



The Manoogian Voice

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A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School

Curriculum Night

The all-school Curriculum Night was held on September 14, 2006. This was a great opportunity for students' families to see the materials their children will be learning throughout the course of the academic year.

The elementary, middle, and high school faculty and staff discussed courses with parents and presented subject material that will be covered throughout the school year.

The activity was a success, providing Manoogian families with an opportunity to be involved and grasp the educational course of action at the Manoogian School.

2006 Golf Day

On August 14, 2006, more than 250 golfers, volunteers, and community members participated in the Manoogian School's 34th Annual Golf Day hosted at the Detroit Golf Club. For the past 34 years, the Special Projects Group has organized and run this golf event to benefit the A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian Educational Fund.

Greeted by the smiling faces of Manoogian student volunteers, golf, tennis, and backgammon players at every level had a full day of enjoyment. During dinner, Mr. Richard Manoogian addressed the crowd, praising the hard work of the event organizers. He also acknowledged the participants and sponsors who continuously help perpetuate the dream of the Alex & Marie Manoogian Educational Fund.

On behalf of the Manoogian School administration, faculty, and staff, we would like to thank the 2006 Golf Day sponsors and the Special Projects Group for their involvement and support. It truly benefits the exemplary education the Manoogian School provides for its students.



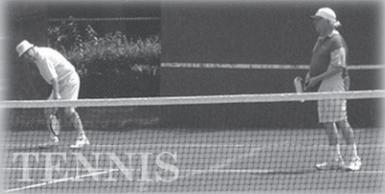
CARDS



GOLF



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TENNIS



REFRESHMENTS

Did you know...



ALEX MANOOGIAN – the generous philanthropist, Honorary Life President of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), and the Manoogian School's founder – passed away 10 years ago in July of 1996?

Manoogian Dance Troupe Dazzles Audience

At the invitation of the Farmington Hills Heritage Festival Committee, the Manoogian School participated in its festival at Costick Center on Sunday, September 17.

Under the supervision of dance instructor Mrs. Nayiri Karapetian, fifth- and eighth-graders performed their Armenian dances, infusing modern moves with traditional choreography. The audience members, charmed with the dance troupe's 30 talented students' irresistible spirit and enthusiasm, were excitedly clapping for the remarkable repertoire of Armenian dances.

The troupe was accompanied by the Manoogian School principals, Ms. Dyana Kezelian (elementary & middle school) and Dr. Hosep Torossian (high school).

College Night

On Tuesday, September 19, juniors, seniors, and their parents attended the first College Night at the Manoogian School. Dr. Hosep Torossian, High School Principal; Judy Kadri, High School Head Teacher; Joanna Holsinger, School Counselor; and Nicole Stojov, Admissions Counselor at Lawrence Technological University, presented information on financial aid, scholarships, high school graduation requirements, and the college application process. Vatche Bassmagian, a former Manoogian School student and current University of Michigan-Dearborn student, spoke about the transition from high school to college. Brochures from area schools and financial aid booklets were also given to students and parents.

Mrs. Kalfayan Appointed Elementary & Middle School Head Teacher

The Manoogian School Board of Trustees has appointed Mrs. Sona Kalfayan as Elementary & Middle School Head Teacher. Mrs. Kalfayan was born in Montreal, Quebec. She moved to Windsor, Ontario, in 1977, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Windsor. In 2003, Mrs. Kalfayan received her Master's degree in Administration from Wayne State University.



Mrs. Kalfayan is married, with two children – both of whom have attended Manoogian School since Pre-K. This is Mrs. Kalfayan's 18th year of teaching at Manoogian School. She taught third grade for five years, Pre-K for four years, and, including this year, has been teaching fifth grade for the past nine years.

We congratulate Mrs. Kalfayan, wishing her success in her new position.

Autumn Treat

On Friday, September 29, the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes took a field trip to the Erwin Apple Orchards & Cider Mill in South Lyon. The first activity of the day was a walk through Erwin's Spooky Barn, where plastic skeletons were dancing and gigantic, fake spiders were crawling on the walls. The group then went on a hayride to the apple orchard, where the children were able to pick Empire apples. After picking apples, the group went to the pumpkin patch and each child picked his or her own pumpkin. For the day's final activity, the children ate donuts and drank cider. All of the kids had a great time at the apple orchard!



INTRODUCING THE New Manoogian School Faculty Members



Mr. David Collins is the new high school math and physics teacher. Mr. Collins earned his bachelor's degree in Physics from the University of Michigan. After working in real estate for a few years, Mr. Collins returned to school and recently graduated from Eastern Michigan University with

a Secondary Teaching Certificate in Mathematics and Physics. In addition to his certifications, Mr. Collins is also a member of the National Physics Honor Society.



Mr. Kevin Kline is the new gym teacher and girls varsity basketball coach. Mr. Kline earned his bachelor's degree in Labor and Industrial Relations from Michigan State University. For more than 10 years, he worked in the field of Human Resources for General Electric and Ford Motor Company. Mr. Kline returned to school and recently graduated from

Madonna University with a Secondary Teaching Certificate in English and Sociology. Having coached and played numerous sports, Mr. Kline is happy to work with the students as a gym teacher and a coach. He is married, with two sons and a three-year-old daughter.



Miss Kristen Daguanno is the new Pre-K-3 teacher and elementary school librarian. Miss Daguanno received her Teaching Certificate and bachelor's degree in Language Arts from Oakland University in May 2006. She is looking forward to a fun-filled year at the Manoogian School.



Mrs. Sue Shmarak is the new Resource Room teacher. With more than 30 years of educational involvement, Mrs. Shmarak has worked extensively with special-needs students in both public and charter schools in the Metro Detroit area. She received her bachelor's degree in Education and M.Ed. in Special Education from

Wayne State University. In addition to her current teaching position, Mrs. Shmarak is serving on the board of directors at another local charter school. The proud grandmother of three, Mrs. Shmarak is anxiously awaiting the arrival of twins soon to be born to her son and daughter-in-law.



Mrs. Joanna Holsinger is the Manoogian School's new counselor. Mrs. Holsinger earned her bachelor's degree in Journalism from Central Michigan University. She also earned her Master's degree in Counseling, and received her School Guidance & Counseling License from Oakland University. Before

becoming a school counselor, Mrs. Holsinger worked as a copy editor for an advertising agency and publishing company.



Miss Karineh Toukhanian is the new second-grade teacher's assistant. She is a graduate of the Alex & Marie Manoogian School's class of 2000, and is very excited to be working with the school's second-graders. Miss Toukhanian is currently in the Education Program at Wayne State University.

MANOOGIAN Sports Update



Boys Varsity Soccer

The Manoogian School Boys Varsity Soccer team had its season cut short when four schools cancelled their soccer programs due to lack of participation. Eight games were initially scheduled, but the Manoogian School only played two games – both against Cesar Chavez Academy.

In the first game, Cesar Chavez Academy defeated the Manoogian School, 7-0. The team's effort paid off in the second game as the Manoogian School lost by only two goals, 2-0.

Upcoming Sports Season

Scheduling has been completed for girls volleyball and boys basketball games. Both teams will begin the winter sports season in November.

Girls Varsity Basketball

The Girls Varsity Basketball team got off to a rocky start by losing its first three games of the season. In the first game, the Manoogian School played tough, but Cesar Chavez Academy inched by with a one-point win, 18-17.

The girls' determination finally paid off in the fourth game as they defeated Star International Academy, 31-25. Head coach Kevin Kline said that everyone contributed to the team's first victory. With six games left to play in the season, Coach Kline is looking for continued effort from each member of his team.

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