

Special Day for Vasili Vasilas

We are all familiar with the excellent work Vasili Vasilas has been doing over the past 5 years or so, with great passion and diligence in gathering information of the early migrants from the island of Lesvos who had migrated to Australia. His dedication and commitment to this project is reflected in his massive collection of information, stories and photographs spanning over many decades. Last year in November 2009, we had the opportunity to view a small portion of his work – a selection of 100 photographs - during the “Lesviaki

Evdomada” at the Mytilenian House held by the Mytilenian Brotherhood of Sydney & NSW, which had intrigued the interest of so many people. It was estimated around 350-400 people attended this photographic exhibition and everyone who attended was moved emotionally by his work.

We all recognise and understand that this type of project requires not only time, dedication and commitment but also funding for an array of expenses ranging from photographic equipment, materials and printing to travelling and communications.

Following the photographic exhibition, a number of people who attended the event expressed their interest in setting aside a special day to pay tribute, acknowledge and support the ongoing work of Vasili Vasilas.

The event was organised on Sunday Afternoon 18th April 2010 at 2:00pm, at the Mytilenian House.

All donations and funds raised will go to Vasili Vasilas to assist with expenses associated in expanding his future work on a local, interstate and international level and with publications.



Stan Hapsellis, Dimitris Krideras, Giorgos Hatzistamatis, partners and friends



Maria Banos- with Maria and Panagiotis Angelis



Efstratios Tamvakeras, Efstratios Piperitis, Panagiotis, Maria and Ioanna karpouzis and Dimitrios Liakatos



Maria Kretzas, friend, Effy Hatzigiannis and Anastasia Hatzistefanis



Evangelos Matzouranis, Panagiotis Douroudis family and friends



Members of the Antissian Association: Secretary Panagiotis Dalgitis Treasurer Maria iatrou, Committee Member Dimitris Giannakelou, Family and friends



Ioannis Zaloumis, panagiotis Armenakas- their partners and friends



Stavros and Anna Comninakis and their son, and Kathy psaltis