

ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH OF WESTCHESTER

CULTURAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Annual Report of Activities, 1986

1. Committee Membership:

Membership of the Committee at the start of the year included: Alice Basmajian, Barbara Dorian, Lionel Galstaun (chair), Martha Gurahian (ex-officio), Rev. Fr. Karekin Kasparian (ex-officio), Nevart Kuntashian and George Omartian. Irene Braccini, Alice Kaladjian and Pauline Leylegian joined the Committee during the year.

2. Committee Meetings:

The Committee met eleven times, on Sundays after Church.

3. Activities:

The following talks were organized by the Committee and given on the dates indicated:

Date	Speaker	Subject
January 26	Lionel Galstaun	First Impressions of China
February 23	Paul Bedoukian	Armenia 2000 Years Ago
March 23	none	Joint with ACYOA
April 6	Apkar Omartian	Armenian Residential Architecture
May 25	Gerd Hoffman	Travel Opportunities
June 29	Pauline Leylegian	Hunting Collectibles
September 28	George Omartian	Armenians in Russia During the 18th and 19th Centuries.

The talk by George Omartian on September 28 was given at the St. Nersess Seminary, as a part of their Open-House observance. No admission fees were charged for these talks, and the expenses were essentially zero.

On October 4, the Committee presented Sahan Arzruni, pianist, in a concert at Theatre C on the SUNY Campus at Purchase. The music included a first part devoted to the classic and romantic composers and a second part to Armenian composers who wrote for the piano. Tickets were priced at \$10 for adults with discounts at \$7.50 for Seniors and \$5.00 for students. A program booklet with paid advertising, plus ticket sales, provided funds needed to cover most of the expenses. The audience numbered 141. A generous contribution by Mr. and Mrs. S. Fesjian of \$2,500 provided a margin of profit. The accounts of the concert are attached.

No other activities were held in 1986.

Report by

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