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the 11th in our series:

''What was it like growing up Armenian in'' Sunday, March 24, 1:30 pm, at the Merriam Park Library 1831 Marshall Ave., St. Paul

Please join us as a panel of Armenians featuring Margarita Aroutiunian, Darla Kashian, and Marty Meketarian share their cultural stories and heritage of growing up in Armenia or throughout the Armenian Diaspora.

Facilitated by the Armenian Cultural Organization of Minnesota, this event will share the unique cultural experiences of the Armenian people.

Armenian culture is five thousand years old and while the Armenian homeland extends from the Caucasus Mountains across



the Armenian Highland in the Middle East, the Armenian Diaspora lives in every corner of the world. Join us to learn how Armenian culture and identity is practiced through the Diaspora!

This event is free and open to the public.

Light Refreshments will be served

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ACOM Gaghant Party 2019

ACOM's annual Gaghant Party was again held at Midpointe Event Center on Friday, January 11, 2019. Over 100 people came and enjoyed a dinner catered by Mim's Restaurant, a Silent Auction, a Kids Game Room, and dancing to Music Mundial.

A brief program was given by Naïry Digris, ACOM current President, who introduced the ACOM board, thanked board members who are leaving, and gave a presentation recapping ACOM's achievements over the last year (2018). You can download this Recap of 2018 from the <u>attachment</u> on the ACOM Website.

Dancing then followed with Armenian Music by Music Mundial. We did get a lot of people up to dance, especially the younger generation. All-in-all a magical evening with very special people in a fabulous setting. A wonderful way to end 2018, our 38th year, and start the new year of 2019 - our 39th year. Hooray!!!





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Social Hour Gathering







The Setting—Midpointe Event Center



Families together



I brought my Parents...

39 Years

ACOM 2019 Calendar

Questions, Suggestions, email: hyebar@yahoo.com or call ACOM President, Naïry at: 651-639-9346

Armenian Cultural Organization of Minnesota, 39 years and going strong!!

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DATE	DAY Fri	TIME 6:00 PM	LOCATION MidDointo Event Center	EVENT
11-Jan 14-Jan	Fri Mon	6:00 PM 5:30 PM	MidPointe Event Center Merriam Park Lib. #A	GAGHANT Culture, Heritage, History, Language
14-Jan 17-Jan	Thu	7:00 PM	Merriam Fark Lib. #A Bulbulians	Book Club
19-Jan	Sat	7:00 PM	Digris/McGibbon Residence	Cinema Saturday - MOONSTRUCK
9-Feb	Sat	7:00 PM	Digris/McGibbon Residence	Cinema Saturday - CONAN IN ARMENIA
11-Feb	Mon	5:30 PM	Merriam Park Lib. #A	Board meeting - cancelled due to snowstorm
21-Feb	Thu	7:00 PM	Andrea & Lowell Johnson's home	Book Club
9-Mar	Sat	7:00 PM	Digris/McGibbon Residence	Cinema Saturday - Cancelled due to snowstorm
11-Mar	Mon	5:30 PM	Merriam Park Lib. #A	Board meeting
21-Mar	Thu	6:00 PM	St.Anthony Park Library	Book Club
24-Mar	Sun	1:30 PM	Merriam Park Lib. #A & #B	What Was It Like Growing Up Armenian In
1.1		7.00 PM	Presenters: Darla K., Margarita A., Marty M.	
1-Apr	Mon	7:00 PM	U of M, McNamara	Armen Marsoobian, from Ohanessian Chair
6-Apr	Sat	7:00 PM	Digris/McGibbon Residence	Cinema Saturday - GENOCIDE IN ME
8-Apr	Mon	5:30 PM	Merriam Park Lib. #A	Board meeting
15-Apr	Mon	12 noon	U of M, 710 Soc. Sc. Bldg	Artyom Tonoyan:
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18-Apr 21-Apr	Thu SUN	6:00 PM	St.Anthony Park Library	EASTER
24-Apr	Wed	5:30 PM	Merriam Park Lib. #A & #B	Genocide Commemoration - Interview descendants
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2-5-May	Mon	5:30 PM	RiverCenter St. Paul Merriam Park Lib. #A	Festival of Nations Board meeting
13-May 16-May	Thu	6:00 PM	St. Anthony Park Library	Book Club
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18-May	Sat	7:00 PM	Digris/McGibbon Residence	Cinema Saturday
10-Jun	Mon	5:30 PM	Diamis/McCilchan Davidson	Board meeting
15-Jun	Sat	7:00 PM	Digris/McGibbon Residence	Cinema Saturday
20-Jun	Thu	6:00 PM	St. Anthony Park Library	Book Club
23-Jun 8-Jul	Sun Mon	3:30-9:30 5:30 PM	Como Park	Picnic Board meeting
13-Jul	Sat	7:00 PM	Digris/McGibbon Residence	Cinema Saturday
18-Jul	Thu	7:00 PM	Digitis Mediboon residence	Book Club
10-Aug	Sat	7:00 PM	Digris/McGibbon Residence	Cinema Saturday
12-Aug	Mon	5:30 PM	6	Board meeting
15-Aug	Thu	7:00 PM		Book Club
25-Aug	Sun	2:00 PM	Henry & Laurel Gregorian Residence	Pool Party
7-Sep	Sat	7:00 PM	Digris/McGibbon Residence	Cinema Saturday
9-Sep	Mon	5:30 PM		Board meeting
19-Sep	Thu	7:00 PM		Book Club
5-Oct 14-Oct	Sat Mon	3:00 PM 5:30 PM	Keljik Rugstore Mim's	Voski Ashoun Board meeting
17-Oct	Thu	7:00 PM	IVIIIIIS	Book Club
19-Oct	Sat	7:00 PM	Digris/McGibbon Residence	Cinema Saturday
27-Oct	Sun	1:30 PM	<u> </u>	What Is It Like Being Married To An Armenian
11-Nov	Mon	5:30 PM	Mim's	Board meeting
16-Nov	Sat	7:00 PM	Digris/McGibbon Residence	Cinema Saturday
21-Nov	Thu	7:00 PM		Book Club
9-Dec	Mon	5:30 PM	D' ' M C'II D ' I	Board meeting
14-Dec	Sat	7:00 PM	Digris/McGibbon Residence	Cinema Saturday
19-Dec	Thu	7:00 PM	ACOM 2020	Book Club
10-Jan	Fri	6:00 PM	MidPointe Event Center	GAGHANT

ACOM WEBSITE

Remember to continue to check our website:

www.mnarmenians.org

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FROM OUR MAIL BAG

GAGHANT

Thanks for the nice evening. All was done first class.

Azad M.

The Gaghant party was wonderful as usual!

Peka S.

ACOM YEAR END REPORT TO MEMBERS

Thanks. Excellent job again!

Mark W.

THANK YOU

Dear ACOM board members, Thank you very much for the lovely bouquet you sent me. My ankle is getting better, slowly. (My bones aren't as young as they used to be.)

Lowell J.

Yesterday I received the wonderful card and Trader Joe's gift card. Thank you all very much! I love shopping at Trader Joe's I should be able to attend Monday's meeting. Look forward to seeing you all. Appreciatively, Shnorhagalyem,

Kassian V.

To ACOM: We have shared so many fun times together !! Thank you for your kind words and monetary appreciation for Tom Abrahamian. This will be used for his memorial. Sincerely,

Todd and Virginia A.

Thanks for all you do!

Art K.

I just received the bouquet of flowers from ACOM on Chris' passing. Thank you very much.

Elizabeth P.

SYMPATHY

Most sincere condolences to <u>John Parker-Der Boghossian</u> on the passing of his Armenian grandmother (who lived in France) at the end of February 2019. She went into the hospital three weeks ago, and passed away last week. She was 93 and she was born in Beirut as her family was escaping the Genocide. She had a long life and got to live in her own apartment up until the end, which was a blessing. John was not able to go to the funeral because in France they happen so quickly after a person passes. His mom was already there, because she wanted to visit her mom while she was in the hospital. John is grateful she was there, but it is a very difficult time for all involved.

John Kourajian Age 86, St. Cloud, MN, died Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at St. Benedict's Therapy Suites, Sartell, MN. Funeral Services were held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN. ACOM expressions of sympathy go to Myrna Kourajian and her family, as well as to Art Kourajian, Mary Werner and all those who mourn the loss of John. May he rest in peace.

ing of his brother, <u>Raymond Scallen</u> on February 25, 2019. He was a physician in private practice as a cardiologist and internist in Minneapolis for over 60 years.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, March 15, from 4-8 PM at Gill Brothers, 5801 South Lyndale Avenue. A funeral mass will be said at St. Albert the Great Church, 3216 East 29th St., in Minneapolis on Saturday, March 16, at 10:30 AM. Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to St. Albert the Great Church of Minneapolis, or the cause of the donor's choice. Gill Brothers 612-861-6088 gillbrothers.com

CONGRATULATIONS



<u>Sarah Wiersbeck</u> celebrated a very special birthday in February surrounded by family and friends. We all wish you continued good health and happiness for many, many more birthdays to come, Sarah!

John Parker-Der Boghossian, ACOM Vice-President, accepted the

position of Equity and Inclusion Officer at Normandale Community College. In his role, he will oversee implementation of the college's Affirmative Action and Diversity plans. He will chair the President's Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. He will also provide customized training and professional development opportunities to the college on issues of diversity, equity, inclusion, and intercultural competency.

Andy Ylitalo is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Pasadena. He is an active member of the Armenian community is southern California where he serves as deacon at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian church in Pasadena, sings with the AGBU choir, and serves food at a local soup kitchen with the Prelacy church youth group. In his spare time, Andy tutors math at the Pasadena middle school and plays the saxophone with the Caltech jazz band. Last year Andy won the Armenian professionals society graduate scholarship.

<u>Max Ylitalo</u> is currently a junior at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, majoring in chemical engineering. During the past summer Max visited Armenia with the ASP (Armenia Service Program), he worked as youth counselor at Hye Camp out-



side Chicago and interned at 3M where he developed a new Command adhesive. Max is a member of the Orthodox Christian Youth Association at UW Madison and plays soccer with the university recreational team. Max is the recipient of the Eastern Diocese scholarship.

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Both young men provided musical entertainment at a recent fundraiser event for SOAR (Society of Orphaned Armenian Relief) and played the music during the western Christmas service at St. Sahag church in St. Paul.

GET WELL

Speedy recovery to <u>Vali Kardashian</u> who just underwent gall bladder surgery.

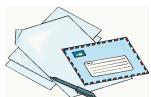
Bill Angell was hospitalized early December.

<u>Lowell Johnson</u>. We were saddened to hear about your broken ankle, Lowell, and hope that you feel as good as new by now.

<u>Ed Pompeian</u> had surgery on January 3, 2019. In lieu of cards, donations to the Gift of Life Transplant House, Rochester, MN, would be much appreciated.

Mark Keljik. ACOM board members and the entire community wish you a very speedy and complete recovery from your day surgery of January 2019.

Both Kathie Cafesjian Baradaran



and <u>Jaff Baradaran</u> were under the weather, but hopefully, are totally recovered by now.

COMMUNITY NEWS

This year is the 35th anniversary of the founding of the <u>Gift</u> of <u>Life Transplant house in Rochester, MN.</u> Ed Pompeian, who had received a kidney transplanted from his mother, Helen, 11 years prior, founded the first house in 1984. Over the years, it has grown to become 'the largest transplant program in the country.'

During 2019, there are several events scheduled to celebrate this milestone year. The next one is called 'Table Inspirations - a Celebration of Home' and will be held on March 16, 2019 at Kahler Apache Event Center. Events continue with a 5K in April, participation in the Rochester Fest Parade in July (featuring Ed and Jayne Pompeian!), the 35th Annual Gift of Life Golf tournament, and so on, until the Anniversary Celebration in December.

Keep up with the event calendar at https://gift-of-life.org/calendar-events/

ESCAPING THE COLD....

Aram and Ruth Charchian went to Las Vegas in February to escape the MN snow and found a record-breaking snow storm in the Las Vegas desert. Will they go back???

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS



In early December, six of our Minnesota Armenians traveled to New York City to visit the Armenia! exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Making the trek were Andrea and Lowell Johnson, Jim and Margaret Favre, and Leroy and Cynthia Erick-

son. The exhibit pulled together items from many places in the world.

We were able to see Khatchkars, illuminated manuscripts, bowls, earrings, and necklaces. Relics of various church leaders as well as church vestments and curtains. There was a carved wooden door from the Sevanavank church at Lake Sevan. The head of the



spear that had been found at Geghart Monastery was displayed, as well as items from Devin, Moosh, Sepastia and other areas of Western Armenia. It was a wonderfully arranged exhibit with lots of information cards that helped to educate visitors about the history of Armenia and the specific items that were on display.

Besides the visit to the museum, we were able to visit some Armenian friends who live in the NY-NJ area and spend some cherished time with them.

Cynthia E.







Armenian Dance Ensemble of Minnesota

If you have in interest in Armenian dance, if you have danced in the past, or have never danced but really would like to learn and participate, this would be a good time to give it a try. All the dances are taught, and costumes provided. It is a volunteer activity and we only ask for your time commitment. Rehearsals are typically held on Sundays at 1:00 pm in Roseville. Remember: you do not need to be Armenian to become a member of the dance group, just a desire to learn and enjoy Armenian music and dance.

Note: if you wish to perform with the group, you need to purchase your own "character shoes" and be ready to wear makeup and perform without eyeglasses.

For additional information, call Naïry: 651-639-9346 or email: hyebar@yahoo.com

The Armenian Dance Ensemble has been representing Armenian Culture through Dance and Music for over 25 years. Below is our schedule through May



			Armenian Dance Ensemble	
17-Mar	Sun	12.50 pm	Int'l Inst. Of MN	F/N preview
23-Mar	Sat	3:30 PM	Bloomington	The Wealshire (Sita O's residence)
7-Apr	Sun	3:00 PM	St. Michael's	ADE Rehearsal
13-Apr	Sat	2:00 PM	Roseville	Eagle Crest Arbor
28-Apr	Sun	1:00 PM	St. Michael's	ADE Rehearsal
5/2,3,4,5			St. Paul RiverCenter	Festival of Nations
12-May	Sun	1:00 PM	St. Michael's	ADE Rehearsal
18-May	Sat	1.30 pm	Highland Park	The Waters
26-May	Sun	1:00 PM	Roseville	Cherrywood Pointe Lexington



YOUNG MINNESOTANS ABROAD

2018 was a great year for the Ohannesian – Tiffany family. Our son Harrison graduated from the University of Wisconsin in December 2017 and left a week later for a 10 month volunteer adventure with Birthright Armenia where he was an intern in Natural Resources.

He had a fantastic experience while being assigned to several organizations over his time there working on projects in the environmental and conservation field, which is his passion:

Birthright Armenia — Intern in Natural Resources

- ☐ Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets in Yerevan and Uztadzor-Conducting wildlife surveys and drafted long-term survey and management plans for the Caucus Wildlife Refuge (CWR).
- ☐ American University of Armenia; Acopian Center for the Environment, Yerevan, Armenia. Participated in a joint EU-Armenian Government project (ALTER) to ensure that measures are taken in preparing Armenia and its electrical grid from total collapse in the event of a high-magnitude earthquake
- ☐ Armenia Tree Project, Yerevan and Margahovit, Armenia-Helped plan an edible riparian forest
- ☐ Worked in Margahovit to educate children about environment issues and to improve their English language skills

- ☐ HikeArmenia, Gomk, Armenia Worked to further a partnership between Trails for Change and the village of Gomk -Taught English to students aged 8 to 16 in Gomk for two weeks
- Trails for Change, Dilijan, Armenia-Helped construct and mark trails for recreational hiking and to further boost ecotourism in the Tavush province of Armenia.

On the fun side of things, he made great progress in learning Eastern Armenian and traveling throughout the country including trips to Artsakh and navigating around the country. He made a few trips to Tbilisi, Georgia to renew his Armenian visa and loved that city, and their food. All in all, it was a great experience. He is back in Minnesota now, at least for a while....

Our daughter Erica started her second year teaching Spanish at the Internationale Engelska Skolan (International English School) in Nacka, Sweden, a suburb of Stockholm. My husband and I visited her in December 2018 to see how she was doing. Sweden is a fantastic place and Erica really enjoys living and working there. The day we left to return to Minnesota, she bought a piano, so I guess she plans on staying a while. I guess we will be earning lots of frequent flyer miles on Icelandic Airlines visiting her each year.

Judy O.

ACOM BOARD MEMBERS, 2019

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■ Members at Large: Kass V.; Sarah E.

■ Webmaster & Newsletter Editor: Terry M.

Board Advisor: Tom K.

We all are truly grateful to Andrea J. (Co-Secretary 2018) and Bradley E. (Treasurer 2018) for being Board Members in 2018 and helping us do our work and move ahead with our projects and events. Unfortunately, they are no longer able to serve on the Board.

We miss them both!

Any ACOM dues-paid member who is interested in serving on the Board is welcome to contact us: www.mnarmenians.org
Likewise, get in touch with us if you have comments, suggestions or would like to submit an article for an upcoming ACOM Newsletter.

It was 1983 when I was sent to Minneapolis by Control Data. I had been traveling across the U.S. training customer service people to staff new Service Centers they were opening. As was my habit, I always looked for Armenians wherever I went. MN gave me all I was looking for (called ACOM) and so I connected.

At the time, ACOM was having their annual picnic and I decided to go. I met

several people who made me feel very welcome. When I went back to work, I got a call from Aram Charchian whom I had not met at the picnic but who also worked at Control Data. I don't know how he got my name but am glad he called. It was the beginning of a long and wonderful relationship. He asked about the picnic and we spoke awhile. He asked did you meet Steve? No. I told him whom I had met and he said.....you've got to meet Steve, he's looking for a "nice Armenian girl". Oh, Lord, I thought.

Well, I agreed to meet Steve and gave Aram the address to my apartment. When Steve came up on the elevator, I waited by my door for him. My reaction immediately was......Oh Lord, is he ever Armenian! And he was! That began months of dating followed by my getting a transfer to Minneapolis. We were married in July, 1988. Since Steve was from NY and I was from Mass, neither of us had relatives here. I had 2 grown sons living in Mass. and I got to really missing them, especially on holidays. During those years, thanks to Steve, I got into antique and classic boating and we spent a lot of great times on Lake Minnetonka. I edited their magazine and got to know many in that organization, but I knew I had to get back home where my sons were. That was 2014.

We put all our furniture, etc. into storage and drove to N.H. to stay with my son Greg while we went looking for a house. Well, it took a lot longer than we anticipated but finally found a



great home in Middleboro complete with an in-ground pool, which I loved. The house was about 50 miles south of Richard and about 50 miles north of Greg. Both complained it was still too far - but a darned sight better than Minneapolis.

After 5 years, age took its toll on me and Steve. I had neuropathy from a previous surgery which was preventing me from standing and Steve developed a problem

with his leg so he had to drag it all the time. This prevented both of us from driving......BIG problem. Steve took over all the cooking and I became basically a couch potato. Goodbye choereg, manta, katah, souboereg. This was a huge adjustment.

A neighbor (Bill) agreed to mow the lawn.....then he took over maintaining all the needs of our pool. As time went on, there was less we could do and we depended more and more on Bill. He took us to all appointments, waited and brought us home -- did all our grocery shopping -- basically everything we needed outside the house but couldn't do. This development prompted my sons to consider senior housing. We visited a few places and settled on this one in Quincy. The big negative....no pool, but everything else won out. We're now in a 3-room apartment.

Have you ever tried to downsize 60 years into 3 rooms? It's a nightmare! My sons and daughter-in-law have been organizing all the remains for a huge garage sale this weekend. Just about everything we own(ed) is there, including many pieces of furniture -- tables, chairs, hope chest, cabinets -- dish sets, pots, pans, trays (that baked so much Armenian pastry) and so much more. All the things we never wanted to see go.

We are now 5 miles from Richard and about 80 miles from Greg, but that's where Greg's work is.

Peggy Merjanian

FULLER CENTER FOR HOUSING

Is the weather on your mind during this Arctic weather and snow-storms we're experiencing? Thinking of warmer climes? How about joining me



in Armenia, where it will be nice and warm and summery in May/June. We'll work with folks to complete some stage of the building of their new home and we'll fit in a good portion of sightseeing in this ancient land.

Dates of the trip are <u>May 28-June 10, 2019</u> and we'll work in Vanadzor, in the northern area of Armenia. Cost is \$1500 plus airfare. Join me, have a great time, experience hospitality like you've never seen previously, and make a huge difference in the life of a family in Armenia. Contact Cynthia Erickson 651-917-1818 or **cynthia.erickson@minnmicro.com** for more information or if you have questions.

Do you recognize these beautiful Armenians?



Answer hidden somewhere in this newsletter. ED.

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Andeweg, George, Jeanne

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Azarian, Martin, Donna, Adriana

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Bulbulian, Francis, Barbara

Charchian, Aram, Ruth

Daniels, Kathleen, Mari & Marcie

Digris, Naïry; McGibbon, Terry

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Erickson, Mitchell, Sarah

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Email your request to:

ARMENIAN CULTURAL ORGANIZATION OF MINNESOTA — ACOM

MISSION STATEMENT



- 1) To provide programs and events which encourage its members to learn Armenian culture, language, history and heritage.
- 2) To provide programs of Armenian culture, language, history and heritage for the general Minnesota area.
- 3) To provide an environment which encourages participation of all Armenians, their relations and friends who have an interest in Armenian culture, regardless of religious, political or social differences, and to promote harmony among its members.
- 4) To provide periodic gatherings and meetings for the cultural furtherance of the Armenian people, their relations and friends who have an interest in Armenian culture within the general Minnesota area.

CONSTITUTION

The Armenian Cultural Organization of Minnesota (ACOM) preserves and promotes Armenian culture, language, history and heritage in Minnesota and the upper Midwest. Founded in 1980 and headquartered in St. Paul, ACOM is the oldest and largest Armenian organization in the state.

ACOM welcomes everyone, regardless of ethnic, religious, or political affiliation, who takes an interest in Armenia and Armenians. Our members include first-generation through fourth-generation Minnesota Armenians, their families, and non-Armenian friends of the community.

ACOM's numerous cultural and social events include Armenian dance parties (barahantess), guest speakers, Armenian language classes, folk dance lessons and performances by the Armenian Dance Ensemble of Minnesota, summer picnics, and series of Interviews of Presenters talking about their heritage. ACOM also sponsors all Armenian activities at the International Institute's Festival of Nations, a major regional folk festival held annually in St. Paul. Minnesota Armenians were founding participants in 1932; today, the Festival is ACOM's most visible public venue.

As an independent, 501 (c)3 non-profit organization, ACOM is supported primarily by membership dues and private donations. Gifts to ACOM are tax-deductible to the extent permissible by law.

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