



* * * ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL UPDATE * * *

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The ACYOA Central Council had its Fall meeting on October 28th at the Diocese to discuss objectives and goals for the coming year and to implement national and regional programs and projects. As part of the Council's objective to increase communication within our Organization, this newsletter is the first of quarterly updates which you will receive following each meeting.

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COMMUNICATION

The Council's main goal this year is to improve overall communication within our Organization. In order to do this, however, the Council will need your

cooperation and support. We must keep the lines of communication open and work together to strengthen and improve the ACYOA. If you or your chapter needs any assistance from the Council, do not hesitate to contact us. A list of the 1989-90 ACYOA Central Council members with their respective regional and program assignments is attached.

Also attached is a list of Chapter Chairman and Parish Contacts. This list is current as of November 17, 1989. If elections have been held, please notify me so that I can update our records.

CHAPTER "A" AWARD/CHAPTER "A" ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The ACYOA Chapter "A" Award, annually given to the chapter that best fulfills the standards and requirements set forth by the ACYOA Central Council, is based on a point system, whereby the chapter accumulating the most total points wins. Chapters accumulating a pre-determined number of points receive an Achievement Award. The awarding of points is based on: (1) the fulfillment of certain obligations to the National Organization; (2) a balanced schedule of local chapter activities; and (3) service within the parish and local communities. The winning chapter is then sent to a new, inactive, or reorganized chapter to assist in the organizing of programs and the implementation of strategies to help increase the chapter's membership.

The Central Council has included an additional criterion this year: **Annual Fund Raising Activity**. The Council is requesting that each chapter sponsor a fund raising event, at the chapter's discretion, and forward the proceeds to the Council for national and regional programs. In this way, chapters can assist in the process of creating and upgrading ACYOA programming, as the success of each program is dependent upon the cooperation and efforts of everyone. A complete copy of the Chapter "A" Award Guidelines with explanations thereto is attached.

The 1989 ACYOA Chapter "A" Award was won by the Providence chapter. They will be visiting the Livingston chapter on January 20th.

Last year's race was close and will probably be close again this year. So keep your calendar rolling. You never know -- YOUR CHAPTER MAY BE NEXT!

1989 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Central Council thoroughly reviewed the Minutes of the 1989 General Assembly. The Minutes are being prepared in final form and will be sent to all chapter chairmen, clergy, and delegates early next year. In the meantime, a summary of the Proposals and Constitutional Amendments passed by the delegates is attached.

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The Fall issue is currently in production and planning for the Winter issue has already begun. Being a part of the creation and production of the new quarterly was very educational and rewarding for me. I'm sure it will prove to be the same for this year's Coordinator, Laurie Onanian.

1990 ACYOA ANNIVERSARY BALLS

The Council is accepting bids to host the four regional anniversary balls for 1990. If your chapter wishes to bid, it must: (1) receive the approval of your Parish Priest and Parish Council; and (2) send a formal letter (to my attention) with a general outline of a possible itinerary and possible location of events. A copy of the Anniversary Ball Guidelines is attached.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Last year former Central Council member and General Assembly Chairman, David Onanian, challenged the delegates to make an investment in the Organization through a monetary donation. David pledged to donate dollar for dollar, up to \$100.00, for each donation made by a delegate. Through David's generosity and the efforts of the National Fund Raising Committee, led by Chairman, Greg Arpajian, \$3,400.00 was raised. The money will be placed in the ACYOA Armenian Church Endowment Fund and the interest generated will be used towards ACYOA programming. We thank David, Greg, and the members of last year's committee for a job well done.

The 1989-90 National Fund Raising Committee, under the leadership of Co-Chairmen, Stephanie Masoian and Linda Minassian, is working on several projects for the coming year. Stephanie and Linda presented their ideas to the Council and have scheduled their first meeting for December 3rd in Providence. Ideas include regional art shows, a concert, a raffle, and a long-term investment project.

DUES, DUES, DUES

Please remember that 1990 dues are due by January 1, 1990. Monies and Membership Renewal Forms (a copy of which is also attached) should be sent to Greg Arpajian, the ACYOA Central Council Treasurer. This year, the Membership Directory will be included in the Membership Handbook. If dues are not received by January 1, 1990, individuals may not be included in the Directory.

ACYOA CULTURAL DAY

The ACYOA Cultural Day will be held on Saturday, December 2, 1989 in Washington, D.C and hosted by the Washington ACYOA Seniors. The symposium

is sponsored by the ACYOA Central Council and organized by the Armenian Language Lab and Resource Center (ALLARC) under the direction of ALLARC Director, Sylvia Der Stepanian. The theme for the symposium is "Charting The Course For A Golden Era," and will include the Rev. Dr. Krikor Maksoudian, Editor of The Armenian Church, who will discuss how we can use our history to plan for the future and educate ourselves as well as future generations; Ara Kalaydjian, Editor of the Armenian-Mirror Spectator who will talk about the current issues and political crises facing our people; and John Vartan, who will ask participants to "Name That Tune." The program runs from 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and includes breakfast, lunch, refreshments, and dinner. There is no charge for ACYOA dues-paid members.

ACYOA CULTURAL WEEKEND

One of our most successful programs, this year's Cultural Weekend looks very promising. The theme is a contemporary one and speakers will include perennial favorite, Dr. Dennis Papazian.

ACYOA MARTYRS' DAY PROGRAM

As it has done in the past, the ACYOA will again sponsor a Martyrs' Day Program at the Diocese in New York City on April 21, 1990. Since 1990 marks the 75th Anniversary of the Commemoration of the Genocide, the Council is requesting each chapter to sponsor a "Hokejash" (memorial meal) and program on Sunday, April 22, 1990 following church services, as part of a unified organizational effort. Details will be forthcoming.

NEXT CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Central Council's Winter Meeting is scheduled for January 12-13, 1990. If you have issues which your chapter feels the Council should include in its agenda, please let me know.

I sincerely apologize for the delay in getting this first very important piece of communication out to you. This has been a new transition for me and it took a little more time to get things in order. I hope to get to know many of you as the year rolls along and be able to assist you in any way I can. Please remember that it is only with your support, cooperation, and communication, that the Council can complete its responsibilities with a "hye" level of efficiency.

On behalf of the Council, I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. (Hoping, of course, that you receive this by Thanksgiving).

