

2020 Women's Guild Event Descriptions

All events have a report available from the Women's Guild Chair.

Armenian Christmas Luncheon, January 6th- 2 chairs + committee. A short service is held. If it falls on a Sunday, Church School does the lunch. Any other day of the week, Women's Guild takes on the lunch. Order lahmajoon from Gary Reizian, make salad, order 2-3 Costco sheet cakes in December to get the holiday design. Timetable is in report.

Manoogian Manor- 1 chair + committee. Denise Boyagian, chair for January. Make arrangements with the Activities Director first, then check Clergy schedule for our visits three times a year:

Armenian Christmas/Blessing of the Water in January- (Cheoreg taken for residents). **Easter-** (Cheoreg and Easter Eggs from the Easter Sunday Tea- 60 held back for Manoogian Manor). **Blessing of the Grapes in August-** (grapes are taken to be blessed for residents). Call Manoogian Manor for the number of residents.

Saintly Women's Day- 2 chairs + committee. The Women's Guild Central Council selects two women saints to highlight each year. It involves a church service and luncheon held on a Saturday in March. Last year, the Guild brought in an actress to depict Mary, giving us a look into the responsibilities, worries, joys and heartbreak of being the mother of Jesus. Sat. Mar 14th 2020

Palm Sunday Bake Sale- 2 chairs + committee. Create flyer to advertise bake sale for our newsletter and Church bulletin. Request donations from members. Day of sale, take in and price the food to sell. Get 6 women to help set up, sell, and clean up. This is a good money maker for the Guild before Easter. Cheoreg and katah from Guild will be available to sell.

Spring Event (May)- Major Fundraiser- 2 chairs + committee. Often associated with Mother's Day. Past examples: fashion shows, motivational speakers, an evening in France, silent auction. Can be daytime (usually involving a luncheon) or evening (usually involving hors d'oeuvres or dinner). Good to have a committee and start brainstorming as early as possible. Friday, May 8th 2020.

Membership Dinner, June- 2 chairs + committee. Prepare dinner for the members. Evening consists of dinner, a short meeting, then gifts presented to honor members who have been a part of the Guild for a certain number of years and also for honorary members over 90 years young.

Assumption/Blessing of the Grapes- Bake Sale- 2 chair + committee. Bake sale during church picnic. Need to request donations from members. Day of picnic, take in and price the baked goods. Create schedule for workers to take shifts during picnic to help set up, sell, and clean up. Set up booth inside Vartan room which is cooler for bake goods. August 16, 2020.

Church Bazaar – first weekend in October. need chairs:

Bakery- Friday/Saturday/Sunday to sell goods

Hot Foods-Friday/ Saturday/ Sunday to serve hot food

Help cooking in kitchen- All three days soubeoreg/lahmajoon/kufta/spinach pie

Women's Guild Booth- Sell Aprons, cookbooks, USB's

Advent by Candlelight, 1st Wed. After Thanksgiving- 2 chairs + committee. Every other year. Tables are reserved by hostesses (members get first choice, then reservations are opened to non-members). Hostess decorates table, invites 8-9 friends, and serves dessert by candlelight. Afterward, program in sanctuary consisting of four speakers and four musical selections. Lovely evening of fellowship and inspiration to feed your soul and open your heart for Christmas.

Alternatives for Girls- Chair, Sue Vian. November Meeting-Toiletries and small gift items are collected by members, brought to church, and placed in bags.

Christmas Dinner, December Guild Meeting- 2 chairs + committee. Prepare dinner for members, arrange for holiday entertainment.

Directory- Chair, Linda Tiffany. Put together directory of Women's Guild members with addresses and contacts.

Summer Outing- chair + committee. Organize an outing for members in July which usually includes a lunch afterwards at a restaurant.

Fall Retreat- Chair, Sara Andonian. Overnight retreat for women with spiritual focus.

Baking Coordinator- Chair, Joy Callan. Need committee members.

Cookbook/DVD/CDs- Chair, Sara Andonian

Aprons- Chair, Dawn Aginian

Inventory Room- Chair, Marianne Dardarian

Outreach/College Boxes- Chair, Carol Ohanesian

Knitting Group- Chair, Linda Assarian. Knit baby blankets, caps, and scarves for South Oakland Shelter. Make baby blankets for Stitched with Love. Blankets are shipped to Armenia through Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) for mothers in need.

Alternatives for Girls- Chair, Sue Vian.

Mahs Ministry- Chair, Renee Apkarian. Committee makes and bags mahs for church.

Hospitality- Arranges for people to bring desserts/fruit to membership meetings.

Devotional Reading- Chair, Barbara Haroutunian. Presents a short devotional reading at membership meetings. Can be one person or more that rotate.