

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT

1976

It was a great pleasure and experience for me to serve as Chairman of the Young Women's Guild. It was a challenge for me. My fellow guild members were very cooperative and their friendship I will always cherish.

Our year started with installation of officers and refreshments served afterwards. The following served on my executive board for 1976:

Chairman.....Helen Nahabedian
Vice Chairman.....Pauline Nahabedian
Recording Secretary.....Sadie Marcantonio
Corresponding Secretary.....Alice George
Treasurer.....Zepur Yazijian
Assistant Treasurer.....Helen Babikian
Historian.....Lee Matiosian

The Guild has 23 paid members and has just completed its 19th year.

We meet regularly every month and also, there are times we meet with the executive bodies of the church.

Our activities for the past year were as follows:

In March we had a rummage sale.

In April we had our annual Palm Sunday Dinner and served communion breakfast for the Sunday School children on Easter morning.

On May 7, we had our annual Mother's Day Dinner honoring the Ladies Auxiliary of our church and our mothers and grandmothers. Also during this month we had a card party.

In June, we had a fund-raising theatre party night at the Mill Run Theatre. The highlight of the year was the celebration of our church's 50th Anniversary held on June 12 at the O'Hare Inn. The Women's Guild and all other church organizations cooperated in this highly successful and memorable weekend.

During the last week in June, St. Gregory was the site of a Mission Week, sponsored by the Diocese and headed by Father Karekin Kasparian. Der Hayr and three St. Nersess Seminary students held informative group lectures and discussions on various topics on Armenian culture and religion. Our Guild members and other members of the church opened their homes to our visitors with gracious hospitality. Culminating the week, was a luncheon given by the Guild.

August 15 was our church's 3rd Annual Street Picnic sponsored by the Parish Council held on the church grounds. The Guild members did their part by preparing the food and serving the "sweet table".

In September we held a successful Las Vegas nite.

On November 6 and 7, St. Gregory held its Annual Fall Bazaar. The Women's Guild put in many hours of preparation to make this a special event.

The Young Women's Guild tries to serve her church not only financially, but also spiritually. In addition to our fund raising activities, we sponsor the Sunday School, donating materials and substitute teachers when needed. Our altar flower chairman has seen to it that the altar has fresh flowers on Sundays. And finally, our "coffee and" hour after church services every Sunday, continues to bring our congregation closer together, even though we are without clergy.

At this time, I would like to thank my fellow Guild members and the Parish Council for their continuous support and encouragement in making 1976 a most prosperous year.

Respectfully submitted

Helen Nahabedian, Chairman

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Our financial statement is attached.