



ARMENIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF OTTAWA

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NEWSLETTER: December 1997

President's Message

As each Sunday rolls by, the Hintonburg Community Center becomes more and more alive with the hustle and bustle of Armenians involved in a variety of activities.

The month of November got off to a roaring start with the reintroduction of Armenian language classes for our children, which now boasts over fifteen registered students. His Excellency Mr. Barkhudaryan, ambassador of Armenia in Canada and his wife Suzanne visited in mid-November. The ambassador made a tour of the basketball and language classes, and, over fifty members of the Armenian community had the opportunity to informally chat with him.

The Armenian dance classes proved to be an enormous success with a large number of participants partaking in what was a fun and at times comical exercise.

At the time of publishing this newsletter, we still await with great anticipation the book review by Professor Dora Sakayan, and, of course our annual Tavloo Championships.

As for the December activities, please take note of our schedule of events, which include an exhibit of the exquisite photographs of Hrair Khatcherian, an Armenian Christmas cooking demonstration and the annual Children's Christmas party complete with a visit by Santa himself!

Last but not least, please find enclosed your annual membership forms for the current season. I urge you to forward your dues as soon as possible in order that we may continue to revitalize our cultural association and offer our members the activities they so richly deserve.

THANK YOU for all your support and involvement, which makes our efforts all the more worthwhile. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact one of your executive members whose numbers are listed below.

Serge Kutukian

YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE

Serge Kutukian	829 - 2900	For general and administrative matters
Shake Hagopian	729 - 2288	For social events
Dany Zalal	236 - 4775	For youth activities and competitions
Hasmig Adjeleian	730 - 6873	For media and communications
Sona Jelekian	224 - 4935	For instructional and cultural activities

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALL:

January 17 1998 at Parliament Hill, West Block, Rm. 200. Cocktails 7 pm, Dinner 8pm catered by Dave Smith, and, featuring "*The Armenian Band*" !! Dining..Dancing..and more... Seating is limited so reserve early to avoid disappointment. For more information / ticket reservation call Shake Hagopian at 729-2288.

SUNDAY DEC 14TH

Come experience the magic of Hrair Hawk Khatcherian's photographs, and browse through his recent book "*Artsakh*". Hrair will be available to autograph copies of his book, and discuss his photographs.

SUNDAY DEC. 21ST

HO HO HO . . . It's the annual **Children's Christmas Party**. Santa will be making a special appearance with presents for all. This event is cosponsored by the Armenian Relief Society.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| December 7 | 11:00 Armenian Christmas Cooking Demonstration
11:00 Armenian Language classes
11:00 Youth and Senior Basketball |
| December 9 | 17:00 Taping for the Armenian Cultural Television Show at Rogers Cable TV, 475 Richmond Road. Please contact Hasmig Adjeleian for events you would like announced. |
| December 14 | 11:00 Hrair Hawk Khatcherian from Montreal will be presenting his photographs and talking about his recent published book " <i>Artsakh</i> "
11:00 Armenian Language classes
11:00 Youth and Senior Basketball
16:00 "Armenian Cultural Program" airs on Rogers Cable 22 |
| December 18 | 18:00 "Armenian Cultural Program" airs on Rogers cable 22. |
| December 21 | 11:00 Armenian Children's Christmas Party
11:00 Youth and Seniors Basketball |

All activities take place at Hintonburg Community Center, 1064 Wellington Street