and recalling the bold war tales he had shared with me.

I recollected him describing how, at 19, he had departed these shores as a gung ho teen equipped with a gun, khakis and a slouch hat. He was shipped off to fight in a War of wars and, as a challenge for men, you can't beat that! He told me how he had fought alongside his cobbers in the foothills of Turkey and, later in Greece. He described his imprisonment by the Germans in a dark dank, dingy place he likened to Hell, a place with the stench of death. I learned of his courage when escaping this Hold, how he carved a trench right under its walls, fled down a hill and leapt onto a moving rain, heart palpitating like thunderous drums. Then, when the right moment came, he jumped from the train like a lion possessed.

He had rushed toward the distant light of a quaint farmhouse where he cautiously rapped on its door. He was soon greeted by a kindly face, the face of an angel he would come to adore. She welcomed him into the cozy abode, where her mother and sisters offered him food, clean clothes and took him downstairs to a cellar. This loving Greek Family from the village of Katerini hid the Australian soldier from the Germans until he regained some of his strength. The Australian, Bert Wrigley, then took to the hills where he lived and fought, side by side, with the Greek Guerrillas. Eventually, he boarded a boat bound for the island of Crete and from there, made his way back to his beloved homeland, his wartime mission complete.

Several years later, he wrote to the Papadopoulos family, thanking them for saving his life and inviting their angelic daughter, Xanthoula, for a month-long vacation. She arrived by boat and her beauty took his breath away. She stayed for 3 months and then Slim, as she called him, proposed to the Greek girl with the smiling eyes. They married in Melbourne at a Greek Orthodox Church and went on to raise two lively sons. They were later blessed with 4 grandsons, of whom I am the third eldest.

My Grandpa's life has been filled with sadness and joys. He has endured enough suffering. *MY GRANDPA, MY HERO*, does not deserve this cancerous end.

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NAMES , NAMEDAYS, PROVERBS & SAYINGS

by Anna Miriklis-Defteros

Anastasios ("resurrection")

Nameday: Celebrated at **Easter** (see Kazzie News edition # 133 April 2008 for date of Easter)

Masculine: Anastasios

Feminine: Anastasia

Andrew (from Greek "manly" andreios). The apostle "proklitos" and first selected by Christ

Nameday: **30 November** . *Masculine:*

Andreas/Andrew

Feminine: Andrea

Anna (Hebrew "full of grace")

Namedays: **9 December** (conception of Mary,) **9 September** (with St Joachim) and **25 July** (her

dormition) Mother of Theotokos with St Joakim

Feminine: Anna/Anita/Anne

Anthony ("the flourishing") Considered father of monastic life and formed first monastery

Nameday: **17 January**.

Masculine: Antonios/Anthony

Feminine: Antonia

Alexander: ("man's defender and protector")

Nameday: 30 August

Masculine:

Alexander/Alexandros/Alessandro/Alex

Feminine: Alexandra/ Alessandra

Athanasios: (Patriarch of Alexandria). Influenced belief that father, son and holy spirit being one essence

Nameday: **18 January**

Masculine: Athanasios/Arthur

Feminine: Athanasia

Basil ("royal") Patron saint of education (with St Gregory the great and St John Chryostom)

Vasilopita is cut on his name day in his celebration (see Kazzie News edition # 132

Nameday: **1 January**

November 2007 for details)

Masculine: Vasilios/Basil

Feminine: Vasiliki/Vicki

Evangelos: ("messenger"). Angel bringing "good news" from God to man that Mary would be the mother of God

Nameday: **25 March**

Masculine: Evangelos/Evan/Angelo

Feminine: Evangelia/Angela/Evelyn

George ("farmer"). Defender of good over evil

Nameday: **23 April or 1st Monday after Easter**

Masculine: George

Feminine: Georgia

Irene ("peace"). Known for her "megalomartyrdom"

Nameday: 5 May

Feminine: Irini/Irene

John ("god is kind and merciful"). Patron saint of godparents

Nameday: **24 June (nativity) and 7 January**

(baptism of Christ)

Masculine: Ioannis/John

Feminine: Ioanna-Joanna

Katherine ("katharos" pure). Renowned for her intellect and wisdom. Tortured on

a wheel, she was released by an angel.

Nameday: **25 November**

Patron saint of scholars

Feminine: Aikaterini/Catina/Catherine

Mary ("wished for child"). Mother of Christ and most respected saint in Christianity

Nameday: **8 September (her birth), 15 August (her dormition)**

Masculine: Panayiotis/Peter

Feminine: Maria/Mary/Despina

Michael ("who is like God"). Known to conduct souls to God after death

Nameday: **8 November (with St Gabriel)**

Masculine: Michael

Feminine: Michelle

Nicholas ("Nike" victory) and "laos" (people))

Admired for giving presents to poor children

Nameday: **6 December**

Masculine: Nicholas/Nick

Feminine: Nicoletta/Nicolette/Nicole

Sophia ("wisdom"). St Sophia had 3 daughters Faith, Hope and Love

Nameday: **17 September**

Feminine: Sophia/Sophie/Sofia/Sofie

Stavros. Most important symbol of all of Christianity

Nameday: **14 September**

Masculine: Stavros/Stephen

Feminine: Stavroula/Stephanie

Proverbs and Sayings

O Theos na to pi (May God's will say yes)

O unthropos fenete upt to proie (The person shows his true colours in the morning)

Opyios theli ta polla, hunni kai ta liyga (Whoever wants alot, loses even the little)

Opyios viyiazete skon dafti (Whoever rushes falls over)

Kuthe bothyoo yia kalo (every step for the better)

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



BIRTHS

Congratulations to **Elia and Anna Dimer** on the birth of their second son, **George Thomas** born on the 21st June, a brother for Archie. His grandparents **George** and **Christine** are thrilled with their grandson, especially being named after his grandfather George, as is **Steve Paltos** the great-grandfather.

CHRISTENINGS

Louise & Yiorgo Karagiannis will be christening their 2nd daughter **Mia** on the 28th of September in Kastellorizo. Brother and sister-in-law, **George & Jodie Katris** will be travelling over to Kastellorizo in September and will christen their daughter **Amelie** in October.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy 70th birthday to **John Kiosoglou**. **Who will combined his 70th Birthday Celebrations with his daughter Michele's 40th and on Kastellorizo**. John and Michele will hold a combined birthday celebration and the opening of their house on 13th of July on **Kastellorizo**. Attending will be **Betty Adgemis, Anna Adgemis, Despina Tarlamis, Luke & Despina Lucas** (Sydney) with daughter **Corine** and her husband, **Phillipa Adgemis and Maria Katris**.



LOGO CONGRATULATIONS

Dr Michael and **Mrs Lemonia Piperoglou** together with Mr **George** and Mrs **Elizabeth Vasilopoulos** celebrated the recent "Logo" of their children **Irimi** and **Dean (Kostantinos)** The Kastellorizian Association Of Victoria wishes them every happiness and best wishes.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **Angelo and Georgia (nee Miriklis) Loizou** on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 11 May 2008. A most magnificent milestone!!! All the very best!!!



BON VOYAGE AND HOLIDAYS

Kalo Taxithi to our Melbourne members: Maria, George, Jodie and Amelie Katris; Betty Adgemis, Anna Adgemis, Phillipa Adgemis and Despina Tarlamis.



To **Christopher Tomas McAuliffe**, who has recently graduated from Monash University with a Bachelor of Commerce Christopher is now working with GMH as a Graduate in the HRM & OHS department. **Christopher** is the son of **Christina and Allen McAuliffe** and grandson of **Herbert & Maria Kyriakos**. His younger brother **Liam (Ayapitos)** has just completed his first year at ANU studying Law/Asian Studies (Mandarin Chinese).

To **Marika Bisas** who was recently elected as President of A.H.E.P.A. ATHENA Chapter No2. **MARATHON SUCCESS**

To **Michael Angelo Miriklis** on his recent trip to Gold Coast and completion of the "Gold Coast Marathon." This was Michael's 20th Marathon completed. Michael has also completed 11 consecutive Melbourne Marathons which, at the tenth finish awarded him the "Melbourne Spartan" achievement.

To the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria....."Just a few words to let you know that I'm getting your email bulletins. From a distance.....it's good to see that the Association is active in it social calendar and on developing interest in our history. cheers, Stan Piperoglou June 17th 2008".

THANK YOU

From the family of the late **Elias Dimiropoulos (George Dimer's father)** our sincere thanks to those who attended the funeral and who sent cards and messages of condolence. Elias Dimiropoulos passed away on July 5th at the wonderful age of 99 years. He is survived by his wife (94), 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

DONATIONS

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria like to acknowledge recently received donation from:

* Mr and Mrs. Andrew Caripis and Mr and Mrs Herb Kyriakos **in memory of the Late Mrs Irene Piperoglou**.

* Mr Steve and Mrs Betty Lucas, Mr Con and Mrs Despina Lucas, Mr George and Mrs Poppy Lucas and Mr John and Mrs Kristine Christopoulos and family **in memory of the Late Constantina Apostolopoulos**

KAZZIE COSMOS.....

news from around the world

KASTELLORIZIO

by Louise Katris-Karagiannis

AEK FC PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO KASTELLORIZO

AEK Football Club's Owner/President and Ex-Player Demis Nikolaidis visited Kastellorizo in May with fellow professional player Aki Zika. The pair visited the Santrape School to donate books to its existing Library, the club has donated books to Kastellorizo, Symi and other neighbouring Dodacanese Islands.

The pair overnighted in Nikolaidis' private boat "Melina" named after his daughter which he has with singer wife "Despina Vanthi". The entourage enjoyed a boat cruise to the Blue Grotto with the "Barbara" boat and dinner at Lazarakis restaurant with fellow local AEK supporters (which included my husband Georgios Karagiannis). The next morning before their departure they water skied around the harbour and took advantage of our beautiful water by swimming at the Plakes and Island of St George.



Photograph 1: Arki Zika (AEK Player, left) and Georgios Karagiannis (right)

Photograph 2: (left to right) Georgios holding Vara Karagiannis, AEK CEO Demis Nikolaidis and the Head of the Army and his son.

Visitors to Kastellorizo

Theodore Panagacos - son of Yvonne and George Panagacos, grandson of Maria Kominos, the late Kevin Kominos, Rose and Tony Stambelos

SYDNEY

By Senya Kranitis

Castellorizian Ladies Auxillary have recently held election and the new committee is as follows:

President: Mrs Mary Omeros
Vice President: Mrs Rene Zervos
Secretary: Mrs Margaret Panaghis
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Committee Members: Sophie Lacherdis, Kathy Miriklis, Phyllis Sintras and Nina Stergoulis.

The Ladies are already busy and have already organized a very active social schedule. Anyone traveling to Sydney is welcome to attend any one of the following functions. Please can contact a member of the newly formed committee for details.

The up and coming events are:

"JULY BUS TRIP" – Sunday 27th July 2008

For a day to the Blue Mountains, stopping for our fabulous Morning Tea then Lunch at the Hydro Majestic. **Price \$70.00pp.**

ANNUAL SPRING BALL

Our 56th Annual Spring Debutante Ball 6th September 2008 at the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel, Sydney with 7 girls making their Début. The price of the ticket is **\$200**

TRIP TO CANBERRA "FLORIADE"

OCTOBER 4th – 5th 2008

2 Days including:

Overnight accommodation, Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner & Full breakfast.

\$230 pp Twin Share.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

Seats are limited.

KAZZIE COSMOS.....

news from around the world

PERTH

The Committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria was very honoured when they read the first edition of the "Megisti Messenger". The Megisti Messenger is the newsletter of the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia. On the opening page they credit the "Kazzie News" and the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria as their inspiration for the establishment of their newsletter, "Megisti Messenger".

We wish the Castelloizian Association of WA all the best with their activities and the "Megisti Messenger" Newsletter.

We look forward to sharing closer ties and communications with them in the future.

WE ALSO WELCOME CONTACT FROM ANY OTHER KASTELLORIZIAN ORGANISATION WHO WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THEIR NEWS WITH OUR MEMBERS, PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR on info@kastellorizo.com.au or evelynsalvaris@gmail.com FOR MORE DETAILS.

SHARE YOUR NEWS

John S Adgemis recently contacted the Association to inform members of his son, Stephen's writing achievements.

Stephen J Adgemis wrote an article entitled "To Deeper Waters" for his employer Jones Lang LaSalle. In brief, the article outlines the upgrade of the Port of Melbourne, Australia's largest container port. He discusses the increase in container traffic and traffic through the inner city Melbourne and also considers the implications on the local residents. Stephen suggests that a possible solution is to the problem associated with upgrading the Port of Melbourne and considers the Port of Hastings as an alternative. The article is very informative, especially to anyone who is interested in the future development of Melbourne. Unfortunately due to copyright law, we were not able to reproduce the already published article.

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria encourages all members to share their news with us. We accept contributions by mail (legible hand written or typed items) or Word Documents via email.

Please send your contributions to:

PO BOX 112, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, Australia.

Or to our email address:

info@kastellorizo.com.au

or directly to:

evelynsalvaris@gmail.com

Please pass your items of news (with your name and contact number) post or contact any member of the committee and we would be only too happy to process it for you. We look forward in hearing from you very soon!

Please let us know of what's going on!

The newsletter and website can only be interesting and informative if you help to contribute.

Please note that due to copyright laws we can not reproduce or copy articles or photos that have been published elsewhere. Permission from the author/publication must be passed on with the article/photos if you wish us to reproduce the documents exactly.

Closing date for submissions for the next newsletter is: **October 17th, 2008.**

CLOSING DATE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO!

NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria is now updating the Newsletter mailing list. Along with this edition of the Kazzie News we have enclosed a Newsletter Mailing list form for you to complete. In order you **to continue to receive the newsletter you must complete the form and send back to us.** This will help to rationalize our mail out expenses and amend your details at the same time. We also encourage you to elect to receive the Kazzie News via email instead of the standard paper edition.

Any interstate and overseas Kastellorizians who would like to receive our newsletter by email. Email your address to **info@kastellorizo.com.au** and we will include you in our email newsletter distribution list.

LOST AND FOUND

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP US?

Many Kastellorizians from interstate and overseas have been contacting the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria through its website. They have contacted us in order to seek genealogical information or to reunite with relatives that they have lost contact with due to the Kastellorizian diaspora. Here are some examples we have received recently.

Message #1: Received: 14 April 2008, SWEDEN

"Many regards from Sweden and a fellow Kazzie! I'm planning to go to Melbourne next year and was very happy to see how vivid your community seems to be! Please send me your newsletter if it is possible!

Many warm greetings, Marianne Kisthinos

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In reply to Marianne's request for copies of the newsletter, she was directed to the website for copies of all past editions and we extended also suggested she may like to make contact with us upon her arrival.

The following entry is strictly not a "Lost and Found" but an example of where The Association provides assistance and correspondence to people interested in traveling to Kastellorizo through the website.

Message 2: Received 4 Apr 2008 NSW

"I will be holidaying in Turkey but very much wish to spend a few days on your island late June or July. The 'Lonely Planet' tells me there is a ferry from Kas but that we are unable to stay on your island overnight, i.e. for a few days. I am confused. Alternatively it says same re: a ferry from Rhodes.!!!

Please help if you know how I can get there from anywhere on Turkish mainland.
Regards, Virginia"

It is fantastic to see that the website is interactive as well as informative. However we still need your help with information. So Kastellorizians, if you have any relevant information, please help out!

Should you be able to assist with these enquiries please contact **John Karis** on 0412 662 079 or info@kastellorizo.com.au or **PO BOX 112, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, Australia**

WATCH OUT FOR

More
Kazzie Youth Column
News from Kastellorizo
Christmas Social Events from
the
Kastellorizian Association of Victoria
And
Megisti Club

And a lot more feature articles

**NEXT
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November**

**Closing date for submissions:
Friday October 17th**

Contributors don't forget to include all names of persons appearing in photos.
If your article has been published elsewhere please include copyright permission from all sources.



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ALL THE FUN!**

**PAY/REGISTER YOUR
MEMBERSHIP TODAY**

**SEE PAGE 8 FOR
DETAILS**

