

September 10, 1986

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mardigian
13920 East Ten Mile Road
Warren, Michigan 48089

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mardigian:

We appreciate your kind gesture in the establishment of a fund, the interest of which will be used for ACYOA progress and projects.

Your encouragement and support will help open so many opportunities for our youth who at this time are not able to develop the programs they have on hand. We are hopeful others will follow your example, and assist us in raising a sizeable fund for youth projects.

We appreciate your continued interest in the Armenian Church, and may the Lord bless you and your loved ones, always.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

Enclosure: Receipt No.3770

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

September 10, 1986

Dear Torkom Surpazan:

Here is the draft for the Primate's Message for the regional booklets commemorating the ACYOA 40th Anniversary, as you requested.

As I understand it, your message should go as soon as ready to Nancy Basmajian for distribution to the various regions.

We also need photographs of yourself, the Catholicos, and Archbishop Tiran, unless Nancy already obtained these this week.

Call me at 201 871-4377 if there is any question.

Have a safe and fruitful trip!

Respectfully,



Rose Mekenian



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PRIMATE'S MESSAGE

As we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, it behooves us to pause and contemplate your endeavors and contributions to our Church and our people.

The first generation of the ACYOA was fortunate to have inspiring parents and church leaders who helped guide them in their spiritual search for the Truth that is Christ and in carrying on our sacred heritage. The question now is: Has that first generation been successful in fulfilling this task and passing it on to the second generation and those following?

The ACYOA theme this year has been "40 YEARS OF CHURCH SERVICE AND ARMENIAN FELLOWSHIP IN AMERICA," and it is an appropriate one. To be an ACYOA member means making a commitment, a pledge to be loyal to the ideals for which the Armenian Church has always stood. As a group, you represent solidarity and determination in your service to God and to our people. You symbolize the opportunity to pursue and live our faith.

On this 40th Anniversary, we rejoice in our YOUTH. We need our youth to carry forth our identity as Armenian Christians. To be Armenian is a matter of spirit. Learn all you can about your culture, language, and heritage. The confidence you will gain will lead to action, and action changes the future. God has placed the future in your hands.

May the Lord bless you with His love and His wisdom.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

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Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

December 4, 1986

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Diocesan Staff
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Friends:

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your cooperation in so many ways in bringing the ACYOA 40th Anniversary Celebration on November 29 to a successful conclusion.

Thank you for your assistance.

Cordially,



Rose Mekenian, Chairman
ACYOA 40th Anniversary Committee
Mid-Atlantic Region



Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

March 26, 1987

Dear Archbishop Torkom:

Here, at last, is the financial report of the ACYOA 40th Anniversary Committee - Mid-Atlantic Region. The delay, as I mentioned to you, was occasioned by the billing complications in connection with our newspaper advertising as well as by the completion of the collection of funds from the booklet donors.

We are pleased that we are able to show a net profit of almost \$10,000. Of course, the major portion of the costs for the portrait of Archbishop Tiran will come from these funds, but at least there will be some money left for the ACYOA.

A copy of the financial report has been sent to Anthony Barsamian and also to Nancy Basmajian. A check for \$9,806.21 made out to the ACYOA has been sent to Anthony Barsamian.

In speaking with Archbishop Tiran recently, I understood the portrait has not yet been completed. Archbishop Tiran said he would contact Mr. Soss Melik for them to get together as necessary. I mentioned this to Anthony Barsamian last week. Our committee will rest easier when the portrait is finished and hung in the Tahlij.

I would like to formally thank you for your cooperation, support, and assistance in connection with the ACYOA Celebration in November. I was glad to be able to serve as chairman of this event honoring the ACYOA and Archbishop Tiran, and doubly so because it was while you are the Primate.

Respectfully,



Rose Mekenian

P.S. Have enclosed a copy of the write-ups of our event from THE ARMENIAN REPORTER and ARMENIAN MIRROR-SPECTATOR just in case you missed them. As you know, there have also been write-ups in the church publications.



April 2, 1987

Mrs. Rose Mekenian
156 Elm Street
Tenafly, NJ 07670

Dear Mrs. Mekenian:

Thank you for your letter of March 26, enclosing the financial report of the ACYOA 40th Anniversary Committee of the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The celebration of the 40th anniversary of the ACYOA was a very special occasion for us all. It was a successful and dignified affair, and we continue to receive words of praise from those who attended. The informative booklet was also a noteworthy feature of the celebration.

Kindly express our appreciation to all the members of the committee for their fine work, and we thank you once again for your unique contribution towards this very memorable anniversary celebration.

May God bless you and your loved ones, and may His Spirit always imbue you with the filial devotion you have so clearly expressed for His church.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America



TO: MID-ATLANTIC REGION:

June, 1986

PARISH PRIESTS
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMEN
ACYOA CHAIRMEN - SENIOR AND JUNIOR

We need your cooperation to help make our ACYOA 40th Anniversary Gala Celebration in New York on November 29, 1986, a success. It will be appreciated if the ACYOA Chairmen and/or designated representatives obtain the following (possibly the Church office could help) and forward to the appropriate committee members by the dates requested.

1. SLIDES. We need slides of ACYOA activities over the four decades for a special presentation. Please mail BY AUGUST 1 to:

Carol Der Bogosian
1380 Trout Brook Drive
West Hartford, CT 06117
Phone: 203-236-6624 (evenings)

2. PHOTOGRAPHS. We also need photographs of ACYOA activities through the years - a few very good ones - to consider for use in the Booklet or for display. We have been delving into the archives at the Diocese but would like to receive additional photos, particularly from the last 20 years. Please mail BY SEPTEMBER 1 to:

Joseph Kalemkerian
624 Freeland Avenue
Paramus, NJ 07652
Phone: 201-447-0729 (evenings)

Indicate on or with all slides and photos the year and the event, if you can. Identify with your name and address if you wish them returned to you.

3. ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET ADS. Please arrange for the mailing or distribution of Anniversary booklet ad letters (copy enclosed) to: ACYOA alumni, current members - senior and junior, ACYOA supporters and friends in your parish. A number of copies have been sent to the ACYOA Senior Chairman. We ask that you make more copies if you need them. Mail forms and checks BY OCTOBER 1 to:

Lori Kalemkerian
203 Devon Road
Westwood, NJ 07675
Phone: 201-666-5669 (evenings)

4. PUBLICITY. Enclosed is a release for your parish newsletters or church bulletins.

We ask for your support in this endeavor and hope you are planning to attend our Gala Celebration November 29. Call me at 201-871-4377 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
MID-ATLANTIC REGION

Rose Mekenian
Chairperson



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DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA, 630 SECOND AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016-4885 212 686-0710

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

1 November 85

His Eminence
ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Enclosed for reference and informational purposes is an outline of tentative plans for the 40th Anniversary of the ACYOA.

We have met with the Vicar General to discuss these ideas, and discussion will also take place at the November 1st & 2nd ACYOA Central Council Meeting.

Immediate needs include possible dates to be confirmed for Your Eminence to attend and preside at the Regional Anniversary Balls. The Vicar General indicated that he will review the dates and inform us accordingly.

In addition, if Your Eminence wishes to include other types of anniversary observances, they should be decided upon very soon.

Your obedient servants in Christ,

Nance Basmajian

James Magarian

c.c. Vicar General

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February 10, 1986

Dear Torbom Arpaian,

Just a quick personal note to tell you how pleased the members of the ACYOA Fortieth Anniversary Celebration Committee were that it was possible for you to arrange for the Celebration to be on Saturday, November 29, and that you will be able to be with us that evening.

We thank you, and we thank Fr. Khajaz, and Fr. Paven.

Respectfully,
Rose Mekharian

Mekarian
156 Elm Street
Teaneck, N.J. 07670



Archbishop Torkom Manoukian
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York

10016

TIRAN abp. NERSOYAN
580 WEST 187 STR., NEW YORK, N. Y. 10033
TEL: (212) 928-5909

26 Feb. 1986

Dear Torkon Sebazem,

Thank you for your letter of the 20th of this month, inviting me to the gala dinner at the Diocese to celebrate the 40th anniversary of ACYOA.

I shall be glad to be with you on the 29th of November, to join in the celebration.

Yours with fraternal affection
as always

Tiran abp. Nersoyan

ACYOA MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

In an effort to promote dues paying membership in the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA), the following Incentive Program has been approved by the ACYOA Central Council to be initiated as of July 1st, 1986.

1. ACYOA dues paying members who are in good standing for the **current fiscal year** shall be entitled to membership incentives.
2. On the ACYOA National level, as of July 1st, 1986, these incentives shall take the form of reduced rates, costs and fees at official ACYOA sponsored programs and activities.
3. Specifically, these incentives, in addition to privileges noted in the ACYOA Constitution, shall be as follows:
 - a) Archbishop's Basketball Tournament:
\$10.00 reduction to standard package plan.
 - b) National Sports Weekend:
\$10.00 reduction to standard package plan.
 - c) Armenian Studies Programs:
\$20.00 reduction to final cost on any Program.
 - d) Regional Events: (i.e. Tournaments, dances, balls, retreats...)
\$3.00 reduction to cost of event.

NOTE: The above reduction figures are **minimums**. The Central Council and Host Committees for these programs can increase these figures if additional incentives are deemed necessary.

4. Chapters are advised that they are highly encouraged to voluntarily participate in the Incentive Program by offering similar reductions to ACYOA Members at their locally sponsored programs, activities and events. Uniformity will enhance the meaning of this Program even more.

5. "Members in Good Standing" are recognized as those who have paid their dues and have received a valid "ACYOA Membership Card" direct from the ACYOA Central Council. It is the Chapter's responsibility to forward membership dues to the ACYOA Central Council for deposit in the ACYOA National Treasury. Membership Cards will be processed as they are received from the Chapters. The role of the Chapter Treasurer in sending dues money and membership lists is vital for this Program to be effective and increase ACYOA membership.

6. Persons eligible for ACYOA Senior Membership must be high school graduates or 18 years of age. Minimum dues paid to the chapter is \$7.00 - half of which is sent to the ACYOA National Treasury. New members pay an additional \$1.00 initiation fee. After initial membership, a person **renews** their membership within the first six months of the fiscal year - July 1 thru Dec. 31. If dues are not received by the ACYOA Central Council by Dec. 31, the chapter is penalized a \$25.00 fee. Dues are to be paid for the year coming or in progress, rather than for the year that is past.



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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

4 June 86

His Eminence

ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN
Primate - Armenian Diocese
630 Second Avenue - NYC, NY 10016-4885

Your Eminence:

Preparation for commemorative booklets on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the ACYOA continues with compilation of archival materials, artwork and photographs.

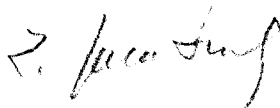
We should also like to include appropriate messages from His Holiness, Vazken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, as well as Your Eminence as Primate of the Diocese. Appropriate photographs, which we have, will also be included.

These should be prepared as soon as possible, as a "package" of content materials will be sent to each region for their respective booklets.

Your obedient servant,


JAMES MAGARIAN

c.c. ACYOA Juniors Director



July 24, 1986

Ms. Denise Avrigian and Ms. Lillian Bidoyan
Chairpersons, Registration and Hospitality
ACYOA 40th Anniversary Celebrations
St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church
630 Clothier Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096

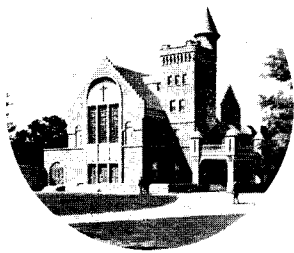
Dear Ms. Avrigian and Ms. Bidoyan:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian has received your letter of July 10, and asked me to thank you in his behalf. His Eminence will be pleased to attend the ACYOA 40th Anniversary banquet on Saturday, August 30, and the Awards Banquet on Sunday, August 31.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones, always.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General



ST. SAHAG AND ST. MESROB ARMENIAN CHURCH

The Reverend Patee Metjian, Pastor

July 10, 1986

Re: ACYOA National Sports Weekend

His Eminence,
Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate
Eastern Diocese - Armenian Church of America
630 2nd Avenue
New York, New York 10004

Your Eminence:

Your presence is respectfully requested at the head table for the 40th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, August 30th and the Awards Banquet on Sunday, August 31st; being held at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

We are all looking forward to your arrival.

Sincerely,
Denise Avrigian
Lillian Bidoyan

Denise Avrigian
Lillian Bidoyan
Chairpersons
Registration & Hospitality

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St. James Armenian Church RECEIVED OCT 8 - 1986

816 CLARK STREET
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201

TELEPHONE: 864-6263

September 29, 1986

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Primate - Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016-4885

Your Eminence,

On behalf of the A.C.Y.O.A. - St. James Chapter, I respectfully request the attention of Your Eminence regarding the occasion of the Fortieth Anniversary of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. As we celebrate this event, we request the honor of your presence at the Anniversary Dinner Ball for the Midwest Region on Friday, October 17, 1986. The event will commence with a reception at 6:30 in the evening at Lake Forest Academy, 1500 West Kennedy Road, Lake Forest, Illinois. It would be an honor to have you share this evening with us.

Most Respectfully,

Melina M. Spinuzza
Chairman - Midwest Regional Ball

A.C.Y.O.A. 40th Anniversary Celebration



CHAMBERS OF
VINCENT GURAHIAN
JUSTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
WESTCHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE
111 GROVE STREET
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. 10601

Personal and Unofficial

June 24, 1986

Armenian Church Endowment Fund
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016-4885

Attention: Suren Fesjian
Vice-Chairman


Dear Mr. Fesjian:

On June 20, 1986 the Diocesan Council voted to place with the Endowment Fund an additional \$350,000. This sum is being placed in accordance with the terms of our agreement of April 18, 1986.

The funds represent \$100,000 from the Estate of Lucy Tinghir and \$250,000 from the Tiftikjian Fund. At present these monies are in Certificates of Deposit and will be forwarded as soon as the certificates mature.

It is expected that sometime before the end of this year still additional sums will be placed with ACEF.

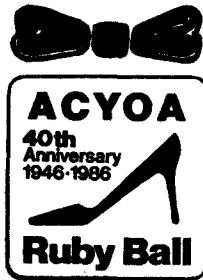
Cordially,


Vincent Gurahian

VG:dr

cc: Archbishop Torkom Manoogian ✓
Col. Victor V. Arzoomanian

Armenian Church Youth Organization Of America



Dear Friend,

The Providence Chapter of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America is proud to host the 1986 New England Regional 40th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, October 25. "The Ruby Ball" will be held in the Ballroom of the Sheraton Mansfield Inn, Mansfield, Massachusetts.

The A.C.Y.O.A. was founded in Providence, Rhode Island during the Constitutional Assembly in 1946. Its intent from the very beginning was to encourage good fellowship and develop a strong tie to the Armenian Church and its people by providing various educational, social and cultural activities for Armenian youth. Presently, as always, we continue to pursue this tradition and provide a constant learning experience for our young people.

We are now turning to you for assistance in order that we may further the ethnic ties of our Armenian youth, and continue our Armenian Heritage. We are devoting one section of our Anniversary Ball yearbook for a list of all our patrons without whose help we would not have been successful.

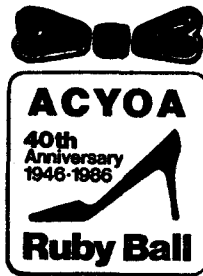
Please take time now to fill in and return your enclosed card by September 15, 1986. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Father Baret Yeretian
Very Rev. Baret Yeretian
Pastor

Stephanie D. Masoian
Stephanie Masoian
Chairperson

Armenian Church Youth Organization Of America



Dear Chapter Chairperson:

We are pleased to announce that the Providence A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors will be hosting the 1986 New England Regional 40th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, October 25. The "Ruby Ball" will be held in the ballroom of the Sheraton Mansfield Inn, Mansfield, Massachusetts.

In the past, the tradition at the Anniversary Ball has been to honor one A.C.Y.O.A. Alumni from each New England Chapter. This person should be chosen for "their selfless dedication, devotion, service and sacrifice to the A.C.Y.O.A., the youth and parishes of the New England region".

Your help in choosing an alumni from your chapter for this affair will be of great importance to us all. We encourage you to confer with members of your Chapter and Parish in order to select an Alumni who exemplifies the spirit of the A.C.Y.O.A.

The deadline for submission of the Alumni award winner from your Chapter is September 15, 1986. Please direct all inquiries and selections to Stephanie Masoian, telephone # 401-943-6045. We will be happy to assist you in answering questions concerning this event.

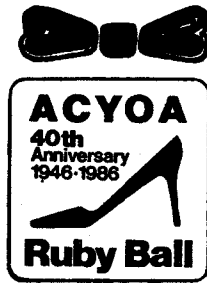
Please don't forget. We are counting on you to make your selection by September 15, 1986.

Sincerely yours,

Father Baret Yeretian
Very Rev. Baret Yeretian
Pastor

Stephanie A Masoian
Stephanie Masoian
Ruby Ball Chairperson

Armenian Church Youth Organization Of America



August 20, 1986

TO: ACYOA Seniors Chapter Chairmen, Youth Director, Pastor
FROM: Providence ACYOA Seniors
RE: Regional Meeting for Chapter Chairmen for New England's 40th Anniversary Celebration of the ACYOA

As you well know, 1986 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, an event that will be commemorated throughout the country with several regional celebrations. Here in New England, the Providence Chapter will host the "Ruby Ball" dinner-dance on October 25 at the Sheraton Mansfield.

The success of "The Ruby Ball" is largely dependant upon a well-organized host chapter and the cooperation of other chapters in the region. We, under the guidance of the dance Chairperson Stephanie Masoian, have already accomplished our major task by planning and organizing the celebration. We now need your help in publicizing this event with your chapter and your encouragement in their support and attendance.

In order to fill you in on the details of "The Ruby Ball", the Providence Chapter will hold a New England regional meeting for chapter chairmen, youth directors and parish priests on Friday evening, September 5 at 8 p.m. at St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church, 70 Jefferson Street, Providence, Rhode Island. Plan to join us for light refreshments.

Please make every effort to attend. This meeting is crucial to a well-organized and enjoyable Ruby Ball for all New England ACYOA members and alumni!!



St. James Armenian Church

816 CLARK STREET
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201

TELEPHONE: 864-6263

September 29, 1986

The Very Reverend Father Khajag Barsamian
Vicar General - Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016-4885

Dear Father Barsamian,

On behalf of the A.C.Y.O.A. - St. James Chapter, I request your attention on the occasion of the Fortieth Anniversary of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. As we celebrate this event, we request the honor of your presence at the Anniversary Dinner Ball for the Midwest Region on Friday, October 17, 1986. The event will commence with a reception at 6:30 in the evening at Lake Forest Academy, 1500 West Kennedy Road, Lake Forest, Illinois. It would be an honor to have you share this evening with us.

Most Respectfully,

Melina M. Spinuzza

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Chairman - Midwest Regional Ball

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America

Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, Primate

October 23, 1986

Ms. Melina Spinuzza
Mid-West Regional Ball Committee Member
3467 Whirlaway Drive
Northbrook, IL 60062

Dear Ms. Spinuzza:

I send my most sincere thanks to you and to the Evanston ACYOA for inviting me to attend the Mid-West 40th Anniversary Ball last Friday evening.

You and your committee ran an absolutely first class affair, and I believe that everyone in attendance were thoroughly impressed. I hope that you will convey this message of congratulations to everyone who was involved with this successful event.

On a more personal note, thank you for hosting me the entire weekend. I really enjoyed myself Saturday evening in Chicago, and even more important, I enjoyed meeting all the new ACYOA members. Your chapter has a tight group of friends and I am looking forward to meeting with them again. It is so important that ACYOA members are close friends, and I see this friendship in Evanston.

Again thank you so much for a wonderful weekend.

May God Bless Us All,



Anthony J. Barsamian
Acting Executive Secretary

✓ cc: The V. Rev. Khajag Barsamian



Central Council

Division of the Armenian Church of America 630 Second Avenue New York, N. Y. 10016 (212) 686-0710

October 9, 1986

Ms. Melina M. Spinuzza
Chairman, Midwest Regional Ball
ACYOA 40th Anniversary Celebration
St. James Armenian Church
816 Clark Street
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Dear Ms. Spinuzza:

This is to thank you on behalf of His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian for your letter dated September 29, inviting him to attend the Midwest Regional anniversary dinner. His Eminence is at present in Etchmiadzin, Armenia, and will return to the United States at the end of October.

The Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General, will represent His Eminence on this occasion, and attend the anniversary dinner for the Midwest Region on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the ACYOA, on Friday, October 17.

Please note that Fr. Khajag is scheduled to arrive at Midway Airport on Friday, October 17 at 3:05 p.m. on Midway Airlines flight #187, and will leave for New York City on Saturday, October 18 from Midway Airport at 3:20 p.m. on Midway Airlines flight #182.

Kindly make the necessary arrangements for his accommodation and meet him at the airport.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Terzibashian
Secretary to the Primate

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40-ամեայ օգտակար գործունէութիւնը:

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կերպութեան պատմականը:

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մինչեւ Օգոստոս 10, 1986:

Աղօթող ենք Ձերդ Սրբութեան քաջաողջ եւ արեւշատ կեանքին համար:

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