

Reminders

General Body Meetings

Wednesday February 5th

12:00 Noon

Luncheon Meeting

Sue Vian will speak on making pies in celebration of National Pie Month

Wednesday, March 5th

Saintly Women's Day

12:00 Noon Luncheon Mtg

Poon Paregentan Party/Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 1st

Mardi Gras Theme

\$55 dinner/dance

\$30 after 10:00 p.m.

Chair: Joyce Obenhoff

586-754-3984

shortafoot@wowway.com

Winter Baking

Every Tuesday starting

January 28th 9 a.m. with

individual cheoreg

Chair: Dolly Matoian

248-737-9055

A Note from Your Chairman...

Dear Father Garabed and Ladies of the Guild,

Shnorhavor Nor Daree yev Soorp Znoont!

We have started out the year with a huge snowstorm on Armenian Christmas Day! Somehow we all managed to survive that, and we're off to another challenging and exciting year!

As we enter into all of our activities this year, we will keep in mind our Women's Guild Pledge:

"I solemnly pledge and promise as a member of the Women's Guild of St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield, Michigan to uphold the By-Laws of this organization and do my best to preserve the heritage and the progress of the Armenian Church. With the Women's Guild being an extension of that spirit, I will work with my fellow members willingly and harmoniously, performing duties requested of me with an open mind and heart. I will extend my hand in service to my community, Church, and God."

We see evidence of our members demonstrating the words of our pledge everyday. We are continually amazed by the

teamwork and support of our members on an ongoing basis.

Thank you to all of you for all the help you have provided during the past years! You are truly an amazing group of women!

Our most exciting and enjoyable event for the year will be our Poon Paregentan Dinner Dance. With our lovely invitations, we have given Women's Guild members advance opportunity, in

December, to make reservations for our Dinner Dance. Now it is time for us to let everyone else know about what promises to be a very extraordinary event. Please encourage everyone you know to attend. This will be our major fundraiser of the year so we will need everyone's help and support to make it successful. Joyce Obenhoff, our talented chairman along with her wonderful Committee, has worked tirelessly to make this event memorable. Don't miss out on this event! Make your reservations early.

Respectfully yours,

Linda Stamboulion

Future Events:

Poon Paregentan - An Armenian Mardi Gras Dinner Dance, Saturday March 1, 2014

This year the Women's Guild major fundraiser will bring back a traditional favorite celebration before the beginning of Lent. Joyce Obenhoff and her talented and experienced committee are working hard to ensure everyone eats delicious food, dances to music from top Armenian musicians and has a great time overall as we celebrate "A Day of Good Living". A Mardi Gras theme with a superb band from Philadelphia and Detroit will make this the event of the year. Attire is dressy casual, doors open at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$55 for dinner and dancing with a cash bar. After 10 p.m., for dancing only, the price is \$30. Please send your check to:

Marilyn Sarkesian 2338 Heronwood Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 - no later than February 20, 2014. Your payment is your reservation. Tables of 8-10 may be reserved.

Since this is our major fundraiser of the year, consider making a sponsor donation. Please note how your name and contribution will be acknowledged in our booklet.

Benefactor	\$500 and up
Patron	\$250 to \$499
Friend	\$100 to \$249
Sponsor	\$50 to \$99
Contributor	\$25 to \$49

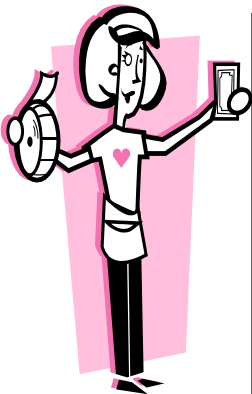
Please mail your donation checks to:

Diane Khachaturian, 31242 Sunset Drive, Beverly Hills, MI 48025-5103

Questions please contact Diane at 248-647-1725, akhachat@msn.com

Lastly, please consider purchasing raffle tickets. See information in the following box.

Poon Paregentan Raffle Tickets **\$5 each or 3 for \$10**



Please mail checks made out to St.
John Women's Guild to:

Marianne Dardarian
5879 Shillingham Drive
W. Bloomfield, MI 48322

Need not be present to win
Include Name, address, phone #

February 5th General Body Meeting

Our February General Body Meeting will take place on Wednesday February 5th at Noon. We will have a light lunch of quiche and salad. There will be no charge for the lunch. Our speaker for the day will be Sue Vian. She will do a presentation on making pies in celebration of National Pie Month. Pamela Dayinian and Sue Vian will prepare the lunch together.

Winter Baking

Gear up for more fun filled baking beginning on Tuesday, January 28th at 9:00 a.m. Dolly Matoian, our winter baking chairman will begin with individual cheoreg on the 28th. We plan to bake every Tuesday until Holy Week. Please join us for great camaraderie and friendship. All our welcome. This includes men and other non-members of the Women's Guild.

Past Events

Advent by Candlelight

Our two 2013 Advent by Candlelight chairmen, Araxie Choukourian and Arlene Baylerian, wish to share the following message of gratitude to their committee.

"To an awesome committee, from the musical program, to decorations, to luminaries, to the many candles that had to be counted and some replaced, to publicity, and much more, the evening couldn't have been more perfect.

Please accept our thanks and appreciation for your willingness to give of your time and talents in making this year's Advent a magical one."

Roxie and Arlene

Women's Guild Annual Christmas Dinner & Installation of Officers

Our annual Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers, chaired by Cathy Atesian, Pam Dayinian and Cathy Zwinck, was a huge success. In the end, there were 108 people in attendance for dinner to welcome our new Board and witness our traditional installation ritual led by Father Garabed. After delicious hors d'oeuvres, including a magnificent Cream Cheese Christmas Tree (recipe in box at the end of this newsletter), we were treated to salad, cheese beoreg, cranberry chicken (recipe in box at the end of this newsletter), bulghur pilaf and green beans almandine. Additionally, we were served wine kindly donated by Margaret Dayinian. Dessert was a brownie topped with peppermint stick ice cream and hot fudge. The entertainment provided by the choral group Noteworthy was phenomenal, and Carol Ohanesian's collection for Gleaner's Food Bank before dinner was very successful.

2014 Women's Guild Executive Board

Linda Stamboulian - Chairman

Nora Noraian-Vice Chairman

Joyce Obenhoff - Treasurer

Judy Parks - Assistant Treasurer

Dawn Aginian - Recording Secretary & Newsletter

Barbara Haroutunian - Assistant Recording Secretary

Virginia Mekjian - Corresponding Secretary

Sara Andonian, Barbara Haroutunian & Sue Carman Vian - Advisors

Linda Stamboulian - Newsletter Advisor/Editor

Armenian Christmas Church Service followed by Luncheon:

Despite the cancellation of our General Body meeting, frigid temperatures and almost a foot of fresh snow, our Women's Guild did not disappoint. Our thanks to Father Garabed for officiating the church service that day. Thank you also to the chairmen of the luncheon Karmen Santourian and Barbara Haroutunian, and also to their dedicated committee, Joy Callan, Linda Stamboulian and Sue Vian. They prepared lahmajoon and salad for the lunch following the church service.



Prayers & Sympathy

Our sympathies to Women's Guild member Jackie ElChemmas (Faouzi) on the loss of her mother-in-law
Almas ElChemmas

Thank You!
Pam Dayinian & Barbara Haroutunian
For arranging all of our speakers for the year



Address Change

Pam Dayinian
New Email

Thank You!
Margaret Dayinian
Donation of wine for Christmas Dinner



Christmas Tree Appetizer

*Detroit Free Press/Pam Dayinian
Served at 2013 W.G. Christmas
Dinner
Serves 12*

Ingredients

- 16 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 2 Tablespoons Each chopped fresh herbs (dill, oregano, basil)
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp coarse salt
- Bunch of fresh parsley, chopped
- Pomegranate seeds
- Star Fruit

Mix first five ingredients well together using a stand mixer or spatula. Form mixture into a ball, cover with plastic wrap and chill/refrigerate overnight. Then form the chilled ball into a tree shape with the plastic still around it. Then remove plastic wrap and roll tree in chopped parsley. Decorate tree with pomegranate seeds and place a star fruit on the top.

Thank You!

Diane Khachaturian
Proofreading W.G. correspondence



Cranberry Chicken

*Pam Dayinian
Served at 2013 W.G. Christmas
Dinner*

Ingredients

- 8-10 boneless, skinless, chicken breasts
- 1 pkg Lipton onion soup mix
- 1 cup Wishbone Russian dressing
- 1 15oz can Ocean Spray whole cranberry sauce

Mix together and pour over chicken. Marinate a couple of hours and then bake in 350 degree oven uncovered 45 to 50 minutes until done

Knitting

Thursday, January 16th
Thursday, February 20th
10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
S.J.A.C. Nursery
Linda Assarian (Chairman)
248-332-0816

Make your Reservations!

Poon Paregentan March 1, 2014



Marilyn Sarkesian
2338 Heronwood Drive,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
\$55/dinner/dance
\$30 dance only (after 10 p.m.)

**No later than Feb.
20th**

If you have announcements for the newsletter please contact Dawn Aginian at daginian@yahoo.com 248-225-7176