

WOMEN'S GUILD 1985 ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Committee

Chairlady	-	Rotated Different Officers Each Month
Treasurer	-	Jean Sayian
Recording Secretary	-	Siran Levonian
Corresp. Secretary	-	Ida Gueriguan

Advisors

Roseanne Alexander	Meline Kaehn
Nadya Carson	Hermine Sahakian
Helen Fried	Hnazant Tahmazian

There are 95 members in the Women's Guild. General membership meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and Executive meetings are held as needed.

Calendar of Activities for 1985

- January Annual Armenian Christmas Dinner
- March Lenten Luncheon and Women Saint's Day Program with Cathy Kapikian as speaker.
- April Special Easter Coffee
- May Sent 2 delegates to Women's Guild Conference in Bayside, NY
- Hampartzoom - Veejag Program and Luncheon - honored 2 women of the year.
- Cultural Program - Life and works of Poet Taniel Varoujan
- June Wind-up meeting at the Perkins' Lake of the Woods home.
- September Participation in ecumenical meeting and pot-luck dinner with neighborhood churches and Iona House.
- October Cultural Program - Life and works of Poet Krikor Zohrab
- Cooking, Baking and Craft Workshops for Bazaar
- November Annual Four-day Bazaar.
- December Cultural Program - Life and Works of Gomidas Vartabed

We were proud of Cathy Kapikian who played a major role at the Women's Guild Conference of the Diocesan Assembly in May, at Holy Martyr's Church in Bayside, NY. As the main speaker Cathy presented and explained slides of the lovely religious banners and murals she has made for various churches, military chapels and other organizations. As one of our delegates Cathy so impressed the other delegates with her logical thinking that she was instrumental in influencing many delegates into changing their votes in favor of forming a Women's Guild Central Diocesan Council. She was then asked to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee to set some ground rules for the Council before the 1986 Conference.

It is not enough to mention the Annual Four-day Bazaar on the Calendar of Events.

The planning and preparation for this annual event requires hours and hours of hard work. The list of our ladies who deserve thanks is endless. Some of the ladies volunteer every year, helping in each workshop and then working every one of the 4 bazaar days. Some work each day "back stage" and never get to see anyone outside of the kitchen. We are particularly grateful to Blanche Manian who is responsible for the hundreds of dollars which her Hallmark contact brings in to the Arts and Crafts table.

It is wonderful to have members who are so dedicated that they volunteer their services on a continuing basis - parishioners like Ann Kavookian who keeps up with ordering paper supplies and flowers for the altar. Ann also teaches Sunday School and rents the church halls to "outside organizations.

Another dedicated member is Jeannette Torokhanian who has not only served as our volunteer grounds keeper and landscape artist but was also contractor for the kitchen renovations and pushed the sub-contractors so that the kitchen was done in time for the bazaar. Jeannette also attended the workshops and helped wherever she was needed each day of the bazaar.

Roseanne Alexander and her committee have done an excellent job of caring for the altars - polishing the lovely brass pieces and keeping the altar cloths pretty and fresh.

The Women's Guild monitored or hosted a fellowship coffee hour after services each Sunday until June when it was stopped for the summer months. Since then volunteer hostesses have been few. Anyone who would like to host a coffee hour should notify Yeretzgin at least one week ahead of time.

The Guild helps to defray the expenses of both the Sunday School and Armenian School.

We try to visit the elderly, lonely and ill and would like to be notified of any illnesses of persons in the Armenian Community who would welcome calls or visits.

A list of names and addresses of "shut-ins" was distributed to our members with the suggestion that Christmas cards be sent to these persons so that they would be swamped with cards. Those who received the cards were very pleased. In addition to the cards the local shut-ins were visited during the Christmas season and presented with a filled Christmas stocking. Der Hayr made the time in his busy schedule to chauffeur Yeretzgin, Arousiag Kumkumian and Queenie Avedikian to make these visits and to say a prayer during each visit.

We are grateful for the help and support we received from the members of the Guild, the Parish Council, the Junior and Senior ACYOA and to Der Hayr and Yeretzgin who are always available with their help.

We wish the New Executive Committee a successful and productive year in 1986.

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