

ST.SARKIS ARMENIAN CHURCH

WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Elected officers of 2016

Chairwoman:	Serena Gosdanian
Vice chairwomen:	Vicky Bozikian
Secretary :	Vartouhi Minassian
Assistant Secretary:	Gay Kantsabedian
Treasurer:	Salpi Katanjian
Assistant treasurer	Nelly Klachian
Advisor:	Mayda Shirinian
Advisor:	Linne Minassian
Advisor:	Elmira Mnatsakanyan

Membership: 27 membership and 4 honorary members

Meeting Held: 8 Executve committee Meetings/2 General Meetings

Main Activities:

January 2016 - 10th Christmas Luncheon.

March 2016 - 2th : Miching and General Meeting; **27th**: Easter Luncheon.

May 2016 - 5th : Hampartsum (Ascension)

June 2016 - 19th : Father's Day

August 2016 - 14th : Feast of the Assumption of the Holy Mother (luncheon)/Blessing Grapes.

September 2016 - 11th : Exaltation of the Holy Cross; **21st-23rd** : food preparation day for Armenian Fest

October 2016 - 5th-6th :Food perp and set up for Armenian Fest; **7th-9th** : Women's Guild Participated in all aspects of Armenia Fest.

November 2016 - 12th Elections and General Meeting.

December 2016 - 10th Gift Exchange (Serena Gostanian's house)

Achievements:

1. In May Serena Gostanian and Salpi Katanjian traveled to Cleveland Ohio to attend The Women's Guild Central Council meetings. It was an inspirational gathering where women from various Guilds attend to remember our mission. We received updated information on CASP (orphanage) and various Assisted living centers for the elderly.
2. WG Retreat held in November at Los Rios Country Club. The topic was Renewing Your Mind held by Tamar Sevajian, IMF

Goals:

The Women's Guild goals for 2017 are: to attend the WGCC in May and bring back updated information to the Guild and the members of our community, to include more women and members to attend functions held by ACYOA, Armenian School and WG. We also would like to see more members assist in holiday feast days (set up, clean up, cook, decorate, etc). We hope to plan another retreat this year and also host lectures on important topics on things like 'balancing work/family' or 'parenting in the early years and teenage years', etc. by bringing in an expert or facilitator.

A few major goals would be: donate money to any organization in Armenia whether it be an orphanage, assisted living, or medical needs. Locally, we'd like to organize outreach programs for battered women or orphaned children.

The mission of St. Sarkis Women's Guild is to unite the women of the parish by working together for the glory of God. We were blessed to host many successful events and celebrate our achievements leaving smiles and grateful memories.