



MARIA VAMVAKINOOU VISITS AN OLD LACONIAN MATE

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Today I had a wonderful visit from a family friend. It was a total surprise and out of the blue. Our paths in life may have differed but that did not stop our families being good friends. After all, her sister is married to a Laconian from Skala Laconia in Greece.

So as far as I am concerned she is almost an honorary Laconian. We had had a laugh about life itself, our families and loved ones and in true Aussie fashion just "chewed the fat" so to speak.

I first Maria when she was and still is the Member for Calwell and had been invited as one of main guests for a function held where I was the Manager of the Governments work for the Dole Programme.

I had taken on the role of manager after having learnt my "welfare apprenticeship" as Training Manager at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Welfare section located in Northcote. Where our CEO was that indomitable Pontian Lion, Peter Jasonides.

Maria and her husband, my wife Yovanna and I over the years have kept in touch and it is great to see that both families' children have grown up. What is of interest is that both Maria and believe in the concept of Multiculturalism and that the word itself is but a journey to becoming an Australian and not to be misused for hidden agendas.

Over the course of the treatment, Maria indicated that Mihali and the children would drop in for a visit. As Mihali her husband has never stopped telling me that the current Cyprians of Hellenic origins are really migrants from ancient Laconia, Greece and based on that assumption he considers himself a Spartan.

I am of the belief that although there is some validity to his statement, I view his claims with some scepticism. As President of the Laconians in Melbourne Victoria, I am not sure he would pass our stringent membership criteria.

Maria on the other hand being a true politician is wise not to get involved into a robust academic discussion with a Cyprian and a Laconian. My wife on would only look on and say that they are at it again. I look forward to meeting the whole family again.

In passing I miss my old beard and whatever fluff of hair I had on top. At least it kept me warm. A small sacrifice to pay for being treated on a journey that one hopes leads to longevity, well being and healthy life. All in the hands of the creator who ever we believe he may be.



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