

ST. THOMAS ARMENIAN CHURCH - TENAFLY, N. J.

SEVAN FOLK DANCE GROUP

Officers of the group:

Chairman - Mr. George Shahinian  
Treasurer - Mr. Ara Kopooshian  
Secretary - Miss Janet Arzoomanian

The Sevan Folk Dance Group was started the end of January 1968. Its first performance was at the church anniversary dinner on March 17, 1968 where they were enthusiastically received. Since then the group has performed in Boston, Philadelphia, Old Age Home in Emerson; Twice at the Diocese in N.Y.; Statler-Hilton Hotel in N.Y.; and at the churches of Union City, Fairlawn, and Irvington; and for the New Milford Women's Club. All in all, we have had 11 appearances during our first year's existence.

We would like to thank Mr. Nazar Nazarian for providing the material with which our costumes were made. Many thanks to the wonderful women of the parish who came to our assistance and made the costumes. Our thanks to the Parish Council for its encouragement and support. And last, but not least, our thanks to Mr. Ohan Armoudian for his time and effort and patience in teaching the group.

The group meets every Thursday night in the church auditorium. Because of our forthcoming performance at Town Hall on Feb. 23, 1969, there have been many extra rehearsals.

Finances:

We charge other church organizations a nominal fee of \$25.00 for a performance. For out of town performances a fee of \$75.00 is asked plus expenses. Of course, no fee was expected from the Emerson Old Age Home and the Diocese of our church.

The group received an initial \$200 from the Parish Council. For our performances we have received an additional \$270.00. Expenses to date total \$301.46, including boots, costumes, refreshments and incidentals.