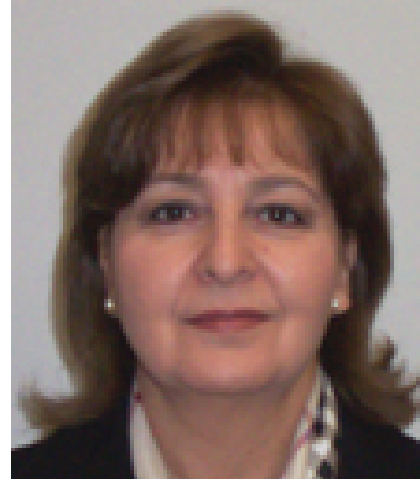


Moneh (Monique) Der Grigorian

Moneh Der Grigorian was born on 14th July, 1949 in Tehran, Iran to Seda and Harmik Hovnanians.

After graduating from Noobar and Mariamian Armenian schools she married her longtime “Araratakan” friend Baghdik Der Grigorian and traveled to England to continue her education. Upon graduation she received her BA degree in Humanities. In 1984, after the Iranian Islamic Revolution, together with her two daughters Talinn and Mineh, she resided in Paris, France where she attended Sorbonne University of Paris and obtained her Master of Art degree in English Literature.



In 1987, together with her entire family, she immigrated to the United States and settled in La Canada-Flintridge, California.

From very young age Moneh has participated in a variety of cultural and athletic activities. For more than 14 years she has studied ballet and classical piano.

Community work has been one of her most important passions. From early age of seven she has joined the Girl Scouts, first at her school and later on at Armenian Cultural Ararat Organization (ACAO) of Iran. She has been a devoted scout elevating herself to the rank of Scout Master. She has participated in basketball practices of ACAO and has been a member of that team which has ranked first in National Championship Tournaments of Iran. She has also been a swimmer and has gained a few first places in Iranian National Swimming Championships.

In later years she has served as committee member of Athletic and Alumni Sections. She has also worked in the editorial board of Ararat’s organ “Deghegato” and as head of the educational committee. During the difficult days following the Iranian Revolution she has been an effective member of the Executive Committee of Ararat Stadium.

In Paris she has joined Homenetmen France and upon immigrating to California she has transferred her membership to Homenetmen Glendale “Ararat” Chapter. Here she has accepted different responsibilities. She has been a committee member of the Athletic and the Fund Raising Departments, editor of Ararat’s “Hayasa” page and a founding member of the Cultural Committee, which later has changed to the Cultural Department.

Moneh has been a board member of Glendale “Ararat” Chapter’s Executive Committee for five terms. Since 2004 she has been elected as a board member of Homenetmen Western USA Regional Executive Committee.

In 1980, for the first time, she traveled to Armenia. This visit had a deep effect on her spirit and inspired an everlasting affection for her Motherland, which has strengthened further during her consecutive visits. She travels to her beloved Armenia regularly and intends, upon retirement, to devote more time and get more closely involved in supporting Armenia.