

ANNUAL REPORT - Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
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The Detroit Chapter of the ACYOA consists of 90 members. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Cultural Hall. During the year 1952 there were twelve business meetings held and 2 special meetings for election purposes.

Chapter Activities during 1952 were:

Together with the Cleveland Chapter we held a very successful Anniversary Ball, the proceeds of which went towards our taxes to Central Council.

In February we sponsored a Bingo Party to raise funds for the Parish House Building Fund.

In April our Annual Affair was a Hunchook and Play. "Tootome Vajaragan" was presented by our members.

Being the largest chapter in the National Organization the Detroit Chapter sent five delegates to the ACYOA convention which was held in Worcester in September.

At the convention we were honored by being presented with a Trophy for being the Most Outstanding Chapter of the Year, and also we were given a Trophy for having sold the most subscriptions to the Armenian Guardian our official club Paper. Both of these trophies may be seen in the trophy case in the upper hall.

We have served other church organizations by serving at their dinners, and two of our members took on the task of rejuvenating the two side altars used during the Holiday Services which are held in the Cultural Hall.

Flw Our members serve as Sunday School Teachers and Choir Members, and many of them attend the Friday night Bible Classes held by Rev. Kasparian at his home. Also some of our members participated in the Berberian Concert given here last November.

During the month of December we had a bake sale, at which our members both (male and female) baked cookies, cakes, pies, etc. which were sold at the two Women's Guild Meetings. The proceeds were used to send Xmas Packages to our servicemen here and abroad.

Also during December we held our Annual Candlelight Initiation Services when 30 (junior and senior) members were officially admitted into the organization.

We have an Educational Chairman who plans lectures and films ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ in the educational or religious field once a month.

For members interested in sports we have a baseball and basketball team which compete in a Church League made up of teams from churches of other denominations.

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Two Tuesdays of the month are devoted to social evenings at the Cultural Hall, where members get together to play Ping Pong, Checkers, Cards or perhaps participate in an activity planned by our Social Chairman. During the past year we have had Roller Skating Parties, A hike to Cranbrook School, A canoeing party at Belle Isle, Weiner Roasts, Annual picnic at Camp Dearborn, A Thanksgiving Eve Dance and A Christmas Party.