

**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 39th 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 3rd Thursday
meeting



Library

WEDNESDAY, 09 AUGUST 2017 19:06

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.

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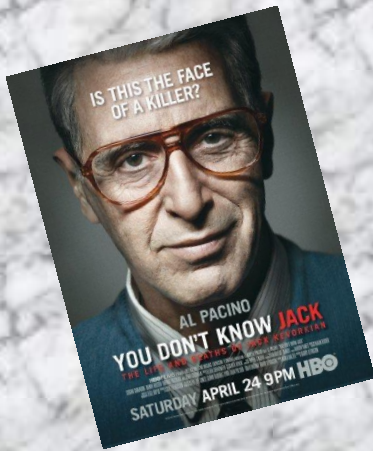
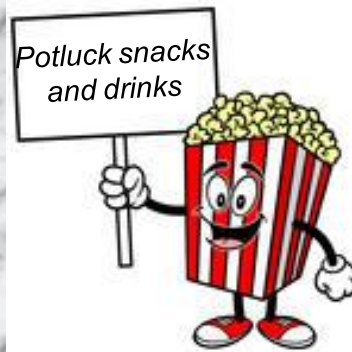


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The link on the Website
Connects directly to the
Goodreads ACOM Library

| cover | title | author | rating | rating | my rating | read | added |
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| | Transit Fatherland | Paskevichyan, Tigran | 0.00 | ★★★★★ | ★★★★★ | not set | May 1 2018 |
| | 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 |

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



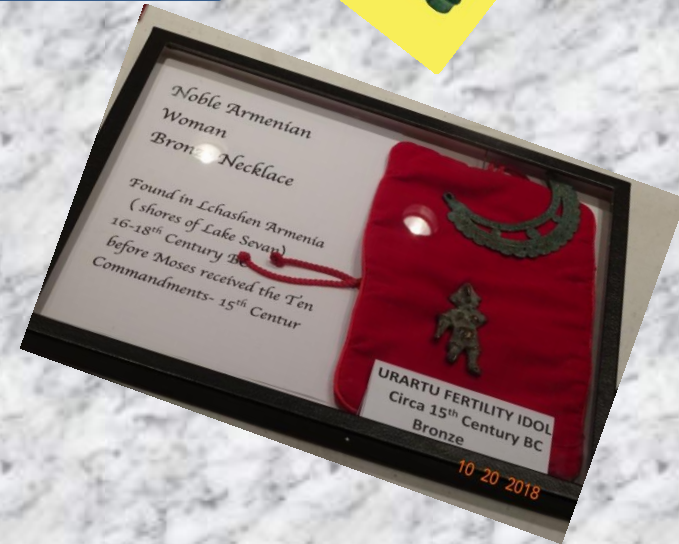
ACOM hosts two summer events for its members and friends. A Pool party hosted by the Ericksons, and the Summer Picnic which has been an annual event since the beginning of ACOM.




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




**Armenian Cultural Organization
Of Minnesota**
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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 – 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.



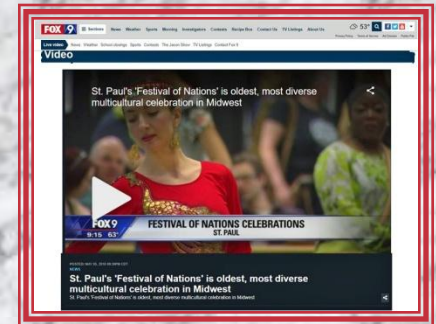
ACOM – Dance Ensemble

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**

