



## Reminders:

Wednesday  
**January 9, 2013**  
1:00 o'clock in the afternoon  
**General  
Membership Meeting**  
SJAC Vartan Room

Knitting  
Thursday-January 17, 2013  
10:00-12:00 Noon  
SJAC- Nursery Room

Contact: Linda Assarian  
For Details 248.332.0816

**Ladies, please submit your  
2013 Dues**

as soon as you are able.

**\$20.00 payable to  
St. John Women's Guild  
and mail to:**

**Joyce Obenhoff  
27062 Bonnie Drive  
Warren, MI 48093**

Thank you!

**Ladies, we are updating our  
email list and directory.**

Please contact:

**Linda Tiffany**

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Royal Oak, MI 48073-6451

if we do not already have your  
email, if your email has changed,  
or to verify your address and  
phone number.

## *A Note from Your Chairman.....*

Dear Ladies of the Guild,

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by and my term of office as Chairman has come to an end. It has been a wonderful and successful year thanks to all of you who selflessly volunteered. I am proud to report that we were able to present the Church with \$17,000.00 this year due to all of your hard work and dedication. So, I applaud you all!! I would like to take this moment to thank **Lynnne Kojamian** and her committee for a delightful evening we spent together at our Christmas dinner and installation. We enjoyed a delicious meal followed by an enchanting performance from the *Komitas Bell Ringers*. It was a special evening to begin the Christmas season.

It has been an honor to serve as Chairman and I want to thank all of you for your kindness and support throughout the year. All of our lives are filled with chapters and when one chapter ends another begins. The next chapter that begins for me is that of being a Grandma to my sweet "tornig". A chapter that contains a little bit of heaven in it!!

I look forward to the year 2013 and helping our new Chairman **Linda Stamboulian** lead us for another successful year!

In the Spirit of Christmas, may the Glory of God fill your hearts now and throughout the New Year!

Merry Christmas!

**Dawn Karagosian**

The Women's Guild Board for 2013/2014 was installed on December 5, 2012.  
Congratulations to the new Executive Board members.

Linda Stamboulian-Chairman  
Nora Noraian- Vice Chairman  
Virginia Mekjian-Corresponding Secretary  
Pam Dayinian-Recording Secretary  
Karmen Santourian-Treasurer  
Joyce Obenhoff-Assistant Treasurer  
Dawn Aginian-Newsletter  
Dawn Karagosian-Advisor

*Heartfelt Prayers and  
Sympathy Extended*



For the passing of

**Agnes Dourjalian**

Mother of  
*Denise Karakashian,*  
and Women's Guild  
member since 1973.

**Get Well Wishes for:**  
**Renee Baharian**  
**Jackie El Chemmas**

*Standing Committees and major  
events for 2013 will be discussed  
at the January meeting. Please  
indicate your interest to Chair or  
participate to Women's Guild*

*Chairman Linda Stamboulian*

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*for the following endeavors:*

- Altar Committee
- Devotional Committee
- Historian Committee
- Hospitality Committee
- Inventory Committee
- Knitting Group
- Mahs Committee
- Membership Committee
- Parliamentary Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Social Service Committee

**Advent**

- Armenian Christmas 2014
- Awards and Initiation Dinner
- Church Picnic Bake Sale
- Easter Sunday Tea
- Festival Food Preparation
- Fund Raising
- Kef Klub
- Martyrs' Day Madagh Lunch
- Manoogian Manor Visits
- Palm Sunday Bake Sale
- Winter Baking

*One is never alone as there is  
always a Guild mentor to help  
with the task. So consider trying  
something new and joining the  
fun in serving our Guild  
and Church for these  
important efforts.*

**Ladies gathered at the Catawba Island Club for the  
Cleveland–Detroit Women's Guild Retreat.**



Cleveland-Detroit Joint Retreat Women's Guild members and friends came together on November 2-3, 2012 at Catawba Island Club in Port Clinton, Ohio to share a week-end of spiritual inspiration and friendship.

The week-end began with a delicious buffet dinner followed by a wonderful film. It featured singer Isabel Bayakdarian and was produced in Yerevan, Armenia.

The discussions were led by **Yn. Valerie Zahirsky**, a Christian education leader and teacher from our Diocese. On Saturday prayers and discussions continued on the important role of women in Christianity as addressed in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. There was additional discourse on the wonderful uniqueness of Christianity and the Orthodox Church which has structure and history from the people who knew Christ and were inspired by God. Cleveland member **Dina Aurslanian**, enlightened the group about eating the proper foods and exercise for good life long health.

We thank **Cheryl Arslanian** and the Cleveland St. Narek Women's Guild for planning this inspirational retreat and **Pam Dayinian** for serving as our local coordinator.