Women’s Guild News June 2013
St. John Armenian Church 22001 Northwestern Hwy Sfld, MI 48075 www.stjohnsarmenianchurch.org

**Summer Outing**
Thursday July 11th
Cranbrook House
Tour & Tea 1 p.m.
$23 seniors over age 60
$25 others
-limit 25 people
Please call Pam Dayinian for reservations
248-644-8028

**Festival Baking**
Every Tuesday @
9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
noon in June
Every Mon. & Tues.
July, August, Sept.
Chair Dolly Matoian
248-737-9055

Evening bakes June
10th & July 15th 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Chair Marianne Dardarian
248-661-0617

**Knitting**
Thursday June 20th
10:00-Noon
Contact Linda Assarian
248-332-0816

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**A Message from Your Chairman**

Dear Father Garabed and Ladies of the Guild,

We began our summer with our Annual Membership and Awards Dinner, which took place on Wednesday, June 5, 2013. We now look forward to a summer highlighted with interesting activities, Bake Days, and fun filled camaraderie. We continue to be inspired by both our long time members and our new initiates!

We see examples of dedication to our Faith, our Church, and our Guild all around us. One cannot help but be inspired by the examples of teamwork exhibited at any one of our Bake Days to name but only one activity. So choose your favorite activity, whether it be baking, knitting, event planning, social concern, fundraising, flower arranging, art design, writing, editing, selling, etc. Come share your talent with us! A wonderful by product of this sharing is that we continually witness new friendships being formed. As a few members recently stated, “We barely knew each other before this project began, and now we have become lifelong friends!”

Best Regards
Linda Stamboulian

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**A Royal Luncheon was a Royal Success!**

As ladies arrived at A Royal Luncheon on Saturday, May 18th, they were greeted by a fairy tale entrance into St. John Armenian Church and Cultural Center’s Main Ballroom-- a room decorated in a style fit to please a Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. The inspiration for the event came from the fact that William and Kate will celebrate the birth of their first child in July. Our Co-Chairpersons Charlene Goshgarian and Nora Noraian and A Royal Luncheon Committee decided to host a British themed celebration in honor of the new royal baby. Charlene and Nora, along with their Committee, had worked tirelessly for many months to make this event a stunning success. Charlene and Nora welcomed all of the guests. Father Garabed spoke about the critical role of women and our Women’s Guild in the life of our church and then delivered the Invocation.

The Co-chairs’ and Committee’s careful attention to detail was apparent at every turn. The tables were covered with white linens and each was adorned with a centerpiece consisting of white hydrangeas, white daisy mums, a dark blue delphinium, and baby’s breath. White chair covers with royal blue netting bows and royal blue napkins added an elegant royal touch to the scene. There was a delicate crown bookmark favor for guests at each place setting. Soft piano music accompanied the guests’ arrival, along with Valerie McFarland, an interested reporter from The Oakland Press.

The British themed menu included Sparkling Wine with Pomegranate Juice and Fresh Berries, Scones and Fresh Baked Bread, British Lemon Barley Water, Salad with Mixed Greens, Cranberries, Pecans, Red Onions and Rye Wafer Garnish with Citrus Dressing. The main course was Chicken with Brie and Mushrooms, Steamed Caraway Scented Potatoes, and Green Beans with Leeks. An English Trifle in a glass was a fitting dessert.

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Following the luncheon, an exquisite fashion show was presented by Commentator Vicki Howard who presented fashions from The Somerset Collection. Our very own Women’s Guild members and their daughters were our lovely models. Our thanks to our models Lisa Aglamishian, Susan Ameriguian, Heidi Aprahamian, Anoush Arslanian, Jaclyn Assarian, Louise Brocher, Karen Dardarian, Nyree Giragosian, Cheryl Joboulian, Diane Khachaturian, Dolly Matoian, Erika Palaian, Julie Panaretos, Judy Parks, Elise Papazian, Christine Santourian, Ani Stamboulian, and Margaret Ann Yessian.

We wish to thank our extraordinary Co-Chairs Nora Noraian and Charlene Goshgarian for coordinating the entire event. We wish to express our gratitude also to the following individuals: Model Coordinator: Karen Dardarian; Program Coordinator: Deborah Zazaian; British Music Curator: Michael Zazaian; Reservation Chair: Joyce Obenhoff; Raffle Chairs: Linda Jevahirian and Joyce Obenhoff; Decorations: Charlene Goshgarian; Donor & Sponsor Coordinators: Diane Khachaturian and Nora Noraian. Booklet: Nora Noraian.

Our thanks also to a Royal Luncheon Committee Members: Denise Alexanian, Denise Chiroyan, Karen Dardarian, Pamela Dayinian, Sandra Jamian, Linda Jevahirian, Terrie Karebian, Diane Khachaturian, Esther Kulhanjian, Yn. Roberta Kochakian, Lena Montgomery, Joyce Obenhoff, Helen Olson, Carol Ohanesian, Terry Palaian, Karmen Santourian, and Deborah Zazaian.

Finally, A Royal Luncheon would not have been the success it was without the generous donations made by our Benefactors, Patrons, Friends, Sponsors, Contributors and Raffle Prize Contributors, all of whom were listed in our Program Booklet.

**Membership Dinner:**

Our Annual Women’s Guild Membership Dinner took place on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 with nearly one hundred persons attending. It is the 75th Anniversary Year of the St. John Armenian Church Women’s Guild this year. The evening began with the initiation of new members. Terry Palaian and her committee encouraged twelve new ladies to join our Women’s Guild. The new members are: Dr. Mary Alani, Renee Axt, Joy Callan, Lilit Grigoryan, Carol Hazergian, Dar Hazergian, Sandra Jack, Adrian Keoleian, Janice Megerian, Katherine Petryszak Channell, Debbie Stamp, and Sita Yeranosian. We congratulate and welcome all of you!

After the Invocation by Father Garabed Kochakian, there was a welcome by Linda Stamboulian. Then the Chairpersons of the Day Nancy Panaretos and Marilyn Sarkesian acknowledged their committee and thanked everyone for coming. Nancy and Marilyn prepared an elegant meal of Garden Salad and Cheese Beoreg, Chicken in a Crescent, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Raspberry Blanc Torte, Coffee, Tea, and Wine. Thank you to all of our generous donors for this dinner. The wine was donated by Anita Kachadurian, Mary Keoleian, and Diramayr Virginia Melkonian. Additional donors who donated toward the dinner were Diane Ekizian, Jean Sarkesian, and Mariann Zamanigian. Thanks to Joyce Obenhoff for creating the Program Booklet for the evening and coordinating the awards.

Awards were presented to:

- **50 Year Members:** Anita Kachadurian, Mary Keoleian, Diramayr Virginia Melkonian
- **40 Year Members:** Margaret Derderian, Mary Kurkechian, Isabelle Vahratian
- **25 Year Members:** Alice Argnian, Grace Karougian, Alice Malakhanian
- **10 Year Members:** Cynthia Amboian, Sara Andonian, AnnRae Anusbigian, Linda Assarian, Lisa Bahm, Anna Baylerian, Paula Derbadian, Lisa Derderian, Dawn Derouchie, Linda Franquist, Aralynn Haidostian, Linda Houhanisin, Denise Karakashian, Patricia Kezelian, Esther Kulhanjian, Judy Parks, Susan Reizian, Barbara Rupas, Anna Sarkisian, Sue Vian.

Then bouquets of roses were presented to our members who celebrated their 90th birthdays this year: Rose Nevart Godoshian, Helen Mekjian, and Alice Mavian.

We wish to congratulate all of our new initiates and those reaching milestone years within the Guild. Congratulations to St. John Armenian Church Women’s Guild on reaching your 75th Anniversary!!!
Above A Royal Luncheon Fashion Show Models from left – Susan Ameriguian, Louise Brocher, Diane Khachaturian, Dolly Matoian, Judy Parks, Heidi Aprahamian, and Cheryl Joboulian

Above from left: Erika Palaian- model, Karen Dardarian - model /model coordinator, and Debbie Zazaian program coordinator

Above: A Royal Luncheon committee, clockwise from left: Linda Stamboulian (seated), Carol Ohanessian, Pam Dayinian, Charlene Goshgarian, Debbie Zazaian, Nora Noraian, Linda Jevahirian, and Karen Dardarian (seated).

Near left: models Ani Stamboulian, Christine Santourian, Erika Palaian, Anita Arslanian’s daughter, and Karen Dardarian

Above: Father Garabed honors 50 year Women’s Guild members Diramayr Virginia Melkonian, Anita Kachadurian, and Mary Keoleian

Left: Charlene Goshgarian and Nora Noraian Co-Chairs of A Royal Luncheon

Right: New members, Sandra Jack, Renee Axt, Adrian Keoleian, Seta Yeranosian, Lilit Grigoryan, Katherine Petryszak Channell, and Debbie Stamp
WANTED!

Photographer(s) for Guild events, please call Dawn Aginian @ 248-225-7176 or daginian@yahoo.com

Get Well Wishes!

Virginia Aginian &
Helen Mekjian

Prayers & Sympathy

Our sympathies to Almas Derderian on the loss of her dear brother

Maksood Mike Derderian

Our sympathies to Mary Simonian on the loss of her dear sister,

Sona Kalajian

Congratulations!

Dawn Karagosian

On the June 8th marriage of her daughter Tamara Karagosian to Steve Ujkaj

Fall Outing

Bosco Pizza Factory
Tour 10:30 a.m. Thurs, October 10th Call Pam Dayinian for reservations 248-644-8028

Grape Leaves

Please try to pick grape leaves for our festival preparation of Yahlanchi

Refer to p.290 of our new cookbook for directions and leave labeled and dated in church freezer

Thank You!

To Marilyn Sarkisian and Nancy Panaretos for chairing the June membership dinner

Dues

Please submit your 2013 dues of $20 to St. John Women's Guild ASAP to:

Joyce Obenhoff,
27062 Bonnie Drive, Warren, MI 48093

If you know someone who would like to join the Women's Guild please call Terry Palaian 313-929-0926

Please contact Dawn Aginian at daginian@yahoo.com or 248-225-7176 with any special announcements for the newsletter