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You just can't keep a good man tied down

Former Sydney Olympic President Jim Kospetas has taken on another BIGGER responsibility and is making every post a winner it seems.

Jim Kospetas is the President of the Hellenic House in the city and it was truly a pleasure receiving his first Newsletter which appears in "Sportsworld" for all of you to see the mammoth role Jim has undertaken for the benefit of the entire Greek community. I hope you enjoy it as much as what I did...

→ PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER (APRIL 2010)

Dear members,

My name is James Kospetas.

As this is my first newsletter, please accept my apologies in advance regarding content & length. In this my first newsletter, I would like thank a number of individuals, provide a synoptic history of the Club and its contribution to the community, provide a pricis of what our current Board has been working on and has achieved since September 2009 and what is planned for the months to come.

1.0 Acknowledgements

Firstly, I would like to thank the committee and members for electing me to lead this historic club into the future. I would also like the thank John Comino for his passion, commitment & time he has put it in as President of our Club over the past years. I will do everything in my powers to achieve the boards & members desired outcomes for this club to prosper again, as in 1924 did a group of Greek shopkeepers who founded this Club.



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Also in 1955 to 1959 Mr.J. Kouvelis (president) who built the current "Hellenic house". My respect, gratitude & thanks to all past presidents and board members who generously for gave their time over the last 86 years.

2.0 A Beautiful Hellenic History

As you would be aware, the Hellenic Club was instrumental in carving our parents and grandparents transition from Greece into "the lucky country", whether they frequented the club as members or guests at functions held there or as supporters of Pan-Hellenic S.C now Sydney Olympic F.C. I am sure Hellenic club has contributed to the Greek fabric of Sydney as we know it today.

When the Club was originally formed, the membership was restricted to sixty (60) persons. The Club's membership has significantly grown since this time and today comprises in the order of 600 members. The number of members is expected to significantly increase with the provision of modern facilities in the new club, which undoubtedly will attract a number of Greek professionals currently working in the city precinct.

Throughout the years a number of prominent Greek-Australians have become members of the club and some of them have taken an active role by becoming members of the board. The list of prominent members and supporters of the Hellenic Club include the Honorary Member George Souris

MP, Sir Arthur George, Professor Manuel Aroney AM OBE, Peter Aroney, Michael Barbouttis OAM, George Barbouttis OAM, Emmanuel Comino OAM, John Nicholas Comino (ex-Mayor of Woollahra and current Board member), Angelo Hatstouris OAM, James Samios OAM, Peter Theo OAM and Steve Vlahos OAM.

The Club conducts a number of activities on a regular basis such as lectures from intellectuals and prominent members of the Greek and Australian community on a variety of political, cultural, legal, finance, health and religious issues. Throughout its history the Club has been maintained as an independent entity free of any political and religious beliefs creating an ideal environment for Greek visitors such as politicians, academics and other intellectuals who are visiting Australia to lecture or inform the Greek society of current and future events in Greece.

During the past 86 years the Hellenic Club has assisted many charities both in Australia and in Greece especially during World War II and beyond. The Red Cross, the Benevolent Society of NSW, the Blind & Deaf Societies, the Spastic Centres to name a few, have been recipients of the Club's generosity. The University of NSW, Sydney, Macquarie and Athenian Universities have also benefited from Hellenic Club donations. The Club has provided free meeting and function room facilities for numerous organisations on a regular basis.

The Club has supported over the years various Greek organisations such as the Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, Hellenic Council of NSW, and the Hellenic Lyceum by providing free accommodation within the Club's premises.

3.0 The Fruits of Current Board's Labour

The current Board comprises

George Karavanas (Vice President), Eugene Eugenikos (Vice President) Stella Doumanis (Treasurer), Greg Gav, John Comino, Gabriel Apostolakis, Con Micos, Mina Flessas, Graham Athanaseris and myself.

The Board is motivated in making the Hellenic Club once again relevant to the wider Greek/Australian community whilst retaining our heritage, traditions, values and the respect of our forefathers.

Since our current Board was elected late last year, we have embarked on a tireless regime to fulfill a number of objectives and initiatives set out in the past few years. These objectives and initiatives are paramount to achieving our vision and key goal:

Our vision

"To be recognised as a progressive club relevant in the Greek / Australian community whilst promoting Hellenism and our culture to all Australians"

Our Goal

"In 2010 is to refurbish and occupy Castlereagh Street premises and optimise rental return from all useable spaces in the Elizabeth Street building by late 2010"

Our current Board has achieved a number of milestones for both the Elizabeth Street building and the Castlereagh Street building. These can be summarized as follows:

Elizabeth Street Foyer Upgrades (to be Undertaken in April 2010)

- 1. Restore & clean travertine marble (walls) terrazzo (floor)
- 2. Granite fanade (regrout & polish)
- 3.New under awning signage
- 4.New lighting & repaint ceiling
- 5. Lift cosmetic upgrade (internal)6. New artwork on mirrored wall

To be continued next week

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