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#### Kastellorizian of The Year 2005

#### Prof. Ernest D. Hondros COM.

Pictured below in receipt of his KOY award on Saint Constantine & Helen's Day 22nd May 2005. He is surrounded by close family, and the President of our Association. Read the full transcript of Professor Hondros' inspirational speech on Page 2.

Below: L. to R. Peter Hondros, Professor Ernest Hondros (London-U.K.), Mary Corones (nee Hondros, QLD), Constantine Hondros (QLD), Tess Hondros, Angeliki Andreou (Mary's Grand-daughter), Helen C. Hondros



#### JOHN MANGOS

#### MASTER OF CEREMONIES at the KASTELLORIZIAN 80TH ANNIVERSARY BALL on 8th OCTOBER 2005.

John is looking forward to this night, and a reunion with family. How many relatives do you have living Interstate, who could use this weekend as an excuse to be with family, and to be filmed for our Archives?



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE PAGE 2:

#### <u>Important dates:</u>

For the 8th OCTOBER: Tickets to the 80TH Anniversary Ball are now selling. Thirty tables have been booked already. The Committee will be contacting these members for payment. Those who have not booked vet, please phone now. Ph. 9853 8582. We would like to fill the room with a broad representation of Kastellorizian families, before we take sales to the wider community. Details of how to buy tickets on Page 2.

#### For the 7th AUGUST:

An Information Session has been organised at the Club on Sunday 4.00 pm 7th August. Michele Kiosoglous will talk on the latest procedures for making c property claims on Kastellorizo, and related issues.

Free attendance to all members.

#### For SEPTEMBER:

Our Club is organising a group booking to see the Martin Scorseze movie -"Nifes"-as part of the Antipodes Film Festival. Details of ticket price have not been advised to us yet. If interested Ph. Maria Katris (W) 860 3811 (H) 9584 5559

#### **OUR FIRST BALL SINCE 1985**

- You have been saving for 20 years, for this night.
- ◆ All who attend will be filmed for our Archives.
- ◆ You will see Historic 16mm movie film from Picnics of 1935 & 1941
- See the screening of milestones photos of Kazzies in Victoria from 1925 to 2005.
- See clips from the 60th Anniversary Ball
- Those who attend the Ball will be given free, the Commemorative 80th Anniversary Historical Book
- Be sure to take your place in the historic filming of Kastellorizians in Victoria at the beginning of this century. Bring your family.

Don't miss out!

#### **Presidents Column**

Dear Fellow Members this year (for those of you who do not know) is the 80th year of continuous operation of our Club in Victoria. As you should all be aware by now that we are having a celebration to mark this milestone. This celebration will see a virtual changing of the guard for our association, it is with great respect that we see the reigns passing from the founders to the next generation (baby boomers), we should be taking advantage of this celebration to introduce the next generation of our families to the heritage and culture many of them missed upon, two of my sons who have visited Kastellorizo now have their heritage well and truly in their system. It is extremely important that the assets that our club founders have entrusted to us do not just pass on to a few loyal patrons. We are in a building phase of the association and are looking to the wider brighter future and what we can all do for each other being that we have such a wealth of knowledge and contacts as well as the common background that distinguishes us from any other Greek Australians or Australian Greeks. We are a truly unique breed of Kastellorizian Australian, with extremely high standard of ethics, achievement, and family values. For that we must preserve our heritage and to have a base outside Australia in such a remote part of the world would be prudent by any standard. We are continuously keeping our eyes open for the opportunity to expand to a bigger and better club. But now is the time to celebrate our past and present. It is time that we show our families and friends that we are conscious of the importance of this achievement by our fore fathers and to honor them with our attendance at this celebration. So now it up to you YES, everyone to gather the whole family cast aside any differences and disagreements show yourselves, how proud Kastellorizians can come together for a milestone celebration and not just the usual family disasters, stand up one and all and be at this celebration. It is time to open the family wallet and all be present this is the first function that you have had to dip into your wallet for in the three years that I have been President. Information to hand is that some of the Kazzies who have been living interstate will be coming home for this once in a lifetime get together.

This function will also be a viewing of our young talented musicians. So anyone wishing to put up their hand to be involved may register their interest urgently with myself John Adgemis on 0408 547 660 or Nick

Adgemis who will co-ordinate all who want to showcase their talent (Why Nick? He is a music graduate from Monash and has been playing professionally in a Greek Band and a Jazz Band around Melbourne and the Pacific Rim for approximately five years) currently he is teaching music within the school system,. Nick will report to the committee whether it is possible to put together a professional performance in time for the celebration. Should it not be possible, we will hold it over to a later date and have an evening with our youth.

In this news letter we have also informed you that the tickets for our function are limited and we are offering them to Kazzies first before they are offered to the wider public so, please pay for them by credit card and or cheque quickly as we would not like to see any fellow Kastellorizian disappointed. We will be having video and Still Photographers at the function. From the pre bookings to date this promises to be a sellout

## Kazzie Properties not wanted by their owners

There has been a suggestion at committee level that we the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Inc., make suggestion to its members who legally have property claims on Kastellorizo and do not have the capacity to claim the said title could donate them to the club and we would do the necessary paperwork and cover the legal cost to claim the property for our Kastellorizian Association of Victoria Inc., so we can put together a large enough parcel of land to develop a hotel for our members. We welcome any correspondence from you regarding this idea.

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TRADITIONAL
KAZZIE
COSTUMES
needed for the Ball
with girls who can
wear them, and are
willing to perform a
Kazzie Sousta.
Phone Cynthia
Koutsoukis
0402 253 244
9555 1716 (AH)

## TICKET SALE INFORMATION

As already discussed via the Kazzie Grapevine, the cost of the Tickets to our exciting 80th Anniversary Ball, the Ball we haven't had for 20 years, the Ball which will film you and your family for the Kastellorizian archives; give you the screening of a 16mm movie film of

80 year old grandmothers when they were sexy teenagers; let you see, now balding sagging Grand-dads, when they were spunky virile young males; and lots more......will only cost \$125 per person.

We have received mixed feedback regarding the cost of the ticket. Please consider the enormous time, effort and money involved in chasing, recording and displaying your history, in ways which will be accessible to your children and grandchildren in the future. A written and properly archived record should have been compiled by the previous generations, when the early migrants were still around. The money we spend on this project will be money well spent. The committee is not expecting to make

The committee is not expecting to make a profit on this night. We hope to breakeven. The benefits will be all yours.

Our Senior Club members are, rightly, concerned about the cost of the ticket. We have consulted with the President of the Seniors Club, to find a way to subsidise the Senior's tickets by helping their Club apply for a Grant. This 80th Celebration is an Historical and a Cultural project which will develop and consolidate our Kastellorizian archives, so funding will be available to us.

The cost to the young in our community is also of concern. We have not requested Tuxedos/Dinner Suits to be the standard of dress at the Ball because we do not want to burden our Youth, with the additional cost of hiring a suit.

Lounge Suit will be the requested attire for males. In order for parents to ensure that all their children are in attendance on the night, we have suggested that parents pay a portion of the young people's ticket, the balance would be an amount that the young usually spend, when they go out with friends. That way, they will have some input into the night (going on the premise that 'anything free is usually not valued') and the burden of cost will be shared.

See ticket booking details above.

Australian Greek named next WA governor



## CONGRATULATIONS Dr Ken Michael AM CitWA, our KASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR in 2002 is to be the next Governor of Western Australia.

Ken was also awarded the Western Australian Citizen of the Year Award in the year 2001.

Dr Ken Michael AM cit.WA, who was the 2001 Recipient for the Professions was born in Western Australia of Kastellorizian parents on the 12 April 1938.

He gained a Bachelor of Engineering (with First Class honours in Civil Engineering) from the University of Western Australia and then joined Main Roads Western Australia.

From 1964 - 1968, Dr Michael studied at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, where he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in engineering from the University of London. From 1961 - 1982, Dr Michael held various positions in the design, construction and management of roads and bridges.

From this time onwards, he was extensively involved in the management of Western Australia's road and bridge infrastructure. He held various corporate and executive positions culminating in his appointment in April 1991 as Commissioner of Main Roads, and was responsible for the management and development of the State's road network. In that capacity he was a member of the Western Australian Planning Commission until his retirement from this position in August 1997.

Over the period August 1993 - September 1994 Dr Michael was appointed Public Service Commissioner until the repeal of the Public Service Act on 1 October 1994 - a position he held concurrently with that of the

Commissioner of Main Roads.

In August 1997 following his retirement Dr Michael established Ken Michael Consulting offering consulting services in management and engineering including Project Director of the Acacia Prison.

Dr Michael was a member of the University of Western Australia Senate from March 1998. Following that appointment, he became Pro-Chancellor and in 2001 was appointed Chancellor of the University.

Dr Ken Michael is married to Julie, daughter of the late Con Nikola Kalafatas, and they have two children - Phillipa and Justin.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To <u>info@kastellorizo.com.au</u> From Stan Piperoglou Canberra 7 June 2005

RE: ANNUAL CASTELLORIZIAN LECTURE

#### **Rationale**

The Castellorizian Association has, amongst other matters been active in recent years in:

- improving the communication links between it and its members
- reminding its membership of Castellorizian traditions and how such traditions have further evolved in the Australian context,
- in recognizing the individual achievements of Castellorizian both to the Castellorizian community and wider society.

Despite their relatively small numbers Castellorizians have made and are continuing to make a significant contribution to the development of the Melbourne (and the nation) as an open, cosmopolitan, economically vibrant, and tolerant city. Society is in general unaware of this contribution. It would be advantageous for both individual Castellorizians in terms of professional, business and social links and the Association in general to encourage more formal networking with the wider community.

#### **Proposal**

As part of its strategic planning, and linking into its broader vision the Association could consider sponsoring/endowing/organising an annual Castellorizian lecture which would be open to the general community to attend. The lecturer could be given by a notable man or woman who has gravitas within the wider community on a topic which is of current interest but in

some way linked to the development of Melbourne as a vibrant culturally diverse city (with Castellorizian overtones). In time, giving the lecture should be seen as an honour by the person

giving it and seen as a notable community event.

The person(s) -preferably a Castellorizian- who introduces and thanks the lecturer could show-case Castellorizian achievements. This showcasing could also be supported by a printed matter (a booklet/program) which could be developed for the event. A communication strategy could also be developed in terms of "selling" the event to the media and a wider audience.

This would be aided by gravitas of the person who has been selected to give the lecture. The lecture could be seen as the "Castellorizian Gift" to the local community.

#### Cost

The organisation of the lecture need not be an expensive proposition. Invitations, a suitable venue, the publications surrounding the event, and a supper would be the main outlays.

Final comment:

I understand the Association will be celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary later in the year. The Association may consider formally announcing the annual lecture proposal at the celebratory ball and perhaps the inaugural lecturer.

To info@kastellorizo.com.au From Constantino J Kotzias Brazil 25 April 2005

Kalispera sas Patriotis

Eime Vrazilianos, o papous mou eine apo to Kastellorizo irthe stin Vrazilia 1918.

Edo akoma iparxei peripou 30 eikoguenies apo to Kastellorizo. I proti heliniki kinotita stin Vrazilia eine Kastellorizios, kani 122 xronon.

Papous Ioanis Dimitris Kotzias Yiayia Christina Theodorou (prin to gamo).

Xeretismous se olous Kastellorizios.

Constantino Jorge Kotzias Kotzias@ig.com.br

The above email arrived as a response to the April Newsletter being placed on our Website. Mr Kotzias was trawling the Internet when he found us.

Con't from page 3.A loose translation follows: I am a Brazilian, my Grandfather is from Kastellorizo and came to Brazil in 1918. Here there are still approx. 30 families from Kastellorizo. The first Greek Community here in Brazil was Kastellorizian and it is 122 years old. My Grandfather's name was John Dimitris Kotzias, my Grandmother was

Christina Theodorou (maiden name). Regards to all Kastellorizians. Con George Kotzias.

{Maria Katris thinks that this man is her Grandmother-Mangos sister's grandchild }

Since this email, our Website and Newsletter have been notified to Kastellorizians in South Africa.

From Kosta Papoutsis U.S.A.

8th May 2005

Kosta was surfing the Internet when he came across our Website and read the April Newsletter about Louise Katris marrying his great nephew Yiorgo Karayiannis.. He found the

phone number for Maria Katris in the Newsletter and was able to phone Australia to introduce himself. And

enjoy a chat with Maria's Dad.



Palace Cinemas in conjunction with the Antipodes Festival, Greek Festival of Sydney and Greek Orthodox Church of St George Brisbane, Presents the 13th GREEK FILM FESTIVAL.

Opening night film is the highly acclaimed 'Brides' ("NΥΦΕΣ") on the 7th September [Greek & English Language]. Phone Maria Katris 0438 045 559 or 9584 5559 if you want to join us in a group booking.

Set in 1922, 'Brides' is the story of Niki, a seamstress from Samothrace on her way to America with 700 other mail order brides aboard the SS KING ALEXANDER. On the ship she falls in love with Norman – an American photographer.

The Greek film festival highlights the most exciting films produced in Greece over the last 12 months. Advance ticket sales will be available early August.

www.greekfilmfestival.com.au







As part of our 80 year celebrations we would like to showcase the very beautiful Kazzie costumes. If you have any items which you would be happy for us to use on this special night, please contact Cynthia Koutsoukis 0402 253 244 9555 1716 AH

We realise how precious these pieces are and will make sure that they are returned safely to you.

Cynthia and Jasmin.

The Dancing Group is being rejuvenated. Several people have expressed interest and now it is your opportunity to get involved. Please phone Cynthia





Above, is a lovely Pontian girl with "attitood", wearing her traditional costume for a dance performance at the Pontian Club, Brunswick.



## 80th ANNIVERSARY

#### KASTELLORIZIAN 80TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK



The picture above, gives a rough idea of the design which we are planning to use on the cover of the Booklet which will commemorate the 80th Anniversary of our Club.

The symbolism of the old lady, balanced on a pile of rocks juggling her dual ethnicity, the old country and the new, is a dramatic analogy of the early migrant experience in Australia.

Each of us can draw a different understanding from this covering page. Those who know, will instantly recognise the "Kyra tis Rho", the Kastellorizian woman who has come to symbolise, in Greece, the passion of national pride, at the very edge of their borders.

As Australians living at the edge of the world, we can draw endless meanings from this image.

80TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE ONLY TO THOSE WHO ATTEND THE BALL.

#### THANK YOU.

The programme committee wishes to thank those who have so far donated to our call for financial help in order to create the 80th Anniversary Commemorative book.

The cheques received have been very generous and show that there are Kazzies in the community who want our project to be successful.

Thank you!

Speak to your friends and relatives and keep those cheques rolling in.

Individuals who send in cheques of \$100 or more will have their names recorded in the Anniversary publication.

Businesses which send in cheques of \$100, or more, and details of their business and trading name, will be recorded in the book and given space proportional to the amount of money which is sent in.

We want your business to be advertised to fellow Kastellorizians so that they can support you.

Receipts will be issued as advertising cost for taxation purposes.

We need to see all Kazzie operated businesses listed in this book.

Let's make it a comprehensive catalogue of the types of Businesses/Trades/Professions that Kastellorizians were engaged in, at the beginning of this century.

Don't be left out.

#### TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

As explained on page 2 and repeated here – the cost of the tickets to our exciting 80th Anniversary Ball, the Ball we haven't had for 20 years; the Ball which will film you and your family for the Kastellorizian Archives; will give you the screening of 16mm movie film of 80 year old grandmothers when they were sexy teenagers; let you see now balding, sagging Granddads when they were spunky virile young males; and lots more........ will only cost \$125 per person.

In order for you and your families to be part of this, we need your bookings now and your seats to be paid by mid - August.

We have already got 30 tables booked. We will not release the sale of further seats until our Kastellorizian community has booked and paid for their seats. There is a lot of interest in the wider community. Our non-Kazzie friends are keen to be part of this cultural night. In fact, part of the 16mm film which we are screening shows our Aussie boys going off to war, down Swanston St, in 1941. The film was recorded by a Kazzie, George Karpouzis, and forms part of the history of all Australians. So this night is of interest to a very broad range of people.

We buy Opera tickets and Theatre tickets a **year** in advance. Paying for your tickets to this Ball is only two months in advance.

Further details page 2. Phone No.for Bookings: 9853 8582

## 80th ANNIVERSARY

#### A PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY

of our 80 years in Victoria is being compiled by George Verginis, who has been going door-to-door, visiting our older citizens and gathering photographic Milestone memories to screen on the night of our 80th celebration.

If your family has old photos which you consider to represent a milestone, or significant occasion, in the History of Kastellorizians in Victoria, please phone George (0417) 542 224.

The club has invested in a portable computer and scanner for the purpose of going to people's homes and scanning their valuable old photos straight into a DVD Burner. The photos don't need to leave your home now. All this is being done for the 80th celebration.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR FAMILY IS REPRESENTED IN THE COMMEMORATIVE BOOK. If you have valuable old photos to enter phone George: (0417) 542 224

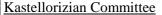
Above: Kazzie Committee R-L:
John C (Pitsikas) Mangos, Stavros
Koufos, Michael Kambouris, Mick
Kanis, George Simeons, Eugene Gorman
(Consul f. Greece), John Vasili Adgemis,
Emmanuel Fermanis, Con Zervos.



On R: Peter M
Mangos &
Peter J Kanis
collecting for
the Allies
Appeal. 1942
Outside
Melbourne
Town Hall.



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L-R: Tom Adgemis,

Mick Mangos,

Steve Salakas,

Jim S Voyage,

Emmanuel Fermanis,

Father Theofilaktos,

George Karpouzis (Pres.)

Dimitris Paltoglou Snr., George

Hetrelezis,

John Adgemis Snr.,

George Symons (Simeon), Peter

Paltoglou. 1937



## October 8th

Kanis , Fermanis, Mangos, Amonis Families and John Spartels with John Kanis holding baby Con Kanis.



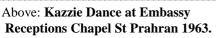
Above; Kazzie Picnic Warrandyte 1936: .From L-R Manolis

Fermanis, Con Fermanis, Rita & Katina Fermanis, Mick Mangos, Chrissy Mangos(?). On the R.side of the table, from the back: Maria Fermanis (seated) and standing L-R, Samfo Malaxos, Cherry Mangos, Nina Koutsoukis (Kyriakou), Nina G Koutsoukis barely visible, Nina Nick Koutsoukis, Mary M Mangos, Daisy Mangos, Peggy M Fermanis, Krystalla Kanis, Seated: L-R girl?, Maria E Mangos, Elefteri Mangos, Mick Kanis, John Kanis.



At left: Paul Zervos at the Kassie Ball in 1956, held at the Masonic Temple, Albert Rd Sth Melbourne.

Who has got the courage to do this again??



Current names: L-R: Despina S Lucas, Evelyn Papos, Xenia Kranitis, Sandra Varvodic, Maria Katris, Yvonne Constance.

Kastellorizian Ladies Society 1967 Ball. At Right Current names from L-R: Cynthia Scotis, Despina C Lucas, Evelyn Apostolopoulos, Christine Christopher, Margaret Moraitis, Celestine Coutoupes, Betty Lucas, Christine Dimer, Maria Katris, Vera

Constance, Helen Koutsoukis.



Full transcript of address by Ernest D Hondros to the meeting of the Kastellorizian Association of Victoria, 22 May 2005, on the occasion of the Kastellorizian of The Year Award, 2005.

#### ......WE KASTELLORIZIANS.....

#### 1. THE AWARD

My dear fellow Kastellorizians -

Thank you all for this unique, delightful accolade: this is a great honour. I am not sure that I deserve it - ( I bet that's what all the recipients say!) however, being just another vain Kassy, I heartily and gratefully accept it; but being also a proud Kassy, I shall cherish it, Mr Chairman, as the greatest of all compliments that we Kastellorizians - we few, we merry few, we band of brothers - can receive, and when colleagues see this on my desk and ask what it is about, I shall pompously reply "this is an award which you can never hope to achieve!".

I am told by our charming Organisers that I must indulge myself in some autobiographical remarks: but before doing so, we should all first congratulate all the young V.C.E.Award recipients, in the wish that they all go forth to great achievement, for their own fulfillment - and for which we shall all be proud.

Not forgetting to add our thanks to the hard working volunteers - the Chairman and the Committee who make these events possible and indeed to all those who have striven over the past 80 years to ensure the survival under difficult circumstances and success of this great Brotherhood - it is a credit to them and they are in turn a credit to all Kassies.

## 2. THE MYSTIQUE OF KASTELLORIZO

We here today all have one thing in common which brings us together: to various degrees, we can trace our origins - our bloodline - to a rocky little lonely outpost of an island in the south-east of the Aegean Sea. An



Island sentinel; barren but beautiful; proud and independent; over the centuries knowing intermittently a flourishing prosperity due to the enterprise of its people and mingled with poverty and depredation brought about by plunder and war -(only in the 20th Century, at least five different national flags have flown in turn over the Castle! ). An Island that produced nothing - except, it is said, pallikaria - and great sailors who traded in four masted bargues from the Black Sea to the western Mediterranean; brave, plucky little island that dared to throw in its lot in the Greek War of Independence but did not achieve liberty until more than a hundred years later; that declared itself an autonomous State with its own flag and postage stamps; that evolved its own rich culture - its music, dance, costume, poetry and folklore.

Friends, I could go on in this vein for a long time.

Over the years, a strange mystique has enveloped our island: in spite of the calamities it has suffered, the pain and isolation, there still lingers an invisible thread attaching us to our island roots, and for ever drawing us back - a love that is buried deep in our genetic makeup. How else can we explain the present gathering of several generations of Kastellorizans, most of whom are not born in the island?

How else can we explain ( now speaking on a personal level), our annual

family pilgrimage over several decades to the Mandraky where we learned to swim as kids and where my children learned to swim.

We all must have anecdotes that illustrate this Mystique of Megiste. For example, my dear father toiled for years in the unforgiving Australian bush, and in the sugar plantations in the tropics of the North and survived the inhospitable climate, both physical and social, by the single clear dream of a return to Kastellorizo, to its beckoning



blue, crystalline waters - which he did (and incidentally begot a family and promptly lost his fortune and just in time scuttled back to Australia to avoid a vicious war.)

#### 3 OUR ENDOWMENT

For the young Kassies among us, let me declare these sentiments -

The values and the mind-set which have guided and inspired me in the many

decades of international professional life owe much to our Kastellorizian heritage.

Among these values - our mutual endowment, consider:

The **strong work ethic:** in the early days this was closely linked to family

responsibilities back home. Let us not forget that our early forebears arrived in Australia under very difficult circumstances and the economic prosperity which we see today did not exist then. In the early wave around 1910, they were in effect desperate refugees from an Ottoman regime in a state of collapse, now making the conditions of life on the island very difficult, with a government set upon repealing the ancient privileges of the Dodecanese and preparing to press the young men of military age into the Turkish army. The horror of this prompted our forebears to flee in great numbers, many of them landing on these shores which at least gave them the opportunity of work - hard work in order to open up the country. Armed with this strong work ethic, and an intelligent, enterprising spirit, they took up the challenge and prospered.

A bursting self-confidence: individualistic; argumentative bordering onto arrogance; (ignorance has never disbarred a Kastellorizian from giving an opinion or making a long speech!). There is no such thing as a tonguetied Kassy. However look upon this as a positive virtue - responsibly, it can be turned to advantage.

**Heightened ambition**: nothing lay beyond the wildest dreams of these agitated and sprightly little bandylegged Kassies!

The Tribal Attachment: especially in the Diaspora, the strong bonds which provided mutual security in difficult days, which Laurence Durrell described as the "clannishness of the Castellorizians"; (in former times, all Kassies in the Diaspora referred to each other as "cousin".)

Pride in our Origins and Heritage: in my case, declaring in official documents Kastellorizo as my place of origin always raised interesting questions - now even those neo-Athenians, who once despised anything outside of Athens, have a great admiration for our island - probably for the wrong reasons!

Kassies - armed with this set of val-

ues we can face any challenge!.

#### 4. SCIENTIFIC ODYSSEY

Our organisers had asked me to talk about myself and my career: this is a difficult speech for anyone ( even a Kassie ) to make - but here goes:

Melbourne in the 1950's: Let me remind you that the Melbourne of my student days in the 1950's was very different from the cosmopolitan, thrusting commercial city of today. Then, it was more of a neat, provincial hick city. The Kastellorizians congregated in the Lonsdale Street premises of the Brotherhood to escape in chatter and a game of cards from the suffocating "Wasp" establishment that considered anything outside horse racing, beer drinking and football as evidence of a decadent, woggish plonk culture. It will surprise you to learn that there existed then a rather mean and patronising attitude towards immigrants from a war-torn Europe, as if to say,

" at least they are not Asiatics, but they should be kept in their place as good factory fodder."

In spite of this, a good number of young Greeks of my generation, (many pushed by their parents), ventured into Melbourne University, most of whom went into law and medicine which at that time offered lucrative opportunities. There were exciting events at the University, especially in the Public Lecture Theatre where I had the distinct honour of being accused by the then Prime Minister Bob Menzies as being "a typical radical rabble raiser". Also I found the occasion to edit the "Melbourne University Magazine" - the only thing I had in common with Menzies.

Yet the exciting future seemed outside Australia and many young people, some with idealistic and even romantic motives, streamed to Europe, fascinated by our historic cultural inheritance. For my part, I felt greatly attracted by the enormous hope being offered by the sciences, especially the nuclear sciences, which had more promise for a better world than being

simply the mindless plaything of stupid politicians. I studied the internal structure of matter in terms of atomic arrangements and how this determines the properties of engineered structures, such as pressure vessels or turbine engines. Then it seemed a natural step to flee to Europe, to continue my interests on a challenging international platform.

Paris in the Early 1960's: The laboratories where radioactivity was first studied in Paris are close to the Sorbonne on the Left Bank. Here I discovered intellectual scientific delights, flavoured by the numerous artistic and sensory delights of the city - a bachelor youth and the Left Bank are a toxic mix. In spite of the many distractions, I completed and defended my Doctorate. Now fearful that the siren hold of Paris might become a trap for the unwary, I fled - with some hesitation for further afield.

London in the 1960's and 1970,s: In spite of the atrocious cuisine at that time, there was a cool and serious tone about London, where I was attracted to a Research Establishment which had helped to develop radar during the war, and pioneered computer sciences - here Alan Turing built the ACE computer, the largest computer of its time, which contained millions of electronic valves and occupied a room the size of a cathedral. Needless to say its capacity was equivalent to a modern desk top computer!

Here, for a number of years, leading a lively research Laboratory with international connections, we worked on and made some advances into the fundamental properties of modern materials such as high performance alloys for extreme applications as used in advanced engineering and chemical practice.

The European Commission Laboratories in the 1980's and 1990's: In the Netherlands and in Italy, I was engaged in directing Laboratories with interests in the peaceful applications of nuclear energies and in particular the materials that could withstand the harsh environments of nuclear energy generation both in the conventional Nuclear Fission mode and in the future development of the Nuclear Fusion mode. Different and exciting circumstances, bringing together

scientists from all the countries of the European Union, some with a more mathematical tradition, others with more practical training, blending their strengths in order to maximise the outcome and hoping for that fleeting breakthrough.

Life in a New Millennium: Now semi-retired in London, a Visiting Professor in Imperial College and avoiding taking on board too much work, enjoying the libraries and other great institutions of this city, preparing the occasional lecture and writing poetry in the Mandraky and who knows, I might even get to finish a book started several decades ago on the theme of

#### "We Kastellorizians"!

We are grateful to Prof. Hondros for having emailed this transcript. He is pictured below with his sister, Tess Hondros, on the day he departed for his home in London. He had traveled to Australia just to



## News from Castellorizian Association of W.A.

Christina Pavlou was in Perth with daughter Maria for the W.A. Castellorizian Association's Feast Day of St Constantine & St Helen. It was celebrated at the Church of St Constantine & St Helen, officiated by His Eminence Archbishop Styllianos, followed by a dinner dance at Observation City (formerly Alan Bond's hotel built for the America's Cup). Approximately 300 young & old Castellorizians attended this highly successful function.

His Eminence spoke of Castellorizians in Australia and around the world. There was a visual presentation of Castellorizo with commentary by the President. The evening wound up on with traditional Castellorizian song and dance. A GREAT TIME HAD BY

Thanks to Christina Pavlou for this article.

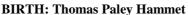
#### **ENGAGEMENT**

On Saturday 11 June 2005 Mr Peter Defteros of Ithaca celebrated his engagement to Miss Anna Angelo Miriklis. A selected group of 33 people attended at Stathis Athenian Tavern, Box Hill. The Defteros, Megalogenis and Miriklis families extend their warmest wishes to the happy couple and "Kala Stefana".



#### THANK YOU

To Theo Conos for his generous donation of a very large photograph of Kastellorizo taken during the Italian occupation and which will be displayed at the Club.



23 June 2005 (pictured below)
Parents: Penny Linardos and Mathew
Hammet. Grandparents: Annoula Argitis and
Tom Linardos. Great Grandparents: Mary
Lucas (nee Koutsoukis) and Luke Nicholas
Lucas.





BIRTH: Charlotte Lucas 4 July 2005 Parents: Aaron Luke Lucas and Kylie Grandparents: Leo Luke Lucas and Marie Turnbull (nee Loizou). Great Grandparents: Mary Lucas (nee Koutsoukis) and Luke Nicholas Lucas; Angelo and Georgia Loizou. (Picture above)

#### Christening

Nicholas Emmanuel Leon was christened at Ayia Anna (Gold Coast) by Dr Jim and Evelyn Aroney. 95 People attended along with all the Spartels family from Melbourne - Michael, Dianne, Nik, Alex, Dina. A beautiful luncheon was held at the Marriott Hotel on the Gold Coast.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Deanne Carolyn Jackson received her Bachelor of Arts Degree (with Honours) from Melbourne University on the 5th March 2005. Deanne is the daughter of Dennis & Anne (nee Koutsoukis) Jackson of Forest Hill and Grand-daughter of Con N Koutsoukis (dec.) and Katina N Koutsoukis of East Brunswick.

#### Above photo taken in May: The Michael N Spartels family

#### CONGRATULATIONS

To SIA ANDREWS, the incoming President of *The Daughters of Penelope*, a chapter of AHEPA. The outgoing President was NICKI PAVLOU. Sia Andrews' son ,Ross, is married to our Cynthia Koutsoukis, committee member of our Kastellorizian Association.

#### VISITING FROM GREECE

Maria Gogos and Husband George Panagodimos were in Melbourne in May to visit Maria's sister Eleni Gogos. Eleni is living in Melbourne and works as an Architect at Hassell Architects. Eleni & Maria's mother is Nancy Gogos (nee Kalaf) OF Perth.



#### 60th Birthday Celebration

Diane Spartels celebrated her 60th Birthday Party at home on May 7th, with forty of her close relatives and friends. Everyone had a wonderful time. Dianne is the daughter of Alex and Maria James, was born in Sydney, moved to Melbourne in 1966 when she married Michael Spartels, son of Nicholas & Evangelic Spartels. Dianne has 4 children: Nik, Evelyn, Marissa and Alexandra; 4 grandchildren James, Alannah, Michael and Nicholas; 1 daughter in law, Dina, and 2 son-inlaws, Dr Jim & Dr Noel Leon.

Dianne's husband Michael who was recently re-elected as a vice president of the Carlton Cricket & Football Club is also currently the longest serving director of both Boards. The article in the official magazine of the Carlton Football Club appears on this page.

CHRISTENING: Madeline & Alexander Ballingall were christened in May at the Balwyn church. Nick Verginis and Michael Ballingall were Godparents to Madeline, Fiona Verginis and Scot Ballingall to Alex. Below:



#### Urchin Café Bar

Tina Ulrik, daughter of Nick and Dolce Fermanis has opened up a café bar in Hampton Street Hampton. Kazzies show your support by going along and making yourselves known.

## CONGRATULATIONS to Lydia Davies.

Peter and Juanna Kanis are very proud of their granddaughter, LYDIA DAVIES, who composes music and plays many instruments. Lydia, a student of Merton Hall, won First prize out of 2000 plus entrants of all age groups, from all over Australia, for the music she composed. Lydia is the daughter of Marika & Ken Davies, and Grand-niece of Katina Voyage. Congratulations Lydia. Contributed by Marika Bisas.



## CONGRATULATIONS Michael Spartels.

Michael has been re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Carlton Football Club. The following is taken from the Club's information leaflet, describing the Board of Directors:

The club has been a major part of Michael's life, as long as he can remember. For the first 22 years of his life, he lived in the family home in Bowen Crescent, just across the road from the football ground. He would often rush home from school, drop off his bag and run across the park to watch football or cricket training.

Michael got his first job at the ground, selling drinks, sweets and footy records and manning the scoreboard for the Reserves. Michael also played the game, two years with Carlton under 17s and he made the list for the Carlton under 19s. In 1973 – 1975 he was on the committee for under 19's. And he also has been actively involved in many groups within the Club, including a Coterie Member, for many years with the Gold Coterie. Michael has been an Independent Social Club Director since 1996 and is currently on the Optus Oval Redevelopment Sub-Committee. Michael has been a successful residential real estate developer and investor. He is married to Dianne and they have four children.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

To George Cotis (Papacotis) of Sydney, on his success at the Masters games on the Gold Coast. George won 3 silver medals in the men's over 70 long jump, triple jump and 60 metre sprint. George is the brother of Christina Pavlou of Melbourne.

Contributed by Leah Lemke

#### ROTARY 100 YEARS COMMEMORATIVE COIN.

-The only legal tender Rotary centennial coin in the world. Paul Gregory, a concentrated Kastellorizian (both parents were Kazzie), has devoted much of his time in the past year to the creation of the Rotary Commemorative Silver Coin to mark the world-wide 100 years Anniversary of Rotary.



The following is taken from the official advertising pamphlet distributed by Rotary :

The Perth Mint's commemorative coin is the brainchild of Paul Gregory, a member of the Rotary Club of Glenferrie District 9800, based in Melbourne. A retired academic, Paul is a tireless fundraiser who has been a Rotarian for approaching six years...... Knowing the staff members of the Perth Mint, meant that Paul raised the idea of a commemorative coin with them first – and was glad when he received an enthusiastic response. With his plans more firmly in mind, Paul approached Rotary headquarters in Evanston, Illinois with the project concept.



## PRESIDENT PAPOULIAS ARRIVES ON KASTELLORIZO TO CELEBRATE EASTER



President of the Republic Karolos Papoulias arrived on Saturday afternoon to celebrate Orthodox Easter with all of us on the island. Why you ask? Apparently it has been a long time dream of his to spend Easter on a remote Greek Isle. He enjoyed 4 days of exploring the island and staying at The Kastellorizo Hotel and Apartments.

Papoulias traveled by helicopter from nearby Rhodes, accompanied by the Prefect of the Dodecanese islands Yiannis Mahairidis. He was greeted on his arrival by Aegean Minister Aristotelis Pavlidis, Kastellorizo Mayor Pavlos Panygiris and the head of the Dodecanese police Aristides Kartanos.

Mr Papoulias attended the Easter midnight mass at the Church of St. Constantine & Eleni, which was performed by Despoti Chrisostomos of the Dodecanese and our very own Papa Yiorgo. A serenade of church bells and fireworks sang for the 3rd and final Anastasi for 2005. "Mayeritsa" soup was served at the Megisti Hotel for the President and Major Officials from the Republic Party, Minister of the Dodecanese, the Head of the Dodecanese Navy, Army and Greek Coast Guard.

On Sunday morning President Papoulias was declared an honorary citizen of Kastellorizo at a special ceremony and for Easter lunch the traditional "Katsiki" was served up at the Army restaurant where he met men and officers of the security forces to exchange Easter greetings.

Easter Monday morning President Papoulias made a trip to the Island of Rho with army troops and officials. The rest of the day involved dining at local restaurants for both lunch and dinner and walking the harbour and chatting to the locals and tourists.

Extremely colorful are the Easter adoration and festive customs as are the important feasts, rich traditional customs and this was a wonderful Easter and opportunity for Kastellorizo having the President of the Republic here, as our tiny but beautiful island was shown each day on Greek television at one of the most special times. For all our readers Kastellorizo is a must for Easter!!!!! Article contributed by Louise Katris (photo above is president with Voula Dolgaroglou – Kastellorizian Apartments)



#### VALE COSTAS TSICADERIS

The following Vale was omitted from the first Newsletter for this year (April) because, at the time we could not find the words to do justice to such a multifaceted man and generous soul. Costa was always giving; of himself, his time, his energy, his music; for a cause or a fund raiser, he could always be relied on to help. Its now our turn to help with the biggest fund raising that Costa will ever be associated - The Costas Tsicaderis Memorial Trust, A Trust which will carry on Costa's life long work and keep his memory a living presence for all those who knew and loved him. When the Kastellorizian Association receives details of forthcoming concerts planned by the Trust, we will notify these to our members so that our community can help with Costa's dream of using music to bridge the multicultural divide. The following is from the organisers of The Costas Tsicaderis Memorial Trust:

Costas Tsicaderis died suddenly in December 2004 aged 59. He was an architect, a lecturer in architectural graphics and a very talented musician. His deep love for music and his belief in multicultural diversity made him a unique musician, composer and performer of popular Greek music.

His work in the music field has led to better understanding of the key social economics and political issue, which Greeks in Australia for decades struggled to resolve.

His knowledge and repertoire of old songs and ethnic music was deeply appreciated by all, irrespective of their cultural heritage, especially, Greek, Cypriot, Jewish and Indigenous Australians.

Costas captured the hearts and love of

the Greek Elderly as he constantly entertained in their clubs and weekly presented the half hour radio program for the aged. During his career he was the recipient of many awards including "Neos Kosmos" award as the "2004 Greek of the Year"

The Costas Tsicaderis Memorial Trust is established by his close friends and colleagues as a living tribute to a man who left a deep impression on minds and hearts of the Greek Community in Melbourne, Australia. In his everlasting memory this Trust has been established.

The Primary Goal of this Trust is to provide financial assistance to promising young musicians to further develop their skills in guitar playing and music composition.

The Secondary Goal of this Trust is to promote and assist ethnic musical educational studies and events, and to continue Costa's life long work and promote harmony in our

## **VALE NICK PALEOLOGOU** passed away on 5th May 2005.

The funeral was held on the 10th May at Our Lady Greek Orthodox Church in Hamlyn Heights, Geelong, followed by burial at the Eastern Cemetery. Nick was the second son of Michalis Paleologos and Irini N Karanikola. Nick's cousins, the Hondros family, attended the funeral - Con & Helen Hondros, Maria Corones from Brisbane: Ernest D Hondros from the U.K.; Tess Hondros and Peter Hondros from Melbourne. Nick leaves with us Soula (Dionisia) Paleologou and two daughters; Irene, married to Ulysses; Maria, married to Aris; grandchildren Dimitra, Dionisia, Nikolette, Dimitra and Dimitri. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

We thank Mr & Mrs Arch Miteros of Darwin for their donation of \$50 in memory of the late Nick Paleologos.

### **VALE MARY JORDAN** 1917 – 2005

Our deepest condolences to the families of Mary Jordan. Mary was born in Perth in 1917, was married to Max (Nicholas) Ioannou Kalafatas in 1934 with whom she had two boys – John N Kalaf & Ian N Kalaf (both of Sydney). In 1945 she married John Jordan in Melbourne. Lillian Gomatos (of Darwin) was the only child of Mary's second marriage. Mary was the fourth child of Evangelia T Economides and Jack (Kyriakos ) C Koutsoukis. She was blessed with eight grandchildren.

Our deepest sympathy to all.

#### VALE ROSA KIOSOGLOUS



Rosa Kiosoglous was 88 years of age when she passed away on Wednesday 18 May, 2005. She was born Triantafillia Anastasiou Fermanis in Kastellorizo. Her Mother was Katina Peronis. Both of her parents passed away at an early age, leaving Rosa and her two brothers George Fermanis and Marko Fermanis and sister Maria to be raised by their maternal aunt Zaphiro Peronis (my maternal Grandmother). She was sent to Australia at a very young age ( about 16 years of age) to marry Comninos Kiosoglous (dec.). She arrived in South Australia where her husband's family were then, moved to Melbourne for a short while and finally moving to Brisbane where they remained. They had 5 children Ivy, Michael, Katherine, Mary and Doreen (dec.). She was Grandmother and Great Grandmother to their families.

Her funeral was held at the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, South Brisbane and the Wake took place at the Greek Welfare Centre next door to the Church. Five priests officiated at the funeral, Fathers Gregory, Dimitri, Anastasi, Silhouan, and Father Stephanos Papanastasiou (a Kazzie) who arrived from Sydney to attend, as he was her Godson. She was buried at Toowong Cemetery. Maria Patiniotis traveled to the funeral from Melbourne, as did Peter Christofas who was Rosa's nephew (from her husband's side),

#### THANK YOU for DONATION

The Committee would like to thank Mrs. Nellie Zombos for her generous donation of \$100 to the club, in memory of her husband, the late Mr. Steve Zombos. Steve served as President of the club from 1987-1988.

#### NEWS FROM KASTELLORIZO

FROM OUR REPORTER LOUISE KATRIS.

#### St Constantine and Eleni Day

Saturday May 21st this year was the celebration of the Kastellorizo

Metropolis St Constantine and Eleni day. The St Constantine and Eleni Icon was carried down from its home along the harbour to St George Square. Locals and tourists followed as the sun shone on one of the island's proudest days. That night the festivities continued with the council organising a party at the council hall. Those who attended enjoyed music by some local DJ's and a feast of "Katsiki and potatoes".

#### GREECE WINS EUROVISION AWARD

To top off a great night out for St Constantine and Eleni's Day, Greece's Elena Paparizoy won EUROVISION with her song "My number one", which made every Greek proud. Papa Yiorgos was so proud that he rang the church bells at 2 a.m. when the winner was announced!

#### VISITORS TO KASTELLORIZO

#### Melbourne:

Maria Kominos with daughter Angela, Frank Brody & Family, Peggy & Paul Zervos

Con and Peter Paltoglou

Katina Miriklis with daughter Anna Plafadelis and husband Panayioti

Con Lucas and son George

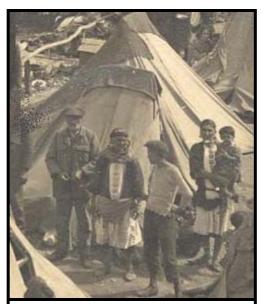
**Apology to Maria Komino**. In the previous Newsletter we Reported that Maria's daughter, Yvonne had traveled overseas. It was in fact Angela and her husband Frank Brody.

#### Wedding on Kastellorizo

On the 21st June, ten rubber boats arrived from Athens for the nuptials of an Athenian couple in their group. All were from Athens and had absolutely no connection to our island but decided this would be the special place to cement their relationship and to start their marriage. The Bride arrived by rubber boat from the Mediterranean Hotel to the other side of the harbour where she met her groom and they both walked up the staircase to St Constantine and Eleni Church. The reception was then held at the Athena Restaurant owned by Evangeli Mavrou.



Above: Celebrating Cherrie Mangos (nee Miriklis) 50th Birthday in Kastellorizo from left to right are: Anna & Peter Plafadellis, Sylvia & Peter Parras, Jim Savvas, Cherrie & Arthur Mangos, Eva Savvas, Ann & George Cooney, Louise Katris & Katina Miriklis.



-LAND RIGHTS on KAZZIE-Michele Kiosoglous will talk about this subject and related issues on SUNDAY 7th AUGUST 4.00 PM at the Kastellorizian Club, 250 Dorcas St Sth Melbourne.

#### Church Tea Party 7/7/05

The new young and dynamic church committee hosted a Tea Party at the Megisti Hotel for all Kastellorizians and Australian Kastellorizians visiting the island. The aim of the Tea Party was to collect money to fix all the churches on Kastellorizo. The new committee was elected in April 2005 and the members consist of:- President- Father Yiorgo, Vice President- George Karavelatzis (from Sydney), Treasurer- Stratos Amygdalos, Secretary- Kosta Papoutsis, Members: George Karagiannis, Panayioti Karavelatzis. They would also like to thank all the Australians for turning up to the event and for the donations that they kindly gave, totalling 1300 Euro.

#### Princess Marissa 9/7/05

On Saturday July 9th, the Princess Marissa arrived from Cyprus at 6am until 10.30am. The cruise was organised by the Churches of Cyprus on route to Aegina. A church service was conducted up at St Constantine and Eleni by the Archbishop on board. There was 550 tourists on board who all enjoyed the church service immensely. After the service Father Joseph who is a Monk at St Athos attended a morning tea at the house of Sylvia Parras and Eva Savvas (Sydney).



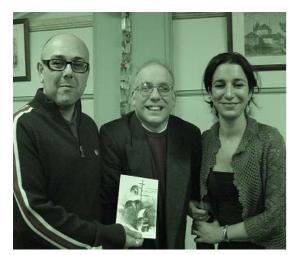
#### REPORT ON LIST OF PAST PRESIDENTS

On St Constantine & Helen's Day we placed, on the white board, a list of names of past Presidents [1st Draft], with the announcement that the second viewing of these names would occur in this newsletter. The research which is required to obtain accurate names, has not yet finished. It involves the reading of years of minutes which are written by hand and in Greek. The committee apologizes for this and will give you the opportunity to study the results of the research at the Club rooms, on Sunday 7th August.

Past members of the Ladies Society, Tess Hondros and Marika Bisas, have undertaken to write a very brief history of the Ladies Society for the 80th Anniversary Commemorative Book. If any ladies want to contribute to this, please phone Marika or Tess.



Nick Lolatgis, Anne Lolatgis, son Alexandros and Anne's sister, checking out the Band "Big&Horny" which Nick Lolatgis has offered to donate for the night of our 80th Anniversary Ball.



Eleni will be doing some artistic design for our 80th Anniversary, having just completed the artwork for George Anastasiou's book of poetry *An Observer's Tales*, which was launched on Sunday 17th at the Pan-Macedonian club rooms in North Melbourne. Pictured to the right, Ross Karavis ( Director of the Melbourne Antipodes Festival), George Anastasiou and Eleni Gogos.







these. -Editor.

As promised in the last issue, we said we would place the rest of the Santa photos from our annual Xmas picnic, in the next newsletter. So here they are – postage stamp size, impossible to

Bring the kids to the Xmas party in December 2005 and we promise to take better photos than

see, but delivered as promised.

Santa visits
our
Club members
every year, so
don't forget the
Xmas Party for
the kids in
December.



On the left, R–L: John Kalaf, Jasmin Verginis' brother visiting (from Sydney) in June, for a Pharmaceutical Seminar conducted by API; Sarah Austin (Jasmin Vergidaughter-innis' law) and current Director of the Melb. Uni "Mudfest"); Jasmin Verginis (current Editor of this letter).



On the left, R-L:

George Verginis, Marika Bisas, Andrew Varigos, Chrissy Varigos nee Karpouzis (George), and Jack Bisas. A meeting to discuss historical movie films made available to us from the collection of the late George Karpouzis (George).

