

SR. ACYOC TORONTO 1989 ANNUAL REPORT

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1989 WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE TORONTO ACYOC. WE WORKED HARD TO ACHIEVE THREE VERY IMPORTANT GOALS; TO UNITE THE ARMENIAN YOUTH WITHIN THE ARMENIAN CHURCH, INVITE ANY AND ALL ARMENIAN YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN THE ARMENIAN CHURCH AND FINALLY TO ENCOURAGE FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THE ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION.

WE TRIED TO DEVELOP NEW AND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE THIS PARTICIPATION FROM OUR MEMBERS. WE FOUND THAT THE BEST WAY TO FULFILL THIS GOAL WAS TO HAVE SEPARATE SUB COMMITTEES CONSISTING OF MAINLY GENERAL MEMBERS FOR OUR VARIOUS FUNCTIONS. THIS WAS EXCITING FOR ALL OF US SINCE OUR MEMBERS WERE FEELING THE EXCITEMENT OF BEING INVOLVED IN A CHURCH PROJECT AND FINALLY KNOWING THAT THEY HAD A VOICE IN THE YOUTH GROUP, NATURALLY THIS NEW ENTHUSIASM IS A WELCOMED SIGHT IN THE ARMENIAN CHURCH.

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVENTS HOSTED BY THE ACYOC IN 1989 WERE THE DANCES. EVERYONE WAS OVERJOYED BY THE SUCCESS OF THE VALENTINE'S DANCE, THE TEXAS SHOWDOWN DANCE AND FINALLY OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL EVENT OF THE ENTIRE YEAR, THE **ACYOC ALUMNI DANCE**. THE ALUMNI DANCE WAS A VERY SPECIAL EVENT SINCE MANY OF OUR VERY DEAR ALUMNI HELPED US ORGANIZE THE EVENT, WE THANK- YOU ALL AGAIN.

WE HELD TWO DINNERS THIS YEAR, THESE WERE FANTASTIC SINCE IT WAS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR US ALL TO ENJOY WHAT WE LOVE DOING BEST TOGETHER, EATING AND HAVING GOOD CONVERSATION. THE FIRST DINNER THAT WAS HELD WAS THE POT LUCK DINNER, ALL WHO ATTENDED BROUGHT A DISH OF THEIR OWN SPECIALITIES. THE SECOND DINNER THAT TOOK PLACE WAS THE ANNUAL SENIOR AND JUNIOR ACYOC CHRISTMAS DINNER. AGAIN THIS WAS A MEMORABLE NIGHT FOR US ALL.

OUR ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY LUNCH WAS AS ENJOYABLE AS EVER, AGAIN WE ENJOYED THE SPLENDID COOKING OF HRANT SOUIN AND BEDROS KOKORIAN.

THE ACYOC COMMEMORATED THE GENOCIDE OF 1915 WITH THE AGBU YOUTH GROUP, WE PUT A WREATH IN FRONT OF THE ETERNAL FLAME MONUMENT, SOME OF OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS RECITED POEMS BOTH IN FRONT OF THE MONUMENT AND DURING THE CHURCH SERVICE. LATER ON IN THE AFTERNOON, A QUESTION AND ANSWER DISCUSSION WAS LEAD BY TWO OF OUR MEMBERS; LILY TOSSOUNIAN AND ARA ARZOUMANIAN, ALONG WITH A FILM, WILLIAM SAROYANS POEM WAS RECITED, WHEN TWO ARMENIANS MEET. THE ENTIRE DAY WAS A TIME FOR US ALL TO THINK AND LOOK AROUND US, WE ALL MORNED FOR THE ARMENIAN MARTYRS IN OUR PAST BEGAN TO FEAR FOR OUR FUTURE AS ARMENIANS.

WE KEPT CLOSE CONTACT WITH OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BY HOLDING FOUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. AT OUR MEETINGS WE TOOK UP CONCERNS FROM OUR MEMBERS AND TRIED TO DEVISE WAYS WITH THEM TO WORK THROUGH SOLUTIONS THAT WERE AGREEABLE FOR ALL PRESENT.

WE HAD A LARGE PROPORTION OF MEMBERS ATTENDING BOTH THE ACYOC MINI CONVENTION/SPORTS WEEKEND IN MONTREAL AND THE ACYOA SPORTS WEEKEND IN HOUSTON TEXAS.

WE REGRET THE FACT THAT WE DID NOT HOLD MORE EVENTS OF A RELIGIOUS NATURE. WE DID TRY TO MAKE UP FOR THIS FACT BY PERFORMING OTHER CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES. TO NAME SOME, THE ACYOC SENT FLOWERS TO SICK OR GREIVING MEMBERS, MADE DONATIONS TO THE ARMENIAN RELIEF FUND, STAIN GLASS WINDOW FUND, PARTICIPATED IN THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN WALK A THON AND GAVE A DONATION TO THE CHURCH FOR ITS THIRTY FIRST ANNIVERSARY. MANY OF OUR MEMBERS, SERVE ON THE ALTER EVERY SUNDAY, TEACH IN THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS. WE ALL TRY TO BE ACTIVE IN CHURCH LIFE, WE SUPPORT LADIES GUILD AND PARISH FUNCTIONS AND TRY TO OFFER OUR SERVICES WHEN NEEDED AT BAZARS OR OTHER SUCH FUNCTIONS.

1989 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR THE ACYOC TORONTO CHAPTER, WE TOOK GREAT LEAPS IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION, WE HOPE THAT THE ACYOC WILL CONTINUE TO GROW BEYOND 1989'S FIFTY MEMBER MARK, AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ITS CONTINUED SUCCES.

HOPEFULLY, WE WILL BE A STRONG STEPPING STONE FOR FUTURE EXECUTIVES TO LOOK BACK ON AND LEARN FROM.