

TO SUM UP...

THE FOLLOWING GIVES THE VARIETY AND EXTENT OF OUR CURRENT ASS'N BUSINESS.

Resource Library We have built information files and a resource library for students on Armenian, Middle East and related subjects.

Public Relations and Information: Maintained for members and friends by volunteers to provide continuity and information. Use of telephone, personal contact, hospitality, notices, correspondence, newsletters, fact sheets and press releases.

Mailings and correspondence, including telephone contact, extends throughout the country.

Organizations and institutions with which we are having substantive exchanges:

Armenian Assembly, Washington, D.C. Earlier we cooperated to send our signed petitions which this organization coordinated for the Holocaust Memorial. It was accepted this year and we shall be represented. A million dollars has been pledged by Armenians towards its realization. In 1981 we continue to work with the Assembly. Subjects are the Oral History program and coordination and information for government grants.

Diocese of the Armenian Church, New York. The church supports and encourages our appreciation and desire to maintain our ethnic identity. The pastoral visits and support of our language program are examples.

Armenian General Benevolent Union. We requested their production of a video-tape on the life and work of Arshile Gorky for the UNM Art Department. They provided it without cost. Zareh Melkonian, poet and playwright, is Mid-West Executive Secretary. He, as well as the Director on the West Coast, have both offered to lecture here.

Armenians of Colorado and Utah Armenian Cultural Ass'n Both organizations will welcome continued communication. Colorado benefited from our experience. They sent us valuable material prepared for television.

Committee for Cultural Relations Abroad (Yerevan) Generously supply Armenians with magazines and textbooks, scholarships for young people to attend summer camps, and scholarships for graduate study in S. Armenia. We have written for information about the summer camp program.

Brookline, Massachusetts Public School Project on the Holocaust/Genocide which is funded in part by the National Assn. for Armenian Studies and Research: Guidance and educational materials. (Cost covered by local donation)

This list also includes: City of Albuquerque (Office of the Mayor, Museum, Career Enrichment Center); University of New Mexico; other folk dance groups, ethnic groups, churches, Synagogue, Temple, Stanford, and UCLA. Armenian Compatriotic Unions: Pan-Sebastia, Arabkir, etc.

Programs Pending Preliminary planning and some work done but need

volunteer chairmen and committees** to accomplish: Lecture by historian, Dr. Richard Hovannisian, UCLA, possibly jointly with UNM; Ara Sevanian, concert, Kanon; program about Armenians requested by Illustrated Daily, Channel 5; an Armenian Cultural Evening requested by the First Unitarian Church; a proposal for a scholarship program; the Annual Balloon Fiesta; and, finally, exploration of funding projects by government grants.

Appreciation: To donors (cash contributions); hosts and hostesses for special events, at home or away from home. And for table settings, flower arrangements, Armenian and other delicacies--for the cost of the ingredients, for the baking thereof; for telephoning; for our superb musicians, dancers, photographers; and for all the volunteer hours given--from the constant vigilance for the care and feeding of our tree to the numerous details to gracefully arrange getting together occasionally.

We continue to document on tape, with photography and notes, the history of the Armenians and their descendants in New Mexico. Thank you for your patient cooperation. We will be happy to show what we have.

Dues are now due for payment, even if you paid for 1981 last week. It has been suggested that students over 18 and senior citizens be exempted; but, donations are always appreciated. Please let the Board know how you feel about this. Adults over 18 are \$10/each per year, November to November. You should receive a membership card. (Donations tax deductible; membership not.)

For a fuller explanation of any of the above, just ask-- president, secretary, or publicity editor.

** Single most important need is for volunteer chairmen--for your priorities to mesh with our priorities.

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