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Kastellorizian Genealogy



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members,

It is July already and between April and now it has been non stop! The Committee and I have been truly committed to providing all our members with a very active calendar.

On the 24th of May we celebrated the feast day of our Patron Saints Constantine and Helen. The day began with a church service at St Constantine and St Helen in South Yarra. Following the sermon, Father Demetrious gave a short speech about the Kastellorizians and spoke about the achievements of this year's Kastellorizian of the Year for 2009, John Basil Salvaris, OAM. Later the celebrations moved to the clubrooms, where 130 people attended the panayri and award presentations.

Consul-General of Greece, Mr. Christos Salamanis and Father Demetrious attend the reception and both gave speeches and were followed by the presentation of the Kastellorizian of Year award to John B Salvaris, the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement award to Lisa Caripis and VCE awards to Jasmin Urlik, Grace Loukides and Nicholas Antonopoulos. Each of the recipients presented very enthusiastic speeches.

Honorary Life Memberships were award to Nicholas Zervos, Andrew Caripis and Christina Pavlou for their tireless efforts and support over the years to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.

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The celebrations continued on for sometime as many members took the time to catch up with each other. It was especially lovely to see members who have not frequented the Association's activities for a longtime. I truly hope that we will see more of them and they enjoyed the day as much as I did.

June was busy, with the weekend long event, the Genealogy Seminar and Tavern night.

The Association invited Allan Cresswell from Perth to come over and present to our members Genealogy website. And to be quite honest, I didn't realize the extent of the content until Allan showed us. I and the members who attend, were amazed at the 13600 Kazzie names already located on the site and how easy it was to determine relationships between Kazzies. There are many photos of Kazzies from the early half of last century on the site.

The most impressive part of the seminar, was Allan. He has put together the Genealogy site in true Kazzie spirit with love and enthusiasm. His love of Kastellorizians is infectious and everyone who attended the seminar became equally addicted.

However it is clear that there are still many gaps in the many family trees and I urge you to contribute as it is an important part of our heritage. Thank you to all who attended and in particular to those of you who contributed and further extended our research on our Kastellorizian heritage.

The Tavern night held at Stathis Athenian tavern was the social highlight of the Seminar weekend. 87 people attended and the room was filled to capacity. It was a shame that we had to close bookings for the night. The food and music from the band flowed through out the night and there was a lot of dancing, kefi and mingling on the night.

More detailed accounts of these event can be found on pages 10, 12, 14.

As it appears that we are fulfilling our 2008 AGM aims of providing more and varied functions, we hope that the second half of the year will not disappoint you.

I would also like to remind everyone that memberships are now due. Details can be found on page 5.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Moving along, we plan to kick off the second half of our social calendar with the Megisti Club, who have organized a Kazzie song day on Sunday the 26th of July.

Then on Sunday the 23rd of August, we will open the clubrooms again for members to bring family photos to be scanned and submitted to the Genealogy website. I encourage you to come participate and contribute in this worthwhile project. Also on the day you will also have access to the website.

The Greek Dancing classes will go ahead this term and be held on each Sunday for the school term, commencing July 19 at 11 am.

During the trial dancing classes, the mother's of the students voiced their interest in a Katoumari demonstration. So on the 13th of September the Association will hold a "Masterchef-style" pressure test. So come along and see whether our demonstrators can produce Kazzie quality Katoumaria. In any case I am sure that it will be a fun day, so come along and keep the Katoumari tradition alive.

Following the Art Exhibition, the Committee decided to hold a calendar competition that members of all age groups can enter. The theme is scenes of Kastellorizo, so get your recent holiday snaps out and enter. We have three great prizes and details can be found on page 6. Prizes will be awarded on Sunday the 27th of September. The Calendar will be also be on display and available for sale by order from September 27th.

Also we are starting to organize the 2010 Art Exhibition and we ask all budding Kazzie Artists to apply. You can find application forms enclosed in this edition of the Kazzie News.

On Sunday the 27th of September we will be holding our Annual General Meeting and the Association and I look forward to your support on this day.

Kind Regards,

Michael Spartels

2009-2010 Memberships

are payable now!

Membership Subscription Fees:

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

Non Fee Paying Memberships:

1. Must be >65 years of age
2. No monetary fees required

To ensure your voting rights,
you must register and return your forms

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will be gratefully accepted.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

Memberships

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria would like to inform members that the 2009 – 2010 memberships are now due.

Membership fees are valid from July 2009 to June 2010.

We would like to remind you that the fee is \$10 person between the age of 18 and 65. This change was implemented last year, following the modification to the Rules of the Association.

The Association would like to emphasize that family memberships no longer exist. In the past, family memberships were \$25 and covered either a couple or a couple with children under 18 years of age.

By replacing the \$25 family fee and reducing it to \$10 per person, the Association is actually issuing members a reduction in the cost of membership fees. Quite unheard of in this economic climate! Thus couples and members with children under 18 will only pay \$20 instead of \$25.

The Association would like to remind you:

1. That the Rules of the Association define "Kastellorizian" as a person of Kastellorizian decent or the spouse of a Kastellorizian or person of Kastellorizian decent.

SO NO EXCUSE FOR NOT JOINING UP YOUR NON KASTELLORIZIAN PARTNER AS THEY ARE BY DEFINITION KAZZIE WHETHER THEY LIKE IT OR NOT!!!!

2. To vote on any matter raised at the 2009 AGM **you must be** either a **financial** (18 to 65 years of age) or a **REGSITERED non fee-paying member** (formally known as honorary member) by September 18, 2009.

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, looks forward to receiving your continued support of our organization through the prompt lodgment your memberships.

2009 Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday 27th September

Time: 2-5 pm

**Venue: Kastellorizian House
250 Dorcas St
South Melbourne**

To be eligible to vote you must be a 2009 financial or registered non-fee paying member

Payment/registration of your membership must be RECEIVED BY 18th of SEPTEMBER!

Photo collection and Genealogy day

At the end of each day of the Genealogy seminar, many members brought along their family photographs (past and present) and documents of interest to be scanned for inclusion onto the Genealogy website. However there were many photos and very little time to get all photos scanned. Thus, the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria has decided to open its doors on Sunday August 23rd to allow members to continue the process.

The Association will have a number of scanning stations set up in the clubrooms to cope with what is hoped to be a large volume of photographs and documents. Once scanned, photographs will be sent on to Allan Creswell for inclusion on the site. Also on the day, a computer will be set up to allow members to view the genealogy site.

The Association hopes that many members who were unable to attend on the seminar will also participate and contribute to documenting our Kastellorizian Heritage.

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Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

Katoumaria Pressure Test!

The trial dancing classes have brought a youthful vibrancy to the Association's clubrooms as the room is filled with children dancing and laughing. However, down the road at a local South Melbourne café, Mums and Dads are catching up with old friends and cousins. They reflected about their youth, in particular references were made to past family gatherings.

One such conversation turned to Katoumaria, and how the art of making them will soon be a dying art! Then the question was asked, "Does anyone know how to make them?" Blank looks came across everyone's faces and enthusiastically requests for a demonstration were made. The day was decided, Sunday 13th of September at 2pm.

However, to add some interest to the demonstration the Association has decided to hold it in the Style of the popular TV show "MasterChef".

Evelyn Salvaris and Connie Gregory will each bring their family recipes and demonstrate how to make Katoumaria. Later they will face the pressure test as they take their Katoumaria (whole) up to the Kazzie Katoumaria experts who will do a taste test and judge the Katoumaria for the most authentic Kazzie flavour.

Come along, have a laugh, join in and and enjoy a coffee or cup of tea with some katoumaria in true Kazzie style!

CALENDAR COMPETITION

Following the success of the Art Exhibition, the Committee decided to get everyone involved and we have organized a Calendar Competition.

The **theme** will be **scenes of modern or present day (2000-2009) Kastellorizo**, so get out your holiday snaps or make the effort to take some extra special one photos when you visit Kastellorizo on you holiday this year.

CALENDAR COMPETITION

Continued

We will accept standard, scanned (with a DPI of 300 or greater) or high resolution digital photographs in Tiff or JPEG format.

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria will award three prizes.

1.\$150 iTunes Voucher awarded to the best photograph in the **Junior (up to 17)** age group.

2.\$150 Borders Voucher awarded to the best photograph in the **Youth (18- 25)** age group.

3.\$150 Myer Gift Voucher awarded to the best photograph in the **Open Age Category (25 and over)**.

The competition is open to everyone and we look forward receiving your entry forms. Entry forms are enclosed and can also be located in the forms section of our website www.kastellorizo.com.au

The **Selection Committee** will **select up to 13 photos**. The overall best photograph will appear on the front cover and the other photographs will appear within the calendar. The Selection Committee are unable to enter the competition and the Judges results are final and no correspondence will be entered.

All entries must be received by Friday August 28, 2009 and the winners be announced in our AGM report and a **display of photographs** and the prize presentation will be held on **Sunday September 27, 2009**.

2010 Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's **Calendar will be available for sale, by order only from Sunday 27th of September**.

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2010 ART EXHIBITION

The Committee of the Kastellorizian Association were overwhelmed at the support given by our members and guest at the inaugural Art exhibition. The success of this occasion has encouraged the Association to organize a 2010 Art Exhibition.

As mentioned in the April 2007 Kazzie News, we have enclosed an application form for next year's Art Exhibition.

The Association strongly encourages to all our members irrespective of age to apply.

In particular we support and encourage applications from our younger and up and coming "Kazzie" artist. Involvement in the Art Exhibition will allow an up and coming artist who is striving to establish their artistic career, an opportunity to commence or extend their exhibition portfolio and CV.

In the case of more experience Artists, participation will provide an opportunity for greater exposure and to showcase your achievements and act as a role model or mentor for younger Artists.

Depending on a. the number of applicants and b. number of works submitted, the Committee will select works of art which will complement each for participation in the 2010 Art Exhibition.

We strongly encourage all artists of Kastellorizian decent to submit your application forms, along with a photographic sample of your work. We will consider all Art forms (i.e. Sculpture, Modern Contemporary, Ceramics, Fashion Design, Textiles and Handicrafts etc). Artist need not feel compelled to submit work of Art relating to Kastellorizo, as an exhibition theme will be established once all submissions have been made.

The Committee also encourages members who wish to gain experience in events management or as a convener/curator, to come forward and assist with the organization of the Exhibition.

Anyone wishing to assist the convener, please contact Evelyn Salvaris on 0411 464 369.

GREEK DANCING CLASSES

The Association has been inundated with requests to hold **Greek Dancing classes**. Thus we were pleased to announce that we arranged for Dean Liakos, the principle of the School of Hellenic Dance, "OPA" to give our members two introductory classes.

The trial of Greek Dancing Classes have been a great success and we currently have 6 very enthusiastic students who would like to continue with classes.

We require a class size of 8 to continue. Please if you are or know of any interested parties please join in the fun of Greek Dancing and don't disappoint the interested students!

Currently the age group of the students range from 5-12 years of age. However, **all ages are welcome and classes will be arranged according to age groups**.

For further enquires regarding teen or adult dancing classes please contact Evelyn on 0411 464 369.

We also have a "coffee group" for parents of students wishing to wait whilst the students participate in the classes. It is a great way to catch up with family and friends. Clearly there are benefits all round!

Weekly dance classes will commence on Sunday the 19th of July at 11 am, run for the school term.

Each class will be **1 hour** and the cost will be:

\$50/per student/term (financial members)
\$60/per student/term (non financial member)

Due to the minimum class size requirement of 8 Students, The Association will open up the classes to non members. Fees for non members will be:

\$75/per student/term (non member)

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Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

GREEK DANCING CLASSES continued

For further enquiries and to register your interest please call **Evelyn Salvaris on 0411 464 369**.

Or fill out the attached enrollment form, and post along with your cheque to:

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, PO BOX 112, Sth Melbourne, 3205, Victoria

Fees are due Sunday 2 August

Please note: Classes will not be held on Sunday 26th of July due the Megisti Club function.

OFFICIAL EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE COMMITTEE

George Verginis represented The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria at the launch of Steve Kyritsis's book, "Greek-Australians in the Vietnam War". The book launch was held on the 22nd of May at Queens Hall, Victorian Parliament House, Melbourne.

The event was very well attended and included the following guests: the Honourable Tony Robinson M.P., on behalf of the Victorian Premier, Mr. Brumby, Consul General of Greece, Mr. C Salamanis, Mr. Jim Burke Vietnam Veterans, Jenny Mikilos M.P., Mr. Thompson M.P., Mr. Foley M.P. and the Chairman of the Victorian Multicultural Commission, Mr. Lekakas.

Also attending the event was Kastellorizian and Vietnam veteran, Dr Peter Mangos.

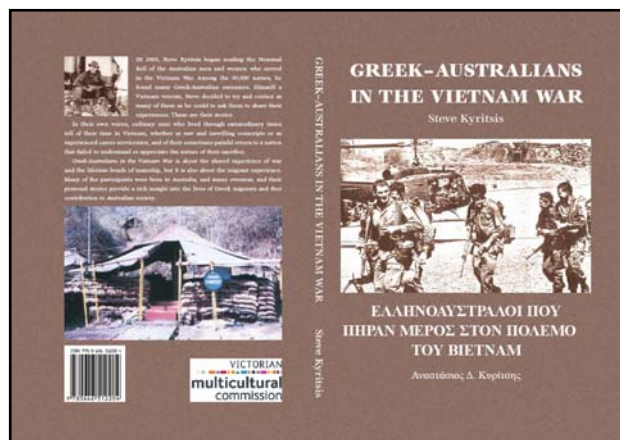
The book is a historical account of the role that Greek Australians placed in the Vietnam War. For information about the day please visit www.anagnostis.info

www.anagnostis.info/books4.htm



Pictured is: Dr Peter Mangos, author Steve Kyritsis and George Verginis

Below: Book cover of "Greek Australians in the Vietnam War"



The Book is available for sale from :
Hellenic RSL South Melbourne, Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance CARAS Store Melbourne and Oakleigh, Mylonas Greek Brunswick

Or by ORDER
Steve Kyritsis , P.O.Box 545 , Black Rock Vic.
9589 3403 Mob. 0418 571 800.

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FOUNDATION

SOCIAL EVENTS

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

GREEK DANCING CLASSES

Date: **Sunday 19 July
to September 20, 2009**
Time: **11am -12 pm**
Venue: **Kastellorizian House
250 Dorcas St
South Melbourne**

COST/term: **\$50 per student (financial member)
\$60 per student (non-financial
member
\$75 per student non-member i.e.
(non Kazzie)**

To register call Evelyn Salvaris 0411 464 369

**Please note due the Megisti Club function
there will not be a class on the 26th of July**

THE MEGISTI CLUB

Theme: **"Singing is good for the Soul"**
A medley of Kazzie Songs!
to enjoy by the
Megisti Koukies

Date: **Sunday 26th JULY**
Venue: **Kastellorizian Clubrooms**
Time: **2.30 – 5pm**

For further enquires call:

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

Photo Collection and Genealogy Afternoon

Date: **Sunday 23rd of August**
Time: **2 – 5 pm**
Venue: **Kastellorizian House, 250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne**

**Bring along your photos for scanning and family stories for submission to the
Kastellorizian Genealogical Website**

Places are limited so book early

Kazzie "Masterchef" Katoumaria "Pressure Test"

Date: **Sunday 13th of September**
Time: **2 – 5 pm**
Venue: **Kastellorizian House, 250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne, 3205
(Entrance off Hotham St)**

Up for the pressure test challenge is **Evelyn Salvaris** and **Connie Gregory**
Come along and watch them demonstrate their "Kazzie skills"
See how "Kazzie Katoumaria experts" rate their katoumaria
Have a laugh, have a go at rolling your own Katoumari
and
enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and participate in the taste test!

REPORTS

Kastellorizian Association of Vic Social Report

St Constantine and St Helen's Day Celebrations And Kastellorizian Awards Presentations

Celebrations at the club on Sunday 24th May, for the feast of our patron saints – St Constantine and St Helen, appropriately started with a talk by Father Demetrious and a beautiful prayer. We were honoured once again with the presence of Melbourne's Consul-General for Greece, Mr Christos Salamanis, who was warmly welcomed by President Michael Spartels. Mr Salamanis is a great supporter of the club.

Feedback tells us that the cocktail type format for the day was a great success, allowing people to move around and talk rather than sitting at tables, and the catered food was very good. The Award presentations of course were the main attraction, and were very enjoyable.

Kastellorizian of the Year Award

Our esteemed 2009 Kastellorizian of the Year, John Basil Salvaris, who was the recipient of an OAM in 1988 for services to the Elderly and Greek Community in Victoria, spoke eloquently after accepting his Award.

John, who has a long history of service to the Association, reminded us that he was one of the key initiators of the Kastellorizian of the Year Award when he was an active committee member, and explained how it came about, the selection criteria, and why we give the award. (He has achieved much in his life and a detailed c.v. appeared in the last issue of this newsletter).

John also made mention of how well Kastellorizians have integrated into Australian society and that we need to highlight this and record and preserve the history of Kastellorizians, and their descendents, in Australia.

A good speaker always knows when to inject a bit of humour into proceedings, and John ended his talk by making reference to an article written in *The Age* on 9 May, by Greg Baum, who pondered about the appeal, power and reach of the game of soccer as he watched Chelsea play on the TV in Kastellorizo, and became quite philosophical,

lauding the attitude of the Kastellorizians to soccer and life in general. It was a very good article, but John Salvaris took exception to Greg Baum quoting from the *Lonely Planet* that Kastellorizo is "the rock at the end of Europe". John said that Greg Baum is wrong and he said that: "Kastellorizo is the beginning point".

Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award

This award went to **Lisa Caripis** for community service through her voluntary work at the Fitzroy Community Legal Centre and for her efforts in establishing a forum for Kastellorizian youth. In accepting the award Lisa spoke of the re-awakening of her Kazzie heritage through her involvement in setting up the facebook site "Kazzies in Melbourne", which now has 80 members. Lisa encouraged us to spread the word and get more young people involved. "It's fun to meet the others and rewarding to learn about one's history", she said.

VCE Awards – Presented to students by KOY Mr John Salvaris

There were three VCE Awards presented: **Jasmin Eve Urlik** was unwell and her award was accepted by a relative. **Nicholas Vasilios Antonopoulos** and **Grace Loukides**, who are both now studying Law, were present to accept their awards.

We wish these three young people success in their future studies. Who knows, some time in the distant future one of these three young people might be up on the podium to receive the Kastellorizian of the Year Award.

Honorary Life Members

The award of Honorary Life Membership was presented three people for their dedication and long-standing commitment to the Association: **Christine Pavlou** (who has resigned after long service as a committee member and secretary), **Nicholas Zervos** (honorary lawyer to the Association), and **Andrew Caripis** (honorary Accountant to the Association). Each recipient was awarded a medallion.

Congratulations once again to our Kastellorizian of the Year, Mr John Salvaris, and to all our Awardees, and their proud families.

Report compiled by Paul and Connie Gregory

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Kastellorizian Association of Vic Social Report

St Constantine and St Helen's Day Celebrations And Kastellorizian Awards Ceremonies



SOCIAL EVENTS

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

Genealogy Weekend

“So you think you know who you are? Or do you?”

On the 27 and 28th of June, the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria held our first genealogy seminar. The aim of the two day long program was to launch the site to our members, show how to use the website, what information is available and how to contribute information to extend the website well beyond the 13,600 Kastellorizian entries.

Many of you may recall that in the November 2007 Kazzie news, that Allan Cresswell was featured in the “Cool to be Kazzie section”. To remind members who were unable to attend, Allan Cresswell lives in Perth and is a keen genealogist. His mother was Xanthi Panayiota Karasavas was born in 1923 in Kastellorizo. She migrated with her parents and siblings to Australia in 1928 when she was 5 years old.

Allan became interested in his mother's heritage over 25 years ago and subsequently began documenting his family history. Allan collected an abundance of genealogical information on his Kastellorizian relatives and along the way, many non-related Kazzies and following discussions with the Association, the Kastellorizian Genealogy Website was born.

Due to the high level of importance placed upon the preservation of our heritage in the form of the genealogical database, the Association invited Allan to give the weekend seminar.

The two day program was designed for numerous reasons:

1. Since the distance between Perth and Melbourne is large, we wanted to make sure that we would not miss out on any of Allan's valuable knowledge.
2. We wanted to give all members the opportunity to attend the event.

3. We wanted to be able to have a small portion of the program geared towards the less computer literate members, so they could get an idea just what information is available on the website.

4. We wanted to give our members the opportunity to learn how they can contribute or correct the information that is already present on the site.

5. Finally, with time permitting, give members the option of bringing along their family photographs to be scanned and submitted to the site.

The program followed the outline below, with a lot of flexibility given to questions and for members who where not able to attend on both days.

“DAY ONE:

2.00pm to 6.00pm

* *Introduction*

* *Demonstration of the online Kastellorizian Genealogical Website*

* *How to gather information and the sourcing of records*

* *Question Time*

• *Personal data collection and family photographs - for those people unable to attend day two*

DAY TWO

2.00pm to 6.00pm

* *Brief overview of Day 1 - for people who were not present on Saturday*

* *How to surf the Kastellorizian Genealogical Website*

* *Various ways to submit (add) information to the website*

* *Question Time*

* *Personal data collection and family photographs - for those people not submitting same on Saturday*

SOCIAL EVENTS

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria

Genealogy Weekend

The clubroom was set up with two projectors and two screens. The idea was that one screen would show the Allan's PowerPoint presentation and the other would display the genealogy site, in action.

Following a welcome speech by the President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, Michael Spartels and a brief introduction about genealogy by Evelyn Salvaris, Allan commenced his presentation.

In November 2007, "Cool to be Kazzie" I wrote "My first thoughts were how does a man with a surname of "Cresswell" know so much about the Kazzies. After all, "Cresswell" is definitely not a Kazzie surname but after I gave Allan a true Kazzie interrogation, I soon found out that Allan is one "Cool Kazzie". I was somewhat embarrassed because I had given him an interrogation to ascertain if he was Kazzie.

After I, along with the other attendees, heard Allan speak, it was clear to everyone that, he was extremely knowledgeable about many Kazzie relationships.

Allan addressed each part of the seminar with great enthusiasm, passion and knowledge. He generously shared his knowledge with everyone. It was clear that his passion is the driving force behind his commitment to improving and maintaining the information on the site. Allan clearly has no vested interest in the information other than being a keen genealogist and like a true gentlemen, always acknowledges the source of his information and the data submitted is "owned" by the submitter. To date, Allan has incurred all running and maintenance costs of the site.

Anyone who was unable to attend the seminar, will be pleased to know that Allan's PowerPoint Presentation will soon be uploaded to our website for your viewing.

It was very impressive to see Allan work the room, so to speak. He would ask a member for a surname instantly find the connection on the website or photo of an ancestor. Allan would then be able to link that family to another family belonging to another attendee. Thus adding multiple degrees of separation to many Kastellorizian relationships.

On the Sunday, the program was geared more to the how to use the website. As there were members attending on the second day, the two projector set up

was ideal. Each screen was a duplicate, showing the same frame of the active website. This allowed members to divide evenly across the room for easy viewing. Unfortunately, a third of the way through the Telstra internet reception went down and we were unable to resume the use of the second screen for the duration of the presentation.

We had also set up a scanning station and at the end of the presentation program, for members who brought photos and documents had the opportunity to have the photos scanned for inclusion on the website. We were unable to get through the large volume of material and a second photo collection date has been planned (see page 9) to assist Allan collect Melbourne based information.

The committee was disappointed with the attendance numbers, as they had anticipated that content would be of great interest to many members. Approximately 25 members attended on Saturday and about 30 on Sunday. Approximately 20% attended both days. In retrospect, these numbers were probably ideal, as the people attending were truly interested in the program and contributed a vast amount of information for the site. Having a reasonably small number of delegates was beneficial all round. Questions were easily raised and addressed. Also the number of attendees was large enough to generate discussion and provide for information e.g. of names for unidentified persons in some of the photographs.

What was clear from the seminar, that attendees were amazed at the information already on the site about their families despite the fact that they were yet to contribute. They all felt that the project is a relevant and worthwhile project that will benefit present and future generations of Kastellorizians. They raised concerns regarding longevity of the site and the costs, all of which are currently under investigation.

The Association and its members are very appreciative of Allan's time and attention to detail. We all thank you for taking the time to come to Melbourne and we welcome him back any day!

Allan, we need to clone your spirit, passion and unquestionable dedication as there are very few "active" Kazzies like you! Western Australian Kazzies are lucky to have you!

Evelyn Salvaris

Kastellorizian Association of Vic Social Report

Tavern Night

There was a lot of “kefi” at Stathis Athenian Tavern on Saturday June 27th 2009 where the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria’s held it’s long over due tavern night.

A capacity crowd of 90 people attended the event The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria apologises to members who were unable to attend due to the limited size of the function room. Anyone that knows of another Greek Tavern with a private or very large function with a band and entertainment, please pass on your suggestion to anyone in the committee.

Guest of honour was Allan Cresswell, from Perth. Like each Kazzie event it was well supported by the Kazzie diehards. But what was pleasing was seeing a lot of people who do not attend functions regularly.

The evening started of with mezes and the food and drink continued to arrive at the tables in abundance.

Throughout the evening the band played a selection of music and it didn’t take long for everyone to make the way to the dance floor. Dancing started off with the waltz and a few slow dances and then the party really started when the dancing turned to Greek. The dancing went well into the wee small hours of the morning with the last people leaving at around 2 am.

The Association is always looking to add variety to their functions, so if anyone that knows of another Greek Tavern with a private or very large function with a band, entertainment, good quality food and is centrally located, please pass on your suggestions to anyone in the committee.



Kastellorizian Association of Vic General Reports

WEBSITE UPDATE by John Karis

There have been a couple of changes to the statistics we obtain from our providers which will enable us to understand more about where our visitors originate. Also it has been an interesting May and June with a noticeable change in the mix of visitors from outside Australia.

Our new source of statistics on how many people log-on to our website, what they view etc will provide us with additional information, however, this will take a few months to access any trends. So, the next Newsletter will be able to provide you with additional information. This will be useful in knowing what they like about our website and from where they access our site.

As the changes to our statistics occurred during May this has meant an overlap of our data so in this report we will focus on what has happened for June mainly.

How can we improve the performance of our website?

- Photographs and images are a great way of increasing traffic as it's the visual aspect that is becoming more important these days.
- Links on the homepage – modern websites make the homepage the key area where most information is provided. Headlines with links enable the visitor to see what's new and click on the 1st page rather than trolling through various other pages. We will be adapting our homepage so that this is an increasing focus.
- There are ways of making information available on a website such as 'live feeds' of information. We are looking at news and information with a Greek theme so that visitors can come to our site for world news perhaps?

How are our visitors accessing our website?

The majority of our traffic is via Search Engines such as Google etc. Our information confirms that people are using the following keywords as the basis of their searches: "Kastellorizo", "Greek Orthodox Calendar", "Greek Orthodox Name Days", "Kastellorizian Genealogy" and "Kastellorizian Map".

Below are the statistics for June 09.

Most popular pages

Month	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Jul 08	Travel	Links	Newsletters	Lost & Found
Aug	Newsletters	Genealogy	Links	Travel
Sep	Genealogy	Travel	Map of Kazzie	Links
Oct	Greek Calendar	Travel	Lost & Found	Links
Nov	Greek Calendar	Newsletters	Genealogy	Travel
Dec	Newsletters	Greek Calendar	Home Page	Genealogy
Jan 09	Greek Calendar	Map of Kazzie	Genealogy	Newsletters
Feb	Greek Calendar	Travel	Map of Kazzie	Newsletters
Mar	Greek Calendar	Events	Links	Newsletters
April	Greek Calendar	Links	Newsletters	Map
May	Genealogy	Newsletters	Travel	Homepage
June	Genealogy	Travel	links	Map

	Average range	June 09 Statistics
Visits	1,450 – 2,900	1,500
Page Views	5,000 – 11,000	6,005
Downloads	1,200 – 1,900	1,650
Page views/visit	2.5 – 4.5 minutes	2.6 minutes
Time spent/visit	2.5 – 10 minutes	3.5 minutes

WEBSITE UPDATE by John Karis

Country by volume of traffic

Australia & United Kingdom	Constant
Greece	Biggest increase
USA	Constant
Italy	Constant
Turkey	Increase
Germany	Constant
Denmark	Increase
Netherlands	Increase
France	Constant
Canada	Constant
Switzerland	Large decrease
Belgium	Constant
Spain	Constant
Cyprus	Constant
Norway	Constant
Sweden	Large decrease
Romania	Increase
Czech Republic	Increase
Serbia	Increase
Austria	Increase
Brazil	Constant
Hong Kong	Constant
Hungary	Increase
Bulgaria	Constant
Israel	Constant

Notes:

Figures for June fall within the normal ranges.

June 09 activity has shown a significant change in the most popular pages viewed by our visitors.

Statistics also illustrate that there is a marked change in the 2nd tier countries. Australia, USA, UK and Switzerland have been the most popular for most of this year. However Switzerland has dropped and Greece has increased. Although we are uncertain as to the reason we have to be impressed that Greece is becoming part of our audience.

Images and photographs are a key reason why people stay logged onto the site in addition to content.

Any suggestions or images which you believe are of general interest to the Kazzie and Greek communities are welcome for consideration.

Definition of terms:

The above reports 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.

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.

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.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION'S REPORTS AND FUNCTIONS

KASTELLORIZIAN SENIOR ASSOCIATION inc

by President Christine Dimer

Seniors News

Summary of our monthly functions

1st April 2009

At our get together in April at our club rooms we enjoyed a lunch of Calamari and Salads. Bingo was played with many raffle prizes given. Thank you to those members who have donated small prizes for our monthly meetings. Please keep them coming. Our Treasurer, Peter Christofas explained our funding from the Multi Cultural Commission and that we had received a further cheque for the benefit of our members. Deposits were taken on the day for our Mother's day lunch in May.

6th May 2009

We had a delightful lunch at the Savoy to celebrate Mother's Day. 42 members attended and by all accounts the food was most enjoyable. Our raffle prizes were won by Tessa Anastasiou, Jack Bisas, Vera Constance and Sam Alexander. We finished about 2.30pm and all our members went home very happy.

3rd June 2009

35 people enjoyed a lovely BBQ cooked by Jim Pavlou. Thank you Jim for your ongoing support. Salads were made by Christine Dimer with help from the committee. We all had hearty appetites, so we will know next time that sausages are popular.....Bingo was played and enjoyed by all. I would like to thank Vera Constance for making the Katoumara. To all our other members who bring along sweets on an ongoing basis. Thank you for your support. Our members certainly enjoy the sweets. Mrs. Nina Mangos also brought along paximathia in memory of her husband Spiro who passed away 2 years ago. Thank you.

1st July, 2009

43 members enjoyed a buffet lunch at Volcano Joe's in Burwood. There was much chatter and it was great to see some Kazzies attend whom we don't see very often. We all met there and then settled down to catch up with each other before enjoying a huge choice of food on offer. Thank you to all our members who braved the cold wind to attend.

Future Functions

On 5th August we will be having lunch at the club rooms. Come along and hear our speaker from Hahndorf's Fine Chocolates. You will even be able to purchase them. We will talk about our future functions for the remainder of 2009 on this day. Thank you to the committee of the seniors for their support and enthusiasm over the past few months.

See you all at our next function.
Christine Dimer

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's

2009 Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday 27th September

Time: 2-5 pm

Venue: Kastellorizian House
250 Dorcas St
South Melbourne

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KASTELLORIZIAN SENIOR ASSOCIATION inc *by Christine Dimer*

Our 2009 Agenda

Please note: Agenda is subject to change

Please make appropriate entries in your diaries.

AUG 5: LUNCH AT CLUBROOMS

Guest speaker from Hahndorf's Fine Chocolates

SEP 2: LUNCH AT SANTE BUFFET CROWN
WE WILL MEET THERE
DETAILS TO BE GIVEN AT AUGUST
MEETING.

OCT 7: LUNCH AT CLUBROOMS.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

NOV 4: SPRING RACING CARNIVAL BBQ.
SWEEP AND BEST OUTFIT OR HAT
COMPETITION.
DEPOSIT FOR XMAS FUNCTION TO BE
COLLECTED .
DECISION MUST BE MADE WHERE WE WILL
GO.

DEC 2: XMAS LUNCH –
VENUE TO BE DECIDED WITH MEMBERS, in
November.
MEMBERS WILL BE SUBSIDIZED BY
SENIORS CLUB.

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Australian Friends of Kastellorizo *by Marilyn Tsolakis*

Student Exchange Program

The Student Exchange program is a reciprocal program, where students from Australia can attend school in Kastellorizo. This year is the first year that the program is offered to Australian students. Yannis Ragousis and Anthony Kominos were successful students and will spend a 10 days in Kastellorizo this October during the Australian school holidays.

Due to the late withdrawal of one of the students, the Kastellorizo to Australia exchange has been postponed until 2010. The AFK and the Principle, Betty Mouzak are working together to make 2010 Kastellorizo to Australia Student exchange program a success for 2010.

The AFK would like to thank all our members who offered to billet the two Kastellorizian girls in August and they look forward to the support from our members in the 2010 program.

2009 ITHACAN PHILANTHROPIC SOCIETY **AGM** *by Anna Miriklis-Defteros*

The AGM of the Ithacan Philanthropic Society was held on Sunday May 3, 2009 at Ithacan House, Elizabeth St, Melbourne. As it was an election year all positions were declared vacant.

The new committee positions are:

President:	Nicholas D Varigos
Vice President:	Antonias Drakopoulos
Secretary:	Peter Andrews
Treasurer:	Eugenia Vlass-Tsalkis
Assistant Treasurer:	Kristalena Callinkos
Committee:	Costa Karak, Adriana Zervoulis, Paul Karavias, Dennis Kastamas, Peter Lekatsas and Peter Paxinos

FEATURE ARTICLES

GREEK CULTURE

Agia Lessa: The Forgotten Church of Kastellorizo

Hadjiphotis lists the six churches of the Castle (Paleokastro) in his book "Kastellorizo" The churches are Panagias, St Nicholas, St Stephanos, Taxhiatchon, St Anargyri and St Lessa (Eleousas) on the cistern.

Adamidis in his "history of the island Megisti, Kastellorizo" records the legend of the smallest and least known of all the churches on Kastellorizo.

The story begins in the 16th century, when the seas surrounding Kastellorizo were riddled with Turkoman pirates. The pirates were notorious and reeked havoc by attacking the shipping routes and raiding the island of Kastellorizo.

In many such raids the islanders sort refuge in the confines of the Castle. In one such raid, the pirates looted the island and then made their way to the Castle, where the islanders sort refuge.

The pirates also raided the castle of its treasures and in the process, the Pirate captain found a beautiful blonde Kastellorizian named Lessa (Eleousas) hiding in the Castle.

The legend continues with the Captain of the Pirates falling in love with her instantly and as a result he wanted to take her as his mistress.

However, Lessa was a typical, strong Kastellorizian woman and sternly refused his advances.

However the captain of the pirates was offended by her behaviour toward him that he drew his sword and beheaded her on the spot.

It has been noted that the young women of Kastellorizo would make an annual pilgrimage to the site of Lessa's beheading. Later the Kastellorizian erected a small church in her memory where she was beheaded.

Unfortunately, Vardamidis has not recorded the date of Lessa's beheading or where the church was located.

It is unlikely that anyone on the island remember the story or where the church was. Can anyone help make the legend a reality?

John B Salvaris OAM

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GENEALOGY

George Loucas

By Helen Antonopoulos

Thank you to all the wonderful members of the Kastellorizian community!

My dear Uncle **George Loucas** had one great wish he spoke of every time we visited him in Greece, and that was to visit Australia, a country he had very strong connections with, but had not returned to for 48 years. He last visited Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide in 1963 and previously in 1957.

He had not seen his family here for many, many years, his son Evangelo, daughter-in-law Maria, grandchildren George and Antonia for 15 years, his beloved sister Erasmia and brother-in-law Evangelo Tsakalos in Adelaide for 26 years, and many nieces and nephews in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne.

It was only a very short visit to Australia but one that has left wonderful memories and experiences for not only Uncle George and his daughter Christina who accompanied him, but also all that met him or re-connected with him.

One of the absolute highlights of his time in Australia was his visit to the Kastellorizian Association Clubrooms for afternoon tea on Sunday 31st May.

His nieces, Betty Adgemis and Helen Antonopoulos hosted an afternoon tea for Uncle George to meet and re-connect with old friends, relatives and most importantly Kazzies.

It was a wonderful afternoon filled with laughter, song and even some dancing! Uncle George serenaded the audience with ballads of old that brought back memories and even some tears! It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves so much especially some of our older members and of course Uncle George!

I would like to thank every one for coming out on such a chilly day and spending the afternoon with Uncle George, I can not tell you how happy and satisfied he left Australia. As I mentioned earlier, one of his all time wishes was granted, and as he left he mentioned that no greater gift could anyone have given him, than for him to meet so many Kastellorizians at the association clubrooms, and for him doing what he knows best – entertain us all with beautiful songs and a few jokes!

Thank you again,

Helen Antonopoulos



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Kastellorizian Traditions

As many of us are 2nd and third generation Kastellorizians living in Australia our cultural heritage is a blend of Australian and International traditions and as well as Kastellorizian traditions.

However at times of large celebrations, the Kastellorizian traditions are either over looked due to embarrassment or as a result of the lack of knowledge as to how to perform these rituals or they are not appreciated.

It is refreshing to see how enthusiastic Maria Georgeakopoulos was to embrace the Kastellorizian traditions in the lead up to her recent wedding to John Mavromihalis. In the following article Beryl, Maria's mother tells how the family incorporated the Kastellorizian traditions on the happy occasion of her daughter's wedding

WHAT'S HOUSAFI?

By Beryl Georgakopoulos (nee Nitties)

It is amazing what we remember when we have to. We think that we have forgotten lots of the past but it is all stored there and is remembered when the need arises.

This is what happened earlier this year, when it came time to make wedding preparations for our daughter, Maria. She was married to John Mavromihalis on 22nd February, 2009, and, needless to say, we were all keen to do as many of the Kazzie traditions as possible.

There was the **Krevati** (see below) to organize and I remembered that they sang **tragoudia** at my krevati.



"But what tragoudia?"

Ok, we got some out of my 'blue Kazzie book', and then I decided to compose some of my own which were relevant to us.

It was amazing as to how easily the words flowed, and I realised that it's imbedded in us- not only the tune and the rhyme, but also the spirit of the song. Even though, my sisters and other brave volunteer singers sounded a little squeaky, we thoroughly enjoyed the joy of it all. How often to we get to singing tragoudia tou gamou and which of us Kazzies doesn't know the words 'ilthen I ora i kali'?

One of the stanzas which I wrote goes like this...

To understand what's going on,
You have to be a Kazzie,
They keep their customs
In great style,
Because they're pretty snazzy!

Also, my sister, Connie, remembered the **cloves passed onto cotton** and tied together with a white satin ribbon. So, earlier in the week, we all sat around the kitchen table threading cloves into little garlands, to give to our guests. The non-Kazzies were so impressed! What a fragrantly natural freshener for one's linen and lingerie drawers.



Threaded cloves

Then came the **Savatovratho** – which we actually had on the very night before Maria and John's wedding. Relatives and friends from overseas and interstate – about 45 of us – had a rip-roaring time. We sang more tragoudia tou gamou, seeing that I had asked Maria's cousins to compose a few for her. Cousin Fiona Diamond (nee Anezis/Nitties) who came

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Kastellorizian Traditions

from Sydney with her family Carol, Danny and James Anezis) wrote a beautiful poem for Maria and John, which had us all in tears.

Earlier on I gathered all the wedding photos of past and present relatives – some dating back from 1922 up to the present. I had them copied in A4 black and white, and using white ribbons, I hung them all along the trellis and shrubs in our back court yard.

These photos were a great talking point for one and all – looking at aunts, uncles, looking at themselves as young bridesmaids, looking at relatives overseas, and generally reminiscing about how the Kazzies used to throw coins as the bride, groom and relatives were doing traditional dances in a circle. We, being very young, would swoop under their joined arms to gather up as many coins as we could!

We had **votana and incense** and blessed some of the couple's clothes. We made the **pilaffi tou gamou, katoumaria** (see picture below), and **halva**.



Sister Connie remembered that Mum made a type of soumada tou gamou for our savatovratha. I looked up the 'blue Kazzie book' (by now it had become my unofficial Bible!!) which describes it as '**housafi**'.

I'm sure the recipe for **housafi** is well-known on the island but we of the diaspora are left to our own resources. So, Connie made up her own recipe, bringing to memory how Mum's housafi looked. She doesn't have exact recipe quantities but it turned out just like what we remember, and this is what she did.

She made a basic syrup – just like we do for baklava, **2 cups sugar to 1 cup water (or multiples of this), some lemon juice and a half handful of cloves and 2 sticks of cinnamon (she also added pimento but I don't think this is 'kosher'!).**

After stirring till the sugar dissolved, she then simmer/boiled this gently until it reached syrup consistency.

When it had cooled slightly she added a few drops of strawberry essence to give it a rosy colour.

We think that in the past they would've used cochineal but, seeing that this isn't so healthy, Connie opted for something natural to add colour to the housafi.

She then strained it through a sieve, bottled it in a lovely decanter, tied a white ribbon around the bottle-neck and viola – housafi!

We served it as a kersama,, adding a small amount of housafi to cold water just like you would cordial.. It made a deliciously cool and unusual refreshment and looked extremely impressive in Mum's crystal glasses which I have inherited.



We had a memorable, joyous time and we all agreed that the Kazzie traditions added much depth and meaning, not only to the actual wedding day, but also to the week preceding the wedding.

It will be interesting if some of our readers can contribute what they know of the wedding traditions and, thus, enrich the ones that I have managed to uphold - Beryl Georgakopoulos (nee Nitties)



Maria and John on their wedding day, with Beryl and George Georgakopoulos and the bridal party

REGULAR FEATURES

COOL TO BE KAZZIE

I am beginning to think that there is a resident Kazzieophile or a Kazzie infiltrator, or both working at "The Age" newspaper.

You might ask "why?" In the months since April I have counted **FIVE!** articles about Kazzie and or Kastellorizo in The Age.

Personally, I would like to think that the ongoing run of articles that have appeared in "The Age" are because of the many achievements that Kazzies have made here in Australia and that Kastellorizo has a truly global reputation.

Whatever the reason it appears that Kastellorizo and Kastellorizians are the flavour of the last couple of months and that's cool!

Article 1. "*The Two of Us*" April 18, 2009 in the Good Weekend Magazine of "the Age" feature the lives and friendships of two Greek "mates" who meet at Sydney University in the 1960's John Kalaf and Nick Cassimatis. Their friendship developed as they shared a common interest in their Greek heritage, politics and their passion for Cricket. The Kazzie connection is of course, John Kalaf, who is related to Jasmin Verginis.

Article 2. Appeared in a more obscure part of "The Age", the back page of the Sports section on May 9. I was alerted to the article by an early morning phone call from John Karis, who was very excited about it. I was far too busy with Matt Preston's comments in the A2 at the time to have even attempted the Sport section. Then came the call from my parents who were told of the article, first by Dr Spiro Moraitis and then a few other Kazzies.

"The world's best have a lot to learn, by George" was written by Age journalist and author, Greg Baum. However, the excitement about this article did not stop there. There were more calls and emails. In my opinion it was the fact Kastellorizo is an island, only known to a few and is not on the map in the international sporting arena.

For those of you who don't know, the "George" referred to in the article is Louise Katris's husband and Maria Katris's son-in-law.

In his article, Greg likens sport, in particular, soccer to Esperanto, the universal language of the world. What Greg concludes is that despite the remoteness of Kastellorizo, interpretations of the codes of ethics of soccer are more clearly understood by the Kastellorizians than the world renowned, Chelsea soccer team.

How did Greg draw this conclusion? Greg watched George and his mates play a game of soccer on Kastellorizo, with more dignity and respect for the game and their opponents than the "immensely well paid professionals" that played in the Champions League semi-finals.

Now that is Kazzie class for you!

However, my question is how did Greg come to visit the island that Lonely Planet calls "the rock at the end of Europe". Well apparently, he has Kazzie friends! And I hope that following his stay he shares the opinion of the 2009 Kastellorizian of the Year, J.B. Salvaris that "Kastellorizo is the Beginning of Europe"

Article 3. Move us along to May 31, "The Age" "M" magazine featured, Mia Greves showing her "celebrity bargain" of a Diane von Furstenberg dress she purchased on a recent trip to Hong Kong.

Article 4. "Sunday Life", June 28, 2009, "Maid to Order". Lisa Prior asked three men about their search for a perfect partner and asks them "in your opinion what makes a perfect wife?". The first interviewee named was "nightclub impresario" and co-owner of Sydney nightclub "Shh", Nicholas ATZGEMIS. I can only assume that with a name like ATGMEIS he must be Kazzie. I must consult the Kazzie oracle, Allan Cresswell to confirm my suspicions. And Nick, why not try out the recipes on page 24. You never know, Miss Right may just appear and turn into Mrs. Right!

Article 5. "The Age", page 20, July 5. In social section "About Town", newly awarded "Honorary Life Member", Nic Zervos and wife, Georgia were photographed when they attended "George Says Yeah!" charity dinner at George Calombaris's restaurant, Hellenic Republic in Brunswick East.

However the articles about Kazzies and Kastellorizo doesn't stop there. "The Melbourne Weekly Magazine" and "The Melbourne Times", both featured articles about computer literacy, in particular, in the more mature demographic age groups. Photographed and interviewed for the articles was Kazzie, Basil Theophilos.

And there have been at least three Neos Kosmos articles and even the daily newspaper in Rhodes have highlighted Kastellorizo and Australian Kastellorizians.

I dare not speculate what I may read about Kazzies and Kastellorizo in the next newspaper I read.

Until next time, *Evelyn Salvaris*

PS. Off to the printers tomorrow but currently visiting Sydney and what do I read? Tell you next time!

KAZZIE KERASMA

It is that time of year! It is winter, end of financial year, time to prepare newsletters, exams, family commitments, etc, etc. Stress, stress and more stress, no wonder items of value or of importance are lost or misplaced, relationships are neglected or sort, directions required and illness need to be cured.

Well there is a solution and one that involves my favourite pass time, cake baking!

The cake that holds the power to cure all the above is the "**Phanouropita**".

The "Phanouropita" is a symbolic cake offered to **St Phanourios**, the Revealer. Little is known about St Phanourios, however he is documented in the book, "Lives of Saints". One account mentions that St Phanourios was Miracle-worker on Rhodes. In his icon, St Phanourios holds a candle, which is said to cast light on that which is sort, spiritual or otherwise. Thus the cake is baked to find that which is lost or sort by the baker. The cake is not a Holy Tradition but the most faithful of followers take their cake to church to be blessed before cutting and eating.

It is said that the cake must be made of 9 or 11 ingredients and must include flour, sugar, cinnamon and oil. However, it appears from the recipes I read, they all have an odd number of ingredients

The Feast day of St Phanourios is August 27.



Happy baking and I hope you find that which you seek!

Kali Orexi, Evelyn Salvaris

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Phanouropita 1 (13 ingredients)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F

In a large, heavy bottomed saucepan, combine:

1 cup orange juice

1/2 cup brandy

2 tbs unsalted butter

1/2 tsp salt

2 cups golden raisins

3/4 cup sugar

1/2 cup honey

1 tbs ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp ground cloves

Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer for ten minutes. Allow to cool

Sift into cooled syrup:

2 cups all-purpose flour

2 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp baking soda.

Beat vigorously for eight to ten minutes or until batter is smooth and bubbly.

Stir in:

2 tbs grated orange peel

Turn into well greased 7" fluted pan or 8" loaf pan.

Sprinkle with 1/2 sesame seeds (optional; skip if you like).

Bake for 1 to 1 1/2 hours, until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup brandy and cool cake in pan.

Phanouropita 2 (13 ingredients)

Adapted by Anna Miriklis-Defteros from "Our Treasury of Authentic Greek Cooking"

Place in blender:

1 cup oil

1 cup orange juice

1 cup brown sugar

1 tbs honey

30 ml brandy

2 tsp ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp ground cloves

1/3 to 1/2 tsp ground masticha

Pinch salt

Mix then add

2 heaped tablespoons of sifted SR Flour, mix and add the **remaining 4 cups of SR flour**, gradually, mixing well between each addition.

Add **1/2 cups sultanas**, and **1/2 cup walnuts if desired**.

Place in greased cake tin, top with **sesame seeds a**

Bake in a Moderate oven for about 45 minutes.

Optional: Take the cake to church to have blessed, and share.

PROVERBS & SAYINGS

by Anna Miriklis-Defteros

Prota o Theos - First be to God

Iskyia bednni- One understands quickly

Then kutallavenni - One doesn't understand

Inei loikos - One is sensible and logical

Usti thouyia bethemenni -Leave the tricky situation as it is

Thosxa dto Theo - Righteous with God

NAMES & NAMEDAYS

by Anna Miriklis-Defteros

Daniel – December 17

"God is my judge"

Daniel in the Old Testament is the principle character in the Chapter. He was the wise minister to the Babylonian Kings and renowned faithful to the Jews

David – December 26

"Beloved", Hebrew translation

Was a great worrier, author of many Psalms. Built and empire for his son Solomon and Fiounder of a famous line of Kings.

Lazarus – Sunday prior to Palm Sunday

"Helper of God"

Brother of Mary and Martha who Christ restored to life

Marina – July 17

"Pearl"

The Great Martyr "Megalomartyr" in Exoghi in town of Ithaca and numerous celebrations are held in Greece to honour her nameday.

Joakin – September 9

"The Lord is my Judge" Hebrew translation

Father of Theotokos

Xenia – January 24

"Hospitable"

Odysseus- King of Ithaca, married Penelope and father of Telemachus. The leading hero of the Trojan war. His accomplishments and Misfortunes are recorded in the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey".

KAZZIE YOUTH COLUMN

Just for a laugh

Exam time, semester break and end of financial year is always a busy time of year and for the luck few it is a great time to leave Melbourne winter and head to Europe for Summer. Thus there is not Kazzie youth report. So read on for a light hearted play on words article called "**Greek Books by Greek Authors**"

Bus Safety by *Leo Foreo*

Automobile Maintenance by *Mick Hanicos*

Home Electrical Tips by *Alek Trologos*

Chinese for Greeks by *Ken Ezos*

Map Reading for Dummies by *Olie Hathicame*

Reducing Stress by *Dan Meniazi*

Unemployment Tips by *Tam Bellis*

Easy BBQ Recipes by *Lou Kaniko*

Vegetarian Cooking by *Mel Inzanes*

Killing Time by *Perry Meno*

Drink Less & Enjoy Life by *Al Kaholicos*

Journalism by *Effie Meritha*

Gardening by *Lou Louthi*

Cooking by *Lou Koumathes & Pat Sticho*

Hobbies by *Tina Kano* (not related to *Tina Kaneis*)

Reading & Comprehension by *Den Katalaveno*

Pencil Making by *Mo Levi*

Dancing American Indian Style by *Chief Tedeli*

BBQ Preparation by *Sue Vlaki*

Disappearing Acts by *Anna Hathis*

Peace by *Irini Pasi*

Unwanted Hair Removal by *Harry Kolos*

Winters by *Connie Krio*

How to Please a Man by *Connie Erota*

If you interested or would like to get involved or have any suggestions or comments regarding the our Young Kazzies Group, please get in touch: lisa_caripis@hotmail.com or 0416 436 652 or visit www.kastellorizo.com.au or facebook.

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SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



70 th HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Congratulations to **Catina** (Angelo) **Miriklis** (nee Antherinos) on her 70th Birthday milestone on 18th June 2009. A lovely restaurant meal was held at "the Golden Dragon Palace" in Templestowe. Her immediate family were present to celebrate the occasion.

"Na ta ekatosis" and all the very best for the future



WEDDING

On 22nd February, 2009 at St Vasillios Church Brunswick, **Maria Georgakopoulos**, daughter of **Beryl and George Georgakopoulos** wed **John Mavromihalis**. The couple celebrated their marriage with a reception Ascot House in Ascot Vale.

Please refer to page x for details about the Kazzie traditions performed in the lead up to Maria's wedding.



WEDDING

On 9th May 2009, at St Athanasios Church Springvale, **Maria Zombos**, the daughter of our former committee member **Jim Zombos**, married **Steve Terzakis**; and later two hundred and twenty guests celebrated the wedding at a most enjoyable reception at the Golden Sands in Burwood East.

The Best Man was Maria's brother **Con**; Matron of Honour was the groom's sister; groomsman was Maria's brother **George Zombos** partnered by his sister **Katina**. Maria was the granddaughter of the late **Con Zombos** who was a former President and Trustee of the Kastellorizian Brotherhood of Victoria.

In the photo from L-R are:
Jim & Ester Zombos with Maria & Steve Terzakis.



VISITING ADELAIDE

Patricia Lambropoulos with her son Nicholas Panayiri. Nicholas father Pavlos Panayiri is the Mayor of Kastellorizo. Patricia came out to Australia to attend the wedding of her cousin and to see her parents May and Paul.

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

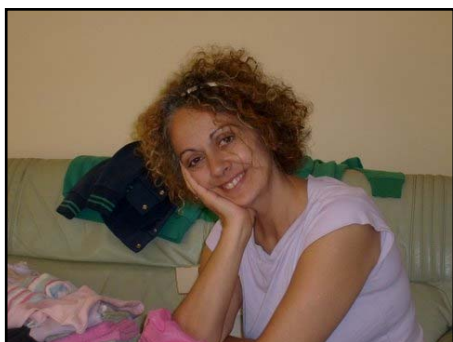


MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC 2009

Earlier this year on the 10 May the Mothers Day Classic was held to raise money for research into breast cancer. Kastellorizians were proudly represented at the event by three generations of the **Vassiliadis** family. **Eunice** (nee Bolkus) with her daughters, **Irene** and **Anne** and her granddaughters **Kiah** and **Amelia** shared a wonderful experience walking the 4 kilometres around the Alexandra Gardens. It was a great family activity and people from all walks of life supported the event. **Eunice** and the girls will be participating again next year, so come on Cassies, lets get together and support this worthwhile cause in the fight against cancer.



L to R: Amelia Van Steeth, Kiah Dennerstein, Eunice Vassiliadis and Irene Vassiliadis, and photographed by Anne Vassiliadis, who is pictured below



GOLD COAST MARATHON SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Michael Angelo Miriklis** on his achievement of "The 10 Year Club" Marathon on the Gold Coast on Sunday 5 July 2009.

This was Michael's 24th Marathon and his personal best time of 3 hours 9 minutes and 11 seconds. He is hoping to fly to Greece for his Nameday (8th November) and complete the Athens Marathon, which is the spiritual home of the event. Congratulations and best wishes to you Michael.

PERSONAL TRAINER



Congratulations to **Georgina Mingos** who was joined the staff of the Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Georgina is a Fitness and Personal Trainer who specializes in weight loss, body tone and shape as well as basic nutrition. Anyone wishing to train with Georgina please contact her on 8862 9100. Georgina is the daughter of **Irene Mingos** and niece of **Christine Dimer**.

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulation to Michael Tsolakis from Perth, who was awarded and OAM for his services to the Greek community in Western Australia.

Michael is the father of Marilyn Tsolakis, also from Perth and she is the Co-ordinator of the Australian friends of Kastellorizo

THANK YOU:

Following St Constantine and St Helen's Day Celebration's and the Awards presentation, The Association received the following letter from Christina Pavlou, expressing her gratitude to all members of the Association.

"26/05/09

Dear fellow Castellorizians,

I felt honoured and humble when I received the "life membership" award at our celebrations off St Constantine and St Helen's day.

I would like to say "thank you" to all the Castellorizians who have supported me in the past and especially those with whom I have had the pleasure to work on past and present committees.

I shall wear the medallion with great pride.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Christina Pavlou"

KAZZIE COSMOS..... news from around the world

NEWS from KASTELLORIZO

Birth

Eleftherios Elliot Papoutsis born at Calvary Hospital, Queensland, on 31 March 2009 and weighed 9.5 lbs. Georgina is the daughter of Sandra Georges and grand-daughter of Senator George Georges and Vangeli is the son of Despina Papoutsis from Kastellorizo. Georgina and Vangeli came to Australia with their 2 year old daughter Alexandra in December to spend Christmas with her family and give birth to their son. They will be returned to Kastellorizo in April.

Pictured below is baby Eleftherios (top left), with his father Vangeli (top right) and mother Georgina and sister Alexandra (bottom).



KAZZIE COSMOS.....

news from around the world

NEWS from KASTELLORIZO

Visiting Kastellorizo from Brazil.

Constantino Kotzias came in June and stayed for 4 days and enjoyed a trip to the Blue Grotto as well as mixing with a few of the locals, he came to Kastellorizo with his brother- in-law and both have promised to bring their families to Kastellorizo.

Christiane Kotzias and husband Andres Piegel came to Kastellorizo for the first time in July 2009, they spent 5 days on the island and enjoyed trips to Turkey, Blue Grotto and Plake, loved walking and discovering the island and its churches, and sampling local cuisine as well as the delights of Loukoumades and Katoumari. They are currently living in London and will make their way back to Brazil in 2010, but will visit Kastellorizo before returning.



Constantino Kotzias from Brazil with Louise and Georgios.

The Kotzias family from Brazil.

For those of you who are not aware **Constantino Kotzias** and **Christiane Kotzias** are cousins once removed. Constantino is the grandson of Christina (nee Theodore) and Yianni Kotzias whilst Christiane is their great granddaughter. Christiane is also related to the Adgemis family as her great grandmother was the sister of Despina who married John Adgemis.

Sometime after the wedding of Christina and Kosta in 1912 on Kastellorizo, they moved to Brazil, where the extended Kotzias family now resides. More information about the family can be located on the Kastellorizian Genealogy site, located at www.kastellorizo.com.au and go to the genealogy tab.



Christiana Kotzias from Brazil and her husband Andreas, holidaying for 1 week in Kastellorizo, pictured here with Louise and her daughter Mia..

Events on Kastellorizo:

July and August organised by the AFK

Youth Festival 12 to 19 of July

Tavli Tournament

Katharo Kastellorizo – ie clean up Kazzie day

Water Glendi – Profiti Elias, July 19

Film Festival

Travelling to Kastellorizo in 2009 ?

Ferry timetables for Summer 2009 to Kastellorizo can be located at

www.kastellorizo.com.au

We look forward to hear more news form Kastellorizo in the next edition of the Kazzie News

KAZZIE COSMOS.....

news from around the world

SYDNEY

The Annual General Meeting of the Castellorizian Ladies Auxillary took place on Sunday 3rd May 2009 at the Manhattan Super Bowl Function Room at Mascot.

The new Committee is as follows:

President	Mrs. Mary Omeros
Vice President	Mrs. Rene Zervos
Secretary	Mrs. Pat Sechos
Ass. Secretary	Mrs. Margaret Panaghis
Treasurer	Mrs. Eva Exintaris
Ass. Treasurer	Mrs. Stella Boyages
Social Secretary	Mrs. Katina Nicholas
Anti Stefani Secretary	Mrs. Senya Kranitis
Committee:	Victoria Kazaglis Gallagher, May Kondilios, Chrisanthi Pispini Kandilas, Sophie Lacherdis, Kathy Miriklis, Erifilli Pispini, Nina Stergoulis & Phyllis Sintras.

Good Luck and best wishes for your elected time on the committee.

**WE ALSO WELCOME CONTACT
FROM ANY OTHER
KASTELLORIZIAN
ORGANISATION, IN
AUSTRALIA OR WORLD-WIDE
WHO WOULD LIKE TO SHARE
THEIR NEWS WITH OUR
MEMBERS,**

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NEXT KAZZIE NEWS

Summertime!

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Social Events, Feature Articles & News

from the

Kastellorizian Association of Victoria And Megisti Club

News from Kastellorizo

Kazzie Youth Column

and more!

And a lot more feature articles

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 enquires which we have received recently.

Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2009
From: **Michael Anthony**

Message: Hi
Have been catching up on news via your internet info- very nice.

My connections to "Kassi" are via the Harmanis line (Haritos). We were originally from Darwin

In short, I am a property developer / builder from the Gold Coast and previously in Hospitality and tourism promotion and am interested in doing something creative on the Island. I note you have an " Expatriate Society for the Revival of Megisti" Could you please put me in contact with them?

In addition I am seeking land or sites, **do you have an advertising medium for this purpose?**

Michael, the answer to your question is that we do have advertising possibilities in our Newsletter and on our Website. Please contact John Karis for prices and space requirements

Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009 3:07 PM
From: **Peter Jackson**

Hi John,
Since receiving your email, I went to both the Links section and Genealogy section of your website but could find nothing informative about my father's family in either of the sites.

My father came out from Egypt in the 20s (of the last century) - I have an idea that he was born and lived in Port Said. He met and married my mother who herself was an émigré from Scotland and their union produced my elder brother and me. In some ways, it was not a happy marriage-their courtship marred (I think), by my mother's family disapproving of the relationship and this in turn led to my mother's dislike for Greeks in general-and I recall that she was not welcoming of my father's relatives. Unfortunately, my elder brother adopted my mother's views and he rejected any future approaches made to him, after my father's death, in the late fifties, in Sydney. I had moved out of home and state in the early fifties, though I continued to share the financial support of my parents with my brother. Because I was subject to a fair amount of harassment during my school years because of my surname, I changed this by deed poll prior to getting married with the view to avoiding a serve of the same abuse for any children I produced. My original surname was **Yanitsas**.

I have lived abroad most of my adult life and on reaching retirement age in my profession, I returned home and then tried to make contact with family members, to no avail. My kids have asked me if I have made any attempt to do this and my daughter suggested the "Kassie" link and you kindly replied. To begin with, I had an aunt who seemed fond or close to my father and I suspect, she may have been his sister-you may find this statement) surprising but given my mother's dislike and my lack of comprehension (as a preteen and early teen) of the extent of this and the strained relationship of my parents, I was not well informed about any of those relatives. I do not wish to disturb the privacy of any of the families that are related-I merely want to know what relationship they are to me and if in time we do communicate, then that is O.K. too and any assistance in this matter would-be appreciated. Should you be able to assist with these enquiries please contact **John Karis** on **0412 662 079** or **Katina Garrick** on **0402 985 577** or at info@kastellorizo.com.au or **PO BOX 112, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, Australia**

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