

Nineteen Ninety-eight was quite a productive year for our Women's Guild. Along with all our activities (some new, some old), we managed to also increase our membership to

22. The numbers look great, but we must take into consideration that many of our new members are unable to wholly participate with our month to month meetings but are always available and supportive in whatever endeavor Womens Guild undertakes. Our monthly meetings have been well attended.

We started our year as usual with the Armenian Christmas Buffet, January 11, 1998. Turn out was fairly good but it could have been better.

In February, dedication ceremony was held for Womens Guild and Parish Council. All our women were awarded Guild pins for dedicated services rendered to their church. Also, in this month Womens Guild purchased a new upright freezer to be used for and by the church in the preparation of large quantities of food or baked goods for any of our events.

Alice Franguelian (Frank) Tashjian formerly of Binghamton and one time English teacher at the Johnson City High School donated 20 copies of the book she wrote "Silences" to be sold and proceeds to benefit our Womens Guild. We realized a substantial profit selling the book at \$ 15.00 each.

On March 8th, 1998, a few of our members along with their families and Deacon George visited with Satenig Ketchoyian on the occasion of her 100th birthday. A delightful time was had by all who participated, Later that month Womens Guild prepared and held their annual Lenten Dinner. Approximately 35-40 persons were in attendance.

This year Womens Guild did not make any special preparation for Mothers Day since that week-end happen to coincide with that of the Diocesan Assembly which was held in New York City May 8-10,1998 celebrating the 100th anniversary of our diocese. There were no church services in Binghamton that Sunday.

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On April 1st, we gathered at the church and prepared our cheoreg which was offered and sold Easter Sunday, April 12th, 1998.

In June, we invited all our Armenian Women to lunch with us at Maro's (Regency Hotel) and also requested the presence of Dr. Fattell, Parish Council Chairman, who was invited to say a few words to the women.

In July, a small group of our women along with Deacon George went on a Retreat to the Transfiguration Monastery in Windsor, New York. It was unfortunate that more of our women were not able to attend.

During the church picnic, August 16th, Catherine and Nova Kerjilian graciously offered to Chair the Picnic Bake Sale and were successful in making a fair amount of money for their efforts.

In September, we were notified that Adrienne Kachadourian was assigned by Womens Guild Central Council to be our new liason. We were happy to see that again we have one of our own back on WGCC. At this time we held a pot luck luncheon and we had with us a guest who was the sister to the Bishop of Paris.

Our Guild has done a dynamic job with our bake sale which took place in November at the Main Street Giant Market (BSB-Giant Plaza). This was our third annual sale and we have been blessed with greatest group of women who have come forth to support this annual endeavor. Without them, we could not have succeeded as well as we did.

Womens Guild Day, November 22, 1998, was chaired by Adrienne Kachadourian. She did one fantastic job of coordinating the entire event. Donating the brunch which total proceeds benefited Womens Guild. Womens Guild Day was designated for the purpose of honoring our Guild members and remembering our deceased members.

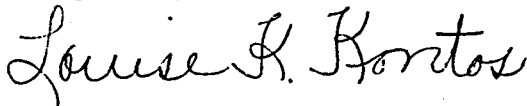
Throughout the year the women of our church have put on the coffee hours under the able direction of Louise Rockwell. She has done a remarkable job of coordinating this entire undertaking.

Also, we must make mention at this time that whenever W.G. has put on a dinner, we have made every effort to send meals out to our shut-ins. We must commend Deacon George Devejian, Garabed Kachadourian, and a few of our women for assisting to deliver these meals. The recipients were appreciated receiving the meals but above all enjoyed having the company.

Womens Guild is here to work with our Parish Council, with members of our community and to be open minded and flexible in order that we can move forward.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be your Chairman for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise K. Kontos". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Louise K. Kontos