



ARMENIAN INDEPENDENT CULTURAL ASSOCIATION of ATLANTA Inc.

July 20, 1992

THIRD AICAA ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE



AICAA will be hosting its Third Annual Dinner/Dance on Oct. 17, 1992 at HOLIDAY INN PERIMETER as a fund-raiser for AICAA's Building Fund.

DATE/TIME : Saturday, Oct. 17, 1992.
7:00-8:00 Cocktails
8:00 P.M. Dinner & Dance

PLACE : HOLIDAY INN PERIMETER
4386 CHAMBLEE-DUNWOODY RD.
(Corner of I-285 & Exit #22)
Tel # (404)-457-6363.

BAND : LEO DERDERIAN & HIS ARMENIAN BAND
(From Washington D.C. area)

COST : \$25/ STUDENT
\$40/ PAID-MEMBER
\$45/ NON-PAID-MEMBER
Advanced reservations required by Sat. Oct. 10

DRINKS : Cash Bar

For reservations, please call **Seran Megerian (252-5176)** or **Talin Major (447-9647)** by **Sat. Oct 10, 1992**. The reason for this is so that we can tell the hotel the number of dinners to prepare; instead of giving the hotel our rough estimate and then still having to pay the hotel for the number of dinners that we may have overestimated. Make checks payable to AICAA. The hotel will give a special rate to those wishing to spend the night there. Besides the well-known band, we will have the added attraction of an Oriental dancer, a great raffle and door prizes. This year the raffle will be limited to 250 tickets, each ticket being \$10. Our first price will be a Camcorder or a 3 night/4 day trip to Cancun (the winner's choice), our second price will be a VCR, and our third price will be a lovely watch. All proceeds as usual go to our Building Fund. Join us for a fun night not to be missed. Bring family and friends, and let's make our third dinner/dance the most successful fund-raiser for our own Building Fund.

AICAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING



AICAA's second General Assembly meeting of 1992 will be held on Sunday, Sept. 20, 1992, at St. James Apartments' clubhouse.

DATE/TIME : Sunday, Sept. 20, 1992, 2:00 PM.
PLACE : St. James Apartments' clubhouse.
3201 Lenox Rd.
Coffee & cake will be served

PAST EVENTS



APRIL 24 MARTYR'S DAY COMMEMORATION... A beautiful program of musical selections and speeches honoring the memories of those who lost their lives on behalf of the Armenian nation was held on April 24, 1992, at the N.W. Unitarian Church. Mr. Aram Sarhadian and Dr. Juliette Stapanian delivered two poignant speeches concerning the past and present struggles of the Armenian people. The recently formed choir, under the direction of Mr. Aram Partizian, offered patriotic and other well known Armenian songs. Vocal and instrumental soloists participated in the musical offerings. The traditional candle lighting ceremony was observed. It was a very touching and memorable evening for all who were gathered, with thoughts focusing on the prosperous future for Armenia. We congratulate the members of the choir, who worked diligently to put this lovely program together. We look forward to enjoying this very talented group's many future performances. Thank you Aram Partizian, the choir director, Bedros & Hripsime Dido, Leslie Gengozian, Maro & Tanya Gheblikian, Rico & Hilda Guerguerian, Nairi B. Polonsky, Harry Khachadourian, and Lorig Smith. That evening, \$73 was collected as candle donations, which helped us almost cover the \$100 church rental expense.



MAY 2, 1992 GENERAL ASSEMBLY/BUILDING FUND MEETING .
This meeting was held to update members on building committee's progress and to get direction on how to proceed. More than 70 people gathered at the St. James Apartments' clubhouse. Roobina Ohanian was introduced and she talked about fund raising methods. Roobina asked for volunteers to help her set up & man food booths and other help for our participation in international festivals. If you are interested in helping, you can reach Roobina at 874-8393. Everyone at the meeting was very supportive of AICAA purchasing a "home" for the regional Armenian community. The meeting progressed with a real estate agent presenting three sites. Following this presentation the membership voted that AICAA Board could submit an offer to purchase a promising property with appropriate earnest

money. However; any purchase offer would be contingent upon the membership's approval before it could be finalized. With the support of the community, the Building Committee is taking the initiative to move forward. The meeting was followed by dinner. Thanks to all ladies who provided salads & desserts. About \$100 was raised that evening.



AICAA ANNUAL PICNIC on MAY 17, 1992 at Virginia Pavilion, Stone Mountain . . . Nearly 100 people enjoyed the great weather, food and fellowship at our annual Stone Mountain picnic on May 17. We were very happy to meet **Vartan Asdvazadourian** and **Raffi Kevorkian**, both new comers to the Atlanta area. The food was excellent. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped put it together, including **Vahe Najarian** and his helpers at the grill, and those who brought delicious salads, pilaf and deserts. About \$400 was raised after expenses, which as always will go to our Building Fund.



Tidbits from The Board... The board has been meeting regularly and is happy to announce that \$500 was allocated from the AICAA general operational funds for our choir's Armenian costumes. We hope to hear our choir sing in upcoming events. We have been happy to see donations come in for the building project. Monthly pledges have even been paid for the building fund. This year the membership has increased by about 20%, and in general our attendance is up. The board is very happy with this progress and wants to thank all of you for the support you are giving us. Since the purchase of a building has taken longer than anticipated, the board approved the opening of a separate account for the building fund in order to make accounting for the fund easier. In our next general assembly our treasurer's report will reflect this action. As always all AICAA surplus funds are transferred to the building fund at the end of our fiscal year in December.

COMMUNITY NEWS



We are happy to announce the graduations of **Lara Keyfer**, and **Oshine Najarian** both from Horizons High School. **Aida Najarian** from Agnes Scott College. We wish them much success in their future endeavors.



Juliette Stapanian & Robert Apkarian, both active members of the community, were married on July 11, 1992. Our best wishes for a happy and wonderful life together.



Marilda McPherson's daughter Tina Fisher married Zenon Zapach on May 9, 1992. Congratulations to the happy couple.



We are very happy to announce the upcoming wedding of Jack and Barbara Tellalian's daughter Christina Tellalian & Michael John Wiegand on Aug. 22, 1992 in Washington, D.C. Our best wishes to the happy couple.

We mourned the loss of Garo Aznavourian, a very active and supportive member of AICAA and our ex-treasurer's husband, on June 12. Funeral services were held on June 14, with Ft. Yeprem officiating. Garo is survived by his wife Alice, two daughters and a son. Our deepest sympathies to the Aznavourian family.

Armine AgaSarkissian is a patient at Georgia Baptist Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Talin Keyfer left for Armenia on July 1, 1992, with the Land & Culture Organization to help resettle Armenian refugees from Azerbaijan. She will stay there for a month.

Lara Keyfer and Andrew Messerlian will be traveling to New York on July 26, 1992 for a week, to attend an Armenian history and cultural seminar presented by the Diocese of North America.

Congratulations to Mr. Ohaness Kabbenjian, owner of Hovan Gourmet, for being nominated for the most enterprising businessmen of the year in Atlanta.

* WELCOME back to Atlanta... Kevork Yacoubian. We love you!!!



ADVERTISEMENTS... We are including an updated list of Armenian affiliated professionals/businesses. If you wish your name to be included in this free list, please call Talin Major (447-9647). We will be starting to run advertisements in AICAA's following newsletters, if you'd like to advertise your business, the cost is as follows: \$15/quarter page, \$25/half page. Please call Talin Major (447-9647) for detailed information.



SINGLES/YOUNG ADULTS GROUP... We are in the process of forming a singles and/or young adults group. Those of you who are interested in participating or helping to organize functions, please call Joyce Keyfer (262-3160). We are hoping that this will bring our young/single members together, and thus strengthen our association even more.

LOCAL ARMENIAN PROFESSIONALS & BUSINESSES

Best Jewelry
688-9200
Mr. Sarkis AgaSarkissian
Atlanta

Research Scientist at Emory Un.
727-7766
Dr. Robert Apkarian
Decatur

Buckhead Jewelry
264-1328
Mr. Hagop Asik
Buckhead

Software consultant
Programming/database
Desk top Publishing
325-8410
Mr. John W. Boghosian
Atlanta

S & V Watch Repair and Jewelry
991-0432
Mr. & Mrs. Diboyan
Riverdale

Smith Institutional & ethnic food
378-3371
Dido Brothers
Decatur

History Professor at West Georgia
836-6508
Dr. Ara Dostourian
Carrollton

Armen & Joseph Jewelers
925-3400
Mr. Armen Gheblikian
Norcross

Mechanical Engineering Consultant
928-3716
Mr. Rico Guerguerian
Marietta

Spring Gallery-Framing
252-2344
Mr. John Hachikian
Sandy Springs

Hovan Gourmet
Mr. Ohaness Kabbenjian
Perimeter Mall
396-1770
Lenox
231-9018
Underground
577-4776

Atlanta Golden Design-Jewelry
499-0574
Mr. Jano Kamciyan
Marietta

ZOVAK, Inc. Business Automation
971-4848
Mr. Armen Karapetian
Marietta

Landscape Design Consultant
973-8570
Ms. Sonja Karapetian
Marietta

Residential/Commercial Realtor
231-4823
Ms. Stella Kazazian
Buckhead

Oriental Rugs, repair & cleaning
266-8863
Mr. Dan Keishian
Atlanta

Diesel technician
926-0616
Mr. L. Kevorkian
Woodstock

Chiropractor
(404)-569-6528
Dr. Harout Kevorkian
Colombus, Ga.

Architect
Mr. Ara Keyfer AIA
(WK) 233-1898
(Hm) 262-3160
Buckhead

Import auto repair
717-0648
Mr. Harry Khachadourian
Lilburn

Middle Eastern Bakery
448-9190
Mr. Jean Leon
Atlanta

Pro-Tailor Alterations
938-6355
Mr. Alphonse Maghdoussian
Tucker

Rochelle's Jewelry
960-1440
Luna & Vatche Markarian
Southlake Mall, Morrow

Cancer Insurance
333-2841
Mr. David McPherson
Kennesaw

Valenti Jewelry
418-9531
Viken and Raffi Oghlian
Duluth

Onassis Jewelry
727-0438
Mr. Pierre Onassis
Northlake

Experienced skin care facial
mask, extraction & European massage
633-0360
Ms. Nairi Burnazian Polonsky
Buckhead

Attorney
522-7300
Diane V. Roggen
Downtown

Sharian Carpets
Oriental Rugs, repair & cleaning
373-2274
Mr. Paul Sharian
Decatur

Financial Consultant/Stock Broker
266-6571
Mr. Loris Sinamian
Buckhead

Chair Of Russian Studies
Emory University
727-3644
Dr. Juliette Stapanian
Decatur

Internal medicine
939-1601
Dr. Louise Tashjian, M.D.
Tucker

Dentist
233-3252
Dr. Gordon W. Thompson, DDS
Atlanta

Professional Translator
French/English English/French
424-6356
Mireille Tchiboukdjian Wilson
Marietta

Professor of Accounting at
West Georgia College
836-6469
Dr. Ara Volkan
Carrollton

Please note that this is not a complete list. If you would like to have your name included in this list, please call Talin Major at 447-9647.



AICAA MEMBERSHIP... So far, we have fifty four (54) paid AICAA members for 1992. AICAA's membership for 1991 consisted of forty five (45) paid memberships; our goal this year is to double

that amount. AICAA's fiscal year starts on January of each year. We would like to thank all of you who have sent in your 1992 membership dues. This is a friendly reminder for those of you who have not done so; please send your checks made out to AICAA to the address shown in the Membership Application Form. Membership dues are AICAA's operating funds that allow us to send newsletters, pay for the post office box, keep our association listed in the phone book; etc. At the end of each year, if there is a surplus, it is added to the AICAA Building Fund. The list of our paid 1992 members to date, is as follows:

Sarkis & Armine AgaSarkissian
Robert Apkarian
Krikor & Mari Avedissian
Garó & Alice Aznavourian
Edward Basmajian
Victoria Boodoian
Bedros & Hripsime Dido
Ara Dostourian
Grace Feast
Gigi Gelenian
Armen & Maro Gheblikian
Rico & Hilda Guerguerian
Hagop Hagopian
Grace Hohn
Jeff Hohn
Manuel & Frances Hovsepian
Ralph & Yeran Hulun
Vahik & Anita Ismaili
Paige Jansen
John & Margaret Julian
Mr. & Mrs. Ohaness Kabbenjian
Jano Kamciyan
Armen & Sonja Karapetian
Edward & Liiy Karapetian
Robert & Ginny Kazanjian
Sarkis & Leslie Kevorkian
Ara & Joyce Keyfer
Harry Khachadourian
Shahe Khatchadourian
Alphonse & Sonia Maghdoussian
Jean & Yeran Maghdoussian
Russell & Talin Major
Alice Matulich
Art & Seran Megerian
Aris Merijanian
Thomas Nahigian
Vahé & Linda Najarian
Arshag & Khatoon Ohanian
Roobina Ohanian
Anne Parrish
Michael & Nairi B. Polonsky

Ann Poteet
Marion Munagian-Powell
Aram & Mary Sarhadian
Nebil & Marlo Sedki
Loris & Peggy Sinanian
Juliette Stapanian
Louise Tashjian
Jack & Barbara Tellalian
Mary Caragozian Thompson
George & Nancy Vartanian
Ara & Joy Volkan
Mireille Tchiboukdjian Wilson
Joseph & Shakeh Yahnian

1992 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT. 20 General assembly meeting
St. James Apartments' clubhouse
OCT. 17 Annual AICAA Dinner Dance
Perimeter Holiday Inn
DEC. 12 Children's Christmas party
time and place to be announced later
DEC. 31 New Year's Eve Party
Willow Creek Apartments' Clubhouse

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____
STREET _____ CHILDREN'S NAMES AGES
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE (RES) _____ (Bus) _____

Circle One
Yearly dues: Family / \$50 Single \$30 Student \$10
Sr. Citizens / \$10

Additional Contribution: Building Fund / _____ Cultural Events / _____

Please make checks payable to: AICAA
P.O.BOX 7277
ATLANTA, GA 30357

AS ALWAYS ALL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AICAA ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

From the PRESIDENT'S Desk

Dear friends,

It has been almost a year since you gave the new board and me your vote of confidence to run the affairs of the Armenian Community of Atlanta. I want to thank you for the support you have given us. Our membership is larger than it has ever been. Participation in various community events has been very encouraging. This indicates to us that we are on the right track and hope to continue.

I would like to reiterate the goals and objectives that guide our decisions and activities. The primary goal of AICAA is to serve the Armenian community of Atlanta by providing for cultural, social, educational and any other community needs that may be required. Further our objective is to bring the community together and help promote an environment of cooperation and harmony. In support of this goal, with your help, we are working towards purchasing a property for the community. We feel the purchase of property will serve to strengthen the community and give us something else to share in addition to our heritage. Your support has been invaluable. We have numerous pledges, of varying amounts, to help with monthly payments and the upkeep of the property.

Another goal is to keep in touch with Armenia and help the fledgling democracy survive. We can have the most impact by contacting our senators and representatives on behalf of Armenia and encouraging them to help Armenia. Through this type of activity we can facilitate financial and humanitarian aid being sent to Armenia.

Last but not least, as always we need **your** help. As you know serving on the board is a labor of love for the board members. Involvement in community affairs and activities is a lot of fun and a good time. We generally ask people who we know are interested to help. They have agreed to help in many ways. However, we do not always know about some members who may be interested. If you are interested in participating in any of our functions or helping in any way, please feel free to call me. Your call will be most welcome.

Thank you again for your support and hope to see you in our future events.

Armen Karapetian
973-8570

