



TREX NEWS

Triple X Fraternity

53rd Annual Convention

Sept. 3 - 5, 1982

Registry Hotel

Irvine, California

Friday, Sept. 3, 1982

- ★ Registration
- ★ Junior's Dance
- ★ Senior's Dance — John Bilezikjian and Ensemble

Saturday, Sept. 4, 1982

- ★ Registration
- ★ Golf Tournament
- ★ Gin - Bridge - Tavloo Tournament
- ★ Senior's Dance - Richard Hagopian and His Orchestra
- ★ Junior's Dance

Sunday, Sept. 5, 1982

- ★ Business Meeting - Breakfast
- ★ Ladies Fashion Show / Luncheon
- ★ Tennis Tournament
- ★ Grand Ball



Grand Master's Message

Brother Trexmen:

The clock of time is winding down as your Grand Master and I can't quite get used to the idea that a year's time has passed. I can't express my thanks strong enough for the hospitality, brotherhood and fraternalism shown to me during my visitations to all the Chapter meetings and Chapter functions.

The Masters, their officers and members showed a new enthusiasm and vitality that has seemed to be missing. Old-timers and drop-outs are back in the fold in many chapters and becoming active participants in the functions of the Chapters. May this renewed enthusiasm for our Fraternity continue to grow.

The Triple X has been an integral part of my life and I have developed deep friendships and wonderful memories, and as your Grand Master it has been the most memorable experience of all. I only wish all my brothers had the opportunity of experiencing this office.

I want to once again thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Grand Master. I hope to see all of you at the Convention.

Fraternally Yours

ARAM POLADIAN
Grand Master

TRIPLE X FOUNDING FATHERS

Charles M. Ashjian • Richard Dederian • Lee Rustigan • John Kasparian

Gurken Bacon • Armen Nishkian • Lee Dederian • Arsen Alchian

Capital Chapter

A quote from our Master Allan Khatoonian, "Our club is devoted to fellowship and charity". All the Capital Chapter Brothers pitched in and made our Kef Night Charity Dinner Dance a huge success last month. Our proceeds will help the Easter Seals Society, The Sacramento Children's receiving home, Sacramento Special Olympics, The St. James Armenian Sunday School, and our Chapter has initiated an Educational Trust Fund in order to aide students of Armenian descent who are attending college in this area. Good Job Brothers.

May 16, Bro. Joe Hagopian reports that about 20 people boarded the Lake Tahoe Casino Bus for a day at the tables. Not too big of a crowd, but everyone had a good time.

Bro. Harry Sweet became a grandfather again. May 6th. Daughter Susan & Mike Norton had their first Daughter, Nicole. Nicole is my eighth granddaughter.

Grand Master Aram Poladian attended our April meeting, and was given the honor of swearing in our newest Brother, Dr. Varouj Altebarmakian.



Brothers at Mid Term 1982 in Fresno.



In front of Fresno Club House at Mid Term.



Sam Yenovkian

A final remembrance to our beloved Bro. Sam Yenovkian. It has been one year since our beloved Brother Sam has left us. We miss his jovial quips at the meetings, his Yetem stories. His animation character was one of a kind. Sam was born in Yetem, Ca. Sept. 6, 1911. His parents, Haig & Takooki. He married Roxie Ohanesian of Kingsburg, Ca., in 1936, and they had four lovely daughters, who loved Sam very much. Daughters, Janice, Kathy, Nancy, and Becky. They presented Sam with four grandsons to start his own football team. He loved his football. In 1947, when he retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad, he and his brother Aram started Byerford Heights Market in Sacramento. His market became a legend. His customers would spend extra hours shopping just to hear Sam tell them about some crazy salesman trying to peddle him a new type of can opener for beer. This editor has known Sam



L to R: Charles Esraelian, Allen Khatoonian-Master, Frank Ohanesian,

since I was 10 years old, and Sam would give me melons to take home. But in later years if I had a bad day at the office, I would head right for Sam's store on my way home, spend an hour listening to Sam talk about Yetem, Football, his family and friends, and believe me I was re-born a new man again. His home spun philosophy enriched the lives of so many people he touched. The memory of Sam will always be cherished by us all.

Sam was a supporter of the St. James Armenian Church, The Armenian Evangelical Church of Sacramento, Triple X, SP RXR, Knights of Vartan, and many other affiliations.

I wish to convey these words to the memory of our past Master.

You, Sam understood the language of Love.

You, Sam loved others and yourself.

You knew if we loved one another, God would dwell on us.

You loved your brothers, Warren and Aram, and we abide in this light.

You rooted and grounded in love, so we comprehend the length, breadth, and depth, and height to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, and to fill with the fullness of God.

You, Sam gave the kind of Love we seek from God, to your family. May you rest in peace.

Harry Sweet
Associate Editor



Grand Master Aram

Los Angeles

CONVENTION TIME BROTHERS!!

The L.A. Chapter invites all of you to attend this affair, September 3,4, & 5, 1982 at the Registry Hotel. In the City of Irvine, California. Every activity has been planned and set and awaits your arrival. Brother Robert and his committee members have done an excellent job. We are sure you will all enjoy yourselves immensely.

We are also sponsoring the Ararat Old Age Home picnic; to be held on Sunday, August 8, 1982, on the Home's grounds — 3739 West 27th Street. If any Brothers are vacationing in the L.A. area, you are welcome to come and enjoy yourselves, see the facilities and visit friends; not to mention all the good Armenian food you can eat. Our greeting committee, consisting of Bro's Durkin Kludjian, Eordekian and Kosharian will be out there looking for you.

As I mentioned in the last Trex News publication, the Triple X baseball team is defending its championship title this summer. As of July 10, 1982, the team is 4-0-1. We are in first place and heading towards another title. Early in the season and hot with the bat are Bro's B. Simonian, D. Donabed, and the Zorigian brothers.

Other upcoming events planned by the chapter are:

Family Picnic in August
Trex Stag in September
Member/Guest Golf in October
Annual Dance in November
Xmas Party in December

See you at the Convention!

Hagop Michaelian
Associate Editor

PLEASE NOTE:

1. 1982 Triple X Directories should be in the hands of each chapter master by the end of August for distribution to their members.

2. Deadline for articles and pictures for Spring issue of Trex News is January 14, 1983.

Oakland

NEWS FROM THE OAKLAND CHAPTER

It has been quiet since the midterm meeting. Plans are underway for an Oakland A's baseball night and tailgate party in August with Brother Russ Hazarian in charge.

The W.A.A.A. Armenian Olympics held in June in Hayward was well represented by Trexmen. Oakland Chapter members involved were Jim Taylor III, assistant meet director, registration chairman, and secretary of the board of directors; Hal Magarian, program booklet and member of board of directors; Bob Shahbazian, publicity; Jeff and Russ Hazarian, registrars and clerks of course; Doug Taylor, equipment; and Jim Boghosian and John Michaels, officials dinner.

Brother Bob Shahbazian was happy to see two of his sons graduate from college (Cal State University-Hayward)—just in time now that Bob has retired. Son Michael received his B.S. degree in Accounting and son Stephan his B.S. degree in Finance.



Another Taylor gets sworn in.



Father & Sons



Oakland's Future

We're happy that past master John Chorbajian decided to come back to the Oakland chapter and form another father-son team. We've missed John, especially the card players. John and his son, Brother Greg went deep sea fishing and Greg gave his father a lesson in fishing—landed the biggest fish (19 pounds!) and won a cash prize. Congratulations Greg.

The Al Morjigs were both lucky and unlucky. Unlucky in that their boat on the Delta caught fire and sank. Lucky in that they were aboard and were able to escape. I understand that Brother Vaughn Sobajian is in charge of salvage operations.



Andy & Son, Vartkes

Joining Brother Bob Shahbazian in retirement is Brother Ed Mirigian. Brother Bob Alchian is now working for Granite Brothers in the New Park Mall in Newark, Calif. Brother Greg Tcherkoyan is selling securities.

The Oakland Chapter was well represented at Dinkey Creek. Members attending were Bob Alchian, Charles Alexanian, John Bandoian, Andy Avakian, Vahram Cherezian, John Chorbajian, Greg Chorbajian, Jack Dorian, Harry



John & Greg Chorbajian

Shahbazian, Harry Shirinian, and Vaughn Sobajian.

Oakland Trexmen on vacation were Harold and Bonnie Koojoolian taking a three week tour of Europe in May. They had a marvelous time visiting Italy, Germany, and France. Our Junior Grand Master, Masis Gozurian and his lovely wife, Sylvia, decided to take a second honeymoon and visit Niagra Falls with a side trip to Toronto. Charles and Dorothy Hazarian and Jim and Anabelle Taylor went on a tour of New Orleans with a short trip on a sternwheeler up the Mississippi. Hal Magarian and Jim Taylor Jr. went to Las Vegas for the Larry Holmes fight (and a plumber's Convention).

Hal Magarian
Associate Editor

Orange

In the absence of our historian, Haig Jamgotchian who is on vacation, I have been asked to make a few comments as our activities for the next issue of the Trex News.

Recently, on June 5, our chapter hosted a "Spring Dance" for our members, families, and the Armenian community of Southern California. The event was a huge success with the attendance surpassing 450. Haig Jamgotchian and Archie Cholakian were the co-chairmen for the event.

Additionally on June 16 our chapter staged their annual "Sports Nite". Our guests were the members of the Los Angeles Triple X Chapter. Last year our Los Angeles brothers hosted the event. We had a fabulous dinner at the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach. Our master of ceremonies was Ozzie Chitjian who co-chaired the event with Mike Chitjian. The attendees had a great evening of food and laughter in addition to the insights of sporting presented by various sporting personalities.



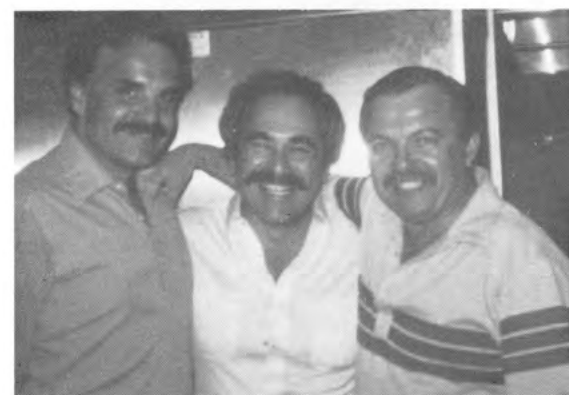
Picnic Time - Bro. Pat, Harry, George, Bob, Jack, Rich, Malcom, and John



Having a good time - Harry, Norm, and Ron

Our next major event is our "Annual Family Picnic" which will take place on Sunday, July 25 at Lake Park in Huntington Beach. We expect over 500 for this event of shish kebab, Armenian dancing, cards, tavloo, etc.

Yours fraternally,
Haig N. Boghosian
Corresponding Sec.



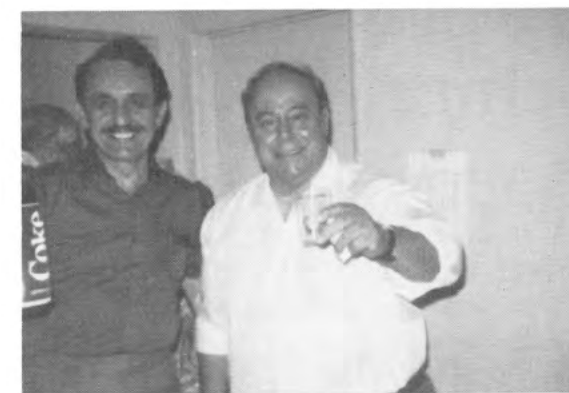
Good Looking Brothers - Jack, Archie, and Haig



Making Points with Grand Master - Archie, Aram, and Jack



Bill, Larry, and Haig



Big Harry and Kirk



Bro. John with a big smile



Bro. Dr. Gene with his wife Eve



Bro. John with the Trex wives



Selma

Hello Brothers!

Since my last report we've tried to stay busy here. No doubt the rest of the chapters have too. We just hope we've been just a little more so. That Achievement trophy has been away from home too long.

Before I start off with letting you in on some of our more notorious events, we'd like to wish our Brothers from Los Angeles a successful and profitable convention. Our spies have informed us that our every need has been thought of and planned for at this year's convention. I'm sure everyone has their bags packed and are looking forward to a fun weekend this Labor Day weekend.

This past May we held our 1st of the year Bingo Night. Our 2nd will be in November, Co-Chairmen of this event were Brothers brothers



Selma brothers at Family Spring Outing.



Scholarship nite - Head table - Diane Boyajian, Master Vahe and Barbara Simonian, Scholarship recipients and Judy Moordigian.



Bros. Abby Mamigonian and Vahe Simonian at tavloo.



Part of the Poochigian clan at the Charity Dinner-Dance.

Roger and Brent Simonian. As always everyone there had a super time. The most incredible thing about the night happened at Clean-Up. Two Trex records were set. The 1st was that there was over 20 Brothers who stayed to clean-up. The 2nd, was that it took 16.75 minutes to put away chairs, tables, wash dishes, sweep floors, and close the doors. An inspiration to all there cleaning up was Past Grand Master John Barigian. He wheeled around the hall with the broom, like a man possessed. Someone even took a picture of Bro. John in motion, came out only as a blur.

This past June we staged our annual Spring Outing for our Families, Brother Nubert Baker was chairman of this year's event. The work in this get-together is not in its planning, it's in the



Bar crew at Charity Dinner-Dance. Bros. Oscar and Ted.



Serving committee - Bros. Frank, Chuck and Kay at Charity affair.

organizing of the games for the kids. We all know what 30 or 40 unorganized kids can do to a picnic. Bro. Nubert's committee had things well enough in control to let the dads and moms enjoy themselves too.

In June we also gave 4 scholarships to some hard working, deserving, young people. The recipients were: John Arakelian from Sanger, Janice Mamigonian from Fresno, Mary Ann Sanchez from Fresno, and Mark Tufenkjian from Fresno. Our Best wishes to these kids, as well as our hope they will continue to strive for excellence. Our Scholarship committee, headed by Harry Moor-digian, is hoping next year to see more applicants, as well as possibly adding to the number of Grants.

By the time you read this we will have had our showcase event of the year. Our Annual Charity Garden Party at the California Home for the Ag-

ed. This year we have some new blood running the show, Brothers Jack Bedrosian and Oscar Kasparian are Co-Chairmen. It took two to Replace Brother Freddie Markarian. They've come to appreciate Brother Freddie's work. Brothers Jack and Oscar have increased the crowd to over 500 this year. Those who attend always look forward to next year.

That about brings you up to date on things with the Selma Chapter. Again we wish our Brothers from Los Angeles all the success in this years convention. We would like to pass on a work of praise for our out-going Grand Master Aram Poladian, for a job well done in true Triple X spirit.

Fraternally Yours,
Bro. Pete Cholakian



Bro. John Surabian at Sports Nite.



Fresno Chapter Brothers at our Joint Sports Nite affair.

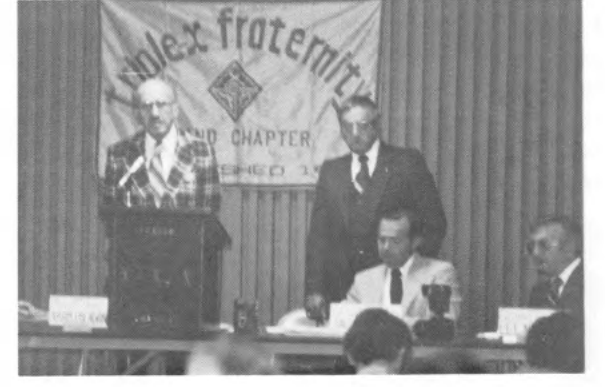
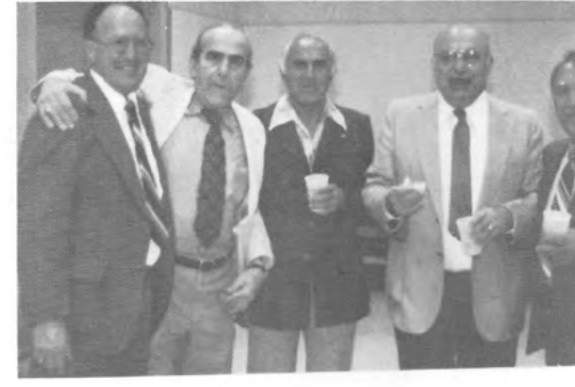


Bros. Pete Hagopian and Vahe Sarafian.

TREXMEN AT



WORK AND PLAY



Fresno

With great pride we are now enjoying this 1982 year of Brotherhood as Triple X members. As we look back thru the good years, our minds are filled with good times we have shared with our brothers. On our outing & social functions. We have progressed, not only in the growth of our membership, but in our community and charitable relationships. The Fresno Triple X Fraternity is no longer only the ways and means of fellow Armenian men to get together for a social evening, but an organization of Armenian men who are known for the active role they take in everyday living for the betterment of their fellow man. And so fellow brothers, I wish to say thank you to all of my brothers in the Fresno Chapter who stood by me and helped me thru my term as master. Many brothers have contributed countless hours of time to insure the success of our charity, benefits, and functions. It would be fitting at this time to name just a few: Jr. Master-Karlo Demoorjian,



Around fireside at Dinkey outing.

Treasurer-Harry Tanielian, Recording Secretary-Bob Emerzian, and special thanks to my Corresponding Secretary-Bob Kevorkian. Jobs well done my Brothers. Special Thanks to Nazareth Chaderjian, Mike Gulian, Mike Kershaw, and no other but my critic Aram Kakligian. I wish to say thank you to our Founding Fathers to whom we owe our past 64 years and 100 more years to come. God bless you all Brothers. We are looking to a great time at the Convention. I hope we can make it a memorable event. See you at the Convention it is Certainly an honor to be a Trexman. Good luck to all brothers.

Mike Gaston, Master
Fresno Chapter

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

The recipients of the Fresno Chapter's 1982 Scholarships received their awards at the Annual Charity Picnic on June 13. Three scholarships were awarded by Brother Master Myron Gaston and Brother N.M. "Chad" Chaderjian, Scholarship Chairman. It was a great day for a picnic and everyone had a Kef time enjoying excellent food, music, dancing, gin and tavloo. The picnic was held at the Armenian Home grounds, for which the Fresno Chapter contributed a generous donation to the Home.

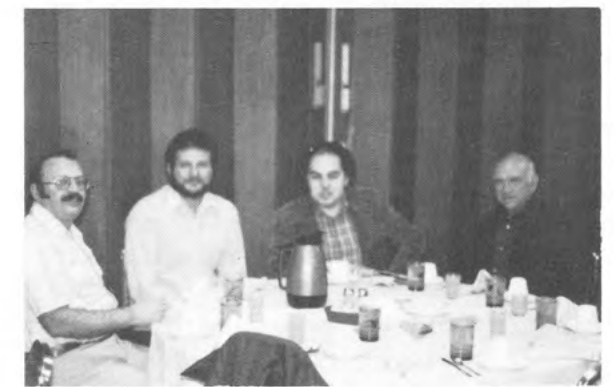
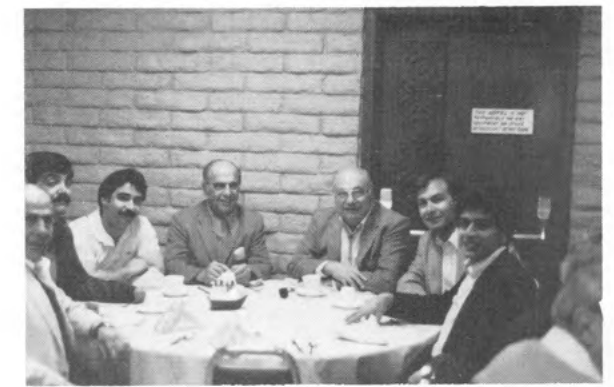


Brother N.M. "Chad" Chaderjian-chairman; recipients Miss Carol Ajemian, Mr. Scott Markarian, Miss Armene Vanoyan, Brother Mihran Gaston-Master, Fresno Chapter.



Fresno Chapter Bingo Nite.

Mid Term 1982 in Fresno



San Diego

Warmest regards to all Brothers from San Diego! Our year has been full of excitement. Since checking in with you last time, we have had many major events.

Our activities started with the Mid-term in Fresno. Our delegates, Master Sivas, Bro. Kellejian, Bro. Lazarian, Bros. Dick and Greg Semerdjian enjoyed getting in a great day of skiing on Saturday at beautiful China Peak, then enjoying a fine meal at the Saturday night dinner.

On April the 3rd, the Annual Stag was held. This year the Brothers showed up at Lake Tahoe. Neither snow, avalanche, or blizzard stopped the 15 courageous souls from invading the Cal-Neva Lodge. Bro. Ron Cloud was the perfect host for the 3 days we were there. Bro. Dick had to win the



Courageous Award for staying up all night Friday, getting on a plane Saturday in the morning and almost crashing in Reno; but Bro. Dick was determined to make it and he did. Between blizzards, broken chains and heavy losses at the tables, we managed to get in skiing at North Star and Heavenly Valley. We all had a great time even though Bro.



Lovely San Diego Ladies.

Doug tried to eliminate several of the brothers down an expert run. All in all it was probably the best stag so far. All the Brothers want to extend our warmest thanks to Bro. Ron Cloud for his hospitality.

Our Second Annual wine and Cheese was a rousing success. Approximately 400 guests from all over including Bro. Grand Master Aram and Pauline Poladian from Los Angeles and Bro. Past



Bro. Greg and Zari Semerdjian.



Master John and Cindy Sivas.

Grand Master Joe and Connie Kellejian from Palm Desert enjoyed tasting 60 different wines of 20 wineries from California. The picturesque Lomas Santa Fe Country Club was beautifully decorated with fruit, plants, and flowers. The chairman of the event was Past Master Gary Kazanjian. Bro. Gary did an outstanding job to make this by far the most successful event we have ever had. Special thanks also to Bro. Karney Ovia for providing his expertise and his numerable contacts which contributed to the success of the event. Everyone attending gave rave reviews for the evening. As you all know, this is an Annual event where all the proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund. This year's chairman is Bro. Joe Kellejian. The members of the committee are Bro. Steve Lazarian, Bro. Gary Kazanjian and Bro. Greg Semerdjian. Our award will keep growing



Incoming executive board: George Banerian, Leon Sarian, Noubar Markarian, Greg Babikian, Vahan Serpekian, John Sivas.



Orange County Master Bro. Ed Kargojian and Liz; Bro. Joe Kellejian and Mary.



Vahan Serpekian and Mr. and Mrs. George Banerian



Bro. Grand Master Aram and Pauline Poladian.

hopefully in numbers as well as amounts. The awarding of this year's Scholarship will be in October. Any young student of Armenian parentage from San Diego or studying in San Diego is eligible for the award. Applications are available from Bro. Joe Kellejian or by contacting any committee member.

We want to announce to one and all that Bro. Joe Kellejian is a candidate for Grand Master. I have on several occasions enumerated all of Bro. Joe's qualifications. To restate them here would take the rest of the newsletter.

This organization needs the youthful vitality and enthusiasm Bro. Joe will bring to the Grand Chapter. So please come by our San Diego hospitality suite at the Registry Hotel and meet Bro. Joe if you don't know him and have a drink with all of us.

We are all looking forward to coming to Orange County and again visiting with friends from all over California. See you at the Registry.

Warm regards,
Greg Semerdjian
Assoc. Editor

Mt. Diablo

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things..."

We commend, and thank our Master Shavarsh Hazarabedian, for his gentle and tactful control of our meetings. 'Speak softly and carry a big gavel'. We appreciate the time, effort and money he has to take from his own endeavors to visit us on a Friday night. And Bro PM Myron Kinjoyan for our St. Patrick's (Any ol'excuse will do) Dinner at the Velvet Turtle. His collection of jokes from Playboy and Myron Cohen always brings a chuckle from his captive audience.

Some personal observations: Our Rec. Secty. Bro. Charles Kezerian with his eyeglasses perched precariously on the tip of his nose...An always pensive Harvey Hanoian...Bro. PGM Doc Shahbazian and his soft-spoken and erudite remarks...

Can you visualize Bros. George and Levon Arkelian without their cigars?...or Bro. Jonathan Gaule without a three-piece suit... or Bro. John Dichian without his pipe...or Bro. Armen Boyd trying to speak with his hands tied behind his back...or Bro. PM Armen Donian raising his voice in anger... or Bro. Haig Harootenian eating only a salad for dinner... or Bro. Al Kamian wearing an old drab shirt and a pair of shabby jeans...or Bros. Shant Kooyoumjian and Al Kaljian sitting through a meeting and having nothing to say... or Bro. Ruben Sweet not Saying, "Maman Seereh"...or the enjoyable companionship of all our Brothers? And how about Bro. PM Ed Minasian with his fingerpointing, thunderous, hour-long orations? It seems to me that his exhortations last as long as one of his Laney College history lectures. (Must be a conditioned reflex.)

A standing ovation for Bro. "Big John" Dichian, President of the Western Armenian



Nora Hanoian, Ed & Goldie Minasian, Myron Konjoyan, Irene Harootenian, "Oh Boy! Here Comes The Food!"



"Oh Yeah" "Yeah!" "Its A Raid!!"



Mt. Diablo Gentry Waiting For The Punch Line

Athletic Association (WAAA). The 14th Annual Armenian Olympics were recently completed, at Hayward, Ca., with participants from every Armenian community in the State. Brothers, if you are proud of your Armenian ancestry, watching all these young people compete in the various sporting events will make you want to stand up and cheer. Personal donations, in the form of money and or time are always appreciated and some of our Chapter Brothers supplied both



Officers, Mt. Diablo Chapter, 1982



Mt. Diablo Annual "Let's Get Together and Have Our Picture Taken" Meeting.

items.

We look forward to: Our annual Mystery Trip under the guidance (once we were lost) of Bro. George Rustigian and his effervescent wife, Carol. Always surprising, always well planned and executed. Make your reservations now.

The every-so-often, once-in-a-while, more-or-less annual Stag Night. I can't tell you who will be in charge of this year's eye-popping, mind-boggling, whoop-de-doo of an affair because some of our wives read these articles. They may call the chairman for more details before they allow their husbands to be participants, and or spectators, at such a wild and uninhibited orgy.

The annual Christmas Party. The adults have more fun than the children. If Bros. Mel Najarian and Jonathan Guale are in charge it will again be a first-class affair. (Please do not confuse the preceding paragraph with this extravaganza!)

I have been perusing some past issues of the Trex News and it brought to mind a motion that was presented, a few years ago, at one of the Grand Chapter Conventions, (By San Diego Chapter?). The motion was to abolish the Trex News, Presumably because of the ever increasing expense of publishing. I do believe that the underlying reason was the quality of some of the articles. Some of the Associates who have submitted their Chapter news seem to be lacking in the basics of grammatical construction. (This writer will be criticized for his syntax and the mixing of metaphors). We are not all as accomplished story

tellers as William Saroyan, (To use a successful Armenian as an example), but we can use some imagination, and take some time, to write these presentations, to quote a few of the many tired cliches: "Well, fellas, here we go again...", "Sorry, Brothers, I didn't have too much time...", "No one else wanted this job, so I'm stuck with it again...", "A lovely evening was had by all...", "...another successful evening", "Another successful dinner was enjoyed by all...", "...another successful evening", "...a wonderful time was had by all" Ad Infinitum.

Are any of these functions social, as well as financial, failures? Are we the ONLY Chapter that loses money on some of our gatherings? Possibly, just possibly, "all" did not have "a wonderful time". (A Trex affair?! Heaven forbid!!)

For many years our harrassed and harried Editor pleaded for pictures to accompany the ar-



Mt. Diablo Gentlemen and Their Ladies.

ticles. We now have a plethora of pictures...with no explanations as to who these eating, grinning, dancing, posing, cavorting people might be. What Chapter? What affair? What is Bro. Joe's last name? Who are these people? Any caption is better than none and a little levity enlightens our lives.

The errors in spelling are atrocious. Whom do we fault? The Editor? If so, let's buy him a dictionary. (His is a thankless job, anyway. All he has to do is have this all printed and delivered before the Convention). The typesetter/printer? If so, let's get another one. Those of us who contribute these lines? If we can't spell we shouldn't try to write.

Why can't we have an occasional item, written by a knowledgeable individual, on a subject that would be of interest to all of us. We have a very qualified and able potential contributor in our Bro. PM Ed Minasian. He is well versed on the history of Armenians in California. He was instrumental in the recent public displays about the early Armenians in California and their contributions to the culture of our State. I am sure that each Chapter has members who are qualified to present comparable topics that would be interesting to us as members of the Armenian community and as members of the Triple X Fraternity. Perhaps, in this manner, we can up-grade our News to be something other than a mere recounting of Chapter activities. (These are covered, anyway, at that other exercise in sheer futility, the Grand Chapter Convention and Mid-Term Farce.)

With my diatribe concluded, I must apologize to some of my fellow Associates. By no means do I include all of you, or any of you specifically, in my above remarks. Many of your articles are well presented and are a credit to your Chapter in having selected you as their scribe.

The next question is: "Who the Hell is this guy and who does he think he is?" I Am,
Al Kaljian
Associate Editor



George & Carol Rustigian, Charles & Doriss Kezerian.

Golden Gate

From San Francisco, or somewhere close enough, greetings!

The William Saroyan Memorial Ceremonies came and went in January. Then sights were lowered, or raised, depending on where you think they were up to and during that promising event, and other activities came to the forefront of the Brothers' attention.

There, I have now fulfilled the promise I made at the close of my last report. But, if you have forgotten what that premature ejaculation of optimism was all about, it is just as well, for I have nothing more to write.

Onward, then, to the forefront of the Brothers' attention.

FACES: Same old ones...plus Ara Apcarian, Ara Sarkissian, (son of Bro. Sark), Robert Balian, (Son of ex-Bro. Kay Balian), and Kirk Moussakio. The last three have moved to our chapter from the Jr. Trex. The Brothers unanimously approved



Master Vartan Hovsepian and recording secretary Sark Sarkissian, and spouses.



Grand Master Poladian administering the pledge.

Sark Sarkissian's proposal for giving the Jr. Trexmen in the area the opportunity to join the Seniors without having to go through the formalities of application, initiation, etc. In addition, the first year's dues were waived for those Jr. Trexmen who elect to join. We expect that some four or five more will join us pending the completion of their studies.

Sark is full of imaginative ideas; and the new members are all welcome.



Bro. Sark Sarkissian presenting the Jr. Trex candidates. L. to R.: Kirk Moussakio, Roberty Balian, Ara Sarkissian, Sark Sarkissian.



The Kazanjians, new initiate Ara Apcarian, and the editor pondering a suitable caption.

PLACES: Here and there around the Bay area, and once again, up at Lake Tahoe—gratis Bro. Cloud.

EVENTS: In February, the Peninsula Chapter hosted a Kef night with invitations extended to all the chapters around the Bay. Later on in the eternal spring (or fall or winter) of San Francisco, the Golden Gate Chapter gave a Kef night—again down the Peninsula, but not quite as far down. Master Vartan Hovsepian did a masterly job of organizing the evening of games, food, movies and videos, and camaraderie. Attendance was good from all neighboring chapters. (Shortly before midnight, a lone rider suddenly swooped in, handsomely trounced Bro. Shavarsh Hazarabedian at three sets of tavloo, and then, suddenly swooped out while still ahead and the sweet taste of victory in his mouth, But, Shavarsh had won the previous sets.)

FURTHER EVENTS: Bro. Paul Goorjian presented his slide lecture, "Report to the Stockholders", in February. It deals with the might of the U.S. Navy may it never have to show its might, except in lectures and such.

Grand Master Aram Poladian spent an evening with us on June 4th. It was on that day the three Jr. Trexmen were initiated into our chapter, and Grand Master Poladian conducted the initiation ceremonies.

Visits from the Grand Chapter are enervating. In addition, they strenghten the bond between the various chapters over and beyond trhe strenghtening that that bond gets at the 2-3annual get togethers and through occasional correspondence.

NOMINATIONS: Bro. Vince Levon for the honorary executive position of "Associate Photographer". Vince is ever ready with his camera and flash to record our activities. All of the pictures accompanying this report as well as all the ones accompanying previous reports have been taken by him.

The charitable undertakings which the G.G. Chapter has contributed to have demonstrated the great potential that the fraternity has in this field. No matter how much is given to the Armenian Community and its concerns, there is need for more. The Golden Gate Chapter has continued to be a non-partisan backer of Armenian groups and projects.

With regards from the Chapter and wishes for a memorable convention,

Fraternally yours,
Jack Aslanian
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