

## Women's Guild News

October 2017

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### A Message From Our Chairman...

Once again, our St John family outdid itself with yet another successful Bazaar! And, yes, the freezer is empty, again! Bravo to all of our members and friends of the Guild and our dedicated church family for all of the love and effort invested in four amazing days. We are blessed with an abundance of dedication.



Speaking of dedication, our November General Body Meeting will also feature our much anticipated 2018 elections. And, once again, we will be supporting Alternatives for Girls. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for the time and effort they give to fielding a worthy slate of members that will serve us all.

Our Alternatives for Girls project will once again, be asking for small stuff from you to make a bigger difference in someone's life, not enjoying the same blessings we all share. Socks, paper back books, cosmetics, costume jewelry, gloves, hygiene products, you know the drill.

Advent by Candlelight is upon us once again and your committee is working with love to bring our community a very special evening.

December will feature our American Christmas Dinner and January, we will support our church by hosting the Armenian Christmas Luncheon. And, as a Guild in 'concert' with our Gomidas Choir, we will bring Christmas and services to our seasoned citizens at the Manoogian Manor.

Poon Pareegentan will be celebrated in February and if you missed this great family event two years ago, don't miss it this coming February. Watch for upcoming information. Donations are already being accepted with great pleasure.

Right back atcha with Palm Sunday Bake Sale preparations in February. Going to Florida is no excuse to being absent on Tuesday's.

And now for the challenge; we NEED a spring event Chairman and committee. If you have the inkling that you and your pals have this special talent, PLEASE, contact your board and volunteer your gifts and talents. Even if you haven't been active lately or meetings have been difficult to attend, don't let this inhibit your desire to contribute yourself to your Guild in service to our church. This could be your big moment!!

Congratulations on a grand weekend Bazaar featuring fellowship and community spirit!

Y. Joy Callan

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It is with sorrow, that we share with you, the passing of Nick Derderian, husband of our late member, Anne and father of our member, Denise Chiroyan.

Also, our sincere sympathy to Sima Kuchukian on the loss of her beloved husband, Kelly and to Anita Arslanian, on the passing of her father-in-law, Minas Arslanian.

We send our love and prayers to Marianne Dardarian, Anita Arslanian, and Jane Hovsepian . May our warm thoughts bring comfort to you and brighten your day. We look forward to seeing all of you with us soon.



Congratulations to Joseph and Valerie Landis on the birth of their daughter, Remi Charlise Landis, who was born on September 5th. Delighted grandparents are Elise and Ken Landis and great aunt Denise Pochas. Knar and Michael Pifer welcomed their daughter, Dzovig, who was born on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Happy Grandparents are Jan Bedrosian and Steve Pifer, Yerchanig and Roy Callan and Great Grandparents Gayle and Mihran Hoplamazian.

Judy and Terry Parks announce the engagement of their daughter Emily to Jordan Baldes. An August 2018 wedding is planned.



**Alternatives For Girls**

We are continuing our yearly gift bag project for the women's shelter, "Alternative for Girls." Please bring any toiletries and small gifts that you have to our general body meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## October Guest Speaker

Prior to the start of the meeting, Joy Callan introduced Liana Aghajanian who spoke to our members about her experiences as an immigrant to the U.S. growing up in California, obtaining her journalism degree, and as a writer who has focused on providing information about people and subjects that often are overlooked. She had recently traveled to Mongolia to write about the use of coal in the country and how it has affected the



health of the women in the area. She explained how she had written an article about an underground LGBTQ night club that became famous throughout the world. She submitted this published article to a competition in Detroit that encouraged young writers by offering the winner a free house. Liana's article was the winner and she moved from her parents' home in California to Hamtramck two years ago. She was both excited and apprehensive as she started out on her own for the first time. She described her adjustment to living in the Midwest, making new friends, and having new experiences and continuing her career as an independent journalist. She is hoping to use her experiences and her interest in Armenian food and culture to write a book in the near future. Her presentation was enjoyed by all those present. Joy presented her with the St Johns Women's Guild cookbook and a bag of khalkha as a gift. — Cathy Zwinck



November 1 <sup>st</sup> (Wednesday)	Guild Meeting 6:30 p.m. Collection for Alternative for Girls Guild Election
November 29 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	Advent by Candlelight 7:00 p.m.
December 6 <sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)	Christmas Membership Dinner 6:30 p.m.

*The Social Service Committee with the 59 care packages they assembled for delivery to some very grateful college students!*



Linda Franquist, Carol Ohanesian, Lisa Johnson, Marilyn Sarkesian, Linda DePietro, Nancy Berryman and Linda Assarian.

*Thank  
you*

Thank you to co-chairs Diane Ekizian, Linda Tiffany and their excellent committee for a very successful Sanctuary and Museum Tour on October 11<sup>th</sup>. 160 guests enjoyed this special event.





With our hard-working Guild members



Diane and Dawn Aginian



Izzy Vahratian and Sue Vian



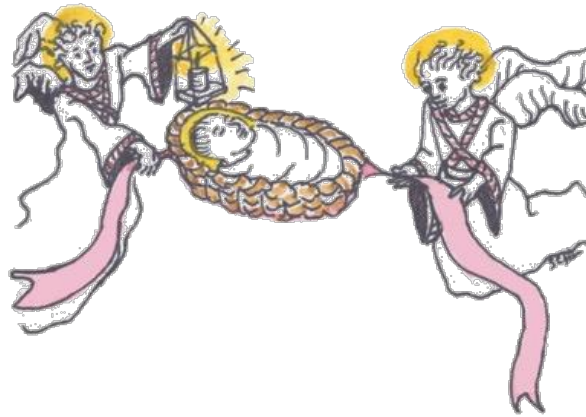
Nevart Torian, Diane Khachaturian, Linda Jevahirian and Lillian Durham



Sue Vian, Diana Shoushanian, Rose Najarian and Linda DePietro

**St. John Women's Guild Joyfully Presents**

## *Advent by Candlelight*



*"He will bring us goodness and light"*

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**Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

**Doors open promptly at 7:00 pm**

**Members are invited to reserve a table  
Please call Sara Andonian at (248) 515-9264  
Between October 27 and November 5**

**If you are interested in helping to underwrite the cost  
of the evening please contact Sara Andonian**

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St. John's Women's Guild  
**Christmas Membership Dinner**  
Let's welcome in the season together!  
**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

6:30 pm for Fellowship & Mezza

7:00 pm Dinner

7:45 pm Announcements

8:00 pm Program

Donation: \$15/Reservations:

Due by November 29<sup>th</sup>

Please mail to Marilyn Sarkesian 2338 Heronwood Drive,  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Questions: Call Diane Nolff (248) 714-6171 or  
Marilyn Sarkesian (248) 332-6570

In the spirit of giving, members who are interested may wish  
to bring an unwrapped, new toy to support St. John's  
"Toys for Tots" Toy Drive



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