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Visitations

November

Watertown-Several meetings concerning visitation
of Catholicos

Watertown-Presented speech on behalf of Armenian Youth
to Catholicos

December

Watertown -Collegiate Dinner for Boston area college students

January

Providence-National Sports Weekend Meeting

Correspondence

Outgoing

October-Letter regarding visitation of Catholicos

November-Packet containg Chapter Chairman Listings
and CC Regional Assignments

December-Packet containing announcement of New Format
for Chapter "A" Award, including explanations for
each individual item.

-Letter requesting bids for National Ball

January-Letter announcing "A" Award incentive visitation.

Monthly-Packet sent to all new Chapter Chairman upon their
election-contains membership applications, fact
sheets, reminder sheets, etc.

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VISITATIONS BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

DALLAS	2/19-2/20 - Introductory Meeting
HOUSTON	2/20-2/21 - Organizational Meeting
HARTFORD	2/29 - Preparation for Christian Leadership Program
PROVIDENCE	3/1 - Re-organize Mailing List
WORCESTER	3/2 - Lenten Dinner, Guest Speaker
CLEVELAND	3/18-3/19 - General Meeting Discussion of Programming In conjunction with Nancy Basmajian
WESTERN QUEENS	3/25 - Met with Executive Board of Sevan Youth Group Planning to become ACYOA chapter
NORTHERN NJ	4/4 - Met with Executive Board-Discussed Programming

OTHER ACTIVITIES

REGIONAL MEETING	4/9 - Hartford
MEETING WITH ACYO-WD	4/15-4/17
40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION OF REV. FR. ARTEN ASHJIAN	2/28
PALM SUNDAY	3/27 - Westchester, Guest Speaker
KARABAGH	3/13 - Assisted in planning and participated in rally
MARTYRS PROGRAM	4/23 - Co-sponsored by ACYOA SRS and ACYOA JRS

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CHAPTER VISITATION SOUTH FLORIDA ACYOA

CHAPTER: The Armenian Church of South Florida
DATE OF VISITATION: February 27th, 28th, 1987

2 On February 27, 1987 a meeting/social was held at the home of Melanie Mekelian in Margate, FL. The group consisted of ACYOA members from the newly-formed South Florida ACYOA and AGBU Youth members from Miami. In all, their were twenty Armenian youth, Mrs. Janet Papelian (AGBU Youth Coordinator), and Anthony Barsamian (Acting Executive Secretary to the ACYOA).

2 After everyone had arrived, a group discussion was held. The discussion, lead by Anthony Barsamian, centered around the purpose of the ACYOA, and how it could benefit the youth in South Florida. We discussed the "New ACYOA National Committees." New programs that will bring Religious, Cultural, and Education programs to Armenian youth in their regions. Many of the youth were excited about these programs, and asked questions about how this idea could benefit them individually.

We discussed that eventhough there were two organizations present, both could work together complementing each other. The AGBU has organized a strong sports program for the youth in Florida. This program is very successful, and should be continued and supported. Many of the youth from both organizations expressed an interest in Armenian Language classes. We proposed that since the AGBU already has an active sports program, the ACYOA will concentrate its effort on Religious, Cultural and Educational programs, (such as Armenian Language classes). This is an example how both organizations can work together to benefit all Armenian youth.

Here are some suggestions for the South Florida ACYOA to keep in mind.

2 The ACYOA recently lacks a sense of purpose, and has become dependent upon social gatherings as a form of existence. It is important that the ACYOA leaders form a well rounded agenda capturing the entirety of the ACYOA's goals and objectives.



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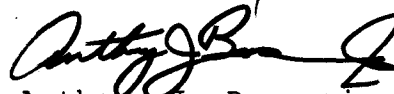
I encourage the youth to have social gatherings, but also keep in mind the long-range goals of our organization. We are trying to prepare young Armenians to carry on the mission of the Armenian Church. We need to focus on some important questions. What is the purpose of the ACYOA? What is our purpose as Armenian Christians? How do we reach our goals and objectives?

These are the questions that must be answered; not only by the ACYOA member, but by the Clergy and the entire parish membership of the South Florida Community. The ACYOA is the training ground of the Armenian Church, it takes total commitment by all the church members for our mission to work.

I congratulate ACYOA Chairman, Melanie Mekelian; Vice Chairman, Elizabeth Rosvally; Treasurer, Rena Jebejian; and Secretary, Tom Topalian. There is an interest for the Armenian youth to gather in South Florida. The youth have initiated the first step. Now it is our responsibility to see that all youth come together, and constructively build a foundation with the aid of the community.

I have no doubt that this new chapter will succeed. It has a caring clergy, interested parish membership, and quality youth. Please consider these points which I have raised, and I'm sure you will make active progress.

Respectfully submitted, - ?



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Acting Executive Secretary

- Please see enclosed ACYOA National Committees.



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CENTRAL COUNCIL PARISH VISITATION REPORT FORM

[Please type or print. Attach any additional data.]

Chapter: South Florida ACYOA Parish: Church of South Florida

Chairman: Melanie Mekelian Pastor: Rev. Fr. Zaven Arzoumanian

Number of dues paid members: 10 Potential number of members (approx.): 50

Check: Senior group organized & operating, strong weak x needs direction.

Junior group organized & operating, 5-15 members 15-20 20 plus.

Adult advisors (other than parish council liason), name: _____

Parish owns or regularly rents athletic or recreational facilities.

Chapter exec. comm. meets: weekly bi-weekly x monthly as necessary.

Chapter meetings are held: weekly x monthly bi-monthly irregularly.

Which ACYOA programs does this chapter participate in? (or individual members)

Armenian Studies x ACYOA Day Program Martyr's Day Commemoration

Regional Retreats Chairman's Roundtable x National Sports Weekend

St. Vartan Camp Regional Anniv. Ball x Archbp's Basketball Tourney

Does this chapter usually respond to Central Council communiques? x yes rarely

Annual Events (incl. dates): Educational/Religious/Cultural Activities or Events:

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| 1. Parish Dinners | 1. | 7. |
| 2. Coffee Fellowships | 2. | 8. |
| 3. Meetings with AGBU/Miam | 3. | Other Activities: (general) |
| 4. | 4. | 1. |
| 5. | 5. | 2. |
| 6. | 6. | 3. |

General Observations: [be concise]

The new South Florida ACYOA has a good group of dedicated quality members. Together with a parish who is excited about building the new church, we see great potential for this group. It is most important that the South Florida ACYOA keep in contact with Central Council members and the Executive Secretary at the Diocese. We welcome you as part of the National ACYOA.

Comments: [use reverse side or attach sheets]

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| 1. Parish/chapter relations. good | 4. Problem areas. programs |
| 2. Pastor-parish council/ chapter relations. good | 5. Leadership potential, |
| 3. Outstanding points/qualities of parish and/or chapter. close knit group of individual members. | of selected members. very high! |

How does the youth of this parish serve the Church?

Yes, this chapter is very active with thier Parish

How does this parish meet the needs of the youth?

This is a question that needs to be answered by the Paster and Parish Council.

Date of visitation: Feb 27, 28, 1987 C.C. Member: Anthony D. Barsamian, Jr.

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Acting Executive Secretary