



The Manoogian Voice

Southfield, Michigan

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

DIA Hosts Manoogian Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Manoogian hosted an exclusive recognition dinner held at the Detroit Institute of Arts on October 13.

During this occasion the administration of the Manoogian School expressed its deeply felt gratitude for the new modular addition to the school. The addition is solely for use by sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students. Richard Manoogian's Masco Corporation, as well as the Armenian Apostolic Society, were both key cogs in the school's expansion. On behalf of the school, Dr. Nadya Sarafian presented Manoogian with a specially designed scroll recognizing his contribution. The scroll included hand-painted Armenian decorative bird letters, done by Seroon Yeretzian.

The Special Projects Group, organizers of an annual August golf outing, was also recognized for its contributions to the school. Throughout the years, the golf outing, begun in 1973, has raised more than \$3 million.

During the reception, volunteers who have given their time, energy, and expertise to various community organizations, were honored as well.



Richard Manoogian poses with a scroll presented to him during a reception held at the DIA. The scroll states that through his generosity and commitment to the Manoogian School community, the vision and mission of his parents, Alex and Marie (who founded the school more than 30 years ago) continues.

Recognizing Academic Achievement 1st Quarter 2001-2002

HIGH SCHOOL

Administrator's List

12th Grade

Mathew King

Oksana Lats

Anna Ruzhanovska

11th Grade

Stephanie King

Ivanna Tytusa

Aleksandr Zaderetsky

10th Grade

Leina Ablahad

Anita Djaridjian

Francine Jackson

Aleek Kahramanian

Diana Sharmazanian

Galine Torossian

9th Grade

Vatche Bassmagian

Fabian Gammo

Avak Kahramanian

Aleksandr Osipov

Honor Roll

12th Grade

Natella Ayrapetyan

Samuel Bedrossian

Angela Dawidian

Sima Kalenjian

Mary Malko

11th Grade

Shant Kasparian

Aleen Krikorian

Bashar Makhay

Rita Yelda

Thomas Yuhana

10th Grade

Fadi Toma

9th Grade

Leila McQueen

Dmytro Pivtorak

Michael Untea

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Administrator's List

8th Grade

Scarlett Akkam

Albert Antoyan

Naro Babaian

Saro Babaian

Melene Hajakian

Reyna Harabedian

Harout Hartounian

Keisha Jackson

Lori Pilibosian

Razmig Sagherian

Varant Shirvanian

Ani Toumajan

7th Grade

Armineh Kasparian

Natalie Mardirossian

Elana Mosesian

Shant Palanjian

Sevan Sagherian

Lisa Shekerdeman

Garen Torossian

Maria Yuhana

6th Grade

Nayiri Kaissarian

Tatevik Movsisyan

Martin Tobia

Honor Roll

8th Grade

Ninel Ayrapetyan

Paul Dawidian

Vali Toma

7th Grade

Silva Arslanian

Tamar Avakian

Zaid Chabaan

Nareg Minassian

Avedis Tcholakian

6th Grade

Carol Chang

Christina Demirjian

Reem Hanna

Michael Kalfayan

Sali Kesto

PTO CORNER

The Parent-Teacher Organization at Manoogian held several fund-raising events in October, events which were fun-filled for everyone who participated.

Though it was several weeks before the ghouls came out for Halloween, the school held a “Haunted Hallway” event on October 12.

More than 300 costumed party attendees were treated to an array of food. Eats included grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and special Halloween desserts. There were also pumpkins galore and tons of fun and games.

The event attracted both the young and the young at heart, as they shared a memorable evening together.

Two weeks later, the PTO held its “Soirée Extravaganza” (*please see story, this page*).

A Mexican Fiesta was also held during October, completing quite a successful month for the PTO.

The organization would like to give its gratitude to all who assisted in making the events successful.

A reminder: The monthly hot lunch program is available for sponsorship. Those wishing to donate a portion of the lunch or dessert in memory of a loved one, or in tribute to your child’s birthday, please contact any PTO Board Member.



Five Manoogian youngsters pose together while the entertainment for the PTO-sponsored “Mexican Fiesta” play behind them.



Three of 300 costumed guests take time out to smile for the camera during the October 12 “Haunted Hallway.”

“Soirée Extravaganza”: Sweet And Successful



The committee responsible for putting together “Soirée Extravaganza” on October 27, was flawless in its preparations. The committee is: (left to right) Silva Demirjian, Salpi Tachian, Dr. Linda Darian-Karibian, Nayri Misirliyan, Armen Mutaflan, Ani Kasparian, Mona Kurjian, Shoghig Torossian, and Sona Kalfayan.

More than 225 parents, friends, and supporters of Manoogian School ate and danced all night during the school’s “Soirée Extravaganza,” held October 27 at the Armenian Congregational Church Hall.

The highlight of the evening was, of course, desserts. The sweets table held a wide range of homemade pastries and other delicacies. All desserts, along with the dinner buffet, were prepared and donated by a number of devoted parents and friends of the school.

Jacques Toutounjian and The Paradise Band, from Montreal, Quebec, Canada, entertained for the evening. The band played a selection of Armenian and international songs, which kept the 200-plus in attendance dancing until the early hours of October 28.

The final highlight of the event was an assortment of raffle prizes. Thirty gift baskets and gift certificates, valued at \$50 to \$750, were handed out throughout the evening.

This event turned into a tremendous success, thanks, in part, to the nine members of the dinner-dance committee. Support from parents and friends of the school was also quite important.

It is hoped that in the years to come this event will continue, as will the strong support for the school and its students.



Seven Manoogian students from the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades achieved National Honor Society (NHS) status. Criteria for NHS inclusion are a 3.5 GPA or above, as well as outstanding scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The Manoogian Chapter of the NHS held its induction ceremony November 12. Those inducted are pictured above, left to right: Shant Kasparian, Aleek Kahramanian, Galine Torossian, Dr. Nadya Sarafian, Stephanie King, Aleen Krikorian, Anita Djaridjian, and Thomas Yuhana.

Mediators Complete Training

School administrators would like to congratulate 16 peer mediators on completing extensive peer mediation training.

The counseling office began the new school year by offering peer mediation to all students. Peer mediation is an alternative for resolving conflicts. The counseling office is confident peer mediation will have a positive impact on the school.

On November 27, the peer mediators oriented their fellow students to the program through classroom presentations for grades 6-12.

Four of the mediators will present a role-play to the faculty at the December 3 staff meeting.

The program officially began on November 28.

Besides peer mediation, Valarie Kole and her office provide a variety of programs and services to Manoogian's students. Kole is available to meet with students to discuss personal concerns, behavioral difficulties, academics, and guidance beyond high school.



Sixteen students, all standing, display their certificates showing they are now qualified peer mediators. Five faculty/staff members are also peer mediators and proudly display their certificates as well.

Tips For Parents

Talking and Listening

It's important to respond when children want to talk. But, sometimes they start conversations when parents can't listen. Instead of saying, "Not right now," be reassuring: "I'll listen as soon as I put this in the oven."

Listening skills are learned from parents. Look at any report card and you won't see a course marked "Listening." Yet studies show that children spend between 50 and 75 percent of class time listening. Parents can teach listening skills by setting a good example. Here's how:

- Encourage your child to open up. Set aside time each day to talk – after school with a snack, for example.
- Don't fake it. Kids can tell if you're paying attention, by the way you reply (or don't reply). Turn off the TV and other distractions.
- Use your eyes as well as your ears. Look at your child while you listen.
- Be patient. Kids have smaller vocabularies and less experience talking, so they take longer to find the right words.
- Notice nonverbal messages. Body language and tone of voice can say more than words alone.

Building Social Skills

Teach about apologies. A big part of growing up is recognizing when you've done something wrong – and being able to admit it. Here are some ways to teach your child about saying "I'm sorry":

- Use the words yourself. Apologize to children when you make mistakes, such as snapping at them unnecessarily.

- Add a touch. Give a hug along with your apology. Encourage them to do the same when they're sorry.
- Don't let them fake it. Sometimes kids say they're sorry only because it's what adults want to hear. If your children do this, give them time to rethink their apology and try again.
- Model forgiveness. When your children apologize sincerely, show them with actions and words that things are back to normal.



The Manoogian Middle School soccer team (pictured above) tore through the competition in October with stellar offensive performances on the soccer pitch. Led by Coach Hosep Torossian, Ararat Blue outscored their opponents by 27 goals in three matches. The squad was victorious October 15, over Eton Academy 16-3; October 22, over Conner Creek Academy 8-2; and October 25, again against Eton Academy 11-3. Ararat Gold, Manoogian's High School squad, fell to New Life Christian Academy, 3-2 on a penalty kick, on October 2, and then returned the favor, beating the academy by a convincing 7-2 score, October 8.

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