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## GOYANZ Annual General Meeting

**Sunday the 6th of October, 4.30pm at the Greek Community Centre, Hania Street**

Only 46 GOYANZ members turned out for this very important meeting to discuss various issues concerning our community. Considering that 400 letters were sent out 3 times in the previous weeks, including a letter that arrived the day before, this was very disappointing. It goes to show how insular our community has become and comes on the back of the Greek Community's failure to have enough nominations and subsequent cancellation of their elections. But thankfully there are enough motivated and interested individuals to continue the good work of the various GOYANZ subcommittees. Summary of AGM events as follows:

- 1) Minutes from 2001 AGM, read by GOYANZ Secretary Chrisanthi Kamberogianis. **Accepted & ratified by AGM.**
- 2) Financial, Statements, read by John Yiappos, Treasurer, GOYANZ. **Accepted & ratified by AGM.**
- 3) Presidents report, read by Paul Kotrotsos, President, GOYANZ
- 4) Proposed changes to GOYANZ constitution, chaired by John Serepisos
  - (a) Clause 4.(a) Membership; **change from:** "Full Members: Any person over the age of 16 and under the age of 35". **change to:** "Any person over the age of 16 and under the age of 45". **Accepted & ratified by AGM.**
  - (b) Clause 4.(a) Membership; **delete:** "No person shall become or remain a full member once that person has attained the age of twenty one years unless that person is also a member of the Greek Orthodox Community of New Zealand Inc.". **Rejected by AGM. Clause to stay as per constitution.**
  - (c) Clause 4. (c) Honorary Members; **change from:** "The Privileges of honorary membership may be extended by the Council to any person if in its opinion there are circumstances showing conspicuous service to the work and/or objects of the Society. An honorary member shall be entitled to all privileges of full membership excluding voting and election rights of the Society without payment of any entrance or subscription fees". **change to:** "The Privileges of honorary membership may be extended by the Council to any person, of any religious denomination and age, if in its opinion there are circumstances showing conspicuous service to the work and/or objects of the Society. An honorary member shall be entitled to all privileges of full membership excluding the right to hold the Presidents or Vice Presidents office". **Accepted & ratified by AGM.**
  - (d) Clause 5. The Council; **change from:** "The management of the society shall be vested in a Council of nine members elected every two years.....". **change to:** "The management of the society shall be vested in a Council of nine members elected every year.....". **Rejected by AGM. Clause to stay as per constitution.**
  - (e) Clause 5. (a) The Council; **change from:** "The nine members shall be elected at every second annual general meeting of the Society by secret ballot of financial members". **change to:** "The nine members shall be elected at every annual general meeting of the Society by secret ballot of financial members". **Rejected by AGM. Clause to stay as per constitution.**
  - (f) Clause 9.(a) Meetings; **change from:** "The Annual General Meeting of the society shall be held in the month of July or August in each year". **change to:** "The Annual General Meeting of the society shall be held between the months of July and November in each year". **Accepted & ratified by AGM.**
  - (g) **Clause 9.(g) Meetings; change from:** "Only financial members and life members shall be allowed to vote". **change to:** "Only financial members, life members and honorary members shall be allowed to vote". **Accepted & ratified by AGM.**
- 5) Nominations for honorary membership call for non-Greek honorary membership as per new constitution changes. Non-Greek Honorary members nominated as follows: Joe Sbroma, Brian Osborne, Tilo Vogt, Mark Attard. **Accepted & ratified by AGM.**

### Nominations and Appointment of GOYANZ committee:

Resignations: Paris Razos, Voula Kosmadakis and Jason Varuhas. New members: Helen Neonakis, Penelope Makris, Theo Doucas, Vera Georgiou

### Nominations and Appointment of subcommittees as follows:

Junior Soccer: New member: George Serepisos (No resignations)

Netball: No new members and No resignations

Youth Radio: Resignation: Stello Manousakis. New Members: Artee Papageorgiou, Gina & Angela Gouvatsos, Meropi Kafakis, Christina Daglas

Ta Matia tou Kosmou: New Members: Meropi Kafakis, Christina Daglas, Irene Manousakis, Gina & Angela Gouvatsos

Olympic Senior Soccer: Resignation: Peter Halikias, Nick Halikias, Basil Bouzoukis, Paris Razos. New Members: Tasos Babarousos, George Neonakis, Peter Zivadinovic.

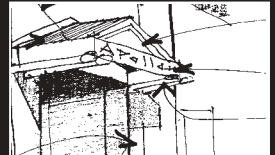
**All new members and subcommittees accepted & ratified by AGM.**

A full list of committees appears on page 2 of this issue of Ta Matia.

### 6) Clubroom developments:

Presentation of plans for the upgrade of clubrooms at Adelaide Rd and Fund-raising schedules presented to the members. **Accepted & ratified by AGM.** Meeting closed 6.46pm

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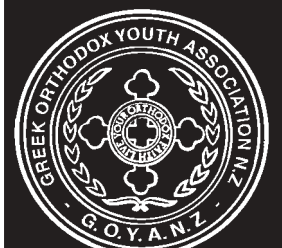
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## Ta Matia Retraction

In the last issue of the Ta Matia tou Kosmou (July 02), the article titled "Greek Presidents visit: Diary of Events" (p3), the Greek Ambassador, Christos Karapanos, was incorrectly referred to as "Mr K". GOYANZ wishes to apologise to Ambassador Karapanos and the Greek Embassy for any embarrassment this may have caused.





Welcome all once again. Its been a while since our last issue but we have finally made it to production. A few weeks ago we held our AGM at the Greek Community Centre, although I was pleased to see some new faces, the turnout was a little disappointing. We need to get more people involved - I believe the biggest problem with our association are the lack of people resources. We have members suggesting new ideas/events to us all the time but we simply do not have the resource to implement these things. So instead of just suggesting an idea be prepared to take it on board and make it happen - you don't need to be on the committee !

As you'll see in this issue there has been some good progress made on the partnership between GOYANZ and APOLLON over the Apollon clubrooms in Adelaide Road. Some upcoming events to look forward to are the Childrens Xmas Party and Baraki night. Please also find enclosed the 2003 GOYANZ calendar. This has been made possible by our many sponsors. Please show them your support.

Enjoy the long weekend and XRONIA POLLA to all the Dimitri's & Dimitra's.

Yasas - Paul Kotrotsos



2002/3 GOYANZ COMMITTEE, L-R: CHRISANTHI KAMBEROGIANNIS, JOHN YIAPPIS, PAUL KOTROTSOS, JOHN SEREPISOS, STELIO MANOUSAKIS, LOUIZA PAPAGEORGIOU

### Committees 2002

#### GOYANZ:

Paul Kotrotsos (Pres.), John Serepisos (V. Pres.), John Yiappos (Treas.), Chrisanthi Kamberogiannis (Sec.), Stelios Manousakis, Louiza Papageorgiou, Helen Neonakis, Penelope Makris, Theo Doucas, Vera Georgiou

#### Olympic:

John Serepisos (Pres.), Tasos Babarousos, Peter Zivadinovic, George Neonakis, John Servos.

#### Netball:

Chrisanthi Kamberogiannis, Vera Georgiou, Voula Halikias

#### Junior Soccer:

John Serepisos (co-ordinator), George Kotrotsos, Andrew Antonopoulos, Stathi Apostolakis, George Serepisos

#### Ta Matia tou Kosmou:

John Serepisos (Editor), Voula Kosmadakis, Stelios Manousakis, Paul Kotrotsos, Demetrius Christoforou (proof reader), Meropi Kafakis, Christina Daglas, Irene Manousakis, Gina & Angela Gouvatsos

#### Youth Radio:

Paul Kotrotsos, Chrisanthi Kamberogiannis, Peppy Tziakis, Konstandina Karasavis, Artee Papageorgiou, Gina & Angela Gouvatsos, Christina Daglas, Meropi Kafakis

#### GOYANZ/Olympic Website:

John Serepisos (johns@tbd.co.nz)

### GOYANZ EVENTS CALANDER 2002

- 19 October GOYANZ scening of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
- 26 October U19 National Soccer Tournament in Napier
- 28 October Greek National Holiday (OXI)
- 16 November Mytilenian Taverna, Odysseus Hall
- 17 November Wellington Xmas Parade
- December GOYANZ Childrens Xmas Party
- December GOYANZ Baraki Night II
- 23 February 02 GOYANZ Picnic, Williams Park, Days Bay

### Makara Bus Timetable

Information compiled by George Karantze

Every month Stagecoach puts on a special bus service for those wanting to visit Makara Cemetery.

Details are:

Bus Departs From Courtenay Place

Departure Time: 1:30pm

Cost: \$10 - return trip

Dates are: 20th November 2002

18th December 2002



CHECK US OUT ON-LINE AT:

WWW.GOYANZ.ORG.NZ OR WWW.OLYMPICAFC.ORG.NZ

### GOYANZ YOUTH RADIO PROGRAM



- 20th October-2002 Voula Kosmadakis  
Chrisanthi Kamberogiannis
- 27th October-2002 Kostandina Karasavas
- 3rd November-2002 Peppy Tziakis
- 10th November-2002 Peppy Tziakis
- 17th November-2002 Kostandina Karasavas
- 24th November-2002 Voula Kosmadakis  
Chrisanthi Kamberogiannis
- 1st December-2002 Voula Kosmadakis  
Chrisanthi Kamberogiannis
- 8th December-2002 Kostandina Karasavas
- 15th December-2002 Peppy Tziakis
- 22nd December-2002 Voula Kosmadakis  
Chrisanthi Kamberogiannis

If anyone is interested in doing a radio show or if you have a dedication or request, please call Paul Kotrotsos on 387-1110

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# GOYANZ/Apollon Clubroom Development

After several months of consultation and due process, the GOYANZ clubroom scheme has finally been ratified by members at last week's AGM. The Apollon Association has agreed on terms for the refurbishment of their premises at Adelaide on a shared basis between members of both associations. Outgoings will be 50/50 between the two. All refurbishment costs will be met by GOYANZ and these include the upgrade of toilet facilities, building frontage, bar area and development of front area as GOYANZ clubrooms. GOYANZ envisages multiple use by ALL members of our community and welcomes input into any aspects of this. The building scheme will comprise of the following:

- 1) Consultation, agreement & building plans (completed)
- 2) Quotation formalisation and funding proposals (Oct/Nov 02)
- 3) Fund-raising schemes to complete project (Nov 02 - Jan 03)
- 4) Building and refurbishment (Jan 03 - Mar 03)

Although GOYANZ will apply for funding through various organisations including Lotto, Wellington Community Trust and the Ethnic Affairs office, the bulk of the fund-raising will have to come from:

- 1) subscription fees + subsidy
- 2) fund-raising events like dances, picnics, raffles etc.
- 3) business sponsorship & advertising
- 4) individual donations of money, goods or services
- 5) other donations from local associations etc.

Envisaged use of the clubrooms will be as follows:

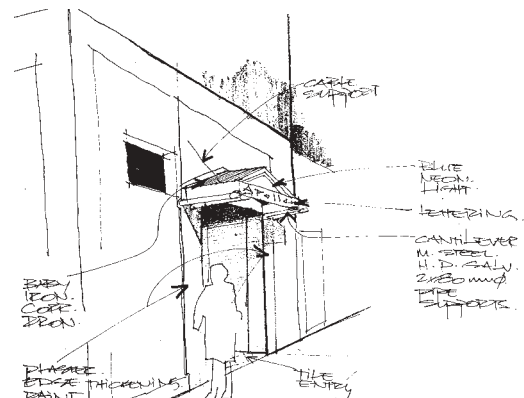
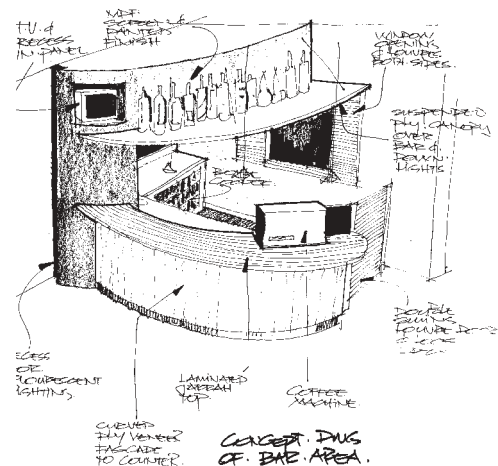
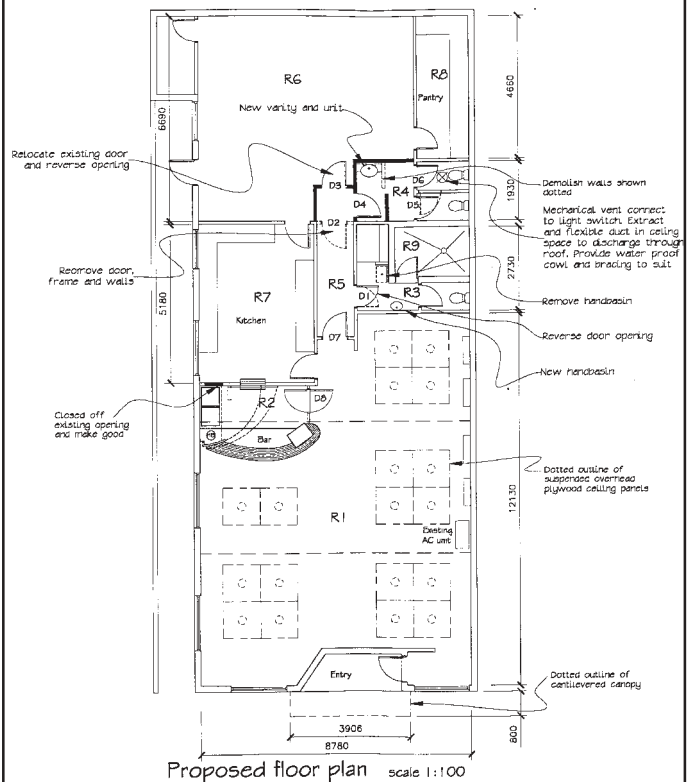
- 1) Aftermatch function room for soccer and netball
- 2) Social evenings for young people
- 3) Educational events using audio/visual equipment
- 4) Sports & Movie evenings for members
- 5) Pre-theatre drinks and light meals
- 6) Meeting room for various organisations
- 7) Rental to other groups and individuals for small functions

Additionally GOYANZ will be seeking to enhance the functionality of the premises by introducing the following facilities:

- 1) Pool table
- 2) Audiovisual/DVD Equipment & SKY TV
- 3) Full bar facilities as well as industrial coffee machine
- 4) Taverna type mezedes menu available to members
- 5) Cafe tables and seating, convertible for function type layouts

If the above income targets are not met, GOYANZ will borrow the money to complete this project. Projected total for project could be in the vicinity of between \$40,000 - \$80,000, with renovations to be completed by end of February/March 2003.

A full information pack will be sent out to members in the near future outlining ways they can assist in bringing this project to fruition. In the meantime if any person(s) can offer assistance for any of the above, please contact any GOYANZ committee member.



GOYANZ would like to thank Tony Varuhas of COVAR architects for his assistance in the preparation of these plans.



# NEWS IN BRIEF



## Athens Gets The Thumbs Up

20/09/2002

The facilities and village for the 2004 Athens Olympics have impressed Paralympic Chef de Mission, Cathy Hemsworth. Recently returned from Athens where she visited many of the sporting venues to be used both by Olympic and Paralympic athletes, she said that rumours of the project being

behind schedule were well off the mark. We had an extremely informative and open meeting with officials. Their organising committee is well structured and well organised and from what we saw many of the facilities are actually ahead of schedule with the exception of the Hellenikon site (the old International airport), she said. Cathy Hemsworth (nee Whiting) represented New Zealand at the 1970 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, the 1970 British swim champs and the 1973 world championships in Belgrade. A former television presenter and journalist, she is currently employed in a senior management role as director sales and marketing for Christchurch-based venue management company NCC (NZ) Ltd.

Much work is going into upgrading the Athens traffic system. Link roads are being built between major venues, which will help greatly in the flow of traffic. While the village and facilities will be more than adequate for wheelchair access, the city itself is not so well equipped. The gratifying thing is that the Athens Olympic Committee is working with the International Paralympic Committee and between these two bodies they are making excellent progress. From what we were led to believe to what is actually happening, Athens is well on track to hosting both the Olympics and Paralympics, she said.

## Athens To Host Guests In Cruise Ships

19/09/2002

Athens 2004 Olympics organisers said on Wednesday they had decided to berth seven cruise ships in the port of Piraeus to be used as hotels during the Games. The ships were chosen by organisers (ATHOC) through a tender and will dock next to another four, privately booked by sponsors, media, and national Olympic committees. A day before an International Olympic Committee (IOC) inspection team visits Athens to monitor progress, organisers said the ships will add more than 6,000 much-needed first-class rooms for official visitors and spectators. "They (the boats) have 6,640 rooms and can host up to 13,280 visitors," ATHOC said in a statement.

After scrambling to find 20,000 luxury rooms for the extended Olympic family, which includes foreign dignitaries, guests and IOC officials, games organisers are now in search of thousands of rooms to accommodate throngs of visitors. Sydney, which hosted the previous summer games in 2000, welcomed close to 250,000 visitors. Because of its more convenient location and the nearby sun-kissed Greek islands, Athens is expected to play host to even more visitors, combining the 2004 Olympics with their summer holidays.

## Greeks Brace For Smoke-Free Future

ATHENS - Greece, Europe's heaviest smoking nation, starts to kick the habit this week when European Union no-smoking regulations

come into effect. On Monday, workers put up no-smoking signs in hospitals, train stations and ministries in the first step toward putting all public spaces off-limits for smokers, allowing them to only puff away at designated smoking areas. Some 45% of all Greeks are smokers, the health ministry has said, putting the country well ahead of France, which is second in the 15-nation EU with 38%. Although no-smoking signs had already featured in most hospitals, public transport and taxis, many Greeks ignore them and unlike many other European countries, there are few smoke-free areas in restaurants and cafes. The new measure to ban smoking in all state and public services, workplaces, schools and universities is only the first step of a wider campaign launched in May to sideline smokers.

As of December 1, all of the country's cafes, bars and restaurants must provide at least half the space to nonsmokers. Failure to comply with this regulation will range from a loss of license to a hefty fine or both. As of January 2003, Greece is also banning all outdoor cigarette advertising such as billboards and ads in cinemas. Cigarette commercials have already been banned from television. "The no-smoking signs are the easy part. The harder part is to cut the shop up in two," a central Athens cafe owner said. "Look at it. It's only about 15-square meters and even if I have a no-smoking area, the smoker is still only one metre away from the nonsmoker," he said. Hundreds of cafe owners face a similar problem as their small espresso bars, a trademark of the capital's central business district, are far too small to separate. "For me it's easy. Smokers inside and nonsmokers outside," another cafe owner said, pointing to his tables and chairs on the pavement. The health ministry has said nonsmoking areas must have adequate ventilation and the two areas must be clearly defined. Only traditional all-male coffee shops, late-night bars and clubs are exempt.

## Greeks Win Emmys

The Hellenic Community worldwide celebrated the success of two Greek-American actors at the recently held 2002 Emmy Awards. Jennifer Aniston won the Best Actress award for her role as Rachel in the popular comedy Friends, while primetime new-comer Michael Chiklis also picked up his first Emmy for Best Actor in a Drama for his portrayal of cop Vic Mackey in the controversial show The Shield.



## Cyprus Talks Continue

Saturday, 5 October, 2002

UK Cypriot leaders agree to further talks The Greek and Turkish leaders of the divided island of Cyprus say they have agreed to a new round of talks in November to try to resolve the continuing dispute over reunification. The Cypriot president, Glafcos Clerides, and the Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Denktash, made the announcement at the end of two days of talks in New York. The United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, described the outcome as an encouraging effort. The UN-sponsored talks on reunifying Cyprus have been given added urgency by the prospect of the island being invited to join the European Union at the end of this year.

**MINISTRY OF PRESS & MASS MEDIA CONFERENCE**ATHENS, MAY 2002 *by Voula Kosmadakis*

Last year I visited Athens and thought that it (a) needed a lot of work, (b) was totally unprepared for the 2004 Olympic games and (c) would not be able to cater for the amount of tourists planning to go for the games. This year, however, I feel that it still applies, but the preparation for the games is well underway and that the amount of tourists will not be an issue. Over the next couple of issues of Ta Matia, I will endeavour to inform you on the preparations for the games including the Olympic Treaty, security and the action to be enforced if strikes occur (a common issue in the Greek lifestyle of Athens) as well as the thoughts of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs on Greece. TODAY Greece holds the Presidency of the European Union. The Union's role is to:

- set priorities on European policy
- address various issues
- handle matters positively with a positive outcome
- believe that the individual country has influences through communication and compromise
- include 15 states with different views
- represent different groups and their views
- be Judged by decisions
- promote effectiveness
- hold twenty five members
- Bulgaria and Romania are currently being encouraged to become members and are in stages of negotiations
- look at issues within the convention & wider social and political field
- look at Employment issues (the rate of unemployment and its impact on the European Union)
- address social cohesion
- investigate immigration policies(8% of the total population of Greece is considered to be illegal).

In the next issue of Ta Matia I will broaden the scope of my visit to include wider political and social problems within Greece based on the above outline.

In order to ensure that you receive regular information from the Department of Greeks Abroad and the Organising Committee for the Olympic Games, ATHENS 2004 we invite you to visit the first electronic edition of the Olympic News and read about the activities of the Department of Greeks Abroad.

For the English version please go to

<http://www.athens.olympic.org/page/default.asp?id=5310&la=2>

For the Greek version, please go to

<http://www.athens.olympic.org/page/default.asp?id=5310&la=1>

Should you have any queries related to volunteering for the Olympic and Paralympic Games ATHENS 2004, please do not hesitate to contact us at [greeksabroad@athens2004.com](mailto:greeksabroad@athens2004.com)

**If you would like an application form to be a volunteer at the 2004 Olympic games, Voula Kosmadakis has some forms too. 021 242 7483.**

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**How to become a Musician**

Christina Daglas has often been asked by young people how they can become singers and musicians and what is required to be successful in this field. Christina outlines her biography to highlight the road she has travelled to become the singer she is today and hopefully influence other young people to take an interest in music.



Name: *Christina Vessaria Daglas, Folksinger*

Born: *Wellington, Aotearoa of Greek descent*

*Mother from the island of Crete*

*Father from the Ionian island Megganissi*

Educated:

*St Marks Church School*

*Wellington East Girls' College*

*Victoria University*

*Wellington College of Education*

Earliest Musical Influences:

*Singing in St Marks Church school choir under a very demanding and perfectionist choir master, Mr Hucklesby, who played the church organ magnificently*

*Listening to my cousins rehearse at my Auntie's house with their Greek folk music band. Occasionally they would let me sing a song with them at a Greek Community dance.*

Started Singing Professionally:

*Singing telegrams/gorillagrams to earn money while at Teachers College*

*Modelling/singing TV advertisements*

*1992 went to Japan with partner David and sang and danced with a Pacific Island Performance troupe*

*Covers band Dr Feelgood - played pubs, venues around Wellington Original band, Chrissy & Mcann, came 3rd in Battle of Bands and recorded several original songs. Performed in Wellington/Mana/Auckland*

*1996 formed To Fos with partner David. Changed style from rock/pop to semi-classical Nana Mouskouri covers. Several concerts in respect of major Greek Community days such as Battle of Crete/Independence Day*

*1998 moved into folk music when mother and father started to share their old village songs with me. We would sit at the kitchen table and they would reminisce about songs their grannys had sung to them as youngsters and I would tape-record them, take them home and David would work out arrangements for them*

*The future - to travel the world where expat Greeks live and perform these songs and ultimately to return to Greece and perform them there.*

The CD:

*Christina Daglas Folk Songs of Greece*

*In honour of my parents and all who come before me and their journey. A collection of traditional Greek folk songs. This CD would not have happened without the love and wisdom of my parents and the musicianship and talent of my husband David.*

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Newtown Mall

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TO FOS



## CYPRUS INDEPEDENCE DAY

Cyprus was ruled by Britain for 82 years (1878-1960 A.D.). The administration of Cyprus to Great Britain was transferred after an agreement between Great Britain and Turkey. In 1914 the island was taken possession of by Britain and after all rights and claims to the island were handed over by Turkey, Cyprus was declared a Crown Colony in 1925. During British rule an efficient judicial system and an effective police force were introduced, while considerable improvement in agriculture, road construction, education and public services were achieved. The town of Nicosia expanded considerably, some Government departments were set up and a new road network linked Nicosia with all other towns and large villages. A railway line linked Famagusta with Nicosia and further west with Morfou and Evrykhou. During the last decades of British rule a few light industries appeared as well as some tourist activities. The Skouriotissa mine, as well as some other mines, offered employment to thousands of unemployed Cypriots. It is worth mentioning that after 307 years of Turkish rule there was only one single cobblestone road in Cyprus linking Larnaka with Nicosia.

Between 1955 and 1959 Cyprus experienced its Liberation Struggle for the Union of Cyprus with Greece. It was a centuries old ardent desire which culminated in conflict between the Greek-Cypriots and the British. Finally the Zurich-London Agreements of 1959 set up the Cyprus Republic. On 16th August 1960 Cyprus was declared an independent republic.

On Sunday the 29 September the Cypriot community celebrated its National Day. It began with a memorial service at Evangelismos Church in Hania Street where wreaths were laid by the President of the Cypriot Community Mr Bob Toulis and Mr Angelo Houtas on behalf of the Greek Orthodox Community of Wellington and Suburbs. Following the service an event was held at the National Library in Thorndon, which is currently hosting the Photographic exhibition Paradisos. Around 150 people attended the event. Mr Toulis began proceedings with a speech that was followed by a piano recital by Dan Poynton, music was composed by the New Zealand born Greek John Psathas. Afterwards guests were treated to the sounds of Christina Daglas and her band To Fos under the musical direction of David Daniela. The Paradisos exhibition which features Hellenic life in Wellington has been extended until 20th October. Cyprus Independence Day is celebrated on the 1st October every year.



CYPRIOUS COMMUNITY PRESIDENT, BOB TOULIS



CYPRIOUS COMMEMORATIONS AT THE GREEK CHURCH EVANGELISMOS, HANIA STREET

## Cypriot High Commissioner visits NZ by Costas Matsis.

The local Cypriot community were treated to a visit from the Cypriot High Commissioner to Australia and NZ, Mr Sotos Liassides, in June. Mr Liassides was appointed High Commissioner last July and is based in Canberra. This was his first visit to Wellington and he took the opportunity to present his credentials to the New Zealand Governor-General, Dame Sylvia Cartwright, and to meet with a number of local and national politicians. Members of the local Cypriot and Greek communities had the chance to meet Mr Liassides at the Cyprus Hall in Miramar on Thursday 23 May. Many came to hear his views on Cyprus, Turkey, Greece and the EU, amongst other matters, and Mr Liassides gave those present a rare insight into these important issues. He also answered questions for over an hour on a variety of matters, ranging from the criteria for obtaining Cypriot citizenship and passports to the next round of UN-sponsored talks.

Mr Liassides was impressed with the closeness and support of the local communities and he appeared to enjoy the chance to meet and mix with local Cypriots and Greeks. He is due to return to New Zealand in early 2003, perhaps in time for the annual Anniversary-weekend picnic in January. No doubt everyone fortunate enough to meet him last month looks forward to his return.

## OLYMPIC AIRWAYS...THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, this is your Captain, Nick Fakadeflight welcoming you to Athens Air flight 126w. We apologise for the 4-day delay in taking off due to the new cafenio, which has just opened in Glifada.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that, starting this year; nearly 50 per cent of our passengers reached their destination on time. Unfortunately we do have a number of court cases pending but if you are disgruntled at the delay in this flight, our stewards, Michali Hesou and Andrea Vlahou, will be happy to brief you on our out-of-court settlement policies.

To make your journey pleasant and memorable we serve complimentary Ouzo and a Tavli board. For our non-European passengers we are the only Airline who can help you find out how Laid back the Greeks really are.

We regret that there is no in-flight movie, as we did not record it from the TV station because there was no movie broadcast this week. Life jackets are under your seats and free bathing costumes are available to the Aunties and free bathing trunks to the Uncles for emergency landings in water.

There is no smoking in this aircraft. Any smoke you may see in the cabin is only the early warning system of the engines telling us to slow down and you do not need to panic.

However, if you can't resist a smoke, there is a cigarette machine in the back.

Kindly be seated, place your seat in the upright position for takeoff and fasten your seat belt. For those who do not have a seat-belt, kindly fasten your own belt to the arm of your seat.

We hope you will enjoy your trip with us, especially when we fly as close as possible to the ground for the best view of the farms which are still available for settlement.

## Greece - Travel Destination part 2 (continued from last issue)

There is a Greek word, *filotimo*, which roughly translated means "honour", or "integrity" - or, by extension, "the commitment to seeing things through". You hear that word a lot in Athens these days. Making my way back through the lovely old Plaka district at the foot of the Acropolis, I noticed the scaffolding on the Parthenon, and the blackened facade of the Hotel Grande Bretagne on Syntagma Square, now closed for refurbishment, and reflected that there's still some way to go. But Athens has already become a city to enjoy on its own terms, not just endure for the sake of its ancient monuments. That in itself is a fabulous achievement.



Today the day-trippers remain, but their influence has lessened. Hydra has discovered the virtues of medium-stay tourism. At the Hotel Bratsera, a former sponge factory, 23 individually decorated rooms are set around a swimming pool (a clever touch - Hydra has few

beaches), with a good restaurant. This year the hotel made it into the ultra-fashionable Hip Hotels guide for the first time, signalling a growing trend in Greece for upmarket designer accommodation. The Bratsera is cool, airy and rich with the smell of rattan and wood, with a garden hung with jasmine and honeysuckle. "There's been a big change," said the manager, Chryssa Doukoumetzidi. "It's not unusual for guests, especially the British and their families, to book in for weeks at a time." When the day-trippers depart Hydra becomes a different place. The locals fill the cafes, and there's a low buzz of Greek conversation. I strolled round the headland to a tiny bar called Hydraneta, which looked west across the water to an uninhabited stretch of coast. The sky turned from a fierce yellow to crimson, then to gold; the sea was black as ink; the light glimmered and shone.

It was one of those sunsets that both inspire and overwhelm you - and remind you why we northern Europeans choose to come to Greek islands in the first place. Since the Express Samina disaster in 2000, in which nearly 90 passengers died, safety on Greek ferries has improved - but not by much. Greece's ferry owners have dragged their feet on the issue. Under EU laws boats over the age of 27 must be retired - but Greece had this limit extended to 35. A compromise of 30 years was reached - but this will not be fully implemented until 2006. At the moment there are ferries that the Greek Island Hopping 2002 guide specifically advises against catching. All of which is a shame, because ferry travel in Greece is wonderful. My own vessel, the Arkadi, was a comparative youngster, built in 1983. Newly refurbished, it was spick and span, with plain but comfy cabins, two smart lounges and helpful staff in bright blue waistcoats.

**Crete:** What finer way to travel? But until the issue of safety is properly tackled, taking a ferry in Greece is not something I can unreservedly recommend. This is not just a shame, but a disgrace. Three new services launched this week: one-day cruise (as opposed to ferry) from Corfu

to Albania; one-day cruise from Corfu to Paxos; and high-speed ferry from Piraeus to Paros, Naxos and Santorini (previously a 10hr ferry ride or 45min flight), opening up the south and westerly Cyclades. Greek ferry tickets cannot be booked in this country. Most travel agents in central Athens can make arrangements, and advance booking (except for cabins during peak holiday period) is not required. The holiday island: In tourist terms, Crete is Greece-in-miniature. It has outstanding scenery, wonderful beaches and ancient sites; and offers everything from cheap package holidays to luxury resorts.

It's also the birthplace of modern Greek tourism. The drop-outs who took up residence in the caves of Matala on the south-west coast in the early 1960s were the precursors of the hippies, whose presence in turn drew curious package tourists to the island. Matala still has its share of fresh-faced backpackers and leather-skinned burnouts, though the caves are off-limits for campers. Now, the real social experiments lie to the north, in the twin cities of Chania and Rethimnon. There were traditional tavernas with wooden furniture and Greek staples - moussaka, tzatziki and calamari. There were modern establishments, with loud(ish) music and stainless-steel furniture. The clientele was young to middle-aged, well-dressed and cosmopolitan. Most striking of all, foreigners and Greeks joined each other for the volta, the nightly promenade through town. It was as if locals and visitors had eyed up each others' lifestyles, liked what they saw, and decided to blend the two together. Chania was even more compelling in its mix of modernity and tradition. The lovely old harbour, with its Turkish and Venetian architecture, was buzzing with life. In a waterfront bar I was served iced coffee by a young woman with unfeasibly tight jeans and an expanse of bare, flat midriff. In the old days - and the old days in Crete are not so long ago - this girl would not have been let out of the house by her father, let alone allowed to work in a bar. But this one, it seemed, had a college degree, her own flat and an English holiday rep for a boyfriend. "Before I came people said it would be hands off the local girls," said Ben cheerily. "Couldn't be more wrong."

But will service culture eventually replace traditional hospitality, one of Greece's most valuable assets? I think the two go hand in hand. The coming Olympic Games have ushered in a period of rapid modernisation,

but most Greeks see this as a long-awaited period of catching-up, and, with their *filotimo* at an all-time high, I think they're managing the transition to a new society -



and a new kind of tourism - with skill and style. To our mutual benefit.

**The Cyclades:** Quintessential Greek islands, with tiny, dazzling-white houses hung with flowers and poised against a backdrop of rock, perfect blue sea and sky. The caldera of Santorini is one of the world's great sights.

**Best avoided:** Anywhere that has traded on tourism for too long without competition and the need to make continuing improvements



# USA Report by Nick Koliarakas, New York

## **AHEPA holds Supreme Convention in New York City**

On July 17th, the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) opened its 80th annual Supreme Convention at the Hilton Hotel in New York City. Even before Supreme President Andrew Banis welcomed the attendees at the Opening Ceremony, there was much happening. One day prior to the opening of the convention, the organization presented New York State Governor George Pataki with a check in the amount of US\$25,000 towards the state's World Trade Center relief fund.

The contribution was symbolic of AHEPA's concern for those affected by the tragic events of September 11th, 2001. The organization arranged to have the convention held in New York as a patriotic means of showing support for the city and its economy. Greeks were not spared the ravages of the September 11th tragedy given the destruction of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church next to the twin towers and also the loss of 23 Greek-American lives in the tragedy.

The Opening Ceremony itself saw Archbishop Demetrios of America address the crowd. In his speech, the Archbishop made remarks extolling the cooperative relationship he has had with AHEPA during his tenure. New York State Assemblymen Matthew Mirones and Michael Giannaris also spoke. Giannaris was thankful to AHEPA for actively encouraging and supporting Greek-Americans that ran for public office.

But first and foremost, there was a spirit of giving at the convention. This was most evident on the night of the Grand Banquet when AHEPA presented New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg with a US\$50,000 towards the September 11th Anniversary Fund, which was set up to help the families of the victims of that day's events. Bloomberg told those in attendance that by bringing the convention to New York AHEPA was "reaffirming the deep historical connection between this city and people of Greek origin; you are helping to revitalize New York's economy and unwavering commitment to democracy and freedom".

The keynote speaker that evening was the U.S. Ambassador to Greece, Thomas Miller. In his address, Miller said that the city of Athens right now contrasts positively with the city that he saw when he first visited in 1985 and that "Greece is truly a dynamic place to be as we enter into the 21st century". The Ambassador also had positive words for the combating of domestic terrorism in Greece calling the breakthroughs against November 17th a "triumph".

Archbishop Demetrios was once again on hand to speak. He also accepted two donations from AHEPA. One was a US\$10,000 donation towards Leadership 100, which was established to aid the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. The second donation, this one of US\$25,000, went towards the rebuilding of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. The Archbishop called the generic charitable donations of AHEPA towards September 11th and other charities "impressive".

The Archbishop also extolled the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena while stressing the importance to the community of young Hellenes.

There were also awards given out at the Banquet. Thea Halo, author of the memoir "Not Even My Name" was given the Homer Award while her mother, Sano Themia Halo, received the AHEPA Medal of Freedom. The AHEPA distinguished service award went to Past Supreme President Gus Cherevas.

But perhaps the most important order of business at hand was the election of new Supreme President Dr. James Demetriou. A native of Palos Verdes Estates, California, Demetriou holds two Masters Degrees and one doctorate, all from the University of Southern California. He won the election overwhelmingly on a dynamic platform which he called "Greek Fire". "Greek Fire" originated as a white paper he submitted more than a decade ago which stressed, among other things, improving communication within AHEPA and increasing the organization's membership. At the time of the election, Demetriou was serving as Supreme Vice President of AHEPA, a position which he

held for two terms. A 32-year member of AHEPA, he also has served the organization in the capacities of Supreme Secretary, Supreme Treasurer, AHEPA Educational Foundation Chairman, and AHEPA Cyprus and Hellenic Affairs Committee Chairman.

## **BASEBALL- GREEK STYLE**

Greek baseball - to those who enjoy the great American pastime, it sounds like an oxymoronic statement. Indeed, the country of Greece is not exactly a hotbed for the game. No wonder - the game has an extremely minimal presence there, not to mention the fact that there's only one baseball field in the whole country.

Given these hard facts, you would think that putting together a Greek team for the 2004 Olympics in Athens would be a Herculean task for the organizing committee. But with the help of Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, the powers that be did manage to attract a group of Americans (and some Canadians) of Greek descent to try out for the team. They had the opportunity in late July and early August to show their stuff at the European Baseball Championships in Hungary. Managed by Rob Derksen, the Greeks played in the B-Pool competition along with other teams from Eastern Europe. The results were very positive as they ran roughshod over the competition on their way to making a landmark achievement in Greek sports.

Comprised of collegiate players and former professionals, the Greek team faced Slovakia in their first game and handed them a 2-1-0 defeat. Alex Cremidan pitched a no-hitter for the Greeks and struck out twelve batters. Peter Varon of Oakland University in Michigan contributed a homer (one of five hit by the Greeks in the game) and four RBIs as did teammate and former Major League catcher Erik Pappas. Also standing out offensively was Gus Panagotacos, who himself contributed a home run on his way to going 5-for-5.

The next day, the Greeks took on the team from Bulgaria and handily defeated them 23-0. This game featured a fine pitching performance by Greg Spanos, who shut out the Bulgarians and gave up only two hits in the five innings that he pitched. Jason Zachos and Peter Dallas relieved him and preserved the shutout. Offensively, the Greek bats were out in force as Pete Rasmussen led the way with two homers in the same inning. Also homering for the Greeks were Pappas, Veron, Scott Demetral, and George Kottaras.

Next up for the Greeks was the host country. The story was not that much different this time as the Greeks won by a score of 20-1. Laurence Heisler, who formerly played in the farm system of the Philadelphia Phillies, pitched a complete game in spite of the fact that he gave up the first run of the tournament to be allowed by Greece. Pappas led the offense with two home runs in the same inning and 5 RBIs. Demetral also homered twice and went 4-for-4. Panagotacos and Pete Rasmussen also had home runs.

The Greeks continued their winning ways the next day with a 26-4 win over Romania. Chris Van Rossum (University of the Pacific) was the star for Greece on the day. He hit two home runs and had 8 RBIs. Varon also contributed offensively by going 4-for-4. The win ensured that Greece finished first in their group and set up a playoff meeting with the team from Belarus two days later, which they won handily by a 15-0 scoreline. Spanos had a complete game shutout while Van Rossum and Demetral added home runs.

On August 4th, the Greeks played a re-match with Slovakia with all the marbles at stake. The game featured an element of surprise as the Greeks actually trailed for the first time in the tournament thanks to three first inning runs by the Slovaks. However, the Greeks soon came back. Pappas, Demetral, and Kottaras hit home runs while Cremidan pitched six innings to obtain the victory. Jason Zachos pitched one scoreless inning in relief.

With their victory in the tournament, the Greek team was promoted to the European A-pool. They will contest that championship in Holland next August.







# GREEK SCHOOL OWLCATRAZ VISIT

Saturday 21 September 2002



"ALL ABOARD!"

On Saturday 21 September, the first day of the school holidays, the pupils of the Greek Orthodox Community School and some members of their families went on an outing to Owlcatraz, a tourist park in Shannon, off State Highway 57. Owlcatraz was named after the infamous American prison, as the old Shannon jail has been relocated on the park grounds.

After a short stop at Otaki, the bus took us to our destination, where some of the staff led a very informative tour of the park's beautiful native bush. Some of the many animals we saw and learnt about were the endangered North Island Weka, deer and a six-foot steer. The children were allowed to pat him, but most avoided getting too close! Owlcatraz got the first syllable of its name from the owls that live in a dark, purpose built area there, and naturally they were the highlight of the tour. Their quirky names - such as Owlvis Presley, Owl Capone



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"CAN YOU SEE THE WEKA?"

and Owlmo- definitely contributed to that. Next on the agenda was lunch in the picnic area, where the children took turns on the swings and played soccer. This was followed by a fascinating tour of the glow-worm caves for the older children, and a train ride on the 'Thomas lookalike' train for the rest. After another short stop at Lindale Farm (and its tempting confectionery shop!), we arrived back in Wellington late in the afternoon.

We have received great feedback on our day trip, which would not have been possible without the effort Celia Lillis put into organising it, along with the most appreciated help of GOYANZ who sourced the funding to make this trip possible. Thank you to the Greek School teachers and the other adults who helped look after the kids throughout the day. Hopefully such fun activities will be repeated every year. They provide the children with many happy memories, hence encouraging them to take part in other Greek events and to attend Greek School of course!





# OLYMPIC SOCCER JUNIORS PRIZEGIVING



Sunday 1st September, 2002, Akarnanian hall

Following a hugely successful junior soccer season, Olympic held its annual prizegiving ceremony at the AKA hall, Miramar. This year the club fielded 13 junior teams (a record) with 3 all Greek teams, one all girls team and for the first time 3 teams appearing in division one of their respective grades (8th grade Kratos, 12 grade Ares and 10th grade Zeus).

Over 300 kids and parents turned up for the presentation which went without a hitch. A lunch of souvlaki, squid rings and chipolatas was served to everyone. It was without doubt a hugely successful event with the parents of non-Greek kids applauding Olympic's efforts this year, especially with the active junior programme in place earlier in the season. **It is now time for other Greek parents to embrace the qualities of Olympic junior football and bring their kids too, to play for "the Greeks".**



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# OLYMPIC SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Saturday, 14 September 2002, Cypriot Hall



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### Federation Premier:

Player of the Year: **Jerry Pakham**  
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### Federation Reserve:

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 Most Consistent Player: **Paul Brown**

### Capital 2:

Player of the Year: **Jeff Rodway**  
 Special Player: **Richard Hurley**

### Capital 3:

Player of the Year: **Darrin Thompson**  
 Players Player: **Chris Best**

### Capital 13:

Player of the Year: **Peter Votsikas**  
 Most Consistent Player: **George Komporozos**

### Masters 1:

Players Player: **Richard Duncan**  
 Player of the Year: **Dave Johnson**  
 Golden Boot: **Nicko Liolis**

### Winners Capital 13:

Jimmy Sakoufakis	Steve Dimakis
Tony Kothroulas	Peter Liolis
George Komporozos	Stath Apostolakis
Petros Georgiou	John Raptis
Petros Haidakis	George Apostolakis
Tasos Barbarousos	Peter Votsikas
Tui Hayes	Nikos Barbarousos
David Papanikolaou	

## Netball

### 1st Team:

Most Valuable Player: **Celia Christie**  
 Most Dedicated Player: **Christina Christie**

### 2nd Team:

Most Valuable Player: **Vicki Katsanos**  
 Most Dedicated Player: **Rachel Bertos**

### 3rd Team:

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A couple of years ago, a Hollywood agent gave the actress Nia Vardalos a tip to help her find work. He suggested that she change her name to Vardalez and market herself as a Puerto Rican. "I told him: 'I don't think so. I'm Greek, aren't there any Greek parts?'" Ms. Vardalos recalled this week. "I've been the Greek girl all my life, and I didn't want to change." Today Ms. Vardalos is having the last laugh, and it is louder and richer than she ever dreamed. The movie she wrote and starred in, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," is the hit of the summer and one of the most profitable independent films ever made. "This is the little film that could," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of Exhibitor Relations, a box office tracking company. "It opened in what was supposed to be the biggest summer on record, it has held its own against every blockbuster that came down the pipeline, and it continues to thrive among the behemoths." "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" tells the story of a Greek-American waitress who falls in love with a genteel blue-blooded vegetarian. The plot turns on her efforts to persuade her family that she should be allowed to marry a man from a very different cultural background. Summer blockbusters normally open at vast numbers of theaters, bounce around the Top 10 list for a few weeks and then disappear. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" has succeeded with precisely the opposite strategy. It was made for \$5 million, a pittance in Hollywood terms, and opened April 19 in just 108 theaters. Its popularity has grown steadily, and now, 19 weeks into its run, it is playing at more than 1,500 theaters and shows no sign of weakening. Box office receipts have topped \$60 million. Last weekend, according to industry reports, it was the fourth biggest movie in the United States. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" has not grossed nearly as much as some of this summer's blockbusters, but it was made so cheaply that its return on investment is far greater. Like everyone connected with the film, Ms. Vardalos is amazed by its success. "I thought this would be a nice little film, and if it had gone straight to video and been shown in Greek church basements, I would have been happy," she said. "Now I go to the mall, and people want to have their picture taken with me. It's completely crazy, way beyond what any of us had imagined."

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# Dear Θεία

dear\_thea@hotmail.com

So.....the older people say that we gossip a lot, but we say that they do. So who is telling the truth? Many older people sit around the trapezi enjoying a cup of hamomili and gossip about who is with who, who gave logo (or who they think gave logo), xeris pos.....akoues yia ton tade, akousa pos h..... Someone wrote into Dear Thea and asked me to help them with a small problem. Someone rung up asking for the engagement date. This was a yerondaki.....when this anonymous e-mailer asked the neolea if they had heard anything, the answer was no. Needless to say, the e-mailer had no idea that he was engaged! So, my dear followers, I put this to you.....do the yerondakia gossip more than the neolea or is that just the imagination of the neolea? Send your thoughts in to the website or to me directly at: dear\_thea@hotmail.com. Results will be published next time. Keep them coming. We have to do something about this new form of communication.....The Greek Gossip Line.

- Dear Thea, What is up with the title "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"? Many people say the truth is in the pudding. Does this mean that my up-and-coming, all-frills-attached wedding is going to be big and fat? Tina

**Dear Tina, Yes. If you are like every other Greek, you will invite the whole village and their cousins, and their koumbari, and their friends and have a BIG, FAT typical Greek wedding, Kala stefana! Thea**

- Dear Thea, I can't believe that it has taken so long to organize a baraki night. What is going on? Ioanna

**Dear Ioanna, Were you at the GOYANZ meeting contributing to sub-committees and so forth? I think not. Therefore, you have NO say in the delay of another baraki night and you should be embarrassed that you even ask the question. Stop making home-made cheese and start participating, THEN you may re-submit your question for a second chance. Thea**

- Dear Thea, My new boyfriend came over to my house for the first time the other day. He is non-Greek and my parents were out. He saw my father's rifle collection on the wall and asked what they were for. I told him that Dad was over-protective of my boyfriends and he just laughed. I tried to tell him that I was serious, but he didn't believe me. What should I do to make him understand that Dad IS serious? Panayiota

**Dear Panayiota, Ask your old boyfriend, you know, the one your father found hiding in your shower box, to show your new boyfriend his wounds. That ought to make him believe you AND run. Shoot two birds with one stone . . . get it? Thea**



Note: These predictions were devised in good humour. Ta matia tou kosmou does not take any responsibility for any fears, false hopes, offence or financial losses incurred in reliance upon them.

by Planiti



Κριός

**Aries** Mars is moving in the path of Venus and as a result Men will be flocking to you. If you are female, lap up all the attention while you can. If you are male, I suggest you cover up and hide all the medallions, as this will only add to your attraction... a few other words of advice... Watch out!



Ταυρός

**Taurus** The GOYANZ premiere of My Big Fat Greek Wedding has got you thinking 'Maybe it's time for a girls night out!' Make sure Yiayia, Mama, Thea and Afrodite are all free one day next week and make the most of the opportunity.... Go to a taverna, have a few drinks at a baraki, and hire a stripper to top off the evening. Just a note of caution, make sure the stripper isn't toooooooo Greek as it may give Yiayia a heart attack.



Δίδυμοι

**Gemini** You have a decision to make and are feeling indecisive.. You keep asking yourself, 'should I go to Melbourne in early November for the Alkaios concert, or should I wait until February for the Fasolatha festival?'... the truth lies with your stomach, seek its opinion before making a final decision.



Καρκίνος

**Cancer** Christmas is fast approaching, and with that comes the dilemma of what to wear to Church for the occasion. This year, think more about what to do with your hair as last years afro was not a good look with heals and a ball dress. Go for something more classical... a beehive hairdo (unlike Easter, when you last attended, you can use hairspray this time as not as many candles will be in your proximity).



Λέων

**Leo** Your friends recent trip to Greece has had you thinking what could have been if you had gone too. Pluck up the courage and say what you feel, you may be surprised at the response.



Παρθένος

**Virgo** The baraki night a few months ago has given you a new appreciation of Greek music. Start getting your 'parea' from now as the stars signal a baraki night is not too far away. It would be an 'amartia' to leave getting organized to the last minute.



Ζυγός

**Libra** Lambton Quay, Wellington is very different from Lonsdale Street, Melbourne and Syntagma Square, Athens. Next time think carefully about shouting 're Malaka' across the road to your friends. For some reason that is the only Greek word that many Kiwis know, and it could lead to an unpleasant confrontation with strangers that think you are calling them wankers.



Σκορπιός

**Scorpio** Fame and Fortune are what you aspire to attain, however you are unsure how to go about getting it. The stars and planets signal that there is an opening for a new presenter of your astrological sign on the GOYANZ radio show. Go forward and accept the challenge, before you know it people will be singing your praises (literally) and dancing tsifteteli in your presence.



Τοξότης

**Sagittarius** The Green Eyed monster is definitely rearing its ugly head where you and a certain someone are involved.... His agapimenoï mama is not a threat! They say the true way to a man's heart is through his stomach. Perhaps instead of cursing his mum, you should make friends with her and learn her secret Greek recipes for paximadia. This will have two effects; it will keep your man happy and earn you Nifi points! If that doesn't make you the most important woman in his life, you could always poison him, that will get to his stomach too.



Αιγόκερος

**Capricorn** The opening of a couple of new Greek eateries in the past few months have left your taste buds begging for more, and your clothes screaming for elastic waistbands!! The key is moderation, souvlaki one night, mousaka the next, saganaki the next and so on. On special occasions order fasolatha. That way your toned body will stay that way (well at least until you get married!).



Υδροχόος

**Aquarius** Kotsobolio has definitely become a part of your life in the past month, but in a way unlike before, this time YOU are the one being spoken about, rather than you speaking about someone! You are wondering who heard what, and where they heard it. There is a phenomenom known as the mystery Greek. Be very careful in all public areas. These mystery Greeks have the same contacts as you, however appear to be disguised as everyday people. Obviously these people are in your presence, if you want to avoid kotsobolio, perhaps you should try going incognito.



Ιχθύες

**Pisces** As a water sign, you are definitely looking forward to summer. Although clocks have moved forward, you may have jumped the gun a bit by going swimming in Oriental Bay last week. Perhaps you should wait until after Christmas, that way you can go for a swim without turning blue - I don't think it's your colour!



## Where to now for Greek Orthodoxy in New Zealand?

by Leo Gambitsis

I and many others, have been increasingly concerned in recent years at the falling membership of the Greek Orthodox Community of NZ. The drop in membership can be verified by statistics that are available from the Community records. Should you attend the Divine Liturgy at almost any Sunday service you will find that most or all of the parishioners are elderly, there being a noticeable absence of young people. Only on rare occasions do you find a large attendance including young people and this is usually attributable to occasions such as funerals, the rare Wedding and of course the Easter services. The future is bleak and the future viability of the Community will be in crisis if something is not done.

I have spoken with a large number of NZ born Greeks who have a little or no knowledge of the Greek language and the message is clear, they are not prepared to go through the motions of attending a service that they do not understand. There are probably about 4000 to 5000 NZ born Greeks still in NZ and although some of them attended Greek School and accompanied their parents to Church, they have not been taught the language of the Church. This includes the readings from the Holy Bible, the lives of the Saints and the importance of the seven sacraments of the Church.

There has been talk over the years that there should be some effort put towards the introduction of the English language in some form in our services. This talk in essence has fallen on deaf ears and all we have been given as a token gesture Our Lord's Prayer and The Creed in English, there have been no further changes. While an increased use of English will not deal with all of the reasons for dwindling support for the church, it is at least one reasonably easy step that will make at least some difference. It is inevitable that in a country like New Zealand, where there are other Europeans of similar cultures to the Greeks, that many of us have married NZers and in most cases the spouses and their children have been Baptised in the Church. Is there a place for them in our Church?

It would appear that the Greek Orthodox Faith is available exclusively to those who are only fluent in Greek. The Church should be proud to announce at a service after a baptism that the Church has a new member particularly when that new member is an adult from another denomination.

Frank Schaeffer a noted and respected author on the Greek Orthodox Faith in his book "Dancing Alone" commented that after his acceptance into the Church that he was ignored and treated like an outsider. This occurred in the USA several years ago. The church in the US has changed dramatically since then.

It should be also noted that on the celebration of 25 Years of the Orthodox Church in NZ, our Korean guests made the comment for all to hear that "Greek Orthodoxy in NZ is available only to Greeks" No response was made by anyone.

Our church has been obsessed with retaining Hellenism to the expense

of our children. I like most NZ born Greeks are proud of our heritage but ask yourselves 'Is Hellenism more important than teaching our faith in Jesus Christ?' Isn't it about time we forced a change in the emphasis?

### Let us get back to the basics of the teachings of the Church.

For the Orthodox Christian there is one Tradition, The Tradition of the Church, incorporating the Scriptures and the teaching of the Fathers [Pateres tis Ecclesias, the Fathers of the Church] This is the "preaching of the truth handed down by the Church IN THE WHOLE WORLD to her children"

The Fathers, men of extraordinary holiness and trusted orthodoxy in doctrine, enjoyed the acceptance and respect of the universal Church by witnessing the message of the Gospel LIVING and EXPLAINING IT TO POSTERITY.

This is not happening here! How can our children witness the message of the Gospel when they cannot understand the language that it is expressed in? The Greek Orthodox Church in the USA has tackled the problem by introducing the English language into the Church, resulting in increasing attendances, mainly by the younger people. These younger people have brought a new life into the Church and have even set up a broadcasting network on the internet. Should anyone be interested in further information on this subject should look up the various sites under the Greek Orthodox Church of the USA.

The Greek Orthodox Church in Jerusalem has also recently changed the Liturgy from Greek to Arabic, that being the language of the people. There has also been published recently a new Orthodox Study Bible in modern English and is the only resource Bible with study aids and articles written from an Orthodox Christian perspective. This publication has finally filled a gap for those who have been using the non Orthodox Bibles all these years.

The changes have got to come from us, the people. We cannot hope for the changes to come from Constantinople. We have already lost a generation from the church. Constantinople still believes that we are a small Greek enclave surrounded by hostile Muslims or unbelievers. The Orthodox Church was, is and always will be governed by an apostolic hierarchy whose wheels grind exceedingly slowly and in which change is painfully difficult to realise.

### The Church's timetable is not a human timetable.

We are a large group of Greeks and others thirsting for the message of Jesus Christ to be explained in a language that we can understand

Most important of all, the dead wood of the Church must be given a new life, not by political means, but by prayer, passionate spirituality and co-operation within the Church as practiced by those who do care about their faith, their children, their Church and the defence of our unique sacramental tradition.

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## Kastos - Revisited

Ο Καστός απέχει από τον Μύτικα 12 μίλια και το νότιο τμήμα του απέχει από τον Κάλαμο μερικές οργιές.

Κάλαμος και Καστός, δύο νησιά «που νομίζεις ότι κρύβονται πίσω από τους μεγάλους δρόμους της θάλασσας». Ο μικρός Καστός, με την απαλή στενόμακρη φιγούρα, μοιάζει κομμάτι του πρώτου, σαν να ξεπετάχτηκε μέσα από τα νερά του Ιονίου, από κάποιο καιρίσιο της θάλασσας. Ένας επιμηκής, ορεινός όγκος καλύπτει το νησί από το βόρειο μέχρι το νότιο τμήμα του, με μεγαλύτερο ύψος τα 153 μέτρα. Η δυτική πλευρά του νησιού έχει μεγάλες κλίσεις και απόκρημνες ακτές, ενώ η ανατολική έχει μικρότερες κλίσεις και μικρές παραλίες.

Για να πας από τον Κάλαμο στον Καστό, διασχίζεις το πέραςμα ανάμεσα στο μικρό νησί Προβάτι και το βορειότερο άκρο του Καστού, το μεγάλο Πόρο, και αρχίζει η πλεύση προς τα ανατολικά. Στην ανατολική πλευρά τα νερά είναι γαλαζοπράσινα και διαφανή και η μια παραλία διαδέχεται την άλλη.

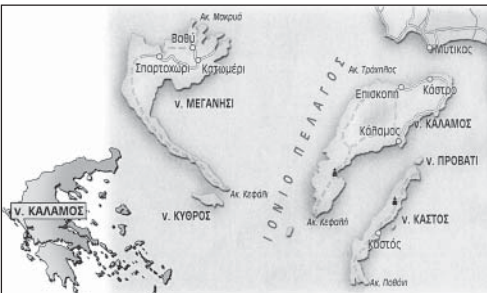
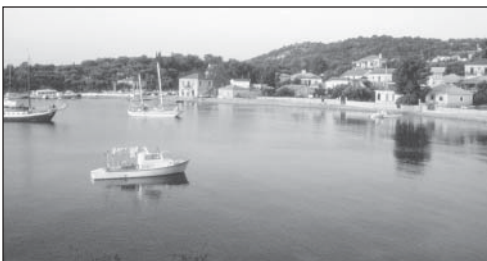
Ένας περιμετρικός δρόμος, που αρχίζει από το μεγάλο Πόρο, και βαθιά μονοπάτια ανάμεσα στην καταπράσινη πυκνόφυτη βλάστηση, κάνουν προσπελάσιμες τις παραλίες και από τη στεριά.

Σε έναν ψηλό βράχο, κοντά στην επιφάνεια του νερού ξεχωρίζουν μικρές σπηλιές. Εκεί βρίσκεται η Φωκοίρτια με τις σπηλιές της, όπου πάνε οι φώκιες για να γεννήσουν. Το παρθένο θαλάσσιο οικοσύστημα του νησιού τις φιλοξενεί μαζί με τα πολυάρθρια δελφίνια, που κολυμπώντας στεφανώνουν τη μικρή φιγούρα του Καστού.

Η γραμμή πλεύσης μας διαρκεί 20 λεπτά. Εισπλέουμε στο μικρό λιμανάκι του Καστού. Ο μικρός παραθαλάσσιος οικισμός βρίσκεται στα μέσα της ανατολικής πλευράς σε έναν παρθένο κόλπο με αμμουδιά, απάνεμο κόλπο του Λεβάντε.

Το αμμουδερό ακρογιάλι βρέχεται από πεντακάθαρα νερά. Μπορείς να δεις στο βυθό της θάλασσας ακινούς, φύκια, απολιθωμένα φυτά, βράχους από κοράλλια, τριχωτά χαμόκλαδα, μικρά ψάρια και πετρόψαρα, ένα πλήθος από πλάσματα που ζουν μίαν άλλη ζωή, σαν να βρίσκονται στο αρχικό στάδιο της δημιουργίας.

Στο χωριό δεσπόζει η μεγάλη εκκλησία του Αϊ-Γιάννη του Πρόδρομου, που είναι προστάτης του μικρού νησιού. Χτίστηκε από το 1840 έως το 1850, στο σημείο όπου βρέθηκε η θαυματουργή εικόνα του. Την εικόνα τη βρήκε ένας βοσκός μέσα σε ένα θάλο, όταν έβαλε φωτιά σε ένα



θάμνο εκεί που έβοσκαν τα ζώα του. Η εκκλησία είναι περιτεχνή, με ξυλόγλυπτο τέμπλο και εικόνες νεοανατολιστικής επαναστασιακής τεχνοτροπίας. Οι ελαιογραφίες του ναού ζωγραφίστηκαν το 1900 από τον Λευκαδίτη Σπυρίδωνα Γαζί, βοηθούμενο από την κόρη του Ουρανία.

Κάθε χρόνο, στις 23 και 24 Ιουνίου γίνεται μεγάλο παραδοσιακό πανηγύρι και πλήθος προσκυνητών φτάνουν από τα γύρω νησιά και τη Δυτική Ελλάδα.

Χαρακτηριστικό του νησιού είναι ότι απαγορεύεται η κυκλοφορία των αυτοκινήτων ώστε να διατηρηθεί η παραδοσιακή μορφή του.

Ο Καστός είναι κατάφυτος από ελιές που φύτεψαν γενιές αγροτών από τα χρόνια της Βενετοκρατίας. Οι ελιές είναι μοναδικών διαστάσεων με μεγάλους κορμούς και ριζες. Η αγράμπελη, η σμυρτία, η φραγκοσυλιά, οι κουμαριές και η πλούσια χλωρίδα θάμνων και πολλά βοτάνια ευωδιάζουν την ατμόσφαιρα.

Στο νότιο μέρος του νησιού, στους κάβους Ποδάρι και Τουρκόβιγλα, φτάνουν τα θαλάσσια ρεύματα και οι αγέρηδες από την Κεφαλονιά. Άλλοι τρεις κάβοι συμπληρώνουν τη φυσιογνωμία του Καστού. Ο κάβος του Πόρου, ο Κουτσιουπάς και το Σαρακηνικό, που μας φέρνει στη μνήμη ιστορίες πειρατών. Ανάμεσά τους οι διάσπαρτες μικρές παραλίες, οι «αβάλες» όπως τις λένε εδώ. Η βαθιά αβάλη το Αρπελάκι, το Βρυσίδι, ο Άγιος Αιμιλιανός και η αβάλη της Μακελλαριάς, με το Βενετικό τοπωνύμιο που δηλώνει ότι εδώ έσφραζαν ζωή.

Σε τούτη τη μικρή κοινότητα του Καστού ζουν 50 άνθρωποι. Το νερό ήρθε από τον Κάλαμο πριν από δύο χρόνια. Μέχρι τότε ήταν πολύτιμο και υφάλμυρο μέσα σε δεξαμενές και σε πηγάδια.

Κάθε Τρίτη και Παρασκευή έρχεται ο ταχυδρομικός και το ψωμί από τον Κάλαμο. Τις υπόλοιπες μέρες, ο ανεφοδιασμός των τροφίμων γίνεται με τα μικρά καϊκια-«πλανόδια παντοπωλεία» από τον Μύτικα, που απέχει μία ώρα από τον Καστό. Και αυτό μόνον όταν ο καιρός το επιτρέπει.

Όλοι οι δρόμοι του χωριού σταματούν στο μικρό γυαλό. Σε τούτο το χωριό τα περισσότερα σπίτια είναι κλειστά. Οι σημερινοί γέροι άνθρωποι, άντρες και γυναίκες, που γεννήθηκαν και έζησαν εδώ, «έμαθαν να ζουν με την υπομονή και να ωριμάζουν με τη μοναξιά». Έμαθαν να ζουν με την αγωνία της θάλασσας, για τα παλικάρια και τους άντρες τους. Έμαθαν να βλέπουν τους δικούς τους ανθρώπους και τους φίλους τους να φεύγουν φαμίλιες φαμίλιες για την Πάτρα, τον Πειραιά, τον Αστακό, την Αμερική, την Αυστραλία.

Έμαθαν να βλέπουν τα ψαροκάικα και τις τράτες να εξαφανίζονται. Έμαθαν να βλέπουν στο σχολείο να λιγοστεύουν τα παιδιά και από 60 μαθητές που είχε το '50, ύστερα από 25 χρόνια να κλείνει. Βλέπουν το σχολείο κλειστό, τα ελαιουργεία κλειστά, τις ελιές γερμένες από τον καρπό και ατίναχτες, χωρίς να υπάρχει άνθρωπος να τις βοηθήσει, και περιμένουν να περάσει ο ατελείωτος χειμώνας για να έρθει το καλοκαίρι. ■

## LOCAL GREEKS IN THE NEWS



FROM THE PRESIDENTS RECENT VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND, LOCAL GREEKS WERE INVITED TO MEET MR STEPHANOPOULOS. L-R: MRS MIHAILIADIS, MR K. MIHAILIADIS (PRESIDENT OF THE GREEK COMMUNITY OF AUCKLAND), MRS RAIZIS, MR S. RAIZIS, MR STEPHANOPOULOS



BRIAN GAULT OF PAK N' SAVE, KILBIRNIE, PRESENTS OLYMPIC AFC WITH A CHEQUE FOR \$500 TO AID FUNDING FOR GEORGE BARBAROUSOS ACADEMY COSTS IN AUCKLAND. GEORGE IS PART OF THE NATIONAL 14TH GRADE NEW ZEALAND SOCCER TEAM.





## Olympic Soccer 2002

For the first time since 1985, the Olympic 1st team was relegated from the top Wgtn division. This was especially gutting in that the team had the potential to survive but for various reasons failed to live up to expectations. It is now up to the club to fight for promotion in 2003. Following is a summary of the season of the Olympic senior mens teams:

**Federation Premier:** Following poor pre-season form, the then coach Brendan MacIntyre, tried to shape a competitive team from the remains of last years outfit. The team faired poorly in its opening 5 games of the league and subsequently the coach was replaced by Costa Leonidas who took over in a caretaker role. Failure to sign any quality players subjected the team to finish in last place and relegation into Capital 1.

**Federation Reserve:** Once again a promising start to the season but with no permanent coach appointed and 1st team problems having an impact, the 2nd team was hung out to dry for the rest of the year. Lack of player depth and commitment resigned this team to a low finish on the table and subsequent demotion to capital 2 for 2003.

**Capital 1:** A shocking season all round for these guys as they struggled to keep up with the pace. Only one win all year says it all for a team

that performed poorly and was hard pressed to attract players. Have learnt their lesson and will be playing lower division football in 2003.

**Capital 2:** Another impressive performance to finish 3rd in a very tough league. Didn't quite have the player numbers to go all the way, but were well organised and led by Paris Razos. Plenty of experience and commitment here, and should go further next year.

**Capital 10:** The "Doctors" team taken over by new management for 2002 and showed in results and performances. Finished a close second in the championship and have improved markedly over various years. Again this is another team that will look to step up next season.

**Capital 13:** A great season cumulating with winning division 13 and scoring a hatful of goals along the way. Good consistency and even temperament has meant that the potential of the players has finally been realised.

**Masters 1:** A solid season marred by a bad patch in the midwinter stage which cost them a title shot. The team made up of club stalwarts and ex-central league players can probably feel a little disappointed that they didn't get the job done. Anyway a fun season and most players ended up with a few more caps under their belts.



**Federation Premier 2002**  
BACK, L-R: COSTA LEONIDAS (COACH), JUSTIN FREDRICKSON, TRENT RICKARD, ALEX SMITH, PAUL KOTROTSOS, CHRIS THOMPSON, DAVE JOHNSON, BASIL MITRAKIS, RICHARD DUNCAN  
FRONT, L-R: NICK THEODOROU, PAUL BROWN, OLIVIER BITTAR, OLIVIER RELLING, MIKE LEONIDAS, STEVE ROMIJN, IAN CAVE, JARED CURTIS



**Federation Reserve 2002**  
BACK, L-R: R. DUNCAN, J. SOH, G. JONES, P. REUBURN, A. SOLE, B. GAGE, P. BROWN, P. HALIKIAS (COACH)  
FRONT, L-R: G. FROBISHER, B. VRIZONIS, O. RELLING, I PATERSON, , N. THEODOROU, O. BITTAR, T. WHATELY

## Olympic U19s

The Olympic u19s were in action over the weekend in the Upper Hutt tournament held at Awakaurangi Park.

Results:

- Olympic 3, Seatoun 1                      Olympic 0, BNU 0
- Olympic 2, Miramar 1                    Olympic 0, Napier 2
- Olympic 0, Lower Hutt 1 (friendly)

Team for Napier U19 national Tournament to be held on Labour Weekend:

- Marteen Van Hattum (coach)
- John Servos (Manager)
- Paul Kuggelijn (Physio)
- Russel Packo                      Jacky Soh                      Paul Brown
- Nick Van Hattum                  Simon Pauleit                Brett Stevens
- Chris Zivadivovic                Yasin Ibrahim               Nick Theodorou
- Dimitri Goumas                  Grant Stevens               Steve Romijn
- Toby Kidman                      Trent Rickard                John Gerondis
- Anthony Neonakis                Mikey Halikias
- Giles Frobisher                    George Barbarousos



OLYMPIC U19 COACH, MARTEEN VAN HATTEM (LEFT), DISCUSSES TACTICS DURING THE HALF TIME BREAK AGAINST BNU.



GEORGE & SERVO LOOK CONCERNED AS OLYMPIC U19s GO 2-0 DOWN TO NAPIER

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Bush Meets SAE Representatives

CHICAGO, October 9

President Bush has invited World Council of Hellenes (SAE) President Andrew A. Athens to an October 11 White House reception honoring individuals and institutions for outstanding contributions to humanitarian and reconstruction causes around the world. The President of SAE and National Chairman of the United Hellenic American Congress (UHAC), Mr. Athens has been invited to attend the reception in the famous Rose Garden, hosted by president Bush and sponsored by the umbrella agency American Humanitarian & Reconstruction Effort.

About 100 selected prominent Americans have been invited to this special gathering in which Mr. Bush will express his gratitude to individuals and institutions for their outstanding contributions to humanitarian and reconstruction causes worldwide. Mr. Bush also will express his appreciation to the American school children who raised \$10 million in support of the Afghan Relief Fund.

Mr. Athens has been extended this honor because of decades of humanitarian and philanthropic contributions in the U.S., Greece and other parts of the world, both in secular and church projects. As SAE's founding president he created the Medical Care Initiative and established six free care medical centers in Hellenic communities in the Newly Independent States of the Former Soviet Union. Three centers are in the Republic of Georgia, one in Armenia, one in the Ukraine, and one in Albania. Two others are being planned for Albania and Southern Russia in areas of high concentration of Hellenes. Other philanthropic aid has been distributed also to communities in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

Mr. Athens, a retired industrialist, has been praised widely for envisioning and initiating the medical initiative and for devoting, as a volunteer, an extraordinary amount of resources, time and energy to sustain it. The administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has also invited Mr. Athens to a lunch meeting on the occasion of the White House reception.

## Euro Commision Approves EU Expansion

BRUSSELS (Oct 2002)

The European Commission has approved a landmark report on EU enlargement, a spokesman says, opening the way for a historic unification of the continent. "The meeting is over, it has been adopted," a Commission spokesman told Reuters on Wednesday. He declined to comment on the report's contents, which are embargoed until 1:45 p.m. when Enlargement Commissioner Guenter Verheugen is due to present the document to the European Parliament. But a leaked draft copy of the report showed the Commission would recommend that 10 candidate countries can wrap up accession talks in December and join the European Union in 2004. They are Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta. The draft said Balkan laggards Bulgaria and Romania could join the EU as early as 2007 if they keep up the pace of reform, but it offered Turkey, the 13th candidate, no date for opening accession talks, long delayed over human rights concerns.

## Fragment of Marbles to Return to Greece

7 October 2002

Italy is planning to return a fragment of the 5th century B.C. Parthenon Marbles to Greece on a 99-year loan, possibly as early as next month, officials said Wednesday. The return of the piece - part of the statue of Peitho, goddess of persuasion and seduction - is likely to reopen the decades-long debate over ownership of the Parthenon Marbles, including the famed Elgin Marbles. Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi may hand the fragment over to Greek authorities in exchange for another piece during a Nov. 6 state visit, said an official in his office, Elisabetta Santini. Ciampi has spearheaded the initiative to return the fragment, currently housed in a Sicilian museum. Final approval must come from the autonomous Sicilian government, which has sovereignty over the island's cultural heritage. Fabio Granata, cultural commissioner for Sicily, said the Sicilians were on board with the plan and that he would meet next week with Italian Culture Minister Giuliano Urbani to finalize details on the return. "From the beginning, we have been ready to exchange our fragment with another exhibit to be chosen by a commission of archeologists," he said Wednesday. "After an informal meeting with the president, we decided the initiative should take the form of a long-term loan of 99 years, in order not to upset the archaeological community," he said. The Greek Culture ministry said earlier this week it was waiting for official notification from Italy about the proposal. The Greek culture minister, Evangelos Venizelos, has said in the past that Greece would accept a long-term loan of the Elgin Marbles from the British Museum in London. The fragment in Italy depicts Peitho's foot peeking out from under her elaborate tunic. It was originally located on the eastern side of the Parthenon, the main temple dedicated to the goddess Athena, on the Acropolis hill in Athens. The irregular chunk of marble, about 14 inches high and 13.6 inches wide was purchased by the University of Palermo between 1818 and 1820 from the widow of Robert Fagan, the British consul for Sicily and Malta. It's not known how Fagan, an amateur archaeologist, acquired the piece. Other pieces of the Parthenon frieze, carved by Phidias in the 5th century B.C., are disseminated throughout various European museums. The bulk of the statues were excavated by Lord Elgin in 1806 and sold to the British Museum in London in 1816, where they are currently on display.

Although small in size, Peitho's foot is bound to reopen the decade long controversy on the ownership of the marbles. Greek authorities, now hoping to reassemble the frieze in time for the 2004 Olympics, have long asked that Britain return the collection to Athens. However, most experts believe even a single precedent, such as the restitution of Peitho's foot, might trigger an infinite chain of claims from museums worldwide. As a result, many Italian archaeologists as well as the staff at the Salinas Regional Archaeological Museum in Palermo, which houses the fragment, strongly oppose handing it over. "We are always ready to lend exhibits or to allow copies to be made, but this kind of initiative can only impoverish our museum and deprive us of a piece that is part of our collection's identity," said Agata Villa, director of the classic archaeology department at the museum. Still, authorities believe returning the fragment of the goddess might be the symbolic gesture needed to encourage other countries to hand back long-lost pieces of Italian art. "We are particularly interested in the return of the Venere organtina, a 5th century A.D. statue stolen from Sicily (in 1988) and bought by the Paul Getty Museum in California," Granata said.



## Volleyball World Champs

Beunes Aires, 09 Oct

Russia beat Greece 3-0 (25-22, 25-22, 25-21) World League champion Russia defeated Greece in the quarterfinal of the 2002 Men's World Championship played at the Luna Park Stadium in Buenos Aires. The Russians Rockets have to wait to see who will be the opponent in Friday's semifinal. The Olympic silver medallist will meet the winner of Argentina and France..

The beginning of the match was very equal. Greece had to play the first set without its best player Tontor Baev, who was injured during the warming up. The Greek team was leading until the second technical time out thanks to five points of captain Marios Gkiourdas. Then Russia changed the way of the match and won the first set due to Roman Iakovlev's spike (five points) and Pavel Abramov's reception (75 %). The second set showed that Russia was more concentrated in its defense game. The Russian wing spiker, Roman Iakovlev (four points) was the big attacker and Sergei Tetoikhine (100%) did a great job in the reception . Although Tontor Baev , who recovered quickly from the small injury, made five points in spiking, Greece couldn't keep up with Russia. The Russian team, coached by Guennadi Chapuoline, also got the second set.

In the third set Russia took an early advantage. Even though Greece could level at 17-17 thanks to Marios Gkiourdas (67% in the reception) and the spikes of Tontor Baev (five points), Russia got the last set thanks to Pavel Abramov (75% in the attacks) Russian best scorer of the game was Roman Iakovlev with 12 points

## Papandreou to push Greco-Turkish campaign for Euro-2008

Athens, Oct 3

Greek foreign minister George Papandreou is due in Lausanne on Monday for talks with UEFA on a joint-candidature with Turkey for co-hosting the 2008 European Championships. Papandreou will have talks with UEFA president Lennart Johansson after both countries agreed last month in principle to push for a co-hosting of football's biggest tournament after the World Cup, according to Greek government spokesman Panos Beglitis.

Papandreou will also meet International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Jacques Rogge to provide an update on preparations for the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

## UEFA Cup second round draw

Nyon, Switzerland, Oct 8

Draw for the second round of the UEFA Cup announced here on Tuesday:

Fenerbahce (Tur) v Panathinaikos (Gre)

Anorthosis (Cyp) v Boavista (Por)

Apoel Nicosia (Cyp) v Hertha Berlin (Ger)

PAOK Salonika (Gre) v Grasshoppers (Swi)

First leg to be played on October 31, second leg on November 14

## Netball 2002 - aka "Heras Hero's"

After a few weeks of empty Saturdays it's time to look back on our great season and reflect on the successes and failures.

I feel that our club did an outstanding job and look forward to next year's season. This year they gave me a great black ensemble as I volunteered in the office along with other girls in our club and the Netball Wellington Centre has received a Wellington City Community Award for Voluntary Effort. The award recognizes the huge contribution people in our organization make to our sport and to the Wellington community. I would like to thank Gloria Stellin for her coaching performance for the 1st & 2nd Team and great results. Also would like to thank Nina Bertos for her help with the Junior team, the noisy delightful cherubs.

Congratulations to our players who won the following awards this year

1st Team:	Celia Christie	Best player
	Christina Christie	Most dedicated player
2nd Team:	Vicki Katsanos	Best player
	Rachael Bertos	Most dedicated player
3rd Team:	Katrina Nikitopoulos	Best player
	Maria Neonakis	Most dedicated player

All Round Best Club Player Ms Voula Halikas

Thank you all for your commitment, time and energy. There will be a netball meeting in November to return netball uniforms and equipment. Have a great summer. Chrisanthi.



OLYMPIC NETBALL - 3  
BACK, L-R:  
ELLIE STAVRINOS,  
MARIA STAVRINOS,  
JOANNA PHOTIADES,  
CHRISTINA GITTUS,  
KATRINA  
NIKITPOULOS, ANNA  
FRATHELAKIS, ALEX  
PHILLIPS  
FRONT, L-R:  
CHRISTINA LANGLEY,  
MARIA NEONAKIS,  
PERSEPHONE HARVEY



OLYMPIC NETBALL - 1  
BACK, L-R:  
PENELOPE  
KANDILLOTIS, CELIA  
CHRISTIE, VICKI  
ZIVADINOVIC,  
CHRISTINA CHRISTIE,  
VERA GEORGIU  
FRONT, L-R:  
HELEN CORDALIS,  
DIANNA GITTUS,  
VOULA HALIKIAS,  
CHRISANTHI  
KAMBEROGIANNIS  
(ABSENT)



# Apollon Association 50th Anniversary Dance

**Greek Community Centre, Saturday 12th October**

Apollon Celebrated its 50th anniversary last weekend at the Greek Community Centre. Over 160 people were in attendance to enjoy a well organised evening of food, music and dance.

Apollon president Basil Xygalas gave an enduring speech outlining the history of Apollon and its significance in the local Greek community. He was very enthusiastic about the upcoming renovations of the Apollon Clubrooms in association with GOYANZ. The influx of young people to the Apollon club in Adelaide Rd was a positive message sent to the rest of the Greek community that young and old can work together in a common cause.

Following his speech, Cella Lillis, representing the Greek Orthodox Community of Wellington, presented The Apollon Association with a silver plaque in commemoration of Apollon's 50 years in existence. Again she reiterated the thoughts of Apollon president Basil Xygalas and welcomed the continuing development of closer relations between all local associations. X7s Show band entertained the revellers, as young and old danced the evening away.



ALL GENERATIONS ENJOY THE EVENING CELEBRATIONS



CELIA LILLIS PRESENTS THE APOLLON ASSOCIATION WITH A COMMEMORATIVE SILVER PLATTER



Apollon Association  
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## In The Steps Of Alexander

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After a fifth of a century, I visited the motherland to find great improvements and steps in technology and progress beyond my wildest imagination. A big culture shock hit me as we arrived in Athens, brand spanking new airport, a tribute to architects and engineers in Hellas. We proceeded to the 6-lane highway (new) to Malessina, the kids camp, where I dropped off my son Petro in the capable hands of Vera Georgiou, our camp co-ordinator, sponsor, hen mother and very good friend. More of Vera's & Thomasi's escapades are to be in our future issue.

Recouporation from the flight for me was in a lovely coastal town called Kalamos where the Mediterranean water is crystal clear and blue like sapphire (Scorching Bay eat your heart out).

As for the city of Athens, everything is under construction for the Olympics, and for the record Greece is ahead of schedule, organized and very very onto it. Projects are completed way before our Aussie counterparts. Marathon, where all water sports will be held, all activities are finished ahead of time. Central City Athens hotels are undergoing strengthening, reconstructive surgery. Syntagma and the Acropolis our tourist focal points are very well organized to handle large numbers, so I hope this gives the rest of the world a chance to eat their words. After an extensive tour of Athens and suburbs and all the shops I could muster in 19 days I took the steel bird to Macedonia airport Thessaloniki, Alexander's Hora, the white tower, a few Byzantine churches, Parilia, Sky Tower and famous sugar shops for pastas, chocolates and toulombes which I o'deed on. By the way also great shopping in Thessaloniki, especially jewellery and textiles.

Along Alexander's trail I went to Asprovalta, proposed site of coastal village to put Alex's great head on a mountainside (Rushmore style), for all the foreigners and tourists to see, so we will never forget who united Greece under one kingdom. Along the coast we came to Chalkidi where beaches were out of this world, highly recommended with night life, sand and surf, the top priority in this town.

Next down the trail to Neapolis, Pendalofos, Vithos for the next few days to lush green forests, wildlife, houses made of stone, granite fireplaces and paved brick roads complimenting their beautiful Greek gardens. Northern hospitality cannot be beaten and of course the best moonshine (Tsipouro) in the land, the homemade liqueur from the raspberries isn't bad. It is always a treat to have a traditional coffee cup ready in the village by the old wise baboo (granny).

Lots of fresh air in some parts of the north because you are 1100 feet above sea level, which does increase your appetite, lucky there is a nice taverna on every corner! (Splits 'R' Us). Across the way is Kastoria, the serene lake welcomes the visitor into this beautiful picturesque Byzantine city with over 400 churches restored to the most ornate detail. Stately historic homes adorn the riverfront also restored to its original charm and heritage. Great shopping for that black lama mink you have always wanted in your wardrobe because Kastoria is the fur centre of the world.

Next stop - Kozani, a city revitalized with industry, great shopping, and patisseries - with generations of expert dessert making from Constantinople and of course the best Bougatsis in the world. Here I stayed with Sophie Mitrakas (ex NZer) star netball player for GOYANZ, our best goal shooter ever, and it is not a wonder that her oldest

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### About the Games

The long journey of the Olympic Games began more than 2,700 years ago. Records of Olympic history show that the ancient Olympic Games were held in Greece as early as in 776 BC. It was then that the basis of the Olympic Movement began to evolve into a philosophy of life: exalting and combining the qualities of body, will, and mind in a balanced whole. Out of this philosophy the Olympic Ideals were born, placing noble competition, sport, peace, culture, and education at the very core of Greek civilisation.




By 393AD, when Emperor Theodosius abolished the event for being too 'pagan', over 290 Olympic Games had been held. But despite the abolishment of the Games, the Olympic Ideals survived the centuries and were eventually revived by the French Baron Pierre de Coubertin. In 1896 the first Modern Olympic Games were held in Athens and since that time have been on a journey around the world for more than a century. Now, at the dawn of the 3rd millennium, the Games are returning to the country of their birth and the city of their revival. In 2004, Greece will be called upon to empower the Olympic Movement once again, placing sport at the service of peace. The city of Athens will offer a unique Olympic experience in a safe and secure environment. An environment greatly improved through infrastructure projects as varied as the construction of modern competition venues and the development of a state-of-the-art transportation network. And it is through these kinds of projects that the 2004 Games aspire to leave a lasting legacy to the people of Greece and the world.




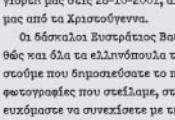
A MEAGRE TURNOUT AT LAST WEEKS GOYANZ AGM


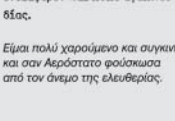
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**Νέα Ζηλανδία - Ουέλιγγτον**






**Αγαπητό Αερόστατο**  
 Σας καλωσόρισμα και πάλι από τη Νέα Ζηλανδία και από την πρωτεύουσά της το Ουέλιγγτον, όπου στις 28 Οκτωβρίου γιορτάστηκε με μια πολύ όμορφη γιορτή και πολύ κόσμο, η επέτειος της 28ης Οκτωβρίου 1940. Τα παιδιά είπαν με καθορά τα ελληνικά τους τα ποιήματά τους και τα σκετσ και η χορωδία μας τραγούδησε τραγούδια με τη συνοδεία ακορντεόν.  
 Σας στέλνουμε φωτογραφίες και το πρόγραμμα από αυτή τη γιορτή μας στις 28-10-2001, αλλά και φωτογραφίες της γιορτής μας από τα Χριστούγεννα.  
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 Είναι πολύ χαρούμενο και συγκινημένο και σαν Αερόστατο φούσκισα από τον άνεμο της ελευθερίας.



This article was recently published in the Greek Magazine "ΑΕΡΟΣΤΑΤΟ" and highlights the 28th of October celebrations held by the Wellington Greek Community. The magazine is distributed in Greece as well as Greek communities throughout the world.

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offspring Themis Tzimopoulos (17 yrs old) has been selected to play for Akratitos, Athens. 1st division Alpha Ethniki, of course Themis did a season with our own Club Olympic in 1998 which may have triggered his skill and greatness. Good luck Themis!

I visited lots of towns, beaches, villages and churches too numerous to write about, but everyone was unique with the Mediterranean flavour! Macedonia, green and lush. Peloponnes, fruit and beaches. Athens - great shopping. Vouliogerani my base, international jetsetters and home of my favourite dunkin doughnuts. Doroso and Anixi for their permali (Greek boat stuff pizza) nowhere else in the cosmos. Pangaia tis Tinou, amidst the sea a church where hope and prayer performs miracles. I would also like to thank Panagiotis Tsafaros for meeting with me on the future of GOYANZ where education and cultural programmes are our mutual concerns. Panagiotis is an aide from President Stephanopoulos office, he personally presented GOYANZ with CDs and historical books. Thank you very much Panagiotis, unfortunately other government officials were unable to be reached due to summer vacations.

There were not enough hours in the day to experience everything, especially where shopping is concerned, and we all know that I have a black belt in retail shopping. Jewellery and shoes will be featured on Chrisanthi at upcoming GOYANZ events.

**Bottom line GREECE IS THE JEWEL OF THE MEDITERRANEAN**