



## ***NEWSLETTER*** Tuesday, January 2, 2001

### **1) Best wishes for the Season:**

The ACAO Executive Committee wishes to extend its best wishes to all members their families and friends for the New Year and Christmas.

### **2) 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Armenian Christmas Ball, Saturday January 20, 2001 :**

Your Association has organised this year its traditional Christmas Ball. We will also mark this 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association by recognising outstanding community service for present and past volunteers with this Association. We welcome nominations and suggestions.

The Ball promises to be very enjoyable and we will make it an opportunity to meet the Community in a loving, happy atmosphere. We have booked the “Gumri” Band from Montreal, and the “Sala San Marco” (215 Preston Street, Ottawa) with their traditional Christmas meal and wine on the table. Tickets have been priced the same as last year, at cost to us, with the intention to allow everyone in the Community to participate (we will not be making any money on the ticket sales, but will encourage donors to make tax-deductible donations to the Association on this occasion, by donating prizes for the raffle and sponsoring the event). Ticket prices are: \$ 50 for adults, \$ 25 for students, and \$ 15 for children under 12 who will get a special children’s menu. Tickets are available from the following:

Bell Pharmacy: 737 Gladstone Avenue. Phone 234 1890  
Annie Demirjian: Phone: 819 777 8915 annie.demirjian@cac.gc.ca  
Karen Akopian: Phone: 737 5190 akopian@sympatico.ca  
Daniel Stepanian: Phone: 225 9349 taniel@sprint.ca  
Lara Tcholakian: Phone: 2332339 laratcholakian@hotmail.com  
Antoine Terjanian: Phone 748-0676 antoine\_terjanian@dmr.ca

Although this has been a family affair, and children are welcome, we wish to encourage singles to join us. We will seat any single person (if they so desire), on a table **with other singles**.

### **3) School and Hintonburg Center opening days:**

The childrens’ Armenian school is open and runs on the following Sundays at the Hintonburg Community Centre (1064 Wellington) from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. : January 14 and 28; February 4, 11, 18 and 25; March 4 and 25; April 1, 22 and 29; May 6, 13, 20 and 27; June 3, 10 and 17.

All age **children** are welcome. For further information, please call Kohar at 745-4524.

Note: Thanks to your membership donations we have paid rent for the Centre from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m for these Sundays, and everyone is welcome to join, play some card or tavlu game and/or participate in any impromptu activities that are only advertised via the internet by email.

### **4) TV Program: “Armenian Culture”:**

The ACAO’s half-hour program airs on Rogers' Cablevision Channel 22 on the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. and repeats the following Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Taping for the show can take place almost anytime, however, specific studio time is booked for the Tuesday prior to the airing of the show. Hasmig is actively encouraging members who wish to gain experience and qualifications

in TV production, or have an idea they've always wanted to see put on television to come and join her where they can get experience and perhaps participate as 'Community Producers' in the future. Rogers' TV provides technical training for free. Please email: [hasmig@magma.ca](mailto:hasmig@magma.ca) or call: 730-6873.

The schedule for the first part of 2001 is:

**SUNDAY 11:00 AM**

JANUARY 07  
FEBRUARY 04  
MARCH 04  
APRIL 01  
MAY 06  
JUNE 03

**THURSDAY 6:00PM**

JANUARY 11  
FEBRUARY 08  
MARCH 08  
APRIL 05  
MAY 10  
JUNE 07

**5) Please mark on your calendar these forthcoming Armenian activities in Ottawa:**

We have decided that in general, our activities will be free or designed to just break even on average. We will count on the generosity of our donors to make tax-deductible donations to cover the cost of the activities that they find worthy of their support for the benefit of the Community as a whole.

We wish to be responsive to Community needs and specially those of our youth. We encourage suggestions. Aside from **impromptu activities**, broadcast by email only or possibly by phone, note:

Badarak, St. Mesrob Church, 1606 Fisher Ave. (corner Normandy), Sunday January 7, at 4:30 p.m.

Armenian movies Seminar and presentation of new book: "Les femmes arméniennes de la région du Grand Montréal: portrait socio-économique et professionnel" (date to be determined); Sale of Shirinian book (see attached appeal by Lara Tcholakian)...

We have also been asked to build on the modifications proposed last year to our **constitution**. Please contact any member of the new executive to voice your comments on these and any other initiative.

**6) Where does your donation money go:**

We have adopted this year again an 'Open Books Policy' for the ACAO. Every Sunday at Hintonburg Community Centre, the detailed itemised account of receipts and expenses is printed out and displayed for all to examine, to verify and ask for corrections if need be. We are also offering to send by email a copy of this up-to-date account statement to any member who does not come to the Community Centre but wishes to view it. We believe that this openness will increase the trust of the Community in the Association's Executive's transparency. We have pledged to price all Community activities at cost so as to encourage maximum participation, in other words we will not over-price items we sell to make money for the Association. Those who have a good enough income to donate money to the Association against a tax-deductible receipt are encouraged to do so. These donations, together with membership dues will go towards paying the rent for the Community Centre and help pay for the ACAO's other charitable activities : allow the less fortunate amongst us to participate, invited speakers expenses, Sunday school and TV program expenses, and perhaps initiate some small charitable project, with Ottawa Community participation, in Armenia.

If you wish to receive this Newsletter and other Armenian news of local importance faster, by email, please email [antoine\\_terjanian@dmr.ca](mailto:antoine_terjanian@dmr.ca) to be added on the Ottawa email list.

Please bring donations in person to the Hintonburg Community Centre for immediate tax-deductible receipts or mail your cheque to: A.C.A.O. P.O BOX 23153 Ottawa Ontario K2A 4E2