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We Reflect Back on a Year Since the War

On September 27, 2020, the Armenian world experienced a rude awakening about the national security of our homeland. Since that fateful day, the people of Armenia and Artsakh have had much to overcome. AGBU reflects back on the vast work executed with the support of the broad community and recognizes the profound sense of Armenian solidarity in times of crisis. We thank all the donors, volunteers, supporters, partners, and friends across the Diaspora. Learn more here.



AGBU Hye Geen Opens its 6th Center in Stepanakert

Women and pregnant women in Artsakh are facing many challenges such as a sharp increase in the number of newborn abnormalities and deaths, abortions, abandonment of newborns, and financial and social hardship as a result of the 2020 War.

The AGBU Hye Geen Committee voted to respond to this emergency situation with the help of Minister Artak Beklaryan and other partners in Yerevan. We are proud to announce that Hye Geen has opened their 6th Center for Pregnant Women in the Children's Hospital of Stepanakert, Artsakh. Please join their efforts to help by clicking here.

Click <u>here</u> to read more about this initiative.



AGBU Athletics in Full Swing

The AGBU Pasadena Glendale and San Fernando Valley Athletics programs are back in session – and high in demand. The programs provide a variety of sports, including basketball, volleyball, chess and soccer for boys and girls of all ages, and adults – prompting participants to never forget the most important rule: have fun. Please email wdinfo@agbu.org or to each of the Athletic Coordinators to sign up and for more information on their schedule of offerings.



Reunited & it Feels So Good

AGBU AYA Glendale Pasadena Chapter Scouts and the AGBU AYA San Fernando Valley Chapter Scouts are back! Both groups had a very successful return with many new and familiar participants. Everyone jumped back into routine with badge work and group games. So many exciting things planned for this year by their leadership teams and we cannot wait to follow their journey.



It Takes a Village

AGBU is proud to be on the board of trustees for the Armenian American Museum. The groundbreaking news continues as State Senator, Anthony Portantino (25th District) announced that his request for \$1.8 million for the Armenian American Museum was approved by the Legislature. We look forward to the development of the museum and cultural center. Read more here.



Music Brings Us Closer

After a year of meeting on Zoom, a group of friends, including two of our incredible AGBU L.A. Choir members Lilia and Alexandra Yeralian, met in-person to play beautiful music together. There is nothing better than a group of friends who share the same love and passion for music. Enjoy their take on Ladaniva's arrangement of Bingyol here.



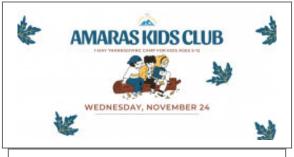
AGBU MDS Celebrates 30 Years of Armenia's Independence

The AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian Schools' 5th graders journeyed to Grand Hope Park to sing Armenia's National Anthem. To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Armenia's Independence, the government of Armenia is compiling video footage of young Armenian students around the world singing the anthem. This video was displayed in Republic Square in Armenia on the 21st of September.



Coming Together as a Community

The AGBU Pasadena Glendale Chapter hosted their second night of Bardez at the AGBU Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Center in Pasadena on Friday, September 24th! Community members, friends and family all joined for a night of fun and great food. Check it out for yourself and make sure to join us next time! See all of our upcoming events here.



Amaras Kids Club Offers a 1-Day Thanksgiving Camp

Introducing Amaras Kids Club! Amaras Kids Club begins with its first offering - a 1-day camp during the week of Thanksgiving. The camp embodies the essence of the Armenian language and alphabet, as introduced in the first school in the Amaras Monastery. Campers will engage in variety of hands-on activities, including a variety of arts & crafts, music, games and competitions, where they will experience the true meaning of Thanksgiving here at the AGBU Vatche & Tamar Manoukian Center in Pasadena. Campers will be provided breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Please email campamaras@agbu.org to enroll. We look forward to seeing your campers arrive in their favorite fall outfit. Click here to learn more here.



Become a Mentor

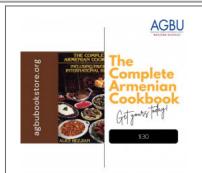
As an AGBU Gen Next Mentor, you will help your Mentee navigate the challenges of adolescence, excel in school, and provide them with a source of strength and encouragement. In turn, you will have the opportunity to become a positive role model, and get inspired as you make a significant impact on the life of a teenager. Apply here.



AGBU LA Dance School is Here!

AGBU LA Dance School has officially launched and enrollment is now open. The program offers Armenian and modern dance classes for children ages 5-18 at the AGBU Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Center in Pasadena. Dance classes are grouped by age and skill level of each individual student. The registration cycle is for 3 months of classes beginning October 18 - December 22, 2021.

Register today.



Get Ready for the Holidays with the AGBU Bookstore

The holidays are right around the corner, and the AGBU Bookstore has some of the best gift ideas- including The Complete Armenian Cookbook. The 280 plus page book includes family recipes spanning back 70-80 years, along with Bezjian's own creations and favorites from family and friends for over 40 years. Visit the bookstore here.

6th ANNUAL ARMENIAN FEST
11.19.21 - 11.21.21

HOSTED BY THE PASADENA-GLENDALE CHAPTER

Armenian Fest has moved to November 19-21 - make sure to SAVE THE DATE! We look forward to sharing all the details and daily schedules with you over the coming weeks! In the meantime, mark your calendars for 3 unforgettable days together at the AGBU Vatche & Tamar Manoukian Center in Pasadena. AGBU Events Near You Bardez at the AGBU Vatche & Tamar Manoukian Center Friday, October 15, 2021 7:00 PM View Amaras Kids Club: Thanksgiving 1-Day Camp Wednesday, November 24, 2021 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM View **Homepage** Donate to AGBU **Careers** AGBU Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Center 2495 E Mountain St Pasadena, CA 91104 **United States**