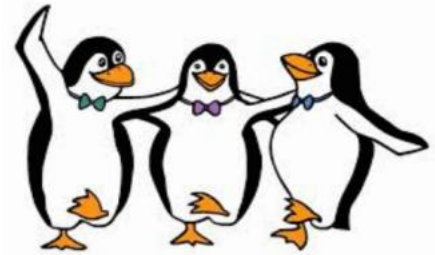


A message From Our Chairwoman...



Change - What does that mean? Are you afraid of change? I checked in the business dictionary the definition of what change is to an organization. It states; "The process of causing a function, practice, or things to become different somehow compared to what it is at present or what it was in the past." So you may ask how does that apply to Women's Guild. Our board has moved toward changing the culture of the guild. Our focus will be on being more relevant. You will notice our monthly speakers will tune in to current interests of our everyday life. We will also be working to maintain our members by implementing a mentor program. (Two years in the making) Membership recruitment is also a key component to growing our organization, so we are inviting perspective members to a tea to find out what we are all about. These are just a few of the programs on the horizon that we are kicking off! Our board is working hard to foster "change". Give us your feed-back. We are open to your suggestions!

Our mission states we live and share the gospel through worship, education, witness, and provide fellowship and service to the Church and our community through a variety of activities and events. The mission stays the same, we are just changing the activities and events!

Join us at our March general meeting to learn about the exciting changes and join a standing committee and get involved! I am looking for volunteers to take the lead on the membership dinner in June and on the Christmas dinner in December.

Make sure to save the date for our Spring Fundraiser "Our Favorite Things Family, Friends, Fashion" Saturday, May 5, 2018. I hope you stay healthy, safe and warm this Winter!

Barb Rupas



The Women's Guild sends our heartfelt sympathy to Renee (Jeffery) Axt, on the passing of her father-in-law, Robert Axt. May happy memories bring comfort and peace to you in the midst of your sorrow.

We extend our get well wishes to Joyce Obenhoff. May our warm thoughts bring comfort to you and brighten your day and know that we look forward to seeing you with us soon.



Welcome to new member, Edith Baise.
 34722 Pembroke
 Livonia, MI 48152
 (313) 673-3325 (cell)
 email: ebaise@umich.edu

February 24 th (Saturday)	Yn. Rosalie Papazian Retreat
February 25 th (Sunday)	Annual Parish Assembly
March 7 th (Wednesday)	Guild Meeting/Saintly Women's Day Noon Lenten Luncheon
March 25 th (Sunday)	Palm Sunday Bake Sale
April 1 st (Sunday)	Easter Tea
May 5 th (Saturday)	Spring Fashion Show & Brunch



Palm Sunday Bake Schedule

Our Palm Sunday baking has begun! We again "NEED YOUR HELP!!" Please look at the schedule below and join us.



February 20 th (Tuesday)	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. <i>Khalkha</i>
February 27 th (Tuesday)	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
March 3 rd (Saturday)	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. <i>Cheoreg</i>
March 6 th (Tuesday)	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. <i>Sou Beoreg</i>
March 13 th (Tuesday)	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. <i>Katah</i>
March 19 th (Monday)	5 p.m. – 8: 00 p.m. <i>Cheoreg</i>

The Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church
presents
Saintly Women's Day



Commemorating the lives of
Saint Priscilla and Saint Phoebe,
leaders of the early Christian Church



Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Lenten Luncheon at 12 noon

\$7.00

Please respond to Jackie El Chemmas:
248.762.1312 • jackieelch@gmail.com

Charlene Goshgarian will be our speaker

Women's Guild meeting immediately following the luncheon

St. John Armenian Church • 22001 Northwestern Highway • Southfield, MI 48175
248.569.3405 • www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org



Women's Guild Members
Palm Sunday Bake Sale
Sunday, March 25, 2018



Don't forget - your bake good donations are needed and a guild membership obligation.

*Armenian baked goods are preferred, but all donations are welcomed. Please label with your name, description & package individually or 6-12 items per bag as appropriate for sales (also note if nuts present).

Thank you,
Diane Nolff & Marilyn Sarkesian

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Dear Guild Members,

I know it's early, but spring will be here before you know it, and can't come soon enough considering the snowfall we have had these past few weeks. And with the sunshine and flowers comes our annual spring fundraiser! This year we are hosting a brunch and fashion show on May 5th entitled "Our Favorite Things" (family, friends, fashion).

As the chairperson for the raffle, it is my responsibility to secure gifts, services, activities, trips...you name it. We are seeking donations for the St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild annual fundraiser raffle. And I am looking for your help. Do you have a favorite restaurant? spa? hairdresser? travel agent? Would you be willing to ask them for a donation for our raffle? Or maybe you yourself have something you would like to contribute. Any donation would be welcome no matter how small. We may even be able to bundle a few together and make a great prize.

Please call (248-909-7041) or email me at dknolff@gmail.com and I would be happy to send or email you our raffle donation letter to take to possible vendors. All donors will be listed in the event booklet and displayed on the raffle table. Donations must be received by April 4th to be listed in the booklet.

Your generosity and support of this lovely afternoon would be greatly appreciated.

Diane Nolff (Raffle Chairwoman)

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Our February Activities!

Professional organizer Nancy Adams, gave an informative presentation to a very well attended Guild meeting. She shared many ideas that will definitely help us "get organized in 2018"!



Anna Sarkisian, Barb Rupas & speaker Nancy Adams



Guild members left the meeting with many helpful organizational tips.

Poon Paregentan



Trisha Magee, Elizabeth Aprahamian, Heidi Aprahamian & David Dardarian



Trisha Magee & Renee Baharian

Thank you to Renee Baharian, Heidi Aprahamian, and Tricia Magee who chaired this very successful event!! The afternoon was filled with good food, lots of activities, fellowship and fun for kids of all ages.

Poon Paregantan (Continued)



Anya and Sonia Bell taking care of Minnie Mouse



Steve Hagopian manning the chocolate fountain

It’s Time to Pay Your 2018 Women’s Guild Dues



Make your check payable to St. John Women’s Guild
Mail your dues of \$25.00 to our Assistant Treasurer:
St. John Women’s Guild
c/o Yerchanig Joy Callan
36445 Valley Ridge Drive
Farmington Hills, MI 48331-1233

We would appreciate receiving your dues by March 31st.

Any questions, please contact Yerchanig Callan at 248-254-3955
Thank you to those who have already paid.

If it is more convenient, you may also leave a check at Church in the Women’s Guild mailbox located in the secretary’s office.

Please fill out the form below with any **corrections** and send it in with your payment.

Email _____

Name _____

Address _____

Cell phone _____ Home Phone _____

If you have something you would like to include in our newsletter, please contact Diana Vosganian at pasadenapenguin@gmail.com or (248) 661-1875.