

Women's Guild Newsletter

November 2021

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A Message from our Chair...



As the cool winds of November move in, let us gather and give thanks to all the gifts God has given us each day. Give yourself a gift and surround yourself with those who practice the art of being thankful. Among other things this year, I am thankful for the Covid 19 vaccine. It is what has allowed us to be together with family and friends and for that I am truly grateful.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Denise Boyagian



It is with sorrow we announce the passing of Olympia Jebejian, dearest aunt of Fr. Aren Jebejian, on October 19, 2021. Services were held at St. Thomas Church in New Jersey. Our deepest condolences to Fr. Aren and his family.

-Asdvadz Hokeen Loosavoreh



We send our get well wishes to Alice Arginian. As you heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.

Thank You

A very special thank you to Yeretzgin Roberta Kochakian and Sue Vian for generously providing the Welcome Back Women's Guild dinner on September 1st in honor of their dear mother, Agnes Hovsepian. This was our first in person general body in a year and a half – sponsoring this fellowship is greatly appreciated – a wonderful time was had by all!



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 reach out to Edith Baise about how to participate (313)673-3325.



The New Women's Guild Directories Are Ready

Guild directories will be available for pick up from our church secretary Anna during weekday hours 9-5.



Knitting Club

The WG Knitting Group was busy during Covid. 40 Blankets and about 30 caps were sent to help needy newborns in Armenia through the "Stitched With Love" program of the Armenian Missionary Association of America. We will continue to knit for this group this year. If you knit or want to learn, please join us!
Contact Linda Assarian
(Linda.assarian@gmail.com
or call 248-310-4366)



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



December 4TH 9:00-11:30AM

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

Wed., Nov. 3 rd	Alternatives For Girls – 5:30 pm-6:30 pm drop off Christmas Dinner Committee meeting 6:00pm Refreshments and meeting sign in 6:30-7:00 General Body Meeting & Elections– Starts promptly at 7pm – in person
Sat., Nov. 6 th	Soo Boreg baking 9am-noon Contact Joy yerchanigc@yahoo.com
Wed., Nov. 10 th	New Guild Gatherings YouTube video published
Sat., Nov. 13 th	Katah baking 9am-noon –Contact Joy yerchanigc@yahoo.com
Wed., Nov. 17 th	Executive Board Meeting – 7:00 pm
Sun., Nov. 21 st	Fall Bake Sale Pickup – after Church Services – see flyer
Wed., Dec. 1 st	Christmas Dinner – 6:30pm
Sat., Dec. 4 th	World Medical Relief 9:00am-11:30am
Wed., Dec. 8 th	New Guild Gatherings YouTube video published
Wed., Dec. 15 th	New Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm
Fri., Dec. 17 th	Drop off cookies for Winter Fundraiser – see flyer in newsletter
Sun., Dec. 19 th	Winter Fundraiser (aka Cookie Sale) – distribute boxes



Women's Guild
Christmas Dinner
Wed., Dec. 1, 2021

Committee will be
meeting at 6:00pm
Nov. 3rd before the general
body meeting if you are
interested in volunteering.

Marianne Dardarian,
Chairperson
248-802-6917
mhdardarian@att.net



Women's Guild Executive Board Elections are upon us (11/3/2021). You may receive a call from one of our nominating committee volunteers asking if you would be interested in running for the Guild Board - Please consider saying yes. It's a great way to become more involved with the Women's Guild and it is not as time consuming as you may think. Reach out to our nominating committee chair
Renee Apkarian
(248)721-0174/renee.apkarian@gmail.com

Any qualified member of the Women's Guild who is a dues-paying member of the local parish may be elected a member of the Executive Committee after one year of membership in the Guild.



Every year the Women's Guild had donated personal hygiene items for girls and young teens who are at risk. With everything going on in the world right now, these girls are more in need than ever. As many of you recall, we normally put together gift bags before the November executive board election meeting. This year, because of Covid-19, Sue Vian will be collecting donations in her van on

Wednesday, November 3rd from 5:30 -6:30

in the parking lot behind the church hall.

*(Drop off is before the general body meeting begins - 6:30 refreshments & sign in
– meeting starts promptly at 7:00pm)*

Alternatives for Girls is asking for:

Body Wash - Deodorant - Toothpaste/brushes - Hair Combs

Individual tissue packets - Bottled water - Socks

- Feminine hygiene products (pads rather than tampons).
- Shampoo and conditioner (could really use hair care products for natural black hair as they never have enough).
- As we get into the cooler months, mittens and gloves will come in handy and foot warmers.
- We also serve young men throughout street outreach (about 5% of the people we meet). Men's body wash and socks would also be appreciated.

You may wish to make several small bags with smaller quantities (sizes) of the above items or go in on a donation with another guild member (or group). Please put all donations in a box to place in Sue's van.

Contact Sue Vian with any questions (248)414-5246.



Have you ever thought about volunteering for one of our many events but weren't quite sure which one was right for you? Take a look at the list below and sign up for the committee of your choice!

Christmas Dinner: Dec. 1, 2021

Contact Marianne Dardarian (mhdardarian@att.net) or call 248-802- 6917)

Other members: Sara Andonian, Joy Callan, Diane Nolff, Paulette Schmidt, Debbie Zazaian
Looking for more volunteers!

Cookie Boxes: baking and/or packaging on Dec. 18, 2021 - Sale on Dec. 19, 2021

Contact Carol Cholmakjian (ccholmak@hotmail.com) or call 917-680-9831)

Other members: Y. Joy Callan, Linda Karibian, Mona Kurjian, & Jackie Boskovich

Armenian Christmas Luncheon: January 6, 2022

Contact Jackie ElChemmas (jackieelch@gmail.com) or call 248-762-1312)

Other members: Carol Aprahamian, Linda Tiffany, Charlene Apigian, Alice Argnian.

Women's Saints Day: March (TBD) 2022

Contact Denise Boyagian (dboyagian@yahoo.com) or call 248-892-9739)

Palm Sunday Bake Sale, April 10, 2022

Contact Marilyn Dadian (dadian@comcast.net) or call 248-882-0935)

Other members: Maral Demir Thomas, Nicole Ducato O'Donovan, Diana Mardigian

Easter Sunday Tea, April 17, 2022

Contact Denise Boyagian (dboyagian@yahoo.com) or call 248-892-9739)

Membership Dinner – June 1, 2022 – Chair Needed

Summer Activity – Chair Needed

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Church Picnic Bake Sale (Assumption of the Holy Mother of God) August 2022

Contact Edith Baise (ebaise@umich.edu or call 313-673-3325)
Other members: Alice Argnian co-chair, Rose Najarian, Linda Tiffany,
Joyce Obenhoff, Nancy Panaretos

Advent by Candlelight, November 30, 2022

Contact Sara Andonian (andoniansl@gmail.com or call 248-515-9264)
Other members: Donna Lafian

Social Outreach Circles

Always looking for new ideas – there are several different groups under this heading:

Alternative's For Girls: November 3, 2021

Contact Sue Vian (suecarmanvian@gmail.com or call 248-414-5246)
Other Members: Gladys Artinian, Joy Callan, Ygn Roberta Kochakian, Gloria Korkorian

Social Concern Committee: Annual College Care Packages and

Holiday Season outreach (collected at Christmas dinner)

Contact Carol Ohanesian – (carolo95@comcast.net)
Other Members: Linda Assarian, Nancy Berryman, Linda DePietro, Linda Franquist, Cheryl Joboulian, Lisa Johnson, Denise Karakashian, Linda Lutz, Nancy Panaretos, Barb Rupas, and Marilyn Sarkesian

Knitting Club

Contact Linda Assarian (lindaassarian@gmail.com)
Other Members: Dawn Aginian, Cathy Atesian, Nancy Berryman, Linda Lutz, Carol Ohanesian, Anna Sarkisian, Cathy Zwick

Planning

Contact Edith Baise about how to participate (313)673-3325.

Manoogian Manor Visits

Contact Elise Papazian (elisepkp@gmail.com or call 248-943-6162)

Remember – Volunteering is not only a way to
help the community, but also a wonderful way
to get closer to your fellow
Women's Guild members!





Friday October 1st and Saturday October 2nd

We did it – another successful Church Bazaar in the books!!! Still different from the past but still in person. With your help, the Women's Guild raised almost \$18,000.00 for our church!

Much appreciation to Dawn Aginian for leading the Yalanchi crew, Rose Najarian and Sue Vian for chairing the bake sale, Denise Boyagian taking on the hot foods, and Sara Andonian for directing the kitchen all weekend!

We couldn't have done it without all of the following volunteers and donations – thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Last month we recognized our baking volunteers – this month we would like to thank our Bourma, Khadaif, Yalanchi and Bazaar event volunteers along with those who made donations.

BOURMA/KHADAIF/SPINACH PIE/YALANCHI – Dawn Aginian, Diane Aginian, Sara Andonian, Alice Arginian, Lisa Boyadjian, Marianne Dardarian, Jackie ElChemmas, Denise Karakashian, Linda Karibian, Ygn. Roberta Kochakian Rosie Najarian, Terry Palaian, Nancy Panaretos, Linda Tiffany, Marilyn Sarkisian, Sue Vian.

BAZAAR VOLUNTEERS (Kitchen, Bake Sale, Hot Foods)– Dawn Aginian, Sara Andonian, Alice Arginian, Lisa Boyadjian, Denise Boyagian, Nyree Giragosian, Linda Jevahirian, Linda Karibian, Mona Kurjian, Nayiri Misirlyan, Rose Najarian, Susan Nazoyan, Nancy Panaretos, Paulette Schmidt, Sue Vian, Joyce Yeghissian.

DONATIONS (Baked goods and monetary) - Dawn Aginian, Diane Aginian, Sara Andonian, Charlene Apigian, Paulette Apkarian, Cathy Atesian, Nancy Berryman, Lisa Boyadjian, Denise Boyagian, Marianne Dardarian, Lisa Derderian, Jackie ElChemmas, Nyree Giragosian, Linda Houhanisin, Denise Karakashian, Linda Karibian, Ygn Roberta Kochakian, Gloria Korkoian, Mona Kurjian, Donna Lafian, Patty Morris, Nyree Moushmoulian, Terry Palaian, Diane Nollf, Nancy Panaretos, Barbara Rupas, Paulette Schmidt, Izzy Vahratian, Sue Vian, Diane Vosganian, Debbie Zazaian.





Women's Guild

Holiday Bake Sale

Sou Boreg \$70 full tray/\$40 Half Tray

Katah \$20 (full loaves and cut loaves)

Advanced pre-paid orders only
Limited Supply

Pickup day Sunday November 21st
after church services

No payment accepted at pickup

Contact Joy Callan yerchanigc@yahoo.com

Bake Dates:

Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021- 9am-noon
Soo Boreg

Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021 – 9am-noon - Katah



Women's Guild Annual Care Package Project

In early October, the Women's Guild Social Services committee happily and lovingly packed 82 boxes for college students. These boxes were filled with a variety of goodies – choreg, khalkha, skinny pop, and more! There was even a stress ball that says “Hye Em”! The Women's Guild has been putting these generous care packages together for the past 11 years and will continue to do so every fall.

A special thank you to our Care Package committee:

Linda Assarian, Nancy Berryman,
Linda DePietro, Linda Franquist,
Cheryl Joboulion, Lisa Johnson,
Denise Karakashian, Linda Lutz,
Carol Ohanesian, Nancy Panaretos,
Barb Rupas, and Marilyn Sarkesian



2021 Women's Guild Winter Fundraiser

(aka Christmas Cookie Sale)

Last year was a sold-out success!

Because of the participation of our members. Some enjoyed baking because it brought the smell of Christmas into their homes. Others liked trying new recipes.

Do you have a favorite cookie?

We want our boxes to have a variety of flavors, colors, and shapes. Of course, all must be delicious!

This year we'll have candy

Are there candy makers in our Guild?

We'll use Sign Up Genius

You'll get an email once it's up and running. To make signing up easier we'll have each cookie listed with a brief description including special ingredients.

Our schedule

Drop off cookies by	Friday Dec 17 th
Assemble boxes	Saturday, Dec 18 th
Distribute boxes	Sunday, Dec 19 th

If you have a suggestion

Please contact us:

Carol Cholmakjian

ccholmak@hotmail.com

Y. Joy Callan

yerchanigc@yahoo.com



THE WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH

PRESENTS

“GUILD GATHERINGS”

~A SERIES OF CREATIVE VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE~

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

**MAKE “GHAPAMA” - A STUFFED PUMPKIN
WITH JOY**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

**MAKE A “BUCHE DE NOEL” – A YULE LOG
WITH DOLLY**

CLICK ON THE LINK

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgaajJ5Bo15V_fCalkgdiHwLZU3qTyV71

OR

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





Check Out Our Website!

It's Easy To:

- Watch Guild Gatherings
- Shop for a Gift
- Pay your Dues
- View our List of Events
- Donate to Women's Guild

How to

Watch Guild Gatherings Videos:

1. Go to <https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site>
2. Click **GUILD GATHERINGS**
3. Click on the bar that says **LEARN MORE**
4. YouTube pops up in a new window
5. All 30 videos (the "playlist") are available to watch
6. Learn a new skill or just be entertained by our members!

Do you have a skill or a passion you'd like to share?

Record a video for Guild Gatherings

Unsure how it works? We'll help you along the way

Contact Paulette Apkarian for more info:

pauletteapkarian08@gmail.com

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

7430 Brookberry Court
West Bloomfield, Michigan 48322

*For questions, please contact Paulette Apkarian at (248) 225-3823
or pauletteapkarian08@gmail.com*

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

2021_____2022_____

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, nyreevgir@gmail.com, along with member names/event and any other news you would like to share and we will include them in an upcoming newsletter.

The deadline is the 22nd of the month.

2005 -This was a Women's Guild Dinner Dance in December called
"Christmas Around the World"



Members in the picture are:

(back row) Nancy Banks, Arlene Baylerian, Rachel Ekizian, Sandy Jamian, Araxie Choukourian (middle row) Aralynn Haidostian, Yn. Roberta Kochakian, Anna Sarkisian, Annrae Anusbigian, Liz Johnson, Anita Boyajian, Marianne Dardarian,
(front row: Co-chairs) Dolly Matoian and Diane Ekizian.

Thank you Dolly Matoian for sharing this beautiful memory!

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Interested in getting a copy of the Armenian Mirror Spectator newspaper each week in your email at no cost? You will receive the entire newspaper's hard copy version to read or scan as you like. Be sure to check out Chris Datian's "Recipe Corner" in the Arts and Culture section of each edition.

Contact Chris Datian at datian@cox.net to receive the paper at no cost by email

You can also enjoy Chris's food column by going to
<https://mirrorspectator.com/category/recipes/>

Women's Guild Calendar 2021

January 6	Armenian Christmas Service	June 9	New Guild Gatherings video published
January 6	After Armenian Christmas service drive up lunch from vets building	June 16	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm
January 7	General Body meeting, 7:00 pm, zoom webinar	June 23	New Guild Gatherings video published
January 14	New Guild Gatherings video published	July 14	New Guild Gathering video published
January 16	Manoogian Manor visit- Armenian Christmas	July 17	Manoogian Manor visit- Transfiguration of our Lord
January 20	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm, zoom	August 11	New Guild Gathering video published
January 28	New Guild Gatherings video published	August 15	Church Picnic and bake sale
February 3	General Body meeting, 7:00 pm, zoom webinar	August 18	Executive Board Meeting 7:00 live
February 10	New Guild Gatherings video published	August 21	Manoogian Manor visit- Assumption of the Holy Mother of God
February 17	Executive Board meeting, (after Lenten services) 7:00 pm, zoom	September 1	General Body meeting, 7:00 pm
February 24	New Guild Gatherings video published	September 8	New Guild Gatherings video published
March 3	General Body meeting, (after Lenten services) 7:00 pm, zoom webinar	September 15	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm
March 20	Saintly Women's Day observance and Lenten Retreat	September 18	Manoogian Manor visit- Exaltation of the Holy Cross
March 10	New Guild Gatherings video published	October 1&2	St. John Bazaar & Heath Fair 10/2
March 17	Executive Board meeting, (after Lenten services) 7:00 pm, zoom	October 6	General Body meeting, 7:00 pm via zoom
March 24	New Guild Gatherings video published	October 9-	World Medical Relief 1:30-3:00
March 28	Palm Sunday bake after church	October 13	New Guild Gatherings video published
April 7	General Body meeting, 7:00 pm, zoom webinar	October 20	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm
April 8	Manoogian Manor visit- Easter 11am	November 3	Alternatives for Girls- Drop Off 5:30-6:30
April 14	New Guild Gatherings video published		General Body meeting and elections, 6:30 sign in meeting 7:00 pm
April 17 th	Baby Shower April 17 th 1-3pm	November 10	New Guild Gatherings video published
April 21	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm, zoom	November 17	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm
April 28	New Guild Gatherings video published	December 1	Christmas Dinner Meeting 6:30 pm Cultural Hall
May 5	General Body meeting, 7:00 pm, zoom webinar	December 8	New Guild Gatherings video published
May 12	New Guild Gatherings video published	December 15	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm
May 19	Executive Board meeting, 7:00 pm, zoom	December 19 th	Holiday Cookie Sale
May 26	New Guild Gatherings video published		
June 2	General Body Meeting via Zoom		