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# ararat alumni club journal

## NEWS...

The Alumni Club's first gathering took place on 10/19/08 at Ararat Center. We were very pleased that more than fifty members and non members participated in this event. The goal of this event was to provide information about our chapter's north campus, programs division's future activities and more importantly to provide an opportunity to reconnect with old friends. It was an exciting event and the organizers walked away feeling that this was an evening many alumni had long been waiting for. Our second gathering took place on November 9, 2008. This event was organized for basketball division's alumni and was met with great enthusiasm. Once again we were pleased to see over 125 alumni and friends attend this event.

## TRIVIA CAFÉ...

*Q. What problem did Leonardo da Vinci, Winston Churchill, Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison and General George Patton have in common?*



*A. They were all dyslexic*

## ACHIEVEMENTS...

This year Ararat Rhythmic Gymnastics team's hard work and dedication soared to new heights. After qualifying at the regional meet in Thousand Oaks, California, two of our gymnasts, Natalie Keleshian and Ella Mokhtarians competed at the Junior Olympics in Columbus, Ohio. We congratulate our team and their coach, Ovsana Mkhchian and wish them a brighter future.



## UPCOMING EVENTS...

- \*General Athletic Night  
May 30, 2009 at Ararat Center
  - \*Ararat Family Camp  
July 10-12, 2009  
Homenetmen Camp Tecuya - Frazier Park
- For information contact 323-256-2564**

Our mission is to create a network of former and present Ararat members, explore and promote common interests, as well as build a support foundation for Chapter's growth and longevity

Please pass this newsletter along to your friends and other alumni members and encourage them to join Ararat Alumni Club.

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# Where are they now?



## Hovik Mahdassian

Hovik was born in 1951 in Tehran, Iran. In 1966, at the age of 15, he joined Iran's Ararat Scouting and Athletic Organization and became an active member of the basketball, table tennis, and swimming divisions. For nearly twenty years he participated and volunteered in his divisions' tournaments and activities.

In 1987 Hovik moved to the United States and joined Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter where he actively participated in basketball and soccer divisions as a coach for twelve years. During these 12 years he was also a member of the basketball division as well as the executive board. His children Armen, Ara and Areni have been members of Ararat for many years.

Hovik was known for not playing his kids without high grades on their report cards and because of this a great number of them have completed their higher education

they have made us proud...

## Shakeh Petrosian

Shakeh joined Iran's Ararat Scouting and Athletic Organization in 1968. She began her activities as an Arenoush and later joined the Arvestiz (art) division. She joined Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter in 1989 and became active in the Yeridasardakan bajanmouk (youth club). In 1990 Shakeh became Youth Club's director.

Shakeh was married in 1993 and is blessed with two wonderful children. Her son Daron is a member of our basketball division and her daughter Mine' is a future member.

