

Women's Guild Newsletter

February 2022

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A Message from our Chair...



Remember to celebrate love this month! Especially on the 14th.

This issue includes our list of Circles, or committees, for our yearly events. Every member has a place on a Circle. You might have signed up for it, or we might have signed you up.

Maybe you want to change to another circle – that's fine.

Maybe you have no time to participate – we've all been there.

Maybe you can't physically be at a meeting – so call in and hear what's going on.

You might make a needed suggestion, contribute to the punch fund, design a flyer, or offer to make some calls.

So, consider the Circle. While we might not see much of you, we still look for you.

Carol Cholmakjian



Our deepest sympathy to Anita Arslanian on the passing of her mother-in-law Azat Arslanian on January 1, 2022. Her family is in our prayers.

It is with sorrow that we share the passing of Women's Guild member Kathy Mekjian on Tuesday, January 18 2022. Kathy was the dear sister of Alice Mekjian, niece of Virginia Mekjian and aunt of Lucine Tarman. Our deepest condolences to Kathy's family.

Our condolences to Diana Shoushanian on the passing of her brother-in-law Jack Mitchell Shoushanian on January 18, 2022.

-Asdvadz Hokeeneruh Loosavoreh



Congratulations to Anna Pepsi Baylerian on her grandson Nicholas Baylerian serving as Godfather of the Cross for Armenian Christmas on January 9th, (her husband Dr. Vincent Baylerian served in place of Nicholas on Thursday January 6th!).



Gail Safilian, daughter of Alice Safilian, married John M Evans, formally of Bloomfield Hills, MI, in Sluhton, SC on January 1, 2022. Best Wishes to the happy couple!



Dr. Cimone Safilian, PhD, granddaughter of member Alice Safilian and niece of Gail Safilian, received her Doctorate of Philosophy, International Psychology in Washington D.C. this past November 2021. Congratulations to Dr. Safilian!

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 to turn grocery bags into lengths of plarn (plastic yarn) which are then used to make the blankets. Find out how easy it is to make plarn on our YouTube Guild Gatherings page.



If you haven't been to the Women's Guild website yet – please take a look! You can order items, pay your dues, donate, and view all of the Guild Gatherings videos! <https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site>



Have you come across any old Women's Guild photos lately??? If so, please email them to Nyree Giragosian along with member names/event and we will include it in the newsletter! nyreevgir@gmail.com

If you have an announcement you would like to share in the newsletter, please email Nyree Giragosian at nyreevgir@gmail.com or call (248)231-2547.

Wed., Feb. 2nd	General Body Meeting – 7pm ZOOM
Sat., Feb. 5 th	World Medical Relief, 9am-11:30am Contact Edith Baise (313)673-3325
Wed., Feb. 16 th	Executive Board Meeting – 7pm ZOOM
Sun., Feb. 27 th	Poon Paregentan
Sun., Feb. 27 th	Annual Parish Assembly – In person, following church services
Wed., March 2 nd	Saintly Women's Day Luncheon and general body meeting Noon - Need chair.
Wed., March 16 th	Executive Board Meeting 8:00 pm following Lenten Services



Welcome to our newest Women's Guild member!!!

Lindsay Sahakian (Aram)
1565 Beachwood Drive, Walled Lake, MI 48390
Cell: (248) 762-989 lindsaysahakian@gmail.com



The Women's Guild Directory 2022 updates

Jacqueline Boskovich - (Steven)
Kathy Haase -
Katherine.haase814@gmail.com
Donna Lafian -
lafiando@trinity-health.org

Dianna Mardigian
- dianachristina921@gmail.com
Virginia Mekjian - (248) 618-8730
Joanna Piligian - joannaleep1@icloud.com
Gail Safilian – (John)
Margaret Ann Yessian - Dennison Road

2021 Guild directories are available for pick up from our church secretary Anna during weekday hours 9-5. Please add the above changes to your directory.



PALM SUNDAY BAKE DATES

We are looking forward to your company (and your talents) in preparation for our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. We will be working in the main kitchen on Wednesday's and Saturdays from mid-February thru early April. We will be scheduling 9 days of fun and fellowship.

We will be preparing large and small Choreg, quartered and full loaf Katah, Khalkha and world-famous Soo Boreg. We will be preparing a total of 9 days (Wednesday's or Saturday's) as the church calendar allows.

PLEASE!! Watch for upcoming days and pick out your favorite items (hope it's all of them) to come and share in the fellowship. Please remember to use safe practices! Stay well and stay safe. See you soon!

For information, please contact Joy Callan at yerchanigc@yahoo.com

Really, please contact Joy!!

MAY THE LORD REMEMBER ALL YOUR OFFERINGS

St. John Armenian Church is blessed to offer a Stewardship Program to our parishioners who make their annual offerings to God and the Church. There are no dues statements, our Stewardship Pledge card will allow you to choose an amount derived from one's heart and soul. Making an annual stewardship pledge helps instill the Christian practice in our lives, and that everything we have, both monetary and non-monetary, is truly a gift from God.



[CLICK HERE TO BECOME A STEWARD OF THE CHURCH](#)

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

THE ARMENIAN **MIRROR SPECTATOR** SINCE 1932

Check out the Mirror Spectator December 25th issue for the "Baci di Dama (Lady's Kisses) from St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild cookie sale. Go to the link below and it will take you directly to the write-up along with the recipe.

<https://mirrorspectator.com/2021/12/23/baci-di-dama-ladys-kisses-from-st-john-armenian-church-womens-guild/>



Contact Chris Datian at datian@cox.net if any Guild Gatherings participants would like to send their recipes and or story about their YouTube demonstrations, hobbies, and skills, Chris will be happy to develop a story around them and feature their stories next year.



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



February 5th /9:00-11:30 am

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

The Women's Guild Armenian Christmas Take-Out Luncheon -Thurs. January 6, 2022

Immediately following Armenian Christmas church services, the Women's Guild provided take-out luncheon for the community. Chaired by Jackie ElChemmas, the committee did an outstanding job preparing a lovely lunch of salad and lahmajoon along with other treats for our guests.

We served almost 100 lunches!

Thank you to the committee: Carol Aprahamian, Alice Arginian, Denise Boyagian, Marilyn Dadian, Sandy Jack, Karen Mangune, Lisa Mardigian, Linda Tiffany, and Fouzi ElChemmas.

Special thank you to Jacqueline & Fouzi ElChemmas for underwriting the cost of the luncheon in memory of their mother, Diramayr Virginia Melkonian who was a longtime member of the Women's Guild.

Special thanks also to Marilyn Dadian, Laura Leacock, and Lisa Mardigian for underwriting the cost of the fruit and nut bag in memory of their dear Aunt Almas Derderian (also a long time Women's Guild member) and to commemorate her 100th birthday.



Dear Women's Guild Members,



Please see the following circle/committee lists.

These were formed by Marianne Dardarian, Denise Karakashian, and Jackie ElChemmas. We sincerely appreciate those of you that expressed which circle you would like to be included in. We tried to assign the rest of you in circles that we felt you might have some interest.

Please realize that these are not set in stone. If there is another circle/committee you would like to participate in, by all means join in!

We are looking forward to a successful 2022!

Thank you, Marianne, Denise, & Jackie

2022 Armenian Christmas - January 6, 2022

Chair: Jackie ElChemmas (248)762-1312 or jackieelch@gmail.com

General Body Meeting Hospitality: September 7th

Charlene Apigian
Carol Aprahamian
Alice Arginian

Marilyn Dadian
Arlene Howrani
Sandy Jack

Karen Mangune
Alice Mekjian
Linda Tiffany

Manoogian Manor Visits

(Saturday following 5 major Feast Days)

Chair: Elise Papazian (248)943-6162 or elisepkp@gmail.com

Correne Akarakian

Denise Alexanian

Denise Boyagian

Mahs Preparation (as needed)

Chair: Renee Apkarian (248)721-0174 or renee.apkarian@gmail.com

Cynthia Apkarian
Paulette Apkarian

Dawn Karagosian
Jackie Klugman
Lynne Kojamarian

Berjouhi Sanjian
Isabelle Vahratian

Saintly Women's Day - March 2, 2022

Chair: Jackie ElChemmas (248)762-1312 or jackieelch@gmail.com

Anne Marie Amerigian
Elizabeth Aprahamian
Yn. Maran Bagdasarian

Sandra Bourgeois
Charlene Goshgarian
Joyce Slowik

Cathy Zwick

Palm Sunday Baking

Chair: Joy Callan (248)553-6320 or yerchanigc@gmail.com

Elizabeth Amboian
Carol Cholmakjian
Marianne Dardarian
Frances Hagopian

Elizabeth Johnson
Denise Karakashian
Anoush Korian
Yvonne Korkoian

Judy Mardossian
Paulette Schmidt
Diana Shoushanian
Diana Vosgianian

Palm Sunday Bake Sale - April 10, 2022

Chair: Marilyn Dadian (248)882-0935 or dadian@comcasst.net

General Body Meeting Hospitality: November 2nd

Paulette Apkarian
Renee Baharian
Nancy Banks

Paula Derbabian
Diana Mardigian
Marge Nardell

Nicole O'Donovan
Maral Demir Thomas
Susie Reizian

Easter Tea - April 17, 2022

Chair: Nyree Giragosian (248)231-2547 or nyreevgir@gmail.com

Lisa Bahm
Lisa Boyadjian
Denise Boyagian

Patty Fantazian
Belinda Kabodian
Elise Landis

Denise Pochas
Laurie Reizian
Joyce Yeghissian

Bazaar Baking - May - September

Chair: Joy Callan (248)553-6320 or yerchanigc@gmail.com

Dawn Aginian
Shoushan Ameriguian
Gladys Artinian
Cathy Atesian
Jackie Boskovich
Julie Couyoumjian
Marianne Dardarian

Denise Karakashian
Linda Karibian
Mona Kurjian
Sandy Jack
Karen Mangune
Mary Matossian
Alice Mekjian

June Mekjian
Erika Palaian
Terry Palaian
Jennifer Toomajian
Nevart Torian

Membership Dinner - June 1, 2022

Need a Chair or Co-Chairs

Betty Amboian
Pat Akkashian
Arlene Baylerian
Zabel Belian
Diane Costa

Michele Ducato
Diane Ekizian
Denise Karakashian
Lorrie Keila
Debbie Krikorian

Delores Krikorian
Dolly Matoian
Janice Megerian
Debbie Ohanian

Picnic Bake Sale - August 14, 2022

**Chairs: Edith Baise (313)673-3325 or ebaise@umich.edu
Alice Argnian (313)574-5560 or argnian@yahoo.com**

Marilyn Brown
Katherine Channell
Margaret Dayinian
Sonia Dedeian
Lisa Derderian

Alberta Godoshian
Gayle Hoplamazian
Linda Houghanisin
Pat Magee
Rose Najarian

Joyce Obenhoff
Nancy Panaretos
Linda Tiffany
Ida Varadian

Khunjook - September 18, 2022

Need a Chair or Co-Chairs

Olivia Andonyan
Alex Apkarian
Paulette Apkarian
Renee Apkarian
Christine Atesian
Sara Bell
Marilyn Dadian
Michell Samarian Ducato
Lauren Gershonowicz
Nyree Giragosian

Sarah Hagopian
Kathy Hasse
Sarah Hagopian
Karen Kalajian
Dawn Karagosian
Christine Topa Keillor
Lynne Kojamarian
Donna Lafian
Diana Mardigian

Jenny Morris
Nicole O'Donovan
Christine Sarafian
Kathy Steck
Lucine Tarman
Maral Demir Thomas
Kathy Torigian
Margaret Ann Yessian

Bazaar Food Service - September 30 - October 2, 2022
Hot Foods Chair: Denise Boyagian (248)892-9739 or dboyagian@yahoo.com

Dawn Aginian
Diane Aginian
Adrian Keoleian
Mary Keoleian
Nancy Kevonian
Gloria Melkonian
Lena Montgomery

Karen Mooradian
Diane Nolf
Carol Palaian
Victoria Sarkisian
Linda Stamboulion
Patricia Stamboulion
Debbie Stamp

Alice Terzian
Rozann Vartoogian
Seta Yerosian
Maryann Zamanigian
Debbie Zazaian

Bazaar Bake Sale
Need a Chair or Co-Chairs

Anita Arslanian
Carole Bagdasarian
Anna (Pepsi) Baylerian
Denise Chiroyan
Lillian Durham

Linda Franquist
Lilit Grigoryan
Marcia Hamamdjian
Nora Hutter
Patricia Javizian

Linda Jevahirian
Terri Karebian
Patti Morris
Suzanne Nazoyan

Social Services Committee – year long and College Boxes - October, 2022
Chair: Carol Ohanesian (248)229-0781 or carolo95@comcast.net
General Body Meeting Hospitality: May 4th

Linda Assarian
Nancy Berryman
Linda DePietro
Linda Franquist

Cheryl Joboulion
Lisa Johnson
Denise Karakashian
Linda Lutz

Nancy Panaretos
Barb Rupas
Marilyn Sarkesian

Alternative for Girls - November 2, 2022
Chair: Sue Vian (248)414-5246 or suecarmanvian@gmail.com

Michele Ducato
Anita Boyajian
Evie Ezmerlian

Sandy Jamian
Yn. Roberta Kochakian
Gloria Korkoian

Nora Noraian

Advent by Candlelight - November 30, 2022
Chair: Sara Andonian (248)515-9264 or andoniansl@gmail.com

Annrae Anusbigian
Diana Cohen
Anne Marie Egigian
Serena Egigian
Aralyn Hadiostian

Carole Hovsepien
Patty Kezelian
Donna Lafian
Linda Lutz
Janet Mardigian

Judy Parks
Carol Ohanesian
Anna Sarkisian



Please contact your Circle Chairperson with any questions you may have. You can also reach out to Marianne Dardarian, Jackie ElChemmas, and Denise Karakashian.

CASP



To All Our Generous CASP Sponsors,

We're happy to inform you all that the team in Armenia has been successful in getting all our distributions completed. Some distributions were delayed due to the difficult situation but with the help of the team from FAR on the ground in Armenia all our children have received their stipends in full.

In addition, CASP has taken on the responsibility of supporting the children of our fallen soldiers from Artsakh with the Knights of Vartan.

At this time, if you could find it in your heart to make an additional donation to help support the Kindergarten projects of CASP and help us cover the cost of our "boots on the ground" in Armenia it would be so appreciated. In past years a portion of your yearly donation was used to support these two costs, but the last several years, every penny of your sponsorship has gone to your sponsored child as things in Armenia have been so difficult.

Please make your check out to: **CASP/Diocese of the Armenian Church**

Mail to: **CASP**

c/o Ms. Tanya Bukucuyan
33 Irene Lane East
Plainview, NY 11803

If you wish to give additional money to your child, that should be included with your annual donation for sponsorship coming up at the beginning of 2022 when you receive your annual pledge letter.

With much gratitude,

Lynn Beylerian lynnbeylerian@gmail.com

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11

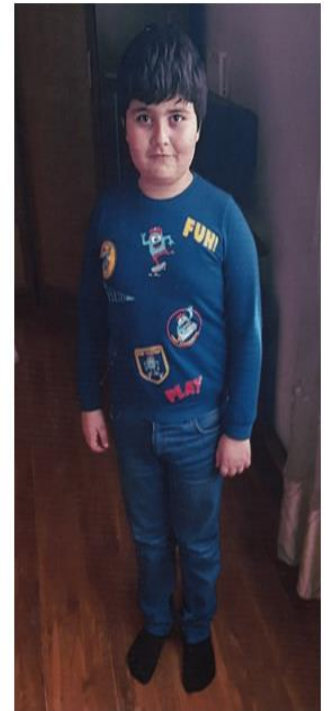
CASP is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided for by law/Fed ID#13-1628202.

The Women's Guild has been sponsoring a child through CASP (Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program) for many years. Once the child we are sponsoring is an adult, we are honored to sponsor another young boy or girl. We are currently sponsoring Ashot Khachig Grigoryan, 5th grader who currently resides with his grandparents.

Children of Armenia Sponsorship Program (CASP)



I am Ashot Khachik Grigoryan. I live with my grandparents. I am an excellent student in the 5th grade of Agark school after Eghishe Charents. I thank all those benefactors that are currently helping me. May God bless you and your family.



Ashot and Friends

St. John Women's Guild Members:

Have you watched our latest video on
Guild Gatherings?

"Interior Design Tips" by Christine

Have you tried some of the recipes,
created a new table setting
or started a new exercise program?

If so, stay tuned for some new and exciting
videos beginning in March!

Remember you can always watch the videos
you have missed by going to our website

<https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site/guild-gatherings-1>

