

WESTCHESTER A.C.Y.O.A.
ANNUAL REPORT
1979

General: The ACYOA Seniors have experienced a slow year. Membership has dropped considerably (from approximately 32 dues paying members to approximately 10). This problem stems from the poor attendance at sporadic monthly membership meetings.

Administrative: The ACYOA has again had some serious difficulties as stated above. For much of the first half of the year, meetings on both the executive board level as well as the general membership level, were infrequent. After several attempts at new elections, six new members were elected onto the executive board on July 29, 1979. Under the presidency of our Pastor, they are: Laura Boghossian and Karleen Tellitt, Co-Chairpersons; Beatrice Boyajian, recording secretary; Harry Tavitian, Corresponding secretary; Dian Dorian, treasurer; Setta Tavitian, activities director.

During the course of the year, there were 8 executive board meetings and 6 membership meetings.

Financially: The activities we have sponsored have continuously resulted in profits and we have therefore, again, succeeded in operating in the black despite poor attendance.

Monthly Activities:

Religious: Regional Retreat, "The Other Side of Silence; Coming Closer to God, Part II:" Led by His Grace, Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, emphasized as its theme, prayer; why we need it, what purpose it serves and most importantly how to do it. Held in March at the Ozonian House. Approximately 25 members attended from within the region.

Educational: Martyr's Day Banquet, Chaired by Anna Bas, Karen Basmajian and Yeretzgeen Dawn: The guest speaker was Rev. John Hortsman who gave an insightful essay on the history of the Armenians and the massacres. Approximately 90 people attended.

Cultural Month Dinner: Held on October 28th. Dr. Vazken Alexanian spoke on the Armenian Culture and Harry Gadarikian spoke and gave a slide presentation on Armenian Objects. Approximately 100 people attended this dinner, chaired by Laura Boghossian and Karleen Tellitt.

Fund Raising: 1st Annual Anniversary Ball: Held in June. Approximately 250 people attended. The theme of this dance, which was held in Kavookjian Hall, was "A Little Bit of Heaven."

One World Festival: Held in New York City during September 8 and 9. Westchester A.C.Y.O.A. sold t-shirts which said "Kiss me I'm Armenian", "Ski Mt. Ararat," and a picture of David of Sassoon with Hayastan printed below in Armenian letters. In addition to the t-shirts, we sold popcorn and prints which were donated to the A.C.Y.O.A. by Ohan Bas.

Social: Archbishop's Trophy Tournament, held in Philadelphia. Westchester A.C.Y.O.A. sent a men's basketball team of 7 players.

Annual Beach Party, held in August at Jones Beach. Approximately 15 people attended.

Annual Sports Weekend; held in Milwaukie, Wisconsin during Labor Day Weekend. Westchester A.C.Y.O.A. participated in coed-volleyball, men's basketball, foosball and backgammon. We won 3rd place in foosball and 3rd place in men's basketball. These teams consisted of members from St. Gregory's A.C.Y.O.A. as well as our own.

Annual Halloween Party: This year's party was held at the home of Laura Boghossian. Approximately 23 people attended from both the Bayside and Westchester chapters.

Annual Theatre Trip: This year both the A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors and Juniors attended the performance of Neil Simon's Chapter Two. 30 people attended this November event. After the play, many went to the dance at Kavookjian Hall.

Annual Christmas Party: held December 28, at the home of the Ekizian's. Approximately 20 people attended.

Service: Annual Church Bazaar: 3 members from the A.C.Y.O.A. occupied a booth and sold t-shirts which were remaining from the One World Festival.

Major Projects: The A.C.Y.O.A. Seniors have again taken the responsibilities of running both the Martyr's Day and Cultural Day Programs. We were the only A.C.Y.O.A. occupying a booth at the One World Festival.

Acknowledgements: Special thanks to the Parish Council who loaned us money for our Anniversary Ball and to Ohan Bas who supplied us with the Leghmejoun for our Ball and donated the prints for our One World Festival booth. Also, thanks to Mrs. Elmas Davidian who addressed and mailed the fliers for our Cultural Day Banquet and to Yerezgeen Dawn who was instrumental in helping us turn out a successful Martyr's Day Program.

Financial Statement:

Starting Balance: \$636.73; Disbursements: \$3,308.89; Deposits: \$3,660.50; Contribution to the Church: \$537.44; Balance: \$806.15.

Respectfully Submitted,

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