

WOMEN'S GUILD 1981 ANNUAL REPORT

The Women's Guild of Saint James Armenian Church enjoyed an active and innovative year with a paid membership of twenty five members - six more than last year. Meetings were held for the general membership and executive board on the first and third Wednesday of each month excluding July and August.

The officers for the 1981 year were: Grace Bozian and Anahid Birnbaum, Co-Chairpersons; Joyce Papazian, Recording Secretary; Mary Arslanian, Corresponding Secretary; Mary Azarian, Treasurer; Alyce Vakassian, Assistant Treasurer; Ethyl Dorian and Ruth Sanossian, Advisors; Lucy Tepikian, Refreshments; Deanna Stepanian, Program Chairperson; Justine Ekizian, Publicity.

The Women's Guild sponsored and/ or participated in the following events:

- February - General membership meeting and program on financial planning presented by Byron Cartozian
- March - Lenten Supper and Cake Sale
- April - Palm Sunday Bake Sale
- May - General membership meeting and program on the changing role of women by Nancy Greenfield of the Westchester County Health Department
- June - "Luncheon on the Lawn" with Dr. Knarig Khatchadourian as guest speaker
- Members attended the Strawberry Festival presented by the Daughters of Vartan to benefit the Social Services Program of the Diocese held at St. Thomas Church, Tenafly, New Jersey
- Prepared, served, and sold luleh kebobs at the White Plains Festival
- July - No events
- August - Prepared and served food at our annual church picnic
- September - General membership and planning meeting
- Prepared and sold pastries and luleh kebobs for our annual church bazaar
- October - General membership meeting followed by a lecture on gems by Pauline Babakian
- November - General membership meeting
- Omar Khayam Night Supper
- Bakeless Cake Sale
- Atlantic City Bus Trip
- December - Christmas Supper in place of general membership meeting

Highlights of the 1981 year included: Sending a delegate to represent our guild at the Annual Women's Guild Conference in Watertown, Massachusetts, sponsoring the sale of books, records, and gifts from the Diocese, providing Christmas gifts for the children of the Saint James Church Sunday School, and providing the funds for the purchase of a commercial stove for our newly renovated church kitchen.

The new slate of officers for 1982 has not as yet been presented. Therefore, in order for the Women's Guild to continue the present executive committee members will hold their current positions until new officers can be elected.

Finances:

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| 12/31/80 | Opening Balance | \$3,134.75 |
| | Receipts | <u>4,079.39</u> |
| | | 7,214.14 |
| | Disbursements | <u>4,607.59</u> |
| 12/31/81 | | 2,606.55 |
| | Year end donation to church from Women's Guild | <u>2,100.00</u> |
| | Cash on hand | \$ 506.55 |

The members of the Women's Guild wish to thank Father Kasparian for his assistance and guidance throughout this fruitful and successful year. Special thanks to the chairpersons of our 1981 projects for their creativity, efficiency, and willingness to assume responsibility for the benefit of the Saint James Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bozian Papazian
Recording Secretary