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*Newsletter of the
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Family Christmas
Function
Friday Dec 11 2015
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National Kastellorizian
Council of Australia
Conference
In Brisbane QLD
Jan 22-26 2016
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KCA Newsletter
'Kazzie Chronicle'

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE 2015/2016



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70th EMPIRE PATROL DISASTER SERVICE



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SOCIAL NEWS

Births

- ❖ Congratulations to Jason and Elena Pitsikas on the birth of their first child, **Hudson Jason Pitsikas**, born 8th October 2015. Proud first time Grandparents are John and Sylvia Pitsikas.

Baptisms

- ❖ Stan and Tracey Fotinos (née Manifis) baptised their daughter, **Thespina**, on Sunday 1st November. Godparents Angela and Wilko Jaekel. Granddaughter of Michael and Despena Fotinos and Michael and Faye Manifis.

Weddings

- ❖ Congratulations to **Leah Barbouttis** and **Anthony McEvoy** who were married on 28th November 2015. Leah is the daughter of Peter and Jan (nee Kannis) Barbouttis.

Anniversaries

- ❖ Congratulations to **Peter and Melba Kanganas** who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 30th Oct.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Paul and Terri Boyatzis** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 20th Sep.



Congratulations to **Sef Lazarakis** who celebrated her 90th birthday on the 12th November 2015. She is a loving wife, wonderful Mum and fantastic yiayia to 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Lots of love and best wishes with pride from all the family.

Birthdays

Congratulations to the following who celebrated their birthday recently.

- ❖ Jack Kailis 20th Sep 80 years
- ❖ Nicholas Nicholas 21st Sep 80 years
- ❖ Con Tringas 22nd Oct 75 years
- ❖ Michael Tsolakis 22nd Oct 94 years
- ❖ Nancy Gogos 27th Oct 80 years
- ❖ Sef Lazarakis 12th Nov 90 years (see article below)
- ❖ Allan Cresswell 19th Nov 72 years
- ❖ Chris Drimatis 26th Nov 80 years

Vale

Deepest sympathy to the families and friends of:

- ❖ Viola Pitsonis 22nd Sep 2015
- ❖ Chriss Kounis 10th Oct 2015
- ❖ Betty Zimbulis 13th Oct 2015
- ❖ Emanuel Soulis 14th Oct 2015
- ❖ Katherine Kailis 18th Oct 2015
- ❖ Cesarina Lekias 28th Oct 2015
- ❖ Despina Stamatiou 28th Oct 2015
- ❖ Jenifer Manessis 6th Nov 2015

KCA CONFERENCE

The Kastellorizian Council of Australia Inaugural National Conference is progressing wonderfully. With only 6 weeks remaining I encourage all of our members to consider attending. Please find enclosed in the attached *Kazzie Chronicle* the application form which needs to be completed and sent to the email address at the top of the page. Currently we have approximately 20 delegates from Perth attending and it would be wonderful if we could double this figure by the time of the conference.

I am very pleased to announce the KCA has 4 guest speakers at this stage. Firstly, the two keynote speakers are Andrew Liveris from the US and Professor Byron Kakulas from Perth. Also very proud to announce that Perth WA has two additional guest speakers in Doctor Paul Boyatzis and our President Allan Cresswell. Having a total of three speakers from Perth indicates the strength of our association.

In conclusion I would just like to remind you again to consider attending the conference as it will be an exceptional week.

Thanking you
Jim Manifis

2015 FAMILY CHRISTMAS FUNCTION



**TO BE HELD AT
CASTELLORIZIAN HOUSE
160 ANZAC ROAD MT HAWTHORN WA**

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11th 2015

COMMENCING FROM 6.30pm

ADULT \$40 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDEN \$20

ALL THE FAMILY IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

**Contact Allan Cresswell on 93057954 or
0413958500 or Jim Manifis on 0433165601
to reserve your table or seats**

CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION AGM 2015

Compiled by Allan Cresswell

The 2015 Association AGM held on Sunday October 11th was well attended and afternoon tea was provided at the completion of the meeting. During the meeting a retirement letter, written by Darcy Pappas, was read to the members in attendance. The letter detailed that after twenty five years as the Association's Auditor he would be standing down from that position. He also would be retiring as a Trustee of our Association, after many years of service. President Allan commended Darcy for his ongoing support and expert assistance to the current and the past Treasurers of our Association. Darcy was warmly applauded by the members for his ongoing contributions and wished well for the future.

A total of eleven committee members (the maximum allowed) were elected at the meeting. Retiring committee members were Tony Samiotis, Phyllis Samiotis and Libby Pappas. They were thanked by the President for their services and input to the Association and applauded by those in attendance. All other committee members standing down were re-elected. The new committee members elected were Marilyn Tsolakis, Angela McGrath and Anne Christodoulou. The President remarked that it was very pleasing to see five elected women on the committee which goes well for providing diversified and new ideas to our association, especially with the involvement of younger persons on our committee.

The elected committee members then conducted an election of the Executive Committee at a Special Meeting on Thursday October 15th 2015. See end of this report for details of this election.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015 - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year our association continued to move forward and introduce various events and functions to provide additional avenues for our membership to be involved. Most functions were a resounding success but others failed to achieve a desired number of attendees. We continue to look to hold functions that will draw a wider range of age groups to our association. Our membership is high but those regularly involved are the same group of 30 to 40 families. Unfortunately we last saw many of our members just at the Centenary Celebrations in 2012 and we need to develop new initiatives to give these silent members an interest in attending and connecting with our association. This is our aim for the coming years. We look forward to introducing some new aspects to our association to achieve these aims. There is a need to involve the younger members of both our own membership and those in the wider Castellorizian Community. We acknowledge the tremendous effort in past years by members such as Con Kailis to achieve this aim. Also to Helen Anastasas, Phyllis Samiotis and others who have done wonderful work to continue the popularity of the Cooking Classes which does involve and include younger members of our community.

Again the invoicing of our membership subscriptions continues to be a success. At the 2013 AGM there were 122 paid up financial members out of nearly 500 members. After introducing the invoices last year there were in excess of 270 paid up at the AGM and this year over 350 member's subscriptions are current. What the net effect has been is that the bulk of members are not paying their membership throughout the whole year but immediately within a short timeframe of two to three months. This then created a new problem which I will now discuss.

Realising the workload in issuing over 350 membership receipts in such a short timeframe including enveloping the receipts and posting to our members at considerable cost and effort it was decided to instigate a new system to relieve our Treasurer of unnecessary workload that was becoming unwieldly to manage. This was reported in the last Megisti Messenger as to the new procedure. However with discussion with various persons within our association we have now decided that we will continue to issue individual receipts in all instances where membership is received by way of cash. We will not issue a receipt where membership is paid by cheque or Bank Transfer or Deposit. All membership payments are still recorded in an ongoing deposit summary book by the Treasurer. So this recent change still ensures that we do not have an overwhelming task for the Treasurer and still have control over our finances. The outcome can be summarised as follows: Our Association promotes that membership subscriptions be paid by way of Bank Deposit or Transfer, or by Cheque as a second option, and will not issue individual receipts for these payments. Any queries can always be resolved by the documentation that is in place for these types of transactions. However all membership Subscriptions paid in cash will have a receipt issued by the Treasurer. If there are any queries about this procedure it can be raised with me after this meeting and it will be referred back to our committee.

Number 25 of our Megisti Messenger went out last month and again it was well received by our membership and those persons throughout the world who read it on the internet. I thank all those contributors who help to make this newsletter a continuing success.

During the years our Association's "Sympathy Card" and "Get Well Card" were printed and are now distributed by our Secretary. The Sympathy Card is a replacement of submitting newspaper death notices for the death of a member. Newspaper notices will only be used where a member has made outstanding contribution to our Association or to the community at large. When advised that a member is unwell we forward a card to that member. Our thanks go out to Kevin Kannis who did the groundwork to complete the design of these cards.

I would like to thank all our committee members for the many hours of work arranging and running the numerous functions and events during the year. Much effort goes on behind the scenes into the setting up, purchasing of items, cleaning up, processing correspondence, banking, payment of accounts, membership records, maintenance of equipment and building, arranging hall bookings, and the list goes on. Our wonderful committee continues to be the strength behind the Association. I will not single out individual committee members contributions for the ongoing regular duties and for our functions, but it is suffice to say their efforts have been outstanding throughout the year. We all know who they are! Well done to our committee.

All of our events and functions are reported in the Megisti Messenger so I will not individually discuss and go over each one. However there are two that I must comment on. Firstly the Perth Glendi 2015 was a huge success, both as an event and from a financial position for our association. The effort put in by our Cazzie Cooking Class and by our cooks Procopi and Nicholette, together with all our committee and many of our members was such a wonderful thing. It brought many of us together under such a heavy workload, but such a pleasing result. The long hours were all worth it when you look at the publicity for our association, the interaction with the public and of course the financial reward. The Ladies Cooking Class is embarking on a Cazzie Cook Book to be produced and our association is committed that the funds they raised at the Glendi will be channelled to that project. We wish them great success with this project.

Thank you to the Castellorizian Ladies Megisti Association for their financial support where they recently made a financial donation to our Association

Finally I believe a few of our committee will be retiring this year because of either work commitments or because of the distance they need now to travel to attend meetings. I will not pre-empt who they are but if they still decide to retire we wish them all the best and thank them for their hours of commitment to our association and the great input and fellowship they have provided. We look forward to their continued involvement with our association and ongoing friendship.

Thank you.

SPECIAL MEETING TO ELECT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (OFFICE BEARERS) OCTOBER 15 2015

At the special meeting the following positions were elected by the eleven committee members in attendance:

PRESIDENT:	Allan Cresswell
VICE PRESIDENT:	Marilyn Tsolakis
SECRETARY:	Stan Kailis
TREASURER:	Michael Paul

In addition the following duties positions were also approved:

HOUSE MANAGER:	Sion Xanthis
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER:	Kevin Kannis
SOCIAL OFFICER:	Jim Manifis

The President congratulated those who were appointed and commended Jim Manifis for his ongoing service to the Association, firstly as Treasurer, then President for seven years, followed by two years as Vice President. It was pleasing that he was willing to remain on the committee.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD 2015

Below is the speech made by President Allan Cresswell during the 2015 Annual General Meeting held on Sunday October 11th 2015, in reference to the President's Award.

I have great pleasure in making a presentation for this year's President's Award for services and commitment to our association. The award goes to a committee member who has made a huge contribution in recent years and there are many aspects of their contributions.

Firstly, this person has ensured that the day to day running of our association involving the bookings for hall hire has been efficiently run. This has resulted in ever increasing hall hire in recent years, for the financial gain of our association. Tasks have included being present to interview prospective persons interested in hiring the hall, explaining the use of the hall and equipment, supplying and collection of the keys and collecting the fees, which are just some aspects involved in the hall hire of our association.

In addition, the duties of this committee member have involved the stocking of refreshments for our Friday Night Happy Hour and also for all our yearly mixed functions. This has involved the purchasing of the refreshments, stocking the fridge, purchasing ice, maintaining stock control and ensuring that sufficient supplies of alcohol, cool drinks and water are always available at our functions.

This person has always contributed and assisted the association at BBQs, setting up for various events and being always available and ready to support our association in whatever has been planned throughout the year.

But the major contribution of this committee member this year was the involvement in the 2015 Glendi function. Attending the Glendi meetings, reporting back to our association, involvement in the purchasing of supplies, equipment, the freezer vehicle and the many other tasks associated, to ensure the success of this event, can be attributed to this person.



You all know who I am talking about by now! As President of the Castellorizian Association of WA Inc it gives me great pleasure to present the President's Award of 2015 to Sion Xanthis.

Well done Sion.

BOOK LAUNCH – BLACK NIGHT, WHITE DAY

Information provided by Dr John Yiannakis

The much-anticipated longitudinal study spanning over 45 years on the migration of young women from Greece to Australia, was launched at Castellorizian House on Sunday November 1st 2015.

Black Night, White Day: Greece-Born Women in Australia, undertaken by Emeritus Professor Reginald Appleyard, Anna Amara and Dr John Yiannakis, documents the experiences of 78 women who migrated to Australia in the '50s and '60s to counter the gender imbalance of Greek migration. The launch was directed by Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis, with the study officially launched by Dr Ken Michael AC, who also penned the foreword.

"The authors are to be commended for this incredible piece of work, which is not only inspirational to read as an experience in itself, but also leaves the reader with a sense of emotion in sharing the individual and collective journeys of some determined and courageous Greece-born women in Australia in search of a better life," writes Dr Michael.



FROM LEFT:

Wendy Appleyard

Dr Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis

Dr John Yiannakis OAM

City of Perth Lord Mayor
Lisa Scaffidi

Dr Ken Michael AC

Emeritus Professor
Reginald Appleyard

Alannah MacTiernan MP

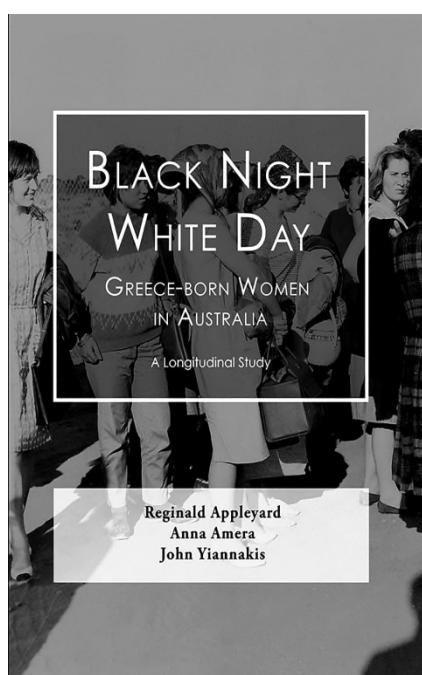
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Koliadis

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70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE EMPIRE PATROL DISASTER 29th SEPTEMBER 1945

Compiled by Paul Boyatzis.

Photos courtesy Paul Boyatzis,
Kostas Asvestis and Allan Cresswell

The Perth (Western Australia) survivors of the “Empire Patrol Disaster” commemorated this tragic event with a Memorial Service (Mnimosinon) which was held at the Church of The Annunciation of Our Lady (Evangelismos) on Sunday 4th October 2015. The Service was conducted by the Parish Priest, the Reverend Father Emmanuel Stamatiou, together with the Very Reverend Father George Litas, who also officiated previously at the 40th and 50th Commemorations.

The “surviving organizers”, under the sponsorship of the Castellorizian Association of Western Australia and facilitation of Mr Nick Lucas supplemented the religious Service with a social function which was held at the church hall. Refreshments were served to the many Castellorizians and friends present and were reminded of the history of the sad episode of 29 September 1945.



Western Australian Castellorizian Survivors at the 70th Commemoration

From Left: Betty Papadopoulos, Evangelia Mallis, Maria Koufos, Irene Tsolakis, Evangelia Tsangari, Despina Tringa, Katina Asvesti, Katina Verevis, Arthur Athans, Nicholas Loucas, Leffy Boyatzis, Paul Boyatzis

Prayers were offered for the repose of the souls of the 33 departed Kastellorizians whilst at the function the historical aspect of the tragedy was described eloquently by Mrs Katina Verevis. Fellow survivor, Mrs Katina Asvestis, in a very emotional tone read a poem specifically written for the tragic event. Mr Andoni Koufos, whose relatives survived the “Navagion”(sinking of the boat) added comments relating to the findings in Kastellorizo when he and other able bodied men arrived in the first preparatory contingent of refugees from the camp in Nuseirat (Palestine).



To supplement the above verbal descriptions, Dr Paul Boyatzis prepared a photographic display of the tragedy and the subsequent Memorial Services of 1985 1995 and 2010. The first two Services were held at the Monastery of Saint John of the Mount in Forrestfield (Perth). The third Commemoration (29 September 2010) took place in Kastellorizo where a Mnimosino was held at the Cathedral of Saints Constantine and Helene. Paul Boyatzis and the current President of the Castellorizian Association of WA, Allan Cresswell, together with their families, were fortunate to be present.

The photographs of the burning / sinking of the ship and those of the subsequent rescue of survivors together with scenes from the refugee camp of Nuseirat were obtained from the Imperial War Museum in London.

The surviving members of this historic Kastellorizian tragedy give thanks to the Almighty and extend their gratitude to their compatriots and friends for their presence at the Memorial Service and for their support.

THE ONLINE VERSION OF ALL 26 COPIES OF THE MEGISTI MESSENGER CAN BE VIEWED IN FULL COLOUR AT: <http://www.castellorizo.org/newsletter/>

CAZZIE COOKING CLASSES

Photos and Article Courtesy Helen Anastasas

On November 21st the Cazzie Cooking Class held its last class for 2015. Rose Kalaf demonstrated her Mother's (Mrs Panayiota Manifis) Halva recipe known also as Revani (Orange Semolina Syrup Cake). This is a delicious Greek sweet recipe to use over the festive season as it's always a favourite with everyone.



Rose and Vanessa Kalaf Cutting the Halva



End of Year Celebration



**Presentation to
Rose Kalaf,
Sef Lazarakis and
Phyllis Samiotis**

We also had an end of the year celebration with a wonderful selection of savoury and sweet food brought in by everyone. This was enhanced by the added bonus of champagne and wines. The afternoon ended with gifts presented to Rose for her expertly delivered demonstration, Sef Lazarakis who recently turned 90 and has been coming to the classes since they first commenced and Phyllis Samiotis for all her dedicated effort in always being present to help whenever called upon over the last 4 and half years. To Sef, thank you for your ongoing support, our love and best wishes. May you reach 100 (ekatostisis) and also being as happy in nature and healthy as you are presently.

Previous classes have also been very successful. Anita Verne Filmer and Stacey Doucas demonstrated a variety of traditional and modern Mezethes on September 5th. It was a pleasure to have Barry and Chrissie Filmer join us on the day. Some of the recipes Chrissie learnt from her mother Mrs Moscopia Palassis and has now passed on to her family. Phyllis Samiotis then complemented the mezethes with a Tomato, Cheese and Onion Salad that her grandmother used to make for the family.



Stacey Demonstrating



Mezethes Class



Phyllis and Sef with Salad



Barry, Chrissie and family present for the class



Anita demonstrating a dip



Mezethes Class

On the October 10th cooking classes Mary Nicholas and Chrissie Ventouras willingly agreed to show everyone their tasty and delicately made Spinach and Feta Rolls. Then on the day they adapted the method to make Spinach and Feta Coils, which looked really great. On the same class, Eva Magriplis made Hrisafi a Castellorizian traditional sweet for New Year's day. This brought happy memories of people's treasured childhood experiences to so many present. Eva had been given the recipe by her mother Mrs Maria Coufos.

Everyone is looking forward to another very enjoyable and rewarding 2016. A big thank you is extended to the presenters and all those who attend the classes and convey positive feedback.

Καλά Χριστούγεννα και ευτυχισμένο το νέο έτος



Spinach and Feta Roll Class



Spinach and Feta Roll Class

ADDITIONAL SPINACH AND FETTA ROLL CLASS PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE



Spinach and Feta Roll Class



Spinach and Feta Roll Class



Spinach and Feta Roll Class



Chrissie and Mary Demonstrating

HELLENES BRIDGE CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH



The Hellenes Bridge Club
celebrating at their 2015
Christmas Lunch

The Bridge Club has been going
for approx. 20 years at
Castellorizian House

THE FORGOTTEN WARRIORS EXHIBITION

Photos Courtesy Angela McGrath and Allan Cresswell

The Forgotten Warriors Photographic Exhibition was launched at Castellorizian House on Sunday November 8 2015 by Dr Ken Michael and Victoria Kazaglis Gallagher from Sydney. Both speakers talked on the Greek Australian soldiers who fought in World War One and how the exhibition recognizes and acknowledges their contributions. Victoria also spoke on the development and progress made by the Castellorizian Association of NSW in recent times.

The exhibition was kindly brought to Perth by Victoria Kazaglis Gallagher who is on the Board of Directors of the Castellorizian Association of NSW and Stella Boyages who is on the History & Archives Committee of the Castellorizian Association of NSW. The photographic exhibition was curated by Nicholas Malaxos and Tasha Vanos, who are both on the Board of Directors and is an initiative of the Castellorizian Association of NSW and the Australian Hellenic Historical Society and supported by a local grant from the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program.

Over 100 people attended the exhibition which was open during the week until Saturday November 14 2015.



Dr Ken Michael opening exhibition



Allan thanking Victoria and Stella



Alice Carr (nee Kakulas) viewing photo of Uncle



Children of Agapitos (Jack) Michael – WW1 Hero

Standing: Professor Con Michael, Rose Michael, Dr Ken Michael
Seated Michael (Mick) Michael and Marcus Michael



Stella Boyages, Mick Michael and Victoria Kazaglis Gallagher



The Exhibition at Castellorizian House

THE REFUGEE CRISIS IN GREECE

Written by Tina Kyros

Sitting at home in Australia it is hard to imagine the terrible state the refugees are facing and the great burden that has been placed on many Greeks all over the country, but in particular Athens and the islands.

The locals are already experiencing extreme hardships due to the economic crisis in Greece, but everyone has opened their doors and hearts to help these people that have been displaced.

I arrived back in Athens from Crete at the beginning of October and of course had heard of the bombings and the devastation in Syria, but I did not expect to see Athens flooded with refugees. There were literally hundreds of people crowded around train stations and parks. It was very disturbing as there were riot police with shields on corners most afternoons. We were advised to stay off the streets and away from the train stations after dusk.

The first night back I had attempted to go to Piraeus, the port where we have family as I was going to stay with them. But on arrival by bus, there were refugees everywhere and not a taxi in sight. It was dark and I was then advised to return to Athens as nobody felt secure.

Like many others my first thoughts were that most of these people did not look like refugees. They all had iPhones, iPads, Computers, designer clothes and shoes. A lot of them were young men. What were they doing here I asked, and not back fighting for their country? But which country were they from? Many looked Asian and other different nationalities. Sadly they were just kicked off the country in which they were living, Syria, and given little time to collect possessions except that which they could carry. On reflection I realized that they were indeed refugees, not by choice but by force.

There were families with children, who along with, the elderly and sickly, were homed somewhere as quickly as the Greek people could. It was the beginning of the rainy season which created more problems as the European borders were closed and the refugees banked up. Daily people were bussed to outlying region with derelict buildings for shelter and volunteers cooked and clothed the displaced people as best they could.

This left groups of frightened angry young men around Athens, and for the first time ever, I felt insecure and wanted to return to Australia. Some people were waiting outside eating areas for paying customers to leave a scrap of food or something, it was upsetting and very sad.

Instances of women being followed were daily occurrences and on one occasion a young impoverished man followed two young women across the square where I was staying and tried to pick the bag of one of them. I swung my bag at him and called out. The Greek men sitting close by soon had him restrained. Later that night I saw this boy again, being looked after by a family from the village I was staying in.

For eleven days I tried to get flight out of Athens, but it was impossible. Other than a \$4500 business seat nothing was available. When I eventually was heading home, I spoke with other Australian citizens from Greece, Lebanon and Turkey who had experienced similar to myself and much worse.

It had made me want to stay in Australia so my wanderlust days may be behind me. As Dad always said, I might be Greek by blood, but I am Australian and Australia is the best place to live.

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HELLENIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS HONoured

On Saturday 31 October, 2015, at their Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Hellenic Women's Association (HWA) awarded Honorary Memberships to four very deserving Greek Australian women: Kathleen Malaxos (President), Poppy Xanthis (Vice President/Convenor), Sylvia Dertouzos (Secretary) and Rene Barboutis. These long-serving HWA committee members have given decades of service to Greek-Australian women all over Perth. Their contribution has included organising countless recreational activities and much charity work over many years.



From Left - Kathleen Malaxos, Poppy Xanthis, Sylvia Dertouzos and Rene Barboutis

At the AGM, Kathleen Malaxos and Poppy Xanthis were re-elected to their positions of President and Vice President/Convenor respectively. Margaret Papa was elected Treasurer and Vangy Mallis, Katina Kakulas, Glenice Fortiades, Toulia Hatgivasiliou, Franky Pappas and Sapho Stratos were elected to be on the HWA committee.

Two 2015 committee members, Sylvia Dertouzos (Secretary) and Sef Lazarakis (Treasurer) announced their retirement and were thanked for their dedication and service to HWA over two decades. HWA are presently seeking a secretary to take over the good work of Sylvia Dertouzos. If you are interested in volunteering for this position please do not hesitate to contact the HWA committee as new members are always welcome.

80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Photos Courtesy Nick Nicholas

An eightieth birthday celebration was held at the Crown Metropole at Burswood on October 22nd 2015 to celebrate the many Castellorizian and friends who were born in 1935. A great time was held by all.



Con Fermanis (absent at the time - inserted in photo), Tony Kourtesis, Nick Nicholas, Peter Naomis, Chris Drimatis, Con Petrelis, Michael Passaris, Michael Papadoulis, Nick Verevis, Jack Kailis



Angie Gelavis, Cathy Penglis, Angela Gunellas, Nancy Gogos, Lucy Traianou, Nellie Kakulas, Despa Phillips

80th BIRTHDAY PHOTOS



CASTELLORIZO BOOK COLLECTION UPDATE

RECENTLY DONATED BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY

BOOK

The Captain's Grandson
Black Night, White Day
Kastellorizo
Australian Born Greek of Orthodox
The Greeks in Brazil

DONOR

Patricia Kailis
Reginald Appleyard, Anna Amara and John Yiannakis
Jack and Nina Pitsikas
Arthur Spartalis
Allan Cresswell

BOOKS SOUGHT FOR OUR COLLECTION

A Time in My Life
The Greeks in Queensland
The Knight's Castle on Kastellorizo
Images of Home
Greek – Australians in the Vietnam War
Australians and Greeks Vol1, Vol2 and Vol3
Greek Pioneers in Western Australia
Daughters of Castellorizo
Wedding Dance
Castellorizo – Jewel of the Aegean
Achilleus Diamantaras – His Life and Works
To Recognise the Thrill of Castellorizo

CAZZIE TRIBUTE



Information taken from an
article compiled by the Victorian
Kastellorizian Association

GEORGE PAPPAS KASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR 2015

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria bestows the award of Kastellorizian of the Year annually. The Kastellorizian of the Year for 2015 is Mr George Pappas, who was appointed Chancellor of Victoria University in 2010. In arriving at the Chancellorship he brought with him an extensive curriculum vitae.

George Pappas was born in Rhodes, Greece, officially on 11th June 1946. However his actual birthday is celebrated on June 17th. His parents were Stamati Papageorgiou and Panayiota (nee Voyage – daughter of George Boyatzis and Maria Lacherdis). Stamati (known in Australia as Stan) came to Australia in 1950 to prepare a home for his wife, (known as Betty) and sons Georgos and Dimitrios (George and Jim) who migrated in 1952, arriving in Melbourne. Younger brother Christos (Chris) was born in Australia.

The family lived in the south east of Melbourne, moving many times, originally from Black Rock, to East Brighton, Malvern and eventually Glenhuntly. Stan found work in his trade of tailoring, and also worked as maitre d'hôtel in a restaurant, the Troika.

George attended several schools finishing his early years at Spring Road Central School, before winning a place at the Melbourne High School. In his matriculation year (1963) George was awarded the Exhibitions (top student in the State of Victoria) in both Economics and British History, together with a General Exhibition, Senior Government and Monash University Scholarships.

George graduated from Monash University, Faculty of Economics and Politics, with a Bachelor of Economics (1st Class Honours) in 1968. During his years at University, he was variously President of the Law Students Society (1964) and in the mid-60s President of the Economics Students Society and Vice-President of the Students Representative Council.

At the completion of his studies he was employed as Associate to Sir Richard Kirby, President of the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission (1968 – 1969).

In 1969 he was awarded a Frank Knox Memorial Scholarship to study at Harvard University, and he was admitted into the Master of Business Administration program, graduating in the Class of 1971 with Distinction. While at Business School, George was Vice President of the Students Association.

He married Jillian Dunn in 1970. They have four daughters, Zoe (1972), Cathryn (1975), Anthea (1979), and Elena (1981), and nine grandchildren.

In 1971 George began working with the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) in Boston, moving to Tokyo in 1973, then to San Francisco in 1976. Due to family circumstances (the ill- health of his mother), George returned to Australia in 1976 with BCG, but decided to leave the firm so the family could stay in Australia.

He formed George Pappas and Associates in 1977 to compete in the Australian strategic management consulting industry, then in its infancy, and then dominated by the American based McKinsey and Company. He joined with his former class mate at Harvard, Colin Carter, to form Pappas Carter and Company, and then two other Sydney based colleagues Ralph Evans and Maurie Koop, joined the partnership to form Pappas Carter Evans and Koop (PCEK) in 1979.

After many successful years, in terms of growth and reputation in the Australian business community, PCEK was merged with the world-wide Boston Consulting Group in 1990, and George worked with the expanded company until 2002 as a senior consultant (Vice President), head of the Australian and New Zealand arm, and also as a world practice leader (Travel and Tourism, which he co-founded), and he served on the international Executive Committee. After his retirement he continued in the role of Senior Advisor to the company.

In 2003 George accepted a role as Under Secretary in the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victorian State Government, and served in that capacity until 2005.

In 2004 George became Chairman of the Committee for Melbourne, an organisation promoting discussion and active policy formation with the goal of enhancing Melbourne as a place to live and do business. He held that position until 2013. Businesses, educational institutions and government bodies are members of the Committee, and their leaders participate in the many activities of the group.

Between May 2008 and March 2009, he chaired the Defence Budget Audit Committee for the Federal Department of Defence, and continued his involvement through the implementation phase as Chair of the Defence Strategic Reform Advisory Board (October 2009 – October 2012).

From 2006 until 2009, George Chaired the Advisory Board of the Monash Institute of Medical Research. He was awarded the Monash University Distinguished Alumni Service Award in 2009.

Other:

2000 to 2013, Board of the Western Bulldogs Football Club

2005 to 2010 Commodore of the Point Leo Boat Club

1980s Preshil School Council, Hon Treasurer

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An interest in mentoring young people in business has been a continuing activity for George, both at PCEK and BCG. He has been involved with the Ray Willis Leadership Program at Melbourne High School for many years, and has offered ongoing extensive advice to young entrepreneurs.

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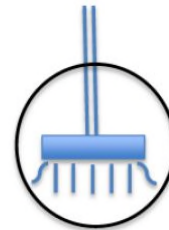
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