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## WOMEN'S GUILD CENTRAL COUNCIL

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**TO:** PARISH PRIESTS, PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMEN, WOMEN'S GUILD CHAIRMEN, WOMEN'S GUILD DELEGATES.

**FROM:** YERETZGIN PATRICIA BUTTERO, CHAIRMAN  
WOMEN'S GUILD CENTRAL COUNCIL

I have the pleasure to inform you that on May 4, 1996 at the 10TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S GUILD ASSEMBLY, hosted by St. Sahag & St. Mesrob Armenian Church, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, at the Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel, in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, the following were elected to the Central Council for a three year term:

### WOMEN'S GUILD CENTRAL COUNCIL

YERETZGIN ANAHID KALAYJIAN - ST. MARY, WASHINGTON, DC (RE-ELECTED)  
CLAIRE BARDAKIAN - HOLY MARTYRS, BAYSIDE, NY  
LILLY BOURDOUJIAN THOMAS - ST. JAMES, RICHMOND, VA  
ALTERNATE - ELIZABETH ANDEKIAN OLDMAN - ST. GEORGE, WAUKEGAN, IL

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

\*LUCY MURAD - ST. SAHAG & ST. MESROB, PROVIDENCE, RI  
SETA ANDEKIAN - ST. MESROB, RACINE, WI  
JULIE ASHEKIAN - ST. GEORGE, HARTFORD, CT  
DIANE HAGOPIAN - ST. GEORGE, WAUKEGAN, IL  
LUCILLE KIMATIAN - ST. STEPANOS, ELBERON, NJ  
ALTERNATE - ROSE DERDERIAN - ST. GEORGE, HARTFORD, CT

### PROPOSALS COMMITTEE

\*CAROL ASHBAHIAN - ST. LEON, FAIR LAWN, NJ  
ANN DEVEJIAN - HOLY MARTYRS, BAYSIDE, NY  
JULIE TASHJIAN - ST. GEORGE, HARTFORD, CT  
ALTERNATE - VIRGINIA SANOSSIAN - HOLY MARTYRS, BAYSIDE, NY

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

\*GRACE ARSLANIAN - ST. GREGORY OF NAREK, RICHMOND HTS., OH  
VIRGINIA BOGOSIAN - ST. JOACHIM & ANNE, PALOS HEIGHTS, IL  
ELIZABETH SAHAGIAN - ST. JOACHIM & ANNE, PALOS HEIGHTS, IL  
ALTERNATE - ALICE HACHERIAN - ST. GREGORY OF NAREK, RICHMOND HTS., OHIO

\*DENOTES CHAIRMAN

The 1996-1997 W.G.C.C. Officers elected at an organizational meeting following the Assembly were as follows:

Chairman	Yeretzgin Patricia Buttero
Vice Chairman	Yeretzgin Violet Kasparian
Recording Secretary	Yeretzgin Aurora Jebejian
Corresponding Secretary	Araxy Gokberk
Treasurer	Ann Ajemian
Assistant Treasurer	Yeretzgin Anahid Kalayjian
Advisors:	Nevart Marashlian
	Claire Bardakian
	Lilly Bouroujian Thomas

At our first W.G.C.C. meeting held on Saturday July 20, 1996, with Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Chancellor present, in New York City, each Central Council member was assigned to a Guild as liaison. Your liaison will be in contact with you soon. This procedure will encourage better communication between the Council and your Guild. Please add your liaison's name to your mailing list. We discussed the future goals of the WGCC and also the present projects - CASP, School Bags, Saints Day.

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We are happy to inform you that Julie Ashekian was appointed by the Council to continue as the Coordinator for the CASP program. Marilyn Larkin was appointed by the Council to continue as Editor for our Newsletter. Send all articles to Marilyn at: 372 Berlin Road, Marlboro, MA 01752 (508) 481-4491. Deadline for the fall issue is October 14, 1996.

Congratulations to all the Guilds in our Diocese. At the 10th Anniversary celebration of the establishment of the Central Council, Certificate of Appreciation was given to all parish Guilds who support the Central Council. We thank all our Guilds for sending in their dues and to all the Chairmen and Delegates who did attend this year's assembly.

**GUILD PINS**

Nevart Marashlian was appointed coordinator for the Guild Pins. Her address is: 84 Poplar Drive, Morris Plains, NJ 07950 - (201) 984-0996 (\$10.00 each or \$6.00 each if you order 10 or more.)

**BOOKMARKS**

Yeretzgin Patricia donated leather bookmarks in memory of her father, Peter Bagdigian, Sr. Each delegate & Chairman present, received one in their packet. If you wish to purchase any they are \$2.00 each. You may order them through your Liaison or Yn. Patricia Buttero.

Also, thank you to all the Guilds who sent in their Annual Report. This Report is important because the information helps the Central Council offering assistance where needed.

We encourage retreats and conferences in your region. If you are interested please contact your liaison.

Enclosed are the 10th Annual Women's Guild Assembly Minutes which we would like to be read at your next Women's Guild meeting. This information is for your benefit as you and your members have played an important role in supporting our projects and in helping W.G.C.C. work towards the success of its goals.

In 1996 the W.G.C.C. celebrated its 10th Anniversary. We have grown in membership, and have become stronger in prestige and influence. Let us pray that God will give the Women's Guild Central Council the strength and wisdom to continue to serve our Guilds with the same enthusiasm and vigor for the next 10 years.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NAME FOR OUR NEWSLETTER. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR IDEAS TO YN. PATRICIA BUTTERO, 1904 STANLEY STREET, NEW BRITIAN, CT 06053.**

We wish you a successful year.

Enclosures

PMB

CC: Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate  
Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian, Chancellor