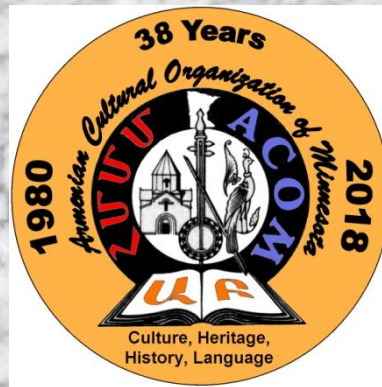


**The Founding Officers of ACOM  
February 1980**



**Back Row: right to left  
Vahram Kardashian, Arek Tathevossian, Steve Merjanian  
Front Row: right to left  
Pat Goshgarian, Naïry Digris, Evelyn Weinsheiner**

# ACOM 2017 Year in Review



Beginning our 38<sup>th</sup> Year



Great food  
Wonderful friends  
Dancing to Live Music

# ACOM – Gaghanat Celebrations





# ACOM – Genealogy Workshop



This is an interest group for Minnesota Armenians and friends who are interested in researching and documenting their family history, building family trees, learning about new archival and DNA resources for documenting their past, and creating a genealogy network for the Minnesota Armenian community. We will host presentations, workshops, and informal help sessions on a regular basis, and post resources and research tips on the group page, and serve as a forum for helping each other! For more information, contact:

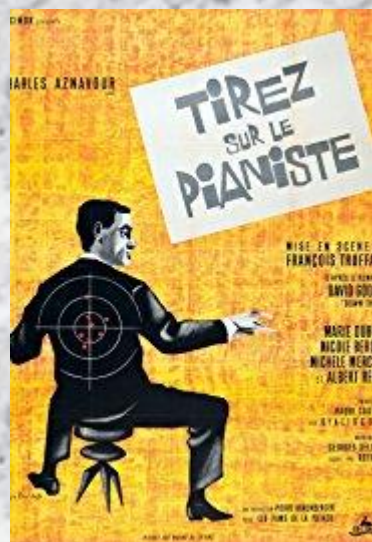
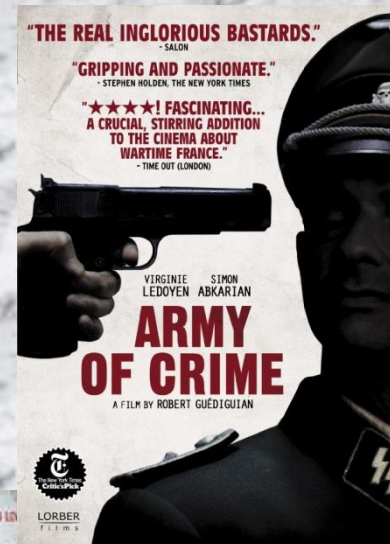
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# ACOM – Cinema Saturdays



Refreshments  
provided



Offering Armenian and  
Armenian influenced movies  
for the entire family



Discussion sessions  
follow Movie



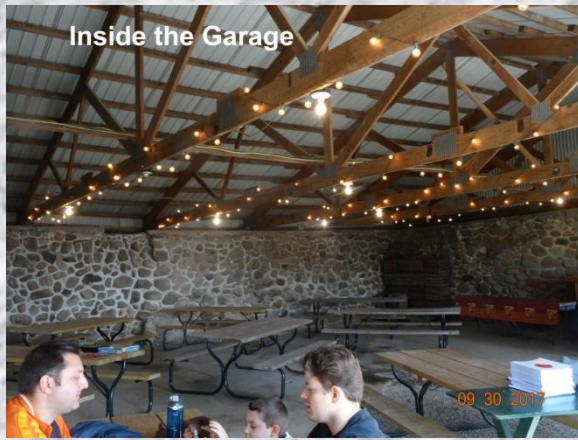
# ACOM – What was it like growing up Armenian in....

**Session 9 panelists**  
**Hasmik TerVardanyan Siu**  
**Margaret Vartanian**  
**Lynne Kanadjian Gildensoph**



**This stimulating  
discussion series  
continued this  
year with one  
more session**





Inside the Garage

# ACOM – Voski Ashoun: An Apple Orchard Outing



Always good food



View from the Garage of Pine Tree Lake



Minnesota Armenians and Friends  
Voski Ashoun - 2017



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### Upcoming events

**JAN 12** ACOM Annual Gaghan Party


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**ACOM's new Website introduced only a year ago.**



# ACOM – Book Club

Book Club Members  
enjoying a 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
meeting



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## Library

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### ACOM Library Page

Written by Leroy Erickson

ACOM has a library which has been accumulated largely through donations from members, with a few books purchased with ACOM funds. Any book in the library is available to be checked out by ACOM members. The book list is maintained on the Goodreads website. If you are a Goodreads member, simply look for the member "Armenian Minnesota" and look at the book shelf "acom-library". If not, click on the link below. If a book shows that it is also on the "checked-out" shelf, somebody already has it checked out to read. Otherwise, you can get it by contacting [Leroy.erickson@minunimicro.com](mailto:Leroy.erickson@minunimicro.com).

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|       | My Grandmother: An Armenian-Turkish Memoir                                      | Cetin, Fetaye                | 4.21       | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★     | not set   | Nov 20, 2017 | view |
|       | Truth Held Hostage: America and the Armenian Genocide - M. What Then? What Now? | Evans, John                  | 4.75       | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★     | not set   | Nov 20, 2017 | view |
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|       | Three Apples Fell from Heaven   | Marxson, Micheline Aharonian | 3.96       | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★     | not set   | Sep 22, 2017 | view |
|       | The Great American Loneliness   | Najarian, Peter              | 4.50       | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★     | not set   | Sep 22, 2017 | view |
|       | An Armenian Sketchbook  | Grossman, Vasily             | 4.07       | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★     | not set   | Sep 22, 2017 | view |
|       | Armenia State/People/Life   | Tcholakian, Arthur           | 0.00       | ★★★★★  | ★★★★★     | not set   | Aug 14, 2017 | view |

**sponsored books**

**Operation Black Swan**  
The US under cyber & terrorist attack. Major John Powers. RET. Delta Force & CIA & the Alaska

# ACOM – Festival of Nations Dance

**ACOM presented a stunning Armenian presence at the 2017 Festival of Nations in St. Paul, unfortunately we didn't have the Demonstration booth this year due to illness in the family of our demonstrator lead.**





# ACOM – Special Events

ACOM Hosted an evening with  
An Armenian delegation.



ACOM Presents:  
A Night With Bedros

Celebrating the publishing of  
a new book including an article  
about one of Minnesota's oldest  
Armenian families!





# ACOM Summer Events

**ACOM hosts two summer events for its members and friends.  
A Pool party hosted by the  
Ericksons,  
And the Summer Picnic which has  
been an annual event since the  
beginning of ACOM.**





# ACOM – Cooking Class



**Learning to make  
food with eggplant  
led by our own local  
Armenian chef,  
Judy Ohanessian**





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## YOUTH CHESS CLUB

(Backgammon also available)



All playing levels welcome!  
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
AT ST. SAHAG CHURCH (after Fellowship)  
203 N Howell St, St Paul, MN 55104

# ACOM – Chess Club

**Continued this year – regular  
sessions for learning and  
playing one of Armenia's  
national pastime**





# ACOM – Dance Ensemble

The Armenian Dance Ensemble continued its mission of promoting Armenian Music, Dance, and Culture in the community



I should like to see any power of the world destroy this race, this small tribe of unimportant people,



whose wars have all been fought and lost, whose structures have crumbled, literature is unread, music is unheard, and prayers are no more answered. Go ahead, destroy Armenia. See if you can do it. Send them into the desert without bread or water. Burn their homes and churches. Then see if they will not laugh, sing and pray again. For when two of them meet anywhere in the world, see if they will not create a New Armenia.

William Saroyan

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**FOR SUPPORTING US  
for the past 37 YEARS  
...now on to 38**

