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TCA Arshag Dickranian Armenian School

On Friday, March 22nd, Guests, parents, teachers, students and supporters of TCA Arshag Dickranian School gathered at the Walter and Laurel Karabian Hall to celebrate the school's 32nd Annual Dinner Dance, organized by the Parent-Teacher Organization. The theme of the evening was "Greek Night" offering Greek food catered by Kitchen X and the Hellenic tunes of Ellas Entertainment Company and DJ Chris.

The event was sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Ara and Julia Aghishian. Mr. Aghishian, a prominent attorney, was a former member of the Board of Trustees of TCA Arshag Dickranian School. He currently serves as the president of Armenia Fund Inc., U.S. Western Region. Mrs. Aghishian is a volunteer teacher at Dickranian School and teaches elementary and high school grade levels.

ADS Celebrates Its 32nd Annual Dinner Dance Over \$25,000 Raised To Support The School



Among the guests attending the event were the Rev. Archpriest Manoug Markarian, school benefactress Mrs. Laurel Karabian, retired California Supreme Court Justice Judge the Honorable Armand Arabian and his wife Nancy, Mr. Albert Boyajian, who is a philanthropist and member of the International Board of Trustees & Hayastan All Armenian Fund and his wife Tove. The special guests and representatives of various organizations were aptly recognized by Dr. Yeranossian.



The MC of the event was school alumna and 3rd

grade teacher Mrs. Violet Tatoian. Fr. Manoug Markarian gave the invocation and messages were given by PTO Chairperson Mrs. Armine Gasparyan, Principal Dr. Maral Yeranossian and banquet sponsor Mr. Ara Aghishian, Esq.

Mr. Aghishian presented his remarks in fluent Armenian. "I have seen the school grow in size and I am proud to see our graduates' accomplishments and successes, but there is a lot more to be done for which we need the community's financial support to keep up with the advances in educational technology." Said Mr. Aghishian, adding that assisting to all other organizations is essential as well, but assisting an educational institution is far more important to prepare better Armenian-Americans in the Diaspora.

Over the years, the PTO has been instrumental in holding various educational and social functions and, most importantly, organizes the annual ban-

quets, all for the sole purpose of upholding the wel-



fare and educational mission of Arshag Dickranian School.

The traditional take home memento of the event was the special booklet printed for the occasion, which contained the greetings of the chairman of the Board of Trustees as well as the congratulatory remarks of sister-chapters and supporters.

Finally, young and old filled the dance floor stepping and swaying to the lively music of the DJ till the wee hours of the morning.

"Girls' Night" Sr. Student Fundraiser, March 14

Senior girls of TCA Arshag Dickranian School hosted a "Girls' Night" event on March 14 at the Walter & Laurel Karabian Hall during the last period, under the supervision of the resource room teacher Ms. Noushig Gilabouchian. The purpose of the event was to raise funds to cover expenses associated with the organization for the upcoming drama "Almost Maine" by John Cariani, which will take place May 16-19. Girls ranging from Kindergarten through 9th grade gathered in their pajamas at

the hall which was converted into a cinema to watch the movie "The Little Mermaid" and to enjoy snacks such as pizza, cookies and milk. Next, the girls had their hair and nails done by students from 9th and 12th grades along with Ms. Noushig Gilabouchian.

They enjoyed the fun colors, styles and glamour that came out of that activity. The girls then played music chairs and a pajama contest took place and prizes were given out to winners. During the event,

students also celebrated 5th grade student Victoria Topalian's birthday with deliciously flavored cupcakes brought by her mother and 3rd grade teacher Ms. Violet Taioian.

The fundraiser event was successful and fun for its attendants. We wish the students involved in the preparation for the upcoming drama good luck and we look forward to attending it!

Science - 12th Annual Science Olympiad, March 10

On March 10, our students participated in the 12th Annual Science Olympiad organized by The Armenian Engineers and Scientists of



America. The AESA Science Olympiad is open to all Armenian heritage students throughout the United States. Our students competed at national level with 14 science projects and reeled in three awards this year.

Ninth grader Lilit Shishikyan won 3rd place in the Life Science Category, an extraordinary and commendable achievement through her innovative project which involved experimenting on mosquito ring tones and how these tones sounded to different age groups.

Honorable mentions in the Physics Category went to 11th graders Arthur Mazlounian, Nerses Bogosyan,

Hakop Mkhsian and David Ivazov for their project on Induction Launch System.



Another honorable mention was awarded to 10th graders Kozetta Gyurdzhyan, Mary Bagdasaryan and Nairi Baghdasarian in the Life Science Category for their experiment in discovering the best mummifying mixture.



Pre-K & Kindergarten Prepare for Easter, March 21

In preparation for Easter, the Pre-K and Kindergarten students engaged in egg painting on March 21. The Kindergarten students then participated in an Easter Egg-Hunt in their playground, which stimulated the children's energy and created enthusiasm to win the hunt. The students also decorated their classrooms with Easter artwork which included paintings of eggs, bunnies and little chicks. These activities left the students excited for Easter.



New Website, March 21

TCA Arshag Dickranian School launched its new website on March 21. The new website has a modern look to it, is much more interactive and has a personable feel to it. It provides information about the school utilizing text and video. It gives detailed data about programs offered at the school, the ability to download forms and an updated student handbook. Moreover, teachers have been granted their own personal pages where they talk about their educational background and goals as well as post homework. Readers are urged to check the new website at www.dickranianschool.org.

Visitors

Mr. Bedros Piandarian, a former member of the TCA Board of Directors, visited the school on Thursday, March 14, to meet his old friends, namely Board Chairman Mr. George K. Mandossian and Vice Chairman Mr. Parsegh Kartalian. While visiting the school, Mr. Piandarian also got the opportunity to meet Dr. Maral Yeranossian and get acquainted with the new programs introduced at ADS since her tenure of office as principal.



Ms. Sara Cohan, Director of The Genocide Education Project which is centered in San Francisco, visited the school accompanied by Board Chairman Mr. George K. Mandossian, on Friday, March 15. Cohan spent her hour long visitation meeting



with Dr. Maral Yeranossian explaining her line of work and discussing the prospects of promoting the Genocide Education Program at Dickranian School. She also took time to visit several classrooms and have lunch at the Walter & Laurel Karabian Hall with members of faculty.

8th & 9th Graders Create Calendars

This month the 8th and 9th grade students were asked to create a 12 month poetry calendar for 2013 by their English teacher Mr. Pascal Nittis. The students were asked to choose a theme of their own for their calendars such as nature, sports or love. They were asked to include a cover page illustrating that theme and poetry related to it as well, six of which written by students and six other poems published in poetry anthologies. The students enjoyed this project because it gave them the opportunity to choose topics that interested them which stimulated their imagination and allowed them to produce creative calendars.

Announcements

Registration and Scholarship Application Deadlines

Please take note that registration for the next academic year started on April 1st and will continue till April 30th. Scholarship/ tuition reduction application requests must be filed by May 1.

Armenian Genocide Commemoration

On the eve of the 23rd, a candle lighting ceremony will take place at 7:30pm at The Walter & Laurel Karabian Hall in remembrance of the school's founder Mr. Arshag Dickranian. The school will be closed on Wednesday, April 24, in observance of the day marking the Armenian Genocide. Students from 8th through 12th grade levels will visit the Armenian Genocide Monument in Montebello with flowers and candles in commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on that day.

Mother's Day Fashion Show & Tea Party

The PTO will be hosting a fashion show and tea party in celebration of Mother's Day on May 5. More details to come! Keep an eye on the school calendar, emails and press releases!

Upcoming Tests

AP tests will start on May 1 and will go on till May 10.

SAT II tests will take place on May 4.

The Stanford test will start on May 13 and go on till May 17.

Drama

The seniors will perform "Almost Maine" by John Cariani starting on May 16 till May 19.

Senior Affairs

Grad Night will take place on May 22 and the Graduation Ball will be held on May 24.
