

A Message from Your Chairman

Dear Father Garabed and Ladies of the Guild,

We began our summer with our Annual Membership and Awards Dinner, which took place on Wednesday, June 5, 2013. We now look forward to a summer highlighted with interesting activities, Bake Days, and fun filled camaraderie. We continue to be inspired by both our long time members and our new initiates!

We see examples of dedication to our Faith, our Church, and our Guild all around us. One cannot help but be inspired by the examples of teamwork exhibited at any one of our Bake Days to name but only one activity. So choose your favorite activity, whether it be baking, knitting, event planning, social concern, fundraising, flower arranging, art design, writing, editing, selling, etc. Come share your talent with us! A wonderful by product of this sharing is that we continually witness new friendships being formed. As a few members recently stated, "We barely knew each other before this project began, and now we have become lifelong friends!"

Best Regards

Linda Stambouliau

A Royal Luncheon was a Royal Success!

As ladies arrived at A Royal Luncheon on Saturday, May 18th, they were greeted by a fairy tale entrance into St. John Armenian Church and Cultural Center's Main Ballroom-- a room decorated in a style fit to please a Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. The inspiration for the event came from the fact that William and Kate will celebrate the birth of their first child in July. Our Co-Chairpersons Charlene Goshgarian and Nora Noraian and *A Royal Luncheon* Committee decided to host a British themed celebration in honor of the new royal baby. Charlene and Nora, along with their Committee, had worked tirelessly for many months to make this event a stunning success. Charlene and Nora welcomed all of the guests. Father Garabed spoke about the critical role of women and our Women's Guild in the life of our church and then delivered the Invocation.

The Co-chairs' and Committee's careful attention to detail was apparent at every turn. The tables were covered with white linens and each was adorned with a centerpiece consisting of white hydrangeas, white daisy mums, a dark blue delphinium, and baby's breath. White chair covers with royal blue netting bows and royal blue napkins added an elegant royal touch to the scene. There was a delicate crown bookmark favor for guests at each place setting. Soft piano music accompanied the guests' arrival, along with Valerie McFarland, an interested reporter from *The Oakland Press*.

The British themed menu included Sparkling Wine with Pomegranate Juice and Fresh Berries, Scones and Fresh Baked Bread, British Lemon Barley Water, Salad with Mixed Greens, Cranberries, Pecans, Red Onions and Rye Wafer Garnish with Citrus Dressing. The main course was Chicken with Brie and Mushrooms, Steamed Caraway Scented Potatoes, and Green Beans with Leeks. An English Trifle in a glass was a fitting dessert.

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Summer Outing **Thursday July 11th** **Cranbrook House** **Tour & Tea 1p.m.**

\$23 seniors over age 60

\$25 others

-limit 25 people

Please call Pam

Dayinian for
reservations

248-644-8028

Festival Baking

Every Tuesday @

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
noon in June

Every Mon. & Tues.

July, August, Sept.

Chair Dolly Matoian

248-737-9055

Evening bakes June

10th & July 15th 6:00

p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Chair Marianne

Dardarian

248-661-0617

Knitting

Thursday June 20th

10:00-Noon

Contact Linda Assarian

248-332-0816

Following the luncheon, an exquisite fashion show was presented by Commentator Vicki Howard who presented fashions from The Somerset Collection. Our very own Women's Guild members and their daughters were our lovely models. Our thanks to our models Lisa Aglamishian, Susan Ameriguian, Heidi Aprahamian, Anoush Arslanian, Jaclyn Assarian, Louise Brocher, Karen Dardarian, Nyree Giragosian, Cheryl Joboulian, Diane Khachaturian, Dolly Matoian, Erika Palaian, Julie Panaretos, Judy Parks, Elise Papazian, Christine Santourian, Ani Stamboulion, and Margaret Ann Yessian.

We wish to thank our extraordinary Co-Chairs Nora Noraian and Charlene Goshgarian for coordinating the entire event. We wish to express our gratitude also to the following individuals: Model Coordinator: Karen Dardarian; Program Coordinator: Deborah Zazaian; British Music Curator: Michael Zazaian; Reservation Chair: Joyce Obenhoff; Raffle Chairs: Linda Jevahirian and Joyce Obenhoff; Decorations: Charlene Goshgarian; Donor & Sponsor Coordinators: Diane Khachaturian and Nora Noraian. Booklet: Nora Noraian.

Our thanks also to **A Royal Luncheon** Committee Members: Denise Alexanian, Denise Chiroyan, Karen Dardarian, Pamela Dayinian, Sandra Jamian, Linda Jevahirian, Terrie Karebian, Diane Khachaturian, Esther Kulhanjian, Yn. Roberta Kochakian, Lena Montgomery, Joyce Obenhoff, Helen Olson, Carol Ohanesian, Terry Palaian, Karmen Santourian, and Deborah Zazaian.

Finally, A Royal Luncheon would not have been the success it was without the generous donations made by our Benefactors, Patrons, Friends, Sponsors, Contributors and Raffle Prize Contributors, all of whom were listed in our Program Booklet.

Membership Dinner:

Our Annual Women's Guild Membership Dinner took place on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 with nearly one hundred persons attending. It is the 75th Anniversary Year of the St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild this year. The evening began with the initiation of new members. Terry Palaian and her committee encouraged twelve new ladies to join our Women's Guild. The new members are: Dr. Mary Alani, Renee Axt, Joy Callan, Lilit Grigoryan, Carol Hazergian, Dar Hazergian, Sandra Jack, Adrian Keoleian, Janice Megerian, Katherine Petryszak Channell, Debbie Stamp, and Sita Yeraniosian. We congratulate and welcome all of you!

After the Invocation by Father Garabed Kochakian, there was a welcome by Linda Stamboulion. Then the Chairpersons of the Day Nancy Panaretos and Marilyn Sarkesian acknowledged their committee and thanked everyone for coming. Nancy and Marilyn prepared an elegant meal of Garden Salad and Cheese Beoreg, Chicken in a Crescent, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Raspberry Blanc Torte, Coffee, Tea, and Wine. Thank you to all of our generous donors for this dinner. The wine was donated by Anita Kachadurian, Mary Keoleian, and Diramayr Virginia Melkonian. Additional donors who donated toward the dinner were Diane Ekizian, Jean Sarkisian, and Mariann Zamanigian. Thanks to Joyce Obenhoff for creating the Program Booklet for the evening and coordinating the awards.

Awards were presented to:

50 Year Members: Anita Kachadurian, Mary Keoleian, Diramayr Virginia Melkonian

40 Year Members: Margaret Derderian, Mary Kurkechian, Isabelle Vahratian

25 Year Members: Alice Argnian, Grace Karougian, Alice Malakhanian

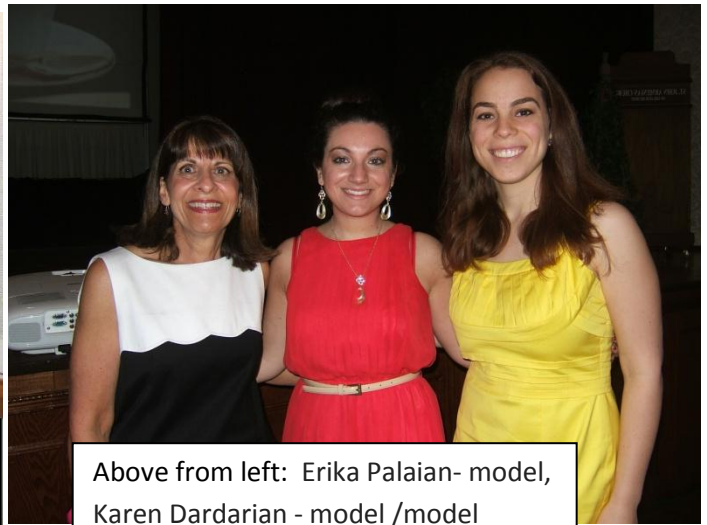
10 Year Members: Cynthia Amboian, Sara Andonian, AnnRae Anusbigian, Linda Assarian, Lisa Bahm, Anna Baylerian, Paula Derbabian, Lisa Derderian, Dawn Derouchie, Linda Franquist, Aralynn Haidostian, Linda Houhanisin, Denise Karakashian, Patricia Kezelian, Esther Kulhanjian, Judy Parks, Susan Reizian, Barbara Rupas, Anna Sarkisian, Sue Vian.

Then bouquets of roses were presented to our members who celebrated their 90th birthdays this year: Rose Nevart Godoshian, Helen Mekjian, and Alice Mavian.

We wish to congratulate all of our new initiates and those reaching milestone years within the Guild. Congratulations to St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild on reaching your 75th Anniversary!!!



Above A Royal Luncheon Fashion Show Models from left – Susan Ameriguan, Louise Brocher, Diane Khachaturian, Dolly Matoian, Judy Parks, Heidi Aprahamian, and Cheryl Joboulian



Above from left: Erika Palaian- model, Karen Dardarian - model /model coordinator, and Debbie Zazaian program coordinator



Above: A Royal Luncheon committee, clockwise from left: Linda Stamboulian (seated), Carol Ohanessian, Pam Dayinian, Charlene Goshgarian, Debbie Zazaian, Nora Noraian, Linda Jevahirian, and Karen Dardarian (seated).



Near left: models Ani Stamboulian , Christine Santourian, Erika Palaian, Anita Arslanian's daughter, and Karen Dardarian



Above: Father Garabed honors 50 year Women's Guild members Diramayr Virginia Melkonian, Anita Kachadurian, and Mary Keoleian



Left: Charlene Goshgarian and Nora Noraian Co-Chairs of A Royal Luncheon

Right: New members, Sandra Jack, Renee Axt, Adrian Keoleian, Seta Yerosian, Lilit Grigoryan, Katherine Petryszak Channell, and Debbie Stamp



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

Get Well Wishes!

Virginia Aginian &
Helen Mekjian

Prayers & Sympathy



Our sympathies to Almas Derderian on the loss of her dear brother

Maksood Mike Derderian

Our sympathies to Mary Simonian on the loss of her dear sister,

Sona Kalajian

Fall Outing

Bosco Pizza Factory
Tour 10:30 a.m. Thurs,
October 10th Call Pam
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8028



Thank You!

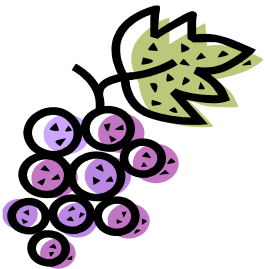
To Marilyn
Sarkisian and Nancy
Panaretos for
chairing the June
membership dinner

Congratulations!

Dawn Karagosian

On the June 8th marriage
of her daughter Tamara
Karagosian to Steve Ujkaj

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



Grape Leaves

Please try to pick grape
leaves for our festival
preparation of Yahlanchi

Refer to p.290 of our
new cookbook for
directions and leave
labeled and dated in
church freezer

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



Dues

**Please submit your 2013 dues of \$20
to St. John Women's Guild ASAP to:**

Joyce Obenhoff,

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