



**CALIFORNIA
ARMENIAN HOME**

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

*by Lucy K. Grayson
President CAH Home Board*

It is my pleasure to be able to serve another term as President for the California Armenian Home. This gives me the opportunity to be there for the completion of the Expansion. I truly want to thank the Board for their vote of confidence. I will do everything I can to live up to their expectations.

The Expansion is moving along as expected. The more it grows the more exciting it becomes for all of us. If you haven't driven by, I would encourage you to do so. The dream of our Forefathers just keeps getting closer. We have received very positive comments from the public.

Hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us. Hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and looking forward to a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year.

We are in the process of updating our website which will now include our newsletter. It is costly to mail out 600 newsletters every 3-4 months.

If you don't have access to a computer, please call the California Armenian Home and ask that you continue to get a copy in the mail. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our Administrator.

The Board would like to wish all of our supporters a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE
HOME'S WEBSITE FOR
ANY UPCOMING ACTIVITIES.**

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

by Simon Holguin, Administrator, California Armenian Home

I am hoping this newsletter finds everyone in good health and good spirits. The weather is finally cooling down, and it looks like we may actually get a fall season. This weather change always seems to bring coughs, colds, sniffles, and the dreaded flu, so please get your flu shot if you haven't already.

The construction of the expanded campus is progressing at a fairly rapid clip now. It seems that the building gets a little taller every day. Lots of concrete has been poured, some sidewalk and gutters have come into view, a main entrance gate is starting to be built, trusses are going on to support the roofing, and a structure that resembles the artistic renderings is starting to come into view. The weather has been good for the work and has not really presented any hindrances to work... so far, things appear to be going as scheduled.

With the end of the year approaching (wow... where has this year gone?), we are reminded that the holiday season is also fast approaching. Thanksgiving is next week, and this is a great time of year for families to get together with their loved ones at the Armenian Home. Lunch for Thanksgiving will feature turkey and all of the traditional Thanksgiving meal sides. Just a reminder: If you have a loved one here at the Armenian Home with whom you would like to have lunch, please call the activities department to reserve a space outside of your loved one's room to have a meal, if you are wanting to eat in an area outside of the room. Meals are available for purchase from the Armenian Home for this day (cost is \$8.00, and will include a beverage and dessert).

Once Thanksgiving is over, the Christmas trees will go up, and the countdown to Christmas will begin. Preparations for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting here at the Armenian Home are already underway...our staff is working hard to get the lights up in time for this event. We have consistently received many compliments from families and visitors in years past about the appearance of the Armenian Home during the Christmas season, and we hope this year will be equally beautiful, if not

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CALIFORNIA ARMENIAN HOME

Located on 40 acres in serenity of countryside, the California Armenian Home offers skilled nursing services and board and care housing to senior citizens.

The beautiful buildings, lush landscaping and exceptional services are maintained by a dedicated, caring professional staff that makes the short or long term stay a very pleasant experience.

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Home Guild Report

by Frances Tusan, President Armenian Home Guild

Fall has arrived and Home Guild members are looking forward to the rest of the year. Our first Luncheon-Meeting was held October 21 with 80 members and residents treated to a delicious chicken kebab lunch. A big "thank you" to George Juarez for underwriting this meal and also "thank you" to Ruby Barton's Family for the cupcakes celebrating Ruby's 101st birthday. Guild members would also like to thank George and his crew for the taxi service and parking accommodations so our members could attend our luncheon. Our Bar-B-Que boys were busy again. Thank you to Tarjian Bedoian and Bob Tusan for undertaking this job.

On October 3 and 4 the Guild ladies made 48 dozen koftas to fill our orders. Another list for orders is starting.

The next Luncheon-Meeting will be on November 18 at 11:45 a.m. A Bake Sale will take place after lunch. Thank you to Pat Sevoian who chairs this event every year.

We are happy to see the progress on the Expansion Project. If you have not been to the Home in recent months, take a drive out. Unbelievable.

Ani Guild Report

A huge "thank you" to all of the many sponsors, local businesses and merchants that helped to make **Casino Royale** an enormous success. All that attended our October 1 fundraiser enjoyed wonderful food, games, and prizes. Thanks to George Juarez for his expertise bingo calling. Congratulations to Sandy and Bob Papazian on being our big \$10,000 winner!

A few rain showers didn't prevent another wonderful Celebration of Fruit Party. On September 21 on the Sequoia Room patio a buffet table was prepared by members of the Ani Guild, Home Guild, and CAH staff.

The residents have been busy with field trips. Fall field trips have included Wonder Valley, the Fresno Fair, Holy Trinity's food bazaar, First Armenian Presbyterian Church's merchant lunch and Table Mountain Casino. The annual Christmas shopping field trip will be December 2 with a pizza lunch provided by Ani Guild. The final field trip will be lunch at Javier's Mexican Restaurant on Tuesday December 13.

The residents and their guests enjoy musical presentations at the Ani Hall. Larry and Andrea Belau performed a piano and wind concert on October 25. Violinist Matt Mazzi will perform, as a part of a string quartet, on November 19 at 2 p.m. On December 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sequoia Room, the Temperance-Kutner Elementary School students will entertain the residents with a choral presentation. On December 10, at 2 p.m. Violinist Matt Mazzi again will perform in the Ani Hall. The Ani Guild is very grateful to Roselle Peters for the organization that makes field trips and concerts possible.

On December 6 at 2 p.m. the residents will be having their annual Christmas and gift party. In addition to the traditional dessert and mezza buffet, Ani Guild member Helen Owens has made over 100 gifts, which will be handed out by Santa that day! We look forward to celebrating the Holiday season with our dear residents. Feel free to join us at our events!

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From the Administrator

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more so. The Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled to take place on December 7, 2016 at 6PM. This year's Christmas Tree Lighting will feature choral performances from the Fresno Adventist Academy and a performance by the Kingsburg High School Jazz band. Reception will follow in the Residential Dining Room, where a variety of refreshments will be available for the residents, families, and visitors. We hope you will come out and join us for this event.

Thank you everyone for your continued community support of the California Armenian Home. Your donations of financial gifts, items, and time mean so much to our residents and our staff. We couldn't continue to strive to provide the best care possible in the Fresno community without your help. On behalf of the California Armenian Home Board of Directors, we wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, an early Merry Christmas, and a holiday season full of joy and memory making times with your loved ones. God bless!

Activities Report

*by Angelica Rodriguez,
CAH Activities Coordinator*

For the month of August residents enjoyed and participated in a wide range of Events including: The Olympics opening ceremonies and piano and flute concert. September bus ride to wonder, Violinist Matt Mazzei performed in the Ani Hall and Fruit Social out in the Pergola. In the month of October residents attended lunch at Holy Trinity Church, Senior Day at the Fresno Fair, Concert in the hall, and trick-or-treat night. CAH look forward to the upcoming holidays.

The Activities Program at the CAH is designed to encourage attendance and provide a meaningful quality of life for all of our residents. All resident are provided with lots of encouragement. We look forward to the upcoming Holidays and promise to provide all residents with a meaningful quality of life.