

## **General Body Mtg.**

Wed. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Patricia Fantazian-Poeszat

Supervisor, Federal Air  
Marshals - Topic: *Careers in  
the Secret Service & Federal  
Air Marshals*

## **Palm Sunday Bake Sale April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Please label your Armenian or  
other baked goods-with your  
name, name of item, and  
Women's Guild.

Monetary donations will be  
accepted in lieu of baked goods.

## **Winter Baking**

April 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.

Chair: Anita Arslanian

## **Knitting**

April 10<sup>th</sup> May 15<sup>th</sup> & June 19<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m. -Noon SJAC nursery

Chair: Linda Assarian  
248-332-0816

## *A Note from Your Chairman...*

Dear Father Garabed and Ladies of the Guild,

KRISDOS HARYAV EE MERELTZ! Easter is quickly approaching and Christ's resurrection gives hope of everlasting life to all of us. Let us proclaim our faith to all and encourage our family and friends to take part in Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. Through Christ's death and resurrection, Christ paid the penalty for our sins; thus ensuring, for all who believe in Him, eternal life.

Our Women's Guild activities this past winter have been very successful, and we wish to take this opportunity to thank all of our chairmen for helping to make it so. First we wish to thank Joyce Obenhoff for chairing a wonderful Poon Paregentan Dinner-Dance! We also wish to thank her dedicated team of Guild members. People are still talking about the wonderful dinner and talented group of musicians who participated in the band that evening.

We also wish to thank Dolly Matoian who led our wonderful team of bakers during our Winter/Easter Bake. The bake leaders were Charlene Apigian, Anita

Arslanian, Cathy Atesian, Joy Callan, Pamela Dayinian, Marianne Dardarian, Sandra Jack, Yn. Roberta Kochakian, Dolly Matoian, Terry Palaian, and Linda Tiffany. Without this dedicated team of bake leaders and the support of Women's Guild members who came to help them each week, we would not have enough baked goods to sell during our Winter/Palm Sunday bake sales. We also wish to thank Almas Derderian, Arick Kasper, and Alice Argnian for selling our baked goods every Sunday after Church services.

We wish to express our appreciation to all of the chairmen for our luncheons beginning in January and continuing through March. Thanks to Barbara Haroutunian, Karmen Santourian, Pamela Dayinian, Sue Vian, and Jackie ElChemmas, we enjoyed delicious luncheons followed by outstanding presentations from our speakers Charlene Goshgarian

and Sue Vian, whom we also thank. We would also like to express our deep appreciation to Linda Assarian and her team for their Knitting Group projects, and Carol Ohanesian and her team for the Social Services projects. These members do a great job of providing assistance for those who need a helping hand both in the greater Detroit Area and Armenia. The Mahs Committee, led by Chairman Charlene Apigian serves an essential function and we thank them for their dedication and hard work. We are truly blessed to have such an extraordinary team of ladies working year round for the Women's Guild.

Happy Easter!

Linda Stamboulian

### **Palm Sunday Bake Sale**

WANTED: Baked goods for Palm Sunday. If possible please donate Armenian baked goods, but all baked goods donations are welcome. Monetary donations in lieu of baked goods are also gratefully accepted. Please label your baked goods with your name, the name of the item, and WG Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Place your baked goods in the refrigerator if you bring them in on Thursday or Friday before Palm Sunday. Or bring directly to the bake sale table in the Main Hall on Palm Sunday. If you have further questions, please contact Terry Palaian at 248-347-3479, Marilyn Sarkesian at 248-332-6570, or Almas Derderian at 313-937-0519. It is the responsibility of all Guild members to contribute to our bake sales. **There will be no sale of baked goods during Church service.**

### **Winter/Easter Bake**

We continue to bake every Tuesday until Holy Week. Please join us for great camaraderie and friendship. All are welcome. This includes men and other non-members of the Women's Guild. We will be making Sou Beoreg in the coming week. For more information, contact Winter Bake Chairman Dolly Matoian at 248-737-9055 or dmatoian@att.net.

### **Easter Tea**

We are fortunate that Lisa Boyadjian and Nyree Giragosian will host the Women's Guild Easter Tea. The tea will take place after Church on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. As per our long-standing W.G. Easter tradition, please bring two dozen colored eggs for the Tea. You may use colored dyes or our ancient tradition of onion skins (directions in new WG Cookbook). Pita bread and cheese will also be served at the Tea. If you are able to help in the kitchen please call Lisa at 248-661-5030 or Nyree at 248-347-6654.

### **99<sup>th</sup> Armenian Genocide Commemoration**

Another very important event is the upcoming April 24<sup>th</sup> Genocide Commemoration at St. Sarkis Armenian Church. This will be the first year that all four Armenian churches will celebrate together, and we hope it will be a success and set a precedent for future Commemorations. We encourage all WG Members and their families to attend this special commemoration at 7 p.m. Alberta Godoshian is the Women's Guild leader for our participation in this event. If you have further questions please contact Alberta at 248-476-4638.

### **Social Services Committee**

Under the Chairmanship of Carol Ohanesian the committee is currently taking a collection for the annual trip to Armenia led by Jackie ElChemmas to build houses for those in need. Housewarming gifts such as oblong tablecloths and new towels are requested. The group is also collecting items for girls

aged 18-23 residing at Mer Doon. Items requested are hair bands and accessories, small wallets, slipper socks, new makeup, makeup bags, underwear, small size gently used or new clothing, and any other items you think young girls would appreciate. Please bring your items to the next two WG meetings.

### Knitting

The Women's Guild knitting group, under the leadership of Linda Assarian, has been knitting for the past five years on the third Thursday of the month in the St. John Armenian Church Nursery at 10:00 a.m. Due to the third Thursday of April falling during Holy Week, the group will meet on April 10<sup>th</sup> instead of April 17<sup>th</sup>. The group is currently knitting baby items for mothers in need.

### Handbook Response:

Earlier in the year, members were sent a W.G. Handbook for committee sign-ups. Please sign up for as many events as you wish. If you have not yet submitted your response sheet, please send it to Joyce Obenhoff at 27062 Bonnie Drive, Warren, MI 48093 or turn it in to the Women's Guild mailbox at the Church Office.

### Announcements & Address Changes:

Please contact Dawn Aginian with any news or announcements. If you have any address, email and/or phone number changes please contact Dawn Aginian at 248-225-7176 or [daginian@yahoo.com](mailto:daginian@yahoo.com). Address changes can also be submitted with dues to Judy Parks, Assistant Treasurer, or communicated to Linda Stamboulian, Chairman.

### **Mystery Woman**

The picture of the woman behind the mask in the March newsletter was Sally Kabodian. Did you guess correctly?



### **Prayers & Sympathy**

Our sympathies to Eugenie Karebian on the loss of her dear husband, Terrie (John) Karebian on the loss of her dear father-in-law and Lillian Durham on the loss of her dear father  
Harry Karebian



### **Prayers & Sympathy**

Our sympathies to the Family of our dear Women's Guild member

Rose Mary Darakjian



### **Thank you**

Diane Khachaturian for proofreading Women's Guild Correspondence!



### **DUES**

Please submit your 2014 dues of \$20 to St. John Women's Guild



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### **We Thank**

Yn. Roberta Kochakian



for her presentation on Easter Customs in the Armenian Church.