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TCA ARSHAG DICKRANIAN ARMENIAN SCHOOL
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TCA Arshag Dickranian School's 28th Annual PTO Dance Raises \$30,000

(Los Angeles, April 3, 2009) - The TCA Arshag Dickranian School held its 28th Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the school's plush Walter and Laurel Karabian Hall.

The traditional event, which was sponsored by the school Board of Trustees and organized by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), was well attended by close to 300 administrators, parents, students, faculty members, alumni, friends and guests.

The evening was emceed by alumnus Lusine Nalchadjian (Class of 2005), who gave her introductory remarks about the purpose of the event and the diligent work done by its organizing committee. She then invited Father Manoug Markarian, Parish priest of St. John-Garabed Church to lead the invocation.

During dinner served by Marquis Catering, PTO Chairlady Ophelia Garibyan took the podium to welcome the guests and give her brief report on what her committee had accomplished since taking office, and what had yet to come.

She then called on her colleagues to stand up and be recognized.

Principal Vartkes Kourouyan reiterated on the vital support that the PTO has granted towards the improvement of the school in the academic and extra-curricular fields. He then acknowledged the presence of Mrs. Rozig Der Sarkissian, Mr. Harry Meneshian, Mr. Edward Lafian, Mrs. Angine Garibyan, Mrs. Shoghig Kandralian and Mrs. Arsho Shaklian, all past chairpersons of the PTO.

DJ Music was provided by ADS alumnus Arthur Garibyan, as guest singer Harout

Balian entertained the evening with his vocal renditions. "It is a rare sight and quite enjoyable to see parents, students, alumni, faculty members and guests all sharing the dance floor and joining at the Armenian circle dances," remarked Mrs. Taline Avakian, a visitor from Switzerland attending the banquet.

PTO vice chairlady Houri Kourouyan conducted the fundraising. A surprise gift came from the members of Student Council, who called on Mr. George K.

Mandossian, Chairman of the School Board of Trustees, and handed a \$5000 donation check.

Founded in 1981, The TCA Arshag Dickranian Armenian School is a Pre-K through grade 12 co-educational facility which serves the Armenian community at large.

It is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and has federal tax exemption status. Visit <http://www.dickranianschool.org> for more information.