

## Women's Guild News

May 2021

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### ***A Message from our Chair...***

Spring comes when the world around us begins to awaken from its winter slumber. Rebirth and repopulation fill the void of winter. What appeared to be gone forever comes into full sight once again. It happens every year, yet I stand in amazement each time I see my first budding tree or flower bloom.

This is when we fall in love again and say yes to things we might normally refuse. Like the change with the earth, we too might change, release the past and give birth to new ideas, new relationships and new perspectives.

Happy May,

*Denise Boyagian*



Our deepest sympathies to Anne Marie Ameriguian on the passing of her mother Alice Zallakian (nee Soultanian), 93, on April 3, 2021.

-Asdvadz Hokeen Loosavoreh



We send our get well wishes to Kim Kalajian and Rozann Vartoogian. As you heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.



Jonathan and Wendy Banks are the proud parents of Samuel Tipton Banks, born March 19, 2021, 6 lbs., 14 oz. Proud grandparents are Thomas and Nancy Banks.

Connor and Lisa Gants were blessed with the birth of a baby boy, Miles Raffi, on April 19, 2021. Proud grandparents are Guild member Aralynn and Dicran Haidostian.



Aram Sarkisian proposed on Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> to Diana Ohanian and she said.....YES!! Parents of the happy couple are Anna and Ed Sarkisian and Deborah and Nishan Ohanian.



**Our Planning outreach program needs your help!!**

Planning 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 call Edith Baise with any questions about how to participate (313)673-3325.

**We have 2021 Directory corrections to add:**



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Wed., May 5th	Women's Guild General Body Meeting – 7:00 pm Zoom
Wed., May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Guild Gatherings YouTube – “Watercolor painting with Zabel”
Wed., May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm Zoom
Wed., May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Guild Gatherings YouTube – “Bake Sour Dough Bread with Carol”
Wed., June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	General Body meeting – 7:00 pm Zoom
Sat., June 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Medical Relief – 1:30-3:00 Please reach out to Edith Baise for more information (313)673-3325
Sun., June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Hokehankist for our recently departed Guild members

***Do you like to talk on the phone??? Interested in making new friends???***



Our outreach phone call program is for you!  
Volunteers will have a list of ladies from our Women's Guild to reach out to during these trying times. Your list of friends will change every month.

It's a great way to get to know new people and to share what is happening in your lives!

Please contact Marianne Dardarian if you're interested.

(248)802-6917 or [mhdardarian@att.net](mailto:mhdardarian@att.net)

## ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH VOLUNTEER DAYS AT WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF

St. John Armenian Church members volunteer at World Medical Relief several times a year sorting medical supplies and equipment to send to countries around the world that are in bad need for these supplies which help the sick and poor.

Join us and help sort badly needed medical supplies and equipment to be used locally and around the world.

No experience necessary!

*21725 Melrose Avenue, Southfield  
Off Lahser between 8 and 9 mile Rd  
Saturday, June 5th - 1:30pm-3:00pm*

Contact Edith Baise with any questions

and to make your reservations (313)673-3325 – up to 20 volunteers can participate

**DRESS IS CASUAL AND COMFORTABLE.  
SHORTS ARE FINE. BUT SHOES MUST BE CLOSED TOE FOR SAFETY REASONS.  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE ALSO WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.**

**AGES START AT MIDDLE SCHOOL AND UP AND ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT**



*We'd like to take this time to welcome 16 new members to the Women's Guild.  
Looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you!!!*

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The Women's Guild of  
St. John Armenian Church ~ Southfield, Michigan  
presents

## **“GUILD GATHERINGS”**

**~ A SERIES OF CREATIVE VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE ~**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12**

**WATERCOLOR PAINTING WITH ZABEL**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 26**

**BAKING SOUR DOUGH BREAD WITH CAROL**

**CLICK ON THE LINK**

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?  
list=PLgaajJ5B015V\\_CalkqdiHwLZU3qTyV71](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgaajJ5B015V_CalkqdiHwLZU3qTyV71)

Each published video will remain on the Guild Gatherings site to  
be viewed as often as desired.





## Baby Shower for Yn. Maran Bagdasarian

Saturday, April 17, was a happy and love filled day of celebration for the new baby coming into our lives via Yn. Maran and Fr. Armash Bagdasarian. A drive-by Baby Shower was hosted for our Yeretzgin at the front portico of our St John Parish, by the Women's Guild. The weather even cooperated, slightly. In previous weeks, we actually saw 70's and 80's, only to have a week of 50's and 60's precede the special day. But!! we surpassed the 60's and the sun even came out and voila! a perfect day for all.

Our members and friends rounded the front of our sanctuary and presented their baby gifts to Yn. Maran. She graciously opened every gift. As our guests exited the front circle drive, they were gifted with a take away bag holding a lovely plant and a hand styled cookie. The 'bag ladies' arrived Friday morning and lovingly assembled every pink bag with a teddy bear emblem. While the bags were being assembled in the nursery, hot air was abound in the lobby, filling balloons for the front door decorations. With your RSV P's all present and accounted for, we could hardly wait for Saturday afternoon.

We were all happy to meet Yeretzgin's mother, Nivart Ezik, and we all delighted by Natan, big brother to be. Natan had his own table full of big brother gifts as well. Along with Fr Armash, even Fr Garabed and Hayr Soorp, were there to share in the day.

Thank you to Dan Dardarian, who once again lent his talents and time to chronicling this very happy day. Along with video, there were also still photographs that he will compile as a fond memory for the family.

Our wonderful Paul Andonian was at our beck and call with setting up a grand RSVP system for you. Ron Ware was at our elbow, bringing our ideas to fruition. Lisa Mardigian and Anna Tokmajyan participated in creating the beautiful decorations that you saw as you drove up to greet Yn. Maran. Thank you to our member Ann Rae Anusbigian for lending a hand with our gift bags and to Denise Boyajian for supplying much appreciated portable heaters. Thank you for all of your generosity and your valuable time.



*Check out the pictures on the next page!*





BABY  
GIRL





## Manoogian Manor Easter Visit

Father Aren and Father Armash held an Easter Church service for Manoogian Manor residents on Thursday April 8, 2021, inclusive of the Women's Guild visit. Thursday was the chosen day this year, because both clergy were in attendance of the ordination of Deacon Albert. God Bless all of the residents of Manoogian Manor, the clergy who pray with them often, the staff who help organize, the Women's Guild with the baking, and to Elise Papazian for organizing these Manor visits.



**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the Kingdom  
and the power  
and the glory forever.  
Amen.





*Greetings to All*

*St. John Women's Guild Members*

*It's time to pay your 2021 annual dues!*

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

**Mail checks to Paulette Apkarian**

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

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Name\_\_\_\_\_Husband's name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

# BLAST from the PAST

*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 them in an upcoming newsletter [nyreevgir@gmail.com](mailto:nyreevgir@gmail.com) along with any other news you would like to share, The deadline is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month.*



In May of 2010, (Guild chairman was Linda Tiffany), we put on an event to beat all events – "The Wedding Party."

Paulette Apkarian was chairman and we hosted a sellout-crowd. Below are a few pictures of the hall and the "brides and grooms". The brides were dressed in their mothers' wedding gowns - too many to name!

