

# Radiomathon 2008 Official Launch at St George College, SA

Radiomathon 2008 has officially begun with the annual support of the St George College, Adelaide. This year the students and staff assisted Laiki Bank employees in Adelaide to launch the 12th year of fundraising, at a cocktail reception attended by over 120 guests.

The Hon. Tom Kousantonis MP, Member for Hindmarsh, representing the Premier of South Australia officially declared the launch of Radiomathon 2008 open. The guests, including several dignitaries, enjoyed drinks and food prepared and served by the enthusiastic and highly competent students.

Dignitaries attending the event include His Grace Bishop Nikandros of Dorileon, The Hon. Mike Rann, Mr. Dimitrios Georgiadis, Deputy Chairman

of St George College, Mrs. Julie O'Leary from Disability S.A., the Very Reverend Fr. Dioganis Patouris, Director of St George College, Mr. Evan Christou, President of The Greek Orthodox Community & Parish of St. George Thebarton & Western Suburbs. Speaking at the event, Mrs. O'Leary congratulated Laiki Bank's determination in organising Radiomathon every year. She also thanked Radiomathon for its valuable support to Disability South Australia, an organisation that supports children with special needs and their families. Over the past few years, Radiomathon has provided a large range of equipment to support a number of families identified by Disability SA.

Michalis Athanasiou, General Manager of Laiki Bank and Chairman of the Radiomathon Trust

thanked guests, as well as the staff, students and members of St George College. He said, "In the last 12 years, Radiomathon Australia has been able to help several organisations in their efforts to improve the lives of kids with special needs. But it would not have been possible without your generosity and support."

Along with Disability SA, each year about 30 organisations receive funds from Radiomathon in Australia, which helps them to continue caring for hundreds of kids. Laiki Bank, the organiser of Radiomathon, covers 100% of the net administrative cost of fundraising, which ensures the maximum proceeds go to helping children in need. Find out more about Radiomathon visiting the Radiomathon website at [www.radiomathon.org.au](http://www.radiomathon.org.au), or to make a donation call 1300 888 700.

## THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA HONOURS EFIE ALEXAKIS, LEONARD JANISZEWSKI, THE HELLENIC CLUB OF CANBERRA AND THE FIRST GENERATION GREEKS

*The National Museum of Australia, located in Canberra in cooperation with the Hellenic Club of Canberra organised a very befitting reception on Wednesday 10 September 2008 at 10:30 to 12:00 to celebrate the exhibition by Effie Alexakis and Leonard Janiszewski "Selling an American Dream - Australia's Greek Cafes".*



The Hall, the auditorium used for all major events, was flooded with the music of Hatzidakis and Theodorakis where more than 150 people led by the Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic

Mr Georgios Zois and Mrs Zois, accompanied by the First Secretary Mr Antonios Papakostas and members of the Embassy Staff, the newly arrived High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus

Mr Yannis Iacovou accompanied Mrs Iacovou, the President of the Friends of the National Museum and many distinguished members of the Greek Paroikia and the wider Canberra Community honoured with

their presence this important cultural event.

The Cultural Advisor of the Hellenic Club was the Master of Ceremonies and upon request by the Director of the National Museum provided simultaneous interpreting in Greek. A special honour, something that has never been done before and according to the guests of Greek background, this made the event more special.

When addressing the guests, Mr Craddock Morton paid great tribute to the contribution of people of Greek background to the character and way of living in today's Australia from com-

merce, to letters to art to food to entertainment. He especially referred to the important role and unique contribution to the cultural life of the Capital of Australia of the Hellenic Club of Canberra.

Mrs Kalliope Martin, the daughter of the late Mr Theo Notaras, the owner of the first Greek Cafe in Civic, the centre of Canberra, followed the Director to the podium. Mrs Martin referred to the talents of her father in the food industry pointing out that when he opened the Capital Cafe he had not even reached the age of 18 and therefore legally could not even sign the

documents! Of course, Mrs Martin explained very vividly what it was like growing up in a family with a successful Cafe business.

Mr Leonard Janiszewski who followed spoke about his passion for that of his partner for this lifelong project, their efforts to maintain and record everything connected with the contribution of the Greeks and not only to the uniqueness and history of Australia and finished his address with few words about the exhibition "Selling an American Dream - Australia's Greek Cafes".

The speeches finished with the President of the Hellenic Club Mr Theo Dimarhos who obviously proud in representing the best Hellenic Club of Australia, thanked the Director of the National Museum of Australia for the great honour he extended to the Hellenic Club to co-host the event and for his very complementary words for the Hellenic Club. Mr Dimarhos referred to the Club's cooperation with three of the four great cultural institutions of Australia: In 2005 the Hellenic Club sponsored the Art Exhibition "Looking back - Australians on Crete: Works of Art by Michael Winters. This year the Hellenic Club is a participant at the First National Festival of Photography Vivid organised by the National Library of Australia and raised money through generous donations of prominent members of the Club for the launch of the Festival. Today joined forces with the National Museum of Australia to celebrate this wonderful exhibition and is looking forward to future cooperation with the fourth great Australian cultural institution the National Gallery of Australia.

Kourabiethes and paximathakia complemented the coffee sweets and champagne offered to the guests who after the reception had a guided tour by Mr Leonard Janiszewski who in his inimitable style kept the guests captive during the entire guided tour.

This wonderful exhibition with its extraordinary theme will impress all visitors, will remain open until 16 November 2008. A piece of Greek history in Australia. A must see for every one.

## Relive once again the 2004 Greek Games as the Paralympic Spirit of Athens will always live on!!

Dimitrios Kametopoulos, a volunteer at the Olympic and Paralympic Games of Greece in 2004, under the aegis of the Mytilinian Brotherhood of Sydney and New South Wales, invites

the Greek and non-Greek community of Sydney to a  
**"Video Presentation of the 2004 Athens PARALYMPIC Games"**  
 on **Wednesday 17 September 2008**

(4 years exactly since the Opening Ceremony days of the Athens Paralympic Games)  
 at the **Mytilinian Hall of Sydney, 225 Canterbury Rd, Canterbury, from 7.00pm-9.30pm.**  
 (The doors will open at 6.30pm so the program can commence at 7.15pm)

As we followed the 2008 Beijing Games, we will relive the Magical Opening Ceremony of the Athens Paralympic Games, showcasing disabled athletes and their physical and spiritual power, on the big cinema screen through a video presentation in the Greek version **with ENGLISH subtitles for non-Greek audiences.**

In addition, there will be a presentation by the organiser himself and other volunteers on the Olympic values and their experiences of the 2004 Olympic and Paralympic Games of Greece.

At the end of the event, coffee, tea and sweets will be served. Free entry. Everyone's welcomed.  
 (The event will be conducted in the Greek and English language.)

Come along and relive this very proud moment of Greece and her Games, which were characterized as "the most magical and dream games in modern times".