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*A Message
from our
chairman...*



Dear Women's Guild Members,

April has arrived and it's hard for me to believe that one quarter of the year is behind us. We have had a busy three months and we have a lot more coming up in 2023! Keep your eyes on our calendar and watch for e-blasts.

Our April meeting has a new date. We will be meeting in person on Wednesday, April 12, the second Wednesday of the month. The first week is Holy Week. If you find that your car wants to come to church on the first Wednesday, please make your way to the Sanctuary for the Holy Week Healing Service! I find this service peaceful and uplifting.

Enjoy the Newsletter. I hope to see you sometime during Holy Week and the Easter weekend. And I wish you and your families a Blessed Easter.

Sara Andonian



Our deepest sympathies to Nora Hutter on the passing of her loving and devoted father, Arsen Sanjian on February 28, 2023.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Paul Korian on March 15, 2023. Paul was the beloved husband of member Anoush and khnamee of member Diana Shoushanian.

-Asdvadz Hokeeneruh Loosavoreh



We send our get well wishes to Yerezgin Roberta Kochakian. As you heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.



Congratulations Karen & Greg Movsesian and Shoghig & Arsen Terjimanian on the birth of their grandson, Kapriel Raffi Terjimanian on March 13, 2023. Proud parents are Emily & Dn. Armen Terjimanian.



We are thankful to have been gifted three induction burners and Lodge skillets which keeps our butter warm and at an even temperature to make our baking even better! Thank you, Lisa and Steve Derderian for your generous donation!

Our Plarning Outreach Program Needs Your Help



Plarning is a form of crocheting with plastic bags to make blankets and pillows for the homeless. The shelters hand them out faster than volunteers can make them. It's very easy and you can find the demonstration on our YouTube Guild Gatherings page. Please reach out to Edith Baise about how to participate (313)673-3325.



The Knitting Club will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month from 10:00 am-noon at the church in the Ararat room. *No experience is necessary* and all are welcome! We will be knitting scarves to support the Motor City Mitten Mission. Contact Linda Assarian for more information. linda.assarian@gmail.com

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please let us know of any changes you may have for your contact information by April 30th. We will be publishing a new directory this spring. Thank you!



Lorrie Melkonian Keila
30735 River Crossing
Bingham Farms, MI 4802

Fri, March 31 st	Guild Gatherings – Dying Armenian Easter Eggs with Y. Joy Callan.
Sun., April 2 nd	Palm Sunday Bake Sale – Marilyn Dadian. Please remember your bake sale donations!
Sun., April 9 th	Easter Sunday – please remember your donation of two dozen colored Easter Eggs
Wed., April 12 th	General Body Meeting – 7:00pm – Note date and time change due to Holy Week.
Sat., April 15 th	Manoogian Manor Easter Visit – 11:00am
Wed., April 19 th	Executive Board Meeting – 7:00pm
Mon., April 24 th	Armenian Martyr’s Day – Service at St. Sarkis Armenian Church
Wed., May 3 rd	General Body Meeting – 7:00pm
Wed., May 17 th	Executive Board Meeting – 7:00pm
Sun., June 4 th	Hokehankist for Women’s Guild for Women’s Guild Members – Tea after service
Wed., June 7 th	Membership Dinner



JOIN US AND HELP SORT BADLY NEEDED MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE USED LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

SJAC VOLUNTEER DAY AT WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



World Medical Relief donated over \$1.5 million dollars in medical supplies to Armenia in 2021!

The Women’s Guild appreciates all of their effort and we encourage our members to volunteer.

April 1st /1:00 – 3:00 pm

CONTACT GREG OR EDITH BAISE AT (313)673-3325 OR EBAISE@UMICH.EDU



Please remember your Women’s Guild donation of 2 dozen colored Easter Eggs for our Easter Tea. Make sure the cartons are labeled “Women’s Guild” along with your name. They will need to be dropped off to the church kitchen refrigerator by Easter Sunday morning. We will be reserving several cartons for our Manoogian Manor Easter visit. Please contact Nyree Giragosian with any questions. (248)231-2547 or nyreevgir@gmail.com

WOMEN'S GUILD PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE APRIL 2, 2023



WE ASK ALL MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE
BAKED GOODS DONATIONS NEEDED!

simit * nazoog * pahklava * bourma * bunny choreg * kurabia * kadayif

ARMENIAN DELICACIES PREFERRED, BUT ALL
CONTRIBUTIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

DONATING BAKED GOODS?!

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO ST JOHN'S MAIN KITCHEN ON APRIL 1st or 2nd

LABEL YOUR DONATION WITH YOUR NAME

LABEL IF IT CONTAINS NUTS

PACKAGE INDIVIDUALLY OR 6-12 PER PACKAGE

MONETARY DONATIONS?!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST JOHN WOMEN'S GUILD

MAIL TO: 229 PILGRIM AVE BIRMINGHAM, MI 48009

50% OF THE PROFITS WILL GO TO ARMENIANS AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

EMAIL MARILYN DADIAN WITH QUESTIONS [DADIAN@COMCAST.NET](mailto:dadian@comcast.net)

Saintly Women's Day

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Every year in March, Women's Guild honors saintly women. This year we scheduled our event on a weekend day in consideration of our working members. And even a snow-storm of up to 10" couldn't deter thirty-one dedicated members and guests from attending a lecture by art historian Wendy Evans on "Saintly Women in Art."

Co-chaired by Carol Cholmakjian and Y. Joy Callan, the program began with a short church service led by Fr. Aren Jebejian who discussed our relationship with art and the divine. We then gathered in the Vartan Room for a delicious Lenten buffet luncheon of roll-up sandwiches (grilled vegetables; hummus and tabouli), vospov kofta, green salad, popcorn, and cut-up fruit. The meal was prepared by Joy with help from Marianne and David Dardarian. Afterwards, additional guests joined us for the lecture.



Ms. Evans has advanced degrees from Oxford University in England and Wayne State University in Detroit. She has taught Art History and is a long-standing volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Wendy tailored her lecture to our interests, beginning by comparing St. John's altarpiece by Zabel Kachadoorian with an Italian statue from 1225.

None of us had ever noticed the bird in baby Jesus' palm until Wendy's slide showed us an extreme close up. She referenced Saints Hripsime and Gayane, and ended the program with a piece she said was the most beautiful of all: an illustrated manuscript from 1615 by the Armenian artist Mesrop of Khizan, currently in the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles. Wendy gave us insights into fifteen pieces of art from around the world and encouraged us to "treat a piece of art like a prince, let it talk to you first."

In the end, during questions and comments from the audience, one former teacher said, "After your presentation, I know that I will never look at another piece of art the same way!"



Known for her English accent and crazy socks, Wendy loves to share her passion for art.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!



Thank you, Yerchanig “Joy” Callan, Marianne Dardarian, and our new Katah leader, Terry Palaian, for spearheading the Palm Sunday Bake Sale and the choreg baking for the Easter Tea. We couldn't have done it without your leadership and the helpful hands of our 45 plus volunteers listed below. Trays of delicious sou boreg and loaves of katah and choreg are ready to go thanks to all of you!

Dawn Aginian
Sara Andonian
Alice Arginian
Denise Boyagian
George Boyagian
Yerchanig Callan
Sosi Callan
Zaven Callan
Marvin Chaker
Carol Cholmakjian
Barbara Couyoumjian
Marilyn Dadian
Karina Dadyan

David Dardarian
Marianne Dardarian
Paula Derbabian
Lisa Derderian
Steve Derderian
Jackie Elchemmas
MacKenzie Forman
Adreena Harley
Sandy Jack
Aram Kabodian
Denise Karakashian
Linda Karibian
Yvonne Korkoian

Mona Kurjian
Linda Lutz
Annette Mamassian
Mark Mamassian
Karen Mangune
Tamara Markarian
Noreen Masrobian
Vaughn Masropian
Dolly Matoian
Diane Nolff
Johno Norian
Carol Ohanesian
Chuck Palaian

Terry Palaian
Judy Parks
Chuck Samarjian
Marie Samarjian
Anna Sarkisian
Paulette Schmidt
Margie Simonian
Linda Tiffany
Nevart Torian
Diane Zazaian
Cathy Zwinck

A Very Special Thanks...

The St John Women's Guild thanks all of our St John professional staff that give the Women's Guild special attention and make our days exceptional. Without everyone on the staff, we would certainly struggle.

Thank you to Ron Ware and his excellent staff, who provide us with their time and their talents. Thank you to Iris, Carletta, CJ, Martell and Kyle.

Paul Yousoufian graciously offers help and support throughout our endeavors.

We appreciate our administrative staff that make sure our days are not only scheduled but expertly publicized as well. Thank you to Paul Andonian and to Anna Tokmadjian.

And to Fr Aren and Fr Armash for their continued support and encouragement in all of our endeavors. These people define community!





SAVE THE DATE!

Women's Guild
Annual Membership
Dinner

Wednesday, June 7th

St. John's
Cultural Hall
6:00 pm

Please contact
Belinda Kabodian
for reservations
(248) 767-3942

bkabodian@gmail.com

Membership photo will be taken at the
dinner for the Women's Guild
85th Anniversary Gala!

Greetings to All

St. John Women's Guild Members

It's time to pay your 2023 annual dues!

Please make checks of \$25 payable to St. John Women's Guild

Mail checks to Paulette Apkarian

7430 Brookberry Court

West Bloomfield, Michigan 48322

or

Credit Card payments of \$26 are payable on

<https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site>

(Includes \$1.00 processing fee)

For questions, please contact Paulette Apkarian at (248) 225-3823

or pauletteapkarian08@gmail.com

Please fill out the form below and mail it with your payment.

2023 _____ 2024 _____

Name _____ Husband's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

BLAST from the **PAST**

*This month's Women's Guild Blast from the Past
photo is from February 1967
Thank you Carol Chomakjian for sharing!*



*Helen Armoudlian, Lillian Hovsepian, Virginia Aginian,
Yn. Rosalie Papazian, Kora Jamian, Nina Sarkisian*

In honor of Mother's Day next month, the Blast from the Past will include photos of members and their mothers.

*Please send in your photos by
April 20th to nyreevgir@gmail.com -
We will include as many photos as we can!*

Women's Guild 2023 Calendar

JANUARY	Fri, Jan 6	Armenian Christmas Luncheon, General Body meeting afterwards
	Sat, Jan 7	Manoogian Manor visit, Armenian Christmas, 11:00am
	Wed, Jan 18	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
FEBRUARY	Wed, Feb 1	General Body meeting, 7:00pm, ZOOM
	Wed, Feb 15	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
MARCH	Wed, March 1	General Body meeting, 7:00 pm
	Sat., March 4	Saintly Women's Day program & luncheon, 11:30am
	Wed, March 15	Executive Board meeting after Lenten services, 7:00pm
APRIL	Sun, April 2	Palm Sunday Bake Sale
	Sun, April 9	Easter Sunday Tea
	Wed, April 12	General Body meeting, DATE CHANGE (Holy Week), 7:00pm
	Sat, April 15	Manoogian Manor visit, Easter, 11:00am
	Wed, April 19	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
	Mon, April 24	Armenian Martyrs' Day
MAY	Wed, May 3	General Body meeting, 7:00pm
	Wed, May 17	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
JUNE	Sun, June 4	Hokehankist for Women's Guild Members, Tea after services
	Wed, June 7	Membership Dinner
	Wed, June 21	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
JULY	DATE TBD	Summer Outing
	Sat, July 22	Manoogian Manor visit, Transfiguration of Our Lord, 11:00am
AUGUST	Wed, Aug 16	Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm
	Sat, Aug 19	Manoogian Manor visit, Assumption of the Holy Mother of God, 11:00am
	Sun, Aug 13	Church Picnic Bake Sale, after services
SEPTEMBER	Wed, Sept 6	General Body meeting, 7:00pm
	Sun, Sept 10	Khunjook/Family Fun Day
	Sat, Sept 23	Manoogian Manor visit, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 11:00am
	Wed, Sept 20	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
OCTOBER	Wed, Oct 4	General Body meeting, 7:00pm, ZOOM or in Vet's Building
	Fri & Sat, Oct 6-7	Bazaar Bake Sale & Hot Foods volunteers
	Wed, Oct 18	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
	Sat, Oct 21	Anniversary Gala: WG 85th & Heritage Collection 50th, Evening Event
NOVEMBER	Wed, Nov 1	General Body meeting, Elections & Alternatives for Girls drop-off
	Wed, Nov 15	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
DECEMBER	Wed, Dec 6	Christmas Dinner
	Sun, Dec 17	Christmas Cookie Sale, after services
	Wed, Dec 13	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm