

## A Message From Our Chairman...

Don't look now but the holidays are right around the corner and our Guild has so much in store for every member and every interest. Of course, it goes without saying that we are always ready and proud to serve our church through the Annual Festival Weekend. Most of us cannot imagine coming to church that weekend to just hang out. There is so much more fun and camaraderie in working with one another, behind the lines, so to speak. And, the extra added advantage of that great indoor sport, people watching.

Then, on to our much anticipated Fall Event, the Heritage Collection. Be prepared for an enchanting evening of wonderful fellowship and a grand presentation of our most unique history portrayed through stunning and authentic period costumes. These museum quality village garments offer us an insight into the daily lives of our own people. Count yourselves in for this one of a kind evening and keep in mind, you've probably seen "Moonstruck" more than once! Even if you've seen this magnificent collection, you will give yourselves a wonderful gift by seeing it again while at the same time, supporting our Guild at our major fundraiser of the year. Come on! You know you want to be there.

On to Advent by Candle Light and our annual Christmas Membership Dinner. What a year!

Finally, and we can't believe that we even have to say this; we will be witness to the final Badarak of our own Der Garabed Kochakian. Even though the publicity has only just been mailed, you should not wait to send your reservation check as soon as possible. Word of mouth preceded the mailing and our most able reservation chairman has reported many confirmed reservations. Of course, Der Garabed and Ygn. Roberta will not disappear. So, Sunday, October 25, immediately following church services, we will Celebrate a Life of Service!

Y. Joy Callan



Our sincere sympathy to Melina Fayroian on the passing of her dear daughter, Barbara Maro Roth. We also extend our heartfelt condolences to Jack Kazanjian on the loss of his beloved wife, Vera, and to her daughter-in-law Melissa Farr and sister-in-law Julie Couyoumjian.



### Directory Addition & Change:

#### **New member addition:**

Marilyn Brown  
2691 Stonebury Drive  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
Email: [msbrown0729@aol.com](mailto:msbrown0729@aol.com)

#### **OOPS! Error in last newsletter:**

Joy Callan's cell phone # is:  
(248) 533-6320

**\*Please make these changes to your directories**



The Social Concern Committee continues to accept names for the gift boxes to be sent to college students or members of the Armed Forces. Fill out the enclosed flyer if you wish to have a box sent to a loved one.

Thank you to our vice-chairman, Belinda Kabodian, who spoke on strength building exercises during our last guild meeting. She led all of us in a mini-exercise session showing us how to properly use stretch bands for getting best strength building results. It was a fun and informative lesson.

*Thank  
You*

## 60 Year Service Award For Helen Mekjian



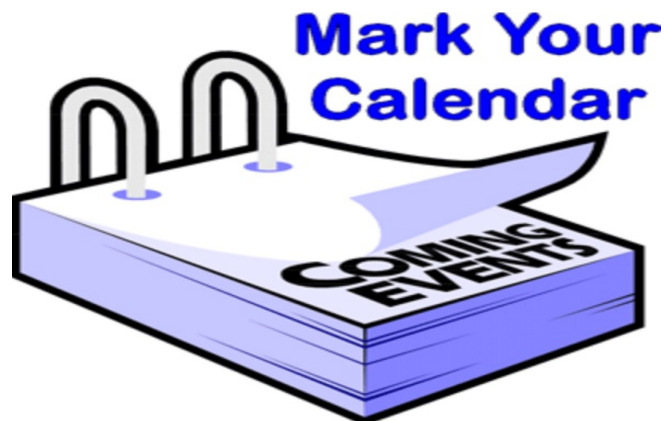
During our last guild meeting, Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian and Judy Parks presented Kathy Mekjian, daughter of the late Helen Mekjian, with a specially designed silver cross. This was in recognition of Helen's devoted 60-year service to our Women's Guild.

Another friendly reminder for those who may have forgotten...



Please mail your 2015 dues of \$25.00 to:  
Judy Parks  
436 Linden Road  
Birmingham, MI 48009

**\*You must be current with your dues in order to be eligible to vote at our November guild election meeting.**



**Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** – Guild meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Vartan Room  
**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** – Armenian Heritage Collection



The program will feature our beautiful cultural history in the form of museum quality costumes and modeled by our very own community members. The evening includes a cocktail hour, dinner and program. Please contact Marilyn Sarkesian for reservations.

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** – Rev. Fr. Garabed Kochakian's Retirement Luncheon  
**Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** – Welcome Tea for Very Rev. Fr. Aren Jebejian  
**Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** – Guild meeting 6:30 p.m. in the Vartan Room  
(bagging of personal care items collected for Alternative for Girls followed by elections)  
**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Advent  
**Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** – Guild Christmas Dinner

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

## **St. John's Women's Guild 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Care Package Project**

We're looking for **young members** of the St. John Armenian Church family who are going to college or are in the armed services and would enjoy a "care package" filled with special treats from St. John Women's Guild.



**WG Members – Please help the Guild's Social Services Committee by sending us the following information**  
**NO LATER THAN October 7, 2015**

**[One application must be completed per student/service-member]**

Mail to → Linda DePietro 2731 Hunters Bluff, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of college student/service member: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact person (parent, gr. parent): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Form submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for helping us keep our young adults connected to our St. John Armenian Church Family!

**Any donations to defer mailing costs are appreciated**  
**Please make checks out to St. John Women's Guild**

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