Women's Guild News

May 2013

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A Royal Luncheon

Please consider becoming a donor by providing funds for Wine-Flowers Contact Diane Khachaturian 248-647-1725 or 248-925-7352

A Royal Luncheon & Fashion Show

Saturday May 18th noon St. John Cultural Hall Chairs: Nora Noraian & Charlene Goshgarian

Final call for Reservations

Membership Dinner Meeting:

Wed. June 5, 2013, 6:00 p.m. SJ Hall

If you would like to be a donor for wine, please contact Marilyn

Sarkesian

248-332-6570

marilynsarkesian@

hotmail.com

A Note from Your Chairman....

Dear Father Garabed and Ladies of the Guild,

Since May is the month that we celebrate Mother's Day, it is a time we reflect on how our mothers have influenced our lives. If our mothers are still living, we need to appreciate them and the time we have with them. If our mothers have passed, we need to cherish their memories and be thankful for the love and wisdom they have passed on to us. It is a time to honor our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other special women in our lives.

A Royal Luncheon: Please join us for an extraordinary luncheon and fashion show event with a British twist on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 12:00 Noon at the St. John Armenian Church Cultural Hall. A British themed elegant lunch will be followed by a fashion show featuring selections from the Somerset Collection. Charlene Goshgarian and Nora Noraian have done a phenomenal job of planning and preparing for this event. If you wish to be a Benefactor, Patron, Sponsor, etc. for this event please contact Diane Khachaturian at 248-647-1725. Your name will be mentioned in our Program Booklet. Our thanks to Diane Khachaturian for expertly tabulating all of the monetary donations to help sponsor our event. Thanks also to Joyce Obenhoff for the expert job she has done as Reservation and Raffle Chairman.

With over fifty raffle prizes, your chance of winning one, if you purchase a raffle ticket, are very good! Linda Jevahirian and her committee have done a wonderful job of acquiring and organizing the raffle prizes. As Publicity Chairman for this event Linda has also done a superb job of publicizing our event to our community, the media, and newspapers. Please call Joyce Obenhoff at 586-754-3984 or e-mail at shortafoot@comcast.net to reserve a seat, several seats, or an entire table or to purchase additional raffle tickets. A Royal Luncheon will be one of our major fundraisers this year.

Membership Dinner: Our Annual Membership Dinner will take place on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Please make your reservation by June 2^{nd.} There is no charge to our members for this event. A lovely dinner is being planned by the chairpersons, Nancy Panaretos and Marilyn Sarkesian. Following the dinner there will be the initiation of new members. Also, there will be awards given to 10, 25, 40, and 50-year members. Please try to attend this special dinner. Please make reservations for this event by calling Marilyn Sarkesian at 248-332-6570 or contact her by email:

marilynsarkesian@hotmail.com.

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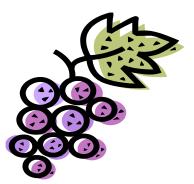


Knitting Circle

Thursday May 16th
Thursday June 20th
10:00-Noon
SJAC Nursery
Contact Linda Assarian
248-332-0816

Festival Baking

Every Tuesday
beginning June 4th with
kufteh 9:00 a.m.
Chair Dolly Matoian
248-737-9055
June 4, 11, 18 & 25th



Grape Leaves Needed

The time to pick grape leaves to make yahlanchi for the festival is approaching. Please bundle, blanche (p.290 of Cookbook) and label Women's Guild New Members: If you know anyone who wishes to join our Women's Guild or who wants to learn more about us, please contact Terry Palaian at 248-347-3479 or e-mail at tpalaian@yahoo.com. Terry Palaian and her committee have been working diligently to obtain new members. Her committee includes Yn. Roberta Kochakian, Linda Assarian, and Kim Kalajian.

98th Genocide Commemoration: Last month, on April 24th, Women's Guild members participated in all aspects of the commemoration ceremonies. There was a Dual Remembrance, which commemorated the 1915 Armenian Genocide and the 25th Anniversary of the Forgotten Armenian Genocide of 1988-1991, which took place in Azerbaijan.

Women's Guild members in cooperation with the Men's Society and A.C.Y.O.A. served the Madagh dinner to an attendance of over 450. Our thanks to our Guild members who helped to serve: Anna Baylerian, Chairman, Dawn Aginian, Diane Aginian, Alice Argnian, Judy Cristiano, Marianne Dardarian, Barbara Haroutunian, Kim Kalajian, Helen Olson, Isabelle Vahratian and Dr. Joyce Yeghissian. Thank you also to Alberta Godoshian who planned the entire dinner. The Women's Guild worked well as a team with other church organizations.

April 3, 2013 General Membership Meeting: Our very well attended April 3rd General Body Meeting was highlighted with a presentation on Staging, Decorating, and Painting by Adrian Keoleian. Adrian displayed her passion and expertise for home decorating as she answered many of our questions. After the presentation, refreshments were served. The General Body Meeting followed.

Knitting Group: The Knitting Group under the leadership of Linda Assarian recently delivered twenty-four blankets to the Beaumont Dialysis Center on Nine mile and John R. Over one hundred patients come to that center regularly for dialysis. The group is currently making blankets for the Berkley Dialysis Center. The next knitting session will take place on May 16th from 10:00 - 12:00 Noon.

May 1, 2013 General Body Meeting: Our May 1st General Body Meeting was enhanced by Joyce Obenhoff's wonderful counted cross-stitch presentation. Joyce shared her exquisite counted cross-stitch art with us. The presentation was followed by refreshments and then the General Body Meeting.

Women's Guild Sunday: Sunday June 2nd is Women's Guild Sunday. There will be a Hokehanksdyan (Requiem Service) for all deceased Women's Guild members. We encourage all of our members to attend Church that day.

Best Regards, Linda Stamboulian



May 1st Meeting

Far Left: Joyce Obenhoff's beautiful counted cross-stitch of an angel dedicated to Olga Arabian who kindly donated all her supplies to Joyce

Left- Joyce Obenhoff displays her counted cross-stitch Khahch (Cross) dedicated to her parents and currently used by Fr. Garabed in the Church processionals.

Madagh Dinner- From left - Pat Hachigian, Women's Guild members: Kim Kalajian, Linda Stamboulian, Pepsi Baylerian, Diane Aginian, Barbara Haroutunian and Helen Olson help serve the Madagh Dinner on April 24th.



Knitting Group From
left, Linda DePietro, Cathy
Zwinck, Carol Ohanessian
(seated) Louise Brocher,
Helen Olson, Linda Lutz &
dog Phoebe (seated), Dawn
Aginian, and Chair Linda
Assarian

Thank You!



Diane Khachaturian For editing our correspondence

Get Well Wishes!

Kathy Mekjian Alberta Godoshian

If you know someone who would like to join the Women's Guild please call Terry Palaian 313-929-0926

Thank You!

Charlene Apigian
For chairing the Mahs
Committee - making
and packaging Mahs

WANTED!

Photographer(s) for Guild events Please call Dawn Aginian 248-225-7176 daginian@yahoo.com

Please contact Dawn Aginian at daginian@yahoo.com or 248-225-7176 with any special announcements for the newsletter



Thank You!

To all Guild
members who kindly
fulfilled their
obligations for the
Palm Sunday Bake
Sale and Easter Tea

Prayers & Sympathy



Our sympathies to Linda and
Patricia Stamboulian on the loss of
their dear father-in-law, to Nevart
Godoshian on the loss of her dear
brother, and to Nancy Panaretos
and Marilyn Sarkesian on the loss
of their dear uncle

Charlie Stamboulian

To Virginia Mekjian on the loss of her dear sister.

Zabel Bayekian Hooks,

To Dr. Diana Cohen on loss of her dear father

William Vaskin Samson Sr.

Dues

Please submit your 2013 dues of \$20 to <u>St. John Women's Guild ASAP to:</u>

> Joyce Obenhoff 27062 Bonnie Drive Warren, MI 48093

