

Women's Guild Newsletter

November 2023

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A Message from our chairman...

*Hello,
November*

Dear Women's Guild Members,

By the time you read this, our 85th Anniversary Gala will be over. Thank you so much to Jacqueline ElChemmas and her committee, and Paulette Apkarian and her committee, Fr. Aren for his guidance, our donors for the evening, our past chairwomen of the Women's Guild who helped us light the candles on the cake, to all the models of the Armenian Heritage Collection, and everyone who attended. It was a beautiful evening filled with memories and excitement for the future. There are some photos inside the newsletter. A full article will be in our December newsletter.

Please join us Wednesday, November 1st, to pack bags for Alternatives for Girls, our elections, and our general body meeting. We will start packing bags at 6:00 pm and hopefully start the meeting at approximately 7:00 pm. I hope to see you there!

Prayerfully yours,

Sara Andonian





Wishing a speedy recovery to Nancy Kevonian after shoulder replacement surgery. As you heal and rest, know you are missed and thought of often.

KNITTING CLUB



The knitting club is back in full force this fall! They were recently recognized by St. Joe's Hospital in their newsletter as one of their newest donors to the Trinity Family! The knitting group recently donated 39 baby blankets to St. Joe's maternity ward. The group will get together the third Thursday of every month (except December) in the St. Vartan room from 10am-noon – no experience necessary – come and learn while making new friends! Please reach out to Linda Assarian linda.assarian@gmail.com

Alternatives for Girls



Every year the Women's Guild has donated personal hygiene items for girls and young teens who are at risk. With everything going on in the world right now, these girls are more in need than ever. As always, we will be gathering together to pack up the bags before the November general body meeting and elections in the church ballroom. Please start collecting these items now because November is here already!



The new Women's Guild directories are available. Please reach out to Linda Tiffany (248)250-6020/anytiff@comcast.net if you have not received yours yet.

NEW MEMBERS AND DIRECTORY UPDATES

Correction - Marcia Hamamdjian - 1218 Pembury Lane

Correction: Anne Marie Ameriguian - email is azallakian@hotmail.com

New Phone - Evie Ezmerlian 248-931-7599

New Address - Deborah Ohanian - 1111 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham 48009

New Member – Karen Kazarian - 47536 Cheltenham, Novi, MI 48374

Cell: 248-508-0672/ KarenKazarian@yahoo.com

Rejoining Member - Ann Couyoumjian - 15748 Crystal Downs E, Northville 48168



Do you have some big news you would like to share with the Women's Guild? Please email Nyree Giragosian nyreevqjr@gmail.com or call/text (248)231-2547 with the information. Newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month.

Wed., Nov. 1 st	General Body Meeting, Elections, Alternatives for Girls collection.
Sat., Nov 4 th	Painting workshop presented by Fr Garabed Kochakian – see flyer.
Tues., Nov. 7 th	Sou Boureg Bake Date – Joy 248-533-6320/ yerchanigc@gmail.com
Tues., Nov. 14 th	Katah Bake Date - – Joy 248-533-6320/ yerchanigc@gmail.com
Wed., Nov. 15 th	Executive Board Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 16 th	Knitting Club 10am-noon – St. Vartan room
Sun., Nov. 19 th	Church School Thanksgiving Dinner following church services
Sat., Dec. 2 nd	World Medical Relief 1:00pm-3:00pm. Contact Edith Baise (313)673-3325 or ebaise@umich.edu .
Wed., Dec. 6 th	Christmas Gathering – look for details in November
Wed., Dec 13 th	Executive Board Meeting
Sun., Dec. 17 th	Cookie Sale



Back by Popular Demand – The Women’s Guild will be preparing Sou Boureg & Katah

Tuesday, November 7, World Famous Soo Boreg (\$70 full Tray/\$40 half Tray)

Tuesday, November 14, Katah (\$20 Cut Loaf or un-cut Loaf)

**BAKING VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED – IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS –
PLEASE CONTACT JOY 248-533-6320/yerchanigc@gmail.com**

If you would like to place an order, please make your advanced payment check to:
St John Women's Guild, c/o 36445 Valley Ridge Dr, Farmington Hills, MI 48331
Your payment will be your reservation.

JOIN US AND HELP SORT BADLY NEEDED MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE USED LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD.

**SJAC VOLUNTEER DAY AT
WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF**
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

World Medical Relief donated over \$1.5 million dollars in medical supplies to Armenia in 2021!

The Women’s Guild appreciates all of their effort and we encourage our members to volunteer.

Dec. 2nd / 1:00 – 3:00 pm

CONTACT GREG OR EDITH BAISE AT (313)673-3325 OR EBASE@UMICH.EDU



Women’s Guild Executive Board Elections are upon us (11/1/2023). You may receive a call from one of our nominating committee volunteers asking if you would be interested in running for the Guild Board - Please consider saying yes. It’s a great way to become more involved with the Women’s Guild and it is not as time consuming as you may think. Reach out to our nominating committee chair Yerchanig Joy Callan with any questions. (248)533-6320/yerchanigc@gmail.com

Any qualified member of the Women’s Guild who is a dues-paying member of the local parish may be elected a member of the Executive Committee after one year of membership in the Guild.

Sneak Peak Photos from our Anniversary Gala celebrating the 85th Anniversary of the Women's Guild and the 50th Anniversary of the Armenian Heritage Collection on October 28, 2023.

(more to come next month!)





ST. JOHN ARMENIAN CHURCH
BAZAAR
A FESTIVAL OF CULTURE
OCTOBER 6 & 7

Another successful Church Bazaar in the books!!!

Under the much-appreciated kitchen guidance of Yerchanig Joy Callan, Marianne Dardarian, Sara Andonian, Sara Gozmanian, Debbie Green, and Terry Palaian over the past several months, we were able to make a freezer full of sou boureg, katah, choreg, and khadayif, spinach pie, nazoog, and meat boureg -as well as freshly prepared yalanchi. The weekend was a screaming success!

We can't forget our Bazaar chairs Lisa Mardigian, George Boyagian, and George Derderian, as well as Paul Andonian, Ron Ware and his fabulous staff – the Bazaar would not have happened without them.



We would also like to thank Dawn Aginian and Denise Boyagian taking on the hot foods all weekend, Rose Najarian and Sue Vian for chairing the bake sale Friday night and Donna Lafian for taking charge of the bake sale on Saturday night.

A special shout out to Carol Cholmakjian for making setting up the signup genius site – this made it so much easier for our volunteers and donors.

Last, but not least, we couldn't have done it without all of our baking volunteers these past several months, donations, and volunteers at both the hot foods and baked good booths during the Bazaar weekend.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Women's Guild Annual Care Package Project



Last month, the Women's Guild Social Services committee packed 100 boxes for college students filled with homemade goodies, fun treats, and toiletries. This is the 13th year the Women's Guild put together these generous care packages, giving our students a reminder that their church is thinking of them.

A Special thank you to our Social Services Committee:

Carol Ohanesian – chair, Sara Andonian, Linda Assarian, Nancy Berryman, Linda DePietro, Linda Franquist, Cheryl Joboulian, Lisa Johnson, Denise Karakashian, Linda Lutz, Nancy Panaretos, Barb Rupas, and Marilyn Sarkesian.





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Every year, we put together gift bags before the November executive board election meeting. This year, we will be gathering together to pack up the bags before the general body meeting and elections on November 1st from 5:30 – 7:00 in the church ballroom.

Alternatives for Girls is asking for:

Body Wash - Deodorant - Toothpaste/brushes

Hair Combs - Individual tissue packets

Bottled water - Socks

- Feminine hygiene products (pads rather than tampons).
- Shampoo and conditioner (could really use hair care products for natural black hair as they never have enough).
- As we get into the cooler months, mittens and gloves will come in handy and foot warmers.
- We also serve young men throughout street outreach (about 5% of the people we meet). Men's body wash and socks would also be appreciated.

Contact Sue Vian with any questions (248)414-5246.

The Women's Guild will send out an email blast as we get closer to with any changes/updates

Women's Guild
Christmas Cookie Sale 2023
coming this December



*More information
including a Sign-Up Genius link
is coming mid-November*

IMPORTANT DATES:

WEEK of December 10th – **Bake cookies!**

FRIDAY, December 15th – **Deliver** cookies to the church by this date

SATURDAY, December 16th – **We pack** boxes & bag purchases (cookies, cookbook, Hye Dining, apron)

Sunday, December 17th – **Pickup** boxes after church services

Questions?

Contact Carol ccholmak@hotmail.com or Yerchanig yerchanigc@gmail.com

Greetings to All

St. John Women's Guild Members

It's time to pay your 2023 annual dues!

Please make checks of \$25 payable to St. John Women's Guild

Mail checks to Paulette Apkarian

7430 Brookberry Court

West Bloomfield, Michigan 48322

or

Credit Card payments of \$26 are payable on

<https://stjohnwomensguild.square.site>

(Includes \$1.00 processing fee)

For questions, please contact Paulette Apkarian at (248) 225-3823

or pauletteapkarian08@gmail.com

Please fill out the form below and mail it with your payment.

2023 _____ 2024 _____

Name _____ Husband's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Women's Guild 2023 Calendar

JANUARY	Fri, Jan 6	Armenian Christmas Luncheon, General Body meeting afterwards
	Sat, Jan 7	Manoogian Manor visit, Armenian Christmas, 11:00am
	Wed, Jan 18	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
FEBRUARY	Wed, Feb 1	General Body meeting, 7:00pm, ZOOM
	Wed, Feb 15	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
MARCH	Wed, March 1	General Body meeting, 7:00 pm
	Sat., March 4	Saintly Women's Day program & luncheon, 11:30am
	Wed, March 15	Executive Board meeting after Lenten services, 7:00pm
APRIL	Sun, April 2	Palm Sunday Bake Sale
	Sun, April 9	Easter Sunday Tea
	Wed, April 12	General Body meeting, DATE CHANGE (Holy Week), 7:00pm
	Sat, April 15	Manoogian Manor visit, Easter, 11:00am
	Wed, April 19	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
	Mon, April 24	Armenian Martyrs' Day
MAY	Wed, May 3	General Body meeting, 7:00pm
	Wed, May 17	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
JUNE	Sun, June 4	Hokehankist for Women's Guild Members, Tea after services
	Wed, June 7	Membership Dinner
	Wed, June 21	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
	Thurs., June 22	Summer Outing – Matthaehi Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum
JULY	Sat, July 22	Manoogian Manor visit, Transfiguration of Our Lord, 11:00am
AUGUST	Wed, Aug 16	Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm
	Sun, Aug 13	Church Picnic Bake Sale, after services
	Sat, Aug 19	Manoogian Manor visit, Assumption of the Holy Mother of God, 11:00am
SEPTEMBER	Wed, Sept 6	General Body meeting, 7:00pm
	Sun, Sept 10	Khunjook/Family Fun Day
	Wed, Sept 20	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
	Sat, Sept 23	Manoogian Manor visit, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 11:00am
OCTOBER	Wed, Oct 4	General Body meeting, 7:00pm, ZOOM
	Fri & Sat, Oct 6-7	Bazaar Bake Sale & Hot Foods volunteers
	Wed, Oct 18	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
	Sat, Oct 28	Anniversary Gala: WG 85th & Heritage Costume Collection 50th, Evening Event (NOTE: DATE CHANGE)
NOVEMBER	Wed, Nov 1	General Body meeting, Elections & Alternatives for Girls collection
	Wed, Nov 15	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
DECEMBER	Wed, Dec 6	Christmas Gathering – details in November
	Wed, Dec 13	Executive Board meeting, 7:00pm
	Sun, Dec 17	Christmas Cookie Sale, (pre-order) after services