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# NEWS

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**WANTED**     **URGENTLY**  
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/DESIGN /JOURNALISM TO HELP WITH  
LAYOUT OF THIS LETTER (AS YOU CAN  
SEE!). GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY  
YOUR SKILLS. POTENTIAL TO BECOME  
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### **President's Column**

Welcome all to the first newsletter for 2005. Since our last newsletter our new exciting committee was elected at our Annual General Meeting. Please contact the committee, as detailed above, with any news and items you wish to pass on to members.

Members who attended our annual family Christmas party/picnic had a very pleasant and enjoyable day at the grounds of George and Pat Hetrel's property - "Como Gardens". (See photos page12). We thank the Hetrel family most gratefully again for their hospitality.

This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> continuous year of operation of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria and we have reverted to the original spelling of our name. The resolution for the use of the letter "K" for Kastellorizo, was overwhelmingly passed at the annual general meeting.

We officially launched our new website at the A.G.M. After the resolution of a few technical faults, the website is now live and ready for your input.

[www.kastellorizo.com.au](http://www.kastellorizo.com.au)

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria (K.A.V.) website menu is to be found on page 13. Any material you wish to contribute to the sections in the menu, please send to our website so that we can print it for the entire world to access.

### **Announcing**

## **“THE KASTELLORIZIAN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD”**

**THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES AND HONOURS INDIVIDUALS OF KASTELLORIZIAN DESCENT WHO HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE KASTELLORIZIAN COMMUNITY OR TO THE GREEK COMMUNITY OF VICTORIA OR TO THE WIDER GREEK OR AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITIES.**

**This is an opportunity to recognize those dedicated individuals who have given**

**substantially of themselves and their time for the improvement of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria or the Greek communities of Victoria, but does not limit the opportunity to bestow the award further afield.**

**It may acknowledge those individuals whose service to the wider communities has enhanced the image of all Australian citizens of Kastellorizian descent.**

**This award pays honour to a person whose work and achievements have not been formally recognized by our Association.**

**‘Lifetime’ in the title of the award implies at least 20 year’s commitment.**

**Members of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria are invited to submit nominations for this award. Names of proposed recipients should be submitted**

**(i) To The President (L.T.A. Awards), Kastellorizian House, 250 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne 3205,**

**(ii) By Tuesday 1st June 2005,**

**(iii) Addressing the criteria detailed above and offering sufficient information to make a case for the award. The nominator and one referee must each furnish information to support the nomination.**

**(iv) The committee shall treat all nominations, deliberations and recommendations relating to the nomination as strictly confidential. The person making the nomination and the support referee must also keep the nomination in strictest confidence.**

**(v) Current members of the committee and former recipients of the COY Award are not eligible for receipt of this award.**

### **V.C.E. 2004 STUDENTS**

**PLEASE CONTACT OUR COMMITTEE IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, COMPLETED V.C.E. LAST YEAR (2004)**

**Prof. Hondros will have a fascinating life story to share with these students.**



## PRESENTING THE CASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR 2005

**Professor ERNEST DEMETRIOS HONDROS (Anastasios Demetrios Hondros)**  
**FRS; DSc; Dr d'U (Paris); FIM; C, Eng.; C.M.G.**

Former Director of the Petten Establishment (1985 – 1989),  
Commission of European Communities' Joint Research Centre (Netherlands).

Former Director of the Institute for Advanced Materials (1989 -1995),  
The Petten (Netherlands) and Ispra (Italy) Laboratories  
of The Joint Research Centre, Commission of the European Communities.

Superintendent, Materials Division of the National Physical Laboratory,  
Teddington, U.K. (1979-1985).  
Current Position: Visiting Professor and Senior Investigator,  
Department of Materials, Imperial College, University of London.

### **Titles, Awards and Honours:**

FRS -Fellow of The Royal Society;  
C.M.G. -Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St.George;  
DSc – Doctor of Science,  
[Melbourne University, and University of London, UK (Honoris Causa)];  
Dr d'U (Paris) –Doctor of the Universite de Paris, France;  
FIM –Fellow of the Institute of Metals; CEng;  
Member of Academia Europaea;  
Member d'Honneur, Societe Francaise de Metallurgie;  
Rosenhain Medal (Metals Society, U.K.);  
Howe Medal (American Society of Metals);  
Griffiths Medal (Institute of Metals, U.K.);

### **Committees, etc:**

Member of Court of Imperial College, University of London  
Chairman of Advisory Committee for Materials Department, Imperial College  
Member of Advisory Committee, Dpt. of Materials, University of Cambridge  
Member of Comite de Direction, C.N.R.S.Laboratoire, Universite de Dijon, France  
Member of Comite de Direction, C.N.R.S. Laboratoire, Universite de Grenoble, France (C.N.R.S –  
Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique)  
Member, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Istituto di Chimica Fisica Materiali, Genoa, Italy  
Member of International Board for election of Heads of Institutes, University of Patras; and University  
of Thessalonike, Greece  
External Examiner for Doctoral Theses for several U.K. and other European Universities  
Member of Editorial Committees for several learned Journals.

Publications: About 150 papers and articles on Physical Science research, published in various learned  
journals.

### **Lectures:**

Numerous invited lectures to international Conferences and Universities  
Distinguished lectures at Universities of Sheffield and Oxford.





## INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS

St. Constantine and Helen's Day,  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2005  
Celebrating  
Kastellorizian of the Year Award 2005

Professor ERNEST DEMETRIOS HONDROS C.M.G.

and presentation of the V.C.E. Awards for the previous year.

Church Service: 10.00am  
Saint Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church  
Barry Street, South Yarra

Luncheon: 12.30pm  
Kastellorizian House  
250 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne 3125

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria initiated the Kastellorizian of the Year Award in 1993. It is the only award of its kind in Australia. It is awarded annually to an individual of Kastellorizian descent, whose achievements have been an inspiration to the Kastellorizian communities of Australia and an example to the generations that will follow. The recipient of the award serves as a role model to our youth, showing them that they, also, have the ability to pursue and achieve a career of high distinction.

We thank Professor Ernest Demetrios Hondros for his acceptance of this award.

Professor E.D.Hondros will make the long trip from London to be at our Club Rooms to receive this award, on Sunday 22<sup>ND</sup> May 2005.

### Profile of E.D.HONDROS:

Anastasios (Tasso) Demetrios Hondros was born in Kastellorizo, to Demetrios Hondros and Athanasia Paleologos. When he was eight years old, he and his family moved to North Queensland, Australia, to escape the Second World War.

Anastasios could not speak any English when he started his education at the Cairns State Primary School. After completing his schooling at the Cairns State High School, his parents moved to Melbourne, in 1947, where he was able to attend Melbourne University, gaining his Masters and Doctor of Science. He was invited to further his studies at the Paris University, which led to his extensive European career.

In 1968 he was married to his beautiful wife, Kristine Garder-Olsen. Kristine and Tasso have two sons; Dimitri Alexandros, who holds a Masters in Economics from Essex University and currently works in Thessalonike; Constantine who holds a Masters in Science from Edinburgh University and currently works in Holland.

Tasso and Kristine live in London, vacationing in Kastellorizo every year for the past 35 years. When Tasso is not working at the Imperial College, London, he tries to be at his home in Mandraki, Kastellorizo.

Professor Hondros is a very private, modest man.

The list of credentials, on the opposite page, speaks for him.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

**The Petten Establishment** was set up in the 1960's as a nuclear research facility. In the 1970's nuclear research was de-emphasized but nuclear materials testing and evaluation remained an important function until 1996.

As the Director of the Institute for Advanced Materials, Ernest Hondros was credited with the development of the Institute, over a ten year period, into a first rate research laboratory, establishing an international reputation in materials science.

*-sourced from the Office of Naval Research -European Office (1996).* Cont over page.

### **The Royal Society.**

The Royal Society of London was founded in 1660 by scientist including Robert Boyle, John Wilkins and Christopher Wren. Since its early history, the Society has elected scientists, engineers and technologists to become members of its Fellowship.

The Society is made up the most eminent scientists, engineers and technologists from the UK and the Commonwealth. Each year the Fellows elect 44 new Fellows, chosen from across the science, engineering and medicine spectrum –an honour regarded as the highest accolade a scientist can receive and next only to a Nobel Prize. They also elect six Foreign Members each year.

Today, Fellows of the Royal Society include Nobel prize-winning scientists such as Paul Nurse (cancer researcher) and Peter Mansfield (whose work led to the development of magnetic resonance imaging or MRI). Other Fellows include mathematician and physicist Stephen Hawking; IVF and stem cell research pioneer Anne McLaren and inventor of the worldwide web, Tim Berners-Lee.

**The Academia Europaea** is a functioning European Academy of Humanities, Letters and Sciences, composed of individual members. Membership is by invitation.

Invitations are made only after peer group nomination, scrutiny and confirmation as to the scholarship and eminence of the individual in their chosen field.

Election is confirmed by the Council of the Academy.

Members are drawn from across the whole European continent.

**C.M.G:** Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George - a British award conferred by Queen Elizabeth. It was presented to Professor Hondros for “services to European sciences”.

**Imperial College London** is a part of the University of London.

The College has been enlarged since 1988 to incorporate a growing medical component.

The full title of the college is **The Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine**. The Governance of the college consists of **the Court** of the Imperial College of S, T&M and **the Council** of the Imperial College of S, T, &M.

The Court has over 150 members and incorporates representatives of all the learned institutions and royal societies associated with the pursuits and disciplines of the College.

External members come from local councils, Parliament, teachers associations and include representatives from commonwealth countries. Twenty four elected academic staff and four elected academic related staff will serve on the Court for four years.

**Professor Ernest Hondros is the representative of The Royal Society at the Court.**

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**BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!:-**

**THE CASTELLORIZIAN CLUB of N.S.W.** held its annual general meeting for 2004 last night (Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2005), resulting in a major shake up of the board.

The President, **John M. Barbouttis**, and Treasurer, **Nicholas J. Malaxos**, lost their positions on the Board, along with **Katina Nicholas**, **Luke Mavrocordatos** and **Jim Condylis**.

Of the Board of nine members, those who remained were **Angelo G. Hatsatouris**, **Harley Economou**, **Dianne Balafoutis** and **Nicholas G. Pappas**. The newcomers to the Board, and possible saviours of the Club, are **Nicholas Moraitis**, **Antony Reditis**, **Terry Panigiris**, **Michael Alexander** and **Theodore Pettaras**.

Over the last two years, the number of fully paid up members eligible to vote has declined from about 2,900 to 1,200. The Club has been loosing money at the rate of \$10,000 per week for two years, or more, borrowing heavily against the equity in the \$10M building in Kingsford, in order to keep the Club going.

The outgoing Committee held the A.G.M., last night, for the year 2004, and therefore was only required to produce financials to year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004. The new Committee will have a huge job ahead, to turn this business around. Many of the Ladies in the Castellorizian Ladies Auxiliary were very supportive of the election of **Nicholas Moraitis**, who is a very successful businessman and has the experience needed to rebuild the Club. Nick Moraitis and the Committee will be ably supported by **Avgoulla Hendrickson**, the new General Manager of the Castellorizian Club, since December 2004, who has already stopped the hemorrhaging of \$10,000 per week and has gradually edged the Club “out of the Red and into the Black”. The Committee of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria congratulates the new committee members of the Sydney Castellorizian Club and wishes them unbridled success.

*Article contributed by J. Kalaf-Verginis.*

## I 21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY



On Saturday 3 July 2004, **Angelo Mihalos** celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday at "THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL" Melbourne. Angelo is the son of Alex and Vivienne Mihalos.

## I 21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY



On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2004, Miss Irimi Piperoglou Celebrated her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday with a close family gathering at "The Greek Spot Tavern". Irimi is in her third year studying Law/Arts at Monash University. Irimi is the daughter of Dr. Michael and Mrs. LEMONIA Piperoglou. Her Godfather, Michael Angelo Miriklis is photographed with Irimi.



Irimi Piperoglou with Godfather Michael.A.Miriklis.

## I 21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY

On the Saturday 26 February 2005, **Jonathan Adgemis** celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday at "The Union Hotel". Jonathan is the son of John C and Joann Adgemis.

## 9 ΛΟΓΟ 9 CONGRATULATIONS



On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2005, **Anna Miriklis** gave logo to Peter Defteros. Peter's origins are from the island of Ithaca. The wedding is scheduled at St Constantine & Helen's church on Anna's 35<sup>th</sup> birthday, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

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## CHRISTENINGS

☼**Triantafilos (Terry) Stabelos** was christened on 9 January 2005 at St Andrews Greek Orthodox Church Forest Hill. Parents George & Dimitra Stabelos chose godparents George & Sylvia Vasamis. Triantafilos is the seventh grandchild for Anthony and Rosa Stabelos.



Baby Terry Stabelos with Dimitra Stabelos

## CHRISTENINGS

☼**Elyssa Stephanie Nikou** was christened by John and Kristine Christopoulos on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at St Catherine's Church in Malvern. A party followed at the Laikon Greek Tavern in Richmond. Elyssa is the grand-daughter of Steve & Betty Lucas.

☼ **Anneliese Christopoulos** daughter of John and Kristine Christopoulos was christened on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at St Catherine's Church in Malvern followed by a party at Bacash in South Yarra. Godparents are Tas Koufou uncle of John's and his daughter Lara who came all the way from Greece to baptize Anneliese. Third grandchild for Con & Despina Lucas.

## CONGRATULATIONS ADMISSION TO THE BAR

**Marina Panagacos** daughter of Yvonne (Kominos) and George admitted by her Aunt Angela Kominos to the Bar on 15 February 2005. Graduated at Monash University in Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Business Studies and majoring in banking and finance.

**Anna Angelo Miriklis** on her completing 15 years service with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Anna has now joined the St George Bank and is Manager Operations in the new branch situated at 878 Whitehorse Road Box Hill, which opens **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2005.**

## ZERVOS FAMILY NEWS

**Michael Zervos** the son of the late Con Zervos has been training to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, in February 2005. This is for charity, for the "Make a Wish Foundation", as he is Finance and Administration Manager.

**Cassie Zervos** daughter of Roslyn & Michael, granddaughter of Chrissie Zervos and Lucy Peronis is a black belt Tae Kwon Do and is Victorian Champion for her age (12). In October 2004 she represented Victoria at the National championships for Tae Kwon Do in Perth.

Her bother **Marcus**, who is 8, loves drama and goes to a school in Bentleigh once a week

## OVERSEAS

**Maria Komino's** daughter & son-in-law, Yvonne and George Panagacos.

Maria spent four months overseas in 2004, and attended the wedding of Louise Katris in Kastellorizo.

See Wedding feature on page 11 written by Michelle Kiosoglou. Michelle currently lives in London.

## THANK YOU from MARIKA BISAS

To the Board and members, to family and friends, for their cards and calls of good wishes, for flowers, gifts, and hospital visits throughout 2004. It was such a comfort during my recent illness. Though my major operation was successful, my recovery will take some time. Thank you once again, Marika Bisas

## VISITORS TO MELBOURNE.

**Kevin & Tish Zervos** from Hong Kong visiting Paul & Peggy Zervos and settling in their daughters at Melbourne Grammar.

**Colin Pavlidis** son of Anna from Sydney came to Melbourne for the Australian Open Tennis. Colin lives on Kastellorizo 9 months of the year and has the "Kazbar" restaurant.

**Senya Kranitis** visited her mother Renie Adgemis and Family in Melbourne in November 2004, and witnessed a lively A.G.M at our Club Rooms.



In March, **Maria Panagodimos** (nee Gogos) with 7mth old daughter, Anastasia, flew in from Perth to attend her cousin Nick Verginis' wedding. Maria is a Psychologist working in Agrinio, Greece. She is currently visiting her parents in Perth. Maria is the daughter of Nancy Gogos (nee Kalafatas) & granddaughter of Helen Baster ("Yalano"), nee Pitsonis, both of Perth.



## URBAN RETREAT CAFÉ OPENS

Congratulations to Phillip and Ross Georgoulas, sons of Maria & Nick and grandsons of Spiro and Nina Mangos, on the opening of the **Urban Retreat Café Lounge Bar** at 910-912 Doncaster Road Doncaster last year. The food is excellent and the hospitality is even better. Try the Greek sweets, they are home made by the family, so if you live in and around and near the area call in and make your selves know to the boys.

## Letter to the Editor

7<sup>th</sup> December 2004

I would like to extend my best wishes to the new incoming Board of Directors of the Kastellorizian Association and hope that they enjoy a successful term in office. I would also like to congratulate the "I.T." committee for the very professional presentation of the Association's new website at the recent A.G.M. I would at this point like to express my disappointment of some of the decisions made by some members of the committee without fully consulting the outgoing committee.

1. Those nominations for the new Board would only be accepted from members of the Association who are connected to the Internet. I feel that this is highly discriminative and ignoring the fact that many members have a lot to offer without being computer literate.

2. I also disagree that a member of the Board need not attend meetings so long as he/she is in contact via email. I ask how can that member take part in any discussions or vote on matters that may occur at any one meeting.

Christina Pavlou

(Former member of the committee).

Dear Christina,

Thank you for expressing your concerns. We welcome your letter and are happy to print it, as requested, and to be given the opportunity to respond to these concerns. The decisions which you complain of have evolved because of time constraints placed on committee members in endeavouring to run a social club alongside every day work, family, business and personal commitments.

In response to your two concerns: -

1. The ability to communicate by email was a preference sought by both of us, with the intention of allowing the committee to function more efficiently, and in a fairer manner. We have found that it is quicker and more accurate to send an email describing a job done, or to be done, than to make a phone call. By sending the email to the target person and copying to the rest of the committee, everyone knows what is being done and who is doing it. All this is achieved with one email instead of six phone calls.

When half the committee has email contact and the other half doesn't, the situation becomes "highly discriminative" **against** the ones who do not have email. They end up being excluded from the information traffic and consequent decision making,

which evolves, when committee members have easy access to each other. When this occurs, clique groups form within a committee, creating a situation which is unfair to the email deprived members and leads to the erosion of committee morale. The obvious solution is for someone to phone-around to the members who are not email linked, and "to bring them up to speed". Who has the time to do this after each group-email?

2. As explained in the *Open Letter to Members*, which was issued at the A.G.M on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2004, the new committee wants to run the committee proceedings on a business basis, not as a social get-together. By taking the pressure off people having to attend every committee meeting, we can attract busy, talented people who would like to contribute some ideas and time to the club but who are afraid of being caught in a committee, which may waste valuable time. Technology now allows committees to discuss issues at length via email or phone link-up, and to reach a consensus, which can be voted on at the designated meetings, as long as a quorum exists.

We are very conscious of your concerns and accept your point 'that many members have a lot to offer without being computer literate'. As you know, our committee needs these people too. Without their support, without your support, our club will fail. We all need each other; and we need better ways to communicate with each other.

President: John S.Adgemis.

Vice Pres.: JasminVerginis.

## CONGRATULATIONS:

On the 18 the September 2004, **Yvette Salvaris**, the daughter of John & Anna, married Paul Couacaud. The couple flew to Mauritius for their honeymoon.

## FECCA AWARDS

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia Award, Level I, was presented to Mrs. Renie Adgemis on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2005, for Commitment and Contribution to Australian Multiculturalism and in recognition of 29 years of community service. The award was presented by the Lord Mayor of the City of Whitehorse.

## GOING OVERSEAS –Bon Voyage

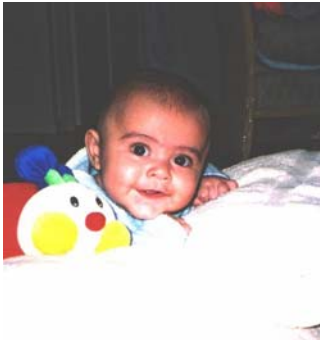
**Katina Miriklis** going overseas with daughter and son-in law, Anna & Peter Plafadelis, to spend Easter in Limnos and then to celebrate St. Constantine & Helen's day in Kastellorizo.

**Pan-Dodecanese Function  
Sunday 13 March 2005**

Nick Patiniotis and his wife Maria represented the Kastellorizian Association at the Pan-Dodecanese Function, which is held every year, to commemorate the union of the Dodecanese Islands with Greece. The day commences with a Church service and is then followed by a light luncheon. This year the luncheon was hosted by the Kos club, situated in Northcote. Next year the Kastellorizians are due to host this event.

A very warm "Thank you" to Nicko and Maria, who by attending this function, demonstrated their loyalty to our Kastellorizian Association and their understanding of the profound importance in honouring this occasion.

☞ **BIRTHS** ☜



Alexander Jack Ballingall  
Born 7<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at Mitcham Private Hospital. Son of Natasha and Stuart Ballingall and grandson of Jasmin Verginis & George Verginis. A little brother for Madeline who was born one year earlier.

**AWEDDING A**



Nicholas Verginis and Sarah Austin were married at the Greek Orthodox Church in Red Hill on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2005. They reaffirmed their vows in a romantic ceremony at the Anglican Church in Flinders and then celebrated at "Shands Crossing" Main Ridge -the vineyard owned by Sarah's uncle. Twenty five members of the Kalaf, Kailis and Kalaitzis families flew down from Sydney for the long weekend, staying in "Bed & Breakfast" accommodations in Red Hill. Everyone expected a great production" and no-one was disappointed. Sarah & Nick put on a great show for all the guests.

**LORD MAYOR'S DINNER**



Anna Miriklis with Lord Mayor So

The Lord Mayor John So's Dinner to recognise all Greek Community leaders and volunteers was held at Melbourne Town Hall April 2004.

Representing the Kastellorizian Club were John Adgemis, Maria Katris and Anna Miriklis.



Maria Katris, her brother-in-law Nick Katris, John Adgemis and Anna Miriklis.

**Café Culture**

The column *Café Culture* which appears in the Herald Sun, recently featured an article on the coffee shop *KAFEZ*, at 246 High Street, Kew, owned by Anthony Adgemis. The café was rated as one of the best cafes in the High Street precinct with "a serious approach to smooth, excellent coffee". The article continues with "Coffee is clearly what this place is known for, if the rate at which the guy driving the espresso machine churns them out is anything to go by.....The decaf is splendid, even by non-decaf standards -Really." A good coffee is worth driving miles for, so there it is:-

**KAFEZ 246 High Street,  
KEW. Ph.9853 4100  
Mon-Fri 7.30am-6pm;  
Sat 8.30am-5pm.**

**80<sup>th</sup> Year  
Celebration**

We announced this event back in October 2004 Because we want all Kastellorizian Families to celebrate with us. We have John Mangos joining us for the night as Master of Ceremonies and plans that will excite each and every one of you.

How many of us will be here for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary?

So get your pens out, mark the date in your diaries, oil up the wheel chair and get those Grannies Loaded up for the last wiz-bang dance of their lives.

**LEONDA on the  
Yarra, Hawthorn  
7.00pm  
Saturday  
OCTOBER 8, 2005**

We expect a full table from each of the Kastellorizian families in Victoria Get the kids organised, if they're over 18 bring 'em along. The committee is going all out to make this a celebration you won't remember!

Members of Committee will be calling on you soon for any brain sizzling ideas that you may have for our big night of celebration. If you think that you can make a difference contact us [info@kastellorizo.com.au](mailto:info@kastellorizo.com.au) 98538582 Think 80<sup>th</sup> on the 8<sup>th</sup> of O

**VALE**

**Chris Calmer (Kalomiris)**



On the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005 our former committee member Chris Calmer passed away. He leaves behind his wife Yvon and three children Elizabeth, Joanne and Michael who all lovingly cared for him throughout his illness. Chris was the son of Evangelia Kalomiris (dec.), the sister of Steve Zombos. The funeral service was held at Ayia Katerina Church, Malvern.

**VALE**

**Christopher Kambouropoulos**

We lost Christopher suddenly, just before St Constantine & Helen's Day 2004. His loss is still a raw wound which feels as though it may never heal. We all share this pain with his parents, Nick and Val, sisters Vivienne and Jodie, and brothers-in-law Christian Cazenave and Christopher Doyle. Nick Kambouropoulos is the brother of Nellie Zombos.

**FUNERAL PROTOCOL**

At the committee meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2005 a unanimous decision was made, to return to the traditional method of honouring the death of a fellow member of our Kastellorizian Association.

As in the days when Con Zombos would formally present a wreath at the coffin, within the church, we propose to honour the passing of our members with the same respect.

Nellie Zombos, the widow of Steve Zombos summed up the situation perfectly when she said, 'Kastellorizo was his "Rizes" – a wreath from the Kastellorizians should have gone down in the grave with him, so he could return to his roots'.

**VALE**

**Stephen Zombos**



On the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2005, two weeks after the passing of his nephew Chris Calmer, Steve Zombos slipped away to join his young nephew.

He leaves his grieving wife, Nellie, and two loving daughters Evie Cassimatis and Chrissy Velissaris, son-in-law Paul Velissaris, grandchildren- Lauren, Natalie, Melanie, Michael and Zoe. Steve served on the Kastellorizian committee for a number of years, as a Board member and as President. His Eulogy appears in this Newsletter.

The Committee of the Kastellorizian Association, and on behalf of all its members, wishes to extend deepest expressions of sympathy to the Kambouropoulos, Kalomiris, Zombos and Gregory families.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.  
Please notify the Board  
immediately when  
a fellow member of our  
Kastellorizian Association passes  
away.  
Notify us by calling any of the  
Committee phone numbers on the  
front of this Newsletter.  
This is the only way to ensure that  
we honour our members in the  
proper manner.**

This note was sent to the Kazzie newsletter for publishing prior to Steve Zombos' passing, and appears here for those whom Steve wanted to thank: -

'I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to my family, relatives and friends, both local and interstate (you all know who you are). I would love to name

you all individually, but choose not to in fear of omitting one of you and unintentionally offending you. Having said that however, I must make some exception and mention the following people. Mary Kominos, for her best wishes and beautiful gift hamper, organised from across the continent all the way from the homeland My old friends Panagiotis Papoutsis (California), Stavros Exindaris and Yannis Karagiannis (Sydney) for their numerous phone calls and ceaseless concern. To my loved ones, your constant show of support, strong words of encouragement expressed through your visits, phone calls, gifts and cards proved to be a positive source of energy during my illness.

By Steve Zombos

**Eftihia Gregory (Nee Palassis)**

14.9.1915 - 24.1.2005

The fourth of nine children of Chrissiroy (nee Petrides) and Efstathios Palassis, Eftihia arrived in Perth with her widowed mother and her siblings in Perth in 1939 (some of her siblings were already in Perth). She married Greg Gregory, son of Apostolic Grigoriou and Elizabeth (Auguste) in 1941 and had three sons, one of whom Stan (Efstathios) predeceased her. Her eldest son Paul married Constance (nee Antonakakis) and lives in Melbourne. The youngest son Peter married Sylvia (nee Kikiros) and lives in Perth.

Her seven grandchildren, who adored their Yiayia, are all successful young professionals working in Perth, Canberra and London.

Eftihia was a proud and highly regarded Kastellorizian and very determined. When she decided in her mid-80s to make another trip to Kastellorizo, her family refused to let her go because it was thought she was not well enough. She persevered and insisted on going to Kastellorizo by herself. It was a wonderful time for her and the locals dubbed her "Queen of the Island" because of her wondrous knowledge of Kastellorizian history, stories, customs, and family connections.



## STEPHEN ZOMBOS

**A Tribute to Our Dad**  
5/08/1925 - 15/03/2005

Dad, together with his sisters Christina, Evangelia and their mother, our Yiayia Evdokia, left the tiny island of Kastellorizo to come to the shores of Australia with the belief that the “streets were lined with gold”.

Dad’s older brothers, our uncles Kosta and Andonis, had already established themselves in Melbourne a year or so earlier and assisted their mother and siblings with their passage to Australia. They arrived on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 1938. The sense of family, of being there for one’s loved ones or “oikoyenia” was a very strong trait in the Zombos household and remains so to this day.

Dad was thirteen years of age when enrolled at Richmond Primary School. This proved to be a most humiliating experience for him at the time. He was a tall, thin, dark skinned kid with a funny crew cut –speaking a strange language and having arrived from a place that hardly anyone had ever heard of. Dad described himself as the “punching bag” for the school bullies. He was often referred to as “Mr. Dago”. There was nothing “gold lined” about that particular experience.

Dad’s saviour at school was in the form of a Miss Smith (a Prep teacher) who felt compassion for him and began to teach him basic words in English. She would show him visual examples, such as an apple or point to her hand and slowly mouth the words “ap-ple”, or “ha-nd” to him. Dad had much admiration for this gentlewoman. We believe Miss Smith inspired Dad to educate himself and become articulate in this language. Tinges of gold were beginning to show in the background.

Dad left school after a very short period to provide for his mother and sisters and simultaneously ease the financial burden of his brothers. Through hard work and dedication, Dad reaped the benefits that Australia was able to offer him. By his early twenties he had become the successful owner of several businesses. Success however, was insignificant for Dad unless it could be shared with his family. Our cousin Jim Calmer loves to tell the story when Dad, in a state of euphoria decorated his dining room table in ten pound notes after an unusually busy day’s trade in his milk bar near the Melbourne Cricket Ground, during

the Olympic Games in 1956. Dad’s purpose was to show that the money belonged to the family, not to him.

Dad continued with his self-education. He read countless books on history, geography and religion. Dad had become an erudite man who loved telling stories and sharing his extensive general knowledge with everyone. His dry sense of humour made the sometimes ‘tedious’ facts more bearable to listen to. We already miss him saying “Did you know that it was the Ancient Greeks who...”

Dad’s fortune was finally declared when he met Mum soon after The Games. This was a profoundly happy time for Dad. Jim and his recently deceased brother Chris helped Dad in the milk bar. Dad adored these two nephews as he did all his nieces and nephews.

Dad married Mum in February 1957. Mum was his Mediterranean beauty and she fell for his movie star looks. It was then that our Yiayia said “don’t let this girl go” – he didn’t and followed his heart. They had established their family of two “darling daughters”, “ta mora mou” by 1959.

Dad, together with Mum, then proceeded to open his home to countless family members over the years and his generosity and hospitality continued throughout his life... The addition of five beautiful grandchildren and a son-in-law further added to his success story. He had finally found his “streets lined with gold”.

Evie Cassimatis and Chrissy Velissaris.

### **KASTELLORIZO RESIDENTS PROTEST AGAINST ‘ILLEGAL’ LAND ENCROACHMENTS.**

The idyllic island of Kastellorizo is in the middle of a flurry of court cases concerning land encroachments at the expense of islanders living in Australia and abuse of public funds. Over the last few months, the small community of Kastellorizo, Greece’s easternmost island, has been seething as accusations of illegal encroachments on land owned by fellow islanders from Australia gather steam. As a result, legal actions have been flying thick and fast and the island has split into two camps.

The Court of First Instance prosecutor on the chief island in the Dodecanese archipelago, Rhodes, has stepped into the fray and launched legal proceedings against the mayor for financial irregularities.



Numerous other cases are coming before the courts. Kathimerini went to the remote island and spoke with local leaders and residents. Accusations were bandied about, ranging from the production of documents on the basis of municipal rolls to the issuing of permits for the island’s stores.

In the most serious concerned land encroachments, allegedly, a group of islanders looks out for plots of land that have not been claimed or used recently by their owners (who in most cases are fellow islanders who have migrated to Australia). It then reputedly produces witnesses who falsely testify to third parties’ occupancy of the land for 20 years (as provided for by the law on adverse possession and corresponding forfeiture of ownership). When they have secured the property, residents allege, their new owners then sell it on, usually to citizens of other European countries.

“Many of these accusations are already subject to legal proceedings,” Giorgos Papoutsis, opposition leader and municipal councilor on Megisti, Kastellorizo’s other name, told Kathimerini. “It’s not possible that those who remained on Kastellorizo have 10 landholdings each. Some of them have even encroached on public property”.



The expatriate Society for the Revival of Megisti, which is based in Sydney, Australia, in September, sent a letter to Aegean and Island Policy Minister, Aristotelis Pavlidis, laying out the problem in detail, and asking him to intervene.

At the same time, the opposition bloc on the municipal council is pressing ahead with charges of misuse of public money by the municipality.

“We have indications and evidence, during the period 1995-2002 and Mayor Pavlos Panigyris’s tenure, of financial irregularities in the municipality. The mayor himself charged invoices for building materials to the municipality and then used them to build his hotel,” Papoutsis alleged. “Moreover, there are people on the payroll, relatives of Mr Panigyris, who were paid by the municipality for work they never undertook, as well as other strange irregularities”.

Based on the allegations by Papoutsis and other residents of Kastellorizo, the former Supreme Court prosecutor Evangelos Kroustalakis ordered, in spring 2003, that Rhodes prosecutors undertake a preliminary investigation. The case was frozen until this summer, when the investigation started up again. The brief is now at the interrogation stage and is expected to come before the court soon.

Kathimerini spoke to Kastellorizo Mayor Pavlos Panigyris and asked for his side of the story as most of the allegations concern him and his intimates. On the encroachments, Panigyris said that, “personally, I have never taken over any expanse of land. The municipality simply provides a certificate for real estate levies (TAP) and has no other involvement. As for the alleged encroachments on public land, the competent body will decide”. He categorically denied all other accusations. “Legal proceedings are started when there are accusations with the purpose of finding out if they are well-founded. I will furnish proof of my innocence during the hearings. I believe that this attack on me has been made by Mr Papoutsis and four to five other people for political reasons. Moreover, I’ve been elected for three consecutive terms and with an overwhelming majority at that”.

*By Giorgios Lialios - Kathimerini*



## Your Property on Kastellorizo

With the advent of a greater appeal to the Australian born Kazzies since the rediscovery of their heritage, many are now investigating the family properties. They are horrified to find that after finally locating the house or land belonging to them, locals are occupying (squatting) there, many for years. Despite having proof of ownership, usually by a “Prikosifono”, the question of right of possession can end up in courts of Rodos, usually with a shonky solicitor acting on your behalf. There is alleged, an element on the island that have excised vacant land, mostly with derelict old houses, having been sacked and destroyed through the ravages of two world wars. They have the happy knack of converting any vulnerable properties for their own usage.

Houses which have been occupied for 15 years are deemed to automatically belong to the squatters and is sufficient proof to enable transfer. This situation to my knowledge has never been tested in the Greek Courts, although there are instances where sub tenants of the original inhabitants can be challenged and forced to vacate, providing that they have been there for a lesser period. A recent case in point was of the house of the Kondousoglous family of Adelaide, beneficiaries of Thia Fiola, passed on to her daughter Alexandria, and then on to Daphne Miriklis, of the next generation, she in turn sold her interest to a cousin, Marcus Michael of Perth, he was then able to negotiate (for a fee) the sub tenants to vacate, and since improvements to the house had been effected the fee paid as per compensation was certainly better and less costly than dragging through the courts of Rodos. For your information, I have been fortunate to be introduced by Jack Yeronikolas, his own business solicitor a highly respected citizen and ex Mayor of Rodos, George Vrouhos who is reasonably fluent in English, he has been keen to visit Australia, by way of discovery; and with the mission of visiting the capital cities where he will give his views of the way to overcome the obstacles whether there has been wrongful habitation, or unravelling family squabbles as to inheritance.

In closing I speak as the voice of experience, having been through the mill from proof of ownership, building and sorting out the families’ expectations.

*By Nicholas Emmanuel Fermanis  
Black Rock Victoria*



## HELP WANTED FOR GREEK FILM FESTIVAL

The Director of this year’s Antipodes Festival in Melbourne is Ross Karavis, an Adelaide boy whose mother is from the Topalsavvas family. Ross is looking for help with the Greek Film Festival. The opening movie will be “Brides” (Νύφες) a Greek movie about brides who went abroad to get married in the 1920’s.

“νύφες”, a movie by Martin Scorseze.



As part of the Film Festival Ross wants to put on an exhibition of material related to brides and marriages, particularly amongst the Greeks who settled here prior to WWII. “The type of things we are looking for are old wedding photos, reception photos, marriage certificates, proxy letters, love letters etc. that may have exchanged between couples”. Ross knows that there was a small but significant Kazzie contingent in Melbourne during the 20’s and 30’s and is hoping to gather enough material to mount the exhibition as a back drop to the Film Festival. Our Association wants to help and this also may assist us with our display plans for the 80<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration on 8<sup>th</sup> October this year. Interested Kazzies please email Cynthia Koutsoukis

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or phone A.H. 95551716

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**Wedding of Louise Katris to Yiorgo  
Karayannis  
Kastellorizo 24 October 2004**



For most of us, Kastellorizo is like Never-Never-Land. Megisti represents the hopes, dreams and imaginations of our parents and grandparents. Growing up within the Kastellorizian diaspora, you knew your parents and grandparents secretly held aspirations that when the time came, their Kastellorizian offspring would marry Kastellorizian. It is within this magical world, between myth and reality that the nuptials of Louise, daughter of Maria Katris, grand-daughter of Con and Chrissie Adgemis of Mentone and Yiorgo Karayannis, son of Kyriako and Varvara of Kastellorizo were sanctified.

For most of us, a trip to the birth place of our ancestors is a trip down memory lane. My trip was much, much more. From the moment I saw the limani as the ferry maneuvered into the minute harbour, I could feel the sense of excitement and weight of historic inevitability wash over me.

The island was resplendent in nostalgia. Wedding fever on Kastellorizo is like yellow fever in Shanghai. It takes no prisoners and whether you are a local, a visiting Australian Kastellorizian or just a tourist you can feel the sense of hysteria and chaos, which surrounds wedding preparations.

The wedding preparations were like no other, the entire island offered their opinion regarding all issues as they considered themselves expert on all things from dressing the hall, flower arrangements and wedding dresses to how many goats were needed to feed the entire island and all the visiting Turks. Around every corner, behind every doorway and under every bougainvillea, all anyone could discuss was "The Wedding".

As the bride and her mother promenaded around the limani, it would take anywhere between one and three

hours to answer questions and to take and disregard opinions.

The invitations were sent out in the form of a "Kouloura". Young boys were sent to every house to deliver and invite every person on the island. The next day the young girls of the island went to every house with a verbal invitation to the wedding and to the "Krevati" (bed-making). Island politics were swept under every hand made carpet as custom demanded unity.

The krevati was all one expected and more. The house was rocked by the nervous anticipation of all those who came to enjoy and participate. This was no small family affair. Businesses closed so that all could attend, make clove bracelets, drink rose water, eat strava and katoumaria and sing songs wishing the young couple luck, health, fertility and prosperity.

The "Votana" were gathered and wedding song filled the air. Excitement gained momentum and reached fever pitch. This was wedding week! Yiorgo and his family and the bride's family sailed around Megisti singing songs of love and longing. Louise stood on the harbour, waiting for her groom. As I stood next to her, I felt a wave of fear for there was no escape.

By the "Savatovratho" (Saturday night before the wedding) the bishop had arrived, the clove water was ready for Louise to wash Yiorgo's hair, the goats had been slaughtered, the Bride's Pilafi and chickens were cooked and the sound of the bouzouki filled the air. This was no ordinary night. The groom's family sang songs of conquest reminiscent of the halcyon years. They challenged the brides' family and thankfully Manoli Geronikolas answered the challenge, making the most jaded widow giggle in fond nostalgia! Personally, I had to resort to my Greek dictionary, as such an education, I did not receive from my parents. We danced until we could dance no more and we sang until we could sing no more, but we seemed to have an unquenchable appetite for post Savatovratho analysis.

The wedding day dawned and Kastellorizo shone. The peaceful dawn that awoke me was shattered by a cry that could mean only one of two things. No, the Turks were not invading, but Varvara was up making sure everything was perfect for her son's big day.

Given the remoteness of the island, there was work to be done before the festivities. The goats had to be cooked,

the church and hall dressed, the flowers arranged and any last minute tasks had to be undertaken. These were executed with military precision because the slightest slip-up would mean Varvara's wrath and no one dared defy the Queen of Kastellorizo!

Louise was not allowed a moment to herself. On Kastellorizo, the residents of the island have to dress both the bride and the groom. A quiet moment for Louise and her mother was snatched as the bridesmaids prepared the stefania and the koufetta

A wave of acclamation spread through the crowd as the breathtakingly beautiful veiled bride was led out of her home, on the proud arm of her brother George and her mother, Maria.

Louise was serenaded to church by the fiddler and piano accordionist. Close behind her walked representatives of the Adgemis, Katris families and friends. The harbour was filled with yachts and boats that came from their friends in Turkey. As we passed each door, another person emerged. A procession led Louise to the church of Saint Constantine and Eleni.

Louise and Yiorgo walked in the steps of their ancestors. We could hear the approving echoes of the generations that had traveled this road before and we could see their laughter in the faces of the people.

Louise and Yiorgo's marriage was blessed by Bishop Chrisostomos and Father Yiorgi in the presence of the community that is Kastellorizo. As I looked around the church, I recognised many familiar faces from home. I saw the faces of the generations that had been and were to come and was proud that I was able to share in that moment.

The wedding breakfast was unprecedented. This was no Greek celebration, it was a Kastellorizian extravaganza! We ate, we sang, we laughed, we danced, we screamed, we cried. Never since the official visit of Suleiman the Great's grand vizier in 1367 have so many "Turks" visited the island, without the grotto being sealed to protect the island's honour. This was a wedding that the generations to come will remember. These are the stories our grandchildren will remember, when they too, visit the island.

At the threshold of the bridal suite Yiorgo and Louise were fed walnuts and honey by Varvara, to help make their life sweet. We watched transfixed, as husband and wife were released from the bosom of the community. **11.**

This was "The Party of 2004". I am planning my next visit in 2005.

Louise, Yiorgo, the Adgemis family are also available for Christenings!!!

Written by:

**Michele Kiosoglous** –London,  
(daughter of John & Christine  
Kiosoglous – Adelaide)



George Adgemis, Michele Kiosoglous, Louise, George Maria Katris, Jodie Fox, John C Adgemis Stephen & Elena Adgemis

#### **Thank-You**

Louise & Yiorgo would like to thank members of their family and friends from Athens, London and Australia who attended the wedding.

#### **Committee Members Overseas**

Our Secretary **Maria Katris** flew to Greece in mid-September 2004 for the wedding of her daughter, Louise. Maria enjoyed two months overseas, in Greece, Kastellorizo and Rhodes, and a tour of Prague (Czechoslovakia) and Poland, with her son George and his fiancée Jodie.

In 2004, our Vice-President, **Jasmin Verginis**, spent over 5 months traveling overseas; Greece, Rhodes, and Kastellorizo, as well as a quick trip to France.

#### **LOOKING FOR GENEROUS KASTELLORIZIAN SPONSORS**

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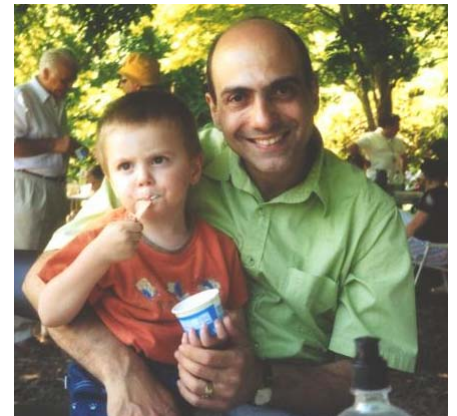
#### **WEDDING**



**On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2005 – Marriage of John Karis and Sally McMahon. The ceremony and reception were held at the stately Victorian Barwon Heads Golf Club. John is our much appreciated I.T. Manager and a member of committee. Congratulations John & Sally.**

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTY/PICNIC**

**At "Como Gardens" with Santa 12th December 2004.**



More Xmas photos to appear in next issue.

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**Info:** The introduction page, providing an outline of the island's history and detailing other relevant information.

**Events:**

An events page, which shows forthcoming Greek or Cassie-connected cultural events and functions, being held in Melbourne.

**Links:**

Links to other Kastellorizian websites and organizations, world-wide. Links to Greek or Kazzie related, sporting or cultural activities in Melbourne.

**Membership:**

A register of all members.  
A register of all known Victorians of Kastellorizian background, – a WHO'S WHO format.  
A Kastellorizian Business and Professional register, continually updated.  
Business Advertising.  
A register of "New Members" i.e. Newborn -with photo.

**Contact details:**

By email, fax or post.  
Membership can be paid by credit card via email or fax or by phone.

**Library:** On the Web;

A register of all books, articles and writings on Kastellorizo and the Kastellorizians.

Published Articles written by Kastellorizians.

Any school writings or projects by our children, which describe the history of Kastellorizian parents or grandparents.

Any outstanding school projects or writings by our children. Each article will be tagged with name, school, year & photo.

Any well executed opinion piece will be published on the site.

Just email, fax or post in their work, with their photo so that all our younger members can keep track of each other.

Within the Club Rooms;  
Aim to establish a comprehensive library of materials, books, records.

**The Kazzie Kitchen:**

A compilation of authentic Kazzie recipes from the kitchens of our ladies in Victoria. Each recipe tagged with name of contributor, the Cassie-connection of the contributor, a little bit of history of the recipe (mother's or grandmother's recipe etc), the Melbourne suburb in which the contributor lives.

**Awards:**

Winners of *Castellorizian of the Year Award*, since inception.  
Biography of each recipient.

**Newsletters:**

Current Newsletters.  
Archive of old Newsletters when possible.

**Photo Gallery:**

Photos contributed by our members.  
A Current section and Historical section.

We will scan member's old photographs onto CD'S then onto the Website. Or you scan them and email them to us. Include captions.

**Sports and the Arts:**

A register of Kastellorizians in Sport or the Arts, including information on sporting achievements, information on writers, artists, musicians, actors, and their experiences.

**Costumes, Customs and Traditions:**

Photographs and descriptions from published sources, as well as projects written at school by our children, sourced from interviews with their grandparents or great-grandparents.

**Genealogy:**

A Kastellorizian Genealogy with coded access. Only paid-up members of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria who have contributed their family tree will be able to access this information.

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In September 2004, the Sunday Age chose to interview the six young Melbournians above for a four page feature article on "Generation Y". Nick Verginis (son of Jasmin Verginis and George Verginis) and Nick's wife, Sarah Austin, were among the six interviewed.

Some small (and large) excerpts follow: 'Tuned in, turned off. They're young, smart, and have the world at their feet. But do they really want it? To generation-Y (aged 13 to 28) the world is an uncertain place- and for many of them, that's not such a bad thing.'

In the interview Nick is quoted, ' "Our generation thinks anything is possible because we look past constraints imposed on previous generations. We hear the economic rationalist theology which dogs people 30 to 40, but we are not taken in by it. We are realistic, so that when management talks like that, we see through it." Professor Johanna Wyn, the director of Melbourne University's Australian Youth Resources Centre, which has studied 2000 Y-gen twentysomethings, agrees. "They have their eyes wide open," she says. "They really are looking at things differently to previous generations. They are the most educated young people ever and they have been made to stay at school longer." She calls them the "Don't Lock Me In Generation".

"They understand there's no point putting all your hope in one thing, because everything is changing," she says, "They don't want to be stamped with a label, like 'plumber'. That's the old model. It doesn't fit the world. They opt for experience. They're secretly smarter than we think." Smarter and clear-eyed, and visionary enough to garner the tag 'echo boomers'. This is a reference to the fact that many were born to baby boomer parents, and have, on the surface at least, '60s-like' traits. But whereas challenging the hype of powerful institutions tended to be a

boomer fad, it can be a way of survival for Y-gen, which has been so hammered by marketing that they side-step spin.' This Article appeared in the Age the week Nick gave up a future partnership possibility in a city law firm for a significantly lesser paying position in the legal branch of the Premier's Department of the Victorian Government. At night he studies Policy and other political subjects.

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### Kastellorizian Choir

You Don't Have to be Maria Callas  
or Pavarotti

I am inviting all those interested in singing, to join me in creating a Kastellorizian Choir.

Community singing can be a wonderful experience for the pure joy of singing. The aim of the choir will be to learn to sing a combination of different Kastellorizian songs together with other popular Greek/English songs. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn how to sing in Greek. Our songs are beautiful and this will be a way of keeping them alive. If you are at all interested please contact me on Tel 9555 1716  
Mobile 0402253244  
Email [ckoutsoukis@mssociety.com.au](mailto:ckoutsoukis@mssociety.com.au)  
Cheers Chrysanthi Koutsoukis

### ROTARY CENTENARY

This year is the centenary of Rotary. To mark the occasion an Australian legal tender commemorative coin has been struck by the Perth Mint and will be released soon. **Paul Gregory** was the driving force in bringing this project to fruition. It is the only coin to be minted worldwide to commemorate the centenary of Rotary. The uncirculated coin is a large silver dollar and 100,000 coins will be released for the worldwide market.

### ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

This column will be dedicated to advertising any shows, performances etc that you may be involved in.

You must get the information to us so that we can advertise it for you. There is a lot of talent out there and I'm sure that free advertising will help to promote your productions, whatever they may be.

**Your Roving Reporter** I'm looking for someone who would like to be a reporter for the **Entertainment Guide**.

**It would be a chance to use your talents in developing this role into a gig guide guru. Contact me if you are interested. Cheers Chrysanthi Koutsoukis.**

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### The Soubrettes.

**Variety Hour & a Half** will be performing once again in the Comedy Festival. The show promises to be extremely entertaining with guests such as Tania Kyriakou and Alice Carter who make up The Soubrettes, Michael Dalley from Vaudeville X, Steg & Durt, Lani Castan, Will Poskitt, Josh Abrahams, Seymour, Princess Sputnik, Boner Ballet & The Town Bikes. The show starts at 8.00pm at 25 Bennetts Lane Melbourne beginning from March 27, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> (& every Sunday after that). Ticket Master 7 Tel 1300 660013

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Nick Verginis: Music Composer.

Sarah Austin: Director.

Eleni Gogos: Set Designer.

**RED SCOOTER** was announced as Function Venue of the year at The 2004 Restaurant & Catering Victoria Awards for Excellence held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2004.

Red Scooter is run by Eamon and Flora (nee Adgemis) Hamilton.



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## FANOGRAPHY



**Name** Alex Marcou  
**Nickname** Marcel (Marceau). I didn't talk much when I went to Carlton.  
**Occupation** Fashion agent  
**Committee member** Past players association  
**Age** 46  
**Height** 178 cm  
**Playing weight** 76 kg  
**Current weight** 83 kg  
**Clubs** Carlton, St Kilda  
**Games** 158  
**Goals** 165  
**Premierships** 1979, 1981, 1982  
**State games** 3  
**Brownlow votes** 20  
**Game rituals** None  
**Recruited from:** Thomastown  
**Memorabilia** 3 Premiership jumpers, Premiership medallions, Players Premiership plates and montages.  
**My best coach** Alex Jesaulenko had the most influence on me. We could have won 4 premierships in a row if he remained coach. David Parkin – the best tactical coach.  
**Best Greek players** Daicos – Brilliant. People don't realise how good and how damaging he was.  
**If Demetriou was my cousin** I'd dance a zorba with him.  
**Greek Team Of Century** It's a buzz! Just a fantastic honour.  
**Greek footballers in the '80s** It was hard work. People called you names when we were playing. The Greek players stuck together a lot. Great! It'd be fantastic.  
**Footy souvlaki Grand Final?** Brisbane vs. Pt Adelaide  
**2005 Prediction** Carlton 10+ wins  
**Did you know?** I was in the Fitzroy Cheer Squad.

# Louie captains the centurions

Collingwood's legendary 1953 premiership captain Lou Richards was named captain of the Greek Team of the Century, at the Athlos gala charity dinner last Thursday.

The Richards-Pannam dynasty, which boasts the greatest family record in VFL/AFL history, had an astounding five representatives in the team, including Ron Richards as coach.

Over 530 people attended the lavish black-tie event, including sports minister Justin Madden, Lord Mayor John So, media personality Red Symons, and most of the 55 VFL/AFL players of Hellenic background. Athlos patron and AFL CEO Andrew Demetriou was named on the wing. In his address he declared that "I doubt we will ever have this experience ever again in our lifetime".

TV news presenters Angela Pappas and George Donikian hosted the event. Pappas summed up the mood of the evening, announcing that, "The Brownlow is for blondes. But tonight is for brunettes!"

Over \$50,000 was raised for the Hellenic Australian Sports Foundation scholarships, to be granted to young Greek sportspeople.

The Greek Team of the Century was selected by the Athlos committee, headed by chairman Chris Pavlou, the former Carlton winger and current board member. They also consulted football legends Ron Barassi and David Parkin.

There was a total of 55 players to choose from, who played 3,521 games for 2,997 goals between them. Thirteen players represented Victoria, and eleven were premiership players. Murray Thompson MP presented the players with commemorative jumpers and medallions.

Peter Daicos and Anthony Koutoufides were named as vice-captains of the team. Daicos is one of the most revered players in the history of the game, and was named at Full Forward. He kicked 549 career goals, including 97 goals in Collingwood's famous 1990 premiership season. Daicos said he was proud to be there "to honour the sacrifices that my parents made".

Koutoufides is Carlton's captain, a premiership player, all-Australian representative and AFLPA award winner. He said, "It's a great honour for me to be presented with this and be alongside some superstars here. It's an honour that I'll look back at forever in my life."

Both proudly received



A unique assembly of Greek football talent. The 'Greek Team of the Century' group photo.

their awards with their families in the audience, before being mobbed for autographs and photos.

Hawthorn's Angelo Lekkas was the other current player to make the team. However Geelong midfielder Paul Koulouriotis was presented with the Hellenic Australian Sports Foundation 'Player of the future award.' Koulouriotis is the newest Greek sensation in the AFL. Since breaking into the Geelong side in round 17, he has collected at least 22 possessions in each of his last four games, and been amongst the best on ground. He will be a vital link in the Cats finals assault.

There were surprises in the heritage eligibility of some players. Most notably was the blond hair blue-eyed Russell Morris named at centre-half-back. His great-great-great-great grandfather was Greek. "So I'm Greek!" said the 159 game premiership and all-Australian player. Morris announced that he was even vilified on the field when called a "wog poofter".

Luke Beveridge qualified on the interchange as his grandfather came from Samos.

The Richards' grandfather Charlie Pannam (shortened from Pannamopoulos) was Greek, and six of the family played a record 939 VFL games, kicking 1184 goals and winning 8 premierships between them. Lou was unable to attend the event but his little brother Ron accepted the honour on his behalf. Ron was also named as coach of the 'Greek Team of the Century,' having coached the Magpies reserves to a premiership

and being the only undefeated senior coach.

There was another family connection in the team, with cousins George Lakes and Vasil Varlamos being named in the back pocket and half back flank respectively.

Scholarship funds were raised by the auction of many items and memorabilia. One eager fan, believed to be a prominent committee member, bid a total of \$12,000 for Pavart paint-

ings of Daicos and Koutoufides plus a signed commemorative jumper

Sports Minister Justin Madden celebrated the evening with a 'toast to all things Greek', and said he "wouldn't be surprised to see similar nights like this coming out of many other cultural groups, because of the great success that this has been".

One thing is certain; it was Greek footy's night of the century!

## VFL/AFL GREEK TEAM OF THE CENTURY

