

## **Membership Mtg**

**October 2nd 7pm**

*Nora Sanjian Hutter,*  
Pastry Chef Presentation

## **Festival Baking**

9:00 a.m. every Monday &  
Tuesday in September  
Chair Dolly Matoian  
248-737-9055

Evening bakes 9/16 & 9/23  
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

## **Knitting**

Thurs. Sep.19<sup>th</sup> 10:00-Noon  
Contact Linda Assarian  
248-332-0816

## *A Message from Your Chairman*

Dear Father Garabed and Ladies of the Guild,

Our Guild has witnessed a whirlwind of activities from late spring to early fall. The Church Picnic Bake Sale was a tremendous success! Our thanks to all of you who donated baked goods, made monetary donations, and volunteered your time that day to sell the baked goods. Through your generous contributions and efforts, we raised \$2,100 for our church that day! Our thanks to Chairmen Linda Franquist and Nora Noraian, and to their wonderful committee for all of their hard work. Thank you, also, to our Guild members who helped serve the kebab dinners. The servers' team was lead by Rose Najarian, Kathy Mekjian, and Alice Mekjian. Last but not least, thanks also to Terry Palaian for chairing the Cookie Baking Contest which generated a lot of excitement.

Our members, led by Dolly Matoian, have also been diligently baking all summer preparing for the Church Festival which will take place September 27 - 29 (with many activities during the preceding week). They have made tremendous amounts of cheoreg, katah, sou beoreg, kufteh, parag hatz, yahlanchi sarma, meat beoreg, khalkha, khadayif, spinach pie, bourma, etc. We have truly outdone ourselves!

We will also have a Bake Sale during the weekend of the Festival so we will need an assortment of desserts and baked goods to sell or monetary donations instead of baked goods. Please send your monetary donation in lieu of baked goods to St. John Armenian Church, c/o Lilit Grigoryan, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI. 48075. Please write your check to St. John Armenian Church with "Festival Bake Sale" in the memo portion of your check. If you wish, you may turn in your monetary donation to the Bake Sale during the Festival. Please call or e-mail one of the Bake Sale Chairmen listed below to let us know what baked goods you plan on bringing. Of course, Armenian baked goods are preferable, but all baked goods are in demand. Please have baked goods packaged and ready to sell and labeled with your name and the name of the item. Please place items in the church refrigerator if brought before Friday evening, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. It is the responsibility of all Guild members to donate to our bake sales. Thank you in advance for fulfilling your responsibility.

Our Bake Sale Chairmen for the weekend are Sue Vian (Friday) 248-414-5246, Joy Callan (Saturday), 248-254-3955, and/or Linda De Pietro (Sunday), 248-335-3472. Our Hot Foods Chairmen (Friday - Sunday) are Diane Aginian, 248-647-1823 and Dawn Aginian, 248-225-7176. There was a signup sheet for volunteers for the Festival at our September 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting. If you were unable to sign up at that time, but would like to volunteer now, please contact one of the chairs for Hot Foods or Bake Sale. As always thank you for all of your wonderful support. You are the best!

Best regards,

Linda Stamboulian

## **Future Events**

**Festival Baked Goods and Hot Foods:** The Women's Guild plays a crucial role in the success of the Festival each year. We wish to thank Dolly Matoian for Chairing the entire Bake Day Sessions in preparation for the Festival, and for her leadership during the entire Festival. Our thanks also to her Assistants: Almas Derderian, Marianne Dardarian, and Joy Callan. We also could not have accomplished the summer baking endeavor without

the leaders for each bake session. They were Kufteh - Dolly Matoian, Cheoreg - Marianne Dardarian, Charlene Apigian, Dolly Matoian; Khalkha - Cathy Atesian, Dolly Matoian; Sou Beoreg - Anita Arslanian; Yahlanchi Sarma - Dawn Aginian, Carol Ohanesian; Katah - Terry Palaian, Joy Callan; Meat Beoreg - Dolly Matoian; Spinach Pie - Pamela Dayinian; Bourma- Yn. Roberta Kochakian; Khadayif - Pamela Dayinian. We also, of course, could not have accomplished this task without the dedicated support of our members who came without hesitation each week to assist with all of our baking.

**Bosco Pizza Factory Tour:** On Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> we have scheduled a tour of the Bosco Pizza Factory in Warren, MI. We will view a 30 minute video followed by a 45 minute tour of the factory. We will be treated to a lunch after the tour. There is no charge for the tour, but space is limited to 25 participants. We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m., and we will arrive at Bosco's at 9:50 a.m. Please be prompt because we do not want to miss our tour or lunch. Pam Dayinian has organized this event, but she will be unable to attend, so Joy Callan has graciously volunteered to be our leader that day. Please call Joy with your reservation at 248-254-3955 or e-mail her at [yerchanigc@yahoo.com](mailto:yerchanigc@yahoo.com)

**College Bags/Boxes:** Our Social Concern Committee lead by Carol Ohanesian will again be providing gifts and goodies boxes for our college students. Please see the enclosed flyer for further information and make sure your student receives a box.

**Advent by Candlelight 2013:** Advent by Candlelight 2013 will take place Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Armenian Church Cultural Hall and be chaired by Araxie Choukourian and Arlene Baylerian. Advent by Candlelight has traditionally been one of our best-attended events of the year. "Let Us Adore Him" is this year's theme. This year's prelude to the Christmas season should, once again, be a very special evening. As in the past, the evening does not require an admission charge. Therefore, we would appreciate it if anyone is interested in being a sponsor, to please let the chairpersons know. Please look for further information, including table hostessing, in our next Newsletter.

## **Past Events:**

**A Royal Luncheon:** Our largest Fundraiser of the year, "A Royal Luncheon" was enjoyed by all. Please consult your June Newsletter or go to our church website (Women's Guild) for a complete write up on this event. Nora Noraian and Charlene Goshgarian were the Co-Chairs of this extraordinary event. The profit from this event was \$12,800. Our thanks and congratulations to Nora and Charlene, their Committee, and all of our Women's Guild members who participated in any way in the event!!!

**Membership Dinner:** Another very successful event was our Membership Dinner. Please see our June Newsletter at our church website for the complete report on this event. Marilyn Sarkesian and Nancy Panaretos chaired the event. Marilyn, Nancy, and their Committee created a wonderful chicken crescent dinner with all of the trimmings. Afterwards, awards were presented to our 50, 40, 25, and 10-year members. Thirteen new members joined the Women's Guild. It was the perfect way to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. John's Women's Guild.

**Summer Outing:** A group of Women's Guild members and friends visited the historic Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills on Thursday, July 11, 2013. The ladies were given a guided tour of the home followed by a lovely English style "High Tea." Our Chairperson for the day was Pamela Dayinian who made all of the arrangements. The group met at the entrance of the home, which was built in 1904 for George Gough Booth and his wife Ellen Scripps Booth. The family purchased the neglected, barren farm in Bloomfield Hills because they wanted a place "in the country." The home, designed by architect, Albert Kahn, is stunningly appointed with handcrafted furnishings, artwork, decorated walls and ceilings, and lovely gardens.

**WG Knitting Group Visits Dialysis Center:** Our Women's Guild Knitting Group delivered over 30 blankets for the patients at the Dialysis Center on Northwestern Highway in Southfield. The patients were very appreciative of this kind gesture. Our thanks to Linda Assarian for leading this group and to her committee for all of their hard work.

**Manoogian Manor Visit for Blessing of the Grapes:** Fr. Garabed officiated at the Blessing of the Grapes ceremony at the Manoogian Manor on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Joyce Obenhoff was the Chairman of the event. She was accompanied by Karen Mangune, Margaret Dayinian, Linda Tiffany, Margaret Lafian, Dn. Rubik Mailian, and Linda Stamboulian. The residents greatly appreciated our visit.