

**1991 A.C.Y.O.A.  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND**

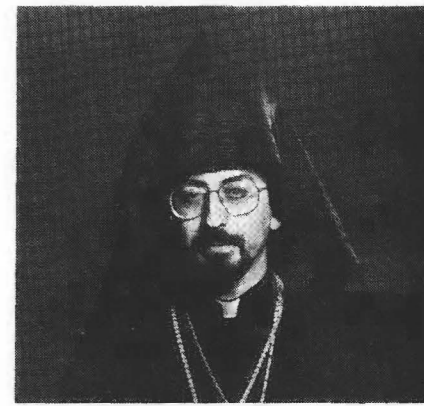


*To be dedicated  
and devoted  
servant of God and  
the Armenians*



## Pledge

I solemnly promise and declare upon my honor, that as a member of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, I shall, to the best of my ability, be a faithful son of the Armenian Church: shall be a devoted upholder of the Armenian cultural heritage: shall be a loyal citizen of the United States: and I shall diligently abide by the objects, policies and decisions of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. I shall not strive for personal recognition and pleasure, but will serve our Church, or Community, and our Country, for the greater glory of God.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRIMATE

On the occasion of the 21st Annual Sports Weekend of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, I extend my heartfelt greetings and congratulations to the ACYOA and its entire membership.

In the United States, it is customary to regard a twenty-first birthday as a watershed in the life of the individual: it marks an initiation into the full rights and privileges of the community-at-large, and a concomitant broadening of the scope of responsibilities one bears in the society.

And so it is fitting that, as we gather for this 21st Sports Weekend, the ACYOA itself is about to cross its own threshold of maturity, as the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America embarks upon an ambitious project to revitalize its entire mission to our youth, to young adults and to the families which provide the bedrock for the life of the Church.

Throughout the past year, I have consulted in both formal and informal settings with your peers, with ACYOA leaders, with clergy and Diocesan delegates to discuss the strengths and weaknesses, the requirements and possibilities of the various organizations which cater to the youth of our Diocese. Through this dialogue, the plan for a new Department of Youth Ministry began to take shape—a blueprint which builds upon the vibrant successes of the past, while meeting the needs of contemporary youth and young adults.

This Assembly and sports competition at the St. George Church of Hartford—which have brought together so many young Armenians from across the Diocese—is a vindication of our efforts to revitalize the Church's mission to her posterity. And your own continual acceptance of the mantle of responsibility is a ringing endorsement of your enthusiasm for the faith of your fathers and mothers.

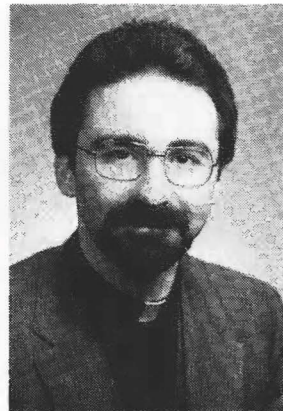
Indeed, in Armenian communities around the world—in the homeland as well as throughout the diaspora—our people are experiencing the thrill of rediscovering our singular Christian heritage. Satisfying this spiritual hunger is a mighty task for the Church, but the participation and devotion of your generation will invigorate this mission. I encourage each and all of you to seize a role in this historic enterprise.

The torch of our ancestral faith has been passed to you, the latest generation of Armenians. All of the hopes and prayers of your elders are with you, as together we prepare to enter an exciting new chapter in the history of the Armenian Church of America.

With prayers,

*Bp. K. Barsamian*

Bishop Khajag Barsamian  
Primate



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REV. YEPREM KELEGIAN  
Pastor

Dear ACYOA Members,

"When two (Armenians) meet anywhere in the world, see if they will not create a new Armenia."

(William Saroyan)

If it takes only two Armenians to create a new Armenia, imagine what can be done with the hundreds of young Armenians gathered for this weekend! WELCOME! I know we will have a great time this weekend in fellowship, during the sports, at the dances and Cafe Hagop and in worship together.

On a serious note: If we were to look at the opposite of Saroyan's statement it might read: "When two or more Armenians do not get together, see if there won't be extinction."

As the "Kharpetzis" say, "Let's sit crooked, but talk straight" ("Dzoor nusdeenk, sheedag khoseenk", i.e., Let's speak honestly). The reality of Armenians in America is a disunited church and many disunited organizations, none working in concert with the other. It almost seems that the sum of the parts of the Armenian community in America does not equal a whole body.

The third generation of Armenians in America, YOU, is about to take over the reins. Do a better job than the first two generations. There is, of course, only one way to have Armenians work together and in harmony. The only way to get from the reality we are now in and over to the myth of Armenians united is the "isthmus" of Jesus Christ. We must cross over through Him if we are to have any future in America.

I pray that, as each of you individually transcend yourselves looking for a deeper reality, you find the love of Jesus Christ which will lead you to love for your brothers and sisters. Jesus Christ is the only way to having one people, one Church.

Prayerfully,

Fr. Yeprem Kelegian  
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Dear Fellow Members and Friends:

On behalf of the ACYOA Central Council, I welcome everyone to the 1991 ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

The National Sports Weekend has attracted several hundred young adults each year throughout the past two decades and has grown to be our most successful affair. This year is no exception. The Hartford ACYOA has been preparing diligently all year long and deserves much praise for its efforts in organizing yet another successful Weekend.

During my past nine years of participation in the General Assembly and National Sports Weekend, I have gained many friends and have had the privilege of interacting with many communities which have taken great pride in welcoming the ACYOA with open arms. Serving on the ACYOA Central Council for the past four years has been very rewarding and will bring me many fond memories for years to come.

I congratulate the ACYOA on its 45th Anniversary, look forward to the future growth of the organization in its service to the Armenian Church, and hope that the years ahead will be joyous ones for many!

Sincerely,

Lisa Manookian  
Chairman  
ACYOA Central Council

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF ARMENIA

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REV. YEPREM KELEGIAN  
Pastor

### Dear Friends,

On this the 45th anniversary of the A.C.Y.O.A. I welcome you with heartfelt love and friendship. As the Chairperson of the Hartford Chapter I have been involved with many adventures this past year. The Chapter "A" award was a great honor which we all cherish. Being able to experience the A.C.Y.O.A. Sports Weekend in Vancouver B.C., gave me many memorable and joyous experiences. Those Canadians know how to have fun!!!! Last but not least planning Sports Weekend 1991 has made me aware of the number of friends and relatives that I have come to count on the past year.

Our church family surely came out in full force to enable us to put on this Weekend. Without their help, long hours, and total dedication we would never have been able to pull it off. To them I send a special "Thank You".

Being a part of the A.C.Y.O.A. allows us all to experience a bond of spirit and ethnicity that we are able to carry throughout a lifetime. True and loyal friendships have been made from our travels to a different location each year. This year our church and the world have been through hard times, yet we still survive. It is my personal wish that the A.C.Y.O.A. grow and prosper, proving that the young can achieve all that they set out to do.

Youth is the future and will make the world a better place. May we all grow old together and share our love for one another until the end of time.

Together, Richard Mardirosian and I, have tried to create a very special weekend. We hope all our dreams of the best Sports Weekend of all time have come true, only the future will tell . . .

May the Lord carry us into the future together.

*Much love and happiness always,*



**Christine K. Shooshan**  
Chairperson, Hartford ACYOA  
1991 Co-Chair Sports Weekend

### ANCIENT ARMENIA

Archeology has extended the prehistory of Armenia to the Acheullan age of 500,000 B.C. The people of Armenia, the Caucasians, began expanding throughout the Near East at that time, and subsequently introduced neolithic culture to Europe. The first period of prosperity was enjoyed by inhabitants of the Armenian upland in the third millennium B.C. These people were among the first to forge bronze, invent the wheel, and cultivate grapes.

The Armenian nation entered upon the arena of history some 600 years B.C. Present day research has established that the Armenians are descendants of the Urartians, and were occupying the plain of Ararat since at least the second millennium. The Urartians had attained a high level of civilization which determined the cultural future of ancient Armenia. Cuneiform writing, agriculture, animal husbandry, horticulture and metallurgy were all part of the Urartian civilization. The Urartians used highly developed techniques of irrigation and construction of fortified cities. In fact, one of the Urartian canals is still in operation today in the city of Van (now Turkey). The fall of the Urartian kingdom allowed the stronger, more powerful people of that region, the Hayas, to give rise to their nation — Armenia.

### CHRISTIANITY

Armenians hold the distinction of being the first nation to declare Christianity as its state religion. They have the oldest Christian Cathedral in existence. Christianity was preached in Armenia by the apostles Thaddeus and Bartholomew some 30 years after the death of Christ.

By 301, King Tiridates III was converted to Christianity by St. Gregory the Illuminator, and officially established Christianity as the national faith, 12 years before Constantine signed the Edict of Milan (313) which allowed Christians in the Roman Empire to freely practice their faith. St. Gregory was the first in a continuous succession of 130 Catholicos (Patriarchs) in the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Holy Etchmiadzin (now in Soviet Armenia) became the seat of the Catholicate of the entire Armenian nation in the fourth century, and is so today. It has never ceased to be a revered sanctuary, even when the Mother See was temporarily moved to distant locations, because of political considerations.

### ECCLESIASTICAL ARCHITECTURE

Many scholars believe that Armenian churches were the prototype of the Gothic style of architecture. According to some, fourth-century Armenian architects were the first to introduce the square building with a single dome and niches which serve as abutments in the longitudinal, transverse and diagonal axes.

Among the oldest Armenian churches are the Cathedral of Etchmiadzin (4th century), the churches of Avian (6 century) and St. Hripsime (7th century), and the Cathedral of Ani (10th century).

Armenian architects have been credited with designing the Cathedral of Theodoricus in Ravenna, Italy, and repairing the St. Sophia in Constantinople (Istanbul) after an earthquake in the 9th century.

### THE ARMENIAN LANGUAGE AND ALPHABET

The Armenian language, reflecting its ancient legacy, contains Caucasian roots, and is an independent branch of the Indo-European family. It is an extremely precise language. Due to its utter lack of ambiguity, the Armenian language was recommended by anthropologist Margaret Mead for use as an international language.

The Armenian alphabet was invented by the scribe Mesrob Mashotz (later canonized) in 404 A.D., at a time when Armenian religious and cultural integrity were threatened by dogged attempts by the prevailing Sassanid Persian regime to assimilate the Armenian population.

Although the invention of writing in Armenian was intended to facilitate the creation of a Christian literature in the mother tongue, it was not devoid of a political significance. It ultimately worked to consolidate the Armenian identity in the face of constant threats by surrounding powers to assimilate the Armenians. The first sentence written in Armenian using most of its 36 letters derives from the Bible: "That men may know wisdom and instruction, understand words of insight." In Armenian this quote is written:

### ARMENIA TODAY

The Armenian nation has survived a long and turbulent history. Armenia is both an industrial and agricultural country, its rate of industrial production is rising. Armenia's Academy of Sciences has made the 2,760-year-old capital city of Yerevan an important center for scientific research, especially in astrophysics, stellar astronomy, and physics.

In the arts, Armenians have excelled in architecture and music. A national symphony, string quartet, song and dance ensemble, and opera are testimony to the cultural variety available in the republic of Armenia. The Matenadaran in Yerevan is one of the largest, most important archives of ancient Middle Eastern manuscripts in the world.

### MONUMENT TO THE ARMENIAN MARTYRS

Today, Armenians can be found in every corner of the globe. Every year on April 24, Armenians around the world commemorate the great tragedy which befell the Armenian nation in 1915 when 2 million Armenians, or 75% of the entire population, were massacred by the Turks. This was the first act of genocide in modern times.

In Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, a majestic monument is erected in memory of the victims of the Genocide. The monument is situated on a high vantage point overlooking the city.

Twelve pylons arranged in a circle lean inward toward the eternal flame which burns in the center as a symbol of the sorrow of the Armenian people. Each pylon represents a province of Armenia.

A tall needle-like spire stands a few feet away, symbolizing the resurrection of the Armenian nation and the indomitable Armenian spirit. The inner section represents the Armenians in the diaspora, and the outer section, the Armenian Motherland, which nurtures and protects Armenians around the world.

## POETS OF THE ARMENIAN PEOPLE

If you wish to know about a nation, read her poets. The following is a selection of Armenian poets from the fifth through the twentieth centuries. Let us learn about the Armenian Nation.

**MESROB MASHDOTZ (350-439), at the age of 40, turned from a secular life to live as a monk dedicated to God. Finding a written Bible necessary in order to preach about Christ, Mesrob set out to invent an Armenian alphabet. The following poems emphasize the need he feels for repentance and his great love for God.**

I am near to drowning.  
Help me, O Good Captain.  
The burden of my sins are upon me.

God, hasten to help me,  
for the depths of evil are drowning me.  
But you, Good Captain, give me your hand  
And save me from the danger of the shipwreck  
In the waves of the sea,  
For I am lost in my sins.

**KRIKOR OF NAREG (951-1003) was a monk in the Lake Van region. The "Lamentations", his greatest work, eloquently speak to the soul of every person. The following excerpts, for instance, seem more applicable to this modern age rather than the tenth century.**

### I WONDER

Will it be possible to see the sad and tired heart of this grieved soul in bliss?  
And will it be possible to expect to see the eternally damaged image of nature once again eternally alive?  
And will it be possible for me to see the destroyed tabernacle of my wretchedness once again restored?  
And will I see the native splendor of your radiance appearing to me in mercy?  
Will I ever see the saddest aspect of my soul smile?  
Will I ever hear instead of the voice of bad news the proclamation of good tidings sent to me?  
And will I see the myriad destruction of my damaged vessel reformed?  
And will it be possible for the windows of the eyes of the mind to see the bond of my sin torn up?  
And will the day of my anguish be revealed, dawning for me by the goodness of the grace of forgiveness?  
I wonder.

(But) if the light of compassion be shown to me  
If the door of mercy be opened,  
If the beam of your glory be propagated,  
If your care be revealed . . .  
If the flow of your pure love gush out . . .  
Then I will receive the confidence of a firm hope . . .  
Yea, for everyone, in every way, in everything,  
You are capable, O Compassionate one!

**NERSESS SHNORHALI (1102-1173) is the greatest classical Armenian poet, next to Krikor of Nareg. The following are excerpts from his greatest work, "Jesus, the Son" (translated by Mischa Kudian):**

### THE PASSION OF CHRIST

O, you who did receive terrible strokes  
of the whip, all over your body . . .  
Heal me yet again . . .

They put a crown of thorns on your head . . .  
Pull out from me my thorns of sin . . .

On that Friday, at the third hour,  
the day Adam was deceived,  
You were nailed to the cross, O Lord.  
The hands that created the earth  
You did extend upon the cross,  
In place of Adam's and Eve's which stretched forth  
To pluck death from the tree.

### THE RESURRECTION

From the new, virgin tomb you did rise  
In the body, born of the Virgin . . .  
You did manifest yourself to Mary Magdalene . . .  
Permit me then to come near to you with my unworthy soul.  
You did appear to the eleven Apostles  
When the doors were shut for the night . . .  
I have kept shut my soul and the doors of mind against your  
Word . . .  
Lord, open the curtains within my heart and let the bright light  
shine in.

**DANIEL VAROUJAN (1884-1915) was among the first intellectuals rounded up by the Turks before the 1915 Genocide. Varoujan's works contain rich and sensual imagery as in this poem translated by Diana Der Hovanesian.**

### TILLERS

The tillers of my village, spawned from soil,  
sow back jewels of sweat into nature's crown.  
Daylight palpitates under their wooly chests,  
runs like wet sun in their veins.

The earth's womb throbs under their hard gait  
but no green sprout dies.

On Sunday the tillers stand heads bent  
their hair like tasseled wheat, chaff-light;  
their forehead furrows, where God germinates  
and harvests good, shining and reverent.

The lymph of seasons sings in their blood;  
their hands are anointed by the ox,  
their coats by myrrh of barns.  
Spring is baptized and buds forth  
out of the equinox of their palms.

**SIAMANTO (1878-1915) spoke for all the poets who witnessed the Genocide. His poetry "was a balm for the wounds of the fatally wounded"; his poetry was a rainbow that brought to the frightened Armenians the magic of serenity. (From "Siamanto", by Haig Allahverdian, appearing in Ararat, Autumn, 1976)**

### THE THIRST

Kneeling on the distant soil of sorrow,  
My soul is witnessing the death of tomorrow;  
Feeling inside the fury of its own helpless  
rage and impotence,  
My soul is absorbing the pus of earth and  
violence . . .

All the twinkling stars of murdered lives,  
Like wounded eyes, this evening,  
Right in the deep recesses of my heart,  
Suffer the pain of patience, the pain of  
despair . . .

And the spirits of all the dead, tonight,  
Through my own eyes and soul,  
Are awaiting the dawning of the light,  
So that, to humanize the cruelty,  
Of our inhuman lives,  
Perhaps from above a drop of light,  
May fall upon the murdered and murderer alike. . . .

**VAHAN TEKEYAN (1878-1948) escaped the Genocide. Some of his poems show the pain caused by the Genocide (as in "Diaspora") and others give hope for the future (as in "Prayer").**

### DIASPORA

It wavers, moaning like a sea  
or a forest being moved away.  
Not tossed, nor bent by a wind merely,  
but upheaved by terrible earthquakes.

One by one, blade by blade, like grass  
pulled from its ancient fields, it dries.  
Life is separated and departs.  
Without its own soil it dies.

God of growing things, what request  
shall I address to you? Should I pray  
for painless life? For rest?  
Otherwise, burning for vengeance the way

it does, it will burn and spread fire  
looking backward, all the while.

### PRAYER ON THE THRESHOLD OF TOMORROW

Look. New sprouts push through the fields.  
But which are thorns and which wheat  
I do not know. Perhaps to the appetite  
that is sated all is chaff  
while to the hungry all is wheat.

Undistinguishable sounds, blows, footfalls  
thud in the distance, an agonizing attack  
where the oppressed are planting red  
flames with their blood.  
And the rains sweat and expand  
into floods that shake the walls  
of the oldest dams.

Lord, now is the time to send  
your wisdom and kindness  
to the tortured who, although  
they have forgotten, need you as they hurl  
themselves closer to the precipice.

Oh, God, who trimmed the wick of the mind  
and poured the oil of life, do not let  
your lamps be overturned.  
Let them illuminate paths to your truth.

Plant love in the eyes of today's  
and tomorrow's mighty. Do not let  
their hearts close.

And do not let the hearts of the child  
and the aged be strangers  
to tenderness and hope.

Let the struggle of our time be short.  
Let it be settled with justice.

Let the fortress of egos,  
that huge barricade,  
crumble. And let every treasure  
go to every man. Let every garden  
gate be open. But let no flower be crushed.  
No single branch fall.

The following poem is by Diana Der Hovanesian, a contemporary Armenian poet. This poem is from her recent book, "Songs of Bread, Songs of Salt".

### THREE POETS, 1915

#### VAROUJAN

The great Armenian epic,  
that is what I was working on.  
And when I would read segments  
to my students their eyes would fill  
with the deep secret of their past.  
It was like owning a huge gem  
we alone knew about. I polished it  
in a secret room. When the Turks  
hauled me out in April to my death  
they found the stone, still rough,  
and tossed it into the great fire.

#### SIAMANTO

My greatest rhythms rolled out  
when I spoke, resurrecting my people's  
hopes. I told them to build muscle  
and break the ropes. And when I wrote  
I heard Narek breathe in my poems.  
Narek set the pace. For centuries  
our legacy. Yet so many children do not  
claim their inheritance, forbidden to learn  
their letters. Some wear his poems  
like talismans waiting to learn. I praise  
the worlds that link us stronger than blood.

#### TEKEYAN

Older than one, the same age as the other,  
I outlived both only because  
I was in Jerusalem when the great crime came.  
Brothers, I write every day now,  
honing, honing, I rewrite and reshape.  
Poems have become my wife and children.  
Editorials are my letters home  
but to no address that I own. I write out  
the burden of having lived,  
the terrible burden of having survived.

YEGHISHE CHARENTS (1897-1937) was a strong and clear voice for the Armenian people. The following poem (translated by Aram Tolegian) speaks about Armenia for all Armenians.

### SUN-FLAVORED SPEECH

I love my sweet Armenia's sun-flavored speech,  
I love the plaintive musings of our ancient saz,  
The crimson flowers, the burning fragrance of roses,  
And the tender-bodied dance of the Nairean girls I love.  
  
I love our evening dark sky, the transparent water, the flashing lake,  
The summer sun, and winter's dragon hissing a grand blizzard,  
The forbidding black walls of huts, lost in the night,  
And the stones of a thousand years and ancient towns.  
  
Wherever I may be, I won't forget our songs of sorrow,  
Nor forget our metal-graved books, now prayers to us,  
However deeply our bloody suffering probes my heart,  
I shall yet love my wounded, orphaned sweet Armenia.  
  
My heart shall long to know no other tale:  
Naregatsi, Kouchag - who now possesses their haloed brows?  
Roam round the world, you'll not find a peak white as Ararat;  
As the path of glory is endless, so is my love for the Massis mountain.

KEVORK EMIN, another great modern poet, speaks of the passion all Armenians have toward Mt. Ararat.

### ARARAT

We stand rooted,  
eyelashless, eye to eye,  
my mountain and I.  
  
Faith, they say moves mountains  
as Noah moved you into  
sight.  
  
I am filled with the same fanatic  
flood. And still we are planted  
stones.  
  
I curse my own immobility.  
Is it for nothing  
this is Ararat, I am an Armenian  
and we are apart.  
  
For how long? Satan knows.  
I am transient, I am mortal.  
I shall pass.  
  
And you, my mountain,  
will you never walk toward me?

PATRIARCH YEGHISHE TOURIAN (1860-1930) was not only a great intellectual and churchman, but he was one of the greatest poets.

### FOLLOW ME

And Jesus said to him,  
"Follow me" (John 21:19)

If you are taken toward the Jordan,  
Under the miracles of the opened heavens,  
I will come to enjoy the Gift of your Love,  
Those green places and paths of ease.

I will follow you if you take me  
Near the joyful gathering places of Cana  
Where the fragrant wine of your great casks  
Will make all the days of my life drunken with ecstasy.

Or, if you take me there, where tired  
And exhausted you sat at the well,  
And to the trough of your Live-Giving Water  
I come to cure the thirst of my vexations.

I come that I might be taken to Gennasaret,  
On the virgin banks of the sea,  
Where with the sweet flutters  
An echo, always, of your indelible words.

I am prepared to come, if you will take me  
To that uninhabited mountain top  
Where you put on the rays of sun and rose  
And I try to light the clouds in my dreams.

I come to the branches of the olive trees,  
There where you are totally greeted with victory  
And spreading my garments under your feet  
I run to embrace the majesty of your glory.

I come behind you as far as the upper room,  
The Last Supper taking my portion,  
And playing the song or allelujas,  
Through the valley of Sidoron I also pass smiling.

But I hesitate to come to Gethsemane,  
Where with sleep my eyes will become heavy,  
Perhaps so that they may sleep unto death,  
And take me away into the embrace of the great Nothingness.

Please, Please, don't call me further,  
Where the unrighteous beat you.  
Where next to the fire, like charcoal,  
I will not remain smoldering and turn to ash.

Ah, is it possible that I can follow you  
When the cross is on your shoulder and you ascend to  
Golgotha.

But what strong charm, what a violent force is it  
Which takes me there also with you?

Diana Der Hovanesian poetically explains how to be an Armenian:

### HOW TO BECOME AN ARMENIAN

"To be Armenian is bad luck  
and to choose to remain  
is a trial and obligation,"  
Avedik Isshakian claims.

But William Saroyan answers  
in the spirit of fun:  
"Being Armenian means merely  
saying you are one."

"After all those massacres,"  
my grandfather says,  
"to be born at all is a miracle;  
to remain just stubbornness."

"To be born Armenian," says my father,  
"is to inherit a cause and a case;  
to remain Armenian means using  
pen, plough and sword."

"To be Armenian means hoping,"  
Antranig Zaroukian writes,  
"When a plane crash is in the news,  
no Armenian is aboard."

To be Armenian means choosing  
Hittite and Urartuan roots.  
To remain Armenian means eating  
history's forbidden fruits.

"To be Armenian you love land  
held by others," Tavitian insists.  
Remaining Armenian means trusting  
justice that does not exist.

"To be born Armenian is to be orphaned,"  
Shiraz wrote in his poem.  
And to remain is believing  
mother and father wait for you at home.

Let us conclude with William Saroyan. With all of the recent turmoil in Armenia, we pray that Saroyan's words are prophetic.

I would like to see any power of the world destroy  
this race . . . this small tribe of unimportant people,  
whose wars have all been fought and lost, whose  
structures have crumbled, literature is unread, music  
is unheard and prayers are no more answered. Go ahead,  
destroy Armenia. See if you can do it. Send them into  
the desert without bread or water. Burn their homes  
and churches. Then see if they will not laugh, sing  
and pray again. For when two of them meet anywhere  
in the world, see if they will not create a new  
Armenia.

## MEMBERS OF THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

In 1975-76, the ACYOA was re-organized after several years of inactivity and disorganization. The following list of ACYOA Central Council members reflect those young men and women who have given their time and energy in an effort to maintain the national character of the official Youth Program of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America - the ACYOA.

1976 - Edward Kaiserian - Philadelphia David Onanian - Lowell Richard Takvorian - Watertown Lisa Mooradian - St. Louis Anna Garabedian - Springfield	1984 - Arda Nazerian - Bayside Vaughan Totovian - Watertown George Jevarjian - Detroit Melanie Barsamian - Detroit Sona Palvetzian - Toronto
1977 - Edward Kaiserian - Philadelphia Brian Bogosian - Lawrence Kerry Keysserian - Detroit Lisa Mooradian - St. Louis Janet Takvorian - Bayside	1985 - Arda Nazerian - Bayside George Jevarjian - Detroit Sona Palvetzian - Toronto Shake Ajamian - Bayside Susan Boyajian - Palos Heights
1978 - Paul Pogharian - Watertown Brian Bogosian - Lawrence* Michael Zeytoonian - Westchester Ronald Godoshian - Detroit Susan Minassian - Richmond Linda Minassian - Providence*	1986 - Shake Ajamian - Bayside Gary Tounsend - Lawrence Scott Najarian - Worcester Melina Spinuzza - Evanston Sara Martinian - Providence
1979 - Paul Pogharian - Watertown Michael Zeytoonian - Westchester Karnig Durgarian - Springfield Robert Dogramajian - Bayside Sona Yazijian - Chicago	1987 - Scott Najarian - Worcester Melina Spinuzza - Evanston Sara Andonian - Detroit Greg Saraydarian - Bayside Gary Townsend - Lawrence
1980 - Paul Pogharian - Watertown Karnig Durgarian - Springfield Michael Yapchaian - Watertown Sona Yazijian - Chicago Nancy Malkasian - Detroit	1988 - Scott Najarian - Worcester Sara Andonian - Detroit Melina Spinuzza - Evanston Lisa Manookian - Wynnwood Greg Saraydarian - Bayside
1981 - Michael Yapchaian - Watertown Mark Kazanjian - Lawrence Robert Borzakian - Boston Sona Yazijian - Chicago Nancy Banks - Detroit	1989 - Scott Najarian - Worcester Lisa Manookian - Wynnwood Melina Spinuzza - Evanston Suzie Ashjian - Westchester Laurie Onanian - Watertown
1982 - Mark Kazanjian - Lawrence Robert Borzakian - Boston Gary Hovhannessian - New Britain Ralph DerAsadourian - Evanston Susan Mousigian - Detroit	1990 - Lisa Manookian - Wynnwood Suzie Ashjian - Westchester Greg Arpajian - Cleveland* Greg Saraydarian - Bayside Laurie Onanian - Watertown Sonya Gasparian - Providence*
1983 - Susan Mousigian - Detroit Gary Hovhannessian - Detroit Vaughan Totovian - Watertown Ralph DerAsadourian - Evanston Melanie Barsamian - Worcester	1991 - Lisa Manookian - Wynnwood Charles Shooshan - Hartford Sara Andonian - Detroit Lynda Chagachbanian - Fair Lawn Steve Megrdochian - Providence Suzie Ashjian - Bayside Laurie Onanian - Watertown

\* Half Year  
First Name Indicates Chairman

## SPECIAL AWARDS OF ACYOA

CHARLES YAGHOBIAN INDIVIDUAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:  
(Initiated in 1978. Given to an individual based on sportsmanship-like character)

1978 - Jan Avakian - Wisconsin	1985 - Ararat Hacetian - St. Catherines
1979 - Shirley Toumayan - Watertown	1986 - Melina Spinuzza - Evanston
1980 - Ararat Hacetoglu - Toronto	1987 - Matthew Keurajian - Detroit
1981 - Richard Yerganian - Watertown	1988 - Gregory Arpajian - Cleveland
1982 - Malcom Sagherian - Westchester	1989 - Gregory Arpajian - Cleveland
1983 - Sevan Sirmakesyan - Montreal	1990 - Randy Dagley - Watertown
1984 - Steve Sarkisian - Watertown	

JOHN KULHANJIAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP:  
(Initiated in 1975. Based on Chapter participation in Sports Weekend Competition)

1975 - Merrimack Valley	1983 - Montreal
1976 - Bayside	1984 - St. Catherines
1977 - New Britain	1985 - Wisconsin/Palos Heights
1978 - Lawrence	1986 - Washington, D. C.
1979 - Toronto	1987 - Evanston
1980 - Cleveland	1988 - Cleveland
1981 - Palos Heights	1989 - Team Canada
1982 - Palos Heights	1990 - Washington, D.C.

MASIS AWARD:  
(Initiated in 1987. Awarded to the chapter with the highest average number of points per participant.)

1987 - Washington, D. C.
1988 - Cleveland
1989 - Greenfield
1990 - Greenfield

SAM NERSESIAN AWARD:  
(Initiated in 1979. Given to an individual of outstanding Christian character.)

1979 - Samuel Nersesian (posthumously) - St. Louis
1980 - Mariann Hovsepian - Detroit
1981 - Debbie Stephanian - Evanston
1982 - Gary Townsend - Lawrence
1983 - Steve Sarkisian - Watertown
1984 - Susan Boyajian - Palos Heights
1985 - Ronald Godoshian - Detroit
1986 - Beth Bilbilian - Worcester
1987 - Linda Ekizian - Washington, D. C.
1988 - Susan Bergoudian - Watertown
1989 - Robert Shamgochian - Worcester
1990 - Paula Bechakian - Watertown & Richard Madirosian - Hartford

ARCHBISHOP'S ESSAY AWARDS:  
(Initiated in 1982 - Armenian and English Categories)

- 1982 - English - Kevin Magarian  
1990 - English - Greg Norsigian - Hartford

BABAYAN CUP

Initiated in 1974. Awarded to the Chapter which scores the highest number of points in the various athletic competitions.

- |                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1974 - Detroit             | 1983 - Detroit    |
| 1975 - Detroit & Watertown | 1984 - Detroit    |
| 1976 - Detroit             | 1985 - Montreal   |
| 1977 - Detroit             | 1986 - Wynnewood  |
| 1978 - Watertown           | 1987 - Detroit    |
| 1979 - Wisconsin           | 1988 - Evanston   |
| 1980 - Detroit             | 1989 - Greenfield |
| 1981 - Detroit             | 1990 - Greenfield |
| 1982 - Detroit             |                   |

ACYOA CHAPTER "A" AWARD

Initiated in 1952. Central Council Award to the Most Outstanding Chapter of the Year:

- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1952 - Detroit, MI            | 1972 - (not awarded)     |
| 1953 - Cleveland, OH          | 1973 - (not awarded)     |
| 1954 - Detroit, MI            | 1974 - (not awarded)     |
| 1955 - Union City, NJ         | 1975 - (not awarded)     |
| 1956 - Watertown, MA          | 1976 - Watertown, MA     |
| 1957 - Holy Cross - NYC, NY   | 1977 - Detroit, MI       |
| 1958 - North Philadelphia, PA | 1978 - Bayside, NY       |
| 1959 - Worcester, MA          | 1979 - Cheltenham, PA    |
| 1960 - Detroit, MI            | 1980 - Lawrence, MA      |
| 1961 - Detroit, MI            | 1981 - Palos Heights, IL |
| 1962 - Worcester, MA          | 1982 - Cleveland, OH     |
| 1963 - Toronto, ONT           | 1983 - Wisconsin         |
| 1964 - Toronto, ONT           | 1984 - Palos Heights, IL |
| 1965 - Long Island, NY        | 1985 - Watertown, MA     |
| 1966 - Racine, WI             | 1986 - Worcester, MA     |
| 1967 - Montreal, QUE          | 1987 - Watertown, MA     |
| 1968 - Richmond, VA           | 1988 - Watertown, MA     |
| 1969 - Watertown, MA          | 1989 - Providence, RI    |
| 1970 - E. St. Louis, IL       | 1990 - Hartford, CT      |
| 1971 - Detroit, MI            |                          |

**ACYOA NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND RECORDS**

YEARS AND HOST CHAPTERS

- |                     |                         |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1970 - Watertown    | 1978 - Providence       | 1986 - Wynnewood  |
| 1971 - Detroit      | 1979 - Wisconsin        | 1987 - Detroit    |
| 1972 - Springfield  | 1980 - Watertown        | 1988 - Providence |
| 1973 - Philadelphia | 1981 - Evanston-Chicago | 1989 - Houston    |
| 1974 - Toronto      | 1982 - New Britain      | 1990 - Cleveland  |
| 1975 - Miami        | 1983 - Toronto          | 1991 - Hartford   |
| 1976 - Lowell       | 1984 - Palos Heights    |                   |
| 1977 - Detroit      | 1985 - Worcester        |                   |

EVENTS

AQUATICS:

- |                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1970 - (no sports report - NSR) | 1973 - (not offered - NOF)      |
| 1971 - (no sports report - NSR) | 1974 - (no sports report - NSR) |
| 1972 - (not offered - NOF)      | 1975 - (no sports report - NSR) |

1976 - Women's Division

- |              |                              |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| Breaststroke | - Karen Avakian - Midwest    |
| Freestyle    | - Nancy Madanian - Watertown |

Men's Division

- |              |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Breaststroke | - Mike Donigan - Midwest |
| Freestyle    | - Mike Donigan - Midwest |

1977 - Women's Division

- |                 |                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Breaststroke    | - Karen Avakian - Greenfield    |
| Backstroke      | - Ellen Bogosian - Greenfield   |
| Freestyle       | - Renee Giragosian - Greenfield |
| Freestyle Relay | - Greenfield                    |

Men's Division

- |                 |                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Breaststroke    | - Alan Simonian - Greenfield |
| Backstroke      | - Steve Kashian - Greenfield |
| Freestyle       | - Mike Donigan - Greenfield  |
| Freestyle Relay | - Greenfield                 |

1978 - Women's Division

- |                 |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Breaststroke    | - Andrea McCauley - Watertown |
| Backstroke      | - Andrea McCauley - Watertown |
| Freestyle       | - Ellen Bogosian - Wisconsin  |
| Freestyle Relay | - Wisconsin                   |

Men's Division

- |                 |                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Breaststroke    | - Charles Cholmakjian - Detroit |
| Backstroke      | - Steve Kashian - Wisconsin     |
| Freestyle       | - Steve Mardigian - Detroit     |
| Freestyle Relay | - Wisconsin                     |



1979 - Women's Division

Breaststroke - Ellen Bogosian - Wisconsin  
 Backstroke - Holly Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Freestyle - Gail Giragosian - Wisconsin  
 Freestyle Relay - Wisconsin

Men's Division

Breaststroke - Ronnie Semerjian - Providence  
 Backstroke - Dave Onanian - Lowell  
 Freestyle - Steve Mardigan - Detroit  
 Freestyle Relay - Wisconsin

1980 - Women's Division

Breaststroke - Ellen Bogosian - Palos Heights  
 Backstroke - Holly Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Freestyle - Karen Pagerian - Wisconsin  
 Freestyle Relay - Palos Heights

Men's Division

Breaststroke - Don Haroutunian - Providence  
 Backstroke - Don Haroutunian - Providence  
 Freestyle - Don Haroutunian - Providence  
 Freestyle Relay - Palos Heights

1981 - Women's Division

Breaststroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Backstroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Freestyle - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Freestyle Relay - NOF

Men's Division

Breaststroke - Paul Raphaelian - Chicago  
 Backstroke - Mark Torosian - Detroit  
 Freestyle - Keg Giragosian - Palos Heights  
 Freestyle Relay - Palos Heights

1982 - Women's Division

Breaststroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Backstroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Freestyle - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Freestyle Relay - Palos Heights

Men's Division

Breaststroke - Myles Couyoumjian - Detroit  
 Backstroke - NOF  
 Freestyle - Keg Giragosian - Palos Heights  
 Freestyle Relay - Lawrence

1983 - Women's Division

Breaststroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Backstroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Freestyle - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Freestyle Relay - NOF

Men's Division

Breaststroke - Harry Sakarya - Toronto  
 Backstroke - Alain Tchaderjian - Montreal  
 Freestyle - Kevin Giragosian - Palos Heights  
 Freestyle Relay - NOF

1984 - Women's Division

Breaststroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Backstroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Freestyle - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin  
 Freestyle Relay - Palos Heights

Men's Division

Breaststroke - Garo Emerzian - Palos Heights  
 Backstroke - Garo Emerzian - Palos Heights  
 Freestyle - Garo Emerzian - Palos Heights  
 Freestyle Relay - Palos Heights

1985 - Women's Division

Breaststroke - Sandrine Mirasxedi - Montreal  
 Backstroke - Sandrine Mirasxedi - Montreal  
 Freestyle - Sandrine Mirasxedi - Montreal  
 Freestyle Relay - Wisconsin/Palos Heights

Men's Division

Breaststroke - Aram Kazanjian - Montreal  
 Backstroke - Alan Fenerdjian - Montreal  
 Freestyle - Keg Giragosian - Wisconsin/Palos Heights  
 Freestyle Relay - Montreal

1986 - Women's Division

Breaststroke - Lisa Kazanjian - Wynnewood  
 Backstroke - Lisa Kazanjian - Wynnewood  
 Freestyle - Tina Pakhtigian - Wynnewood  
 Freestyle Relay - NOF

Men's Division

Breaststroke - Mike Voskian - Northern New Jersey  
 Backstroke - Vahe Baboomian - Northern New Jersey  
 Freestyle - Mike Voskian - Northern New Jersey  
 Freestyle Relay - Lawrence

1987 - Women's Division

Breaststroke - Lisa Kazanjian - Wynnewood  
 Backstroke - Lisa Kazanjian - Wynnewood  
 Freestyle - Brenda Papazian - Watertown  
 Freestyle Relay - NOF

Men's Division

Breaststroke - Neal Stewart - St. Catherines  
 Backstroke - Neal Stewart - St. Catherines  
 Freestyle - Neal Stewart - St. Catherines  
 Freestyle Relay - St. Catherines

1988 - Women's Division

Breaststroke - Yasmin Alpei - Toronto  
 Backstroke - Yasmin Alpei - Toronto  
 Freestyle - Yasmin Alpei - Toronto  
 Freestyle Relay - NOF

Men's Division

Breaststroke - Gregory Arpajian - Cleveland  
 Backstroke - Gregory Arpajian - Cleveland  
 Freestyle - Gregory Arpajian - Cleveland  
 Freestyle Relay - NOF

- 1989 - Women's Division  
 Breaststroke - NOF  
 Backstroke - Lisa Coloian - Evanston  
 Freestyle - Nayry Kessedjian - Western Diocese  
 Freestyle Relay - NOF  
Men's Division  
 Breaststroke - David Madajian - Western Diocese  
 Backstroke - Garo Emerzian - Greenfield  
 Freestyle - Garo Emerzian - Greenfield  
 Freestyle Relay - Greenfield

- 1990 - Women's Division  
 Breaststroke - Suzy Tamuzian - Greenfield  
 Backstroke - Suzy Tamuzian - Greenfield  
 Freestyle - Suzy Tamuzian - Greenfield  
 Freestyle Relay - NOF  
Men's Division  
 Breaststroke - Cliff Arslanian - Cleveland  
 Backstroke - Cliff Arslanian - Cleveland  
 Freestyle - Cliff Arslanian - Cleveland  
 Freestyle Relay - NOF

**CHESS:**

- 1970 - NSR  
 1971 - NSR  
 1972 - NOF  
 1973 - NOF  
 1974 - NSR  
 1975 - NSR  
 1976 - Craig Simonian - New Britain  
 1977 - Craig Simonian - New Britain  
 1978 - Craig Simonian & Guy Simonian  
           - New Britain (tied)  
 1979 - George Hadjinian - Wisconsin  
 1980 - Ken Hagopian - Watertown  
 1981 - Berj Basmajian - Toronto  
 1982 - Guy Simonian - New Britain  
 1983 - Raffi Chouldjian - Toronto  
 1984 - Robert Casement - St. Catherines  
 1985 - Kazar Terterian - Detroit  
 1986 - Simon Koumjian - Wynnewood  
 1987 - Steve Mekenian - Northern New Jersey  
 1988 - Steven Tourian -  
 1989 - Raffy Chouljian - Canadian Diocese  
 1990 - Norhan Yaseminci - Western Queens

**GOLF:**

- 1970 - NSR  
 1971 - NSR  
 1972 - NOF  
 1973 - NOF  
 1974 - NSR  
 1975 - NSR  
 1976 - Mark Kazanjian - Lawrence  
 1977 - Mark Kazanjian - Lawrence  
 1978 - Mark Najarian - Providence  
 1979 - Mike Kahayian - Detroit  
 1980 - Glenn Pulice - Detroit  
 1981 - John Dadian - Chicago  
 1982 - Glenn Pulice - Detroit  
 1983 - Palos Heights  
 1984 - Glenn Pulice - Detroit  
 1985 - Sam Sarkissian - St. Catherines  
 1986 - NOF  
 1987 - Matthew Minnetian - Northern New Jersey  
 1988 - Matthew Minnetian - Northern New Jersey  
 1989 - John Nersessian - Livingston/Union City  
 1990 - NOF

**TABLE TENNIS:**

- 1970 - NSR  
 1971 - NSR  
 1972 - Martin Nahigian - Boston  
 1973 - Arnold Peckjian - Wynnewood  
 1974 - NSR  
 1975 - NSR  
 1976 - Men's Division  
 Singles - Bedros Sarkisian - Westchester  
 Doubles - Sarkis Soukiasian & Ken Hagopian - Watertown  
 1977 - Men's Division  
 Singles - Bedros Sarkisian - Westchester  
 Doubles - Dave Kazanjian & Brian Bogosian - Lawrence  
 1978 - Women's Division  
 Singles - Jessica Papazian - Providence  
 Doubles - NOF  
Men's Division  
 Singles - Ken Hagopian - Watertown  
 Doubles - Gary Reizian & Bob Simonian - Detroit  
 1979 - Women's Division  
 Singles - Lori Cherian - Toronto  
 Doubles - NOF  
Men's Division  
 Singles - Mickey Mardirosian - Detroit  
 Doubles - Dave Kazanjian & Brian Bogosian - Lawrence  
 1980 - Women's Division  
 Singles - Lori Cherian - Toronto  
 Doubles - NOF  
Men's Division  
 Singles - Krikor Zamroutian - Toronto  
 Doubles - Krikor Zamroutian & Hampartzoum Sahsuvaroglu - Toronto  
 1981 - Women's Division  
 Singles - Lori Cherian - Boston  
 Doubles - NOF  
Men's Division  
 Singles - Hagop Demirjian - Cleveland  
 Doubles - Hagop Demirjian & Charlie Arslanian - Cleveland  
 1982 - Women's Division  
 Singles - Lorraine Peters - Northern New Jersey  
 Doubles - NOF  
Men's Division  
 Singles - Krikor Zamroutian - Toronto  
 Doubles - NOF  
Mixed Doubles - Krikor Zamroutian & Mary Jamkoshian - Toronto

1983 - Women's Division  
 Singles - Aline Egayan - Montreal  
 Doubles - NOF  
Men's Division  
 Singles - Hampo Hovagimian - Toronto  
 Doubles - NOF  
 Mixed Doubles - Aline Egayan & Alain Tchaderjian - Montreal

1984 - Women's Division  
 Singles - Kiana Kayserian - Detroit  
 Doubles - NOF  
Men's Division  
 Singles - Nick Akgulian - Wisconsin  
 Doubles - NOF  
 Mixed Doubles - Montreal

1985 - Women's Division  
 Singles - Kiana Kayserian - Detroit  
 Doubles - NOF  
Men's Division  
 Singles - Jeff Tchaderjian - Montreal  
 Doubles - NOF  
 Mixed Doubles - Montreal

1986 - Women's Division  
 Singles - Nancy Kazanjian - Wynnewood  
Men's Division  
 Singles - Michael Sahakian - Washington, D.C.  
 Doubles - Ara Sahakian & Michael Sahakian - Washington, D.C.

1987 - Women's Division  
 Singles - Nancy Kazanjian - Wynnewood  
Men's Division  
 Singles - Michael Sahakian - Washington, D.C.  
 Mixed Doubles - Diane Sahakian & Michael Sahakian - Washington, D.C.

1988 - Women's Division  
 Singles - Linda Haytayan - Lawrence  
Men's Division  
 Singles - George Armoyan - Toronto  
 Mixed Doubles - Annie Tossounian & George Armoyan - Toronto

1989 - Women's Division  
 Singles - Cheryl Arslanian - Cleveland  
Men's Division  
 Singles - Vrej Armoyan - Canadian Diocese  
 Doubles - George Armoyan & Vrej Armoyan - Canadian Diocese

1990 - Women's Division  
 Singles - Bella Grigorian - Armenia  
Men's Division  
 Singles - Pat Kassabian - Canadian Diocese  
 Mixed Doubles - Vrej Armoyan and Armine Kouyoumdjian - Canadian Diocese

TAVLCO:

1970 - NSR  
 1971 - NSR  
 1972 - NOF  
 1973 - Berj Feredjian - Springfield  
 1974 - NSR  
 1975 - Robin Gulezian - Merrimack Valley  
 1976 - Sarkis Shamschayan - Lowell  
 1977 - Harry Tavitian - Westchester  
 1978 - Harry Tavitian - Westchester  
 1979 - Garo Hovagimian - Toronto  
 1980 - Dale Sarkisian - Watertown  
 1981 - Raffi Boyadjian - Watertown  
 1982 - Sue Maljanian - New Britain  
 1983 - Annie Manoukian - Toronto  
 1984 - Shake Ajanian - Bayside  
 1985 - Diane Kapikian - Bayside  
 1986 - Sara Andonian - Detroit  
 1987 - Ararat Hacetglu - St. Catherines  
 1988 - Steven Tarian -  
 1989 - Vache Keledjian - Western Diocese  
 1990 - Susan Chagachbanian - Fair Lawn

BASKETBALL:

1970 - NSR  
 1971 - Oakland, CA  
 1972 - Women's Division - NOF  
Men's Division - Watertown  
 1973 - Women's Division - NOF  
Men's Division - St. Gregory - NYC  
 1974 - Women's Division - NOF  
Men's Division - Detroit  
 1975 - Women's Division - NOF  
Men's Division - Detroit  
 1976 - Women's Division - Boston  
Men's Division - Detroit  
 1977 - Women's Division - Detroit  
Men's Division - Detroit  
 1978 - Women's Division - Boston  
Men's Division - Watertown  
 1979 - Women's Division - Detroit  
Men's Division - Wisconsin  
 1980 - Women's Division - Watertown  
Men's Division - Watertown

1981 - Women's Division - Detroit  
Men's Division - Detroit

1982 - Women's Division - Detroit  
Men's Division - Detroit

1983 - Women's Division - Detroit  
Men's Division - Detroit

1984 - Women's Division - Detroit  
Men's Division - Wisconsin

1985 - Women's Division - Detroit  
Men's Division - Worcester

1986 - Women's Division - NOF  
Men's Division - Wynnewood

1987 - Women's Division - NOF  
Men's Division - Detroit

1988 - Women's Division - Northern New Jersey  
Men's Division - Watertown

1989 - Women's Division - Fair Lawn  
Men's Division - Greenfield

1990 - Women's Division - NOF  
Men's Division - Greenfield

TENNIS:

1970 - NSR

1971 - NSR

1972 - Women's Division - Becky Baronian - Richmond  
Men's Division - Larry Zakian - New York City

1973 - Women's Division - Becky Baronian - Richmond  
Men's Division - Douglas Haledjian - Tenafly

1974 - NSR

1975 - NSR

1976 - Women's Division  
Singles - Cindy Fayroian - Detroit  
Men's Division  
Singles - Aram Hintlian - Boston  
Mixed Doubles - Kathy Kaiserian & Lou Kalajian - Midwest

1977 - Women's Division  
Singles - Sona Palvetzian - Toronto  
Doubles - Toronto  
Men's Division  
Singles - Dick Zabounian - Toronto  
Doubles - Greenfield

1978 - Women's Division  
Singles - Jessica Papazian - Providence  
Doubles - Karen Cherian & Lori Cherian - Toronto  
Men's Division  
Singles - Paul Yahnian - Wisconsin  
Doubles - Paul Yahnian & Gary Akgulian - Wisconsin

1979 - Women's Division  
Singles - Karen Cherian - Toronto  
Doubles - Karen Cherian & Lori Cherian - Toronto  
Men's Division  
Singles - Paul Yahnian - Wisconsin  
Doubles - Paul Yahnian & Jack Matosian - Wisconsin

1980 - Women's Division  
Singles - Karen Cherian - Boston  
Men's Division  
Singles - Mike Mousigian - Detroit  
Doubles - Mike Mousigian & Mike Zallakian - Detroit

1981 - Women's Division  
Singles - Helen Hovagimian - Toronto  
Men's Division  
Singles - Mike Mousigian - Detroit  
Doubles - Peter Doumanian & Greg Doumanian - Palos Heights

1982 - Women's Division  
Singles - Lorraine Peters - Northern New Jersey  
Men's Division  
Singles - Mike Mousigian - Detroit  
Mixed Doubles - Ron Chokmakian & Lorraine Peters - Northern New Jersey

1983 - Women's Division  
Singles - Helen Hovagimian - Toronto  
Men's Division  
Singles - Mike Mousigian - Detroit  
Mixed Doubles - Roseann Manoogian & Mike Mousigian - Detroit

1984 - Women's Division  
Singles - Roseann Manoogian - Detroit  
Men's Division  
Singles - Osep Armagan - Wisconsin  
Mixed Doubles - Detroit

- 1985 - Women's Division  
Singles - Sue Mahtesian - Providence  
Men's Division  
Singles - Osep Armagan - Wisconsin/Palos Heights  
Mixed Doubles - Detroit
- 1986 - Women's Division  
Singles - Lisa Hekemian - Northern New Jersey  
Men's Division  
Singles - Diran Alexanian - Wynnewood  
Mixed Doubles - Diran Alexanian & Corinne Santerian - Wynnewood
- 1987 - Women's Division  
Singles - Linda Haytayan - Watertown  
Men's Division  
Singles - Aram Toroyan - Detroit  
Mixed Doubles - Lisa Hekemian & Craig Tashjian - Northern New Jersey
- 1988 - Women's Division  
Singles - Linda Haytayan - Lawrence  
Men's Division  
Singles - Jack Melhbaum - Wynnewood  
Mixed Doubles - David Kazanjian & Linda Haytayan - Lawrence
- 1989 - Women's Division  
Singles - Carla Kapikian - Bayside  
Men's Division  
Singles - Mark Kassarian - Bayside  
Mixed Doubles - Mark Kassarian & Carla Kapikian - Bayside
- 1990 - Women's Division  
Singles - Jenny Bogosian - Evanston  
Men's Division  
Singles - Noel Mansoorian - Western Diocese  
Mixed Doubles - Jack Melhbaum & Suzan Hashashian - Wynnewood

TRACK & FIELD:

- 1970 - NSR  
1971 - NSR  
1972 - NOF  
1973 - NOF  
1974 - NSR  
1975 - NSR
- 1976 - Women's Division  
50 yard dash - Karen Avakian - Midwest  
440 run - Anita Keurajian - Fair Lawn  
Mile run - Maro Bechakjian - Fair Lawn  
Men's Division  
50 yard dash - Richard Markarian - Worcester  
440 run - Randy Dagley - Lowell  
Mile run - Ken Samuelian - Watertown  
Mile relay - Midwest

- 1977 - Women's Division  
60 yard dash - Jan Avakian - Greenfield  
100 yard dash - Karen Avakian - Greenfield  
220 run - Laurie Koeleian - Detroit  
440 run - Diane Demirjian - Boston  
Mile run - Chris Boyadjian - Greenfield  
Men's Division  
60 yard dash - Van Giragosian - Greenfield  
100 yard dash - Rich Baharozian - Detroit  
220 run - Mark Geneau - Detroit  
440 run - Kirk Nahabedian - Watertown  
440 relay - Watertown  
880 relay - Watertown  
Mile run - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence  
Mile relay - Greenfield

- 1978 - Women's Division  
50 yard dash - Jan Avakian - Wisconsin  
100 yard dash - Karen Avakian - Wisconsin  
220 run - Kathy Tatosian - Bayside  
440 run - Janet Sabounjian - Watertown  
880 relay - Wisconsin  
Mile run - Laurie Hogopian - Lawrence  
Mile relay - Detroit  
Softball Throw - Janet Malkasian - Detroit  
Long Jump - Karen Avakian - Wisconsin  
Men's Division  
50 yard dash - Mark Stepanian - Chicago  
100 yard dash - Richard Markarian - Worcester  
220 run - Randy Dagley - Lowell  
440 run - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence  
880 relay - Watertown  
Mile run - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence  
Mile relay - Wisconsin  
Softball Throw - Charles Godoshian - Detroit  
Long Jump - Mark Der Mugrditchian - Watertown  
Shot Put - Chuck Palaian - Detroit

- 1979 - Women's Division  
60 yard dash - Jan Avakian - Wisconsin  
220 run - Karen Avakian - Wisconsin  
440 run - April Kashian - Wisconsin  
880 run - Shirley Tounmayan - Watertown  
880 relay - Watertown  
Mile run - Lori Cherian - Toronto  
Men's Division  
60 yard dash - Van Giragosian - Wisconsin  
200 yard dash - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence  
440 run - Andy Mikaelian - Wisconsin  
880 run - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence  
880 relay - Detroit  
Mile run - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence

1980 - Women's Division  
 50 yard dash - Loraine Boghosian - Watertown  
 100 yard dash - Arlene Kakayian - Detroit  
 220 run - Janet Malkasian - Detroit  
 440 run - Shirley Toumayan - Watertown  
 880 relay - Watertown  
 Mile run - Maro Bechakjian - Fair Lawn  
 Mile relay - Detroit  
 Softball Throw - Loraine Boghosian - Watertown  
 Shot Put - Sara Grosmanian - Detroit

Men's Division

50 yard dash - Van Giragosian - Wisconsin  
 100 yard dash - Dave Karagosian - Detroit  
 220 run - Dave Karagosian - Detroit  
 440 run - Mark Parseghian - Watertown  
 Mile run - Mark Parseghian - Watertown  
 Mile relay - Detroit  
 Softball Throw - Charles Godoshian - Detroit  
 Shot Put - Chris Boyadjian - Detroit

1981 - Women's Division

50 yard dash - Lisa Balian - Wisconsin  
 100 yard dash - Lisa Balian - Wisconsin  
 220 run - Lisa Balian - Wisconsin  
 440 run - Lisa Balian - Wisconsin  
 880 relay - Palos Heights  
 Mile run - Lori Cherian - Boston

Men's Division

50 yard dash - Myles Couyoumjian - Detroit  
 100 yard dash - Myles Couyoumjian - Detroit  
 220 run - Dave Karagosian - Detroit  
 440 run - Jay Bagdasarian - Cleveland  
 880 relay - Palos Heights  
 Mile run - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence  
 Mile relay - Detroit

1982 - Women's Division

100 yard dash - Kim Amboian - Detroit  
 440 run - Susan Boyajian - Palos Heights  
 Mile run - Carol Alexander - Boston  
 Softball Throw - Shake Ajamian - Bayside  
 Long Jump - Annie Ohanessian - Toronto  
 Shot Put - Annie Krikorian - Montreal

Men's Division

100 yard dash - Ara Selyan - Toronto  
 440 run - Randy Dagley - Lowell  
 Mile run - Jack Seferian - Westchester  
 Softball Throw - Jay Bagdasarian - Cleveland  
 Long Jump - Randy Dagley - Lowell  
 Shot Put - Jay Ohanian - Lawrence

1983 - Women's Division

100 meters - Ani Kupelian - Montreal  
 200 meters - Ani Kupelian - Montreal  
 400 meters - Ani Kupelian - Montreal  
 800 meters - Maida Mutevelli - Toronto  
 1600 meters - Aline Zavzavatian - Toronto  
 Softball Throw - Janet Shekerjian - Detroit  
 Long Jump - Annie Ohanessian - Toronto  
 High Jump - Annie Kouyoumdjian - Toronto  
 Shot Put - Maida Mutevelli - Toronto

Relays:

4 X 100 meters - Montreal  
 4 X 3 X 2 X 1 - Montreal  
 4 X 400 meters - Montreal

Men's Division

100 meters - Myles Couyoumjian - Detroit  
 200 meters - Arthur Alajajian - Toronto  
 400 meters - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence  
 800 meters - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence  
 1600 meters - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence  
 Softball Throw - Kevin Nazarian - Lawrence  
 Long Jump - Myles Couyoumjian - Detroit  
 High Jump - Arthur Alajajian - Toronto  
 Shot Put - Jay Ohanian - Lawrence

Relays:

4 X 100 meters - Montreal  
 4 X 3 X 2 X 1 - Lawrence  
 4 X 400 meters - Montreal

1984 - Women's Division

100 yard dash - Kim Amboian - Detroit  
 220 run - Kim Amboian - Detroit  
 440 run - A. Marasliyan - Montreal  
 880 relay - Detroit  
 Mile run - Carol Alexander - Boston  
 Softball Throw - Shake Ajamian  
 Long Jump - Lisa Aurslanian - Cleveland  
 Shot Put - Lisa Aurslanian - Cleveland

Men's Division

100 yard dash - Myles Couyoumjian - Detroit  
 220 run - Alain Tchaderjian - Montreal  
 440 run - Ara Doghramajian - Montreal  
 880 relay - Montreal  
 Mile run - John Yaldezian - Evanston  
 Long Jump - Aram Kazanjian - Montreal  
 Softball Throw - Rich Koshgarian - Evanston  
 Shot Put - Rich Koshgarian - Evanston

**VOLLEYBALL:**

1970	- NSR	1981	- Toronto
1971	- NSR	1982	- Watertown
1972	- Detroit	1983	- Montreal
1973	- Detroit	1984	- Detroit
1974	- NSR	1985	- St. Catherines
1975	- NSR	1986	- Detroit
1976	- Detroit	1987	- St. Catherines
1977	- Toronto	1988	- Evanston
1978	- Toronto	1989	- Greenfield
1979	- Toronto	1990	- Greenfield
1980	- Watertown		

**BADMINTON:**

1970	- NSR	1981	- Peter Bogosian - Palos Heights
1971	- NSR	1982	- Norair Tokmanian - Toronto
1972	- NOF	1983	- Vahan Kassabian - Montreal
1973	- NOF	1984	- Tom Janikian - Wisconsin
1974	- NSR	1985	- Vahan Kassabian - Montreal
1975	- NSR	1986	- Mike Voskian - Northern New Jersey
1976	- Tom Malkasian - Detroit	1987	- NOF
1977	- Tom Janikian - Greenfield	1988	- NOF
1978	- Tom Janikian - Wisconsin	1989	- NOF
1979	- Tom Janikian - Wisconsin	1990	- NOF
1980	- Norair Tokmanian - Toronto		

[Athletic events listed below reflect only years offered in competition.]

**SOFTBALL:** [co-ed]

1982	- Detroit
1983	- Detroit

**BOWLING:**

1972	- Gary Margarian - Detroit
1973	- Individual - Greg Tivakian - Detroit
	- Team - Detroit

**CROQUET:**

1976	- Myron Mikaelian - Midwest
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**HORSESHOE PITCH:**

1976	- Jim Magarian & Steve Parigian - Lowell
1982	- Harold Kazanjian & Paul Farhadian - Lawrence

**POCKET BILLIARDS:**

1976	- Sarkis Shamshoyan - Lowell
1977	- Art Okutian - Toronto
1982	- Jean Carian - Wisconsin
1983	- Charles Arslanian - Cleveland

**RAQUETBALL:**

1976	- <u>Men's Division</u>	- Gary Assarian - Detroit
1977	- <u>Women's Division</u>	- Jana Hakalmazian - Greenfield
	- <u>Men's Division</u>	- Ed Baylerian - Detroit
1981	- <u>Women's Division</u>	- Phyllis Madanian - Watertown
	- <u>Men's Division</u>	- Avak Grigorian - Wisconsin
	- <u>Doubles</u>	- Brian Bogosian & Jay Ohanian - Lawrence
1982	- <u>Mixed Doubles</u>	- Reid Ajemian & Leslie Koltookian - Lawrence
1983	- <u>Mixed Doubles</u>	- Mary Jan Dorian & Vartan Ajamian - Bayside
1984	- <u>Men's Division</u>	- Reid Ajamian - Bayside
	- <u>Mixed Doubles</u>	- Bayside

**CHECKERS:**

1979	- Garo Papazian - Detroit
1980	- Garo Papazian - Detroit
1982	- Garo Papazian - Detroit
1984	- Charles Arslanian - Cleveland
1985	- Gary Mousigian - Detroit
1986	- NOF
1987	- Gary Mousigian - Detroit
1988	- Gary Mousigian - Detroit
1989	- Gary Mousigian - Detroit
1990	- Hagop Demirjian - Cleveland

**ARM WRESTLING:**

1979	- Brant Gadarian - Wisconsin
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**FOOSBALL:**

1979	- Charlie Kashian & April Kashian - Wisconsin
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**SOCCER:**

1980	- Detroit
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O Lord our Savior Jesus Christ, Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, give us, the youth of the Church of Armenia, we beseech Thee, the wisdom to know, to love, and to serve Thee in our personal lives severally, and in the corporate life of our Organization.

Thou that leadest men in the way, lead us, thy children, that we may be able to serve the Church through our people, with courage and vision, and in the faith of our illustrious forefathers. Inspire us, O Lord, and open our eyes to thy light, that we may cherish and profit by the heritage which our forefathers have left to us, and that we may be aware of our responsibilities as citizens of our beloved country, the United States of America.

Fill us, O Christ our God, with the Holy Spirit, that we may be the obedient and unselfish servants of the Will of our Heavenly Father, to whom, together with Thee and the Holy Spirit, is befitting Glory, Dominion and Honor, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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