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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members,

Welcome to 2008 and what is shaping up to be a very busy and active year ahead for us all.

Last year we ended off our activities on a high with another successful Megisti Tea Club Function and the Children's Christmas party and further information on the success of these functions and pictures can be found on page 17.

Despite the holiday period, the Committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria has already been very active this year.

In February, we launched our first "Kazzie Communications" where we sent out the registration and nomination forms for the VCE, KYAA and KYA. The Committee and I were very happy with the number of replies received. We received 10 Kastellorizian of the Year Award nominations and may I add that all nominations received were all very worthy of the award. This made it a very difficult task for the Committee to select the

“best” candidate for the 2008 Kastellorizian of the Year Award and I am very happy to announce that John Mangos was selected as this year’s recipient of the Kastellorizian of the Year Award.

Also this year we will be awarding two Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Awards, one to Cassandra Zervos for her achievements in Taekwon Do and the other to Nicholas Paltoglou for his success in the areas of music and diving.

It was a little disappointing to only have two VCE students register for the VCE awards. However, this may be a true indication of the number of “Kazzie” students who sat for their VCE in 2007. If you sat for your VCE last year and miss the dead line, we have extended the registration for the VCE awards until April 30, so please send in your forms or give me call.

We look forward to awarding John Mangos, Cassandra Zervos, Nicholas Paltoglou, Charlotte Lane and David Garrick with their awards at our Saint Constantine and Saint Helen’s Day celebrations which will be held at our clubrooms on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, following the Church service at Saints Constantine and Helen’s Church, Barry St, South Yarra.

Last year we held the Saint Constantine and St Helen’s Day luncheon at our South Melbourne Clubrooms and the venue was overflowing with members. 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, we have altered the format of the celebrations at the clubrooms to help cater for the increased number of members attending. This year instead of a formal sit down luncheon we will have a “Cocktail Reception”. Please note to cater for the numbers the event will predominately be a “stand up” function however there will be some tables and chairs provided for our more elderly members. I am sure that all our members will agree that this is the best solution to last year’s overcrowding.

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 28<sup>th</sup> of October, have been sent to the Association’s Solicitor, Nick Zervos. Nick Zervos has advised us that “The Rule of the Association” is going through the “due process”. Once this process has been completed, we will inform you of the outcome.

Dianne and I represented the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria at two official functions. The first was held by the Consul General of Greece on March 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Greek Independence Day (25<sup>th</sup> of March). The reception was held at the Caulfield Town Hall and present at the celebrations was the Consul General of Greece Mr. Christos Salamanis. We also attended a reception in honor of visiting members of the Inter-parliamentary delegation for Greeks abroad of the Hellenic Parliament. This celebration was to commemorate Greek Independence Day and was organized by the Greek Orthodox Community of Victoria.

The Megisti Tea Club has been an active part of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria and the organizers Christine Dimer and Cynthia Koutsoukis have informed us that they have another action packed series of functions lined up for 2008. The Megisti Club will start of with their first function, an Easter Ouzeri on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Further information about this function can be found on page 11 and I hope that you will all continue to support the Megisti Club by attending these functions.

On the 2008 agenda for the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, is to formulate a Subcommittee to Review the Future Directions of the Association. I can not emphasize just how important this committee will be to the future of the Association. It is very important 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. Your support and participation is essential for the

survival of the Association. **We are now actively seeking volunteers to participate and form the Subcommittee to Review the Future Directions of the Association.** If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible. I look forward to your future contributions.

Of course the committee will be actively setting up a social calendar and a series of activities that all members can participate in. So stay tuned for further updates.

In closing I would like to wish you and your families all a safe and happy Easter.

I looking forward to seeing you all in 2008 and I hope you will continue support in the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria in this year.

Happy Easter, "Kalo Pashka",

Michael Spartels



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE 2008 KASTELLORIZIAN AWARDS

#### 2008 KASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR JOHN MANGOS

**John Mangos** has been a popular news journalist, charismatic presenter and a familiar face on Australian television screens. His career on national TV extends over approximately thirty years. However his

endeavours extend beyond the boundaries of his career. John was the first "Greek face" on mainstream Australian television and used this to his advantage to encourage Greek culture throughout Australia. He has never denied his Kastellorizian decent and has always emphasized that he is a Kastellorizian/Greek/Australian. As a media journalist and personality, John has interacted with people from all walks of life and has been deeply affected by those less fortunate. As a result, John has donated his time to many charities and non-profit organisations. Therefore it is with great pleasure that **Kastellorizian Association of Victoria announces** that **John Mangos** has been selected the "**2008 Kastellorizian of the year**".

John's biography reveals that he has met the many criteria required to be a "Kastellorizian of the Year".



John Mangos the 2008 Kastellorizian of the year.

John Mangos is of Kastellorizian heritage. His father Constantine "Connie" was born in Melbourne to Kastellorizian parents, John and Evangelia (Christofis) Mangos. John's mother, Dorothy arrived in Australia from Kastellorizo in 1949 ( August 15), Dorothy (Diamanto) was a survivor of the Empire Patrol tragedy in 1945 in which 33 people died, and is the youngest daughter of Komninos and Panayiota Zervos. Con Mangos and Dorothy Zervos were married in

1955. The following year, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 1956, John was born. John has two younger brother's Kevin and Michael and a sister, Angela.

John attended Flemington primary school and Moonee Ponds Central and from a young age it was clear that John's smile, charm, kind heartedness and wit were clearly inherited from his affable parents. As a young student John had many role models to help guide him towards his chosen career. John needed to look no further than to his many cousins who had or were embarking in careers in the legal, medical, scientific, finance and business sectors. However, during his school years, he developed his own personality and interests and hobbies. John attended University High where he developed an interest in journalism. A career in journalism appealed to him because it was different from the main stream professions. It was also uncharted territory as the profession was predominately Anglo Saxon and entry into the field journalism provided John with a challenge, which he embarked upon with enthusiasm.

### **John's Involvement in journalism and the Australian Entertainment Industries.**

John completed his HSC in 1975 and the following years he undertook studies in Journalism at RMIT. Whilst completing his tertiary education, John worked as a cadet for then Melbourne afternoon newspaper, "The Herald".

In 1979 after John completed his studies and cadetship, he then commenced work at GTV9 as an "on air" reporter. As a result, John made TV history as the first "Greek" journalist reporting on mainstream Australian television. Subsequently, this landmark entry into TV journalism has opened the door for budding journalists from a variety of racial backgrounds into what was a very "Anglo Saxon" dominated industry.

John had role models and mentors in Brian Naylor and Peter Harvey, to help guide him through the early years of his career. In his

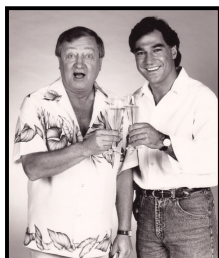
14 year career at the Nine Network, John worked as a "newscaster" in the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery. During this period, he travelled with the then Prime Ministers (Fraser, Hawke, Keating) reporting on the political situation at the time. John also worked as a NSW State Political Correspondent (1984-1986) before he became the network's United States correspondent based in Los Angeles in 1987 and 1988. The time spent in the US allowed John to enhance and expand his expertise as a journalist. The highlights of his overseas experience include an ongoing series on the Primary election campaign and nomination for Presidential candidate of Michael Dukakis, the Inauguration in 1989 of President George Bush, the Iran Contra hearings, the Americas Cup campaign in San Diego in 1987, Academy Awards in '87 and '88, whales trapped in Alaska (1988) and a health special on 38 year old Siamese twins. Celebrity interviews included Elizabeth Taylor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jane Fonda, Bette Middler, Faye Dunaway, Danny DeVito, Sylvester Stallone, Timothy Dalton, Don Johnson and Sidney Poitier and Sting.

John's return from the States was prompted by the "King" of Australian television, Graham Kennedy with a "too good to be true offer" to co-host Sydney-based news program "Coast to Coast". In 1989 John returned to Australia to fulfil his dream and work alongside Graham Kennedy. "Coast to Coast" aired five nights a week on the Nine Network for just one year (preceded by Graham Kennedy's News Show with Ken Suttcliffe for six months). Some of the memorable scenes from the show were:

1. Graham's admission to being dressed from only from the waist up whilst filming "Coast to Coast".
2. What Greek could forget the infamous "molivi/ fackilo" or "pencil/envelope" skit and the Easter John partook in cracking of the traditional red Easter eggs with Graham? Much to Graham's surprise the egg was raw.

These "Greek" skits were not, as some people believe, to make fun of the Greeks. In

contrast, Graham had a deep admiration of the Greeks and the skits were performed to promote awareness of the Greek Culture. This reinforced that Greek heritage was something to be proud of and helped to exposed the rest of Australia to the benefits of one's heritage. It was at this point that John became an active advocate of Greek Culture in the wider Australian community.



From the point of view of John's career, Graham Kennedy's impact was seminal. Graham's experience as an entertainer and his mentorship help to make John's transition from on the "Road Reporter" to a Studio Anchor, smooth.

After "Coast to Coast" John made documentaries for the Nine Network such as Reach for the Skies, a special on aviation; Formula 1 Grand Prix- Monte Carlo and A Week in Eastern Europe with Metallica. He hosted "Our World", a documentary series featuring documentaries from Australia and abroad, including the aforementioned). The program aired nationally on Sunday evenings. During the daytime, John was also kept busy. He often appeared as a guest host of Nine's "Today Show" and the "Midday Show".

In 2001 a change was in the wind and John moved to Network Ten to present the Eyewitness news. A year later he was lured back to Nine to become the "international roving" reporter for the "Midday show". Memorable stories that John reported on during this time included the Elephant saving program in Kenya, an Australian doctor who built a hospital in Swaziland, Singapore's Rising Economic Power among the five tigers, a revisit to Los Angeles with an on the road series, a drought special in Australia and a profile of Professor Fred Hollows in Bourke.

John's long and distinguished career was rewarded when the Seven Network offered him his own morning chat show, "At Home with John Mangos", which aired nationally for two years.

John relishes new challenges and constantly tests his limits as well as the boundaries of the media industry. John diversified into "Radio Media" where he was a breakfast announcer on Sydney radio station 2KY (1991-1993). At present, John regularly presents a top rating afternoon program on Sydney talkback radio station 2UE.

In 1993 John launched his own media consultancy company "Megisti Media" and is available for media training, facilitating, as a Master of ceremonies and after dinner speaking.

It was as if the medium of Free-to-air and radio were not enough to challenge John and in another "history making" moment, John also took up the challenges of the newly arrived "Pay TV" industry. It is hard to believe that Pay TV was introduced into Australia as recently as 1996. When SKY NEWS AUSTRALIA was launched in 1996, John became their senior anchorman, a post he holds today.

John is also a weekly regular on Australia's leading breakfast program, the Seven Network's Sunrise. With no claims as a singer, he was most recently in the cast of It Takes Two.

#### Career Highlights and achievements

John has received many accolades for his excellence in Journalism and the Australian entertainment industry and these honours include:

The Thorn EMI award for excellence in journalism. (1987 Siamese Twins)

Received two Logie nominations (1985 and 1993 Best News story)

Nomination for Cleo Bachelor of the year (1989) and in the Top 50 eligible bachelors in 1989 as listed by Cleo.

Invited three times (1984, 2003 and 2004) by the Greek Government to attend and report on briefings with Senior Ministers of the Greek Government, the Greek Prime Minister and Greek President (PM Karamanllis and President Stephanopoulos).

Highly commended awards for documentaries (Kenya elephants 1993, Australian Doctor in Swaziland 1994)

In John's opinion, his "crowing glory" and the achievement he is most proud of was his role as "exclusive reporter" for SKY NEWS AUSTRALIA at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games. During this time, John was relocated to Athens for three months before the games. He took great professional nourishment in the celebration of the handover from Sydney to Athens and relished the opportunity to report from Athens on such a major international event.

### **John's Community Involvement**

Despite being such a busy and highly profiled personality, one aspect of John's personality that is not greatly publicized, is his involvement with the community at large. Over the years John has found time to be involved in not only the Kastellorizian and Greek communities but also in the greater Australian community.

#### Greek and Kastellorizian Community Involvement

John credits his Grandfather John Mangos for being his "earliest and strongest role model". John remembers that his grandfather's was a "very community minded person who had great pride in Kastellorizo and its heritage" and this was clearly evident through his involvement as a member and

also as a former President of the Kastellorizian Association in Melbourne. From John Mangos senior it is clear that John has inherited his sense of community, pride in his Kastellorizian heritage and a strong Greek cultural awareness. It is with these attributes that John enthusiastically involves himself in the Kastellorizian, Greek and Australian Communities.

Throughout his career in Australian journalism John has never denied his Greek heritage and has always extended the fact that he is "Kastellorizian". He has said "I have always believed being Kastellorizian is more than just being Greek. It's a frontier island which has tenaciously retained its Greek identity during numerous occupations. It has jealously guarded its traditions and actively celebrated its uniqueness. It has mothered many children who have gone on to be national and international successes in their fields of endeavour including the sciences, law and the arts". It is because of his deep admiration for Kastellorizo he named his production company "Megisti Media".

John's passion for Kastellorizo doesn't end there. Over dinner in LA, with friend and colleague Jeff McMullin, John managed to convince him and the hardline current affairs show "60 Minutes" to do one off and rare human interest story. In 1988 that feature was filmed on Kastellorizo and later screened on "60 Minutes" in Australia.

Over the past 25 years he has been Master of Ceremonies at the majority of Kastellorizian Balls throughout Australia and several Young Matron's Balls held in Sydney.

But a highlight was as Master of Ceremonies for the Melbourne 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary ball in 2005.

John is very conscious that being Kastellorizian also means that he is Greek. John has actively involved himself in the Greek Culture and Community as well.

In this role, he has been Master of Ceremonies for many functions held by:

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese

his local parish in Sydney (annual fundraiser past five years)

John officiated and has been Master of Ceremonies at most of the March 25 functions held in Sydney years in past 25 years.

He has also been the Master of Ceremonies at the Glendi Festivals of Darwin (three times) and Adelaide (once).



John in action as Master of Ceremonies

In 1980-81 AHEPA recognized John for his involvement in the Greek Community with the "AHEPA Greek of the Year" award.

His experience with both "free-to-air and pay TV industries enabled him to launch Greek Australian Television on Optus Vision (1998-1999) where he hosted a twice-weekly current affairs program specific to Greek Australian issues called Straight Talk and therefore generating awareness of issues important to people of Greek heritage.

Over the past 13 years John has promoted his Hellenic heritage by taking Greek Seafood classes at the Sydney Fish market. John's love for Greek Culture extends beyond Greek food to his love for Greek music. He has proudly brought esteemed Greek vocalists George Dalaras (3 times, 1992, 1996 2004) and Marinella (2004) to Australia. John was honoured at one of Dalaras's concerts when Dalaras publicly stated that he was impressed that a third generation Greek such as John could be so passionate about his heritage. John believes that promotion of Greek music is very

important because it extends Greek culture beyond the diaspora.

### Wider Australian Community Involvement

John is emphatic that he is also Australian and frequently donates his time to charity fundraisers which benefits the wider Australian Community.

He was a past Patron of the Make a Wish Foundation (1992-1995).

An original member of the steering committee for the Children's Medical Research Institute and was instrumental in the establishment of Jeans for Genes Day (1992-1995).

He has also been involved in fundraising events for:

The Sydney Children's Hospital,

The Royal Prince Alfred Hospital,

Westmead Hospital,

National Breast Cancer Awareness week,

Prostate cancer awareness week,

SIDs Red Nose days,

Macular Degeneration

Thalasaemia Society.

John is also member of the Variety Club of Australia and has hosted many events for them in their mission to raise money for disadvantaged children.

For the past three years John has hosted the Laiki Bank's annual fundraiser for disadvantaged children called RadioMarathon in both Sydney and Melbourne.



Currently, John is the Patron of:

Trish Cairns Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation at St Vincent's Hospital,

Berries for Kids Cancer Foundation in Sydney and

Ambassador for Day of Difference Foundation (Sophie Delezio).

John is a former board member of environment group Oceanwatch Australia, and Olympic Football Club.

He is an official ambassador for the Sydney Swans and was last year bestowed with a life membership for his twenty years service to the club.

During this busy career, John managed to find time for himself and in 1999 he met Tanny at a television studio in Sydney. Tanny was a guest panellist in her capacity as an economist in a televised debate. Tanny later produced television specials for John for Straight Talk on GATV and the rest, as they say, is history. In 2000 they married.

John lives in Sydney with Tanny and their newly born son, Kosta who was named in true Kazzie/Greek style after his Grandfather Con Mangos.



## VCE AWARDS

This year we received only two registrations forms for the VCE awards. The two recipients of the award VCE for 2008 are:

**Charlotte Lane**  
**David Garrick**

**We have extended the registration for the VCE awards until the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. So if you sat your VCE last year and miss the registration dead line, please send in your forms or contact Michael Spartels 0412 596 861 NOW!**

## KYAA: KASTELLORIZIAN YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The committee was very happy to receive two nominations for the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Awards. Both nominees were highly successful in their sporting endeavors and both candidates have been selected to receive an award.

The recipients of the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award are:

**Cassandra (Cassie) Zervos**  
**Nicholas Paltoglou**

Read the following CV's and find out all about the achievements and successes of these up and coming young Kazzies.

**Cassandra (Cassie) Zervos** has been involved in the martial arts field of TAE KWON DO since 1999 and has received many club trophies during her training. To attain the level of black belt, one requires dedication, concentration, hard work and talent. Cassie had achieved the level of black belt at the very young age of 11. Cassie has also won the Australian under 14 national championships. In 2005 and 2006 she won the Tasmania and Victorian State Championships, respectively. Last year in Adelaide, Cassie won the silver medal in the Australian Championships in the under 17 category. In 2005, Cassie represented Australia at the Oceanic Games in Auckland, New Zealand where she won a Silver Medal. Cassie is noted as a "future Olympian" on the Victorian Olympic Committee's Website and she is also listed as a "talent" for the London Olympics in 2112.

Cassie is the daughter of Michael and Roslyn Zervos and grand daughter of Chrissy Zervos and Lucy Peronis.

**Nicholas Paltoglou** is the son of George Paltoglou, the eldest son of Con and Chris Paltoglou and at the young age of 16 years of has achieved recognition for his diving, swimming and musical Achievements.

Nicholas won a first place medal for synchronized diving in the 14 and over age group at the National Age Diving Championships.

He also achieved a second place in platform diving, a third place in the 3m and a fourth place in the 1m springboard in the 16 to 18 year category. Nicholas was also nominated as a "Stonnington Leader's Junior Sports Star nominee in 2007.

Nicholas is a highly skilled musician and plays the clarinet with the Scotch College cadets and will tour London with his school this year. During this tour, Nicholas will perform at Buckingham Palace.

Cassie and Nicholas will both be awarded the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May at our clubrooms and we look forward to seeing them.



## AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria would like to congratulate the following Kastellorizians on the receipt of their Australia Day Honours, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2008.

### OFFICER (AO) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

**Dr Spiro Moraitis CBE**, Victoria.

Dr Spiro Moraitis was awarded an AO for his continuing services to the Greek community through a range of executive roles with migrant assistance and aged welfare organizations, and to medicine as a general practitioner.



### MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

**Marilynne Pamela Paspaley**, Darwin, Northern Territory. Marilynne was awarded an AM for her services to business and commerce through marketing and promotion of pearls, Australian Design jewelry, and to the community.



### MEDAL (OAM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

**Arthur Athans**, of Western Australia was awarded an OAM for services to the Greek community of Western Australia through a range of cultural, charitable and media organizations.

And to **Tasha Vanos** of Little Bay in New South Wales. Tasha received an OAM for services to the Greek community, particularly through the Australasian Hellenic Educational Progressive Association and through the promotion of Hellenic culture and traditions in Australia.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! VOULNTEER TODAY!

We are actively seeking volunteers to form two sub committees

Committee 1:  
**The Future directions of the Association**

Committee 2:  
**Social Functions**

If you are interested in participating in either or both Sub-committees

Contact  
Michael Spartels 0412 596 861  
or  
Evelyn Salvaris 0411 464 369

**DON'T DELAY CALL NOW!**

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### THE KASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA PRESENTS:

### SAINT CONSTANTINE AND SAINT HELEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



Date: **Sunday May 25th, 2008**  
Venue: St Constantine and St Helen's  
Greek Orthodox Church  
Barry St, South Yarra  
Time: 10am

Following the church service, celebrations  
will commence with a "Cocktail Reception"

Venue: Kastellorizian House  
250 Dorcas St  
South Melbourne  
Time: 1230 pm

Presentation of 2008 Kastellorizian Awards:  
Kastellorizian of the Year  
VCE awards  
KYAA and

All welcome  
For further details refer to back page

### KASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION VICTORIA'S INFORMATIVE AND ENTERTAINING AFTERNOON SEMINARS

Title: "THRILLS AND SPILLS AND  
CURTAIN CALLS"

Date: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of June

Time: 2-5 pm

Venue: Kastellorizian House  
250 Dorcas St  
South Melbourne

Presentation by Sarah Austin (Verginis),  
Artistic Director, St Martin's Youth Arts  
Centre, Melbourne.

Come along to an afternoon of knowledge  
and entertainment and learn about the  
theatre.

**Next scheduled seminar function: Sunday  
31<sup>st</sup> of August.**



### THE MEGISTI CLUB

Theme **the Origins of Kastellorizian  
Costume**

Date: Sunday June 29, 2008  
Venue: Kazzie House  
Time: 2.00pm until 5.00pm

Includes: Afternoon Tea

Presentation by Geoffrey Conaghan

For further details call:

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or 0432 915049  
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Maria Katris: 9584 5559  
Or 0438 045 559



## **AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION'S FUNCTIONS**

### **KASTELLORIZIAN SENIOR ASSOCIATION**

In general the meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each Month.

See **flyer for full details** of functions and meetings for **2008**.



### **HELLENIC BOWLS CLUB OF VICTORIA**

#### **Expression of Interest**

The Hellenic Bowls Club of Victoria is seeking interested parties to indicate whether they be interested in a bowling trip to either Sydney or Perth.

The trip would involve traveling to the chosen city by air, bus or train to play and socialize with other Greek Bowling Clubs in the city of choice.

The estimated duration of the trip would be around 7 days.

If you are interested please contact the honorary secretary, Herb Kyriakos (9531 3108)



## **THE PAN DODECANESE FEDERATION**

Earlier this year the committee of the Pan Dodecanese Federation held a meeting at the Kastellorizian Association clubrooms. At this meeting the committee organized the details for the Pan Dodecanese Picnic and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations that were held on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of March. Pictured below is the President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, Michael Spartels with the committee of the Pan Dodecanese Federation Committee, which includes our representative and Vice-President, George Verginis



**Seated:** Michael Spartels, **Standing third form left:** George Verginis. **Members of the Pan Dodecanese Federation Committee pictured are:** President Kostas Alaveras, John Kyritisis (Nisiros), Vasillious Valakis (Rhodes), Mr Marvarkis (Leros), Mr Alexandrou (Halki), Mr Zervos and Mr Tseros (Kalyminos), Mr Telis and Terry Alexandrou

by George Verginis

**WATCH THIS SPACE!**

### **Pan Dodecanese Picnic Report**

On Sunday 9th February 2008, at Portarlington Beach Reserve, was held the first ever official "coming together as one", 12 different Greek Clubs for a joint picnic.

This was the initial "celebration" of our Dodecanese Islands being liberated of 60 years ago from Italy and unified with the motherland Greece.

Some 250 people attended, most by car and some 90 by the 2 bus coaches. The Kalymnian and Kos clubs set up "kitchens" cooking souvlakia, steaks, sausages, lamb or beef burgers, and drinks etc, but of course many did bring their own food and drinks and shared it around.

The most enjoyable and fun part of the day was when we had the sports activities, where the children and the adults had a lot of old fashion fun and games. We had "races" on the reserve over 30 metres, sprints for Kids under 10 and teens under 18 years; also for the mums and dads. They all also competed in the Egg & Spoon race, the 3 legged race and the Bag (sack) race, most laughs came from the antics of the adults falling over or getting tangled in the bag or dropping the egg and having to eat it. As the day warmed up some of the girls went swimming or sun baking, whilst the "boys" with George Verginis included were seen playing football. The day was most enjoyable for all and most agreed it should be held every year. The day officially came to a reluctant close when the 2 buses left at 5pm; however the rest stayed on and mingled, or played cards or backgammon or just talked about what a great day they had.

By George Verginis

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Photographs from the Pan Dodecanese Picnic, which was held on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, 2008.



### **Commemoration Church Service for 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reunification of the Dodecanese Islands with Greece Report**

The Kastellorizian Association together with the other Dodecanese clubs came together on the 9th March to celebrate our independence and unification with our motherland Greece, at the Holy Monastery of Panagia Axion Estin in Northcote. The very "moving" ecumenical service was followed by attendance outside in the monastery grounds of the monument to the Unknown Soldier, where community leaders addressed us and laid wreaths. Attending from the Kastellorizian Association were George Verginis, Sandra Vardovic, Nicholas and Maria Patinioti and Michael Spartels.

This service was followed by a luncheon at the Kos Club hall in Northcote, where some 180 people were welcomed by the Dodecanese Federation President, Kostas Alaveras. He spoke of the importance and

significance of the day, when 60 years ago Kastellorizo together with the other Dodecanese Islands were handed back by the Italians to motherland Greece.

By George Verginis



**Pan Dodecanese Federation  
“Celebratory” Dance Report**

On 29th March at Star Receptions at Bell St Preston 32 Kastellorizians attended the Pan Dodecanese Federation dance to celebrate the Reunification of the Dodecanese Islands with Greece. 478 guests from various Dodecanese Islands also attended. Everyone had a most wonderful night of dancing, very good food and refreshments. Entertainment came by way of an exhibition of professional dances with a representation of dances from all the different Islands. This was a wonderful night that due to the response by all that attended has been booked to be repeated next year

By George Verginis



Photographs from the Pan Dodecanese Celebratory Dinner, which was held on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, 2008. Top left: the Pan Dodecanese Committee. Other pictures: Guests present on the Kazzie tables which include Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Committee members Michael and Dianne Spartels, George Verginis and Family, Anna Miriklis-Deferos and husband, Peter; Sandra Varvodic, her mother and Husband, Michael.



**DIARY NOTES:**

\*\*\*\* Watch out for our new “annual” Competition \*\*\*\*



\*\*\*\* Call for volunteers for the Subcommittee for the Review of the Future Directions of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria \*\*\*\*



\*\*\*\* Call for volunteers for a Subcommittee to help organize **social functions** for the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria \*\*\*\*



\*\*\*\* Call for volunteers to form a subcommittee to investigate and apply for the **2010 Immigration Community Gallery Exhibition** \*\*\*\*



\*\*\*\* **VCE Awardees Get-Together** \*\*\*\*  
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## REPORTS

### WEBSITE UPDATE by John Karis

Since the last report in Nov 07 Newsletter, in which the Genealogy section was launched, this section has proven very popular with constant strong performances over the last quarter. **Table 1** indicates the most popular pages that visitors are interested in viewing.

I would like to present some figures and statistics which illustrate the trends and movements, up and down, in relation to the access of different sections of the website. **Table 2** demonstrates the range in activity whereas **Table 3** illustrates where we sit in the continuum for March 08. It is quite common for a website to drop off in statistics unless new content and information is continually provided. It is a challenge to ensure that we maintain activity and build a

large pool of regular visitors. It is nevertheless very exciting for us as we are fundamentally a small state-based association penetrating the globe, so to speak.

We now have a considerable amount of information displayed on the website and can also demonstrate the fact that we are being monitored from all over the world. The percentage of visitors from each continent broken down into countries is illustrated in Table 4.

**Table 1: Most popular pages (highest to lowest)**

Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08
Recipes	Genealogy	Genealogy	Travel
Genealogy	Travel	Calendar	Calendar
Calendar	Calendar	Newsletter	Contact Us
Travel	Recipes	Travel	Newsletter

**Table 2: Statistics - past 12 mths**

	Highest	Lowest
<b>Hits</b>	40,000	12,000
<b>Month</b>	Jul 07	Feb 08
<b>Visits</b>	7,600	1,000
<b>Month</b>	Jul 07	Jan 08
<b>Downloads</b>	1900	1000.00
<b>Month</b>	Jun 07	Jan 08
<b>Page View</b>	7	4
<b>Month</b>	April & Nov 07	Jul 07
<b>Time/Visit</b>	12 mins	5 mins
<b>Month</b>	Aug 07	Jul 07

**Table 3: Website statistics for March 2008**

Hits	Visits	Down loads	Page View	Time/visit
18,422	2,237	1,668	4.2	7 mins

**Table 4: Country or origin by %**

<b>Europe</b>	<b>Dec 07</b>	<b>Jan 08</b>	<b>Feb 08</b>	<b>Mar 08</b>
Switzerland	51.63	46.22	59.02	56.06
United Kingdom	30.98	5.04	7.32	6.57
Greece	5.44	3.36	2.44	4.04
Germany	3.80	9.24	2.93	4.04
Italy	1.63	5.04	6.34	9.09
Spain	1.63	10.92	2.44	1.52
Denmark	1.09	0.84	0	1.01
France	1.09	3.36	1.95	1.52
Norway	1.09	0	1.46	1.52
Sweden	0.54	5.88	3042	8.08
Poland	0.54	1.68	0.49	2.02
Ireland	0.54	0	0	0
Austria	0	1.68	0.49	0
Ireland	0	1.68	0	0
Czech Republic	0	1.68	0.98	0
Russia	0	0.84	0.98	0.51
Netherlands	0	0.84	0.98	1.52
Luxembourg	0	0.84	0.48	0
Hungary	0	0.84	0	0
Portugal	0	0	4.39	0
Belgium	0	0	1.46	1.01
Malta	0	0	0.98	0
Slovenia	0	0	0.49	0
Iceland	0	0	0.49	0
Finland	0	0	0.49	1.01
Yugoslavia	0	0	0	0.51
<b>North America</b>	<b>Dec 07</b>	<b>Jan 08</b>	<b>Feb 08</b>	<b>Mar 08</b>
USA	83.64	74.36	73.94	50.20
Canada	16.36	25.64	26.06	49.81
<b>Asia</b>				
Hong Kong	33.33	25.00	38.46	36.84
Malaysia	25.00	0	0	0
China	16.67	8.33	0	5.28
Sth Korea	8.33	0	0	0
Vietnam	8.33	0	0	0
Turkey	8.33	0	0	10.53
Indonesia	0	33.33	0	0
Singapore	0	8.33	0	21.05
Russia	0	8.33	15.39	5.26
Japan	0	8.33	15.39	0
Philippines	0	8.33	15.39	0
Thailand	0	0	15.39	0
Qatar	0	0	7.69	0
India	0	0	7.69	0
Israel	0	0	0	5.26
Cyprus	0	0	0	10.5
UAE	0	0	0	5.26

<b>Africa</b>				
Sth Africa	100	100	100	94.74
Morocco	0	0	0	5.26
<b>Oceania</b>				
Australia	99.44	99.19	99.43	100
New Zealand	0.56	0.81	0.57	0
<b>Sth America</b>				
Brazil	100	0	0	0
Uruguay	0	100	0	0

**Table 4: Country or origin by %, continued**

**Definition of terms:**

Hits

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.

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 your web site'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 you determine the popularity of downloads with people visiting your web site.

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 you gauge the level of interest in your web site's content.

Pages viewed

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

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 your marketing campaigns.



## KASTELLORIZIAN GENEALOGY SITE UPDATE

Allan Cresswell has been extremely busy with the Kastellorizian Genealogy Website since it was started in October 2007.

Before then Allan's site was predominately based on his family tree. At that time Allan was receiving approximately **9500 hits per month** through the Google search engine. Allan's Kazzie relatives made the base of the new Kastellorizian site and through the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria and the kastellorizianhistory forum the number of hits has increased dramatically. In October 2007 the site received 58426 hits, November 2007 49873, December 2007 65080, January 2008 92261, February 2008 150328 and in **March 2008 158133** hits.

There are now more than 9000 Kazzie names or associated families on the site with numbers increasing daily. Allan is receiving numerous visitors each day and they have been providing him with data for the site, some of whom are members of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria. At present Allan has over 100 photos to upload to add to the nearly 500 photos (including media) on the website already. The latest entry on the Kastellorizian Genealogy Website is from Antonio Vecchi of Italy. Allan is very appreciative of support from the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria.

If you are interested in contributing to the Kastellorizian Genealogy website please visit our website at [info@kastellorizo.com.au](mailto:info@kastellorizo.com.au) and follow the links to the Kastellorizian Genealogy website. If you are unsure as to how to go about gathering information on your family history please read our genealogy section on page 21.



## SOCIAL EVENTS

### MEGISTI TEA CLUB

#### CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Megisti Tea Club held its Christmas function. The Kastellorizian clubrooms were once again filled with the sounds of about 55 members enjoying yet another Megisti Tea Club afternoon.

The room was filled with the sounds of bouzouki and guitar music played by Stelios Tsolias and Anesti. The duo complemented their music and sang Greek songs. They even encouraged the guests to sing along to "Ta Kalanda" and other Christmas Carols.

Later in the afternoon, Beryl Georgakopoulos a talented artist and fellow Kastellorizian held everyone's the attention with her stories about the time she spent on Kastellorizo painting. Beryl is pictured holding one of her oil painting of Kastellorizo which she generously donated for the main raffle prize of the day. The lucky winner of the painting was Chrissie Zervos. As with previous Megitsi Tea Club functions, many other raffle prizes were won by those who attended.

Everyone celebrated the festive season in true Kastellorizian style with good food; good company and they even danced the "Sousta".

Christine and Cynthia would also like to inform you that in 2008 the Megisti Tea Club will be known as "**The Megisti Club**" and hopes that the change in name will encourage members, both male and female and from of all age groups to attend these successful and enjoyable functions.

Due to the overwhelming success of these functions, The Megisti Club has recruited the assistance of Maria Katris, Sandra Varvodic and Evelyn Salvaris to help out with the organization of these events, alongside Christine Dimer and Cynthia Koutsoukis.

The Megisti Club will be in full swing in 2008 with an even better program than in 2007.

The first function for the year will be held on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> of April with a pre-Easter, Ouzeri see page 11 for further details.



Photographs from the Megisti Tea Club's Christmas function held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2007.  
**Top:** Beryl with her painting, which was won by Chrissy Zervos. **Bottom:** Tess Hondros, George Verginis and Beryl Georgakopoulos dancing the Sousta.



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of December, 2007 the Kastellorizian association of Victoria held its annual Children's Christmas Function. The Clubroom was filled with the laughter and voices of 33 children who were accompanied by their parent's, aunts, uncles and or grandparents.

The children were entertained by a Clown who made animals from balloons for them. Later the children joined in the many games and activities that the clown organized.

The children eagerly awaited Santa's arrival and cheered as he entered the room. Each child waited patiently to receive a gift from Santa. Even the adults had the opportunity

to have some fun and have a chat with Santa.

In traditional style there was an abundance of food, which took on a children's party theme. In all 33 adults accompanied the children and they had a great time catching up with each other whilst the children were engrossed in the day's festivities.

It was clear that a great time was had by the children as well as the adults who attended.



Photographs at the left hand side of page from the Children's Christmas Party held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2007.

**Top:** Children's cupcakes.

**Middle:** The Clown entertaining the Children

**Bottom:** The Clown encouraging the President of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, Michael Spartels to join in the activities of the day



**More Photographs (above) from the Children's Christmas Party held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2007.**

- Left hand side Top:** Santa with Maria Kartis and granddaughter Mia.  
**Left hand side second from top:** Santa and Dianne Spartels singing Christmas Carols with the children.  
**Left second from bottom:** Chrissie Paltoglou and Santa.  
**Bottom:** The Santa with his bag of gifts
- Right hand side Top:** Santa and Helen (Fronistas) Katsoulis with her children  
**Right hand side second from top:** Louise (Katris) Karagiannis with Mia receiving Mia's gift from Santa.  
**Bottom:** Santa taking a snooze before going to his next visit.



## FEATURE ARTICLES

### GREEK CULTURE:

As we are about to embark on the Easter Period and Saints Constantine and Helen's Day on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, the following articles are timely, interesting and informative.



### ORTHODOX EASTER

Almost every year, the Orthodox Easter differs from the Western culture and it is certainly very tricky to explain to non-Orthodox followers in Australian society. Hopefully the following can help in the interpretation of "why" this is the case.

The Greek Orthodox Church calculates the date of Easter according to a canon law that was adopted and goes back to the year 325. Easter is determined on the old Julian Calender as the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. Jewish Passover must always be before Orthodox Easter. The Greek Orthodox Church use the Julian Calender for Easter and the Lent and Pentecost are also dependent on it. The Julian Calender is thirteen days behind the new "Gregorian" Calender on which the remaining Greek Orthodox Calender is based.

by Anna Miriklis-Defteros.



## **THE CELEBRATION OF SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN**

Kastellorizian legend implies that Constantine the Great, Emperor of Rome and his mother Helen, sought refuge from a severe storm on Kastellorizo during their journey to the Holy Land. In gratitude, they set the foundations of a church to be dedicated to St John the Baptist. They also placed the island under their patronage.

According to historian of Kastellorizo, Dr Vardamidis this legend was resurrected when in 1835; the old St John was entirely renovated. The Kastellorizians of that time wanted to re-dedicate the church to Saints Constantine and Helen. The story that Vardamidis tells is not clear. He confirms that on the site of the present day church of St Constantine and Helen there was an older church dedicated to St John, which was demolished by the architect Nicholas Protomastorou.

During the long battle for Greek Independence from the Ottomans, the Kastellorizians requested permission from the Grand Porte in Istanbul to erect and dedicate the church to Saints Constantine and Helen. The Ottoman authorities were not impressed because the name of the last Byzantine emperor was Constantine the XI and saw this move by the Kastellorizians as an act of defiance against the Ottoman rule and a support for the Greek Independence movement. The Ottoman authorities granted permission for a church on the condition that the Church was to be dedicated to "All Saints" and not to Saints Constantine and Helen. The Kastellorizians insisted that the church be dedicated to St Constantine and St Helen and resurrected the legend that Constantine and Helen are the Patron Saints of Kastellorizo and with the help of a cash "donation" to the authorities, permission for the church to be named Saints Constantine and Helen was finally granted.

Protomastorou rebuilt the church and it includes twelve Dorian columns which were transported from the ancient temple of the oracle of Patara of Lycia in Asia Minor. The

church further contains a capola of pointed arches; three hypostases, and the internal embellishments of the church and a large silver plate icon of St Constantine and St Helen which was gift from Captain Katsonis. According to the Prussian Professor Ross, who visited the island in 1850 the estimated cost to build the church was 300,000 Turkish piaster or 20,000 Prussian dollars, a fortune at that time.

Based on the above legend, one could be convinced that St Constantine and St Helen were the Patron Saints of Kastellorizo. However, there are many reasons to believe that St Nicholas is the rightful, Patron Saint of Kastellorizo and not St Constantine and Helen.

Historical evidence documented by Eusevius of Ceasaria, St Ambrose and Rufinus of Aquileia, all detail the archaeological expedition and list the discoveries made by Augusta Helena on the way to, during and from the "Holy Land". Their records:

1. Does not refer to the storm and trip to Kastellorizo.
2. They all claim that after Constantine the Great became Emperor, he did not visit the "Holy Land".
3. They all list in great detail the names of the churches built by Constantine and his mother throughout the Byzantine Empire however there is no mention in the list of the church of St John on Kastellorizo.

Evidence to support the claims that St Nicholas is the Patron Saint of Kastellorizo is:

1. St Nicholas was the Metropolitan of Myra of which Kastellorizo was a parish.
2. The common seal of the Kastellorizo features the Icon of St Nicholas.

3. The oldest church in the old castle was dedicated to St Nicholas.

4. The main festival of the island is held December 4, 5, and 6<sup>th</sup> known as "Nicolovarvara", the celebration of Saints Barbara, Savvas and Nicholas

5. Documented in the Kastellorizian folk songs, the Kastellorizian pray to St Nicholas and commence with "St Nicholas with his curly beard "Agia Nicola ton Myron met ta psara ta yenia ".

6. St Nicholas is the Patron Saint of Sailors and the predominant occupation of the Kastellorizians were sailors.

So from my research it is clear to me that St Nicholas is the Patron Saint of Kastellorizo and not Saints Constantine and Helen. So I ask why do we celebrate Saint Constantine and Helen's Day instead of St Nicholas here in Melbourne.

Yet another Kazzie mystery!

By John B Salvaris OAM

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## GENEALOGY

Whilst, we as Kastellorizian are trying to document our genealogical history and search for our "roots", it seems that we are not alone!

The pursuit to document one's family connections is common amongst many different ethnic groups and in January of this year, SBS began airing a program on this topic.

The TV series is called "Who do you think you are?" It features both a British and an Australian series. Notable personalities go in search of their family backgrounds. The program is intriguing as the personalities find out many interesting family connections and some skeletons that were hidden in their family closets. It highlights just how rewarding and addictive genealogy can be.

The program also gives many helpful hints to the novice genealogist about how to start collecting and documenting your own family tree.

Some of those tips include:

1. Interview relatives for family history and stories.
2. Search for Birth, marriage and death certificates.
3. Immigration records and passenger manifests.
4. Convict records (if applicable)
5. Census records.
6. How to record your information.

"Who do you think you are?" is screened on Sunday evenings at 7.30 pm on SBS. The Australian series is repeated on Friday nights at 7.30pm and includes Kate Cebrano, Kathy Freeman and Dennis Cometti.

If you miss the screening of this program you can purchase the DVD's of the series and the accompanying book by Angelo Loukakis at Dymocks or visit the SBS website.

I recommend that you read the following article by Connie Gregory. She will share with you her experience and advice on how she has approached documenting her family history by interviewing her family. This article is invaluable source of information and full of hints for any Kazzie genealogist embarking on their quest for their family history.

Evelyn Salvaris

### **PUTTING TOGETHER FAMILY MEMORIES** by Connie Gregory.

I do not claim to be a particularly skilled interviewer, but I have submitted this simple little interview with my husband's aunt, Jessie Pappamatheos, to encourage readers to do the same with their own family members who may remember life on Kastellorizo, or who might remember particular customs they practised in Kastellorizo or in Australia.

At the start of the interview Jessie said she didn't remember anything, but persevering with questions produced some really interesting material. For instance I learnt more about my mother-in-law Eftihia's creative skills; I was given the name of the ship on which they arrived in Australia and was able to search and obtain the shipping records; I got the recipe for the Koulouria; and a picture of everyday life emerged. I also obtained more information to add to my knowledge of St Fanourios. So in one short fifteen minute interview I gained lots of information to put in my album alongside the photograph of the Palassis family house.

Interviews do not need to be lengthy – short bursts are good. And remember people are relying on their memories so dates may not always be accurate, but don't get stuck on dates and just go with the flow.

Another way of getting information is just to ask to be told a story about anything at all – and listen and save your questions until the end of the story.



**Photo:** *The Palassis house on Kastellorizo in 2005, the family home of Chrissiroy (nee Petrides) and Efstathios Palassis, now owned by the descendents of their eldest daughter Assimina Gravas (Rene Barboutis and her daughters Kay and Esme).*

### **AN INTERVIEW WITH JESSIE (DIONISIA) PAPPAMATHEOS (NEE PALASSIS)**

When did you leave Kastellorizo?

*I was eight years of age. I was born in 1931. Georgia was 17. I was born when my sister Assimina was already married with a baby – Rene. So my niece was born before me.*

Do you remember the house on the waterfront?

*When we left Kastellorizo we didn't place a plaque on the house to say it was ours.*

Tell me some of the household activities that you remember?

*I don't remember anything.*

Well, did you make your own soap, where did you do the washing, that sort of thing – you must remember something?

With a bit more prompting Jesse recalls –

*Before dawn we kneaded the bread twice a week to take to the baker for cooking before*

*the rest of the family got up. If the girls took it they went very early so that they would not be seen, by the back streets. The baker would deliver it later.*

Do you remember your father?

*I was only one when my father died. Assimina and Anastasia (her older sisters) were already in Australia and married when my father died. (Later Jessie says her father died in 1935 so that she would have maybe a bit older when he died – so dates need to be checked again).*

What did you have for breakfast?

*We drank tea, the goat had milk, and paximadakia, honey and cheese.*

What did you do during the day? How did the house run?

*The house was cleaned, and then they would do their crocheting and gold thread embroidery. My sister Eftihia did all the Kastellorizian costume samplers. Potsaki, the main bed was made up of kilim carpet, strosi (cotton mattress with goat's hair), Setchetez, sheet and Paploma.*

*We had kerosene lamps, a wood stove and pump for water – a "yisterna" in the basement caught the rain water. Eftihia kept the gutters clean so that the water caught was nice and clean – she climbed up on the roof.*

*I don't remember anything else. We came to Australia in 1939 on the "San Remo" – my mother, (Chrissiroy Palassis, nee Petrides), George, Giorgia, Effie and Jessie. Giorgia was killed in a car accident not long after arriving in Australia. The others – Michael, Nick, Assimina and Anastasia – were already in Australia.*

When you went back to Kastellorizo you must have had some memories. Did you?

*When I went back forty years later I couldn't remember anything, but I saw the corner where I came home from school and*

*everything came back and I looked up to where our house was and I remembered seeing my mother when I was a little girl and she was sitting at the window and embroidering and waiting for me. She used a "Tillaro" – an embroidery hoop.*

*They made slippers, some in silk and cotton and also gold thread ones for the Gambro (groom) and Nifi (bride)*

*I remember my mother making avgoutariko. We used to bring the fish roe from Anatolia, place it in brine for 24 hours and then sun dry it and then when it was dry she used to dip it in candle wax.*

Did you make your own candles?

*Mum always made the candles for Easter a week before. Beeswax. They all made their own candles. Eftihia was the creative one. She used to make silk. She kept worms. We had a big mulberry tree. She would spin the silk, and then she would buy the dyes (they probably came from Italy) to dye the silk. (The mulberry tree at the back of the house is still there).*

Jessie said she didn't remember any more, but with lots of prompting more memories were elicited:

*When my brothers were out in the boats and it was stormy weather we packed a cane basket (Kalathi) with food and we would walk up to the top to the Plakes and we would then go to St Stephanos church and light the candles and pray for them to come home safely.*

*At Easter time they would have a fete at the Church and they would have stalls and tables and chairs and there was entertainment. If you were a nifi, the gambro would take the Mantilli with sweets in it for the nifi, and they (the nifi's family?) would send trays of sweets and macaroons. If you visited a house over Easter you would get a bag of sweets.*

*The young women were allowed to be seen at Easter, - they were usually kept at home.*

*Girls could only swim in the early hours of the morning.*

*My mother made beautiful koulouria. On 30 November, St Andrew's day, they made Loukoumathes. When she baked she always sent sweets to the poorer people, and when she left Kastellorizo she was always sending money for the poor, especially at Easter. She did that for years.*

*Do you remember anything about St Fanourios on Kastellorizo?*

*Yes, his feast is in August (actually the 27<sup>th</sup>). They made Fanouropita, and would say "Faneroseme Kati" (means Fanourios grant me something). They lit fires outside the church and the kids were jumping over them.*

This interview was conducted by Connie Gregory in Perth in 2005.



## **GENERAL INTEREST**

### **WHAT ANZAC DAY MEANS TODAY.**

ANZAC day is celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April each year and is a day of commemoration and remembrance. The day marks the anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps on the Gallipoli Peninsula. The battle of Gallipoli began at dawn on April 25<sup>th</sup> 1915 and lasted eight months and resulted in some 25,000 Australian casualties.

In 1916, April 25<sup>th</sup> was officially named 'Anzac Day' by the Acting Prime Minister, George Pearce and since then services have been held yearly. Following the Second World War, ANZAC Day not only was a day to remember the sacrifice, courage, endurance and mateship of the soldiers of the battle of Gallipoli, it also became a day on which to commemorate the lives of

Australians and New Zealanders lost in World war II.

Today the meaning of ANZAC Day has been further broadened to include those who were killed, injured and participated in all military operations in which the Australian and New Zealand soldiers were involved. Some of those participants were of Kastellorizian decent. The list of Kastellorizian participants in these events is recorded on the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's "Honour" board that is on display at our Clubrooms.

From the ever increasing number of attendees at ANZAC Day dawn services and marches through out Australia, ANZAC Day appears to promote a sense of National unity. People from all political backgrounds, beliefs, racial backgrounds and aspirations appear to share a genuine sorrow at the loss of so many lives in war.

In this day and age and with all our wisdom, War still prevails. Today that war is against terrorism. Regardless of your views on the current Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, many Australians for whatever reasons, are providing expertise and their services to support the policies of the Australian government in their stand against global terrorism.

As ANZAC day is upon us it seems fitting to reflect on the duties that Australian-Kazzie, Theodore Panagacos has undertaken in Iraq for Australia. I would like to thank Theodore for taking the time to tell us about his experience in Iraq.

Evelyn Salvaris

### **THEODORE PANAGACOS IN IRAQ 2007**

Theodore Panagacos, the son of George and Yvonne Panagacos and grandson of Maria Kominos and the late Kevin Kominos has worked as a civilian with the Department of Defence in Canberra since 2003 and was deployed to Iraq to serve alongside Coalition Forces in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. Part



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of Theodore's role was to lead a team of twenty Australian and American analysts and report on political, military and energy infrastructure developments taking place during that time. Theodore's work contributed to the highly publicised report presented by the Multi-National Forces Commander, General David Petraeus to the President of the United States, the US Secretary of Defense and Congress last September. In recognition of his work, Theodore was awarded the U.S. Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service. In describing the experience of his deployment, Theodore stated;

*"Regardless of the reasons for being there, it was amazing to see the progress being made on the ground in Iraq. People's lives were changing daily for the better. The economy improved, violence dropped to sustainable levels, and the government made steps, albeit incrementally, at expediting reconciliation between ethnic groups. My branch and I worked very hard – usually 16 hour days – to ensure our leaders made precise, calculated decisions in providing the best support to Iraqi government. All members of the Coalition Forces were committed to seeing Iraq prosper, and I have no doubt that when I left, the country was on the right track towards being a future power of the Middle East. However, such progress will take time.*



**Multi-National Forces Commander-Iraq General David H. Petraeus with Theodore Panagacos. Al Faw Palace, Baghdad, July 2007.**

### “COOL TO BE KAZZIE”

2008 is certainly shaping up to be the year for this “hot” Kazzie, **John Mangos**.

You have to admit John is one brave Kazzie and a very good sport to step outside his comfort zone and share his singing talents with the whole of Australia on Channel 7's “It Take Two” recently. Unfortunately, John was voted off after the first week of the 10 week show. John, if it is any consolation, I am sure that you are considered “number one” by the Kastellorizian Community.

However, John's advice on the stock market is proving to be more fruitful. In the final week of the Shares Race in “The Sunday Age” on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, John had progressed from a 5<sup>th</sup> place start to third place. Well done!



How cool is this? Did you know there is a much prettier Kazzie journalist following in John's shadow?

I was reading about **Mia Greeves** in “my family album” in “the Sunday Herald Sun” recently, only to discover that Mia has a Kastellorizian background. Mia is originally from Brisbane where she completed her Bachelor's degree in Commerce/Arts. She began her career as a journalist on Win TV on the sunny Sunshine coast. In 2004, Mia headed down south to Melbourne where she worked at Channel 10, and 9. Mia is currently a news reporter/journalist on Channel 7 in Melbourne. Mia visited Kastellorizo recently where she attended her cousin's wedding. She told “The Sunday Herald Sun” that the visit to Kastellorizo “was special” because it gave her the opportunity to “reconnect” with her heritage. How cool.

“A belated welcome to Melbourne, Mia”.

How Cool?

I had an email from **Steve Zervos** from Sydney recently. He is a very keen **Andrews Sisters** fan. He told me that "the Andrews sisters were my favourites and I researched those years ago. One line of research says Peter Andreos was born in 1882 in a "Greek village" (which could of course have been anywhere) and his early childhood was spent in the Dodecanese (Could it have been in Kastellorizo?). Perhaps his forebears were Kastellorizians? That's about all I can tell you".

Thanks Steve, further research and we may yet find the truth behind the myth that the Andrew's Sisters are Kazzie.



This is someone that all Kazzies can be proud of....**Alick Jackomos**. Alick was not only known as "the Golden Greek" for his skills in the field of wrestling, he was a leading advocate for the rights of Indigenous Australians. On 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2008, Alick would have been one proud Kazzie when Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd apologized to the aboriginal people of Australia and said "Sorry". **Esmail Manahan**, Alick's daughter told Cathrine Kladakis of the Neos Kosmos "if my father could have been at parliament during the "Sorry", he would have been in the front row clapping and cheering". Alick, to you and your children who are continuing your legacy, we "take our hats off" because you acted on your beliefs and have contributed to making Australia a better place for all Australians. Now that's cool!



**Find out next time**, 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.

*Evelyn Salvaris*



## KAZZIE KERASMA

Easter is the most revered and celebrated of all the spiritual rituals of the Greek Orthodox Calender. In some parts of Greece, the Sunday before Clean Monday (Kathara Deftera) there is a custom to eat an egg at the end of the meal, following which the accompanying phrase is said "With an egg I close my mouth and with an egg I shall open my mouth once again". The closure of one's mouth represents the six week period of "Great Lent" and the egg which breaks the fast is the egg refers to the dyed red which is broken to celebrate Christ's resurrection following Anastasi.

One of the many things that help to make Easter special is the tradition of breaking the "Red Egg". Every Kazzie home, as is the case in most Greek households, baskets are filled with dyed Red eggs which are offered to newly arrived guests to select and partake in the egg cracking ritual with their hosts.

Preparation of the dyed eggs traditional is carried out on Holy Thursday or "Kokkinopempti" (Red Thursday). Eggs can also be dyed on Holy Saturday or any other day of Lent with the exception of Good Friday.

Traditionally the eggs are dyed red to symbolize the blood that Christ shed on the cross at the crucifixion. The cracking of the egg symbolises the opening of the Tomb and the resurrection of Christ.

The most religious of Greek Orthodox followers will place the first red egg dyed (also known as the egg of Virgin Mary) or the one collected from the "Anastasi" or the midnight mass service held on Holy Saturday evening, at the household's ikonostasi to protect the family from the "evil eye".

Red eggs are also used to decorate Easter Tsoureki and "avgoules" or large Koulorakia.

The ritual of cracking the red egg can be enacted over the next 40 days following the Anastasi.

There is of course an art to the cracking of the red egg. One must select an egg that is shiny with even dye coverage. This reflects a good hard shell. Check for hair-line cracks and place the egg in your hand with the pointed end facing up.

Select a worthy opponent and decide between you who will hold the "upper" (hand up, egg point facing down) and "lower" (hand below and egg point facing up) positions. Then person with the upper position will hit the egg held by the person in the lower position. At this time, you say "Xristos Anesti" (Christ has risen) and your opponent will reply "Alithos Anesti" (He has truly risen). And you then move on to the next person in the room and repeat the process. The person's egg which is not broken is considered the winner and will be blessed with good fortune through out the coming year.

Good Luck!

In this day and age, when time is precious it is easy to use a commercial dye to colour your eggs red. In days gone by, traditional methods of dying eggs using a variety of vegetables as the source of natural dyes. I will give you both recipes.



Happy Easter, Kalo Pashka.

## **"KOKKINA AVGA" RED DYED EASTER EGGS USING COMMERCIAL FOOD DYE**

### **INGREDIENTS**

Approximately 12 to 24 eggs  
Water  
3/4 cup Vinegar  
Red food dye or coloring\*  
Vegetable oil

### **UTENSILS**

A large, preferably old saucepan  
Cotton Balls

### **METHOD**

1. Wash and dry each egg carefully.
2. Boil a large pot of water.
3. Add a red dye or food coloring and 3/4 cup of vinegar to the water.
4. Boil for a few minutes.
5. Slowly lower the eggs into the pot, and when the water comes to a boil, lower the heat to a simmer.
6. Simmer eggs for 15 min and remove carefully from the pot.
7. Before cooking more eggs, add an additional 2 tbs. vinegar to the water.
8. Wipe cooked/dyed eggs with an oil-soaked cotton ball,
9. Wipe each egg again with a clean dry cloth.
10. Place in a basket.
11. Serve cold following the "Anastasi Church Service" and for the next 40 days.

\* Red Food dye can be purchased from any Greek Delicatessen or good Supermarket or Market.



## ONION SKIN DYED RED EASTER EGGS “Natural dye recipe”

### INGREDIENTS

Approximately 12 fresh and uncooked Eggs at room temperature

Water

3/4 cup White Vinegar

Golden/Brown Onion Skins for the coloring

Vegetable/Olive Oil

### UTENSILS

An old large Stainless Steel Saucepan

Strainer

Bowl

Slotted spoon

Paper towel or cotton wool

### METHOD

1. Wash and dry each egg carefully.
2. Make Dye.
  - a. Place the skins of 15 onions in a saucepan.
  - b. Add 2 tablespoons white vinegar and 4.5 cups of water
  - c. Bring to boil and simmer covered for 30 minutes.
  - d. Strain orange coloured dye into a glass bowl and cool to room temperature.
3. Add 12 eggs, dye to a stainless steel saucepan. Make sure eggs are in a single layer. Cover eggs with the dye from step 2.

4. Bring to boil over medium heat.
5. Lower heat and simmer for 12-15 minutes, then check eggs for red colour. Do not cook for more than a total of 20 minutes. If eggs are not red enough after 20 minutes leave in the pot and remove from heat. When the pot has cooled, place in refrigerator and let sit until desired color is reached.
6. If the colour is to your liking (after 12 - 20 minutes) remove eggs with a slotted spoon and cool on rack or in egg cartons
7. When cooled coat lightly with oil, polish with paper toweling
8. Place in a basket.
9. Serve cold following the Anastasi Service.

### Helpful hints:

Save onion skins in a plastic bag in the refrigerator until ready to use.

Do not use any porous (wood, ceramic, plastic, etc.) materials as they can be colored by the dye.

If stainless cookware and utensils get colored by the dye, wash with regular detergent and a small amount of chlorine. Rinse very well.

### BE CREATIVE AND DECORATE!



Easter time is also a time when all the family can participate in the preparations and festivities and I have included some hints and ideas on how to decorate the dyed eggs that you can also involve your children or grandchildren.

Although Greek Orthodox followers do not generally dye their eggs colours other than red, many other Eastern Orthodox faiths do. Why not dye eggs in different colours? Commercial dyes also come in green, blue and yellow. For recipe follow the commercial dye recipe and check the packet for manufactures instructions.

Add a decorative pattern on your eggs. After colouring your eggs, add some stickers.

Use commercial dyes to achieve a two toned or two colour effect. Dye the eggs first in the lighter colour, allow the dye to dry. Apply sticky dots or magic tape and dye again in a darker colour. Remove the tape when the eggs are cooled and expose the pattern in the lighter colour. Make sure you reduce the cooking time to 7 to 10 minutes in each different colour dye to avoid overcooking the eggs.

Or use a traditional “decorative” approach. This method was given to me by a Greek Cypriot friend. Place a small leaf or pressed flower on the egg shell. Put the egg in a nylon stocking tie a knot tightly at each end so the leaf or flower does not move. Place the stocking with eggs into the dye and follow either recipe provided. When eggs are cooked, allow to cool before removing from stocking and polish.

“Kalo Pashka”

Evelyn Salvaris



## PROVERBS AND SAYINGS

By Anna Miriklis-Defteros

“Fayi kripsei, thougyra min kripsis”

Means keep food but do not keep your tasks.

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“Kayrei aygra para potei”

Translates as “better late than never”

“Kali nikokyra, blin pinusi mayieuri”

Means the good housewife before hunger she cooks

“To ema, neor then yinete”

Blood cannot become water as blood is thicker than water.


“Yaitrepse ta pathi sou, ke ystera ta thika mou”

Means mend your own faults, and then look at mine.

“Apo to stoma sou, stin theou to afti”


Translates as “from your mouth to God’s ears”.

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
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## SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHS

Congratulations to **Nik and Dina Spartels**, on the birth of their first child, a beautiful daughter, Diana Grace who was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January, 2008 at the Freemasons Maternity hospital in East Melbourne. Diana Grace is the 7<sup>th</sup> grandchild for **Michael and Dianne Spartels** and third grandchild for George and Georgia Hagi.



Diana Spartels



On Saturday 8 March 2008 **Jodie Fox** and **George Katris** welcomed into the world their

beautiful daughter **Amelie**. Amelie was born at the Jessie McPherson Private hospital in Clayton under the guidance of **Dr Nick Lolagitis**. George is the son of **Maria Katris** and grandson to **Chrissie Adgemis** and the late **Con Adgemis**. Jodie is the daughter of **John and Jenny Fox**. Amelie is George and Jodie's first child and Maria's third grandchild.



Amelie Katris



### BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Nick Patinotis, who celebrated his 90<sup>st</sup> birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February. Nick was born on the 4/02/08. "Na ta ekatostisis"



### ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to **Phillip Georgoulas** and Christine Dais on their recent engagement. Phillip is the eldest son of **Nick and Maria (nee Mangos) Georgoulas**. "We wish them every happiness", from the Georgoulas family.



## WEDDINGS

**Jason Gregory**, eldest son of **Connie and Paul Gregory**, wed **Jennifer Barrett**, daughter of Rosemary and Jeffrey Barrett of Brisbane, on 29 December. The ceremony and the reception were held at Dickens Manor, Elwood.



Jason and Jennifer Gregory on their wedding day



On the 27/12/08 **Peter Paltoglou**, youngest son of **Chris and Con Paltoglou**, married **Roomy**, daughter of David and Eve Johnston. The wedding was held at the Abbotsford Convent where 205 family and friends had a fabulous time. Peter and Roomy enjoyed a honeymoon traveling through Italy, Paris and Dubai.



## BON VOYAGE AND HOLIDAYS

On a recent trip to Brisbane and Gold Coast, Queensland were **George and Dimitra Stambelos** where they visited cousins **Basil and Zephie Barbouttis** and family.

On holidays to spend Christmas with her family in Melbourne was **Louise (Katris) Karagiannis** with her two daughters **Vara** (2 1/2 years old) and **Mia** (11 months). Louise and girls attended the Kastellorizian Children's Christmas Party where she had the opportunity to catch up with a few people. Louise's husband **George** joined them in February and they all stayed for the awaited birth of their new niece **Amelie Fox Katris**.



## WELCOME HOME

Welcome "home" to **Nicholas G Verginis** & his wife **Sarah**. Nicholas is son of **George & Jasmin**. Nicholas and Sarah have just returned after working in Britain for the past 2 .5 years, where Nicholas worked as Legal Advisor to the British Government.

Whilst working, he also studied further and qualified as a Barrister & Solicitor in the UK. He has now returned to take up the position of Senior Lawyer for the Department of Premier and Cabinet of the Victorian State Government.

Sarah has achieved the position of Artistic Director for St Martins Youth Arts Centre.

Congratulations to you both and welcome home.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Andonis Piperoglou** who, at 20 years of age, has received a Scholarship to study Politics and History overseas. He is studying at both The University of Utrechet, in Holland and The University of Malmo, in Sweden. Andonis is the son of **Anastasios (Stan) and Thenia Piperoglou** and the grandson of the late

**Vasilios (Bill) Piperoglou and Irene (nee Miriklis).** All the very best to you for your future endeavour Andonis!!!

Congratulations to **John Mangos** for being awarded an honorary life membership to the Swans Football Club (AFL).



## VALES

In loving memory of **Maria James**  
(Mother of **Dianne Spartels**)  
20<sup>th</sup> September 1913 - 27<sup>th</sup> December  
2007  
Age 94 years



**Maria James with a display of her handicrafts**

**Maria James** was born on the island of Kastellorizo, Greece. Her father was Dimitrios Paltogou and her mother was Irene Amoni. She was the eldest of four girls, her sisters were Cherie, Anna (both Deceased), Betty and her three brothers Peter, Bill (both Deceased) and Steve.

Her father Dimitrios returned to Kastellorizo from a stay with his son Steve in Australia and sometime later with his wife Irene, eldest daughter and family immigrated to Australia

to settle permanently. In 1937 the family joined her eldest brother, Steve who had a business in Carlisle Street Balaclava, a suburb of Melbourne.

Maria was betrothed to marry Alexander James (Atzemis) in Kastellorizo. In 1939, she arrived in Sydney for the wedding ceremony at the Holy Trinity Church at Bourke Street, Surry Hills and she settled in Darling Street Balmain.



**Maria and Alexander James on their Wedding day**

They had five children; Tass, Jimmy (Deceased), Dianne, Bill and Con. In 1952 they settled in a home at Doran Street Kingsford, and had an open house policy. Socially they were both popular. Maria was vivacious and beautiful hostess and a wonderful cook of Greek Cuisine. Simultaneously they were running the Victory Café in Anzac Parade Kingsford.

In 1959 Alexander and Maria were devastated when their second son, Jimmy died at the young age of 16 years. Despite



the tragic loss of their son, they both worked to overcome the sadness and adversity.

Maria was a fond mother-in-law to Michael, Janet, Linda and Maria.

During this period they had thirteen Grandchildren; Nicholas, Evelyn, Marissa and Alexandra Spartels, Alexander, Jimmy, Lisa and Christopher James, Amelia, Alexander, Stephen, and Anthea James, Alexander, Adam and Andre James.

With her husband Alexander's sudden passing in 1976 at the age of 67 years, Maria immersed herself in many creative endeavors. She re-established her teenage talent for embroidery, watercolour and oil painting, regularly exhibiting her works at Art Shows throughout Sydney. Several of her oil paintings are currently hanging in the Kastellorizian nursing home and club.

In 1985 Maria was invited to teach and display embroidery and crochet at the Sydney Power House Museum.

Maria was a very proud Kastellorizian who played an active role on the Ladies Committee. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 1985 she became a Matron of Honour at the Annual Debutant Ball held that year. She was along time member of the Kastellorizian Ladies Committee, whose fund raising efforts helped establish the Kastellorizian Age Care Nursing Home in Kensington where she subsequently became a benefactor.

The Saint Spyridon Church became an integral part of Maria's everyday life. Regularly her infectious smile and happy disposition stood out. She made many long lasting friends and she was very much loved by all. Maria was particularly friendly and had time for everyone, including strangers. She was herself talented and possessed a wonderful strength of character.

Maria had a proud and happy life for many years. She traveled overseas and saw her extended family grow. She was blessed with the arrival of 6 great grandchildren. Maria

was always proud of the achievements of her own children.

Maria enjoyed good health until recently. She will be sadly missed by her adoring family, relative and her many loyal friends.

Mum, you will remain forever in our hearts. Enjoy the wonders of eternal life, we love you and will miss you.

God Bless you Mum.  
Rest in Peace, with love from your Children (Tass, Dianne, Bill and Con) and their families



**Irene Piperoglou**  
**12 June 1929 – 13 January 2008.**



Irene Piperoglou

The funeral service of the Late **Irene Piperoglou** was held at "The Entrance of our Lady to the Temple" Greek Orthodox Church on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2009 by Parish Priest Rev. Nikolas and the Very Rev Iakovos from "Sts Anargyri" Oakliegh. A Trisagion service was held a few fays prior by Rev. Father Minas "Evangelismos" Church for very close family.

The follow Eulogy was read at the funeral and written by son DR Michael V Piperoglou.

Irene Miriklis was born in Melbourne on June 12 1929. She was the third eldest of nine children to Michael and Anna Miriklis who migrated to Australia via Egypt from the island of Kastellorizo following the war with Turkey in 1929.

She, like her brothers and sisters, received little formal education, due to the need to help out such a large family. She did however receive on the job training from her mother in child rearing and housekeeping and from her father in how to run a successful seafood business. These were skills she put to good use later in life.

From an early age, she was a hard worker with high energy levels.

She married Vasilios (Bill) Piperoglou in September 1949. Bill, who had recently arrived from Kastellorizo, fell for her good looks and charm. The marriage was a classic union between the old world customs of Kastellorizo and the retained traditions of Melbourne born Kastellorizians. In this regard, Irene proudly and diligently served the Kastellorizian women's Society as Treasurer over a number of years.

Tragically, her first child Anastasios was born with a birth defect. Fortunately, God blessed them with another son, Stanley in 1951. Michael followed in 1955.

The boys, including Bill were the love and focus of her life. There was little time for her own recreational pursuits. She worked long hours with Bill in Milk Bars and later Fish and Chip shops, as well as keeping her house in

an immaculate condition. The home made fish cakes she made in the shop at Williamstown were Legendary with customers as well as being popular with Stanley and Michael.

Irene was extremely proud of her two sons and always encouraged them to work and study hard. She was thrilled when they both completed university studies and became highly respected and successful in their chosen careers.

When husband Bill became ill with a neurological disorder in 1979, she swapped careers becoming a full time nurse and carer to him. At one point she was maintaining two houses in a spotless state in Vermont and Phillip Island where Bill enjoyed the sea air.

Bill final succumbed to his illness and passed away in 1989. Irene's life was never the same although she did try to remain active and positive. She got into gardening at the unit she was living in and enjoyed knitting whilst watching some of her favorite television programs which included "Better Homes and Gardens", "Burke's backyard" and any documentary on Royalty. Coincidentally, in this regard, two days before she passed away she really enjoyed watching a documentary on the "Greek Royal Family", which she discussed in depth with her niece Anna Miriklis-Defteros the following day.

She also was able to go on group holidays including one overseas to the Chelsea Garden Show in England.

Her own failing health and frailty led her to book herself into a serviced apartment "Roseville Apartments" – King Street Doncaster East, about six years ago. Here, she remained fiercely independent but enjoyed the socialization with other women who were all older than her. Her knitting reached another level as she keenly began producing woolen garments for overseas children in third world countries.

With God's help, she fought off death one year ago when a major stroke left her in a

coma with no speech. Her rehabilitation from this largest stroke was nothing short of a miracle and showed her to be full of guts and determination. She knew her time to meet God was near and spoke in a matter of fact way about this. She was however, never morbid or depressed about it.

As well as her sons, she was especially close to her grandchildren, Irini, Vasili, Andoni, and Vasilley. May they carry on her proud sense of family, determination to succeed and strong will even under adversity. We have all been privileged to have known you Irene.

May God rest her soul.

Sincere Thanks to the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, family and friends, in this sad time.



### MEMORIAL SERVICES:

On Sunday 3 March members of the Adgemis family and friends gathered at the Taxiarches War Memorial Greek Church to pay their respects to the one year passing of **Con John Adgemis**.

The family would like to thank all those who attended and for the support they have shown to his wife **Chrissie Adgemis** during this emotional time.



## **\*\* SHARE YOUR NEWS \*\***

In February, Con and Chris Paltoglou wrote to us to tell us about the sporting achievements of their grandson, Nicholas Paltoglou who was featured in the Stonnington Leader newspaper recently.

In the article by Nathan Mawby, he describes Nicholas as a "Super fish", who has won medals at the National Age Diving Championships. It was the first time Nick had participated at a national level. Nick wakes at 5am to commence training at the pool by 6 am. He trains 6 days a week. Nick is also a keen musician.

For more details about Nicholas's achievements please see page 9. Nicholas will be awarded a Kastellorizian Youth Achievement award on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May at our clubrooms and we look forward to seeing him. Congratulations Nicholas.

We strongly encourage all members to share your news with the Kastellorizian community through our news letter.

Please email the information to our email address:

**info@kastellorizo.com.au**

or directly to:

**evelynsalvaris@gmail.com**

We also accept legible hand written items from our members who do not have access to a computer or to the internet.

Please send them to **PO BOX 112, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, Australia.**

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!

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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: 13 Feb 2008

"My mother's maiden name is Marie Jacomas. Her father and mother relocated from Kastellorizo to Australia sometime in the 1920's and established a household outside of Port Pirie, South Australia. Most of her relatives now live in Adelaide. My mom relocated to Salt Lake City, Utah, USA when she was in her late twenties.

I hope this helps. Any information you have on the **Jackamos** or **Jacomas** family would be very interesting to me.

Thanks. CJ Knapp"

**Message #2:** Received: 13 Feb 2008

"KALHMERA .Good morning, I will be in Sydney in April month.

Do you know if any **Pinglis** or **Penghlis** or **Penglis** from Kastellorizo are living over there?

Thank you for your answer.

Efharisto Giorgos"

**Message #3:** Received: 4 March, 2008

"What a wonderful website - I am a Kassy married to a Kassy (we're both half actually) and looking to get some more information on your genealogy records and if

they contain any reference to any of my family/husband's family.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Family names are **Sarinas, Papageorge, Lucas** (many versions of this spelling) and **Taifalos"**

Angelique Taifalos

**Whilst visiting our website, Angelique came across this entry**

**Message # 4:** Received :16 Nov 2006

"I am trying to trace my family tree; my family came from Kastellorizo early 1900's. Savas was a son of Pantelis and Theofania. Is there anyway of me searching further back than that?"

**Angelique was able to help out with the following reply.**

"Just saw your Lost and Found section and can pass on information regarding Taifalos family to the person concerned if they would like - I am in North Qld in the Innisfail area and this is considered to be Taifalos territory with many relatives in their 80's still around and very active.

I am sure I could find information that may assist him/her if still interested".

Angelique Taifalos

**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](mailto:info@kastellorizo.com.au)  
or **PO BOX 112, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, Australia.**

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The launch of the  
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News from Kastellorizo



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Victoria

And  
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And a lot more feature articles



**NEXT  
KAZZIE NEWS  
July**

**Closing date for submissions:  
4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2008.**

**HAPPY EASTER!**

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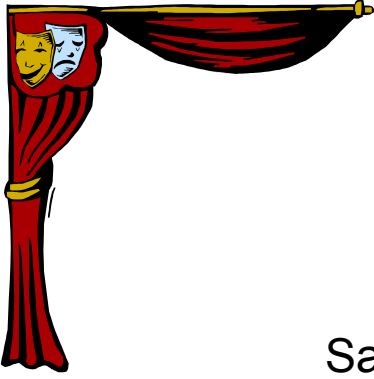
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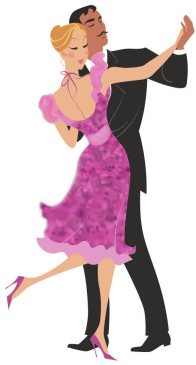
b. The Business section will enable the advertiser to post their logo and a brief description of their business.

**Note:** The website receives hits from visitors outside of Victoria and Australia so here's an opportunity to advertise a product/service.

To register your details and/or interest by **emailing us at: [info@kastellorizo.com.au](mailto:info@kastellorizo.com.au)**  
Or **contact John Karis on 0412 662 079.**

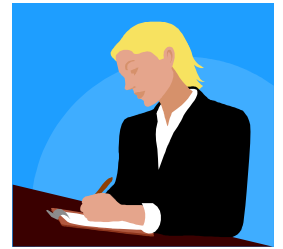


Sarah Austin (Verginis), Artistic Director at St Martins Youth Arts Centre will present an interactive lecture exploring the creative aspects of making theatre by and for young people and how young people can get involved in performance.



Come along to our first in a series of informative and entertaining Afternoons.

“Thrills and spills and curtain calls”

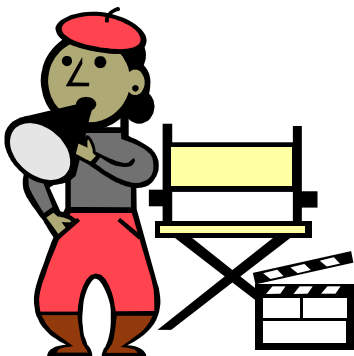


Presented by Sarah Austin,  
Artistic Director, St Martins Youth Art Centre  
[www.stmartinsyouth.com.au](http://www.stmartinsyouth.com.au)

Sunday 15th June 2 – 5 pm

Kastellorizian House  
250 Dorcas St South Melbourne

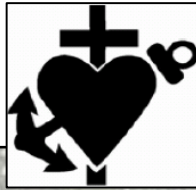
Afternoon tea provided.



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*The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria invites  
you and your family to  
The Saint Constantine and St Helen's Day Celebrations  
And the  
Awards ceremony for the  
2008 Kastellorizian of the Year Award,  
2008 Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Awards and VCE Awards*

*Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> of May, 2008*

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

*The Celebrations will begin at 12.30 pm at  
The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria's Clubrooms  
250 Dorcas St, South Melbourne  
With a "Cocktail Reception"*

*2:00pm Awards Ceremony  
Presentation of the  
Kastellorizian of the Year Award  
Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Awards  
And VCE Awards  
Followed by speeches  
Photo session with awardees, committee and distinguished guests  
Afternoon tea*