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Armenian Cultural Association of Ottawa
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NEWSLETTER

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1) New Executive:

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The Executive wishes to stress that we will continue to cooperate with other groups involved in Armenian cultural and charitable activities and with the Embassy of Armenia. We further wish to encourage all members and Armenians of our region to continue to take responsibility for cultural activities here with our promise to support them, and if we may, act as a catalyst. Basically, if one, or a group of you, has an idea for an activity or any initiative that subscribes to the ACAO's objectives, you are welcome to do it with the ACAO's support and facilities and with support from the Executive. The ACAO Executive Committee wishes to extend its best wishes to all members their families and friends for the New Year and Christmas.

2) School:

Kohar Kozanian, Anna Dokmajian and Vanda Saghdejian have volunteered to run our Armenian school as in the past. The school runs every Sunday at the Hintonburg Community Centre (1064 Wellington) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All age children are welcome. For further information, please call Kohar at 745-4524, Wanda at 834-4672 or Anna at 731-9623.

3) TV Program: "Armenian Culture":

Interested in volunteering for your community??? Interested in a challenging venue where you can access on the job training, and pick up new skills?...

Our community producer for the Armenian Cultural Television Program, Hasmig Adjeleian, continues to scour the Armenian community for talent and interest in helping out with this program. If you wish to gain experience and qualifications in TV production, or have an idea to see on TV. Rogers' TV provides technical training for free. Please email: hasmig@magma.ca or call: 730-6873.

4) Membership drive:

The Association works on the basis of membership dues. We have reserved and paid for rental of the facilities and school at the Hintonburg Community Centre till Dec. 16,2001 but welcome suggestions for alternative locations. We have maintained the membership donation level as in the past to \$ 40 per household and \$ 20 for students. Please mail your membership donation made to the ACAO: P.O BOX 23153 Ottawa Ontario K2A 4E2, or bring them in person on Sunday at the Hintonburg Centre for an immediate tax-deductible receipt. If you wish to receive this Newsletter and other Armenian news of local importance faster, by email, please email antoine_terjanian@dmr.ca to be added on the Ottahye email list.

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

- Annual Christmas Ball ? Sat. Jan 12, 2002 Again, 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, which you will hear about by email or telephone if possible, ACAO is collaborating this year with the St-Mesrob Church for our joint Annual Christmas Barahantess. The Barahantess (Armenian Ball) will take place at the same place as last year (Sala San Marco on Preston Street in Ottawa), on Saturday January 12, 2002. The Armenian Band from Montreal (Gumri) will play again for us, and the same food and format as last year will be used". Tickets are also the same price as last year (Adults:\$ 50, Students: \$25, Children under 12: \$15) and are available from Bell Pharmacy on 727 Gladstone ave. (613-234-1890) or Antoine Terjanian (748-0676) or Sonya Balabanian (829-0936), or Nina Ashekian (829-0710) or Hagop Dokamajian (731-9623) or Dany Zalal (236-4775), Nairi Bostanian (226-2797). Note: the deadline for purchasing your ticket is Sunday January 6,2002. We notify Sala San Marco on Monday.
- Srpazan H.E. Hovnan Dederian will celebrate Christmas Mass the next Day, Sunday January 13th at St Marks Anglican Church (Fisher and Normandy). The divine liturgy starts at 4:30 and treats will be served after the ceremony. All are welcome.
- Armenian movies, dinners (restart February 7) and other cultural activities (date and place to be determined).

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TELEPHONE: (....)

FAX(?....)

Your Email (if you are not yet on the Ottahye list):
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Enclosed Cheque: \$40 for household or \$20 for student or no cheque.