

A Message From Our Chairman...

Can we talk? Since we last saw one another at our Guild Membership Dinner, much has happened and so much more is on the horizon. It goes without saying that many of our members are actively participating in Festival Preparation every Monday, Tuesday and even some Monday evenings. Because so many of our members unselfishly volunteer their time and talent, we are able to not only serve the church but, be on our way home by NOON!! And, we must be a fun bunch because we are attracting a loyal following of friends of the Guild as well. Thank you to our wonderful gentlemen friends that come and lend their time to ease our efforts.

Standing committees are busy meeting, continuing their projects and setting goals for future efforts. Guild members played an important role during our church picnic and, we made a visit to the Manoogian Manor in conjunction with Assumption and the Blessing of the Grapes. If you missed the garden tour, by now you know you'll want to participate next year. And the best is yet to come!

We are busy preparing for our annual Fall Festival and we are even more excited about our opportunity to showcase the Heritage Collection at our Fall Event. What more perfect representation of our history and culture to cap off the 100th Anniversary Commemoration of our darkest hours into our rebirth, could we hope for?

If that's not enough, we will be looking forward to our Christmas Membership Dinner and finally, our semi-annual Advent by Candle Light. Whew! Something for everyone.

If you've been waiting for your chance to jump in and participate, we have plenty of choices for your varied interests. Watch for details on all of these great upcoming events and feel free to contact anyone on your board for information on how to get involved. Your Women's Guild Board works for you and if you have ideas that make us a better Guild, we want to hear from you. And remember, new, change and different are not scary words.

Y. Joy Callan

Summer Bake Schedule

Our summer baking is well underway!! We still "NEED YOUR HELP"!! Please look at the schedules below and join us for a morning or evening bake date as we prepare for our September Church Festival.



Upcoming Daytime Bake Dates:

			<u>Chairman</u>
Monday August 31	Khalkha	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Joy Callan
Tuesday September 1	Simit	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Joy Callan
Monday September 7	No baking		
Tuesday September 8	No baking		
Monday September 14	Khalkha	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Cathy Atesian
Tuesday September 15	Sou Beoreg	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Anita Arslanian
Monday September 21	Khadayif	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Anita Arslanian
Tuesday September 22	Yahlanchi	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Dawn Aginian

Any questions, please contact coordinator and leader Dolly Matoian at (248) 737-9055 or email her at dmatoian@att.net or contact the chairman of the day.

Upcoming Evening Bake Dates:

			<u>Chairman</u>
Tuesday September 8	Boorma	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Dolly Matoian
Monday September 14	Individual Cheoreg	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Marianne Dardarian

Any questions, please contact coordinators
 Boorma chairman: Dolly Matoian (248) 737-9055 dmatoian@att.net
 Choreg chairman: Marianne Dardarian (248) 661-0617 mhdardarian@att.net

Directory Change:

Denise Chiroyan: new email address is dchiroyan@gmail.com
 Joy Callan: New cell phone number is (248) 553-6320



*Please make these changes in your directory



Our deepest sympathy to Nancy Panaretos and Marilyn Sarkesian on the passing of their dear mother, Rose Nevart Godoshian and to Melina Fayroian on the loss of her beloved husband, Arthur.

The Guild wishes to send our thoughts and prayers to Vera Kazanjian. As you heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.



Congratulations to the following members on the newest additions to their families:

Kate and Garrett Harabedian on the birth of their daughter, Eloise Laurel on June 29th. The grandmother is Linda Franquist and great-grandmother Margaret Kemian.

Tom and Lucinda Stambouljian, Jr. on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Seera, on July 16th. Grandparents are Linda and Tom Stambouljian, Sr. and Steve and Sandra Selverian (Philadelphia).

Craig and Maggie welcomed daughter, Fiona Rose, on July 20th. The grandparents are Liz and Kent Johnson.

Jennifer and Kevin Tiffany welcomed their son, Evan Robert, on July 31st in Carlsbad, CA. Grandparents are Linda and Michael Tiffany.

Lisa and Mark Mimnaugh on the birth of their son, Maverick Alexander, who was born on August 12th. Grandparents are Cheryl and Harry Jobouljian.

Andrew and Melissa Steffens welcomed their son, Connor Charles who is the great-grandson of Virginia and Arthur Mekjian.

Congratulations and best wishes to Raffi ElChemmas and Martha Mekaelian on their marriage which took place in Chicago on August 15th. Raffi is the son of Jackie and Faouzi ElChemmas.





Wednesday, September 2 – Guild meeting 7:00 p.m. Vartan Room
Fri., Sat. and Sunday, September 25, 26, 27th – Church Festival
Wednesday, October 7 – Guild meeting 7:00 p.m. in Vartan Room
Saturday October 17th – Heritage Collection

Our Guild is proud to present "The Armenian Heritage Collection" October 17, 2015. The program will feature our beautiful cultural history in the form of museum quality costumes and modeled by our very own community members. The evening will include a cocktail hour, dinner and program. Please look for your mailed invitation and send your RSVP card to Marilyn Sarkesian. Program Director— Paulette Apkarian. Banquet co-chairs- Jackie ElChemmas, Nancy Panaretos, & Marilyn Sarkesian. Booklet & donations - Barbara Haroutunian.



Sunday, October 25 – Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian's Retirement Luncheon
Sunday, November 1 – Welcome Tea for Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian
Wednesday, November 4 – Guild meeting 7:00 p.m. Vartan Room (election)
Wednesday, December 2 – Advent
Thursday, December 10 – Guild Christmas Dinner



The Social Concern Committee chaired by Carol Ohanesian, will again provide gift boxes for our college students or member of the Armed Forces. Fill out the enclosed flyer if you wish to have a box sent to a loved one.

Church Picnic Bake Sale Co-Chairs, Nora Noraian and Diana Vosganian, thank the Women's Guild members for their baked good contributions and monetary donations which helped us raise over \$1,600 dollars!

Also, a special thanks to those who helped sell during the sale. Thank you to Gail Safilian, Helen Olson, Belinda Kabodian, Sara Andonian, Linda Stambouljian, Diane Nolff, Nancy Panaretos, Dawn Aginian, Rose Najarian, Linda Franquist, and Kathie Vosganian.

Thank You

Tapper Garden Tour

Women's Guild members, family and friends enjoyed a perfect summer day touring the Tapper Gardens on July 22. Richard Tapper and his wife Carol were extremely gracious guiding us through their fabulous gardens.

The tour started off with a panoramic view from atop a cabin structure inspired by the Treetops Lodge in Africa. The

next stop was the European formal gardens and the fountain centerpiece featuring a sculpture by Jason Napier entitled Precious Cargo. Sculptures by artist Jason Napier were displayed throughout the gardens. The Japanese Garden with its own



pagoda and the American Gardens with a waterfall and reflection pool, reminiscent of the pool on the National Mall in Washington completed the tour.

Mr. Tapper took time to answer question and explain many of the featured trees and plants. He decided to focus on creating the gardens after retirement. The only payment he takes is seeing the joy it brings to others, especially his grandchildren.

The morning ended with a delicious lunch at the Victorian Rose Tea House in Rochester. The group continued to talk about their great experience at the gardens.



Church Picnic

The cookie contest sponsored by the Picnic Committee was chaired by Terry Palaian. Cookies were judged by appearance, taste and texture. First place winner, Seta Hagopian (13 years-old) for her Forget-me-not lavender vanilla cookie. Second place, Nora Noraian, for Hello-Dolly-Bar cookie. Third place, Dawn Aginian, Chocolate Buttersweets cookie.



Cookie contest judges (L-R): Sally Kabodian, Arman Kabodian, Greg Mamassian, Christine Chatas, and contest coordinator, Terry Palaian

Festival Baking Group



Just a friendly reminder for those who may have forgotten...

Please mail your 2015 dues of \$25.00 to:
Judy Parks
436 Linden Road
Birmingham, MI 48009



St. John's Women's Guild 6th Annual Care Package Project

We're looking for **young members** of the St. John Armenian Church family who are going to college or are into the armed services and would enjoy a "care package" filled with special treats from St. John Women's Guild



WG Members ~ Please help the Guild's Social Services Committee by sending us the following information

NO LATER THAN October 7, 2015

[one application must be completed per student/serviceman]

 Mail to → Linda DePietro 2731 Hunters Bluff, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Name of student: _____

Currently attending: _____

Address of college student /serviceman: _____

Phone number of student: _____

Name of contact person (parent, gr. parent): _____

Phone number of contact person: _____

Form submitted by: _____

*Thank you for helping us keep our young adults connected to our
St. John Armenian Church Family!*

**Any donations to defer mailing costs are appreciated
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