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A Message from our Chair...



Autumn is here. Enjoy the season that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it. Elections are coming soon, November 3rd, dues must be paid in order to vote. When our nominating committee calls, just say yes. There is always too much to do with too little time. Don't miss the opportunity to receive the blessings that come from working together to serve our church and the community.

"Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are." (Harold S. Kushner)

Denise Boyagian



It is with sorrow that we announce the passing of Paul Mazmanian, dearest brother of Women's Guild Chairperson Denise Boyagian and member Paula Schmidt, on September 20, 2021. A private Memorial Service took place on September 27th at St. James Armenian Church in Richmond, Virginia. Our deepest condolences to Denise, Paula, and their family.

-Asdvadz Hokeen Loosavoreh



We send our get well wishes to Diane Aginian, Yvonne Korkoian, Kathy Mekjian, Jenni Morris, and Patti Morris. As you heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.



Katie Nolff became Mrs. Jason Dudzinski on Saturday, August 28, 2021 in an outdoor ceremony near the Silver Lake Sand Dunes. Proud mama is guild member Diane Nolff and proud grandmother is guild member Anita Kachadurian. Mr. and Mrs. Jason Dudzinski reside in White Lake, Michigan on Pontiac Lake. May you have many years of health and happiness together.

Knitting Club



Published author Ariana Kabodian approached the Women's Guild Knitting Club to help raise funds for 180 children at Debi Arach in Gyumri through the Paros Foundation. Our Women's Guild members responded with donations totaling \$1410.00 for scarves, hats and mittens, adding to Ariana's book proceeds which will buy winter boots. Thank you to our generous Guild members and Ariana for preparing these children in need for winter.



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.



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

Mona Kurjian (Dickran)
36519 Greenspring Street
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331
(248) 592-1240 Cell: (248) 672-3307/mkurjian@gmail.com

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.






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.*

Fri., Oct 1 st	College Care Package Project Deadline (marilynsarkesian@hotmail.com)
Fri.-Sat. Oct. 1 st & 2 nd	Church Bazaar
Wed., Oct. 6 th	General Body Meeting – 7:00 pm – ZOOM (No in person meetings the week following the Bazaar due to deep cleaning)
Sat., Oct. 9 th	World Medical Relief – Please reach out to Edith Baise (313)673-3325.
Wed., Oct 13 th	Guild Gatherings YouTube – “ <i>Making Lentil Soup In An Instant Pot</i> ” by Susie.
Wed., Oct. 20 th	Executive Board Meeting
Wed., Nov. 3 rd	Alternatives For Girls – 5:30 pm-6:30 pm drop off General Body Meeting and Elections– 7pm – In person
Wed, Nov. 10 th	New Guild gatherings YouTube video published





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



OCTOBER 9TH AT 1:30-3:00

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



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 with any questions.
(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.



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!

Alternative's For Girls: November 3, 2021

Contact Sue Vian (suecarmanvian@gmail.com) or call 248-414-5246)

Christmas Dinner: Dec. 1, 2021

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

Other members: Diane Nollf

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

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

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)

Manoogian Manor visits: the Saturday following major Feast Days:

Armenian Christmas, Easter, Transfiguration, Assumption of the Holy Mother of God, Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

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

Knitting Club

If you know how to knit, contact Linda Assarian (Linda.assarian@gmail.com) or call 248-310-4366)



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH BAZAAR A FESTIVAL OF CULTURE

Friday October 1st and Saturday October 2nd

Thank you Yerchanig Callan for spearheading this year's Bazaar Baking dates. Thank you also to Sara Andonian for organizing the spinach pie bake date, Ron Ware and staff for setting up, Paul Yousoufian for all he does, and Anthony Carman for the 4 sheet rollers and for bringing our kitchen machines back to life.

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

Dawn A, Diane A, Diana A, Alice A., Olivia A., Paulette A., Christine A, Charlene A., Denise B., George B., Jackie B., Melanie B., Mary B., Joy C, Anthony C., Carol C, Harry C., Julie C., Marianne D., Marilyn D., Margie D., Michelle D., Linda D., Adreena H, Fran H., Garry J, Denise K, Linda K., Linda K., Mona K., Ygn. Roberta K., Linda L, Alice M, Annette M., Leah M., Mark M., Ruth M., Laura MP, Chuck P., Terrie P., Rosie N and Carol O, Nancy P., Margie S., Marilyn S., Linda T., Nevart T., and Margaret Ann Y.



The newsletter went to press before the Bazaar – check out next month's issue for more photos and volunteer thank you acknowledgments!!!



Exaltation of the Holy Cross Women's Guild visit to Manoogian Manor

Saturday, September 18, 2021

We are so fortunate to have Women's Guild member Elise Papazian organize our Feast Day Visits to the Manoogian Manor throughout the year. She would like to share the message below.



"I am the liason between St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild, St. John Armenian Church, and the Manoogian Manor. With the HUGE help of chairwoman and girlfriend Denise Boyagian (plus I'm her baking helper) and my monthly connections with Der Armash, we carefully planned throughtout the entire pandemic and of course now still continued, all assisted living seniors and Manor staff enjoy tasty homemade choreg. A church service always takes place with Fr. Aren, Fr. Armash, deacons/ choir/Guild members who an attend do, and a wonderful morning is had! When my father lived at Manoogian Manor (less than a year) he mentioned how Michigan Armenian

churches and other Christian churches alternated weekly, giving all residents and opportunity for multiple services... adding he felt blessed to be a priest and pray with neighbors. Every time I enter Manoogian Manor I only smile: the beautiful grounds, the wonderful staff, and dad's amazing memory fill the special place. To quote dad, 'God bless those advanced in age, such a true gift'".



Thank you card from residents
For the Women's Guild



Blessings at the Manor



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 (before the general body meeting begins) in the parking lot behind the church hall.

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.

The Women's Guild will send out an email blast as we get closer to November 3rd with any changes/updates.



2021 WINTER COOKIE SALE!

*** Bake at Home**

*** Sign Up Genius**

*** Pickup Sunday Dec. 19**

More Info Coming Soon!

Carol Cholmakjian ccholmak@hotmail.com

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, September 8

**Let's Exercise
with Resistance Bands
by Belinda**

Wednesday, October 13

**Cooking Lentil Soup
in an Instant Pot
by Susie**

Click on the Link

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgaajJB015V_fCalkgdiHwLZU3qTyV71

or

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



Check out our website - it's a convenient place to:

- ✿ Pay your Dues – is it time?
- ✿ Easily access Guild Gatherings
- ✿ Shop for a Gift - with Free Delivery!
- ✿ View our updated List of Events – on the Membership Page
- ✿ Make a Donation

Here how to easily Pay Your Dues:

1. Go to <https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site>
2. Click **MEMBERSHIP** to go to the membership page
3. Click on the red bar that says **ADD TO CART \$26.00**
4. Click **CHECK OUT**, and fill in your payment information
5. Done!

Women's Guild membership voted to raise our dues \$1 to cover the website fees. Or if you'd prefer, send a \$25 check to:

St. John Armenian Church Women's Guild
Membership Dues
22001 Northwestern Hwy
Southfield, MI 48075

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_____

Women's Guild Calendar 2021

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