

REPORT OF ST. JAMES ARMENIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD February 8, 1981
1980

Der Hayr and Members:

The Women's Guild of St. James Armenian Church has had a very Successful year in 1980. There have been numerous new members added to our membership and hope that those of you that were members and are not active would consider coming back among our midst. We need all people but especially the younger ones as this is your church and your children will be raised in this atmosphere and your ideas are needed so we can do a better job.

During the year we had guest speakers Captain Tanner of the Police Dept., to speak on safety and self protection to our ladies. Also, Mrs. Emma Livingstone on old and new Armenian dress and if any in the community have Armenian clothes of any description that can be used in her research kindly contact Mrs. Livingstone.

Women's Saints Day was celebrated in the church with a program and lunch was served afterwards in the Church Hall. Whenever these days of our religious calendar are celebrated during the week everyone in the community is invited to attend with families.

April 24th was held with a few of our members participating.

The Women's Guild again arranged both Easter Hantes and Armenian Christmas.

One beautiful occasion during 1980 was the visit of Washington Women's Guild in full force with their Der Hayr, Yeretzkin and family. This was very moving as it gave the two communities, as sister churches, to visit and see old friends. After our lunch a tour was made of the Governor's Mansion with great enthusiasm.

Of course in between all of this activity a rummage sale was held with a huge success having Azniv Amirkhanian as Chairlady.

Cultural Day was observed with a lecture on Friday night and Seta Chavardian and Liz Baronian, graciously served and prepared the delicacies, as representatives from the Women's Guild.

Boy's Club was again held this year with Mrs. Soghoian as Chairlady. Her committee did a splendid job and again Guild was there.

Last but not least the Bazaar. The Women's Guild as usual did all the cooking, Country Store, etc. These women as old as 85 years old in the kitchen preparing food with such enthusiasm puts us younger ones to shame.

We have had an election and this gives us a new executive board, Godspeed and a lot of patience to carry on.

I have mentioned a lot of things to make you aware that the Women of the Church are doing a lot of things that the average person coming to this church is not aware of.

*We had representation
at Diocesan assembly by
Mrs Virginia Erew, Delegate
" Virginia D. Baudagian Chairlady
Women's Guild.*

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Chairlady of the St. James Women's Guild