



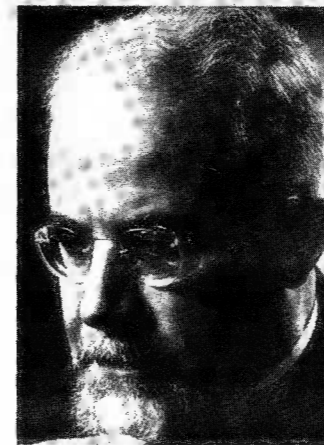
1990 ACYOA General Assembly &
20th National Sports Weekend

August 29 – September 3, 1990

Cleveland, Ohio

IN MEMORIAM...

A native of Aintab (1904) Abp. Tiran Nersoyan was born Nersess Tavoukjian, the son of a priest and a former schoolteacher. At the age of 11, he and his family became refugees, traveling by mule to Aleppo. The boy endured many hardships, especially hunger, even after his father returned from the exile which he and other priests and leaders had to undergo.



The Tavoukjian family eventually went back to Aintab, and in 1921, Abp. Yeghishe Tourian, then Patriarch of Jerusalem, gladly accepted his former pupil's son, now 17, in the seminary. Nersess graduated, taught at the lay school for the children of refugees, and was ordained a deacon, studying at night with Abp. Tourian, who taught his young students church history, liturgy and philology.

On the day of the Feast of the Transfiguration in 1928, Nersess walked to the altar, escorted by his father, and was ordained by Patriarch Tourian. He was sent to London for academic training, chiefly at King's College, and went back to Jerusalem to teach in the seminary, of which he became principal in 1932, serving in that post for five years. Back in London, he had charge of the Armenian Church which, in 1938 and thereafter, meant enduring the blitz, counseling and entertaining hundreds of Armenian-American G.I.'s, celebrating Divine Liturgy with bombs dropping all around.

Abp. Tiran was elected Primate of the American Diocese, arrived in 1944 and was installed by the late Abp. Garegin Hovsepianz, then Primate. The new Primate served for ten years; during his tenure, ten new churches were built in the United States, the Diocesan constitution and administration were modernized, and the difficult groundwork prepared for the erection of a Cathedral. (Not to mention many other accomplishments, such as the establishment of the ACYOA, bringing young theological candidates to study in the United States as future parish priests, and translating the "badarak.")

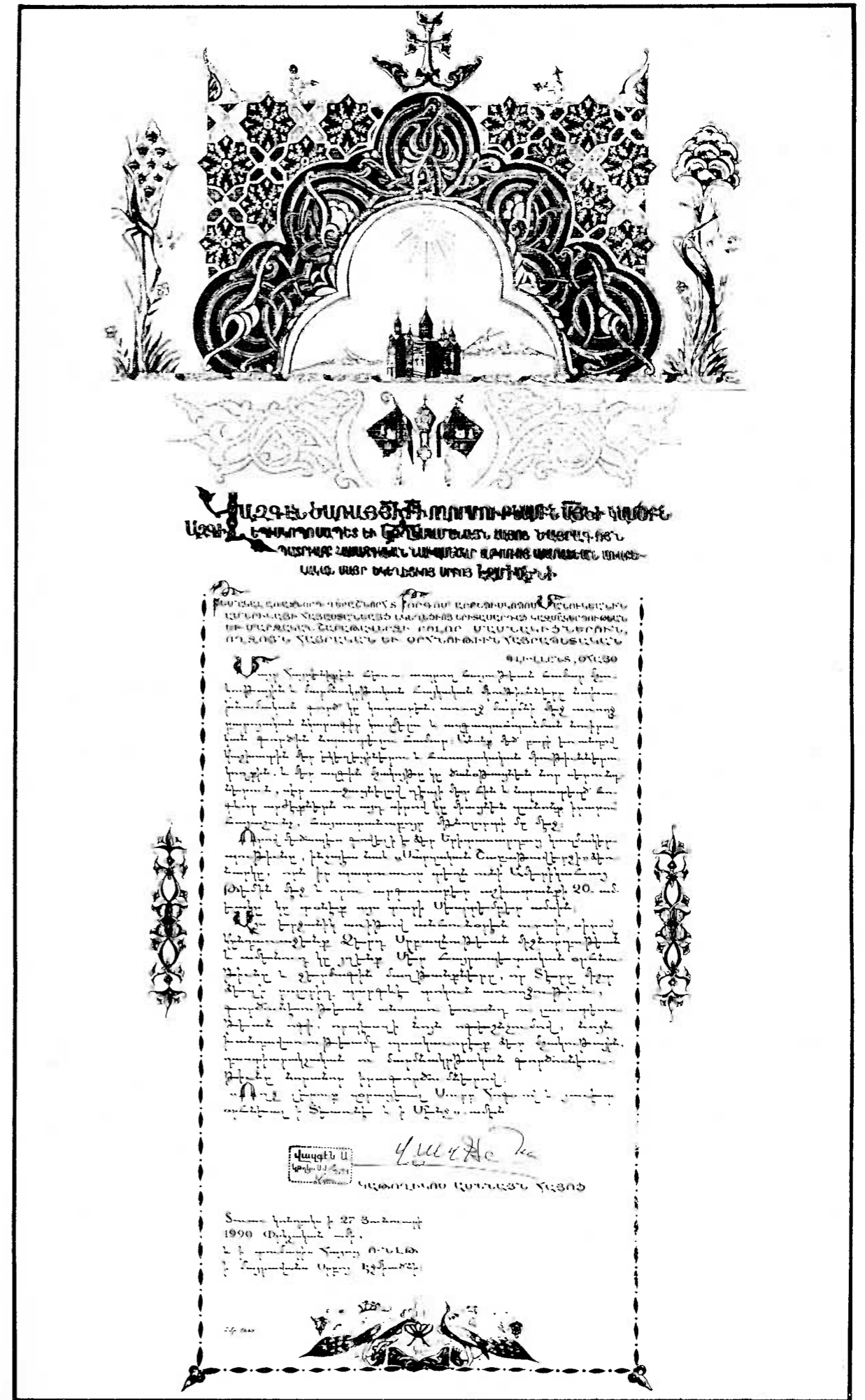
In 1956, Abp. Tiran went to Jerusalem where the St. James brotherhood chose him as *locum tenens*. Elected Patriarch in 1957, he served until August 1958, but the King would not give him the necessary "ferman," and deported him. (Ties to Etchmiadzin were suspect in that familiar period of McCarthyism and anti-communism.)

New York has been Abp. Tiran's home base in recent years; a long series of invitations to serve as celebrant of Divine Liturgy in our churches around the country, to give lectures on a great variety of subjects, religious and otherwise, with which he is conversant, and to write articles, has been a way of life for him. He is in constant touch with his brother, Dr. Hagop Nersoyan in Ohio, a sister, Mrs. Mariam Jebejian, and several nephews and their families. And with a great host of friends and admirers, many of whom are here tonight to honor Abp. Tiran Nersoyan, an illustrious Armenian-American clergyman.

ARCHBISHOP TIRAN NERSOYAN
1904 - 1989



Vasken I,
Catholicos of All Armenians



**VASKEN SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST,
BY THE MERCY OF GOD
AND THE WILL OF THE ARMENIAN NATION,
CHIEF BISHOP AND CATHOLICOS OF ALL ARMENIANS,
SUPREME PATRIARCH OF THE PREEMINENT SEE
OF THE ARARATIAN APOSTOLIC SEE OF THE
CATHEDRAL OF HOLY ETCHMIADZIN**

To the Diocesan Primate, His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the ACYOA and all those participating in the "Athletic Weekend," fatherly greeting and patriarchal blessing.

The Armenian "athletic associations" are performing a providential role for the Armenians living outside of the fatherland by fostering a healthy mind in a healthy body, and supporting the sacred effort of national self-preservation. They work fervently and side by side with our churches and community organizations, introducing our ethnic culture to the new generation, creating and generating love toward our ancient and newly-created values. Through that kind of love they bind the young people together in an Armenian atmosphere.

Your Youth Organization as well as your "Athletic Weekend" affair, which occupies an honorable place in the life of your Diocese, whose 20th anniversary of fruitful achievements is to be celebrated in September of this year is highly praiseworthy.

On this delightful occasion, in answer to His Eminence's request, I happily send you our patriarchal blessing and warm wishes, so that the Lord may always grant you good health and abundant vigor to work, and optimism, so that you may, with the same inspiration and zeal, crown your cultural, educational, and athletic activities with new accomplishments.

Stay well through the strength of the Holy Spirit, and be ever blessed by the Lord and us: amen.

Vasken I
Catholicos of All Armenians

This encyclical was issued on January 27, 1990 (1439, Armenian calendar) from Holy Etchmiadzin.



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PRIMATE'S MESSAGE

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the ACYOA Sports Weekend, I extend my warm greetings and congratulations to ACYOA members everywhere.

You are the generation in whom we all have special confidence and hope. In the many dilemmas facing the Armenian Church of America, you have been both assertive and passionate; to the recent tragedies that have assaulted our homeland and people, you have responded with unprecedented action and concern - fundraising, publicizing, building with your own muscle and will. We can safely leave behind the platitude that you are "the future of the Church" and proudly consider you its dynamic and persistent present.

But with that pride comes a keen awareness that the Armenian Church, shepherd of an often displaced people for centuries, must tend to the needs of today, particularly today's ACYOA. As I myself begin a new chapter in my ministry, I look to you for your advice, your love, your commitment. For if all ACYOA members pledge themselves, body and spirit, to the growth and well-being of the Armenian Church and to seek their own spiritual growth within, then it will be done.

And that you should come from all parts of the Diocese and gather in the parish of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church of Cleveland is a vivid symbol of both the vastness of the Armenian Church and its serene oneness. We are many and widespread, but Armenian faithful come together in unity whether to work, pray, worship, or, in this case, to learn and play.

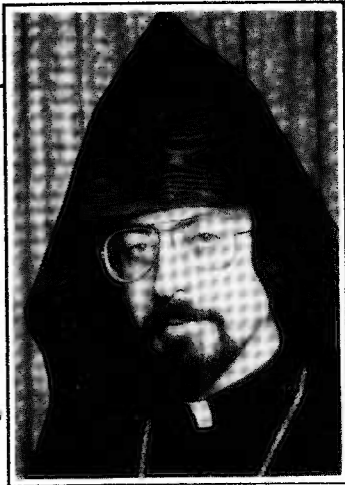
God bless you all and may He keep you ever faithful and ever courageous in service to Him and to each other.

With prayers,

Fr. Khajag Barsamian

Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Primate

New York City
July 1990



**Right Reverend Father Khajag Barsamian,
Primate**



I feel gratified that our energetic youth at St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church, spearheaded by Mona Karoghlanian, have taken the initiative of playing host to the 1990 ACYOA General Assembly and 20th National Sports Weekend to be held in Cleveland.

It is considered a project of great significance which involves determination, hard work and sacrifice. The thing that amazes me deeply is that our youth look on this project as a challenge to mobilize their potential resources and direct them to a worthy or noble cause benefiting our church. In addition to being a challenge, the project also opens up opportunities for fun, skills development, introduction to the competitive environment and development of social and interpersonal skills.

The reason most frequently cited by youth for participating in Sports Weekend is to have the joy of running fast, enduring a long run, flying through the air on a long jump catching a softball all are sensations young athletes experience on Sports Weekend. When asked why they like to take part in Sports Weekend, youth often respond by saying that they want to develop new skills. They are eager to learn new ways in jumping off bumps, hitting a baseball, shooting a basketball with accuracy and doing flips in gymnastics or diving.

We live in a competitive society. Competition is almost innate with youth. Many athletes, when asked why they participate in Sports Weekend, say very simply, "I like to compete." They are anxious to be able to measure their abilities by comparing themselves to others. How does competition affect their personality development? According to psychologists, athletes develop desirable character traits that help them in the adult world. They found out that athletes showed more self discipline, self-confidence and the ability to work cooperatively with others.

Young athletes frequently say that they like to participate in Sports Weekend because they can meet other people, form relationships and spend time with their friends. We all have a strong social need to feel included in a group. Through team sports, youth learn to work with others and to subordinate personal goals for the benefit of the group. This attitude can serve as a model and base that will develop throughout life. Learning to be part of a team will help in adult life.

Our youth had undertaken this big project years ago. They made a good showing at that time. Based on the valuable experience gained by their predecessors, they pledge to do much better this time by rising to the occasion and relying on God's help.

Very Rev. Fr. Sooren Chinchinian
Pastor

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1990 ACYOA National Sports Weekend

St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church, Cleveland ACYOA Seniors

Dear Friends:

The St. Gregory of Narek A.C.Y.O.A. of Cleveland deems it a honor and pleasure to have hosted the 1990 A.C.Y.O.A. General Assembly and Sports Weekend. On behalf of the O-HYE-O '90 Committee, I would like to welcome all who have travelled from many parts of North America to ... "THE BEST LOCATION IN THE NATION."

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This is the first time since 1953 that the A.C.Y.O.A. General Assembly returns to the shores of Lake Erie . . . and the first time the Cleveland Chapter is hosting Sports Weekend. We are proud to host this celebration on the auspicious occasion of the 20th anniversary of the inception of the Sports Weekend.

Plans, preparations and dreams have been built during the past year. Tonight is the culmination of the efforts of a dedicated and committed group of individuals. The parish of St. Gregory of Narek and the Cleveland community-at large is a small -- but vibrant gathering of individuals. They take pride in their church, community, city, A.C.Y.O.A. and above all their faith in God. It has been my distinct privilege to serve as the Chairman and work with this committee.

On behalf of all of us, we'd like to thank all of you for your participation, support and love in our church and the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the army of volunteers who helped in every facet in making O-HYE-O '90 what it has turned out to be. The vastness in such an undertaking has many dimensions; therefore, accolades must go to our committee members, and also; to all who have supported this endeavor financially and morally. On behalf of all the committees and sub-committees, we would like to also acknowledge those who listened to our many dreams and frustrations -- always encouraging our enthusiasm to the end. And last but not least, we are indebted to the Parish Council who has been a source of unwavering support since the inception of O-HYE-O '90.

Cleveland truly is . . . "THE BEST LOCATION IN THE NATION," and we sincerely hope you have enjoyed this celebration of youth!

Sincerely yours,

Mona Karoghlanian
Chairman



Our Presidents, 1946–1990



Archbishop
Tiran Nersoyan



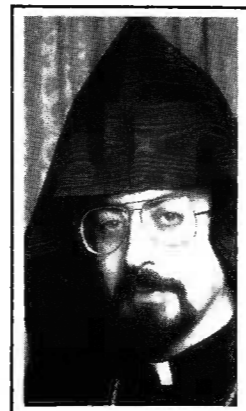
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Khajag Barsamian



Dear Members and Friends:

On behalf of the St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church, we would like to express a most warm and sincere welcome. It is a sheer joy to see this gathering of our youth and hope they have enjoyed our "HYE" hospitality.

The Parish Council is indeed proud of its A.C.Y.O.A. Chapter. The O-HYE-O '90 Committee has worked in communion with one another; they have come together under the banner of the **ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA** and shared their talents with commitment and dedication.

We are cognizant of the fact that you, our beloved youth, are the jewels of the Armenian Church of today. From the inception of the O-HYE-O '90 project, our A.C.Y.O.A. Chapter has enjoyed the full confidence and support of the Parish Council. We tonight, take our hats off to you and say: "GOD BLESS YOU, and remember . . . WE LOVE YOU!!!"

Sincerely,

Florence Karoghlanian

Florence Karoghlanian
Chairman
Parish Council

The Prayer of A.C.Y.O.A.

O Lord our Savior Jesus Christ, Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, give us, the youth of the Church of Armenia, we beseech Thee, the wisdom to know, to love, and to serve Thee in our personal lives severally, and in the corporate life of our Organization.

Thou that leadest men in the way, lead us, thy children, that we may be able to serve the Church through our people, with courage and vision, and in the faith of our illustrious forefathers. Inspire us, O Lord, and open our eyes to thy light, that we may cherish and profit by the heritage which our forefathers have left to us, and that we may be aware of our responsibilities as citizens of our beloved country, the United States of America.

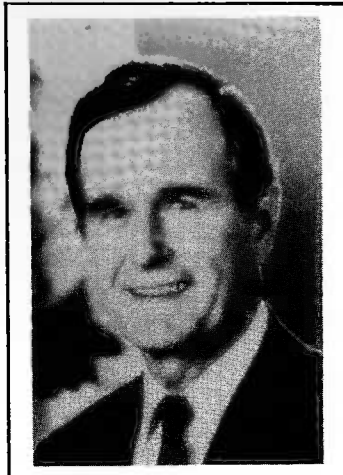
Fill us, O Christ our God, with thy Holy Spirit, that we may be the obedient and unselfish servants of the Will of our Heavenly Father, to whom, together with Thee and the Holy Spirit, is befitting Glory, Dominion and Honor, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



Pledge

I solemnly promise and declare upon my honor, that as a member of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America, I shall, to the best of my ability, be a faithful son of the Armenian Church; shall be a devoted upholder of the Armenian cultural heritage; shall be a loyal citizen of the United States; and I shall diligently abide by the objects, policies, and decisions of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America. I shall not strive for personal recognition and pleasure, but will serve our Church, our Community, and our Country, for the greater glory of God.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 12, 1990

I am pleased to send my warmest greetings to all of you participating in the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America's O-HYE-O '90.

Sports have provided a common ground upon which young people can not only test their athletic skills, but also develop mutual understanding and respect. This event brings together talented athletes and clearly demonstrates how goodwill can be sown on the field of athletic competition.

Competing in sports can teach us many lessons -- the importance of perseverance, teamwork, fair play, sportsmanship, self-control, and self-confidence. These lessons will serve you well throughout your life.

I salute all of you for your dedication to developing the athletic skills necessary to excel, and I commend all the coaches, parents, and volunteers who have made this event possible.

Mrs. Bush joins me in wishing you the best of luck, and may you enjoy a rewarding competition.

Geo Bush



RICHARD F. CELESTE
GOVERNOR

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August 29, 1990

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
ARMENIAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to all of you, who have gathered here today, in Richmond Heights, Ohio as the St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church hosts the 1990 ACYOA National Sports Weekend.

The "O-HYE-O 90" games provide an excellent opportunity for all of you to share past experiences and information which will improve your knowledge and understanding of this most important sporting event. I would like to commend each of you for reflecting on your many achievements and accomplishments as a source for future inspiration.

The Armenian Youth Organization of America's National Sports Weekend symbolizes pride shared by each of you for promoting fellowship, good physical fitness, and fun.

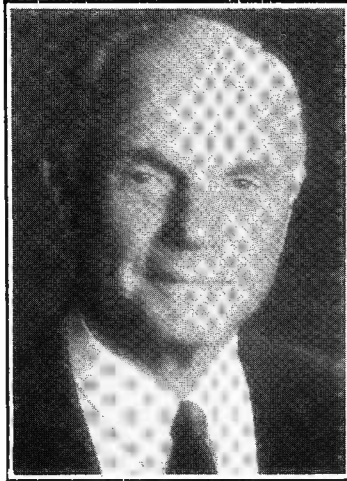
Warmest wishes in this most important endeavor.

Best regards,

Richard F. Celeste

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Governor





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O-HYE-O '90
 1990 ACYOA National Sports Weekend
 Armenian Church Youth Organization of America
 678 Richmond Road
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Dear Friends:

It is my privilege to welcome you to the ACYOA National General Assembly and Sports Weekend in our beautiful North Coast city of Cleveland.

Friendly competition in sports and games develops both physical and mental discipline and helps young people prepare for the future. I am proud of all of you who are participating in this event, and I am especially pleased to commend those whose hard work made it possible.

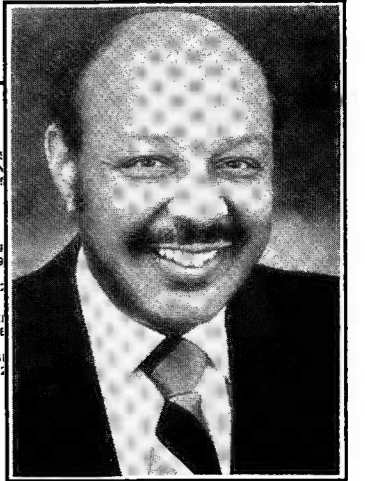
Annie joins me in welcoming you and wishing O-HYE-O a successful and rewarding event in Ohio.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

John Glenn
 United States Senator

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Ms. Mona Karoghlanian
 Chairman
 1990 ACYOA National Sports Weekend
 678 Richmond Road
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Dear Ms. Karoghlanian:

I am pleased to learn of your participation in "O-HYE-O 90", sponsored by A.C.Y.O.A.

This annual gathering will serve as a vehicle, not only to engage in friendly competition but also to unite young Armenian ACYOA athletes from the U.S. and Canada. I urge all who take part to strive to do their best in these events. I hope the Sports Weekend will allow both the participants and spectators alike to share in the building of strong bodies and minds while promoting fellowship through athletics.

I wish you all the best in your participation in this Sports Weekend and hope you continue to form and maintain positive and friendly ties with each other.

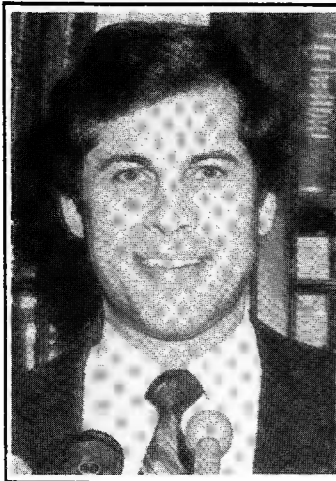
Good luck and remember to always aim high!

Sincerely,

 LOUIS STOKES
 Member of Congress

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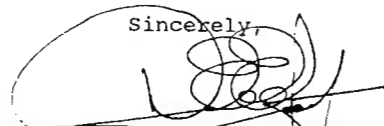
Dear Friends:

Please extend my best wishes to all of the young Armenian ACYOA athletes from all around the United States and Canada, who will be participating in the "O-HYE-O 90" program hosted by the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church in its National General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

I wish you all the best of luck in the games and wish that I could be there to cheer them on.

On behalf of the 11th District of Ohio, I want to welcome all these visitors to Cuyahoga Community College Campus West, and hope they enjoy their visit.

Sincerely,



DENNIS E. ECKART
 Member of Congress

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Honoring

THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
 OF ST. GREGORY OF NAREK ARMENIAN CHURCH


Under the Sponsorship of
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 Lee I. Fisher

On behalf of the members of the Senate of the 118th General Assembly of Ohio, we are pleased to extend special recognition to the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church on the occasion of its hosting the 1990 National General Assembly and Sports Weekend.

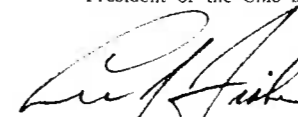
Established in a spirit of friendship and cooperation, the A.C.Y.O.A. General Assembly and Sports Weekend provides Armenian young people from throughout the United States and Canada with an exciting opportunity not only to test their athletic abilities, but also to become acquainted with fellow athletes in an environment of Christian fellowship and camaraderie. In hosting this noteworthy program, the members of the A.C.Y.O.A. of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church have helped to strengthen international goodwill and understanding, and they are, indeed, deserving of the highest praise.

In a society which seeks to teach the future leaders of our state and nation the fundamentals of self-reliance and the rewards of individual effort, athletic competition has become a valuable educational tool. Through participation in this event, A.C.Y.O.A. members will learn lessons of self-discipline, perseverance, hard work, and fair and honest competition which will undoubtedly be of great benefit to them throughout their lifetimes.

Thus, with sincere pleasure, we commend the A.C.Y.O.A. of St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church and salute its members as some of Ohio's finest young people.

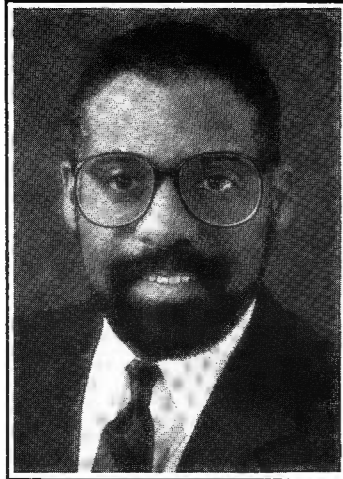



Senator Stanley J. Aronoff
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MICHAEL R. WHITE, MAYOR



TO THE ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS
IN THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICA'S O-HYE-O '90

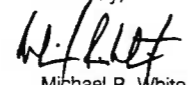
GREETINGS:

I am honored to extend this sincere expression of greetings and best wishes to the officers, members and guests who will participate in the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America O-HYE-O '90 National General Assembly and Sports Weekend, sponsored by St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church, August 29 through September 3, 1990.

This annual gathering, which builds both strong bodies and minds, while promoting fellowship through athletics, will enjoy participation by some 300 young Armenian athletes from all around the United States and Canada. All sporting events will take place at Cuyahoga County Community College, Western Campus. Awards and trophies will be presented to the winners at a Grand Banquet at Stouffer's Tower City Plaza Hotel.

I encourage and challenge the young athletes who will participate to approach each competition with a firm desire to give each event their best effort.

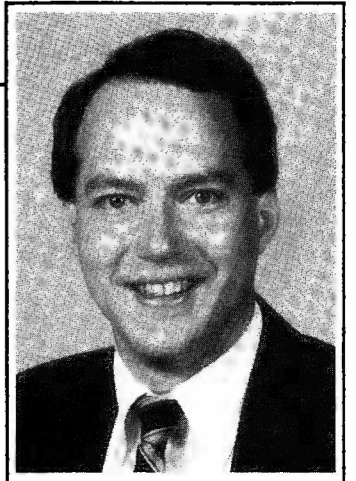
Best wishes for an enjoyable, memorable and highly successful O-HYE-O '90 National General Assembly and Sports Weekend!

Sincerely,

Michael R. White
Mayor

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March 26, 1990

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Attn: Mona Karoghlanian, Chairman

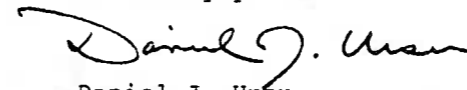
Dear A.C.Y.O.A. Participants,

Good luck during the athletic competition at "O-HYE-O-90" this August and September.

Your involvement in these events is an indication of your belief in the importance of strong bodies and minds, and your commitment to fellowship nurtured by athletic competition. Our country is always well served by individuals who take these beliefs and commitments and apply them to our society as whole, as I am certain you are already doing.

On behalf of the citizens of Richmond Heights, I hope that you find the weekend events both challenging and rewarding.

Sincerely yours,



Daniel J. Ursu
Mayor of Richmond Heights

THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

The Armenian Church Youth Organization of America of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America was created on January 12, 1946 in Providence, Rhode Island.

The new Diocesan-wide National Organization, created for the youth of the Armenian Church, emerged from the foundation of the then many local Junior Leagues and clubs that were formed for the young people of the Armenian Church Parishes.

World War II interrupted the activities of these local groups, many of which were simply inactive during those difficult years. With the termination of the war, a renewed necessity took place of re-organizing the local Parish youth groups. Bishop Tiran Nersoyan, the newly elected Diocesan Primate, wholeheartedly took on the challenge of a problem which was causing the elders of the communities to question the future of the Church in America. This challenge was carried by Bishop Tiran to the American-Armenian youth. To all communities he passed on the informing spark, so important to the creating and continuation of activities for this new Organization. This culmination of all his activity and work took place at the "Constitutive Assembly" of Church Youth, held in Providence Rhode Island, January 12, 1946.

The Assembly gathered young Armenians from as far West as Wisconsin, and as far South as Virginia. The delegates at this Assembly elected the first ACYOA Central Council from among their members to carry out the administrative functions of the ACYOA on the national level. These first Council members included: Zaven Hovsepian, John Soursourian, Arthur Yagjian, Matthew Matteosian, Grayce Yeramian, Jack Kazanjian, and Mary Shalakian.

In what seemed a short time, the ACYOA had a strong parish-base through the chapters, as well as a strong administration embodied in the Central Council. Throughout the Diocese, ACYOA events and activities took place with growing success. In parishes across the Diocese, an excitement filled the air as young people of all ages were coming to the Churches, participating in programs and sponsoring events season after season.

Throughout the years, the ACYOA has taken on various projects within the parishes as well as on the Diocesan level. Anniversary Balls, June Festivals and ACYOA Day observances were established and helped

to raise funds for worthy projects. Some of these local activities have included consistent help with annual events in the parish, sponsoring Fund-raisers, planning programs and participating in building projects.

On the national level, some projects have included raising sizable funds for the restoration of the Mother Cathedral of Holy Etchmiadzin, as well as contributions to the former Youth Camp Fund and the Seminary Fund of the Diocese.

Better known of ACYOA accomplishments is the sponsorship of publications in the Diocese, such as: **Sacraments and Prayers of the Armenian Church, a Pictorial Guide to Armenian Divine Liturgy, Catechism of Christian Instruction, Home Blessings at Christmas and Easter, The Armenian Church and Her Teachings, Handbook to Armenia**, as well as **The ACYOA Chapter Handbook**. Some of the earliest publications of the present Department of Religious Education found their roots in the ACYOA.

Preparation of audio-visual programs is yet another aspect of ACYOA since the early years. The ACYOA has produced and/or assisted in the preparation and production of programs, such as: **The Divine Liturgy, Symbolism in the Armenian Church, and Vessels, Vestments and Practices of the Armenian Church**.

An **Armenian Theological School** was one of the more cherished dreams of the ACYOA and today it has become a reality. Sunday School Teachers conferences were organized and held by ACYOA, and out of these conferences was born the **Department of Religious Education (DRE)** which now directs the Church Sunday Schools.

During the 1960's the ACYOA sponsored Mission Programs visited various cities with teams of 3-4 members and a clergyman to conduct activities for the spiritual renewal of the community.

The A.C.Y.O.A. has also initiated and developed the **Armenian Studies Program** of overseas trips to Armenia and the Holy Land. The early 1970's found it to be the most worthy of A.C.Y.O.A. programs, developing into an annual pilgrimage to Armenia.

Newsletter and periodicals have also been an important mainstay of the A.C.Y.O.A. For many years, ACYOA news and information was delivered to members via the monthly issues of **The Armenian**

Guardian, Keghard, Executive Update, and ACYOA Junior Newsletter. They have included articles on contemporary issues in American society, as well as concerns and perspectives of the Armenian Church and community in the Diocese.

The **National Sports Weekend**, concerning athletic competition and social activities took over in the 1970's and 1980's where the great General Assemblies of the 1950's and 1960's left off. Attracting an estimated 600-800 members annually in its 17 year history, this is the one event that every member plans for each year. Taking place over the Labor Day holiday weekend, the program has been hosted by various chapters from throughout the Diocese. Offering both sporting events and social events, Sports Weekend is one of the most successful A.C.Y.O.A. programs.

The General Assembly and National Sports Weekend were designated inseparable and assigned to Labor Day Weekend each year.

Junior-age (junior high and high school) youth were also active and gaining momentum. All through the 1970's these groups were very popular and active in most Parishes across the Diocese. This has continued to the present with Regional Weekends held in the Fall and Spring of each year in most regions of the Diocese. The Junior version of Sports Weekend, on the regional scale, has been most popular with youth from different regions crossing over and attending each other's weekends.

The A.C.Y.O.A. initiated plans in the late 1970's for a Diocesan Youth Camp. A.C.Y.O.A. organized and started what is now a flourishing program under the direction and sponsorship of the Diocese, entitled "St. Vartan Camp".

For many years, the A.C.Y.O.A. has promoted the observance of commemorative Martyrs Day events for the victims of the Armenian Genocide of 1915.

The Archbishop Torkom Manoogian Basketball Tournament, initiated by His Eminence in 1970, has also become the responsibility of the A.C.Y.O.A.

The ACYOA Chapter "A" Award continues to be presented each year to an outstanding chapter. Initiated in 1952, this Award has been given to numerous chapters, large and small, and has proven to be an attainable goal for every group.

In recent years, other awards and scholarships have been offered. A scholarship to attend the summer studies conferences at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary is given each year. The Sam Nersesian Award named for a young man after his sudden tragic death, is given

to the young person who best exemplifies the character of a sincere Christian.

Through the years, A.C.Y.O.A. has grown into a strong and vigorous organization. Many dedicated young men and women have passed from its ranks into positions of responsibility and leadership in their communities. Most of our present American-born clergy, many parish council members, diocesan delegates, deacons and Sunday school teachers have been members of the A.C.Y.O.A. It is also interesting to note that many members of ACYOA met their spouses through interaction at ACYOA meetings and related events and programs.

The mission of A.C.Y.O.A. is to create among the younger generation a greater spiritual culture and tradition, and to instill into its members a true spirit of civic mindedness.

Before embarking on to the future, a word of appreciation must be said for all the past participants of ACYOA. These include the Primates of the Diocese, who have continually supported the young people in their efforts to serve their Church. The Pastors, who have dealt with the concerns, problems and successes of their groups on a day-to-day basis. The members of Central Council who have volunteered their time and energies in an effort to maintain the operations of the Organization and its programs. The Chapter Executive Committees, especially the Chairpersons, who must continually think creatively to keep their chapters moving ahead with excitement and activities.

The future for the A.C.Y.O.A. can be a glorious one. With continued support, A.C.Y.O.A. can achieve unprecedented heights. This must be our constant aim. The community should realize just as the seed of today is the harvest of tomorrow, so it will be that the future of our beloved Church will rest upon the shoulders of the members of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America.

Past and present members may feel a bond and a great sense of pride in the words...

The A.C.Y.O.A. — 44 years of Church Service and Armenian Fellowship in America.

THE EMBLEM OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA AND ITS SYMBOLIC MEANING



The emblem of the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America adopted at its inception, is to be interpreted as follows:

The radiations from the center of the cross symbolize the truths of the Christian religion that shine forth through the centuries.

The symbols under the horizontal bar of the cross are:

- a. (right hand side) The double peaks of the Mount Ararat, representing the Armenian people and its destiny. Ararat has been the silent witness of the victories as well as defeats of the Armenians through their existence as a people and a nation. Its representation of the A.C.Y.O.A. emblem means that the members of the Organization make the pledge of standing for the ideals for which the Armenian nation has stood always.
- b. (left hand side) The United States eagle with its wings widespread and star above each wing. The eagle looks proudly into far distances and holds, as usual a batch of arrows. The eagle represents the United States. Its presence on the A.C.Y.O.A. emblem symbolizes the loyalty of the members of the A.C.Y.O.A. to the Constitution of the United States and to its principles of democracy and freedom.

The chain that encircles the cross on the emblem represents solidarity among the members of the A.C.Y.O.A. in their service to God and to people.

These symbols are designed on a shield which stands for the determination with which the objects of the A.C.Y.O.A. are to be carried out. The shield also stands for defense against dangerous encroachments.

It will be noted that the dominating feature of the emblem is the cross. This indicates the fact Christ is our Lord and that to Him we owe obedience above all.

MEMBERS OF THE ACYOA CENTRAL COUNCIL

In 1975-76, the ACYOA was re-organized after several years of inactivity and disorganization. The following list of ACYOA Central Council members reflect those young men and women who have given their time and energy in an effort to maintain the national character of the official Youth Program of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America - the ACYOA.

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| <p>1976 - Edward Kaiserian - Philadelphia
David Onanian - Lowell
Richard Takvorian - Watertown
Lisa Mooradian - St. Louis
Anna Garabedian - Springfield</p> <p>1977 - Edward Kaiserian - Philadelphia
Brian Bogosian - Lawrence
Kerry Keysserian - Detroit
Lisa Mooradian - St. Louis
Janet Takvorian - Bayside</p> <p>1978 - Paul Pogharian - Watertown
Brian Bogosian - Lawrence*
Michael Zeytoonian - Westchester
Ronald Godoshian - Detroit
Susan Minassian - Richmond
Linda Minassian - Providence*</p> <p>1979 - Paul Pogharian - Watertown
Michael Zeytoonian - Westchester
Karnig Durgarian - Springfield
Robert Dogramajian - Bayside
Sona Yazijian - Chicago</p> <p>1980 - Paul Pogharian - Watertown
Karnig Durgarian - Springfield
Michael Yapchaian - Watertown
Sona Yazijian - Chicago
Nancy Malkasian - Detroit</p> <p>1981 - Michael Yapchaian - Watertown
Mark Kazanjian - Lawrence
Robert Borzakian - Boston
Sona Yazijian - Chicago
Nancy Banks - Detroit</p> <p>1982 - Mark Kazanjian - Lawrence
Robert Borzakian - Boston
Gary Hovhannessian - New Britain
Ralph DerAsadourian - Evanston
Susan Mousigian - Detroit</p> <p>1983 - Susan Mousigian - Detroit
Gary Hovhannessian - Detroit
Vaughan Totovian - Watertown
Ralph DerAsadourian - Evanston
Melanie Barsamian - Worcester</p> | <p>1984 - Arda Nazerian - Bayside
Vaughan Totovian - Watertown
George Jevarjian - Detroit
Melanie Barsamian - Detroit
Sona Palvetzian - Toronto</p> <p>1985 - Arda Nazerian - Bayside
George Jevarjian - Detroit
Sona Palvetzian - Toronto
Shake Ajamian - Bayside
Susan Boyajian - Palos Heights</p> <p>1986 - Shake Ajamian - Bayside
Gary Townsend - Lawrence
Scott Najarian - Worcester
Melina Spinuzza - Evanston
Sara Martinian - Providence</p> <p>1987 - Scott Najarian - Worcester
Melina Spinuzza - Evanston
Sara Andonian - Detroit
Greg Saraydarian - Bayside
Gary Townsend - Lawrence</p> <p>1988 - Scott Najarian - Worcester
Sara Andonian - Detroit
Melina Spinuzza - Evanston
Lisa Manookian - Wynnewood
Greg Saraydarian - Bayside</p> <p>1989 - Scott Najarian - Worcester
Lisa Manookian - Wynnewood
Melina Spinuzza - Evanston
Suzie Ashjian - Westchester
Laurie Onanian - Watertown</p> <p>1990 - Lisa Manookian - Wynnewood
Suzie Ashjian - Westchester
Greg Arpajian - Cleveland*
Greg Saraydarian - Bayside*
Laurie Onanian - Watertown
Sonya Gasparian - Providence*
Charles Shooshan - Hartford*</p> |
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* Half Year
First Name Indicates Chairman

ACYOA EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES/DIRECTORS

1949-50	Mary Shalakian	1971	Louise Yeghissian (Kalemkerian)
1951-53	Hagop Nersoyan	1972-76	Rev. Fr. Nersess Jebejian
1960-61	Rev. Fr. Dajad Davidian	1977-78	George Tashjian
1961-62	Joseph Kalemkerian	1979-present	Nancy Basmajian – Juniors
1962-66	Deacon Megerditch Mouradian	1980-86	James Magarian – Seniors
1967-69	Deacon Hovhanness (Fr. Karekin) Kasparian	1986	Anthony Barsamian – Seniors
1970	Howard T.W. Stowe (Rev.)	1987-90	Douglas Tashjian – Seniors

SITES OF THE ACYOA GENERAL ASSEMBLIES AND SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

1946	Providence, Rhode Island Constitutive Assembly	1963	Montreal, Canada	1978*	Providence, RI
1947	Philadelphia, PA	1964	Chicago, IL	1979*	Milwaukee, WI
1948	Detroit, MI	1965	New York, NY (Long Island Hosts)	1980*	Watertown, MA
1949	New Britain, CT	1966	Providence, RI	1981*	Chicago/Evanston, IL
1950	Evanston, IL	1967	Pawling, NY	1982*	New Britain, CT
1951	Watertown, MA	1968	Williams Bay, WI	1983*	Toronto, Canada
1952	Worcester, MA	1969	Detroit, MI	1984*	Palos Heights, IL
1953	Cleveland, OH		Constitutive Assembly	1985*	Worcester, MA
1954	Troy, NY	1969	Fort Monroe, VA	1986*	Wynnewood, PA
1955	Racine, WI	1970	New York, NY	1987*	Detroit, MI
1956	Washington, D.C.	1971	North Philadelphia, PA	1988*	Providence, RI
1957	Boston, MA	1972	East St. Louis, IL	1989*	Houston, TX
1958	Niagara Falls, NY			1990*	Cleveland, OH
1959	East St. Louis, IL				
1960	New York, NY (Metropolitan New York and New Jersey)	1975*	Miami, FL		
1961	Richmond, VA	1976*	Lowell, MA		
1962	Detroit, MI	1977*	Detroit, MI		

*(During the 1973-74 Reorganization Period
The General Assembly was not held)*

(: Since 1975, the Assemblies have been
held at the same site as the
National Sports Weekend.)*

1989-90 ACYOA Central Council



Seated L-R: Lisa Manookian, Laurie Onanian
Standing L-R: Nicole Mazmanian (College Coordinator),
Charles Shooshan, Suzie Ashjian



Best Wishes

—◆—
Mr. & Mrs. Edward
Mardigian

Honorary Co-Chairmen
Edward & Helen Mardigian



The O-Hye-O '90 Committee salutes its Honorary Co-Chairmen, Edward & Helen Mardigian. The Mardigians have devoted a lifetime of love, devotion and dedication to our youth. We wish to ask all of you to join us in saluting the Mardigians and wish them a long life of health, happiness and prosperity.

This Evening's Menu

Appetizer

Middle Eastern Delicacies

Salad

Caesar Style Salad

Entree

Roast Prime Rib of Beef
Herbed Roasted Potatoes
Bouquet of Vegetables

Dessert

Strawberry Torte

Program

Invocation

Very Rev. Fr. Hovnan Derderian
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church of Canada

Greetings

Mona Karoghlanian
Chairman, O-Hye-O '90

Master of Ceremonies

Jerry Tarkanian
Head Coach, UNLV Basketball Team

Welcome

Florence Karoghlanian
Parish Council Chairman

Remarks

Lisa Manookian
Chairman, ACYOA Central Council

Entree

Featured Speaker

Rose Mekenian

Comments

Edward & Helen Mardigian
Honorary Co-Chairmen, O-Hye-O '90

Introduction of the Primate

Very Rev. Fr. Sooren Chinchinian
Pastor

Message & Special Award Presentation

Very Rev. Fr. Khajag Barsamian
Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Benediction

Archbishop Vatche Hovsepian
Primate, Western Diocese of the Armenian Church

Sports Awards

ACYOA NATIONAL SPORTS WEEKEND RECORDS

YEARS AND HOST CHAPTERS

1970 - Watertown
 1971 - Detroit
 1972 - Springfield
 1973 - Philadelphia
 1974 - Toronto
 1975 - Miami
 1976 - Lowell
 1977 - Detroit
 1978 - Providence
 1979 - Wisconsin
 1980 - Watertown
 1981 - Evanston-Chicago
 1982 - New Britain
 1983 - Toronto
 1984 - Palos Heights
 1985 - Worcester
 1986 - Wynnewood
 1987 - Detroit
 1988 - Providence
 1989 - Houston
 1990 - Cleveland

EVENTS

AQUATICS:

1970 - (no sports report - NSR)
 1971 - (no sports report - NSR)
 1972 - (not offered - NOF)
 1973 - (not offered - NOF)
 1974 - (no sports report - NSR)
 1975 - (no sports report - NSR)

1976 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - Karen Avakian - Midwest
 Freestyle - Nancy Madanian - Watertown
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - Mike Donigan - Midwest
 Freestyle - Mike Donigan - Midwest
 1977 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - Karen Avakian - Greenfield
 Backstroke - Ellen Bogosian - Greenfield
 Freestyle - Renee Giragosian - Greenfield
 Freestyle Relay - Greenfield
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - Alan Simonian - Greenfield
 Backstroke - Steve Kashian - Greenfield
 Freestyle - Mike Donigan - Greenfield
 Freestyle Relay - Greenfield
 1978 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - Andrea McCauley - Watertown
 Backstroke - Andrea McCauley - Watertown
 Freestyle - Ellen Bogosian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle Relay - Wisconsin
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - Charles Cholmakjian - Detroit
 Backstroke - Steve Kashian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle - Steve Mardigian - Detroit
 Freestyle Relay - Wisconsin
 1979 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - Ellen Bogosian - Wisconsin
 Backstroke - Holly Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle - Gail Giragosian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle Relay - Wisconsin
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - Ronnie Semerjian - Providence
 Backstroke - Dave Onanian - Lowell
 Freestyle - Steve Mardigan - Detroit
 Freestyle Relay - Wisconsin
 1980 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - Ellen Bogosian - Palos Heights
 Backstroke - Holly Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle - Karen Pagerian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle Relay - Palos Heights
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - Don Haroutunian - Providence
 Backstroke - Don Haroutunian - Providence
 Freestyle - Don Haroutunian - Providence
 Freestyle Relay - Palos Heights

1981 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Backstroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle Relay - NOF
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - Paul Raphaelian - Chicago
 Backstroke - Mark Torosian - Detroit
 Freestyle - Keg Giragosian - Palos Heights
 Freestyle Relay - Palos Heights

1982 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Backstroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle Relay - Palos Heights
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - Myles Couyoumjian - Detroit
 Backstroke - NOF
 Freestyle - Keg Giragosian - Palos Heights
 Freestyle Relay - Lawrence

1983 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Backstroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle Relay - NOF
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - Harry Sakarya - Toronto
 Backstroke - Alain Tchaderjian - Montreal
 Freestyle - Kevin Giragosian - Palos Heights
 Freestyle Relay - NOF

1984 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Backstroke - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle - Carol Kazarian - Wisconsin
 Freestyle Relay - Palos Heights
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - Garo Emerzian - Palos Heights
 Backstroke - Garo Emerzian - Palos Heights
 Freestyle - Garo Emerzian - Palos Heights
 Freestyle Relay - Palos Heights

1985 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - Sandrine Mirasxedi - Montreal
 Backstroke - Sandrine Mirasxedi - Montreal
 Freestyle - Sandrine Mirasxedi - Montreal
 Freestyle Relay - Wisconsin/Palos Heights
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - Aram Kazanjian - Montreal
 Backstroke - Alan Fenerdjian - Montreal
 Freestyle - Keg Giragosian - Wisconsin/Palos Heights
 Freestyle Relay - Montreal

1986 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - Lisa Kazanjian - Wynnewood
 Backstroke - Lisa Kazanjian - Wynnewood
 Freestyle - Tina Pakhtigian - Wynnewood
 Freestyle Relay - NOF
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - Mike Voskian - Northern New Jersey
 Backstroke - Vahe Baboomian - Northern New Jersey
 Freestyle - Mike Voskian - Northern New Jersey
 Freestyle Relay - Lawrence

1987 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - Lisa Kazanjian - Wynnewood
 Backstroke - Lisa Kazanjian - Wynnewood
 Freestyle - Brenda Papazian - Watertown
 Freestyle Relay - NOF
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - Neal Stewart - St. Catherines
 Backstroke - Neal Stewart - St. Catherines
 Freestyle - Neal Stewart - St. Catherines
 Freestyle Relay - St. Catherines

1988 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - Yasmin Alpei - Toronto
 Backstroke - Yasmin Alpei - Toronto
 Freestyle - Yasmin Alpei - Toronto
 Freestyle Relay - NOF
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - Gregory Arpajian - Cleveland
 Backstroke - Gregory Arpajian - Cleveland
 Freestyle - Gregory Arpajian - Cleveland
 Freestyle Relay - NOF

1989 - Women's Division
 Breaststroke - NOF
 Backstroke - Lisa Coloian - Evanston
 Freestyle - Nayry Kessedjian - Western Diocese
 Freestyle Relay - NOF
Men's Division
 Breaststroke - David Madajian - Western Diocese
 Backstroke - Garo Emerzian - Greenfield
 Freestyle - Garo Emerzian - Greenfield
 Freestyle Relay - Greenfield

CHES:

1970 - NSR
 1971 - NSR
 1972 - NOF
 1973 - NOF
 1974 - NSR
 1975 - NSR
 1976 - Craig Simonian - New Britain
 1977 - Craig Simonian - New Britain
 1978 - Craig Simonian & Guy Simonian - New Britain (tied)
 1979 - George Hadjinian - Wisconsin
 1980 - Ken Hagopian - Watertown
 1981 - Berj Basmajian - Toronto
 1982 - Guy Simonian - New Britain
 1983 - Raffi Chouldjian - Toronto
 1984 - Robert Casement - St. Catherines
 1985 - Kazar Terterian - Detroit
 1986 - Simon Koumjian - Wynnewood
 1987 - Steve Mekenian - Northern New Jersey
 1988 - Steven Tourian -
 1989 - Raffy Chouljian - Canadian Diocese

GOLF:

1970 - NSR
 1971 - NSR
 1972 - NOF
 1973 - NOF
 1974 - NSR
 1975 - NSR
 1976 - Mark Kazanjian - Lawrence
 1977 - Mark Kazanjian - Lawrence
 1978 - Mark Najarian - Providence
 1979 - Mike Kahayian - Detroit
 1980 - Glenn Pulice - Detroit
 1981 - John Dadian - Chicago
 1982 - Glenn Pulice - Detroit
 1983 - Palos Heights
 1984 - Glenn Pulice - Detroit
 1985 - Sam Sarkissian - St. Catherines
 1986 - NOF
 1987 - Matthew Minnetian - Northern New Jersey
 1988 - Matthew Minnetian - Northern New Jersey
 1989 - John Nersessian - Livingston/Union City

TABLE TENNIS:

1970 - NSR
 1971 - NSR
 1972 - Martin Nahigian - Boston
 1973 - Arnold Peckjian - Wynnewood
 1974 - NSR
 1975 - NSR
 1976 - Men's Division
 Singles - Bedros Sarkisian - Westchester
 Doubles - Sarkis Soukiasian & Ken Hagopian - Watertown
 1977 - Men's Division
 Singles - Bedros Sarkisian - Westchester
 Doubles - Dave Kazanjian & Brian Bogosian - Lawrence
 1978 - Women's Division
 Singles - Jessica Papazian - Providence
 Doubles - NOF
Men's Division
 Singles - Ken Hagopian - Watertown
 Doubles - Gary Reizian & Bob Simonian - Detroit
 1979 - Women's Division
 Singles - Lori Cherian - Toronto
 Doubles - NOF
Men's Division
 Singles - Michey Mardirosian - Detroit
 Doubles - Dave Kazanjian & Brian Bogosian - Lawrence
 1980 - Women's Division
 Singles - Lori Cherian - Toronto
 Doubles - NOF
Men's Division
 Singles - Krikor Zamroutian - Toronto
 Doubles - Krikor Zamroutian & Hampartzoum Sahsuvaroglu - Toronto
 1981 - Women's Division
 Singles - Lori Cherian - Boston
 Doubles - NOF
Men's Division
 Singles - Hagop Demirjian - Cleveland
 Doubles - Hagop Demirjian & Charlie Arslanian - Cleveland

1982 - Women's Division
 Singles - Lorraine Peters - Northern New Jersey
 Doubles - NOF
Men's Division
 Singles - Krikor Zamroutian - Toronto
 Doubles - NOF
 Mixed Doubles - Krikor Zamroutian & Mary Jamkoshian - Toronto

1983 - Women's Division
 Singles - Aline Egayan - Montreal
 Doubles - NOF
Men's Division
 Singles - Hampo Hovagimian - Toronto
 Doubles - NOF
 Mixed Doubles - Aline Egayan & Alain Tchaderjian - Montreal

1984 - Women's Division
 Singles - Kiana Kayserian - Detroit
 Doubles - NOF
Men's Division
 Singles - Nick Akgulian - Wisconsin
 Doubles - NOF
 Mixed Doubles - Montreal

1985 - Women's Division
 Singles - Kiana Kayserian - Detroit
 Doubles - NOF
Men's Division
 Singles - Jeff Tchaderjian - Montreal
 Doubles - NOF
 Mixed Doubles - Montreal

1986 - Women's Division
 Singles - Nancy Kazanjian - Wynnewood
Men's Division
 Singles - Michael Sahakian - Washington, D.C.
 Doubles - Ara Sahakian & Michael Sahakian - Washington, D.C.

1987 - Women's Division
 Singles - Nancy Kazanjian - Wynnewood
Men's Division
 Singles - Michael Sahakian - Washington, D.C.
 Mixed Doubles - Diane Sahakian & Michael Sahakian - Washington, D.C.

1988 - Women's Division
 Singles - Linda Haytayan - Lawrence
Men's Division
 Singles - George Armoyan - Toronto
 Mixed Doubles - Annie Tossounian & George Armoyan - Toronto

1989 - Women's Division
 Singles - Cheryl Arslanian - Cleveland
Men's Division
 Singles - Vrej Armoyan - Canadian Diocese
 Doubles - George Armoyan & Vrej Armoyan - Canadian Diocese

TAVLOO:

1970 - NSR
 1971 - NSR
 1972 - NOF
 1973 - Berj Feredjian - Springfield
 1974 - NSR
 1975 - Robin Gulezian - Merrimack Valley
 1976 - Sarkis Shamsheyan - Lowell
 1977 - Harry Tavitian - Westchester
 1978 - Harry Tavitian - Westchester
 1979 - Garo Hovagimian - Toronto
 1980 - Dale Sarkisian - Watertown
 1981 - Raffi Boyadjian - Watertown
 1982 - Sue Maljanian - New Britain
 1983 - Annie Manoukian - Toronto
 1984 - Shake Ajamian - Bayside
 1985 - Diane Kapikian - Bayside
 1986 - Sara Andonian - Detroit
 1987 - Ararat Hacetglu - St. Catherines
 1988 - Steven Tarian -
 1989 - Vache Keledjian - Western Diocese

BASKETBALL:

1970 - NSR
 1971 - Oakland, CA
 1972 - Women's Division - NOF
Men's Division - Watertown
 1973 - Women's Division - NOF
Men's Division - St. Gregory - NYC
 1974 - Women's Division - NOF
Men's Division - Detroit
 1975 - Women's Division - NOF
Men's Division - Detroit
 1976 - Women's Division - Boston
Men's Division - Detroit

1977 - Women's Division - Detroit
Men's Division - Detroit

1978 - Women's Division - Boston
Men's Division - Watertown

1979 - Women's Division - Detroit
Men's Division - Wisconsin

1980 - Women's Division - Watertown
Men's Division - Watertown

1981 - Women's Division - Detroit
Men's Division - Detroit

1982 - Women's Division - Detroit
Men's Division - Detroit

1983 - Women's Division - Detroit
Men's Division - Detroit

1984 - Women's Division - Detroit
Men's Division - Wisconsin

1985 - Women's Division - Detroit
Men's Division - Worcester

1986 - Women's Division - NOF
Men's Division - Wynnewood

1987 - Women's Division - NOF
Men's Division - Detroit

1988 - Women's Division - Northern New Jersey
Men's Division - Watertown

1989 - Women's Division - Fair Lawn
Men's Division - Greenfield

TENNIS:

1970 - NSR

1971 - NSR

1972 - Women's Division - Becky Baronian - Richmond
Men's Division - Larry Zakian - New York City

1973 - Women's Division - Becky Baronian - Richmond
Men's Division - Douglas Haledjian - Tenafly

1974 - NSR

1975 - NSR

1976 - Women's Division
Singles - Cindy Fayroian - Detroit
Men's Division
Singles - Aram Hintlian - Boston
Mixed Doubles - Kathy Kaiserian & Lou Kalajian - Midwest

1977 - Women's Division
Singles - Sona Palvetzian - Toronto
Doubles - Toronto
Men's Division
Singles - Dick Zabounian - Toronto
Doubles - Greenfield

1978 - Women's Division
Singles - Jessica Papazian - Providence
Doubles - Karen Cherian & Lori Cherian - Toronto
Men's Division
Singles - Paul Yahnian - Wisconsin
Doubles - Paul Yahnian & Gary Akgulian - Wisconsin

1979 - Women's Division
Singles - Karen Cherian - Toronto
Doubles - Karen Cherian & Lori Cherian - Toronto
Men's Division
Singles - Paul Yahnian - Wisconsin
Doubles - Paul Yahnian & Jack Matosian - Wisconsin

1980 - Women's Division
Singles - Karen Cherian - Boston
Men's Division
Singles - Mike Mousigian - Detroit
Doubles - Mike Mousigian & Mike Zallakian - Detroit

1981 - Women's Division
Singles - Helen Hovagimian - Toronto
Men's Division
Singles - Mike Mousigian - Detroit
Doubles - Peter Doumanian & Greg Doumanian - Palos Heights

1982 - Women's Division
Singles - Lorraine Peters - Northern New Jersey
Men's Division
Singles - Mike Mousigian - Detroit
Mixed Doubles - Ron Chokmakian & Lorraine Peters - Northern New Jersey

1983 - Women's Division
Singles - Helen Hovagimian - Toronto
Men's Division
Singles - Mike Mousigian - Detroit
Mixed Doubles - Roseann Manoogian & Mike Mousigian - Detroit

1984 - Women's Division
Singles - Roseann Manoogian - Detroit
Men's Division
Singles - Osep Armagan - Wisconsin
Mixed Doubles - Detroit

1985 - Women's Division
Singles - Sue Mahtesian - Providence
Men's Division
Singles - Osep Armagan - Wisconsin/Palos Heights
Mixed Doubles - Detroit

1986 - Women's Division
Singles - Lisa Hekemian - Northern New Jersey
Men's Division
Singles - Diran Alexanian - Wynnewood
Mixed Doubles - Diran Alexanian & Corinne Santerian - Wynnewood

1987 - Women's Division
Singles - Linda Haytayan - Watertown
Men's Division
Singles - Aram Toroyan - Detroit
Mixed Doubles - Lisa Hekemian & Craig Tashjian - Northern New Jersey

1988 - Women's Division
Singles - Linda Haytayan - Lawrence
Men's Division
Singles - Jack Melhbaum - Wynnewood
Mixed Doubles - David Kazanjian & Linda Haytayan - Lawrence

1989 - Women's Division
Singles - Carla Kapikian - Bayside
Men's Division
Singles - Mark Kassarjian - Bayside
Mixed Doubles - Mark Kassarjian & Carla Kapikian - Bayside

TRACK & FIELD:

1970 - NSR

1971 - NSR

1972 - NOF

1973 - NOF

1974 - NSR

1975 - NSR

1976 - Women's Division
50 yard dash - Karen Avakian - Midwest
440 run - Anita Keurajian - Fair Lawn
Mile run - Maro Bechakjian - Fair Lawn
Men's Division
50 yard dash - Richard Markarian - Worcester
440 run - Randy Dagley - Lowell
Mile run - Ken Samuelian - Watertown
Mile relay - Midwest

1977 - Women's Division
60 yard dash - Jan Avakian - Greenfield
100 yard dash - Karen Avakian - Greenfield
220 run - Laurie Koeleian - Detroit
440 run - Diane Demirjian - Boston
Mile run - Chris Boyadjian - Greenfield
Men's Division
60 yard dash - Van Giragosian - Greenfield
100 yard dash - Rich Baharozian - Detroit
220 run - Mark Geneau - Detroit
440 run - Kirk Nahabedian - Watertown
440 relay - Watertown
880 relay - Watertown
Mile run - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence
Mile relay - Greenfield

1978 - Women's Division
50 yard dash - Jan Avakian - Wisconsin
100 yard dash - Karen Avakian - Wisconsin
220 run - Kathy Tatosian - Bayside
440 run - Janet Sabounjian - Watertown
880 relay - Wisconsin
Mile run - Laurie Hogopian - Lawrence
Mile relay - Detroit
Softball Throw - Janet Malkasian - Detroit
Long Jump - Karen Avakian - Wisconsin

Men's Division

50 yard dash - Mark Stepanian - Chicago
 100 yard dash - Richard Markarian - Worcester
 220 run - Randy Dagley - Lowell
 440 run - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence
 880 relay - Watertown
 Mile run - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence
 Mile relay - Wisconsin
 Softball Throw - Charles Godoshian - Detroit
 Long Jump - Mark Der Mugrditchian - Watertown
 Shot Put - Chuck Palaian - Detroit

1979 - Women's Division

60 yard dash - Jan Avakian - Wisconsin
 220 run - Karen Avakian - Wisconsin
 440 run - April Kashian - Wisconsin
 880 run - Shirley Toumayan - Watertown
 880 relay - Watertown
 Mile run - Lori Cherian - Toronto

Men's Division

60 yard dash - Van Giragosian - Wisconsin
 200 yard dash - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence
 440 run - Andy Mikaelian - Wisconsin
 880 run - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence
 880 relay - Detroit
 Mile run - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence

1980 - Women's Division

50 yard dash - Loraine Boghosian - Watertown
 100 yard dash - Arlene Kakayian - Detroit
 220 run - Janet Malkasian - Detroit
 440 run - Shirley Toumayan - Watertown
 880 relay - Watertown
 Mile run - Maro Bechakjian - Fair Lawn
 Mile relay - Detroit
 Softball Throw - Loraine Boghosian - Watertown
 Shot Put - Sara Grosmanian - Detroit

Men's Division

50 yard dash - Van Giragosian - Wisconsin
 100 yard dash - Dave Karagosian - Detroit
 220 run - Dave Karagosian - Detroit
 440 run - Mark Parseghian - Watertown
 Mile run - Mark Parseghian - Watertown
 Mile relay - Detroit
 Softball Throw - Charles Godoshian - Detroit
 Shot Put - Chris Boyadjian - Detroit

1981 - Women's Division

50 yard dash - Lisa Balian - Wisconsin
 100 yard dash - Lisa Balian - Wisconsin
 220 run - Lisa Balian - Wisconsin
 440 run - Lisa Balian - Wisconsin
 880 relay - Palos Heights
 Mile run - Lori Cherian - Boston

Men's Division

50 yard dash - Myles Couyoumjian - Detroit
 100 yard dash - Myles Couyoumjian - Detroit
 220 run - Dave Karagosian - Detroit
 440 run - Jay Bagdasarian - Cleveland
 880 relay - Palos Heights
 Mile run - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence
 Mile relay - Detroit

1982 - Women's Division

100 yard dash - Kim Amboian - Detroit
 440 run - Susan Boyajian - Palos Heights
 Mile run - Carol Alexander - Boston
 Softball Throw - Shake Ajamian - Bayside
 Long Jump - Annie Ohanessian - Toronto
 Shot Put - Annie Krikorian - Montreal

Men's Division

100 yard dash - Ara Selyan - Toronto
 440 run - Randy Dagley - Lowell
 Mile run - Jack Seferian - Westchester
 Softball Throw - Jay Bagdasarian - Cleveland
 Long Jump - Randy Dagley - Lowell
 Shot Put - Jay Ohanian - Lawrence

1983 - Women's Division

100 meters - Ani Kupelian - Montreal
 200 meters - Ani Kupelian - Montreal
 400 meters - Ani Kupelian - Montreal
 800 meters - Maida Mutevelli - Toronto
 1600 meters - Aline Zavzavatian - Toronto
 Softball Throw - Janet Shekerjian - Detroit
 Long Jump - Annie Ohanessian - Toronto
 High Jump - Annie Kouyoumdjian - Toronto
 Shot Put - Maida Mutevelli - Toronto

Relays:

4 X 100 meters - Montreal
 4 X 3 X 2 X 1 - Montreal
 4 X 400 meters - Montreal

Men's Division

100 meters - Myles Couyoumjian - Detroit
200 meters - Arthur Alajajian - Toronto
400 meters - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence
800 meters - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence
1600 meters - Dave Kazanjian - Lawrence
Softball Throw - Kevin Nazarian - Lawrence
Long Jump - Myles Couyoumjian - Detroit
High Jump - Arthur Alajajian - Toronto
Shot Put - Jay Ohanian - Lawrence

Relays:

4 X 100 meters - Montreal
4 X 3 X 2 X 1 - Lawrence
4 X 400 meters - Montreal

1984 - Women's Division

100 yard dash - Kim Amboian - Detroit
220 run - Kim Amboian - Detroit
440 run - A. Marasliyan - Montreal
880 relay - Detroit
Mile run - Carol Alexander - Boston
Softball Throw - Shake Ajamian
Long Jump - Lisa Aurslanian - Cleveland
Shot Put - Lisa Aurslanian - Cleveland

Men's Division

100 yard dash - Myles Couyoumjian - Detroit
220 run - Alain Tchaderjian - Montreal
440 run - Ara Doghramajian - Montreal
880 relay - Montreal
Mile run - John Yaldezian - Evanston
Long Jump - Aram Kazanjian - Montreal
Softball Throw - Rich Koshgarian - Evanston
Shot Put - Rich Koshgarian - Evanston

1985 - Women's Division

100 yard dash - Annie Krikorian - Montreal
220 run - Annie Karadjian - Montreal
440 run - Sandrine Mirasxedi - Montreal
880 relay - St. Catherines
Mile run - Sandrine Mirasxedi - Montreal
Softball Throw - Janet Shekerjian - Detroit
Long Jump - Annie Karadjian - Montreal
Shot Put - Annie Krikorian - Montreal

Men's Division

100 yard dash - Minas Daldalian - Montreal
220 run - Alain Tchaderjian - Montreal
440 run - Aram Kazanjian - Montreal
880 relay - Montreal
Mile run - Guy Simonian - New Britain
Softball Throw - Aram Kazanjian - Montreal
Long Jump - Alain Tchaderjian - Montreal
Shot Put - Aram Kazanjian - Montreal

1986 - Women's Division

100 yard dash - Laurie Reizian - Detroit
220 run - Kathy Voskian - Northern New Jersey
440 run - Lisa Melian - Wynnewood
880 relay - NOF
Mile run - Diane Sahakian - Washington, D.C.
Softball Throw - Shake Ajamian - Bayside
Long Jump - Shake Ajamian - Bayside
Shot Put - Anna Pakhtigian - Wynnewood

Men's Division

100 yard dash - John Reizian - Detroit
220 run - Zaven Dadian - Wisconsin
440 run - Vahan Janjigian - Wynnewood
880 relay - Wisconsin
Mile run - Vahan Janjigian - Wynnewood
Softball Throw - Robert Nazarian - Lawrence
Long Jump - Steve Sarkisian - Watertown
Shot Put - Jay Ohanian - Lawrence

1987 - Women's Division

100 yard dash - Kim Simonian - Detroit
200 run - Sue Kapeilian - Watertown
800 relay - St. Catherines
Mile run - Diane Sahakian - Washington, D. C.
Softball Throw - Lynne Koltookian - Cleveland
Long Jump - Andrea Koumjian - Watertown

Men's Division

100 yard dash - Greg Kumkumian - Washington, D. C.
200 run - Craig Tertzag - Detroit
800 relay - St. Catherines
Mile run - Clark Couyoumjian - Detroit
Softball Throw - Bob Najarian - Watertown
Long Jump - Craig Tertzag - Detroit

1988 - Women's Division

50 yard dash - Lisa Aurslanian - Cleveland
100 yard dash - Lisa Aurslanian - Cleveland
220 run - Kate Terzian - Watervliet
440 run - Kate Terzian - Watervliet
Mile run - Linda Haytayan - Lawrence
Softball Throw - Lynne Koltookian - Cleveland
Long Jump - Lynne Koltookian - Cleveland
Shot Put - Nora Chouljian - Toronto

Men's Division

50 yard dash - Aram Kazandjian - Montreal
100 yard dash - Craig Bilizerian - Providence
220 run - Aram Kazandjian - Montreal
440 run - Aram Kazandjian - Montreal
880 run - Greg Arpajian - Cleveland
Mile run - Philip Karayan - Cleveland
Softball Throw - Aram Kazandjian - Montreal
Long Jump - Aram Kazandjian - Montreal
Shot Put - Jay Ohanian - Lawrence

1989 - Women's Division

50 meters - Nayry Kessedjian - Western Diocese
100 meters - Nayry Kessedjian - Western Diocese
200 meters - Debbie Vendetti - Cleveland
400 meters - Debbie Vendetti - Cleveland
800 meters - Debbie Vendetti - Cleveland
1500 meters - Debbie Vendetti - Cleveland
Softball Throw - Lisa Mardigian - Detroit
Long Jump - NOF
Shot Put - Gloria Kalustian - Bayside

Men's Division

50 meters - Clark Couyoumjian - Detroit
100 meters - Clark Couyoumjian - Detroit
200 meters - Clark Couyoumjian - Detroit
400 meters - Greg Arpajian - Cleveland
800 meters - Greg Arpajian - Cleveland
1500 meters - Greg Arpajian - Cleveland
Softball Throw - Eric Torigian - Detroit
Long Jump - John Reizian - Detroit
Shot Put - Steve Tomasian - Fair Lawn

VOLLEYBALL:

1970 - NSR
1971 - NSR
1972 - Detroit
1973 - Detroit
1974 - NSR
1975 - NSR
1976 - Detroit
1977 - Toronto
1978 - Toronto
1979 - Toronto
1980 - Watertown
1981 - Toronto
1982 - Watertown
1983 - Montreal
1984 - Detroit
1985 - St. Catherines
1986 - Detroit
1987 - St. Catherines
1988 - Evanston
1989 - Greenfield

BADMINTON:

1970 - NSR
1971 - NSR
1972 - NOF
1973 - NOF
1974 - NSR
1975 - NSR
1976 - Tom Malkasian - Detroit
1977 - Tom Janikian - Greenfield
1978 - Tom Janikian - Wisconsin
1979 - Tom Janikian - Wisconsin
1980 - Norair Tokmanian - Toronto
1981 - Peter Bogosian - Palos Heights
1982 - Norair Tokmanian - Toronto
1983 - Vahan Kassabian - Montreal
1984 - Tom Janikian - Wisconsin
1985 - Vahan Kassabian - Montreal
1986 - Mike Voskian - Northern New Jersey
1987 - NOF
1988 - NOF
1989 - NOF

[Athletic events listed below reflect only years offered in competition.]

SOFTBALL: [co-ed]

1982 - Detroit
1983 - Detroit

BOWLING:

1972 - Gary Margarian - Detroit
1973 - Individual - Greg Tivakian - Detroit
Team - Detroit

CROQUET:

1976 - Myron Mikaelian - Midwest

HORSESHOE PITCH:

1976 - Jim Magarian & Steve Parigian - Lowell
1982 - Harold Kazanjian & Paul Farhadian - Lawrence

POCKET BILLIARDS:

1976 - Sarkis Shamshoyan - Lowell
1977 - Art Okutian - Toronto
1982 - Jean Carian - Wisconsin
1983 - Charles Arslanian - Cleveland

RAQUETBALL:

- 1976 - Men's Division - Gary Assarian - Detroit
- 1977 - Women's Division - Jana Hakalmazian - Greenfield
Men's Division - Ed Baylerian - Detroit
- 1981 - Women's Division - Phyllis Madanian - Watertown
Men's Division - Avak Grigorian - Wisconsin
Doubles - Brian Bogosian & Jay Ohanian - Lawrence
- 1982 - Mixed Doubles - Reid Ajemian & Leslie Koltookian - Lawrence
- 1983 - Mixed Doubles - Mary Jan Dorian & Vartan Ajamian - Bayside
- 1984 - Men's Division - Reid Ajamian - Bayside
Mixed Doubles - Bayside

CHECKERS:

- 1979 - Garo Papazian - Detroit
- 1980 - Garo Papazian - Detroit
- 1982 - Garo Papazian - Detroit
- 1984 - Charles Arslanian - Cleveland
- 1985 - Gary Mousigian - Detroit
- 1986 - NOF
- 1987 - Gary Mousigian - Detroit
- 1988 - Gary Mousigian - Detroit
- 1989 - Gary Mousigian - Detroit

ARM WRESTLING:

- 1979 - Brant Gadarian - Wisconsin

FOOSBALL:

- 1979 - Charlie Kashian & April Kashian - Wisconsin

SOCCER:

- 1980 - Detroit

SPECIAL AWARDS OF ACYOA

CHARLES YAGHOUBIAN INDIVIDUAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:

(Initiated in 1978. Given to an individual based on sportsmanship-like character)

- 1978 - Jan Avakian - Wisconsin
- 1979 - Shirley Toumayan - Watertown
- 1980 - Ararat Hacetoglu - Toronto
- 1981 - Richard Yerganian - Watertown
- 1982 - Malcom Sagherian - Westchester
- 1983 - Sevan Sirmakesyan - Montreal
- 1984 - Steve Sarkisian - Watertown
- 1985 - Ararat Hacetian - St. Catherines
- 1986 - Melina Spinuzza - Evanston
- 1987 - Matthew Keurajian - Detroit
- 1988 - Gregory Arpajian - Cleveland
- 1989 - Gregory Arpajian - Cleveland

JOHN KULHANJIAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP:

(Initiated in 1975. Based on Chapter participation in Sports Weekend Competition)

- 1975 - Merrimack Valley
- 1976 - Bayside
- 1977 - New Britain
- 1978 - Lawrence
- 1979 - Toronto
- 1980 - Cleveland
- 1981 - Palos Heights
- 1982 - Palos Heights
- 1983 - Montreal
- 1984 - St. Catherines
- 1985 - Wisconsin/Palos Heights
- 1986 - Washington, D. C.
- 1987 - Evanston
- 1988 - Cleveland
- 1989 - Team Canada

MASIS AWARD:

(Initiated in 1987. Awarded to the chapter with the highest average number of points per participant.)

- 1987 - Washington, D. C.
- 1988 - Cleveland
- 1989 - Greenfield

SAM NERSESIAN AWARD:

(Initiated in 1979. Given to an individual of outstanding Christian character.)

- 1979 - Samuel Nersesian (posthumously) - St. Louis
- 1980 - Mariann Hovsepian - Detroit
- 1981 - Debbie Stephanian - Evanston
- 1982 - Gary Townsend - Lawrence
- 1983 - Steve Sarkisian - Watertown
- 1984 - Susan Boyajian - Palos Heights
- 1985 - Ronald Godoshian - Detroit
- 1986 - Beth Bilbilian - Worcester
- 1987 - Linda Ekizian - Washington, D. C.
- 1988 - Susan Bergoudian - Watertown
- 1989 - Robert Shamgochian - Worcester

ARCHBISHOP'S ESSAY AWARDS:

(Initiated in 1982 - Armenian and English Categories)

- 1982 - English - Kevin Magarian

ACYOA CHAPTER "A" AWARD

Initiated in 1952. Central Council Award to the Most Outstanding Chapter of the Year:

- 1952 - Detroit, MI
- 1953 - Cleveland, OH
- 1954 - Detroit, MI
- 1955 - Union City, NJ
- 1956 - Watertown, MA
- 1957 - Holy Cross - NYC, NY
- 1958 - North Philadelphia, PA
- 1959 - Worcester, MA
- 1960 - Detroit, MI
- 1961 - Detroit, MI
- 1962 - Worcester, MA
- 1963 - Toronto, ONT
- 1964 - Toronto, ONT
- 1965 - Long Island, NY
- 1966 - Racine, WI
- 1967 - Montreal, QUE
- 1968 - Richmond, VA
- 1969 - Watertown, MA
- 1970 - E. St. Louis, IL
- 1971 - Detroit, MI
- 1972 - (not awarded)
- 1973 - (not awarded)
- 1974 - (not awarded)
- 1975 - (not awarded)
- 1976 - Watertown, MA
- 1977 - Detroit, MI
- 1978 - Bayside, NY

- 1979 - Cheltenham, PA
- 1980 - Lawrence, MA
- 1981 - Palos Heights, IL
- 1982 - Cleveland, OH
- 1983 - Wisconsin
- 1984 - Palos Heights, IL
- 1985 - Watertown, MA
- 1986 - Worcester, MA
- 1987 - Watertown, MA
- 1988 - Watertown, MA
- 1989 - Providence, RI

BABAYAN CUP

Initiated in 1974. Awarded to the Chapter which scores the highest number of points in the various athletic competitions.

- 1974 - Detroit
- 1975 - Detroit & Watertown
- 1976 - Detroit
- 1977 - Detroit
- 1978 - Watertown
- 1979 - Wisconsin
- 1980 - Detroit
- 1981 - Detroit
- 1982 - Detroit
- 1983 - Detroit
- 1984 - Detroit
- 1985 - Montreal
- 1986 - Wynnewood
- 1987 - Detroit
- 1988 - Evanston
- 1989 - Greenfield



ROSE (BANNAIAN) MEKENIAN

The presence of Mrs. Rose Mekenian, keynote speaker of this evening's O-Hye-O '90 Sports Awards Banquet, holds special meaning for members of the ACYOA's Cleveland Chapter. Rose served as Chapter Chairman when Cleveland hosted the ACYOA 7th Annual Assembly in 1953, the last year our fine city entertained the conference. We are pleased and honored that the native Clevelander has returned, 37 years later, to address us tonight.

Rose exemplifies an alumnus' commitment to the ACYOA. In addition to her leadership and 12-year involvement in the ACYOA's Cleveland Chapter, she has served on the ACYOA Central Council, helped reorganize New York Holy Cross ACYOA Seniors and assists ACYOA Juniors within her own parish of St. Thomas in Tenafly, New Jersey. Rose also chaired an intergenerational ACYOA committee for the 40th Anniversary Celebration in the Mid-Atlantic Region at the Diocese honoring Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, founder of the ACYOA.

The same active involvement extends to her participation in the church choir, Women's Guild, St. Thomas parish and the Diocese. As a member of the Armenian General Benevolent Union, Rose served in 1989 as Coordinator of Hospital Volunteers and later Associate Director of the first AGBU Airlift Project for Armenian earthquake victims.

Rose holds a Bachelor's degree from Western Reserve University (now Case WRU) and a Master's degree from Columbia University's Teachers' College. The former high school teacher, administrator and guidance counselor has been married for 30 years to George Mekenian, also an ACYOA Alumni and a former New York Holy Cross ACYOA Chapter Chairman. He is a professional Civil Engineer for New York Water Supply and a graduate of the City College of New York. The Mekenian's son, Stephen, is a graduate of M.I.T. and is in actuarial consulting. The Mekenians make their home in Tenafly, New Jersey.

JERRY TARKANIAN

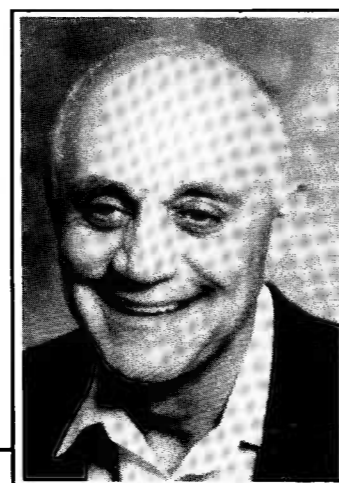
Our Master of Ceremonies this evening is Mr. Jerry Tarkanian, the world-renowned Head Coach of the 1990 NCAA Championship UNLV Runnin' Rebels basketball team. We are especially proud and grateful that Jerry has returned home to his native Cleveland to attend O-Hye-O '90 and celebrate his 60th birthday with us.

Jerry embodies the spirit and purpose of the weekend, which celebrates the Armenian community, Cleveland and athletic competition. As "Tark" rounds off his 29th year of collegiate coaching, he rides the crest of his first NCAA Championship victory. Since his arrival at UNLV in 1973, Jerry has always managed to attract the top prospects, evidenced by ten NCAA postseason bids including the last eight consecutive years. Over those past eight seasons, Jerry has led UNLV to the nation's best record at 247-39.

After graduating from Fresno State in 1955, Jerry began his climb to the top, coaching at area high schools before making subsequent moves to Redlands High School (Redlands, CA) in 1959 and Riverside City College in 1961, where he led his team to four consecutive California Junior College championships. He moved to Pasadena City College for two seasons beginning in 1966-67 and earned another California JC Championship before joining Long Beach State in '68 to start his present tenure as a major college coach.

In addition to his position as the Rebels' Head Coach, Jerry serves as UNLV's Senior Assistant Athletic Director for Community Relations. Jerry, who holds a Master's degree in educational management from Redlands University, and his wife, Dr. Lois (Huter) Tarkanian, are actively involved in the Las Vegas community. Jerry has been honored with Man of the Year awards from the Las Vegas Kidney Foundation and Women at Work, a national fundraising arm of Southwestern Christian College. He also runs statewide basketball camps for youngsters of all ages.

The Tarkanians have four children: Pamela (Mrs. Erik King) teaches emotionally disturbed children, Jodie is an intensive care nurse, Danny practices law in Las Vegas, and George is in a doctoral program in political science. The Tarkanians welcomed their first grandchild, Justine Rose King, on August 24, 1988.



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