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Dear Friends,  The concept of Donor Drive Program came to realization at 2015 with the approval of the Chapter Board and with the he Committee. This approach was established to accomplish the and productive fundraising results with the least possible ex many generous individuals like you have responded to the Deprogram. As a result, we are pleased to announce that our esuccessful. With the completion of this "Appreciation Bookle our warm gratitude to each and every one of you for answer Your donations have made a tremendous impact on our prohelped us continue a positive course for our youth.  We are certain that the Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chaprogram will receive your further generosity and support, in our mission in the preparation of productive, engaged citizer future leaders.
We wish continued success for the 2016 Donor Drive Comn





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nittee and look forward to seeing further growth of this unique and important organization.

Sincerely,

Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter 2015 Donor Drive Committee



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## SCOUTING

Homenetmen Glendale Ararat's Scouting Division has played an active role in our community since the founding of the chapter in 1978. Boys and girls, ranging from 6 to 25 years of age make up our scouting ranks, they are supported by parents and scout alumni.

Since the inception of our chapter, the scouting division has spearheaded programs and activities for the youth and prepared young adults to be leaders and exemplary citizens of our community. Each year, our troop leaders plan and implement programs for their scouts. Activities range from overnight camping and backpacking trips, hiking, sports, archery to various cultural community events, museum visits, as well as CPR/First Aid certification programs and BSA Eagle Scout and Wood Badge certifications.



















#### BASKETBALL

In 2015, with 999 players (311 girls and 688 boys) Ararat continued to be the largest basketball club in the US.

The basketball division was comprised of 48 teams, 10 girls teams and 38 boys. Ararat competed in tournaments throughout the state, with teams traveling to Orange County, Fresno, San Diego, and San Francisco to face other Homenetmen chapters, Ararat also hosted the Homenetmen Ararat Basketball Championship (HABC).

The basketball division participated in the 40th Navasartian games where it won the overall basketball competition. Sixty-six teams (18 girls and 48 boys) competed in the tournament. To commemorate the centennial of the Armenian genocide, the basketball division organized the Justice Tournament, inviting non-Homenetmen teams to a weekend of games. The players and their families were given a brief history of the genocide and all went home with a commemorative T-shirt. The Glendale Friendship Games took place in October and brought together teams from the Glendale Police Department, the City of Glendale Public Works and the Adventist Hospital Physicians, along with an Ararat team. On November 14, our annual Basketball Night attracted close to 600 parents, members and supporters, helping us meet the division's budget.







Basketball Event Trophy













#### GENERAL ATHLETICS

**Soccer -** Our chapter counts a total of 188 young soccer players who practice on a weekly basis under the supervision of 12 coaches. Our chapter participated in the City of Pasadena Villa Park league with three teams, Soccer Night took place on June 3rd: 250 guests attended and enjoyed a great event, all in support of our soccer program. Ararat also participated in the 40th Navasartian Games with 12 teams. Ararat players represented the city of Glendale/Montrose in the Pan Armenian games held in Yerevan in August. Our A (Open) division team participated in a friendly game against Glendale Police Department's Soccer team at the Glendale Sports Complex as part of the Chapter's Annual Glendale Friendship Games. We also organized a game to honor the memory of Levon Thomas with participation of 44 Homenetmen and AYSO players on September 23, 2015. We held our 2nd Annual Tournament (HASC) in November and December with 17 teams from Shant Chapter. AYSO-Glendale and Ararat. This tournament creates excitement & new friendships among players. We started our New Ararat Premier program in October of 2015. This program will cater to players with higher skills, who tend to leave our program to join local clubs in order to receive advanced training and play in a more competitive environment.

**Volleyball** - We are excited to announce that in 2015, the chapter's Women's Volleyball division has seen tremendous growth, our ranks number 85 players, ranging from 12 to 40 years of age. Excellent coaching and parent involvement are the main reasons behind our success. 2015 activities included participation in UCLA and USC women's games, as well as movie night and a pool party to encourage team bonding. Our teams also participated in the Navasartian and Kaham games.

**Table Tennis** - At Homenetmen Ararat Table Tennis Center we are committed to the development of the Table Tennis programs & services to facilitate the growth of the sport in our community. Our portfolio of programs include youth, ladies and men's ping pong training, USATT sanctioned and non-sanctioned tournaments and family fun and social community events. In 2015 we participated in various tournaments including Glendale Friendship Games, Navasartian, KAHAM, LATTF team league and international Pan Armenian Games. We currently have over 60 members, ranging in age from 8 – 75 years old coached by two young, skilled and energetic coaches. We also recently partnered with the Glendale Adventist Health in providing doctors with free ping pong practice sessions. We are also inviting community school kids to compete with our kids for friendly youth tournaments.

**Tennis -** In 2015 Ararat the tennis program had a total of 31 participants in 4 different classes with 3 different coaches. The program is poised to grow to 50 participants. These classes are held at Burbank Tennis Center and Montrose Park at beginner and intermediate levels highlighting the players each year at the Annual Tennis tournament.



















#### PROGRAMS

CULTURAL

Established in 2004, the purpose of the Programs Division is to undertake the chapter's non-division-specific tasks. Below are highlights of some of our programs: Summer Day Camp - This program spans six to eight weeks every summer and engages 50-80 kids and several counselors each week.

Community Service - The division organized and participated in a few community events, such as the Glendale City 10K hike/run. Glendale Chamber of Commerce bike/run. Armenian Bone Marrow Registry run/walk, to name a few.

Matching Funds/Community Service Grants - Each year a number of chapter members and friends apply for these funds through their corporate employers, to match the amounts spent or donated by these members to the chapter. Steps are being taken to expand this beneficial program throughout the Chapter.

Alumni - In recent years, activities to engage the chapter's past members and secure their interest and participation have been planned. Since 2014, through different events, members of the younger generation are working closely with the Programs Division board to bring new expertise and energy to the Division.

Seminars - On a regular basis, seminars are being held at the Chapter center, averaging 20 participants per session.

Scholarships - The Scholarship program has been ongoing for 15 years at Ararat Chapter. In 2015 two different scholarship packages were offered: "Ararat to Ararat" and "Chraghchian". Five scholarships of \$1000 were granted to undergraduate award winners and six grants of \$2000 each to high-school graduates.





The Division commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide with the 2nd Annual "Red Poppy" event. The 3 day forum took place April 9-11 at the chapter's main campus with over 600 attendees. it included a map showing the systematic annihilation of Armenians by the Ottoman Turks. The event had guest speakers from the City of Glendale. the American-Armenian Museum Foundation, assembly member Mike Gatto and Los Angeles Councilman Mitch O'Farrel, it also featured a special video message from Representative Adam Schiff. For the first time, the entire event was televised on ARTN Channel as well as YouTube.











## TRUSTEES

This division divided its activities into Events and Non Events. **Event Committee -** This committee organized several successful events and activities during the year. A trip to Las Vegas, Mother's Day celebration, Easter Festival, Navasartian Booth, Poker Tournament, 37th Chapter Anniversary festivities, and the Ararat Car Rally were all possible with the help of our dedicated trustees.

**Donor Drive** - This new committee started its campaign by mailing out packages to past sponsors. They continued the fundraising effort by introducing the Donor Drive on social media and YouTube. The names of the generous individuals who supported this new program were displayed on posters during several occasions throughout the year. The Donor Tree was installed by the end of the year to further appreciate and exhibit the donors' benevolent help and suppport.

**Book Club** - Ten years ago the "Ararat Book Club" was formed. The mission is to entice people to rediscover the joys of reading and have lively disussions with other readers. Every month a book is chosen by a member, and on the first Thursday of the month, the members discuss the book. Over the past 10 years, 100 books hve been read and discussed, and many beautiful friendships have been formed. Today the Ararat Book Club has 20 members. The books chosen are as diverse as the members are and as has been noted, "...that is the beauty of a book club."

















# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- · Genocide March
- Pan Armenian games
- Donor Drive
- Hamlet Chraghchian's Room dedication
- North Campus dedication
- D-League
- Sanctioned Table Tennis Tournament
- Community Services
- Flag ceremony for external events
- Participation in Tournaments

























# 2015 CHAPTER EXECUTIVE and Committee DONOR DRIVE

Committee



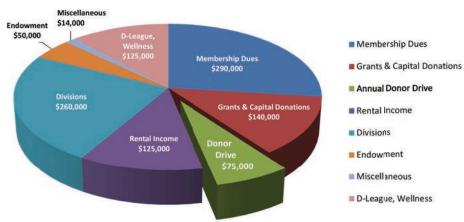
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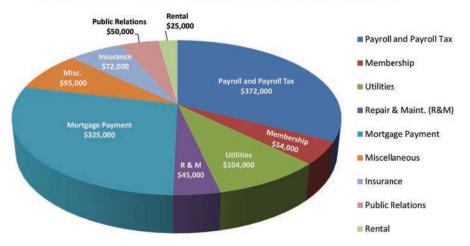
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#### FINANCIAL GRAPH

#### Homenetmen Ararat Forecasted Annual Revenue (2016)



#### Homenetmen Ararat Projected Annual Expenses (2016)



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