



Kazzie Communications: February 2008 Edition 1

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Dear Members,

Happy 2008 and welcome to “Kazzie Communications”.

We hope that you all had a very happy and enjoyable festive season.

We, the committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, are back from our summer break and have already started work on the tasks as outlined in the November edition of our newsletter #132.

As we are all aware, time flies by quickly. Our newsletter, the “**Kazzie News**” which is issued three times a year, is scheduled to be released in **April**. Communications and transparency has been our motto, we can not always wait for the newsletter to be released to communicate important information. Therefore we have launched “Kazzie Communications”, a brief publication which conveys to you, our members, important issues and events that are required for your immediate attention. This form of communication is concise and focused on the issues we need to communicate. Many members may be disappointed that our regular features of News, General articles, Cool to be Kazzie, Kazzie Kerasma and Social Announcements are not published here. You will have to be patient and wait for the scheduled newsletters for more news and feature articles.



“Kazzie Communications” will be published as required and there will be no set publication date.

The reason for this first edition of Kazzie communications is to issue you with:

1. Registration forms for the up and coming VCE awards.

All VCE students of members who have completed their VCE in 2007 are eligible to register.

2. Nominations/registration forms for Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award (KYAA) 2008.

To be eligible for nomination or registration the recipient must be of Kastellorizian decent and are a member of 25 years of age or younger and have achieved recognized success in the arts (music, dance, theatre, film, fine arts etc), business and industry, community service, sports, or achieved excellence at a tertiary level or during an apprenticeship.

3. Nomination forms for Kastellorizian of the Year 2008.

Criteria for nomination for Kastellorizian of the year are that the nominee:

1. is a person of Kastellorizian decent
2. is recognized on a local, national or international level for their achievements in any area of:
social, community, cultural development,
scholarly or scientific research, economic
development
3. achievements are an inspiration to the Kastellorizian community in Australia
4. is a role model for the younger Kastellorizian and the generations to follow.



The rules of the award states that the above categories be broadly interpreted and that achievement be accomplished over many years or in exceptional circumstances can be during the preceding 12 months.

CLOSING DATE for registration and/or nominations for all awards is
by last mail on:

Friday 29TH OF FEBRUARY, 2008

Please post your nomination forms to:
PO BOX 112, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, and Australia.

We, the committee will consider all nominations at the March meeting and decide on the appropriate KYAA and Kastellorizian of the Year 2008 awardees, as based on the outlined criteria of the awards.

The successful recipients for KYAA and Kastellorizian of the Year 2008 will be notified early to mid March. Following the nominee's acceptance of the award, they will be required to provide their CV which will be published in the April edition of the newsletter.

In the event that no nominations are received the committee will select a worthy recipient based on the outlined criteria.

The names of all VCE award recipients will also be included published in the April newsletter.

We would like to remind you that you are required to be either a "financial" or "honorary member" (65 years of age and over) in the current financial year (July 2007-June 2008) to place a nomination.

The VCE (2008), KYAA (2008) and Kastellorizian of the year (2008) awards will be issued at the St Constantine's and St Helen's Day celebrations which will be held on Sunday 25th of May, 2008.



Recipients are expected to attend the St Constantine and St Helen's Day celebrations and collect their awards in person.

We encourage the VCE recipients to present a short two minute speech.

Recipients of the Kastellorizian Youth Achievement Award and Kastellorizian of the Year Awards are expected to give a brief speech after presentation of their awards.

DIARY DATES:

Now that all the formalities have been address, we would like to remind you of some dates:

The Pan Dodecanese Association would like to invite you to:

“A 60 year Anniversary Celebration of the Unification of the Dodecanese Islands with Greece”

This celebration will take place over two days commencing with:

A Memorial Church Service on **Sunday the 9th of March, 2008 at 10am** at The Greek Orthodox Monastery, Axion Estin, 7 Hartington St, Northcote and followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the memorial at the rear of the monastery.

Following the church service, the celebrations will continue at the Rhodia Brotherhood Incorp Clubrooms, 91 Gillies St Fairfield where the Dodecanese Dance group will perform traditional dances of the region, dressed in the costumes representing the Dodecanese Islands. Light refreshments will be served. Official dignitaries in attendance will include the Consul General of Greece, Christos Salamanis and the President of the Greek Community.



The second event of the 60 year Anniversary Celebrations of the Unification of the Dodecanese Islands with Greece is:

The Pan Dodecanese Ball which will be held on **Saturday 29th of March**, 2008, at 7:30 pm at Star International Receptions. The evening will include a three course meal, plenty of dancing, entertainment and music provided by the “Levendopeda”. The cost is \$50 per person.

Official overseas dignitaries at this Ball will include the Mayor and International Public Relations Officer of Rhodes and their wives and as well as a Rhodian Councilor. Council members from Kos, Halki and Kalymnos will also be in attendance.

For further details on either of these events and for bookings for the Ball please contact **George Verginis** on **0425 785 532**.

George Verginis is the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria’s representative on the Pan Dodecanese Association Committee.

Newsletter:

Closing date for submission of articles and news the next newsletter is:

Friday 28th of March

Please forward all submissions directly to Evelyn Salvaris:
at evelynsalvaris@gmail.com or at **PO BOX 112, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, Australia.**
or via John Karis at: info@kastellorizo.com.au or through any committee member.

Remember, the newsletter is as informative and interesting as you make it, so please send in your news and submissions.

Don’t forget if you are interested in advertising in the newsletter please contact **John Karis** ASAP at info@kastellorizo.com.au or call him on **0412 662 079**.
Remember closing dates for advertising is Friday March 28th, 2008.



We look forward to receiving your registrations and nominations by the 29th of Feb.
And we hope see you all very soon!

With best wishes from,

The Committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria,

Michael Spartels (President), **George Verginis** (Vice-president),
Anna Miriklis-Defteros (Treasurer), **Christina Pavlou** (Secretary),
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Back (left to right): John Karis, Jim Paltos, George Verginis, Michael Spartels, Sandra Varvodic
Middle row (left to right): Maria Alexiou, Evelyn Salvaris
Front row (seated left to right): Christina Pavlou, Dianne Spartels, and Anna Miriklis- Defteros.