

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACYOA  
CENTRAL COUNCIL AND  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**



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TO THE DELEGATES OF THE 1988 GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JULY 1, 1988 - JUNE 30, 1989**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Central Council of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) presents the following report of the functions and programs of the ACYOA.

Members of the ACYOA Central Council this year were:

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
Primate and ACYOA National President

Mr. Scott Najarian (Worcester)	Chairman
Miss Lisa Manookian (Wynnewood)	Vice-Chairman
Miss Melina Spinuzza (Evanston)	Treasurer
Miss Laurie Onanian (Watertown)	Recording Secretary
Miss Suzie Ashjian (Bayside)	Corresponding Secretary

Miss Syraun Palvetzian assisted the Central Council in her capacity as The Diocesan Director.

Mr. Douglas Tashjian completed his second year as the ACYOA Executive Secretary.

Scott Najarian and Melina Spinuzza have completed their second two year terms in office. Lisa Manookian has completed her two year term.

## 2. MEETINGS

The Central Council held five meetings during the past year:

September 2nd, 1988	Providence, Rhode Island
October 21st and 22nd, 1988	Diocesan Center, New York City
January 14th and 15th, 1989	Diocesan Center, New York City
April 8th and 9th, 1989	Cleveland, Ohio
June 17th and 18th, 1989	Sandwich, Massachusetts

The Council extends its gratitude to both the staff of the Diocesan Complex and to the Cleveland ACYOA for their gracious hospitality during our meeting dates.

In an effort to create a better understanding of how the Central Council functions and the duties it performs, a summary of each Council meeting is provided below.

**September:** The Council met briefly to discuss transitional procedures for the new year. This included the election of Central Council Officers and selection of Regional and Program Assignments. 1989 National Sports Weekend, 1989 Archbishop's Tournament, Review of Proposals and Amendments passed at 1988 Assembly, Cultural Day Program, Leadership Conferences, Retreats, National Publication, Membership Handbook, Cultural Committee, Fundraising and Identification of Priority Chapters. Discussions on an Inter-Diocesan meeting with the Canadian Diocese and the possibility of hosting a second trip to Armenia were held.

**October:** The Council met for two full days in New York City. Agenda items focused on the recently held General Assembly and Sports Weekend. A preliminary report on the Sports Weekend was received and reviewed. Assembly minutes were reviewed for accuracy. Several hours were spent correcting these minutes due to many inaccuracies. The revival of a National Publication became a top priority of the Council. During this meeting an Editor, as well as a Central Council Coordinator were approved. Other significant Agenda items included: 1989 Archbishop's Tournament, Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF), Chapter "A" / Assistance Program, 1989 General Assembly and Sports Weekend, New England

**June:** Regional Balls, Archbishop's Tournament, National Mailing List, New England Regional Committee, Dues Paid Membership Directory, Standing Committees (auditing, nominating), Revision of Chapter Handbook, Status of Membership Handbook, Inter-Diocesan Camp Program, Selection of Recipients for the Chapter "A" Award, Outstanding Chapter Awards, Sam Nersesian Award and Sam Nersesian Scholarship. Report of Fundraising Committee, 1989 Sports Weekend and General Assembly, Creation of Calendar for 1989-1990 Fiscal Year and General Assembly Preparation (Central Council Annual Report, Budget, Assembly Agenda, Itinerary for Assembly, Proposal and Amendments, Chapters in Good Standing, Outstanding Event Reports). Proposals and Amendments to 1989 Assembly, 1990 Sports Weekend Bids, and Pension Plan for Retiring Central Council Members. Also a review of all other programs and events in planning stages or recently held.

All meetings included reports from the Treasurer, Executive Secretary and Administrative Reports from all Council members concerning correspondence, visitations, new chapters, etc.

The Primate presided over most meetings in his capacity as ACYOA President. His Eminence's counsel was often sought during difficult deliberations.

Regional Committee Report, Review of National Calendar of Events, Purchase of ACYOA computer, National Mailing List Revision, Review and Revision of Chapter Chairman and Contact Listing, , Fund Raising Proposals, Cultural Weekend, Leadership Seminar, Young Adult Sunday, Regional Retreats, Anniversary Ball Bidding.

**January:** The Council reviewed and discussed the effects the recent earthquake in Armenia would have on both the local and national levels. This led to the research of a possible relief effort from the ACYOA. A review of the following occurred: Complete Status report of the National Publication and Membership Handbook Revision, Christian Leadership Seminar(Greenfield), Hye Christian Encounter(Watertown), Eastern/Western Diocese Camp Program, Report from members attending Western Diocese Assembly, Membership Directory, Regional Meetings, Inter-Diocesan Meeting, Cultural Weekend, Sports Weekend, Anniversary Ball, Archbishop's Tournament, Diocesan Assembly, ACEF/Mardigian Donation, Youth Forum, Mailing List Revision, Status of Funds Due from National Events, New England Regional Committee Report, Fundraising Programs and Committee, Armenian Martyrs' Day Program, Chapter "A" Assistance Program(Boca Raton), Armenian Cultural Weekend(New York City), Review of Standing Committees(Auditing Guidelines, Cultural and Religious Program), Hiring of College Program and Juniors Directors and DRE/ACYOA hosted programs.

**April:** The Cleveland ACYOA invited the Council to hold it's April meeting in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary of the St. Gregory of Narek Parish. Council members attended the Anniversary Banquet, as well as the Divine Liturgy and Luncheon on Sunday. During Saturday's meeting the following topics were discussed: Approval of Computer Purchase, Presentation and Discussion by Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian on the Status of 1989 Sports Weekend, Anniversary Ball Updates, Report of Cultural Weekend, Archbishop's Tournament Update, Chapter "A" Award Point Standings, New Membership Handbook, Creation of Guidelines for submitting Proposals to the General Assembly, Chapter Resource Handbook, Christian Leadership Day(Westchester) Report, Categorization of Chapters(Active/Inactive), Review of Current "A" Award Point Standings, Cultural Weekend(N.Y.C.) Report, **Hye Hokin** Report, Fundraising, Collection of Funds Overdue from Program Host Chapters, New England Regional Committee Report, Progress Reports for Upcoming Programs, Earthquake Relief Team, and Inter-Diocesan Council Meeting.

### **3. CENTRAL COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS**

#### **Regional and Parish Assignments**

**SCOTT NAJARIAN**

**OVERSEER**

**MELINA SPINUZZA**

**MIDWEST REGION**

**Belleville, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit,  
Evanston, Greenfield, Palos Heights,  
Racine, S. Milwaukee and Waukegan**

**LISA MANOOKIAN**

**SOUTHERN REGION**

**Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Memphis,  
Miami, Ocala, Orlando, San Antonio,  
South Florida, St. Petersburg**

**SUZIE ASHJIAN**

**MID-ATLANTIC REGION**

**Bayside, Binghampton, Cheltenham,  
Elberon, Fairlawn, Livingston,  
Manhattan, Tenafly, Union City,  
Washington, Woodside, Richmond,  
Westchester, Wynnewood**

**LAURIE ONANIAN**

**NEW ENGLAND REGION**

**Cambridge, Chelmsford, Hartford,  
Haverhill, Lawrence, New Britain,  
Providence, Springfield, Trumbull,  
Watertown, Watervliet, Worcester**

### **Additional Assignments**

-these assignments were given in addition to the regular duties of a Council Officer and Regional Contact. In some cases more than one member has been given the same assignment.

SCOTT NAJARIAN

- \*1989 SPORTS WEEKEND/GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- \*COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

LISA MANOOKIAN

- \*FUNDRAISING SUB-COMMITTEE
- \*HYE HOKIN COORINATOR
- \*CHAPTER RESOURCE HANDBOOK
- \*MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK
- \*GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROPOSAL GUIDELINES
- \*1989 SPORTS WEEKEND/GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- \*1988 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES REVIEW AND PREPARATION
- \*CHAPTER "A"/ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- \*EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION PACKET

MELINA SPINUZZA

- \*MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
- \*CHAPTER RESOURCE HANDBOOK
- \*MEMBERSHIP

LAURIE ONANIAN

- \*CULTURAL DAY PROGRAM(WASHINGTON, D.C.)
- \*RETREAT(WATERTOWN)
- \*CHAPTER "A"/ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- \*NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

SUZIE ASHJIAN

- \*1989 ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT
- \*CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP DAY (WESTCHESTER)
- \*EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION PACKET
- \*CHAPTER RESOURCE HANDBOOK
- \*MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

#### 4. REGIONAL CONFERENCES

The following Regional Conferences were held this year:

New England	August	1988	Providence, RI.
	October		Springfield, MA.
	December		Providence, RI.
	February		New Britain, CT.
	April		Worcester, MA.
	June		Cambridge, MA.
Northern New Jersey	January	1989	Fairlawn, NJ.
	May		Fairlawn, NJ.



## 5. PROGRAMS

### 1988 ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**August 31-September 2, 1988**

The Annual General Assembly convened at the Marriott Inn in Providence, Rhode Island on August 31, 1988.

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and Acting Vicar General, Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Najarian presided over the Assembly.

Assembly officers were: Chairman: David Onanian (Houston), Vice-Chairman: Richard Mardirosian (Hartford), Sergeant-at-Arms: Harry Tutunjian (Watervliet), Parliamentarian: Michael Yapchaian (Watertown), Assistant Parliamentarians: Aren Jebejian (Boca Raton) and Armand Paboojian (Watertown). The host chapter obtained the services of Laurie Batek as Assembly Secretary.

Seventy-one delegates participated in the Assembly from the following chapters: Bayside, Boca Raton, Cambridge, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Evanston, Greenfield, Hartford, Houston, Northern New Jersey, Providence, Washington, D.C., Watertown, Watervliet, Westchester, Western Queens, Worcester and Wynnewood. Special guests included Western Diocese Central Council Chairman Paulette Kasparian and a delegation of Central Council members. The Canadian Diocese was represented by the Very Reverend Father Hovnan Derderian. Both Fr. Derderian and Paulette addressed the Assembly inviting members to participate in each of their respective ACYO's programs.

Many significant topics were discussed during the Assembly. A summary of those Proposals and Constitutional Amendments that passed are as follows:

-Acceptance of Regional Anniversary Ball Guidelines

*how adj.*  
-The <sup>✓</sup>Rules of Parliamentary were changed to charge the Central Council with selecting two or more additional sites for the General Assembly to convene, in addition to those chapters that have bid 60 days in advance of the Assembly. The General Assembly will then vote on all the sites offered. *e*

- The National Sports Weekend Rules were changed to include an Eligibility Package Plan consisting of a Saturday evening dance and a Sunday Awards Banquet and dance.
- The Central Council was directed to form an Ad-Hoc committee to create a set of guidelines for program reporting procedures necessary for the use of the Central Council and Auditing Committee.
- The Annual Archbishop's Essay Contest was re-established.
- Seed money of \$1,000.00 (American) will be offered to the host chapter of the Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament.
- The report of the Religious Programming Committee shall supercede all other Committee reports during the General Assembly.
- A "Last Supper" dinner) or a Closing Worship Service shall be added to the General Assembly.
- A contest in an area of Church Tradition and Bible shall be added to the National Sports Weekend.
- The Fiscal Year of the ACYOA was changed to January 1st through December 31st.
- Membership dues become delinquent at the start of the Fiscal Year.
- The Executive Secretary shall have a non-transferable right of voice at the General Assembly.
- The Initiation Fee for membership has been eliminated.
- The Central Council has been charged with investigating the possibility of re-instituting a two week trip to Armenia.
- The Central Council has been charged with researching the feasibility of implementing crash courses in the Armenian

**Language.**

- The Constitution was amended to eliminate a specific reference to Canada.
- The Constitution was amended to include spiritual, religious and cultural education among the purposes of the ACYOA.
- The Constitution was amended to require host chapters to submit a complete report to the Central Council 90 days after the event.
- The Houston Chapter of <sup>St. Kevork</sup> ~~Sts. Sahag and Mesrob~~ Armenian Church presented a successful bid for the 1989 ACYOA General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

A fine presentation by Greg Arpajian (Cleveland) on "Challenge for ACYOA Leaders: Attracting and Motivating Volunteers" was given on Thursday morning.

Social highlights included a mixer at the hotel and an evening dinner cruise of Newport Harbor.

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian hosted a luncheon Friday afternoon. Delegates were given a opportunity to ask the Primate questions regarding issues of spirituality, culture and language.

## **1988 ACYOA NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND**

**September 3-5, 1988**

The Annual ACYOA National Sports Weekend was held in Providence, Rhode Island immediately following the General Assembly.

Events were held at the Marriott Inn, Sts. Sahag and Mesrob Armenian Church and Rocky Point Paladium.

Over 300 athletes from 14 chapters, as well as participants from the Canadian and Western Diocese competed in sports competition. This particular weekend attracted one of the largest crowds in recent times. 1100 members, guests and alumni participated in social activities and banquets during the weekend. Over 450 package plans were purchased and 225 of the Marriott Inn rooms were booked.

His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presented an the 1988 ACYOA Alumni Award to Julia H. Tashjian, Secretary of State of Connecticut.

A series of "Insights" lectures were held consisting of the following topics: Cross-Cultural Marriage (Rev. Fr. Yeprem Kelegian), The Relevance of the Divine Liturgy in Our Daily Lives (Dn. Norman Odabashian), The Present Situation in Karabagh (Dr. Dennis Papazian).

Major sporting awards were given as follows:

- Babayan Cup: Evanston
  - most total points, chapter
- ⇒ Masis Cup: Cleveland
  - most points per individual, chapter
- Kuhlanjian Cup: Cleveland
  - sportsmanship, chapter
- ⇒ Yaghoobian Cup: Gregory Arpajian(Cleveland)
  - sportsmanship, individual

The Providence Chapter offered a special discount package plan and Armenian dance for those ACYOA Alumni that attended.

Host Committee Chairman and Executive Chairman were Stephanie Masoian and Linda Minassian respectively.

### **1989 ARCHBISHOP TORKOM MANOOGIAN INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT**

**May 5-7, 1989**

The annual tournament was once again held in conjunction with the Diocesan Assembly. The host parish was St. Stepanos Armenian Church in Elberon, New Jersey.

Twenty-two teams competed in Men's basketball and Co-ed Volleyball. A total of 250 ACYOA members participated.

The weekend activities included a day trip to nearby Atlantic City and a dance on Friday night. Saturday was spent in athletic competition and ended with a banquet and dance in the evening. A farewell luncheon was held following church services on Sunday. Greg Saraydarian (Bayside) chaired the event with the assistance of the youth of the St. Stepanos parish.

### **ARMENIAN STUDIES PROGRAM**

As a result of the earthquake in Armenia, the annual Armenian Studies Program has been postponed until the summer of 1990. The Council and Executive Secretary believed that it was necessary to continue to send young Armenian-Americans on this annual pilgrimage. However, we were faced with the reality that it would be impossible to provide the same type of program this year, as we had in the past. In consultation with His Holiness Vasken I and His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, we decided to send a team of young Armenians to build a housing unit in Stepanavan.

In just several months Douglas Tashjian completely organized the logistics, as well as financing and donations for the journey of the relief team. On May 13th a detailed, day long, orientation meeting was held at the Diocesan Complex.

Dr. Edgar Housepian, Chairman of the Diocesan Medical Relief Committee, discussed the medical conditions in Armenia and care for the ACYOA team should any problems arise. Mr. Monteford Ricketts, a construction engineer, assigned to the team by Kevork Hovnanian, reviewed the building project. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and Mr. Jack Antreassian spoke on the current living conditions in Stepanavan and what to expect when arriving in Armenia.

Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian briefed the team members on local customs and language. Fr. Karekin also informed the participants of what to be aware of in social contacts with the Stepanavan community.

A complete review of the itinerary was made, as well as a division of responsibilities such as laundry, cooking, etc.

At the time of this writing the group is in Armenia. The material, as well as the design of the unit has been donated by Kevork Hovnanian. Mr. Hovnanian also provided two construction experts to supervise the work. In order not to burden the local community, many supplies and food were shipped in advance.

The Very Reverend Fr. Houssig Bagdasarian of St. Mary Armenian Church, Livingston, New Jersey accompanied the group as its spiritual leader.

The ACYOA group was also scheduled to visit Yerevan and several religious and cultural sights. Their journey also consisted of an audience with His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians.

The following ACYOA chapters generously contributed toward this relief effort:

Cambridge	\$500.00
Fairlawn	\$711.00
Hartford	\$1,000.00
Springfield	\$1,000.00

**1988 ACYOA NATIONAL ANNIVERSARY BALL-Watervliet, NY.**  
**July 22-24,1988**

This was the first national event hosted by the Watervliet Chapter. 300 people attended the Saturday night banquet and dance, 100 of these were out of town ACYOA members. Saturday morning and afternoon were spent in the Lake George area. His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian presided over the celebration. Central Council Chairman Scott Najarian and Executive Secretary Douglas Tashjian addressed those attending the banquet. Scott presented the Watervliet Chapter with a new charter in recognition of the recent formation of their chapter. A picnic was held Sunday afternoon on church grounds.

**ACYOA/Diocesan Educational Programs**

At the 1988 General Assembly in Providence, much interest was expressed in educational programs in Armenian religion, culture, and language.

The ACYOA, in conjunction with the Diocesan Department of Religious Education(DRE) and the Armenian Language Lab and Resource Center(ALLARC), offered the following programs:

**The Sources of Our Faith**

A program designed for those who want to understand the Christian faith according to the teachings of the Armenian Church. Participants will look at the church's liturgical and sacramental life, the place of Holy Tradition and Scripture, and their own privileges and responsibilities as members of the Armenian Church.

**A Study of the Gospel of Mark**

An in-depth study of the Gospel of Mark, the earliest Gospel and the closest to oral tradition, and perhaps the most effective picture of Christ. Participants will examine Mark's presentation of the divinity and humanity of Jesus and consider contemporary dilemmas and moral issues which derive their resolution from Mark's Gospel.

## **Armenian Language Crash Course**

An intensive full-day of immersion in the Armenian language. Participants will learn the letters of the alphabet and at least 300 complete sentences in common usage. The program includes lectures on Armenian Church History.

## **Armenia: 10,000 Years of History in Ten Hours**

An in-depth study of religion, history, language, and culture, from the ancient Urarians in 600 B.C. to the conversion to Christianity of King Tiridates II in 301 A.D., to the founding of Holy Etchmiadzin, to the Great Armenian Empire and the succession of invasions and to the Genocide by Ottoman Turks (1915-1923). A kaleidoscope of Armenology presented by noted authorities, all experts in their respective disciplines.

These programs are available, at no cost to all ACYOA chapters. Parish wide attendance is encouraged.

In 1989, the following chapters took advantage of these educational programs: Hartford, Providence, and Worcester (postponed).

## **CHAPTER "A" / ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**January 27-29, 1989**

This year marks the first time that a Chapter "A" Award winning chapter has been sent as a team to assist a developing chapter. The Council believes this program serves a dual purpose. The "A" Award winning chapter is rewarded for its exemplary performance and the hosting chapter receives the benefits of the experience and expertise of a well organized chapter. This year's team consisted of members of the Watertown ACYOA Executive Board: George Tekeyan, Stephen Sarkisian, Daniel Shadbegian, Susan Kapilian and Susan Bergoudian. They were joined by Central Council members Lisa Manookian and Laurie Onanian, and Executive Secretary Douglas Tashjian. The host chapter was the Boca Raton, Florida ACYOA.

The team's efforts began with a training workshop on Youth Ministry held in Watertown. The ACYOA obtained the services of Mr. Joseph Moore, Director of New England Youth Ministry. Mr. Moore, Douglas Tashjian and



Watertown Youth Director, Randy Dagley organized the workshop. Five topics were reviewed:

-Community Building-Thought provoking role plays designed to simulate personal reflection towards understanding of oneself and the manner in which individuals relate to each other in groups.

-Individual Profile-How each person plays a vital role in their church community and ACYOA.

-Community Profile-How the organization fits into the church community and the roles members must play within this church family; and how to set goals and delegate responsibilities to people with the right talents.

-Prayer-An important part of everyday life and how it fits into the group as a family.

-ACYOA Organization-The procedures, programs, and activities which the ACYOA sponsors nationally and in the local parish.

Upon arriving in Florida the well prepared Watertown ACYOA found a receptive group eager to participate in the sessions which followed.

Both participating chapters have set a fine model for which future programs can emulate.

### **ARMENIAN CULTURAL WEEKEND. Diocesan Complex, New York City.**

**February 17-20, 1989**

Once again this extremely popular program was filled to capacity with 54 participants. The weekend began on Friday night with registration at the nearby Eastgate Hotel, followed by an evening reception. Early Saturday morning the group attended a Matins service at St. Vartan Cathedral.

The day's events began with lectures and language class. Dr. Dennis Papazian, Professor of History and Director, Armenian Research Center, University of Michigan spoke on "Armenians and the Soviet Ethnic Policy."

Armenian Language classes were divided into several groups based on individual proficiency.

The Very Rev. Fr. Haigazoun Melkonian, pastor of Holy Trinity Armenian Church, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, spoke on "Jerusalem: The Holy Places and a History of the Armenians." Fr. Melkonian, a member of the St. James Brotherhood of Jerusalem, taught the participants the importance of the Armenian religion within the framework of Christianity through the ages.

"Finding Meaning and Life in the Divine Liturgy" was the subject of a lecture given by Mr. Michael Findikyan. At the time Mr. Findikyan was a fourth year student at the St. Nersess Armenian Seminary and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. His talk highlighted the Divine Liturgy as a supreme, elegant and powerful expression of the Armenian Christian Faith which manifests itself through the active participation of the practitioner.

The day ended with an evening at South Street Seaport.

Participants attended Divine Liturgy Sunday morning. In the afternoon a lecture by Armenian Art scholar Lucy Der Manuelian of Tufts University. Dr. Der Manuelian's slide presentation "Lost Treasure: The Story of Armenian Art," described the castles and churches perched at the tops of mountains in historic Armenia, as well as Armenian illuminated manuscripts.

The Very Rev. Fr. Papken Anoushian, Canon Sacrist of St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral, spoke about the development of the Armenian Church. Fr. Papken reviewed four ecumenical councils: Nicea, Constantinople, Ephesus, and Calcedon.

The religious, political and cultural reasons for the development of the Armenian alphabet and the creation of Armenian literature were explored by The Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian. Fr. Barsamian serves as the Vicar General of the Diocese. The lecture reviewed the history of the Armenian language and its importance in the preservation of our cultural identity.

Sunday evening ended with a visitation to St. Nersess Armenian Seminary in New Rochelle, New York.

Monday began with a discussion led by Dr. Richard Hovannisian, Professor of Armenian and Near Eastern History at UCLA. Dr. Hovannisian covered the topic of "Challenges and Opportunities Facing the Armenian-American Community." The discussion focused on the effects of immigration and assimilation in the community and how Armenian organizations can deal with these effects.

Participants included members from: Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee, Evanston, San Antonio, Binghamton, Hartford, Haverhill, Lawrence, Providence, Springfield, Tenafly, Union City, Washington, Watertown, Westchester, Wynnewood, and New York City.

The Cultural Weekend was created in an effort to enable ACYOA members to experience the teachings of trained professionals in the fields of Armenian culture, language, arts, religion, etc. In some cases participating members have been exposed to this type of program for the first time. With each passing year we hope to improve this program through the valuable comments of the participants.

### **HYE CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTER-Watertown. MA.**

**December 9-11, 1988**

A Christian Retreat Weekend was held at the Grotonwood Retreat Center in Groton, MA. This particular weekend was designed to encourage and enrich personal reflection and understanding of ones spiritual life.

The theme of the retreat was "Walk with the Spirit," centering on the understanding of the presence of the Holy Spirit and our relationship with the Holy Spirit. The program included the following topics: The Holy Spirit in our Prayers, the World, the Bible, the Beauty of the Badarak, and in our image of God.

The retreat leader was Randy Dagley, Youth Director of St. James Watertown and the New England Region.

Dr. Charles Slagen was the featured speaker for the weekend. Dr. Slagen is President of Slagen and Associates: Management Consulting Firm

Administrator of Grace Chapel Counseling Center. Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian, Pastor of St. James Watertown, MA., was the attending priest.

The program was attended by twelve members.

**CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE-Milwaukee, WI.**  
**October 28-30, 1988**

The Greenfield ACYOA of St. John the Baptist Armenian Church hosted a weekend seminar at the Archbishop Cousins Retreat Center in Milwaukee.

Rev. Fr. Vartan Kasparian of St. Mary's Armenian Church in Yettam, California discussed the priesthood in the Armenian Church. The discussion included the functions of a priest in performing sacraments, counseling, maintaining community relationships, and the caring of the faithful. Fr. Vartan also noted some specific church problems, such as the shortage of clergy and current attitudes toward church service.

Mr. Arthur Mardigian, a former Diocesan Council member and Parish Council member of St. John's Armenian Church in Detroit, spoke about the structure of the Armenian Church and the roles that lay people can undertake within the church. Mr. Mardigian made reference to his development as a church leader through his participation in the ACYOA.

Discussion sessions completed the weekend activities. The group was led by Rev. Fr. Tateos Abdalian, Pastor of the Greenfield parish, Mr. Dean Shahinian of Washington, D.C., a long time member and advisor to the ACYOA, and Mr. Douglas Tashjian, Executive Secretary. Discussions focused on how the ACYOA can better serve the Armenian church through changes to the organization's operations and how Armenian youth can be encouraged to become more involved in church leadership.

The conference had 11 participants from Racine, Detroit, Evanston, Washington, Watertown, New Jersey, New York, and Greenfield.

Dawn Maksud served as Host Committee Chairman.

**HYE CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTER-Cleveland, OH.**

**April 14-16, 1989**

A Christian Retreat entitled "Issues Facing Armenian Youth Today" was hosted by the ACYOA of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church. Punderson State Park in Newbury, Ohio served as the location for the weekend. Topics included: "How to Keep Youth in the Armenian Church, Intermarriage, The Future of the Armenian Church, and The Conflict of Society's Material Values vs. Christ's Teachings."

Fr. Mardiros Chevian, Rector of St. Nersess Armenian Seminary served as Retreat Leader for the Weekend. Leslie Bagdasarian was Host Committee Chairman.

Twenty participants from Bayside, Cleveland, Detroit, Greenfield and Washington attended.

**CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP-Westchester, NY.**

**March 11, 1989**

The ACYOA chapter of St. James Armenian Church hosted a one day Leadership Workshop at the church facilities in Westchester.

Mr. Edward Chapien(Bayside), a Diocesan Council members spoke about leadership roles within the Armenian Church. The discussion specifically focused on the Diocesan structure and leadership positions.

Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian, Pastor of the St. James(Westchester) parish, lectured on the responsibilities of preserving and propagating the Armenian faith.

Ms. Barbara Avery, Coordinator of Student Affairs at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY., reviewed contemporary leaders and role models in society.

The workshop was attended by 20 ACYOA members from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Ohio.

Suzie Ashjian, Diane Guderian and Douglas Tashjian organized the program.

## **Martyrs Day Program-New York City**

**April 22, 1989**

The ACYOA presented a commemorative program at Kavookjian Auditorium for the 74th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

The program featured performances by young Armenian-Americans. The Karatsayn Singers, a group of young adults from St. George Armenian Church in Hartford, sang five pieces by Armenian composers.

Harold Hagopian, a young violinist, performed several pieces, by composers such as Kachaturian, Mozart, and Gomidas.

Shami Arslanian, a singer/songwriter, debuted a song she had written in honor of the Armenian earthquake victims. Entitled "Long Live Armenia," the piece was sung by Ms. Arslanian, accompanied by her husband Steven Weisbart on piano, Kim Nazarian, back up vocal, and Damin Meeter on saxophone.

A literature reading of "Men Without Childhood" by Andranik Zaroukian was given by actor/playwright Tom Mardirosian. Mr. Mardirosian's reading described in the first person two young Armenian boys orphaned and essentially left without childhood.

The Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General of the Armenian Diocese, and Douglas Tashjian, ACYOA Executive Secretary, both added moving remarks.

A requiem service concluded the program.

## **6. SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

The ACYOA offered six awards and one scholarship in 1989. These were:

### **The ACYOA Chapter "A" Award and Honorable Mention Award**

The Chapter "A" Award is based on a point system, whereby the chapter accumulating the most total points receives the award (the second place chapter will receive the Honorable Mention Award). Chapters accumulating a pre-determined number of points shall receive an Achievement Award. Awarding of points will be based on performance of certain requirements to the National ACYOA, Local ACYOA Chapter, Local Parish and Community.

#### **Point System**

Delegation at General Assembly	20 Points
Representation at Regional Conference	10 Points
Representation at Archbishop's Tournament -at least one member attending	5 Points
Team Representation at Archbishop's Tournament	10 Points
Athletic Representation at Sports Weekend -at least one member attending	10 Points
Representation at Sports Weekend -at least one member attending	5 Points
Service to Parish/Armenian Community	0-50 Points
Service to Local Community	0-20 Points
ACYOA Day Recognized in Parish	20 Points
Educational/Cultural Program	10 Points

Submission of Monthly Fact Sheets -must be postmarked 15 days following reported month	2 Points/Month
Submission of General Armenian Youth Listing -must be postmarked by due date	20 Points
Submission of Chapter Membership Listing -must be postmarked by due date	20 Points
Executive Committee Listing w/Delegates -must be postmarked thirty days following elections	20 Points
Membership Dues/Renewal Form/ New Member Form -must be postmarked by due date	20 Points
Sam Nersesian Award Nomination -must be postmarked by due date	20 Points
Annual Chapter Report -must be postmarked by due date	20 Points
Spiritual Program	20 Points

### **Explanation of "A" Award Criteria**

#### **Delegation at General Assembly**

Chapter must be represented at the Annual Assembly by at least the Chapter Chairman or an Elected Delegate as outlined in the ACYOA Chapter Handbook.

#### **Representation at Regional Conference**

At least one chapter representative must attend any regional conference held in their respective regions. These are held annually in the Fall and sometimes during the Spring.



### **Representation at the Archbishop's Tournament**

At least one member from the chapter has attended the tournament, it is not necessary to participate in athletic events. A list of all purchasers of the package plan will be forwarded to the Central Council. For those who do not purchase a plan must provide the Central Council with a means of verification.

### **Team Representation at the Archbishop's Tournament**

A minimum of one team from the chapter must participate in basketball and/or volleyball. Participation subject to the tournament regulations (revised 1987).

### **Representation at Sports Weekend**

A minimum of one member from the chapter must attend the annual Sports Weekend held on Labor Day Weekend. It is not necessary to participate in athletic events. The same verification procedure for the Archbishop's Tournament also applies.

### **Athletic Representation at Sports Weekend**

A minimum of two members from the chapter must participate in a minimum of one athletic event each. Participation subject to Sports Weekend Rules and Regulations.

### **Service to Parish/Armenian Community**

Points will be awarded to each chapter based on the degree of service they bestow upon their respective Parish/Armenian Community. Chapters will be judged at the end of the fiscal year. The number and quality of programs

### **Service to the Local Community**

The same criteria applies to this category as service to Armenian Community. This category includes projects such as "Toys for Tots", donation of Armenian related books to local library, blood drives, food banks, assistance the homeless, etc.

### **ACYOA Day Recognized in Parish**

The chapter in conjunction with it's local parish must designate one day a year as ACYOA Day. Many chapters hold this annually on Palm

Sunday. Chapters have dinners with speakers, members act as parish council members for a day, sponsor a program for their parish, etc. It is not necessary to have this day on Palm Sunday, however it is highly recommended.

**Educational/Cultural Program**

The chapter must sponsor a minimum of one program that is educational and/or cultural. These programs may be open to the chapter, the Armenian Community or the general public.

**Spiritual Program**

The chapter must sponsor a minimum of one program that is spiritually related. These programs include religious retreats, Bible study, etc.

\*\*The items listed below are further explained on the ACYOA " It's Due" Listing.

**Submission of Monthly Fact Sheets**

**Submission of General Armenian Youth Listing**

**Submission of Chapter Membership Listing**

**Executive Committee Listing w/Delegates**

**Membership Dues/Renewal Form/New Member Form**

**Sam Nersesian Award Nomination**

**Annual Chapter Report**

\*\*\* All references to member refers to a currently dues paid members of the ACYOA

\*\*\* Each program is eligible for only one category. For example a cultural program held on ACYOA Day will be counted only to ACYOA Day.

### **The ACYOA Chapter Achievement Award**

This award recognizes chapters who have attained a certain level of points accumulated during the past year. This rewards and recognizes chapters that had outstanding years. This year's awards will be presented to all ACYOA Chapters exceeding 200 cumulative points. Four chapters qualified for the Achievement Award in 1989.

### **The Sam Nersesian Award**

This award is given annually to an ACYOA member who best exemplifies the character of a true Christian and servant of the church. Recipients are nominated by their ACYOA Chapter. Selection is made by the Central Council.

### **Outstanding Young Christian Award**

This is a new award in 1989. It is given to those individuals who are nominated by their chapter for the Sam Nersesian Award. It is the Council's belief that those who are singled out by their chapters as fine Christians are truly deserving of an award and should be recognized accordingly.

### **Certificates of Appreciation**

These certificates are given to individuals who have served the National ACYOA with distinction. Recipients often include National Event Chairmen, Assembly Officers, etc. Certificates are awarded by the Central Council.

### **Sam Nersesian Scholarship**

This Scholarship is given annually to applicants to attend the St. Nersess Summer Studies Programs. Applications are sent to all chapters and parishes. Recipients are selected by the Central Council.

1988 award recipients will be named at the ACYOA National Sports Weekend Awards Banquet in Providence. 1987 recipients were:

ACYOA Chapter "A" Award  
Honorable Mention Certificate  
Chapter Achievement Awards

Watertown  
Providence  
Cleveland  
Detroit  
Hartford  
Worcester  
Wynnewood

Sam Nersesian Award  
Sam Nersesian Scholarship

Susan Bergoudian(Watertown)  
No applicants

### **The Archbishop's Essay Contest**

The Central Council has re-instituted the Archbishop's Essay Contest after a six year hiatus. The contest includes Armenian and English categories. Subjects are to be Armenian oriented, with the emphasis on writing style and literary ability. The winner in each category will receive a monetary award of \$150.00. The awards will be presented at the Annual Sports Weekend Awards Banquet. Two essays were submitted in 1989, one each in Armenian and English.

## **7. VISITATIONS**

The following chapter visitations and program participations were made during the year.

### **July**

Evanston: Attended Executive Board Meeting  
Doug Tashjian

Toronto: Met with Executive Committee of local ACYOC and ACYOC  
Central Council

### **August**

Trumbull: Met with Executive Board and Pastor. Chapter has been  
reactivated.  
Doug Tashjian

Providence: New England Regional Committee Meeting.  
Scott Najarian, Doug Tashjian

### **September**

Inter-  
Diocesan: Meeting with representatives of Canadian Diocese  
Central Council, Doug Tashjian

Providence: Follow-Up meeting with Sports Weekend Committee  
Doug Tashjian

Watertown: Spoke at Youth Sunday program, met with Executive  
Board  
Doug Tashjian

Inter-Collegiate Dinner  
Scott Najarian, Doug Tashjian

Greenfield: Met with chapter members  
Doug Tashjian

Racine: Met with chapter members  
Doug Tashjian

W. Queens Met with chapter members  
Doug Tashjian

### **October**

Springfield: New England Regional Committee Meeting  
Scott Najarian, Doug Tashjian

Greenfield: Christian Leadership Seminar  
Laurie Onanian, Doug Tashjian

### **November**

ACYOA-WD ACYO-WD General Assembly, Yettam, California. Central Council Chairman addressed delegates, Executive Secretary addressed banquet. Attended all meetings.  
Scott Najarian, Doug Tashjian

### **December**

Watertown: Attended Collegiate Dinner sponsored by ACYOA.  
Scott Najarian

Workshop held for chapter members participating in Chapter "A"/Assistance Program  
Laurie Onanian, Doug Tashjian

Hye Christian Encounter  
Suzie Ashjian, Laurie Onanian

Providence: New England Regional Committee Meeting  
Scott Najarian, Laurie Onanian, Doug Tashjian

Livingston: Meeting with Parish Priests of Northern New Jersey  
parishes.  
Doug Tashjian

New  
Rochelle: Attended evening session of St. Nersess Winter Studies  
Program for college students.  
Doug Tashjian

## **January**

Bayside: Attended Chapter Meeting  
Doug Tashjian

Boca Raton: Participated in Chapter "A"/Assistance Program  
Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian, Doug Tashjian

Hartford: Attended Christmas Program/Dinner  
Doug Tashjian

Fairlawn: Northern New Jersey Regional Meeting  
Suzie Ashjian, Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian, Scott  
Najarian, Doug Tashjian

## **February**

Livingston: Meeting with Northern New Jersey Pastors  
Doug Tashjian

Tenafly: Attended organizational meeting  
Doug Tashjian

Cultural Weekend-New York City  
Suzie Ashjian, Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian, Doug  
Tashjian

Watertown: Collegiate Dinner  
Scott Najarian

Providence: Chapter Visitation  
Laurie Onanian

### **March**

Elberon: Archbishop's Tournament/Diocesan Assembly Meeting  
Doug Tashjian

Cambridge: Guest Speaker at ACYOA sponsored Lenten Dinner  
Doug Tashjian

Providence: Updating of National Mailing List  
Doug Tashjian

Guest Speaker at ACYOA sponsored Lenten Dinner  
Doug Tashjian

Tenafly: Meeting with new Executive Board  
Doug Tashjian

Attended and spoke at organizational meeting  
Doug Tashjian

Chicago: Met with Parish Priest and Chapter Organizational  
Committee.  
Doug Tashjian



Milwaukee: Meeting with young adults  
Doug Tashjian

Racine: Guest Speaker at ACYOA Day Banquet  
Doug Tashjian

Westchester: Christian Leadership Conference  
Suzie Ashjian, Doug Tashjian

## **April**

Cleveland: Attended 25th Anniversary Banquet of Parish  
Central Council, Doug Tashjian

Attended Hye Christian Encounter Weekend  
Doug Tashjian

New York: ACYOA Martyr's Day Program  
City Suzie Ashjian, Lisa Manookian, Doug Tashjian

Livingston: Meeting with Pastors of Fairlawn, Livingston and  
Tenafly  
Doug Tashjian

Westchester: Attended organizational meeting  
Doug Tashjian

## **May**

Westchester: Attended organizational meeting  
Doug Tashjian

Tenafly: Attended Chapter meeting  
Doug Tashjian

Fairlawn: Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference  
Suzie Ashjian

Cambridge: Chapter Visitation  
Laurie Onanian

Watertown: Chapter Visitation  
Laurie Onanian

1989 Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Invitational Tournament-  
Elberon.  
Suzie Ashjian, Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian, Doug Tashjian

## **June**

Cambridge: New England Regional Meeting  
Laurie Onanian

Houston: Chapter Visitation/ Sports Weekend Meeting  
Lisa Manookian

\*\* Suzie Ashjian made chapter visitations to Bayside and Westchester during the year

## **8. INTER-DIOCESAN RELATIONS**

### **Western Diocese**

This year's Inter-Diocesan Central Council meeting with the Western Diocese was postponed. Due to the decrease in general fundraising activities, the Council concluded that this particular meeting should be sacrificed in order to fund other priority programming. Both Central Councils plan to meet in the near future.

Communication between each group during the year was frequent. In November, Doug and Scott attended the Western Diocese ACYO General Assembly held in Yettam, California. As always the ACYO members of

Western Diocese were gracious hosts. Scott addressed the Assembly on Saturday, reviewing the programs offered by our Diocese, as well as noting the differences and similarities of each youth group. Doug gave a well received address to the members and alumni attending the banquet Saturday evening. Doug focused on the roles that all generations can assume in enhancing our knowledge of Armenian language, culture and history.

The Western Diocese will host a summer retreat to be co-sponsored by both the ACYO and ACYOA. "East and West: One In Christ" is the theme of the retreat to be held from July 16-22 at the Western Diocese Camp in Dunlap, California. Rev. Father Vasken Movsesian will serve as retreat leader for the week. Activities are to include workshops and discussions designed to give participants the opportunity to learn more about the Armenian religion and their spiritual selves. Camp facilities include swimming, boating and horseback riding.

At the time of this report only several members of the Eastern Diocese have taken advantage of this program, while the Western Diocese has responded with a large group.

### **Canadian Diocese**

The Central Council met with members of the newly elected Canadian Central Council following the 1988 General Assembly in Providence. Discussion focused on support of each others respective programs in the future.

Canada will once again participate in our Annual Sports Weekend in Houston. The Toronto Chapter is expected to have the larger number of athletes participating than any ACYOA or ACYO chapter.

## 10. ACYOA DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT

The ACYOA continues a year long search for a full time position in the ACYOA office. Among the responsibilities of the Departmental Assistant will be the designing and implementing of programs specifically for college students. Ads have been placed in all major Armenian newspapers in addition to mailings sent to each parish and ACYOA member.

## 11. PUBLICATIONS

### *The Hye Hokin*

During the Fall of 1988, after several months of study and analysis, the Central Council adopted plans for a new quarterly National publication. Lisa Manookian was appointed general coordinator for the publication. By January 1989 an Editorial Board had been chosen and approved by the Council. An exhaustive search for a name was also concluded at this time and *Hye Hokin* ("The Armenian Spirit") was chosen. The services of Karen Sirabian, an ACYOA alumnus, were obtained as a professional editor. Lucine Baronian(Bayside) was chosen to due design and layout.

Initially, the Council examined what the needs of the ACYOA are in terms of a publication. It was concluded that we fill the void left by many other publications in the coverage of youth related news and topics. With this in mind articles, editorials and news will be directed towards the perspective of young adults. For example, articles regarding the Armenian earthquake were directed toward what the Armenian youth were doing to relieve earthquake victims. In this manner, we believe the *Hye Hokin* serves as a unique periodical within the Armenian church.

After these concerns had been addressed, a lengthy production schedule was devised in order to satisfy the requirements of the many individuals involved in the production process. Submitted materials are reviewed and edited for accuracy and content by many individuals, including members of the Editorial staff, Central Council, Executive Secretary, Diocese, and Clergy.

The first issue of the *Hye Hokin* was distributed in March, 1989. This issue has been followed by a summer issue, available in August. The

August issue will be distributed at the General Assembly and Sports Weekend in Houston, as well as mailed to those on the National mailing list.

### **National Directory**

A directory of all ACYOA dues paid members was issued in January, 1989. Copies were mailed to each dues paid member at the time of printing. Each individual was listed along with members of his/her chapter. This booklet has proven to be a popular and valuable resource to members. A third edition is scheduled for January, 1990.

### **Membership Handbook**

The new Membership Handbook has been completed and printed. The Handbook contains the following information: An Organizational Overview, Listing of Chapter Chairman and Contacts, Listing of Parishes and Clergy, Description of all Programs, Calendar of Events, Constitution, Sports Weekend and Archbishop's Tournament Rules and Regulations, etc.

The Membership Handbook has been printed in a loose-leaf format and includes a binder. This will allow essential updating throughout the year.

### **Chapter Resource Handbook**

During 1989 the Central Council has completely revised the ACYOA Chapter Handbook. A full revision of this book had not been done for ten years. Materials have been updated by Council members Suzie Ashjian and Lisa Manookian. Both members spent many months of research and editing the publication. The book is divided into 16 categories:

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| 1. Table of Contents               | 10. Publicity  |
| 2. Introduction                    | 11. Letters  |
| 3. Organizational Overview         | 12. Administrative Forms   |
| 4. The Chapter Executive Committee | 13. Prayers  |
| 5. Standing Committees             | 14. Protocol   |
| 6. Meetings                        | 15. Guidelines for submission<br>of proposals and<br>amendments to the General<br>Assembly |
| 7. Programs                        | 16. Rules of Parliamentary<br>Procedure  |
| 8. Budgeting                       |  |
| 9. Reports                         |  |

The Resource Handbook has been completed and will be distributed to Clergy and Chapter Chairman at the 1989 General Assembly.

### **13. NEW ACYOA CHAPTERS**

The ACYOA has steadily increased the number of active chapters during the past several years. 1989 proved to be similar with the addition of Chicago, Illinois, New Britain, Connecticut, Houston, Texas and San Antonio, Texas, and Western Queens, New York.

The Northern New Jersey ACYOA has been divided to establish four different chapters: Fairlawn, Livingston, Tenafly, and Union City.

### **14. ARMENIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF**

In addition to the Stepanavan Earthquake Relief Team, the following projects were accomplished by the ACYOA in order to assist victims.

## **ACYOA Volunteers Manage Storage Space at Kennedy Airport**

Through the efforts of Executive Secretary Doug Tashjian, a team of ACYOA volunteers were assembled to prepare shipments from a 30,000 square foot storage facility at JFK Airport in New York City to Yerevan, Armenia.

Over a four week period, 200,000 pounds of relief supplies were unloaded, by hand, without forklifts, conveyors, or professional assistance. Mr. Tashjian quickly learned the field of receiving and warehouse management, spending countless hours at the storage building organizing this effort.

Volunteers, many college students home on Christmas vacation, came from the following Armenian churches: St. Leon's(Fairlawn), St. Thomas(Tenafly), St. James(Westchester), Holy Martyr's(Bayside), Holy Cross(Union City), and St. Nersess Armenian Seminary.

## **ACYOA Departmental Activities**

-Letters sent to all members on National Mailing List informing them of what they could do as a group or chapter. This information included critical phone numbers where donations could be sent and sample letters for soliciting donations. The ACYOA was one of the first organizations in the country to have this information available.

-Conducted a phone-a-thon of New York Metropolitan area ACYOA members.

-Set up phone bank of 20 phones to handle incoming toll-free calls to the Diocese

-Obtained donation of a fax machine

-Worked with two New York television stations to produce public service announcements which ran daily for eight days.

-Obtained, free of charge, the use of two typewriters from IBM.

-Assisted in coordination of donations of relief supplies.

-Distributed, Diocesan wide, collection canisters to pastors and Parish Council Chairman for use in local businesses.

## **17. FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

### **National Fundraising Committee**

In the fall of 1988 the Central Council appointed the following ACYOA members to an ad-hoc National Fundraising Committee: Greg Arpajian(Cleveland), Chairman, Roseann Manoogian(Detroit), Treasurer, Nora Ovassapian(Evanston), Secretary, and Susan Brewster(Hartford), Advisor.

The goal of the committee is to develop and implement fundraising activities. With the delays due to the Armenian earthquake, progress has been slowed but will resume in the upcoming year.

### **Armenian Church Endowment Fund (ACEF)**

The ACYOA-ACEF account grew significantly in 1989 due to the major contribution of Mr. Edward Mardigian. Mr. Mardigian has increased his contributions to the ACYOA by \$50,000.00, for a three year total of \$100,000.

Through the use of letters and reports sent to his residences in both Michigan and Florida, the Central Council and Executive Secretary kept Mr. Mardigian well informed of the progress the organization has made since his initial donation. In increasing his contribution, Mr. Mardigian noted that the ACYOA has responded positively by creating new programs, new chapters, and increasing membership. He pledged to continue his support in future years.

It is significant to note that the interest generated from the ACEF account during 1989 will be almost equal to the entire annual ACYOA budget of 1984.



## **David Onanian 1988 General Assembly Challenge**

At the conclusion of the 1988 General Assembly, David Onanian(Houston) challenged Assembly Delegates to make a donation to the ACYOA, which he would match, up to \$100.00 per delegate.

A committee was appointed by the Central Council to administer this fundraiser. Several mailings and phone solicitations took place over the year. The fundraiser will conclude at the 1989 Assembly. Greg Arpajian served as committee Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,



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CHAIRMAN,  
ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

