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*Newsletter of the
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Special Happy Hour
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100 YEARS OLD – HELEN HONDRIS!! (See Details on Page 3)



KASTELLORIZIAN OF THE YEAR 2018



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria has just announced that the winner of the 2018 Kastellorizian of the Year award is Basil Zempilas!

Basil's father Anthony was born in Perth (to Castellorizian parents) in 1928 and his mother Jessie was born on our beloved island of Castellorizo in 1929.

Basil is a renowned Australian television and radio presenter and sports commentator. He has expressed his delight and pride in being awarded KOTY!

The Castellorizian Association of WA Committee and all Members would like to congratulate Basil on this wonderful honour. He will officially be conferred his award at a function in Melbourne on 6th October 2018.

VALE

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

- ❖ Leni Georgiou (nee Levissianos) 19th Jan 2018
- ❖ Yvonne Frossos (nee Carandonis) 25th Apr 2018
- ❖ Katina Pampacos (nee Sarinas) 21st May 2018
- ❖ Michael Nicholaidis 24th May 2018
- ❖ Constantine Panegyres 10th Jun 2018
- ❖ Nicholas Simeon 18th Jun 2018
- ❖ David Constantine 27th Jun 2018
- ❖ Jo-Ann Lekias 4th Jul 2018
- ❖ Nicholas A Lucas 6th Jul 2018
- ❖ Eve Giannas (nee Tsakalos) 13th Jul 2018
- ❖ Irene Papas (nee Tsakoniatis) 18th Jul 2018

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations on your Birthday!

- ❖ Ken Michael 12th Apr 2018 80 yrs (see below)
- ❖ Jack Anastasakis 8th Jun 2018 70 yrs
- ❖ Tony Zempilas 9th Jun 2018 90 yrs (see below)
- ❖ Poppy Xanthis 26th Jun 2018 89 yrs
- ❖ Rose Kalaf 8th Jul 2018 70 yrs (see page 3)
- ❖ Helen Hondris 10th Jul 2018 100 yrs (page 3)
- ❖ Tony Andony 7th Aug 2018 65 yrs
- ❖ James Anastasakis 10th Aug 2018 80 yrs
- ❖ Michael Lekias 13th Aug 2018 87 yrs
- ❖ Bartley Kakulas 15th Aug 2018 85 yrs



Congratulations to Tony Zempilas who turned 90 years of age on 9th June 2018. He celebrated this important milestone with his family.

BAPTISMS

- ❖ Congratulations to Basil and Amy Zempilas on the Baptism of their son Anthony Paul in early July 2018, held on Castellorizo.



Castellorizian Baptism

- ❖ Congratulations to Christine and Nick Di Pietro (nee Doucas) on the Baptism of their son Gregory Di Pietro on 12th May 2018. See photos and article on page 4.



KEN MICHAEL CRUISES INTO A NEW DECADE

Congratulations to Ken Michael who turned 80 on the 12th of April 2018. Ken says this is a big year for his family as all the big birthdays aligned – his daughter Phillipa hit a new decade, his daughter-in-law Evangeline's 40th and Kenny his grandson's 10th birthday. But the family insists that the special one is Ken's 80th. To celebrate he spent time with his family on a lovely holiday in the warmth of Singapore, Vietnam and Hong Kong, part of which was spent lazing on a cruise. His niece Rene said "It's hard to believe he's 80. He's still as vibrant and hard working as ever."

SOCIAL NEWS



Michael and Lola Tsolakis celebrated 70 years of marriage on 18th July 2018. It was a joyous occasion with the family.

Their marriage in 1948 was the beginning of a beautiful life together rearing three children, Max, Marilyn and Ian, in a warm and loving home that was a central point for relatives calling in to play 'Tavli' and of course being looked after by Lola with her home cooking. They have enjoyed many family milestones, as well as socialising with many good friends, throughout their lives. Michael and Lola have been very active members of the Greek community, as well as playing important roles in the development of our Castellorizian Association in Western Australia.

As well as receiving letters from the Queen, Governor General, the Prime Minister, the Premier of WA and other dignitaries, there was a very special acknowledgement in a scripted reading performance of Michael's life at The Blue Room Theatre in Northbridge on the 1st and 4th August.



100 BIRTHDAY!

Congratulations to Eleni (Helen) Hondris, nee Macrides on achieving her 100th birthday on 10th July 2018. Helen was born in Darwin to George Nicholas Macrides & Zabetta (nee Longarezou).

The family took her to lunch at the Casino Atrium.

Helen received so many beautiful flowers, phone calls, gifts, cards and best wishes. As there is so many people to thank and as she doesn't get about much now these days Helen has asked that a very big **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone in appreciation.

SOCIAL NEWS



Christening of Gregory Di Pietro



Nick Di Pietro, speaking to the lunch party at Cazzie House.

Jacquie and Lui Bellantoni became 'Nona and Nono' at the Christening of their nephew, Gregory Di Pietro on 12th May at the church St Constantine and Helen. Thanks to the parents Christine and Nick and their well-behaved baby who took it all in his stride and spent the ceremony looking around in wonderment!

After the service a delicious lunch was attended by around 100 family and friends. Castellorizo House proved to be the perfect venue for such an event. Thanks to Michael Anastas who provided a duo for live music. Grandparents Greg and Stacey Doucas are loving the new role in their lives and the little one keeps them delighted.



Congratulations and very best wishes to Rose Kalaf who celebrated her 70th birthday on Sunday 8th July, 2018.

Rose enjoyed a lovely high tea with close family followed by a surprise stay at the Hyatt.

UPDATE ON ARTHUR AND PAM MISTILIS' FAMILY

Michael Mistilis the son of Arthur and Pam Mistilis wed his beautiful fiancé Tina Spandl on the 17/11/2013.

The couple who live in Perth have two lovely sons Luca Dominic Mistilis born on the 12/2/2015 who speaks English and German and his brother Leo Simon Mistilis born 15/2/2018.

Melanie Mistilis the daughter of Arthur and Pam Mistilis wed her handsome fiancé Luke Slawomirski on 19/4/2015.

The couple who live in Paris have a lovely son Stellan James Slawomirski born 20/2/2017.



Michael Papadoulis, Herb Kyriakos and Angie Gelavis

Herb Kyriakos of Melbourne visiting Perth during the Lawn Bowls Tournament and catching up with his Perth Cousins.

See pages 28 and 29 for article and photos about the tournament.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



President Stan Kailis

1. Congratulations Basil Zempilas

Basil, on behalf of the Committee and Members congratulations on your recent award of Australian Castellorizian of the Year. We are proud of your achievements in community service and sport and wish you well in continuing your excellent work.

2. Visiting Castellorizian Students Kebab Night (see also page 17 for photos and KCA Thank You)

Seventeen persons attended

Host family Peter and Chrysanthia Manios (nee Phillips), Kostaki and Kleonora

Students from Cazzie – Georgios Karavelatzis and Anthoula Kavasila

Maria Zounis and her son Matthew

Katina Todd (nee Drimatis) and her daughter Kristina

Marilyn Tsolakis

John, Desiree, Laughlan and Mia Gelavis

Stan, Lefki and Solon Kailis

All that were present had a great time and the young people interacted well. I also gave each of them one of our gold pins with the heart anchor and cross.

3. Meeting with Presidents of Greek Associations of WA

We met Thursday 2nd August to discuss a number of issues. Chaired by Savvas Papasavvas

- Glendi – postponed until 2019
- A fund-raising event for Greek fire victims on the 16th September 2018 – possibly a lunch
- A joint function to fundraise for St Andrews Grammar School – Mid-February 2019

4. Donation to Father Elpidios – Greece Fire Appeal

I recently passed over our donation of \$1000 to Father Elpidios for the Greece Fire Appeal.

Through Church tray offerings, Donations from Greek Orthodox Brotherhoods and Associations and personal donations, a total of **\$16302 was raised. This amount will be sent to the Greek Archdiocese associated with the fire affected area for direct relief to residents.**

5. Fifty Marias

Lefki and I attended with 50 persons a miniplay at the Blueroom – 50 Marias (50 thankyou's to Holy Mary for protecting him) – A cameo of Michael Tsolakis a 96 year old Castellorizian. It recalled his life on Castellorizo, his travel to Australia, Meeting and Marrying Lola Simeon. I recommend that we try and get a replay so more Cazzies can enjoy his story. I have also asked for a copy of the play.

6. Kitchen Renovations

The Association has recently made application to Lotterywest for a \$40,000 grant to provide additional funds for Castellorizian House Kitchen Renovation. We now await the outcome.

7. Father/Son Happy Hour

The Father/Son Night held on Friday 22nd June 2018 was a great success and saw an attendance of 49 on the night. Great fellowship and excellent food was enjoyed by all.

CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF WA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday October 28th 2018 Commencing 3.00pm

At Castellorizian House

160 Anzac Road Mount Hawthorn WA

Afternoon Tea provided

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and opening of meeting**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Recognition of absent members**
- 4. Minutes of previous AGM**
 - 4.1 Confirmation of Minutes**
 - 4.2 Matters Arising**
- 5. President's Report**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. Election of Auditors**
- 8. Election of Trustees – (Three Year Term)**
- 9. Kastellorizian Council of Australia**
- 10. Notice of motions received**
- 11. General Business**
- 12. President's Award**
- 13. Election of Committee of Management**
- 14. Close**

In accordance with clause 6(d) of the Association's constitution any notice of motion must be received at the above address by Sunday October 7th, 2018.

Copies of the Minutes of the 2017 AGM, the Association's Constitution and the 2018 Agenda are available to be viewed by our members at the following website address: www.castellorizo.org/agm

GREEK DANCING FOR FUN

By Anita Verne

The “Greek Dancing for Fun” sessions have been running at Cazzie House since the end of January and it’s wonderful to see that people have the freedom to join, leave, come back, go on holidays as suits them. We have certainly been staying warm during these colder evenings of winter, as the classes provide great exercise and bring us many laughs.

Please feel free to pop in to see what’s happening or to join in – beginners can start any time. Both men and women are welcome, as are younger members of the family. Our lovely teacher Tony Tsilivis takes the time to teach everyone at their own level. His wife Rina sometimes helps out too.

We have everyone from beginners to people with lots of knowledge of dancing. Tony is a great choreographer, so he also incorporates many new or alternate steps to the dances you may already know.

Sessions are \$10 each on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and run for an hour. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle. See you at Cazzie house (160 Anzac Rd, Mt Hawthorn).

CONTACT: Anita on 0407 922 783 or anita@halmac.com.au



Dance Party

Sat 25th Aug 2018, at Cazzie House

Buy your ticket from Anita Verne - m: 0407 922 783 e: anita@halmac.com.au

Numbers are limited so be quick

\$10 per person (Children under 15 free)

7pm - 10.30pm 160 Anzac Rd, Mt Hawthorn

Families and friends welcome

BRING:

* A platter of meze for the share buffet table

* Your own Drinks

Get Your Greek Dancing Shoes on!

DONATION MADE BY THE CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF WA

The Castellorizian Association of WA recently donated \$1000 towards the Greece Fire Appeal and presented the cheque to Father Elpidios. Funds raised by all the parishes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia will be forwarded to the Archdiocese in Sydney who then will send one cheque to Greece on behalf of all Australia.

SPECIAL HAPPY HOUR DINNER

**FRIDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2018
COMMENCING 6.00pm**

**CASTELLORIZIAN HOUSE
160 ANZAC ROAD MOUNT HAWTHORN**

**BRING YOUR
WIFE/PARTNER EVENING**

**UNACCOMPANIED MEN AND WOMEN
ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND**

Cost only \$35 For Meal and Refreshments

**Castellorizian visitors from Eastern States will
also be in attendance**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact Jim Manifis on 0433165601

Mediterranean Herbs and Cuisine – Part 1

Herbs common to the traditional Mediterranean Diet include: basil, bay leaf, dill, fennel, garlic, lavender, marjoram, mint, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage, tarragon, and thyme. Herbs impart flavors and aromas to foods. Also, herbs contribute to the national identities of the various Mediterranean cuisines.



Many Mediterranean dishes include herbs to complement, supplement and typify. Edible herbs are plants with savory or aromatic properties that are used as flavours and garnishes for food. Gastronomically *herbs* are different to spices. *Herbs* are mostly the fresh or dried leaves and/or the flowering parts of plants whereas spices are usually dried parts of plants, such as seeds, bark, roots and fruits. Herbs are also rich in health promoting components such as antioxidants, minerals and vitamins.

Mediterranean countries have, an abundance of fresh herbs many of which grow wild. These are used in daily cooking as well as flavouring other foodstuffs such as olives, gherkins, onions and pickled vegetables. Adding herbs when preparing meals is an excellent way to enhance flavour and palatability without having to add sugar, salt or fat.

Growing Herbs: If you have the space for a few pots, some potting soil, seeds or seedlings, Herbs such as sage, thyme, lavender, chives, and mint can survive for several growing seasons without requiring replanting. Whereas parsley is biennial and most basil plants are annual. Perennial herbs such as Rosemary and Bay grow as shrubs. Mixing many different herbs in a single planting space provides variety, protects the plants and simplifies watering and fertilizing. Herbs are a gift from your garden to relish.

Drying Herbs: Drying herbs is useful as it extends their availability and for some are 3-4 times more potent than fresh herbs so, you will need to use less. Drying, the oldest method of food preservation, is one of the easiest and safest ways of preserving food for later use. To dry herbs you need to expose them to warm dry air. Sun drying of herbs is not recommended because in the sun they tend to lose colour and flavour. There are at least four ways of drying herbs: using a food dehydrator; air drying; oven drying; and microwave drying. Herbs to be dried are best harvested early in the day to retain their aromatic characteristics, rejecting any parts that are damaged or imperfect. In Australia hanging the herbs, in a covered breezeway, is an easy way to dry the herbs. The final product should be able to be crushed between the fingers.

Oregano and Marjoram: True Greek oregano (ρίγανη) is quite hot, spicy and tangy with a lemon flavor to taste whereas the closely related Marjoram (μαντζουράνα) is mild and sweet. Much of the oregano available in shops is actually a variety of marjoram so it is not very hot. Oregano grows wild throughout the Mediterranean and is essential to Italian and Greek cooking. Its name is derived from the Ancient Greek words ὄρος (mountain) and γάμος (joy). The Greeks and Romans believe oregano to be a mark of pleasure and joyfulness. Traditionally Greek and Roman brides and grooms were crowned with a laurel of oregano. Oregano and marjoram pair well with grilled meats, fish, and atop feta in a traditional Greek salad. In Italy oregano is a typical addition to pasta sauce.

Your Olive Tree – This time of the year lightly prune your olive tree and remove any weak or damaged branches. **Sprinkle a couple of handfuls of fertilizer under the tree – compost or dynamic lifter.**

Contact Dr Stan on 0414271644 or email stan.kailis@y7mail.com

CAZZIE COOKING CLASSES

Photos and Article Courtesy Helen Anastasas

The big event for the Cazzie Cooking Class was the preparation leading up to the Glendi in April. It was enlightening to have so many volunteers from the class at the workshops and assisting at the Greek Festival. Unfortunately it rained on the Saturday and Sunday but this did not deter the wonderful atmosphere of the volunteers and people that came to the Glendi. Credit must also go to the Perth Glendi committee for their tireless efforts and especially that weekend.

At the June Cazzie Cooking Class, I demonstrated sesame and coconut biscuits and they were then made by the participants. The recipe was originally from Mrs Katina Verevis and was passed on to me by Yvonne Raynor. It is a delicious recipe to be made especially for fasting days during of the year. The class was to honour such a lovely person who many of us knew and took pride in all her Greek cooking. Mrs Verevis was well known to generously help families to make their Easter biscuits – koulourakia over the years.

After the above class there was an afternoon tea for the Glendi volunteers catered for by the Castellorizian Association of WA. Stan Kailis was invited and thanked all present for everyone's efforts and also spoke on the present and future direction of the Association.

The last class was on Saturday 4 August. Phyllis Samiotis demonstrated modern fusion style of savoury quiches with a Grecian twist of pastry and a variety of Mediterranean fillings. A great class enjoyed by all. Thank you to Phyllis, for all her dedicated efforts to make the class so successful.

GLENDI VOLUNEERS PHOTOS



CAZZIE COOKING CLASS – CONTINUED

SESAME AND COCONUT BISCUITS CLASS PHOTOS



President Stan Kailis thanking Volunteers after the Sesame and Coconut Biscuit Class

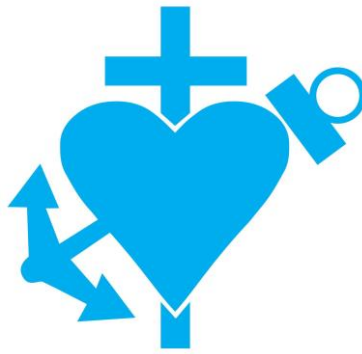
CAZZIE COOKING CLASS – CONTINUED

SAVORY QUICHES WITH A GREEK TWIST CLASS PHOTOS



ABOUT THE CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF WA

Compiled by Anita Verne



The Castellorizian Association of WA is a not for profit organisation. It was formed in 1912 and presently has over 500 members. It is charged with maintaining a close cultural connection to the Greek island of Castellorizo.

The objects of the Association are:

- (a) To promote and maintain a closer friendship between the members of the Community and other Australians generally and for that purpose to support any national, patriotic or community purpose.
- (b) To facilitate closer co-operation with other Castellorizian Associations within Australia and overseas to benefit the island of Castellorizo.
- (c) To perpetuate the Castellorizian identity through educating its members about Castellorizian history and its customs.
- (d) To liaise and promote harmonious relations between other Greek regional and Pan Hellenic Associations.
- (e) To repair and maintain the assets and real property of the Association
- (f) To provide moral and material assistance to Castellorizians in need.

Membership is open to all members of the community and fees are at the low cost of \$20 per year.

The premises are available for use and hire by the community, members and non-members alike. It is used regularly for a wide variety of functions and events. The Association is mindful of maintaining the good relationship it enjoys with surrounding neighbours and, to this end, carefully vets all events with regard to late night noise, before making the premises available.

The Association is based at 'Castellorizian House' which is a modified century-old federation house with a particularly interesting, distinguished and heritage-laden history. The original house "Fairview" was an important community centre at the beginning of last century. It was occupied by a prominent Perth businessman and Councillor, Mr John H Beveridge who contributed greatly to the Mount Hawthorn community through opening his home to the community for many social and charity endeavours, which included his involvement in the building of ANZAC Cottage. Many meetings and events were held which contributed to the development of Mt Hawthorn and thus it is an important historical building in the Mt Hawthorn locale.

The Castellorizian Association purchased the building in November 1981 and has continued the tradition of opening the house to the broader community. It allows easy access and parking away from busy areas of the city which is of great benefit to many of our long-standing members.

BAOULA -

Treasure Troves of History and Culture



By Stephanie Meagher, Lefki Kailis and Anita Verne (Culture and Heritage Committee)

One of the principle aims of this committee is to research, promote and showcase the rich historical and cultural heritage of the Island of Castellorizo. To this end we have been endeavouring to create representations that are evocative of aspects of Castellorizian life and culture, past and present, for exhibit in the display space at Castellorizo House. We hope you find them interesting and enlightening.

Our current display centres on a very Greek tradition - the '*baoulo*' (*μπάουλο*). We are extremely grateful to Elaine Palassis for allowing us to share the story of her grandmother, Evangelia Zimbulis Manolas, through the contents of her treasured baoulo. The *baoulo* offers us a glimpse into her life and times. We hope our display does Evangelia justice.



Evangelia Manolas (nee Zimbulis)

What is a Baoulo?

Essentially, a *baoulo* is a large storage trunk containing all the things a young Greek girl would need once she married and began setting up her own home. The *baoulo* contained her '*prika*' or dowry and was a source of great pride.

Every woman coming to Australia from Castellorizo had a *baoulo* containing many of the following items, as documented by Connie Gregory of the Castellorizian Association of Victoria.

Carpets: The wool usually came from Italy and the dyes from Turkey. Young women would dye the wool and use a traditional design, sometimes incorporating the year that the carpet was finished.

Crockery and kitchenware: Willow design platters, coffee pots (*biriki*), brass mortar and pestle (*gouthi*), Victorian lustreware jugs as well as glazed earthenware bowls.

Cutlery: Silver filigree spoons and forks.

Funeral clothes: If the pilgrimage (*hajj*) to the Holy Land had been undertaken, clothes that had been 'purified' in Jerusalem would be reserved as '*endafia*' or funeral clothes. (Even now, older Castellorizians in Australia who have undertaken the pilgrimage wish to be buried in the shroud purified in Jerusalem).

Gold, jewellery and heirlooms: Examples: '*Bougles*', the brooches used to fasten the costume opening, silver items, '*Mati*' ('evil eye' talismans) traditional bracelets, rings and necklaces often containing coins and heavy gold chains.

Gold coins: These were handed down, usually at engagements, weddings and births and were highly regarded. These coins (*floria*) were often attached to bracelets and other jewellery. Gold sovereigns were very popular.

Icons and religious items: Icons were handed down from generation to generation. Ships always carried an icon, many of which were commissioned at Odessa. Other items included beautifully crafted large filigree silver crucifixes, and brass burners (*thimeteria*) for the resinous incense (*livani*), and of course gold crosses.

Handicrafts: Handicrafts included: hand woven bed and table linen and lace, samplers of costumes and mottoes sometimes worked with gold thread on velvet, embroidery which could be very colourful or just white on white, often with intricate cut-out designs, quilts (*paploma*) and finely worked undergarments.

Shipping: Papers and keepsakes, and exotic items brought home to Castellorizo from trading routes as far flung as the Far East.

Traditional costume: Every woman treasured her traditional costume and these would be passed down. Often the outer velvet gold-embroidered coat would be re-lined several times with the passage of time. The costume included this outer coat, edged in fur, a richly figured undercoat, a vest, lace-edged long shirt, fastened with a row of '*bougles*' pantaloons edged with lace, a long belt of checked silk wound round the waist, headdress and scarf, Spanish-style fringed shawl, velvet and gold slippers, and of course lots of gold bracelets.



The Baoulo of Evangelia Zimbulis Manolas

Evangelia's *baoulo* is a wonderful example of the tradition. It contains a rich and fascinating array of some of the items listed above; from exotic and lavishly embroidered shawls and kimonos from the Far East to more practical fare in the form of tablecloths, undergarments and coverlets. Each item tells a story and the exquisite hand-stitched, pure silk nightdresses that Evangelia would no doubt have laboured over as part of her *prika* are testament to the importance and value of the *baoulo* in Greek culture.

As Evangelia embarked on her epic journey to the other side of the world to begin a new life, there is little doubt that her *baoulo* would have been extremely important to her – its contents a link with her ancestral homeland to which she knew she might never return. Elaine has also generously included many original written documents from her grandparents spanning over 100 years. Written documentation is an invaluable inclusion as it adds provenance to the contents of the *baoulo*. We thank Elaine for her generosity.

Your Family Baoulo

Each *baoulo* tells a unique story which can transport us back to a different time and place. The Culture and Heritage Committee believes that these stories are an invaluable contribution to our understanding of the rich and colourful history of migration from Castellorizo.

To this end, we would like to invite our readers to share the story of their Yia Yia and her *baoulo*. Should you be interested – and we hope many of you are - a member of our committee would be happy to arrange a time to come and speak with you; to celebrate, document and preserve the story of your ancestor and her *baoulo*.

While we do not have the capacity to accept or store further donations at this point, we would be very interested in adding your stories to our virtual museum.

For further information, please contact:

Stephanie Meagher: 0450 609 491

Lefki Kailis: 0439 899 010

Anita Verne: 0407 922 783.

We are very much looking forward to hearing from you.

Culture and Heritage Committee

WEBSITES ASSOCIATED WITH OUR ASSOCIATION

Castellorizian Association of WA Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/311068092238055/>

Castellorizo Genealogy Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/311068092238055/>

Castellorizo Genealogy Website: <https://www.castellorizo.org/>

Empire Patrol Website: <http://empirepatrol.com/>

Castellorizian Virtual Museum: <http://castellorizo.org/museum/>

COMING SOON: THE CASTELLORIZIAN ASSOCIATION OF WA WEBSITE

VISITING CASTELLORIZIAN STUDENTS

KEBAB NIGHT



Friends of Kastellorizo Thank You

Friends of Kastellorizo would like to thank the Kastellorizian Association of Western Australia and the Kastellorizian Ladies' Association (Megisti) WA for contributing to the sponsorship to bring two students from Kastellorizo to Australia. While the City of Perth is the major sponsor because of our sister city relationship, further funds for other costs some of which were for insurance and domestic flights to Melbourne and Sydney were needed. The Kastellorizian Association of Victoria also contributed to the sponsorship.

This International Student Exchange program broadens the vision and dreams of what may be possible for their future lives in a way that is not dissimilar to our parents and grandparents coming to Australia for better opportunities.

Thank you again to the families of the students from Perth who went to Kastellorizo on exchange last year: Peter, Chrysanthea, Konstantine & Kleonora Manios (host family), Maria and Matthew Zounis, Katina and Kristina Todd for the effort they made to make our young visitors from Kastellorizo welcome. Their hospitality and generosity made their visit very special indeed. Perth is in their hearts.

Marilyn Tsolakis

SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELENE FUNCTION 2018

Photos Courtesy Steve Filmer and Anita Verne

The Castellorizian Association of WA held a very successful Saints Constantine and Helene Luncheon on Sunday 20th May 2018. Over 80 persons were in attendance and a wonderful assortment of food and drinks were provided by Kailis Bros of Leederville.





SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELENE PHOTOS CONTINUED



On the following day (Monday May 21st 2018) members of our Executive Committee attended Saints Constantine and Helene Church for the Saints Constantine and Helene Church Service.



President Stan Kailis (Right) and Vice President Jim Manifs Carrying Icon



Saints Constantine and Helene Church Service May 21st 2018

CAZZIE HOUSE CHANGES

Compiled by Anita Verne

1981 – 2018

For more than 36 years, “Cazzie House” as it is affectionately known by its members, has been the cultural and social focal point of the Castellorizian Community in Western Australia. And it is busier than ever! Not only does it stage regular association events, it is also hired out for Bridge players, wakes, lunches, workshops and conferences. Important benevolent functions include providing the venue to benefit community groups such as St Basil’s Aged Care Services.

You may have noticed that the glass space in the centre has had a changing display over the last few months. Keep an eye on this as the Cultural Heritage group plan items that enhance our celebratory calendar and our Greek history.

A Face Lift

Castellorizo House is due for a face lift in several different areas. Some major maintenance and renovations will be required over the next few years, as identified by the Renovations Subcommittee.

The first of these is the kitchen – a little room which has worked very hard over the past years! The Cazzie Cooking Class, and no doubt the community groups and caterers who use it, will be very happy to see the plans of the lovely new expanded space with state-of-the-arts appliances for that area. In the next few months we will keep you updated on progress for this exciting project.

Blessing of Castellorizian House in 1981



Father Anthony Papadokolakis (left) and Father Stylianos Vacras bless Castellorizian House at Mt Hawthorn yesterday.

A home away from home

Holy water and hymns heralded the opening of a new community centre for Greek migrants from the island of Castellorizo in Perth yesterday.

The centre in Anzac Road, Mt Hawthorn, is the culmination of six years of planning. It will become the focal point for cultural and social activities of this unique community.

Castellorizians were the first Greek migrants to arrive in WA, mainly to escape the oppression of foreign powers who occupied their island until after the World War.

The first migrants arrived in WA in 1897 and by 1912 the Castellorizian association was formed.

Mr George Stavrianou, the honorary association life president, said that over the years an increasing number of his people had left the island and come to settle in WA. The community was now more than 5000 strong.

“The island was dominated by the Ottoman empire followed by the French and then the Italians,” he said.

“It was during the Italian occupation that most of our people came to WA.

“There used to be 12,000 people living on the island which is smaller than Rottneest.

“Now there are less than 200.”

The community has prospered in its new home, boasting a high proportion of professionals and business men.

They include Professor B. Kakulas, Magistrate Con Zemplas and fishing fleet operator, Mr M. Kallis.

OUR RESOURCE CENTRE – BOOK PROFILE

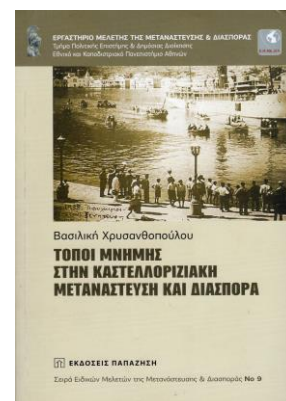
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Profiled by Lefki Kailis

Librarian of the Castellorizian House of WA Collection

August 2018



It's September 1945, Castellorizo is in ruins, a pile of rubble, masses of homes have been destroyed by German bombings, a huge fire has ravaged the Island. The people of Castellorizo who were dispersed and relocated in Egypt or Cyprus or Palestine to avoid casualties in 1943 are elated to be told they will be returning to their homeland, though they know little of the destruction that has taken place in their absence.

The shock of being suddenly torn from home and moved from place to place in circumstances of war is no preparation for the terror they will experience when their Savior the specially chartered British vessel the SS Empire Patrol catches fire and eventually sinks a few hours after departure from Port Said in Egypt on 29 September 1945 with 497 Castellorizian refugees on board.

Thirty-three passengers, mainly women and children drowned or died as a result of the catastrophe on that day. Paul Boyatzis was one of the young children that survived to tell the tale. Tireless research over his adult years to find out why? Why? Why? and his collaboration with Nick Pappas resulted in a direct and page-turning book that investigates the context and circumstances that led to the fire on board. *'Embers on the sea'* is that book. Maps, a list of key persons, an epilogue, the names of the Refugees whose lives were lost, notes on documentary sources, photo credits and a detailed index make this a credible document from a voice in the diaspora.

Vassiliki Chryssanthopoulou, Assistant Professor in Folkloristics and Society in the School of Philosophy in Athens has spent over 32 years undertaking longitudinal fieldwork and biographical research, analysing the way these surviving Castellorizians – on the Island and in the diaspora have structured their remembrances, making memories a central symbol of their identity in their place of settlement. This is the theme of her book *"Sites of memory in Castellorizian migration and diaspora"*.

Professor Vassiliki is particularly interested in how differently constructed the memories and ways of remembering of the survivors and their descendants in Perth, Western Australia are to those who remained on the Island and those living in Rhodes. She concludes that in Perth, Western Australia the Empire Patrol disaster has been written into the narrative of Castellorizian settlement in the State and that it is now embedded in our Australian migrant history.

She shows how Western Australian survivors have established a way of memorialising the event through 40th, 50th, 65th and 70th commemoration ceremonies, both on Castellorizo and in Perth. They have published books, articles and attracted newspaper coverage, they have established a physical presence with a commemorative pedestal on the Island with the names of the thirty three people lost

in the disaster as well as a Memorial Board listing the deceased which is installed in the Cathedral of Saint Constantine and Helene on the Island.

And most importantly they have touched survivors and descendants all over the world through the Empire Patrol website (www.empirepatrol.com), which documents vivid, moving, oral testimonies that interweave knitting together the narrative. The invitation for guests to comment brings live responses and new information, providing a forum for dialogue, queries and further investigation.

Professor Vassiliki addresses academics in the first few chapters of her treatise. She shows how to conduct a study of narratives of traumatic experience and memory. The remaining chapters are for the layperson, telling the story of the disaster and using recordings of survivors' memories to extrapolate her theories of how identity is cemented through narrative, oral history and ritual.

The Greek text will be stimulating for bi-lingual readers and the CD of conversations with survivors are rich and riveting. There are songs sung and poems read that come deep out of the trauma of the experience (the English translations are on the Empire Patrol website). There is still plenty to engage the English only reader too – an English summary, lots of photos of the Perth Greek Community and events held in Perth and on Castellorizo.

Many of you will know that Professor Vassiliki has worked in Australia and has visited Perth many times. She was here for the launch of the book *Embers on the Sea* in September 1995 and again in 2004 when she delivered a lecture at Cazzie House. Her dedication to the study of the Empire Patrol disaster has been long and deep. We are extremely grateful for her dedication to the exploration of the critically important topic of trauma and how we deal with it.

Professor Vassiliki's book was launched earlier this year at the University of Athens and again at the Castellorizian Association in Piraeus. She has very kindly donated a copy to our Association dedicating it as a *'small token expressing my gratitude and friendship to the members of the Castellorizian community of Perth, who have taught me so much about migration, tradition and identity ...'*

When we know of the painful suffering of these refugees and the tragic experience of Ottoman Greeks and Hellenes through history we understand why they recognise refugees and migration and why they give true meaning to the words 'φιλότιμο' and 'φιλοξενιά'.

For those interested in the topic of Greek migration, refugees and the diaspora check Professor Iakovos Michailidis (University of Thessaloniki) – *Children of Odysseu*, published this year. He has a chapter on 'The Tragedy of the 'Empire Patrol'.

Embers on the Sea is available through Halstead Press.

Sites of memory in Castellorizian migration and diaspora is available through Papazisis Publishers <https://www.papazissi.gr/?s=sites+of+memory+in+Castellorizian+migration+and+diaspora>

For further information on the author Vassiliki Chyssanthopoulou go to http://en.phil.uoa.gr/the-faculty/departments-of-byzantine-philology-and-folkloristics/members-of-the-department/vassiliki_chyssanthopoulou_en.html

The books profiled here are available for reading and perusing at Cazzie House.

KASTELLORIZIAN COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2019

‘GOING BACK TO OUR ROOTS’

The second KCA Conference is to be held in Sydney from 25th to 27th January 2019. All information for the conference will be on the KCA website at www.kazziecouncil.org.au and confirmed details and full program will also be sent to our Association.

The following speakers have accepted an invitation to speak at the conference.

Dr Nicholas G Pappas AM

Lawyer, published author in Castellorizian History and Past President of the Castellorizian Club, NSW.

Costa Vertzayias AM

Consultant Lawyer, writer and Past President of the Castellorizian Club, NSW.

Ms Anna Koutsis

Consultant Audiologist, published author in Audiology and Migrant Welfare. History and Archives Committee, Castellorizian Association of NSW.

Ms Victoria Kazaglis-Gallagher

Faculty member, Catholic Education Office, Sydney. Member, Board of Directors Castellorizian Association of NSW. History and Archives Committee, Castellorizian Association of NSW.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

In this edition of the *Megisti Messenger* membership subscription invoices are enclosed for the 2018/2019 period. If you did not receive an invoice then you have already paid your subscription fees in advance. Current year membership is for the period July 1st 2018 to June 30th 2019.

Unfortunately, some membership subscriptions still remain overdue for the 2017/2018 period even though overdue notices were included in the last *Megisti Messenger*. Invoices will indicate whether this is the case.

The cost of producing and mailing our newsletter four times a year is considerable and membership subscriptions only just cover this cost.

If you have any queries re your membership please contact our Treasurer Allan Cresswell on 93057954 or 0413958500, or email cressie@castellorizo.org



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NOTICE OF 2018 AGM

Saturday 20th October
At 2.30pm

Castellorizian House
160 Anzac Road, Mt Hawthorn

NEW CASTELLORIZIAN WEDDING PHOTOS VIDEO

A new Castellorizian Wedding Photos Video has been produced in July 2018. It is available on YouTube for all to view but it is an unlisted video and not searchable. Share the link below with your family and friends.

The video has a total of Eighty Eight Castellorizian Wedding Photos for the years 1904 to 1955. All photos show weddings occurring on the island of Castellorizo.

Go to: <https://youtu.be/Iak0kHWfQ2Y>

Watch in 'Full Screen' and turn up the volume! ENJOY.

'KASTELLORIZIAKA NEA'



Honouring an Important Legacy

Compiled by Stephanie Meagher (Culture and Heritage Committee)

It was with great pleasure that I visited the home of Tony and Maria Koufos this week. I arrived bearing gifts - the recently archived collection of the Greek newspaper, *Kastelloriziaka Nea*. Tony had spent 37 years editing the Perth contribution and, together with Maria, delivered the paper to Castellorizian families across Perth.

As Tony and Maria leafed through the collection, reminiscing and sharing stories of how they would individually roll, wrap, and then hand deliver as many members' papers as they could to save on postage, I was struck by their dedication. It was quite clearly a labour of love for them both.



Tony and Maria reminiscing on their days with *Kastelloriziaka Nea*

I was interested to learn how Tony, as the editor for Perth, would collect and collate news of the various comings and goings of the Castellorizian community, thus ensuring the various rites of passage celebrated by Perth's Cazzie families were recorded and preserved for posterity.

Tony reflected on the fact that during his long tenure he would often follow a person's life journey, through recording the celebrations of their birth, christening, graduation and wedding before the cycle

would start again with the birth of their children. Funerals, memorial services and national days of importance were also part of Tony's broad reach.

Once he had gathered the articles for each edition, Tony would then translate them into Greek and send them off to Athens for publication. It is through his efforts that Perth's Cazzie community had a prominent presence on the national stage via the pages of *Kastelloriziaka Nea* which, at its peak, was distributed by Tony and Maria to 110 families across the metropolitan area.

Tony was the proud recipient of a Diploma of Honor by the Worldwide Kastellorizian Association in recognition of his dedication as an editor of *Kastelloriziaka Nea*, an award he so richly deserves.

Antonios Stavros Koufos' legacy to our Castellorizian community can be seen in the pages of *Kastelloriziaka Nea*. His faithful recording of Cazzie life in Perth is of great cultural and historical significance for the community and it is a legacy that will now be readily available for future generations to appreciate. On behalf of the Castellorizian Association of W.A. I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Tony and Maria Koufos.



Diploma of Honor – recognition for dedicated service

Our archive now spans many decades but we do not have complete sets for each year. We are very eager to have as complete a collection as possible, so if you have any old copies of *Kastelloriziaka Nea* tucked away somewhere and you would like to donate them, please contact:

Stephanie Meagher: 0450 609 491 or Lefki Kailis: 0439 899 010.

It is also our intention for the collection to be readily available for interested members to peruse and we are hoping for this to occur as soon as is practicable. To be advised.

Happy Reading!

(Culture and Heritage Committee)

THE HELLENIC BOWLING CLUB OF WA

Compiled by Mike Litis

The Hellenic Bowling Club of W.A. recently entertained a group of bowlers from Brisbane as part of a challenge for the Perpetual Shield which was held by Brisbane when we visited that City two years ago. The local team wrestled the shield back to our shores, but the overwhelming outcome of the visit was the great camaraderie that prevailed on the greens and at the many social activities that helped to make a very busy week for our guests as well as for our own Members.

The visit enabled the local Club to showcase our beautiful City to our visitors as well as the Hellenic and Hellenes Bowling Clubs who remain unchallenged in Australia considering the number of Greek bowlers who participate in a game of lawn bowls on a weekly basis.

Apart from the active bowling over 3 days, guests were kept busy attending the following pre-arranged activities.

A welcoming dinner by the Committee and wives of the Hellenic Bowling Club of W.A. at the Rendezvous Hotel in Mount Street Perth.

Dinner at the Osborne Park Bowling Club in Tuart Hill, venue for the Challenge Cup and home ground of the Hellenic and Hellenes Greek Bowling Clubs.

Dinner at the 'Eat Greek Restaurant' in East Fremantle on the south banks of the Swan River where the breaking of plates added to the Greek atmosphere.

Day visit to Rottnest Island where our guests enjoyed lunch at the Rottnest Hotel and a bus tour of the island.

Dinner at the impressive 'Boat Shed Restaurant', in South Perth on the south bank of the Swan River with magnificent views of our city as the back drop.

River trip up the Swan River to the wine region of Upper Swan where our guests enjoyed tasting the wines of the Sandalford Winery followed by lunch.

Wind up dinner at the 'Floreat Athena Soccer Club' in Leederville where our guests enjoyed music supplied by Victor Stambelos. The highlight of the evening was a floorshow of Greek dancing by the Hellenic Youth Dance Group who demonstrated traditional dances representing various regions of Greece.

The Brisbane Group were very impressed with our two bowling organizations and were inspired to the point that they have gone back home with the intention to formalize their own bowling club.

We invite members of the Castellorizian Association to come along and give the game a try. We play throughout the summer on arguably the best greens in the State at the Osborne Park Bowling Club in Park Street, Tuart Hill and on fully enclosed bowling rinks at the Stirling Bowling Club in Jones Street, Stirling on Monday nights during winter. Personal and or group coaching is available, and bowls will be supplied upon request.

Photos – compliments of Con Kailis

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The **Hellenic Community Playgroup** first started over 30 years ago and caters for families with newborns through to children of five years of age. It aims to enhance the Greek culture in a playing environment and provides a safe way for children to engage socially with others.

The playgroup also builds a community connecting past and present members, providing a fantastic opportunity for parents to broaden their social network.

A little bit about me...my name is Maria and I am the Playgroup Coordinator. I started bringing my children to the playgroup in 2016 as with all my family in Melbourne it is important for my boys to be part of the Greek community and understand (and hopefully appreciate) my culture. From the playgroup I have met so many wonderful people and my boys have made great friends. So it was an easy decision for me, at the end of 2017, to take over the playgroup so that it's journey could continue.

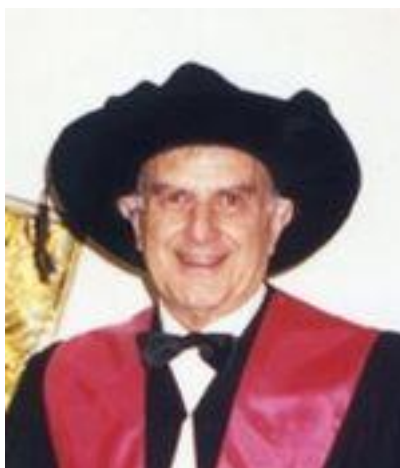


Hellenic Playgroup runs every Thursday from 9.30am to 11:30am during the school terms at the Alexander the Great Hall on Homer Street, Dianella.

If this playgroup sounds like something you might be interested in, please feel free to give me a call/email or just come on down and give it a go.

For further details please contact: **Maria Kovacevic** on 0402 355 524 or kovacevic.maria@hotmail.com

CAZZIE TRIBUTE



**Taken from an online Obituary
published by Asia-Pacific
Journal of Public Health**

**Family History Information
taken from Castellorizo
Genealogy Website**

Emeritus Professor Mark Liveris OBE 1931 – 2011

Emeritus Professor Mark Liveris was born on the 15th May 1931 in Perth Western Australia to Apostolis Constandinou Liveris and Maria (nee Kitsas). Both his parents were born on Castellorizo. Mark had seven siblings.

Mark was educated at Perth Modern School and the University of Western Australia where he completed his PhD in organic chemistry. His early career (1960-1970) was in teaching and research, the latter including postdoctoral research as a fellow with the National Research Council of Canada. At the Western Australian Institute of Technology, now Curtin University, he was in turn inaugural Head of the Department of Chemistry (1967-1969), Assistant Director (Applied Science; 1969-1974), and Foundation Dean and Deputy Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences (1974-1986).

After 7 years of developing science education at Curtin University, particularly in chemistry, Prof Liveris was invited to establish the Division (now Faculty) of Health Sciences. During his appointment Professor Liveris used his knowledge, experience, skills, and extensive network of local, national, and international colleagues to guide the Faculty's development to its present prominence in the health field. One of his major contributions to Australian health workforce training was his understanding of the roles played by allied health professionals and nurses in the health care system and his recognition of the importance of these roles, particularly in academic teaching, learning, research and resource allocation.

After establishing Curtin's Faculty of Health Sciences in 1974, he was appointed to the position of Deputy Vice Chancellor (Health Sciences) in 1987, and he held the prime responsibility for the academic direction and administration of the largest health sciences faculty in Australia. He served on numerous boards and committees and most notably he was Chairman of the Board of Management of Royal Perth Hospital and its Research Foundation, Chairman of the State Health Advisory Network, President of Council of the Cancer Foundation of Western Australia and President of the Australian Hospital Association.

Honor and awards accorded him included the OBE, WHO Fellow, and Western Australia Citizen of the Year (Professions Category). In 1986, he was appointed a Kellogg International Fellow in Health, the sole Australian among 30 fellows from 18 countries. In 1987, he was invited to serve on the Visiting Board of the University of Colorado's New Centre for Human Caring. He was a member of the Public Health Research and Development Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council from 1987-1993 and a member of the Council's Research Strategy Committee for the 1993-1995 Triennium. He was appointed an Honorary Professor at the Beijing Medical University, China with which he has had a long association and Clinical Professor, School of Public Health, University of Hawaii, USA. Professor Liveris was President of the Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) for six years (1995 to 2001). He served on the APACPH Council for many years and mentored many health professionals from our region. He was awarded the APACPH Public Health Recognition Award on 15 December 1992.

Professor Liveris was a dedicated educator who sought to improve health and well-being throughout our region. Mark died on 19 December, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Leonie and three adult children.

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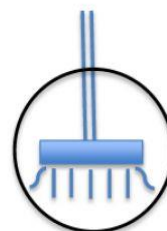
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