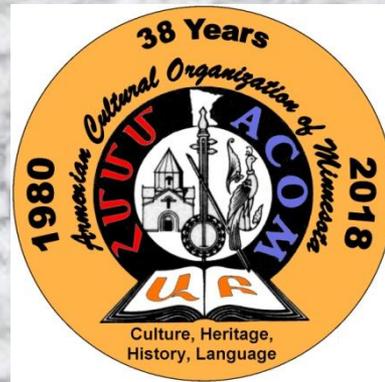


**The Founding Officers of ACOM  
February 1980**



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

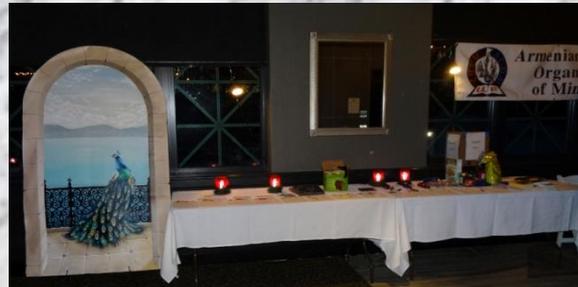
# ACOM 2017 Year in Review



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:

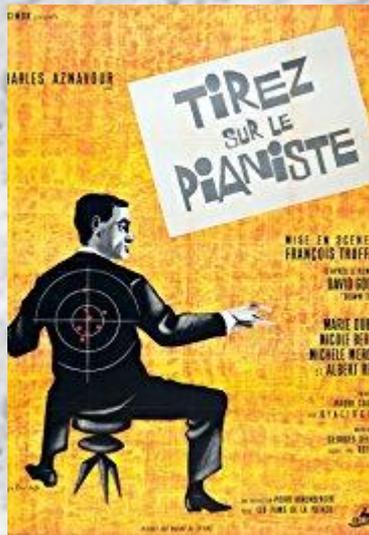
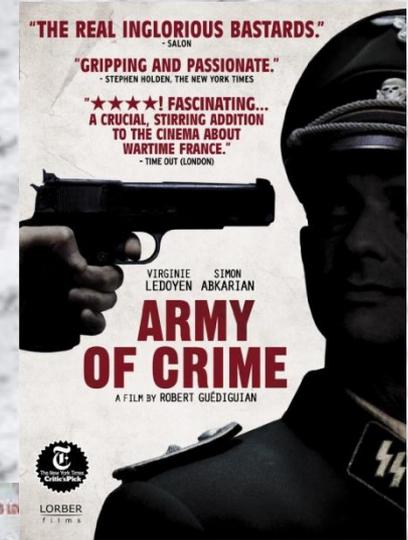
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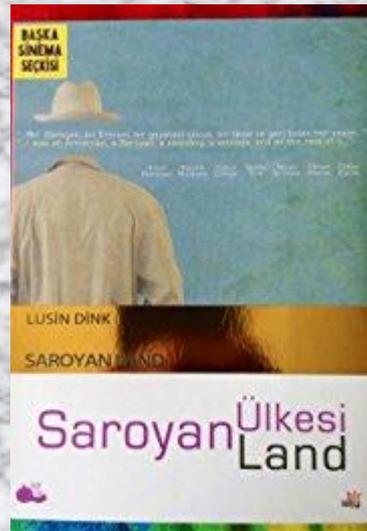
# ACOM – Cinema Saturdays



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**

# ACOM – Voski Ashoun: An Apple Orchard Outing



# ACOM – Website mnarmenians.org



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Armenian culture, language, history and heritage in  
Minnesota and the upper Midwest.

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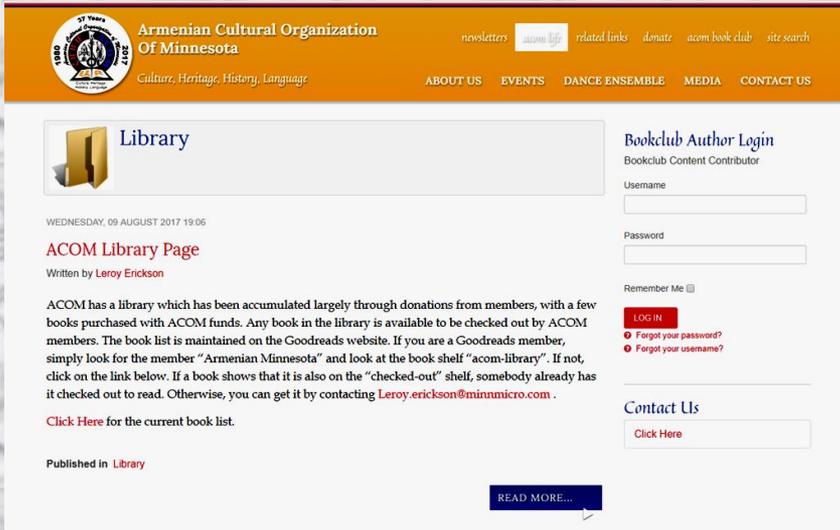
**JAN 12** ACOM Annual Gaghant Party

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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



The screenshot shows the website header for the Armenian Cultural Organization of Minnesota, featuring a logo and navigation links. Below the header is a 'Library' section with a 'Bookclub Author Login' form. The form includes fields for 'Username' and 'Password', a 'Remember Me' checkbox, and a 'LOG IN' button. There are also links for 'Forgot your password?' and 'Forgot your username?'. Below the login form is a 'Contact Us' section with a 'Click Here' link. The page also displays the date 'WEDNESDAY, 09 AUGUST 2017 19:06' and a 'READ MORE...' button.



Live on the new Website

The link on the Website  
Connects directly to the  
Goodreads ACOM Library



The screenshot shows the Goodreads website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'My Books', 'Browse', 'Community', and a search bar. Below the navigation bar is a yellow banner for 'Add your Amazon books to Goodreads!'. The main content area is titled 'Armenian > Books: acom-library (82)'. It features a list of books with columns for 'cover', 'title', 'author', 'avg rating', 'rating', 'my rating', 'date read', and 'date added'. The books listed include 'My Grandmother: An Armenian-Turkish Memoir', 'Truth Held Hostage: America and the Armenian Genocide - Mt. What Then? What Now?', 'The Great War for Civilisation: The Conquest of the Middle East', 'Three Apples Fell from Heaven', 'The Great American Loveliness', 'An Armenian Sketchbook', and 'Armenia State/People/Life'. There is also a 'sponsored books' section at the bottom.

# 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





ARMENIAN CULTURAL ORGANIZATION  
OF MINNESOTA

YOUTH CHESS CLUB

(Backgammon also available)

# ACOM – Chess Club

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



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

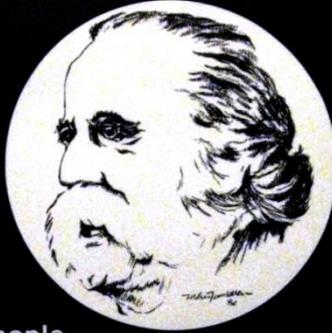


# ACOM – Dance Ensemble

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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# THANK YOU ACOM MEMBERS

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

