

ST. GREGORY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH DANCE GROUP

In 1977, the dance group partook in 19 dance rehearsals at the St. Gregory's Armenian Church Hall.

The Dance Group was invited by the MacArthur School to perform at their "Second Annual Under the Library Umbrella Festival" on May 19th, 1977. On June 11th, 1977, they performed at the Broome County Arena for the American Civic Association Annual Folk Fair. There were ten performing on this occasion in multi-colored Armenian attire. Paul Najarian introduced the dance group and welcomed the audience in Armenian. It was gratifying to see that a large number of Armenians and their friends gave moral support to the youngsters by their attendance at the arena. Following their successful performance, the group enjoyed a final get-to-gether party at the church on June 17, 1977. It would be the last time this same group would be together. With much regret, 2 of our members left to return to their homeland (Lebanon). For the record, our dance group consisted of Paul & Maral Najarian; Adrian & Gregory Papazian; Corinne, Garabed, Talene Kachadourian; Gregory Misakyan, Michael Fındikyan, & Joan Fox.

After a summer holiday, rehearsals resumed in October/1977 on a weekly basis, meeting every Thursday from 7:00-8:00 P.M. at the Church Hall. Although we have lost some of our former members, we have come up with 7 new members.

We have also been invited to perform for the Zonta Club on January 10th, 1978 at the Ramada Inn. This performance was scheduled in Dec./1977 but was postponed due to inclement weather.

We would like to express our thanks/^{and appreciation}to the membership of the Armenian Church for allowing to rehearse in its Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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