

A message From Our Chairwoman...

As the end of summer is fast approaching I know we are all enjoying the sunshine, warm weather and family vacation experiences. I have been thinking a lot lately of how we collect so many things throughout our lives. Every time I go on vacation I bring back another *tchotchke* that I think I need. Do I really need another thing to add to my collection?



I have decided to start a new collection where I collect experiences. My experiences with family, friends, people that I meet, places that I visit, are what's important to me. They don't cost anything but are truly meaningful. It is insightful to see how other people live, to see those who give to others so unselfishly and to accept people who are different from you.

Sometimes we have to take stock of our lives and think about how we can find more meaning. Maybe it is spending more time with a love one, or volunteering for an hour at local school to read to school children or even helping out the guild at one of their events (hint☺). Whatever you choose to collect, put a high value on experiences. I know that's what I am going to do.

Barb Rupas



Come join your fellow Guild members on Wednesday, September 5th, to celebrate our 80th Anniversary! We will be sharing old photo albums and pictures of past events, tell stories about our beginnings and reminisce. If you have any photos from past events, we would appreciate your sharing them with us. Don't miss out on this event!



We send our sincere sympathy to Denise Boyagian on the passing of her dear father-in-law, Armen Boyagian. Also, our condolences to Renee Baharian on the passing of her father-in-law Edward Baharian and to his niece, Lisa Johnson. The Guild also extends heart-felt sympathy to Karen Movsesian, on the loss of her father, Manuel Cook, and to Marilyn Brown on the passing of her beloved mother, Mary Sarafian.

Our Women's Guild wishes Emma Betrosian a speedy recovery as she moves to Florida where she will continue rehabilitation. She will be greatly missed but she will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Her temporary new address is:

Sunset Lake Health and Rehab
832 Sunset Lake Blvd
Room 429B
Venice FL 34292



Emma, surrounded by family and friends, at her "Farewell Get Together," before her move to Florida.



Peter and Barb Rupas are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Matthew, to Marilly Palettas of Dublin, Ohio. Our congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple!



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| August 12 th (Sunday) | Church Picnic |
| August 18 th (Saturday) | Manoogian Manor Visit 11:00 a.m. |
| September 5 th (Wednesday) | Guild 80 th Anniversary Meeting 7 p.m. |
| September 26 th (Wednesday) | Church Tour 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. |
| October 5 th , 6 th & 7 th | Church Bazaar |

BAZAAR PREPARATION DATES

Please look at the schedule below and join us as we prepare for our October Church Bazaar
We need your help!!

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| July 31 st (Tuesday) | <i>Katah</i> 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. |
| August 7 th (Tuesday) | <i>Katah</i> 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. |
| August 14 th (Tuesday) | <i>Katah</i> 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. |
| August 21 st (Tuesday) | <i>Katah</i> 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. |



ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC



Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 12th for our annual Church Picnic. Volunteers are needed in two areas: Bake Sale and Hot Food Servers!

Bake Sale Chairs: Anne Marie Amerigian 734-771-9148 (call or text) azallakian@hotmail.com and Terry Palaian 313-920-0926 tpalaian4@gmail.com

- Volunteers needed to help set up at 10:00 a.m. and assist with sale immediately following Church. Contact Anne Marie or Terry to indicate which shift you can assist with.
- Home-made bake goods (preferably Armenian) although everything will be accepted. In-kind donations are accepted also. (This is one of our obligations for belonging to the Guild).

Hot-Food Picnic Servers Chair: Linda Stamboulian 248-790-3594 or lindastamboulian@gmail.com.

- Volunteers needed to serve the hot foods at the picnic. Two shifts available: 11:30 – 2 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Contact Linda to help out!

Thank you to everyone who steps up to volunteer!

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our thanks to co-chairs Belinda Kabodian and Shoushan Ameriguian, for a beautiful dinner. Their committee included, Sarah Andonian, Marilyn Brown, Denise Boyagian, Diane Ekizian, Sally Kabodian, Denise Karakashian, Yn. Roberta Kochakian, Terry Palaian, Marilyn Sarkesian, Anna Sarkisian, & Nevart Torian.

The following members were recognized for their dedication throughout the years.



10 year members recognized were: Gail Safilian, Linda DePietro, Terry Palaian, Charlene Apigian & Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian



40 year members: Paulette Apkarian, Barbara Haroutunian with Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian



60 year members: Mary Seremjian & Gladys Artinian with Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian



Honorary Member Clara Dzovigian, with Rev. Fr. Armash Bagdasarian and Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian



On Wednesday, July 18th 44 Women's Guild members, spouses and friends gathered at the Piquette Plant in Detroit for a truly memorable visit. The plant was originally opened by Henry Ford in 1904 and houses dozens of amazing cars from the early 1900's. The group enjoyed a wonderful tour with two docents who were totally informed and enthusiastic about the historic importance of the building, the process of building the original Model T's, and how the process and workers changed, not only this country, but also the world. For some on the tour, it brought back many fond memories of days gone by. For others, the visit gave us a greater appreciation of the history and importance of Detroit in changing the direction and pace of daily life. It also brought to life many of the stories told by our parents and grandparents.

The tour was followed by a wonderful lunch overlooking a delightful garden at the Traffic Jam - appropriately named. To cap it all off, the weather was beautiful and several were able to shop in the area's quaint gift shops. A perfect end to a fun day! - *Cathy Zwinck*





The St. John Women's Guild
Summer Visit
to
Manoogian Manor

*Saturday, August 18, 2018
11 am*

Please join our clergy,
members of the Komitas Choir,
and the Women's Guild
as we spend the morning participating in
the Blessing of the Grapes Service
bringing the joy of
the Assumption of the Holy Virgin Mary
to the residents of Manoogian Manor.

If you will be attending, please contact:
Linda Tiffany at
248.549.7106 or anytiff@comcast.net



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WOMEN’S GUILD 2018 GROUP PHOTO ORDER FORM

Please complete the attached form if you are interested in ordering the 2018 Women’s Guild Group Photo (taken at the Guild June Membership Dinner).

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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| 8 x 10 | _____ | \$5.00 | _____ |

*Orders taken through October 11th, 2018

Requests should be made with payment to:

Barb Rupas
1663 Caliper
Troy, MI 48084

Checks payable to: **St. John Women’s Guild**

If you have something you would like to include in our newsletter, please contact Diana Vosganian at pasadenapenguin@gmail.com or (248) 661-1875.

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