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APRIL 24th "The Forgotten Genocide" a moving film narrated by Mike Connors (Mannix). The film showed some archive footage as well as eyewitness accounts of Armenian survivors. Following the film candles were lit by everyone and a moment of silence was observed for the 1½ - 2 million Armenians.

Ara Dostourian briefly explained why April 24th is commemorated by Armenians all over the world. Later Ara read author William Saroyan's moving statement about Armenians. I would like to share with you the last paragraph of his statement . . .

Go ahead, destroy this race! Destroy Armenia!
See if you can do it. Send them from their homes into
the desert. Let them have neither bread nor water.
Burn their homes and churches. Then, see if they will
not laugh again, see if they will not sing and pray again.
For, when two of them meet anywhere in the world, see if
they will not create a New Armenia.

Thank you to Marilda Andrews, Joyce Keyfer, Barbara Tellalian, Mary Dillon, Sonja Karapetian, Arpine Davidian, Maro Gheblikian, Alice Matulich, Sonia Maghdoussian, Pat Ray and Nancy DiBoyan for providing all the delicious pastries.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL. . . . Held on Saturday, May 1st at the DeKalb Community College - North campus - was a great success - despite the poor attendance. This years admission charge discouraged many people from coming. Those who did come had a good time. Numerous times we were told that the Armenian food booth was the best one at the festival. Three cheers to Barbara Tellalian and Nancy DiBoyan who worked so hard to make the food booth a success.

Mary Apelian Dillon as usual did a fantastic job in organizing the festival. Everything was planned to the finest detail. Super job Mary!

Ara Dostourian manned the Exhibit booth and Sylvia Dekmezian collected all the various items on display at the exhibit booth. Thank you both for a great job.

A special thank you to Hilma Dehbanian for taking over the Armenian Dance Ensemble. She did a terrific job in organizing the group and decorating some of the costumes with gold trim and coin to make them look authentic. The dancers volunteered and paid for their own costumes. Thank you Hilma Dehbanian, Joseph Gheblikian, Nader Hashemi, Adrine Keshishian, Mike Keotahlizn and Flora Nazarian for a wonderful job and hope to see you all dance real soon.

We thank David and Marcia Toumayan for their time and talent for getting the choral group together.

It's not only the organizers and workers that make a festival successful but, also, the people who make donations. We thank the following very much for their generosity

Middle East Bakery	Marc Nalband (Nalmac Embossing)
Kevork Yacoubian (Yacoubian Tailoring)	Mrs. Arpine Davidian
Mr. and Mrs. Bedros Sharian Jr. (Sharian Oriental Carpets)	Ohaness Kabbenjian (The Cheese Shop)
Seth and Betty Dorian	Roy and Gayle Kirkorian
Margaret Julian	Altoun Taktakian

A Festival is not only a lot of hard work but you meet and work with some wonderful people such as Frida and Henry Petrossian and Marilda Andrews. Frida made her delicious beef cutlets and like last year - they were a hit. Frida, Henry and Marilda worked the whole day without taking a break. Thank You!

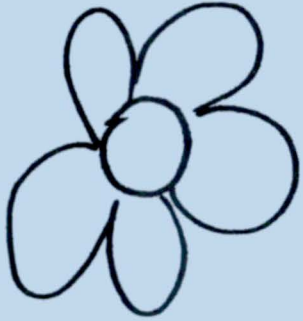
Did you know that Nurek Zirakian, Altoun Taktakian, Ann Jamgochian, Elise Maghdoussian and Vartouhie Gheblikian had their picture in the Constitution Extra?? They were making yalanchi sarmi (stuffed grape leaves). Thank you ladies very much. What would we do without our mothers?

A Special thank you to Alice Matulich and Amy Riebesell for helping make the boeregs and paklava and working all day at the festival. Thank you Nurek Zirakian for making all the delicious choreks for us.

Thank you Margaret Julian, Adrina Richards, Armen and Sonja Karapetian, Nancy Matulich, Nancy Gainssley, Ann Parrish, Pierre Arbadjian, Vasken Madaghjian, Seroj Nazarian, Malcolm Stephanian, Minas Karapetian and Levon Joloian for all your help on May 1st.

This will be the last newsletter I'll be putting out - as you know elections will be in September and a new Board of Directors will be elected. I'd like to Thank all of you who have helped me by writing articles, suggesting ideas and for encouraging me this past year. It has been a learning experience for me and one I won't forget. There are three people I would like to Thank . . . my husband, Simeon for eating sandwiches when I had to put out the newsletter and my children, David and Michelle who helped stuff envelopes, stamp and etc. Thank you.

Nancy DiBoyan



CONGRATULATIONS . . .

Seth & Betty Dorian
(daughter, Kris married May 1st)

William & Roxie Mooradian
(son, Danny married in February)
(daughter, Norma married in June)
(& 1st grandchild born - Robert William)

Ann Poteet
(1st grandchild born - Erik Person)

Marc Nalband & Hasmik Keshishian
(married May 7th)

Mack & Alice Matulich
(son, Mark married June 12th)

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES . . .

Pierre Arbabjian - Georgia Tech

Vartan Issayan - Georgia Tech

OUR SYMPATHIES . . .

Armen Karapetian - Father

Roxie Hagopian

GET WELL WISHES . . .

Mary Apelian Dillon - Mother had surgery

MOVED AND MISSED . . .

Louise Kramedjian

