

A Message From Our Chairman...

Welcome home Fuller Home Builders. We are thankful for your safe return and in awe, once again, of the heartfelt commitment our St John family makes to our deserving brothers and sisters in Armenia. Each year, under the leadership of our member, Jacqueline ElChemmas, another family in Armenia moves out of dire circumstances and into a quality home. This year, The Mekjian Home was built with many of the Mekjian family, tools in hand, working side by side with the soon to be residents. This home was built in tribute to Helen and Jack Mekjian. The in lieu of flowers, at the time of each of their passing, was dedicated to Fuller Homes. The rest of the Mekjian family supplemented the home with major appliances and comfort items lending to the future of a family with seven children. They had previously been living in a domeeg.



Along with Jackie, our members in attendance included Kathy Mekjian, Alice Mekjian and Anne Marie Ameriguian. Our members were all accompanied by many of their extended families. As for the Mekjian family, their living legacy included many of their grandchildren, perpetuating their memory in a living gift. As a genocide survivor, Mr. Mekjian must be busting his buttons with pride, knowing that his survival is now giving hope and promise to a family he never met. The gift is much more than just a house!

Thank you to all of our Guild members and friends of our Guild, that gave gifts, both tangible and the folding kind, to the Fuller Group, for the benefit of those in need of extra help in Armenia. Between the newest Fuller residents and our commitment to Mer Doon, your gift, large or small, made a difference.

When you have a chance, spend some time with our Fuller Home participants and let them tell you how this project impacted their lives. As each group returns home to the comforts that we take for granted in our new homeland, they always report that they are changed forever.

Y. Joy Callan



It is with sorrow that we share with you the passing of George Noraian, the dear father of our member, Nora Noraian. We also send our sympathy to the family and friends of our dear member, Almost Derderian. Our condolences to Lillian Kojamanian on the passing of her beloved husband, Jack and to Lynn Kojamanian on the passing of her father-in-law.

Anna Sarkisian is home recuperating after knee replacement surgery and Charlene Goshgarian has had carpal tunnel surgery. We wish both of them a speedy recovery.



Congratulations to Jeffrey and Jessica Movsesian on the birth of their daughter, Carolyn Dorothy, who was born on June 19th. She was happily welcomed to the family by big sister Camille and grandparents, Greg and Karen Movsesian.

On July 4th, Martha and Raffi ElChemmas celebrated the birth of their daughter, Nina Anoush. Delighted grandparents are Jackie and Faouzi ElChemmas and great-grandmother, Diramayr Virginia Melkonian.

We send our best wishes to Lucinda and Thomas Stambouljian Jr. on the birth of their son, Stephen Thomas Stambouljian, who was born on July 8th. His proud grandparents are Thomas Sr. and Linda Stambouljian and Stephen and Sandra Selverian.

George Houhanisin and his wife, Dr. Sarah Johnson, welcomed their son, Gregory Charles, on July 25th. Family members sharing the happiness of his arrival are Grandmother Linda Houhanisin, Great-Grandmother Nina Sarkisian, and great-aunts Barb Rupas, Lisa Derderian and Anna Sarkisian.

DIRECTORY CHANGES



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Phone # was not listed as a change

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Please make these changes in your directory

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August 13 th (Sunday)	Church Picnic after Badarak
August 19 th (Saturday)	Manoogian Manor Visit 11:00 a.m.
October 11 th (Wednesday)	Church Tour 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
October 12 th – 15 th	Church Bazaar



Women's Guild - Manoogian Manor Visit on August 19, 2017 – 11:00 am



Very Rev. Father Aren Jebejian will lead a service on the occasion of the Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God and the Blessing of the Grapes. Hayr Soorp will be accompanied by Dn. Rubik Mailian, Dn. Onnig Boyagian, Margaret Lafian, members of the Komitas Choir, and members of the Women's Guild. Following the service, Hayr Soorp will bless the grapes and they will be distributed among the residents to enjoy with their lunch. We encourage our Guild members to join this visit and help brighten the day of the residents. If you have questions, please contact Linda Tiffany – anytiff@comcast.net

Fall Festival Preparation Schedule

Please look at the schedule below and join us as we prepare for our October Church Festival.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



August 1 st Tuesday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Khalkha
August 8 th Tuesday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Khalkha
August 15 th Tuesday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Kufta Shells
August 22 nd Tuesday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Katah
August 29 th Tuesday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Katah
September 12 th Tuesday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Katah

**St. John Armenian Church Annual Picnic
Sunday, August 13th**

Our Women's Guild will again be sponsoring the Bake Sale at the Annual Church Picnic. We need donations and helpers. Please consider a donation of bake goods or a monetary donation. Your contribution is needed and appreciated. Checks should be made out to:



St. John Armenian Church (Write Picnic Bake Sale in memo)

Any questions, contact Yerchanig Callan at (248) 254-3955

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Summer Outing at *DuMouchelle*

Our mid-summer outing, July 12th, turned out to be an awesome day despite some gloomy weather. We were greeted by a 4th generation DuMouchelle family member who couldn't have been more gracious. The staff educated, entertained, and advised us on treasures known and unknown and the auction process. Some of us even have our eye on treasures to be offered at this month's auction! Following our tour, we had a lovely lunch at Andiamo's Riverfront Restaurant, topped off with yummy cannoli's. Our walk through the GM building to the restaurant was also eye opening and exposed us to the positive energy of a hustling and bustling business center in Detroit! Fun was had by 28 WG members and our two-family member guests. – Marilyn Sarkesian, (event planner)



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

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