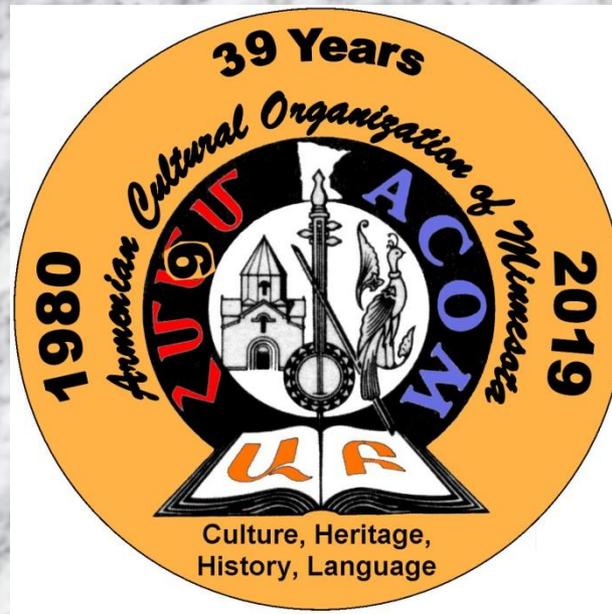


**The Founding Officers of ACOM  
February 1980**



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

# ACOM 2018 Year in Review



Beginning our 39<sup>th</sup> Year

# ACOM – Special Events

2018 was the year of a move for ACOM supplies, costumes, and historical records. Thanks to all of who helped.



Our great moving crew !!



ACOM “stuff” in the new storage room.



John moving boxes in and out, and again and again.....

**Great food,  
Wonderful friends,  
Dancing to Live Music**

# ACOM – Gaghanat Celebrations

**New Venue in 2018**



**Silent Auction,  
Socializing,  
Game Room for the Kids**

# ACOM – Book Club

Book Club Members  
enjoying a 3<sup>rd</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@minnmicro.com](mailto:Leroy.erickson@minnmicro.com).

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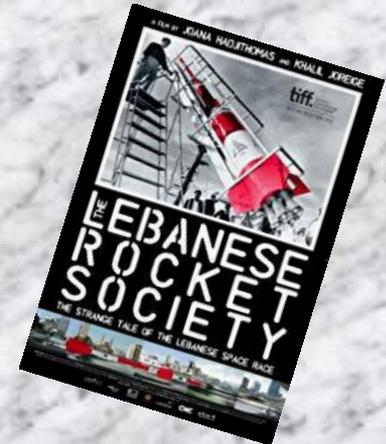
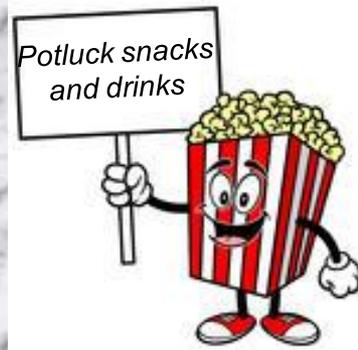
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	Therefore, God Must Be Armenian!	Evans, John M.	5.00	★★★★★	★★★★★	not set	May 1 2018
	Ivanhoe	Scott, Walter	3.75	★★★★★	★★★★★	not set	May 1 2018

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# ACOM – Cinema Saturdays



Offering Armenian and Armenian-influenced movies for the entire family



(My Big Armenian Wedding)

Discussion sessions follow Movies

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

Session 10 panelists  
Tom Keljik  
Armineh Khachatoorian  
Reena Ghanoum

This stimulating  
discussion series  
continued this  
year with one  
more session



# ACOM – What is it like being Married to an Armenian

**Series inaugural Panelists;**  
**Terry McGibbon**  
**Ruth Charchian**  
**Jennifer Collins**

**Following a very  
successful 10 session run,  
ACOM decided to change  
this panel-based format  
to include a new  
perspective – Odars  
married to Armenians**



**Moderator: John Parker-Der Boghossian**



# ACOM – Special Events



**TANER AKÇAM** honored at the World Without Genocide annual fundraising gala on May 14th, a trip that was partially funded by ACOM

**ACOM Genocide Commemoration April 24, 2018**

**TOM KELJIK** was the featured speaker and his topic was: "Why did it happen? What were the events leading up to the Genocide?"



**Dr. FATMA MÜGE GÖÇEK** spoke on Monday, April 30, 2018 on the Denial of Violence: Ottoman Past, Turkish Present, and the Collective Violence against the Armenians (1789- 2009.)





# ACOM Summer Events



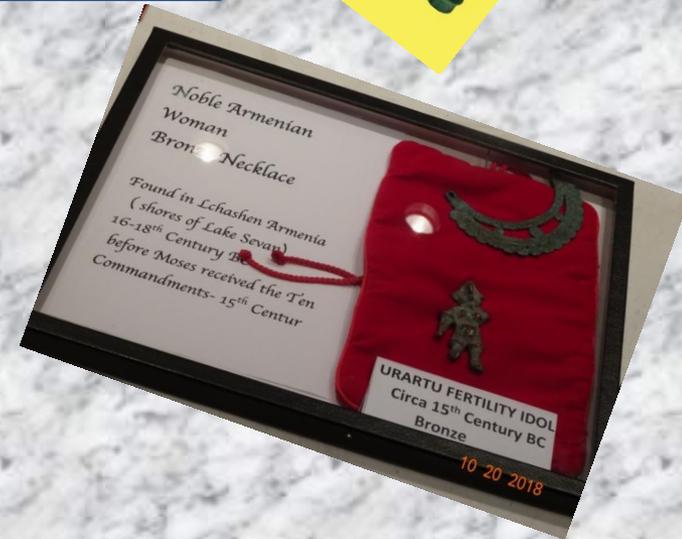
**ACOM hosts two summer events for its members and friends. A Pool party hosted by the Ericksons, and the Summer Picnic which has been an annual event since the beginning of ACOM.**



# ACOM – Voski Ashoun: Jewelry, Weapons and Gods The Story of Urartu – Land of Ararat



Dr. Charles Hajinian, President and Co-Founder of the Armenian Numismatic and Antiquities Society, presented a talk on artifacts from Urartu at ACOM's Voski Ashoun celebration. The presentation covered a brief overview of the late bronze age Urartian state as well as the symbolism and iconography found on the silver and bronze pieces on display. All of the pieces on display were dated between 1500-900 BC, and were found in modern day Armenia.



# ACOM – Website mnarmenians.org

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## Armenian Dance Ensemble

An inter-generational performing group, with the mission of preserving the tradition.

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### Upcoming events

- DEC 08 ACOM Cinema Saturday for December
- DEC 10 ACOM Executive Committee Meeting
- DEC 20 ACOM Book Club

The Armenian Cultural Organization of Minnesota (ACOM)

**French concert with a tribute to Charles Aznavour in Minneapolis by Paris Chansons - Details click**

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**ACOM's Website is the Go To place for ACOM News and Events**

# ACOM – Festival of Nations Dance & Demo



**ACOM presented a stunning Armenian presence at the 2018 Festival of Nations, with new dances and new costumes and, thanks to Janet Rith-Najarian, provided an educational experience in Armenian Silk work and textiles.**



# ACOM – Dance Ensemble

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



## Performances - 2018

Ecumen Lakeview  
Festival of Nations  
Cherrywood Lexington  
Cherrywood Cleveland  
Centennial Lakes  
State Fair



Ukrainian International Festival  
The Waters Highland Park  
Jones-Harrison  
Johanna Shores  
The Waters White Bear Lake  
Armenian Festival



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

# THANK YOU ACOM MEMBERS

**FOR SUPPORTING US  
for the past 38 YEARS  
...now on to 39**

