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TOWARD A MORE MEANINGFUL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

It's summer, people are back from school, we're going out more, the days are long, we go places together, day trips, weekends, vacations, it's great but it only lasts about 12 weeks. Then it's back to school, the routine and looking toward the next holiday and vacation.

During the summer, the ACYOA perks up for some reason. People start coming around, the chapter does a few things together - and there are alot more people involved. There must be a reason for all this "motion" and activity.....ah....the NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND is coming. That last blast before school and the end of our lazy summer days.

Every year, it seems that everyone gets all excited about the National Sports Weekend, and rightly so, for the festivities, the large numbers of Armenians together, the sports competition, the all-night parties, etc., etc., and etc. are something that almost everyone enjoys. People meeting others from various parts of the country - participating in sports, the banquets, dances all make for a great weekend.

However, for a small group - the "elect" - the few days before the Sports Weekend are an important part of the ACYOA. THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY takes place from the Wednesday before the Weekend through Friday. Parliamentary procedures, rules, meetings and protocol abound - and what used to be boring meetings and debates on the wording of a Constitutional Amendment has turned into a worthwhile and actually fun event for the 40 to 50 delegates who participate.

The ACYOA has finally evolved beyond the uncreative stage of setting down all the rules and regulations, all the word changes and "principle" stances, to a more program oriented and thinking body which feels it's time to progress, expand, become a meaningful organization to the thousands of Armenian young people who live in our Diocese.

This year, the intent of the Assembly is for it to be meaningful, not only for the delegates who attend the three day convention, but for the entire Organization throughout the rest of the year. As Chairmen, delegates, clergy, and responsible young adults of the Armenian Church, we owe it to ourselves to concentrate on meaningful issues and areas of mutual concern - not on things only relevant to one chapter or one situation.

We thus can progress through our agenda, with a new prospective and inclination. With a communal function and spirit that will enable us to move ahead and finally allow our 36 year old Organization a chance to mature. After having been uplifted by the accomplishments of the Assembly; after having shared our concerns and ideas during the three day meeting, we can then glide into the Sports Weekend and have a "whale of a time"!!

ASSEMBLY / SPORTS WEEKEND AT A GLANCE....

HOST: New Britain ACYOA Chapter, Armenian Church of the Holy Resurrection.
PLACE: Sheraton-Hartford Hotel - downtown Hartford, Conn. next to Civic Center.
WHO'S COMING: Everyone from the United States and Canada.
WHAT'S OFFERED: Sports competition, banquets, parties, dances, awards, meetings, people group discussion, Church, speeches, fun, food, drink, girls, boys, a "whale of a weekend", and of course the whale.
DATES: Assembly - Sept. 1-3.
Sports Weekend - Sept. 3-6.
SPORTS FACILITY: Bulkeley Athletic Field House (unbelievable).
ITINERARY: Assembly - Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Hotel - Registration and First Session
Wednesday evening - "pub crawl"
Thursday, 9 a.m. Sessions continue
Thursday evening - Pool party
Friday, 9 a.m. - Final Sessions of the Assembly
Sports Weekend - Friday afternoon/evening - registration
Friday evening - Welcoming buffet and Dance
Saturday - Athletics all day
Saturday evening - Alumni Banquet and Dance
Sunday morning - Divine Liturgy at New Armenian Church
in New Britain
Sunday afternoon - Athletic finals
Sunday evening - Awards Banquet and presentations
Sunday Night - Awards Celebration Dance and Party
Monday morning - sleep
Monday noon - Farewell Festival (bus transportation)
COST: Hotel - Single: 36. Double: 41. Triple: 42. Quad: 47. per night
Package - 129. less 10. if received before Aug. 6th, less membership discount. First 200 registrations receive special caps.
(individual "at door" prices will be much higher)
MISSING OUT: You if you aren't at the Assembly and Sports Weekend -----be there!

DELEGATES' MATERIALS PREPARED AND SENT.

In an effort to have all the ACYOA delegates prepared for the Assembly, the Executive Secretary, Council Chairman and Treasurer prepared the necessary materials - such as: ~~The Report of the ACYOA Central Council, Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Proposals, Credential Cards, Itinerary, Assembly Agenda, etc.~~
Thanks to Delegates Jim Guregian and Cynthia Magarian (Lowell) who assisted in the preparation and mailing of the materials.

ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETS.....

The weekend of July 23,24,25 brought together the members of the ACYOA Central Council in a Meeting with the Executive Secretary at "Little Ani" - Ss. Vartanantz Armenian Church in Chelmsford, Mass. The agenda included reports on the various current programs of the ACYOA, as well as selection of the Chapter "A" Award, Sam Nersesian Award, Sam Nersesian Scholarship recipients, as well as the announcement of the winner of the Archbishop's Essay Contest Award.

The winner of the Sam Nersesian Scholarship was Lynda Chagachbanian of St. Leon's Armenian Church. The Scholarship is the tuition cost of this year's St. Nersess Summer Studies Program in New York.

The winner of the first Archbishop's Essay Contest, English Language Category, is Kevin Magarian of Holy Trinity Armenian Church, (Cambridge). [There were no entries in the Armenian Language Category.] The Awards will be presented during the Awards Presentations at the National Sports Weekend.

The winners of the Chapter "A" Award and Sam Nersesian Award will be announced during the Presentations.

Other business of the Council Meeting included a review and approval of received Proposals and Proposed Constitutional Amendments for the Annual General Assembly, as well as discussion of other Assembly items.

Other discussion concerned the Fund Raising plan for the ACYOA, and the distribution of Membership Cards to all Dues-Paying members of the Organization. An incentive plan is being initiated this year, whereby a "card-carrying" member will be given a discount on the Package Plan of the National Sports Weekend. (Don't leave home without it!)

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.....

THAT: A more conscientious effort be made by every Chapter Executive Committee to meet the designated deadlines that are established to assist in the Administrative operations of the ACYOA. The Cleveland Chapter is the only one who meets their deadlines.

THAT: Every Chapter be a part of the NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND BOOKLET by sending a donation to the New Britain Chapter - thereby placing the Chapter name in the Booklet. [See reverse for the form.]

THAT: All members representing their Chapters understand that you are representing your Chapter, and that the trophies won should be on display at the Church. The individual medals that are presented are for you to keep!

THAT: All members who are participating in the Sports Competition be regular members (not associate members) and that their dues have been paid and forwarded to the ACYOA Central Council Treasure for deposit in the National Treasury.

THAT: All Delegates to the Assembly be on time for the Sessions - especially if part or all of your expenses are paid by the Chapter!!

THAT: The Delegates to the Assembly participate with a creative and imaginative spirit, and not a knit-picking, negativistic, backward, or any other non-constructive perspective. We only meet once a year, let's not miss our chance to do something worthwhile and illuminating.

HERE'S & THERE'S & OTHERS.

Three cheers and a commendation to the Cleveland and Lowell Chapters for having their Annual Chapter Report filed on time with the Executive Secretary [let's not give Lowell too much credit, since the Executive Secretary's Office is in their parish!]. Others which followed soon after the June 30 deadline were Lawrence, Wisconsin and New Britain. The others....well....."it's in the mail".....WISCONSIN....checking in with 52 members is expected to make a strong showing at the Assembly....4 delegates....the Chapter went to a Brewers game....neck and neck with the Red Sox....they're selling sports shirts... pool party sounds good....but the co-sponsorship of a CPR Course with the American Heart Association is really good....graduating college...Nick Akgulian, Nishan Akgulian, Karen Garoukian and Janice Kashian...best of luck.....NEW BRITAIN....preparing for the General Assembly and National Sports Weekend has kept them rather busy...but they are ready.... they met with the Executive Secretary in July to go over the details....it going to be a great time.....CLEVELAND....installation of officers on July 25th...participated in All

Nations Festival and Church Picnic games for kids....Cheryl Arslanian traveled to Armenia and, no doubt, had the time of her life.....LOWELL.....re-activated in preparation for the Assembly and Sports Weekend.....softball and basketball....and of course beach party... ..LAWRENCE.....53 members!!!!!!.....4 delegates....and all kinds of teams and participation expected at the Sports Weekend.....Basketball Team in regular "recreation" league... watch out Detroit and Watertown...beach party...raffle to help out defry Weekend costs... they're ready for a good time in Hartford.....BAYSIDE....re-organized.....look for them at the Weekend....Arda Nazerian and Shakeh Ajemian making things happen there..... PROVIDENCE....re-organized....and ready to participate at the Weekend....Linda Minasian and Craig Eranosian....and of course the Parnagian brothers - Paul and Steve....helping to rebuild the once powerful Chapter.....That's it for now....don't forget to send in the Monthly Fact Sheets so we know you're alive and well and doing something....everyone should have twelve in by JUNE '83.....See you at the Assembly and National Sports Weekend.

NEW CHAPTERS & NEW CHAIRMEN.

Newly re-organized or established chapters include: Montreal, Bayside, Providence and of course Northern New Jersey and Washington DC....We can look forward to meeting them at the Assembly.

The recent Chapter Elections for the upcoming 82-83 fiscal year include the following: [that we have been informed about]

- BAYSIDE - Arda Nazerian and Shakeh Ajemian Co-Chairmen
- PROVIDENCE - Craig Eranosian
- WATERTOWN - Sabou Boyadjian
- LOWELL - Mike Amboian
- LAWRENCE - Kory Sirmaian
- CLEVELAND - Nancy Bagdasarian

Elections for the year should have been held in June....or at least before September.

ATTENTION DELEGATES.....

The Delegates of the Chapter are: Pastor, Chapter Chairman, Elected Delegates. [See Chapter Handbook or Constitution for possible number of elected delegates.] All delegates should make a real effort to attend and participate all (or at least part) of the Assembly.

All Delegates shall receive a packet containing needed materials for the Assembly. ALL DELEGATES WILL NEED THE CREDENTIAL CARD, which is enclosed in the packet. The Credential Card must be presented upon Assembly Registration, and have the appropriate signatures. Do NOT mail the card in, thank you.



ACYOA SPORTS WEEKEND BOOKLET DONATION

Please accept my donation for the success of the ACYOA Sports Weekend, the ACYOA national organization and the youth movement. I'm enclosing----

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