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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND OUT-OF-TOWN

MEETINGS HIGHLIGHT ASSN. ACTIVITIES

Since the First Annual Assembly in June the Association's activities have been highlighted by an extensive and successful membership drive and by meetings in six different cities.

Conducted by the Board of Directors, the recent membership drive has resulted in an increase of over 200 members in the Association. In but seven months of existence NAASR has now a membership of over 500 persons from 21 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. The largest concentration of members is found in the following states: Massachusetts (259), New York (62), California (38), Pennsylvania (21), Rhode Island (20), Michigan (17), and New Jersey (14).

1,000 Members by Jan. 1st

Because of the enthusiastic and widespread response already received by the organization, it is hoped that by the first of the year the membership figure will be doubled to 1000. To accomplish this, each member of the Association need only sign up one person for membership. In this way both NAASR's membership and its program will extend to more persons throughout the country as well as abroad.

In addition to Boston, local or regional meetings have been, or are being, held in Worcester, Providence, Philadelphia, New York, and Detroit. The purpose of these meetings are to bring the local members and their friends in closer touch with the program, problems, and activities of the organization and to stimulate local level activity.

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HARVARD CHAIR BANQUET TO FEATURE

PRESIDENT PUSEY AND WILLIAM SAROYAN

Harvard President Nathan M. Pusey, author-playwright William Saroyan of California, and nationally known concert artists Maro and Anahid Ajemian will highlight the Harvard Armenian Chair campaign's inaugural banquet on Sunday, October 30th. Over 500 members and guests of the Association from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan, as well as New England, are expected to attend this momentous banquet at the exclusive Harvard Club of Boston at 374 Commonwealth Avenue.

Officially launching the Harvard Chair Campaign, the banquet will begin at 6:30 PM, with a reception for speakers and guests at 5:30 PM at the Club. Those planning to attend the banquet are also extended an invitation to the reception to meet notables from both academic and Armenian circles.

Purpose of Campaign

The Harvard Chair Campaign is for the purpose of raising the necessary funds for the establishment of an endowed Chair for Armenian Studies and Research at Harvard University. Under the guidance of a world-famed authority, to be selected by Harvard University to direct the activities of the endowed Chair of Armenian Studies, the world will be in possession of hitherto unavailable or little known information in the English language of the contributions of the Armenians to Christianity, culture, and world civilization; and the American-born generations of Armenians will better understand and appreciate their background and heritage.

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A girl walks hurriedly along Harvard Square towards the College House Offices, glancing quickly for the time at the large clock in the Square. Entering the building, she steps into the elevator and gets off at the fourth floor.

As she walks down the hall towards a small office, the sounds of typewriters clicking and clacking, file cards being shuffled, and phone ringing are heard above the hubbub of feminine chatter. Upon entering the office, she is greeted with a pleasant "Hi" by several industrious girls - all fellow members of NAASR's night office crew.

The scene is typical, and the girl is only one of the twelve who, after a full day's work at their regular jobs, come evenings to the Association's office to help out as volunteer office workers. Alternating on various nights of the week, the girls perform mainly clerical duties, such as typing and shorthand, filing, addressing and mailing, and taking phone messages or answering questions about NAASR's program.

Included in the regular office staff are a group of enthusiastic and energetic members who give freely and unstintingly of their time and effort. They are Barbara Boyajian, Mary DerKazarian, Barbara and Marie Mazmanian, Viola Minasian, Agnes Musserian, Helen Sahagian, Sally Shamooghian, Ethel Topalian, Ann Torosian, and Anna Yeshilian. In addition, other members of the Association are always dropping in to see if their help is needed, and quite frequently they are corralled into action.

Oftentimes, the office work isn't completed until ten or eleven at nights, and sometimes it lasts till after midnight. After finishing their work, the girls usually adjourn to the local cafeteria, chat a while, and then wend their way to their respective homes, knowing that tomorrow evening some of them or others will be back again busily working in Suite 401 of the College House Offices.

QUESTIONS

Have you sent in your questionnaire list-prospective members and donors?
Have you signed up a new member yet?

A last minute reminder for those interested in Dr. Arra Avakian's course in Armenian I! The final date for registration is Monday, October 24. Once the minimum of 20 students is reached, then registrations will be accepted up to November 7. All who are planning to attend are urged to register before the first of the two deadlines so that the course will continue.

The classes, which are offered by the Mass. Department of Education's Division of University Extension, meet on Monday evenings beginning October 17 from 7:45 to 9:30 PM at Sever Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Designed for beginners, the course will consist of reading and writing, speaking and understanding of modern Armenian, with special emphasis on thinking and speaking in the language during class.

The charge for 23 lessons, giving 3 semester-hours' credit, is \$27 for those students taking the course for credit (non-residents, \$37.50) and \$18 for those only auditing it. Enrollment fees are

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Betty Hovsepian
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ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES
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A meeting in Boston on Sept. 30 at the Phillips School in Watertown was followed by meetings on Oct. 5 and 7 in Worcester and Providence, respectively. For the latter communities these were their first meetings. The Worcester meeting, at the YWCA, was addressed by G. John Gregory of the Mass. State Board of Education and by NAASR Board Chairman Manoog S. Young. At a highly successful Providence meeting at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, speaking on behalf of the Association were James Etmekjian, instructor of the newly inaugurated Brown University extension course in Armenian, as well as NAASR Board First Vice-chairman Dr. Arra Avakian and Manoog S. Young. A second and special meeting of Boston area members was held on Oct. 13 at the Hotel Commander, Cambridge, to review final details for the Harvard Armenian Chair banquet.

The first Philadelphia meeting of the Association was on Oct. 18 at the Christian Association Building on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. NAASR Board member Manasseh G. Sevag, associate professor of bacteriology at the University's School of Medicine, presided, and Board Chairman Manoog S. Young gave the principal address. The New York meeting,

the second in this city, is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 21, at 8:30 PM at the Freedom House, 20 W. 40th St., with Rev. A.A. Bedikian and Manoog S. Young dividing up the speaking honors.

In each instance, steering or continuations committees have been set up to formulate plans for the establishment of some kind of local organization to organize activities in the local areas.

During the summer a meeting was also held in Detroit, Michigan, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Atesian. Speaking on the background and activities of the Association was James Ajemian, past president of the Harvard Armenian Club and one of the founding members of the organization. Another Detroit meeting is being planned for November, and it is hoped meetings will follow in other East Coast, as well as West Coast, communities.

This month, also, the Association was incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with the founding members acting as the incorporators as per Annual Assembly decision of last June. The charter membership period has officially ended. All persons joining hereafter will be designated as members. The dues will remain the same, \$5.00 for the fiscal year; students, \$2.00.

HARVARD CHAIR BANQUET

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In addition to President Pusey and Mr. Saroyan, the roster of speakers and guests include Mass. Commissioner of Education Dr. John J. Desmond, Jr.; Sir Hamilton A. R. Gibb, University Professor at Harvard and just recently arrived from Oxford University, England; Rev. A. A. Bedikian, Pastor-Emeritus of the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York; Prof. Emmanuel Varandyan of Ohio State University; Dean McGeorge Bundy of the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences; and Professors Roman Jakobson and Richard N. Frye, both of Harvard.

From the NAASR Board of Directors there will be Prof. Manasseh G. Sevag of the University of Pennsylvania, Chairman Manoog S. Young, Banquet Chairman G. John Gregory, and Treasurer J. Mark Kolligian. Also, the pastors of the local Armenian churches and the editors of the Armenian-language newspapers will be attending.

Reservations

Because of the large demand for banquet tickets, reservations should be made without delay, if not done so already. The tickets are \$10.00 each (with a very little margin for profit for the Association) and reservations can be made by mailing the form below or phoning the Association office at TRowbridge 6-7630. Hotel reservations for out-of-towners attending the banquet can be made by the Association upon request.

A capable committee has been working diligently for the past three months to be sure that no detail is overlooked for this all-important occasion. Heading up the Banquet Committee is G. John Gregory, assisted by James Koundakjian, vice-chairman, and by Anne Sarkisian and Sona Semerjian, recording and corresponding secretaries, respectively. Other committee members participating toward the success of the banquet are Harry Adrian, Barbara Boyajian, Margaret Eminian, Jack Guveyan, Sharkey Heroian, Betty Kalenderian, Hovsep Karakashian, Rev. Y. D. Mugrditchian, Shahan Natalie, Theresa Noorigian, Helen Sahagian, Marion Sarkisian, Ethel Topalian, and Mrs. Arpine Zildjian.

ARMENIAN COURSE

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payable either by mail or in person at the Mass. Dept. of Education, Division of University Extension, 200 Newbury St., Boston, Mass. The Department is open weekdays between 8:45 AM and 5:00 PM. Registration material will also be available at Sever Hall on the Harvard campus where the class meets.

For veterans the instruction is free. They are only required to establish their eligibility status by appearing in person at the University Extension office.

NAASR was responsible for getting the course in Armenian language instruction reinstated after a lapse of five years. If the course meets with continued success, advanced language courses can be offered and other courses can be planned. NAASR members are urged to enroll and to publicize the course among their friends. Dr. Avakian, the instructor, is First Vice-chairman of the Association's Board. An engineer by profession, he is by avocation a scholar in Armenian affairs and an established teacher of the Armenian language.

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Mr. G. John Gregory, Chairman
Harvard Chair Banquet Committee
Nat'l Assn. for Armenian Studies & Research
1430 Massachusetts Avenue (Suite 401)
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Mr. Gregory:

Kindly send me _____ Banquet tickets for which I enclose a check for \$ _____ at \$10.00 per person.

I will (will not) attend the reception at 5:30 PM.

Signed: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Please make checks payable to the Association.