



Trex News

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Triple X Fraternity 65th Annual Convention

Hosted by Sequoia Chapter

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1994

REGISTRATION — Plaza Park Holiday Inn, Visalia / Main Lobby / 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WELCOME RECEPTION (For those that want to come early)

Plaza Park Holiday Inn, Visalia — Mezza / No Host Bar 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1994

REGISTRATION

Plaza Park Holiday Inn, Visalia / Main Lobby 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tulare Golf Course, 5300 S. Laspina, Tulare (209) 686-5300 — Tee Time 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY NIGHT KEF

Plaza Park Holiday Inn, Visalia, Visalia — Cocktails 6:00 p.m. / Buffet Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Music & Entertainment by HYE CLASS BAND 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Members, Guests & Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1994

MEN'S BREAKFAST BUFFET / BUSINESS MEETING

Plaza Park Holiday Inn, Visalia — Breakfast 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. / Business Meeting 10:00 a.m.

LADIES BRUNCH CRAFT BOUTIQUE

Plaza Park Holiday Inn, Visalia 10:30 a.m. — Raffle Prizes - Guests Welcome

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT — Jefferson Park - Visalia 12:00 p.m. to Final Out

TEEN DANCE / DINNER

Plaza Park Holiday Inn, Visalia — Dinner 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. / Dance 7:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

GRAND BALL / DINNER DANCE

Plaza Park Holiday Inn, Visalia — Cocktails 6:00 p.m. / Gourmet Dinner 7:00 p.m. —

Music 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1994

FAMILY PICNIC — Plaza Park - Visalia 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Grand Master's Message

Dear Brothers,

The experience of serving as Grand Master this past year has been a very gratifying one. Having a corps of extremely competent Grand Officers in assisting me, allowed the Grand Chapter to put forth some ideas and thoughts that were looked upon favorably and accepted by the subordinate chapters. Hopefully these ideas will help in some way to promote the fraternalism and fellowship that is needed in order for the fraternity to grow. My thanks to all the chapter masters and their officers in their support and assistance. Their input was necessary and needed. With so many young and outstanding members in the chapters that I have had the pleasure to work with, this fraternity of ours will move ahead.

Elsie and I want to thank all the chapters for the gracious hospitality and royal treatment we received wherever we went. The attention and generosity was deeply appreciated. It was a year we will not soon forget.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the convention in Visalia. The Sequoia Chapter has worked hard to put on a good affair. Come out and enjoy the fellowship. It can be contagious.

Fraternally,
Jack D. Bedrosian
Grand Master

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Sequoia Chapter

"Summer Time and the Living is Easy"

Since the last Trex News we held our annual Tulare Farm Show on February 8, 9, 10. Co-Chairmen were Bros. Mose Ametjian and Archie Zakarian. As usual all the brothers pitched in and helped make it a success that it always has been. Other than a few cut and burnt fingers everything went smoothly, like the ad says "Make it Huge" and we did.

Sorry to write that P.G.M. Dick Ekizian had open heart surgery, his heart is so big they had a hard time putting his chest together again. Home in a week and he was up and around and doing fine.

As the month went by we had the Mid-Term at the Fresno Trex Club House. They always put on a first class meal and Bro. Grand Master Jack Bedrosian ran a quick and efficient meeting. Sequoia Chapter had one of the best attendances there.

On March 19th, twenty-five Bros. took the AmTrak to Bay Meadows for "A Day at the Track." It turned out to be a success, some made money and some didn't. This could work out into an annual affair. Thanks to Bro. Richard Sheklian.

Associate Editor was going to go also, but had to have emergency surgery, but now I'm home and doing fine.

Belated congratulations to Bro. Bryan and Renee Yahnian proud parents of a baby girl Mikelle Tina. That make number seven for Grandpa Bro. Sark Yahnian.

Plans and arrangements are still being made to make our up coming convention one of the great ones and hope some of the changes being made will make a memorable and different affair. Bro. Jerry Poochigian and his co-chairmen are putting forth plenty of time and effort into the planning for this Labor Day weekend. **Reminder:** Please respond as early as possible and no later than August 15 for your reservations.

On the 4th and 5th of June, some of the Brothers went up to the Armenian Church Camp in Dunlap, California to help start the construction of a beautiful arbor to be paid for by the Sequoia Chapter at a cost of \$25,000.00. All of our children and grandchildren will be able to use and enjoy this beautiful arbor for many years to come.

Congratulations to Bro. Rick Krikorian and wife Kathyne on the birth of their baby girl named Hannah Suzan; same congratulations to grand parents Bro. Harry Krikorian and wife



Farm Show. "Three Guys Cutting Up." Charles Amasalian, Master Abe Kazarian, John Bazarian.



Farm Show. Mike Cholakian, Mark Kazarian.



Mid-Term. Big Turn Out.

Betty.

Bro. Harry Davidian still is buying and selling ranches, this helps keep him young and out of trouble from Laura.

Bro. Sark Davidian is recovering from recent eye surgery and doing fine.

All the Brothers George Margosian, Mike Mikealian, Harry Davidian and Pete and Jack

Barsamian are busy picking fruit and losing money. It's tough being a farmer!

Brother George Tamouzian and wife Phyliss hosted a lavish wedding for their youngest daughter Pamela. Many Bros. from several chapters were present and can attest it was a beautiful affair.

This is the last issue for the year. Hope to see most of you Brothers at our Convention to be held in September in Visalia, BIG PLANS, BIG AFFAIRS, BIG TIME!

Associate Editor
Mike Cholakian



Day at the Races. Charles Davidian, Jack Barsamian, Sark Davidian.



Day at the Races. "Loser Pays." George Tamouzian, Charles Ananian, Harry Majarian, and Sark Davidian.

Capitol Chapter

Our dear Bro. Paul Artian departed from us on May 17, 1994. Bro. Paul was a devoted photographer taking pictures of church activities, mid term conventions, picnics, auto races and general



photo assignments. A retired Television cameraman, he was very popular, loved to fly his airplane with his co-pilot buddies. We extend our condolences to his daughter Deborah Pearl Jones, his three grandchildren, Paul, Nicole and Wendy. His bro. Brother Harry

Artinian, and wife Perry, nieces and nephews. Bro. Paul was born in Visalia. He loved to be with his friends. Memorial services were conducted by Fr. Reverend Yeghia Hairabedian, St. James Armenian Church, in Sacramento. (Photo Inset)

For the lighter side of Trex activities, Bro. George Kapanagian chaired our annual KefNight fund raiser at the St. James Armenian Church Hall. The May event drew a respectful crowd and profits will be distributed to local charities. Bro. Sark "Bill" Malkasian was re-appointed to the State Board of Education. Malkasian has served on the Board since his original appointment in 1990. Bro. Sarkis is currently the director of the International Academy at California State University, Sacramento. Congratulations to Master Arthur Tatosian and Ilene exchanging their wedding vows on Saturday, April 9th. I won't say for sure, but I will bet they popped open a couple of COKE bottles to celebrate.

Bro. Harry and wife Mauvis Sweet survived a serious accident last March 19, near Mojave, Ca. Traveling on highway 58 east in our 28 foot 5th



wheel, it started to rain. Wife Mauvis slowed to 40-45 m.p.h., and the wheels started to hydroplane on the oil slick highway. We slid for 200 feet off the highway, veered to the right, the trailer tipped on it's side, and we did a 180 degree turn on a soft dirt shoulder. The Ford 250 was totaled, 5th Wheel was totaled. My wife and I escaped without any injuries whatsoever. Quote "You can replace all the metal, and the trailer, but you cannot replace two very Sweet people." Sept. 4, 1994 is the 52nd Wedding Anniversary for the Sweets.

See you at the Convention. Have a good one.
Bro. Harry Sweet Assoc. Editor

Some Thoughts for Future Conventions

Capitol brothers will soon be preparing to host the convention in 1996. Every brother in every chapter of Triple X should realize the importance of one's responsibility of hosting a successful convention, when your turn comes due. The master holds the reins in appointing his steering committee, to select key members to fulfill their duties. Every brother has a job to do. One may excel in better qualifications than others. But, it's a 100% (get involved) participation to do your job the best you can. High level, or low level assignments, don't let "George" do it all. Selling ads for the convention booklet is the money maker for our convention costs. Get an early start, and hustle for sponsors. Example: If 900 brothers in Triple X statewide, would sponsor their family name, or business name in each year's convention book @ \$20 ea. that would generate \$18,000, plus another \$1300.00 from each chapter's full page ad. equals, \$19,300. Commercial ads could bring in another \$2500 plus. This would generate a total of \$21,800 for each chapter's kitty. It can be done. Make it work. Good Luck.

Harry Sweet

NOTICE

Deadline for submitting articles and pictures for the Spring issue of Trex News is January 8, 1995.

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Los Angeles Chapter

We're still shaking! No, not over the loss of our former Associate Editor, that champion of the underdog, Bro. Lee Neshanian, it's the ground below. Reported in some circles that California is experiencing tremors due to large groups of Armenian holding hands and jumping up and down when they dance in a circle! Still aren't they!

Many thanks to Bro. Lee Neshanian for his many years of untiring efforts, with his pen, behind the lens of his camera and as president of his own make believe "railroad." If you missed the last issue of Trex news then I will introduce myself. Vaughn R. Vartanian, twenty-four years an L.A. Trexman, Scrape (36 handicap) golfer, husband and father of two; (one future Jr. Trexman Vaughn M.), electrical contractor, and occasional oudist. Now on to more important news.

A new twist to reach that pot of green at the end of a gin tournament was introduced by Bro. David Maseredjian in December. 50.50 night was held at Brookside Golf Course complete with food and drink. Our large jack pot went to Bros. Jake Mason and Mark Mikaelian.

It took an earthquake to stop our annual installation dinner scheduled for January 22, 1994.



Bill Ohanesian, Mike Kourtjian, George Kirkjan. Fore to Go!



Vaughn R. and Lynette Vartanian



Hotel Indian Wells. John Casparian, Ara Devian, PGM J. G. Avedesian, Dorthy Shahian, John Kazandjian, Dickran Devian, Ed Tashjian.



Fore by Fore! Leon Leonian, Greg Mikaelian, Mel Shanoian, Don Attoian.



Gary Kouyoumjian, John Elmassian.

Many of our Bros. homes and businesses suffered damage from the January 17, 1994 Northridge earthquake and slowly are returning to their normal routines. The new Ararat Home suffered extensive damage and we will continue to offer our love and support as in the past.

P.G.M. Bro. J. Gregory Avedesian and his lovely wife Janis hosted our "Day at the Races." Santa Anita Race Track may never be the same - Armenians always leave their markers! Our host and



John Elmassian, Robert Kalfayan, Greg Partamian, Walter Hekimian, Jr., Mark Mikaelian, Gave Kaprelian, Gary Neshanian, Mike Shakar.



Mel Shanoian, John Casparian, Nick Nigosian and the Girls.

hostess softened the blow with the food, drink and warmth found in the home of a Brother Trexman.

Ah, April in Indian Wells. What a beautiful place to frustrate yourself playing that easy game called golf. The John Gogian Memorial Trophies were remarkable one of a kind bronze sculptures. 1st place winners: Bros. Dickran Devian and Ed Tashjian. One day tournament winner was our Debonair P.G.M. J. Gregory Avedesian. "Scored higher than anyone else" went to: Bros. Vaughn R. Vartanian and Ralph Dergazarian - beautiful hats brothers, just beautiful. Dinners, Armenian dancing led by Bro. Tev Eminian, swimming, and chit chat. Hospitality L.A. style was in our 4,000 sq. foot Presidential Suite at Hotel Indian Wells Country Club complete with its own elevator. Nicely done Bro. John Casparian.

Now from the "small, swinging club" (golf) to the "big swing club" (softball). Our teams are mighty and a major force in the softball league. We are fine tuning for convention!

Bro. Gary A. Dergazarian and his wife Lisa are to be congratulated for having Mitchell Leo Dergazarian May 6, 1994, littlest junior.



Joe Adanalian, Jack Elmassian, Carl Adanalian.



L.A. Trex Family Picnic

L.A. Trex Chapter picnic this year again saw the Seniors and Juniors working together preparing, cooking, and serving lots of food. I'm sure everyone had a wonderful time.

June 24th, one hundred fourteen golfers gave the world cup games in Pasadena real competition. The L.A. Armenian Open at Brookside Country Club was a huge success. Everyone walked away a winner that night. Trexman and friends came from all parts of California, Nevada and even Arizona. Our profits will surely go to needy charitable Organization.

Our Christmas Kef Night will be December 3, 1994 at the Ararat Home Hall in Mission Hills, CA. Be there to hold hands and check out the "Richter scale." Next stop - Convention 1994. This is just the beginning!

Fraternally,
Bro. Vaughn R. Vartanian
Associate Editor

Selma Chapter

Hello to all Brothers:

The Brothers of the Selma Chapter continue to have a great time under the leadership of Bro. Master Patrick Balakian. Attendance at our business meetings have been the best in recent memory. By the time of the convention our Chapter expects to meet its goal of fifteen new members this year.

In January, Bro. Jr. Master Ken Melkonian did an excellent job organizing a "tail gate" dinner prior to a Fresno State basketball game. The event was held at the Farmers Market in Fresno and was well attended by Brothers and members of their families. A raffle was held for prizes including a basketball autographed by the Fresno State University Basketball Team which was won by Bro. Robert Soligian.

In February Brothers attended our annual Law Enforcement Dinner. Fresno County Sheriff Steve Magarian and Fresno City Police Chief Ed Winchester were our guests and they spoke about crime in our area including the efforts being made to curb it. The event was held at the AACL Hall and a delicious lamb shank dinner was prepared by Bro. P.G.M. Abby Mamigonian, Bro. Vahe



Late Bro. Art Suddjian, Vahe Simonian and Aram Shahanian.



Seven new members being sworn in.



Newly initiated member Jim Krikorian being congratulated by Grand Master Jack Bedrosian.



PGM John Barigian, PGM Jack Kazanjian, Leo Aivazian, Arden Kashishian, and Gary Poochigian.

Simonian and Bro. Aram Shahenian.

Bro. Vahe Simonian and his committee once again participated in an annual charity fundraiser benefiting Valley Children's Hospital. A special edition of the Fresno Bee was sold by volunteers on street corners around Fresno to commuters. The Brothers did an excellent job in selling their allotment of the newspapers and were sold out in less than 2 hours. Congratulations for a job well done to the Brothers who participated in this worthwhile event.

In April, many Trexmen from the Selma and Fresno Chapters joined together for a day of golf and dinner with the return of the "13 Hour Golf Social." Many thanks to Bro. P.G.M. Haig Kasparian, Bro. Don Attoian and Bro. Vahe Simonian who were in charge of the event plus all the Brothers who supported the event to keep this tradition going.

Spring Bingo returned and was a resounding success. Participants enjoyed a delicious shish kabob dinner and then had a great time playing bingo. Thanks to Bro. Sam Esraelian, Bro. Sue Hamparzoomian, Bro. Alan Kasparian and their committee for presenting a wonderful event.

Bro. Phil Manoogian, Bro. Grand Master Jack



Newton, Krikor, Soren, Nubert having their ice creams.



Fresno County Sheriff Steve Magarian and Fresno Police Chief Ed Winchester.



Proud father, PGM Abby Mamigonian and two sons, Perry and Marty after their initiation as new members.

Bedrosian, Bro. Dick Boyajian and their committee are to be complemented on the fantastic banquet honoring our Chapter's five scholarship recipients. Congratulations to scholarship recipients Lena A. Vartanian, Eric Gregory Schmidt, Robin Lynn Kezirian, Jennifer Zahigian and Bedros Alex Jawharjian, who all received a \$750.00 scholarship from Selma Triple X.

In June, Bro. Jr. Master Ken Melkonian was involved in organizing a Tri-Chapter dinner attended by Brothers from the Selma, Fresno, and Sequoia Chapters. Half the fun was getting there



PGMs John, Soren and Joe



Business Meeting: Secretary Newton Krikorian, Treasurer Frank Korkmazian, and Master Pat Balakian.



Dinner Meeting: Master Pat Balakian, Kay Paboojian and Ron Shapazian.



Phil Manoogian and Vahe Simonian.

on a chartered bus ride that included liquid refreshments and mezza. This was followed by a great meal at Justo's in Hanford.

Bro. Bob Garabedian and Bro. Gary Poochigian did a great job in planning our annual Spring Outing held on the beautiful grounds of the Armenian Home in June. There were fun and games for the children and plenty of delicious food for all.

The Selma Chapter together with the Fresno Chaptersponsored their first Annual Armenian Home picnic held on June 26th at the AACL Pavilion. Delicious shish kabob dinners and lulu kabob sandwiches were prepared by the Brothers and a raffle was held, all raising money to support the California Armenian Home. Bro. P.G.M. Haig Kasparian, Bro. Grand Master Jack Bedrosian, Bro. P.G.M. Kay Cloud and Bro. P.G.M. Abby Mamigonian did a wonderful job in organizing the event. Special thanks to the Brothers from the Selma Chapter and the Fresno Chapter who also helped in making this a successful fund raiser for the California Armenian Home.

At press time, Bro. Jeff Esraelian, Bro. Jim Markarian, Bro. Newton Krikorian, and Bro. Frank Korkmazian are busy organizing for the annual Charity Garden Party which will be held on July 23rd. Plans call for a silent auction, a shish kabob dinner, along with music and dancing featuring both the Statesmen Big Band and Armenian music by Kachig Jingirian.

Plans are being made for our Annual Keyma Dinner to be held August 25th. This event is always a great time and all Brothers who can attend should feel welcome to join us. Call Bro. Master Patrick Balakian or Bro. Jr. Master Ken Melkonian for details.

We were saddened by the recent loss of Bro. Aved Baxter, Bro. Pete Kazarian and Bro. Art Suddjian. Our heartfelt sympathies to their families .

Hope to see you all Labor Day weekend for the annual Trex Convention.

Fraternally, Jim Kaprielian



Business Meeting

Fresno Chapter

Greetings to all our fellow Trexmen and their families from the Fresno Chapter.

At our last entry of the Trex News, we were all heading to the Fresno Chapter Club House for our 40th Mid-Term Convention which was held on Saturday, March 5, 1994. Fresno Chapter hosted the Mid-Term at the request of our Brothers from the Sequoia Chapter because they were busy organizing, planning and executing works necessary to put on a great convention in Visalia on this Labor Day Weekend.

Fresno's "Mike and Mike" (Emerzian and Garabedian) chaired a successful Mid-Term Golf Tournament held at Sherwood Forest Golf Course in Sanger. Fresno Brothers served a no-host lunch and prepared a dinner prior to the business meeting, including cocktails and mezza. All went well including Bro. Grand Master Jack Bedrosian's conducting his first meeting with the Grand Chapter.

In April, Bro. Junior Master Gary Kazarian had a dinner at Pardini's Restaurant which was one of Fresno's gourmet restaurants of the past and recently reopened. It was an excellent dinner of ribs and chicken served family-style and was very well attended by the Brothers.



Everything under control by G.M. Jack Bedrosian.



This one is for Pete Chilpigian. First time picture.



Gary Kazarian saluting the old guard behind him.



Mid Term Meeting. Mooney says in '95" if I'm Alive.



Two Generations of Trexmen at the Open Social.



Nice to see P.G.M. Johnny Simonian.

Another very successful Open Social was held in May, again by Fresno's "Mike and Mike". A gourmet mezza table and deluxe shish kabob dinner was an absolute delight to our brothers and their "odar" friends. Thanks to the ever present volunteer workers such as Bob Kevorkian, Bob Juskalian, Bob Markus, Ed and Sam Hokokian, Ed and Richard Shirin, Pat Ourlian, Master Jack Bedoian, Jr. Master Gary Kazarian, Jack and Mark Kazanjian, Harold Loosigian, Richard Lulejian, Carl Hovsepien and many others.

Dinkey Creek, June 2, 3, 4 and 5 (the tradition continues...) Chaired again by the 3 Musketeers...Brothers Bob Juskalian, Mooney Najarian and Naz Chaderjian, plus help from our steady Gary Daloyan, Bob Kevorkian, Jack Bedoian, Pete Chilpigian, Alan Emerian, Gary Kazarian and several of our young members who were there and offered to help. The food was great, the weather was great and fishing was fantastic. P.S. someone left their Junior charcoal barbecue at Dinkey Creek. Call Brother Naz Chaderjian at 209-431-7357 if it is yours and I will keep it for you until your return to Fresno.

We were saddened by the loss of a beloved Selma Brother Art Suddjian at Dinkey Creek. We will miss him very much.

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Smells Good!



Say Cheese.



Chicken Man and Company.



Aaronian and Company.



Who's next?



Justo's





Also in June, we had a joint social with Selma and Sequoia Chapters. We chartered two buses with 105 Trexmen and went to Justo's Basque Restaurant in Hanford. GREAT! July 21 will be the second Harry Pazeian's Old Timers' Night. August 18 is our Scholarship Dinner Night. A special thanks to Brother Sam Simonian who always helps me with taking pictures at our events.

Best wishes to all of our brothers, their wives and families throughout the state. Hope to see so many of you at our convention in Visalia, the site of our next elected Grand Master Ed Hokokian.

Fraternally yours,
Bro. Naz Chaderjian



Mid-Term Golf



Dinkey Creek



Dinkey Creek

Peninsula Chapter

The Peninsula Brothers send greetings to all. It has been a busy year for us as we begin preparation for hosting the 1995 convention. We are making every effort in delivering a convention on the caliber our fellow Trexman are accustomed to.

In February we had the pleasure of our Grand Master, Jack Bedrosian, join us in our monthly meeting. We were honored with his encouraging words on charity, service and fellowship. This was a very enjoyable evening.

Peninsula Chapter's 5th annual dinner dance was held on May 21st at Michael's in Sunnyvale. Brothers, their spouses and friends were entertained by comedian Harry Taktakian as well as dancing to the music by Jack Marderosian and his



Marion Paparigian, Mary and PGM George Solakian at Annual Spring Dinner Dance.



Bros. (left to right) Aram Amerian, Ace Paul, Vic Khachooni, Dick Bournazian.



When help is needed Bro. Vic Paporigian is always there.



Master Jack Marderosian is enjoying his birthday.

band. The best filet mignon dinner was served ... it was the best in town. Thank you to Brother Vic Paporigian for doing such a great job as chairman.

By the time this is published Peninsula Trexmen would have already had the 27th annual Ed Sarouhan Memorial Golf Tournament which was held on August 6th at Aptos Seascap Golf Club. Dinner followed the tournament and we must thank Past Grand Master Brother George Solakian for being Chairman.

The annual picnic will be held for the second time at Brother Vic Khachooni's home in the Hills overlooking the San Francisco Bay. The country setting makes this a great place for a semi-rustic outing. The members and their families will be

Golden Gate Chapter

The Golden Gate Brothers have been productive and busy these past few months. Bro. Dan and Karen Riley welcomed a baby girl to their family while Bro. Russell and Karen Pinomaki are expecting their future Trexman (woman?) this Christmas.

Bro. Ralph and Elsie Kazanjian hosted a Bon Voyage party April 30th to bid good luck and God speed to Laura Burtch (significant other to Bro Dave Zovickian) as she sets out for Dover to swim the English Channel, Surrounded by Ralph and Elise's hospitality, Laura entertained two dozen guests with tales of a successful relay crossing in '92 and last year's close encounter of the jelly fish kind which ended her solo attempt 1-1/2 miles from France.

The American University of Armenia was this



Charity Fundraising Dinner. Nelly Der Kureghian, Armen Der Dureghian, Richard Demirjian, Elise Kazanjian.

attending which always includes a Tavloo Tourney.

As mentioned your Peninsula brothers are working hard on next year's convention which will be held at the Red Lion Inn in San Jose. There are so many attractions within a short distance from the Red Lion that all can enjoy a wonderful weekend. More to come.

Peninsula Brothers want to thank the 1993-94 officers for their fine service:

- Master Jack Marderosian
- Jr. Master Aram Darmanian
- Treasurer George Solakian
- Secretary Kip Garabedian
- Sgt. at Arms Mike Bournazian
- Assoc. Editor Vic Khachooni

See you all at the convention.

Vic Khachooni

year's recipient of the Golden Gate Chapter's Annual Charity Dinner. On May 14th, over 50 guests heard Prof. Armen Der-Kiureghian speak on the University he helped found and develop, in addition to his duties as professor and dean at Cal's School of Engineering. Also speaking was the Bay Area's Richard Demirjian, noted author and historian of American Armenian Sportsmen and Sportswomen. Over \$3,000 was raised to benefit the University.

On Sunday, July 10th, 20 Trexmen and family witnessed the resurgence of the San Francisco Giants as they completed a four game sweep of the Phils, leaving the cellar all to the Padres. As for the donuts, Bro. Vartan vows to remember them next year.

Next up for the Brothers, a culinary tour of Sausalito arranged by Bro. Leonard Kapreilian, guaranteed to satisfy any hunger for food and shopping.

A final note due to wife Ulla's new and time consuming vocation as tour director for Alaskan Cruises, Pen Pals are being sought for Bro. Ara Kapreilian. Write, in care of this Chapter.

Fraternally yours,
David Zovickian



Bro. Master Ralph and Bro. Vahack.



Bros. Ara and Ara at Tailgate party in Candlestick Park.

Mt. Diablo Chapter

Master Greg's Farewell

A few months ahead of schedule, Bro. Master Greg Kellejian rode off into the sunset. It seems he got an offer he couldn't refuse, so he's moving to Denver for a new job. The news was broken gently to the chapter, but when the sobbing subsided, Bro. Greg admitted to the truth. He just couldn't accept losing to Bro. Aram in the tavloo tournament and had to leave town in shame.

Bro. Greg has been an impact player from the moment he joined the chapter in 1991. He got fully involved, chaired several events on his own, and quickly rose through the ranks to become Master in 1993.

Bro. Greg was a positive force in the Diablo chapter, and although we are glad for him in his new work, we will miss him greatly. There will always be a soft spot for Bro. Greg in our hearts (and our heads). Good luck Greg!

New Officers

Jr. Master Tanil Matosian has taken over for Past Master Greg as interim Master, and will stay



Bro. Jack and Mary.



Mid-Term '94.



Departing Bro Master Greg Kellejian "knocks on wood" while describing his new job offer.



New member Bro John Karoyan and family enjoy the Luau.

on as Master in 1995. The new slate of officers are

- Master Tanil Matosian
- Jr. Master Garo Sedrakian
- Treasurer Jerry Tusan
- Corr. Secty Bruce Jamgotchian
- Rec. Secty Harvey Hanoian

This group shows tremendous promise, and was nominated with a minimum of arm twisting. Hallelujah!

New Members

Please, a big round of applause to welcome our newest brother, John Karoyan! Bro. John was initiated at our March dinner meeting. Born in Sevan, he has been here 12 years and lives with his wife Nora and their son and daughter in Fremont. And what do you think he does for a living? . . . You're right! He's an engineer!! *Who woulda think?!* Congratulations and welcome to Brother John.

Member Spotlight

Raffi Kachadourian is the latest brother to lose his invitation to the Bachelor Ski Weekend. Back

in May Raffi got married to the lovely Clarice at St. Vartan Church in Oakland. Congratulations Bro. Raffi, and may you rest two heads on one pillow for years to come.

Don Ho-Down in Diablo

The spirit of the islands descended upon Bro. George Atashkarian's backyard one day in May for a full-fledged Hawaiian Luau. Organized by brothers Ed, Jack and George, the chapter enjoyed a huge feast and all the accoutrements of an evening on Waikiki.

In the spirit of the occasion, the men in the chapter lined up in their loudest and tackiest Hawaiian shirts, to be judged by a panel of experts. And the winner was... drum roll please... Archie Azizian!! Please note the immense accomplishment here, as this was a truly scary line up of ugly tourist shirts. But the winner was clear. Brother Archie, that is one obnoxious shirt, man!

Then the women lined up for an old-fashioned shimmy exhibition. With grass skirts swaying, Bro. Archie's date Sonia won the Hooki Luau Dance Contest.

Later in the evening, Brother Mike Aaronian Jr. took top honors in the First Annual Make a Total Pig of Yourself Contest. With his hands tied behind his back, Bro. Mike consumed an **unpeeled** banana in record time. Unfazed by his achievement, Bro. Mike exclaimed, "*Mphjlrk swepstnmcvk pppfurpho ziphgangmg!*" He was entitled to boast, I suppose, as the single women lined up to get his phone number. He'll be tough to beat next year as defending champion.

July Fourth Fundraiser

For the second year in a row, the chapter set forth on the Fourth to raise money at the San Ramon Fireworks Spectacular. Our food booth was a huge success! We sold out of Casper's hot dogs and hot apple cider before the fireworks show, and doubled our profits from the year before. The Contra Costa Food Bank, Lion's Gate Children's Center, and the Armenian Technology Group are the beneficiaries of our efforts this year.

Thanks to our hard-working members Shant, Armen, Tanil, Bruce, Jerry, Mike, Archie, Vaughn, Garo, Shavarsh, Haig, Armen, Armen, George and Kevork. Special thanks to Paula Boyd for her beautiful hand-painted sign, and for single-handedly selling \$300 worth of pink candy popcorn. Someone ought to make that girl a member!



Three generations of Hazarabedian men: Future PGM Zachary, Present PGM Shavarsh, Past Master Ed.



Luau Hosts: Bro. George and Mary Atashkarian.



Mike Jr. beams with pride as Bruce Jamgotchian gets leid.



Mt. Diablo Fourth of July Food Booth



Brothers Shavarsh, Armen, Garo, Kevork, and Vaughn hard at work on the Fourth of July.



Armen Boyd, John Karoyan, Mike Aaronian Sr., George Rustigian, George Atashkarian, Archie Azizian, Jerry Tucson, and Armen Donian battle it out in the Ugly Hawaiian Shirt contest

Convention '94

We're all looking forward to Sequoia Chapter's hospitality at the convention this year. The Diablo coalition softball team has been practicing for months in anticipation of The '94 Quest for The TREX Cup. And I must say, we're looking pretty damn. I mean pretty damn good. Or maybe it's damn pretty. Either way, we can't wait for this year's TREX Softball Challenge to strut our stiff. I mean stuff. Whatever. See you there!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Aram Boyd
Chapter Scribe

Orange County Chapter

I like the Grand Master's motto, "Service, Charity and Fellowship". I can say that the Orange County Chapter fits that description. We have a great bunch of happy Brothers.

Our 8th Annual Armenian-American Sports Hall of Fame honored Fred Kasigian an outstanding guard from U.S.C. He was proud to be at our Sports Night. Also the Sportsman of the Year was Rod Dedeaux. He was the Baseball Coach at U.S.C. and got 11 National Titles and his record has never been broken. Bros. Jack Kayajanian, Nick Paboojian and Bob Kazarian and their committee did an outstanding job. Over 350 were in attendance.

Our Party for the disabled at Fairview Developmental Center was a great success. The Bros. and wives who helped did an outstanding job. We provide ice cream and cake as well as a variety of gifts to 30 handicapped residents, played music and made a real party out of it. We have been doing this for many years and receive such a blessing from this party.

We had a Day At The Races (Santa Anita). Bro. Junior Master Ed Harver put it on. He knows how to pick 'em but wouldn't give any hot tips. Some of the Bros. horses are still running. Bro. Ed brings a lot of enthusiasm to our Fraternity. He had to take over in the absence of Bro. Master Rich Penjoyan and he ran the meeting like a General. He would make a great Master.

The Brothers who went to the Mid Term had a great time. We enjoyed a fabulous dinner by the Fresno Chapter. Bro. Grand Master Jack Bedrosian ran a very smooth meeting. It was nice seeing other Bros. from around the State.

Our Spring dance was another success. We filled the hall, the buffet was set-up by our Master Chief Bro. Art Kazarian. We never go hungry with Bro. Art around. The Chairmen were Bros. Ara Gholdoian and John Mekenian. We sure have a following of people who keep coming back to dance and enjoy the kef time. All the members who helped did a great job. It was nice to have Bro. Jerry Jamgotchian help at the Bar.

We had our 1st Annual Hobo Pot Luck Dinner at the Club House of Bro. Kurk and Marge Kazarian. Some of the Brothers hadn't shaved for a week. It was different and lots of fun. We had ribs, chicken, beans, etc. real Hobo Food and some great desserts. We had a contest for the best



Bros. having fun. Bros. Art, Hank, Ed, Mooney, John, Archie, Ed and our Master Rich.



Bro. Ron Krajian looks good for a single guy. Bro. Wayne, Peter and John listening to Ron's travels.



Bros. and wives at the Fairview Development Center Party.



Bro. Leo getting advice from Bro. Art, Kurk, and Master Rich.



Bro. Mooney trying to get votes for Grand Master in 95. Bros. Kurk, Mooney, Art and Z. Harry.



Chapter at Mid-Term. Bros. Pat, Bob, Jack, Naz, Ed, Charlie, Haig and Haig. How did Mooney get in this picture?

costumes and Bro. Ed and Ruth Harver won First Place. Thanks to Bro. Bob Kazarian as Chairman for putting it together. Thanks also to our wives. What would we do without them!!

Our Annual Laughlin stag outing was a great success also. Bro. Mark Hachigian was Chairman. He filled the bus and all the Brothers had a great time. Some of the Brothers have better connections than others. Bro. Archie Cholakian knows Don Laughlin and he took Bros. Bob Kazarian, Don Kazarian, Malcolm Boghosian and Pat Ruzgerian on a Private Ride in Don's helicopter over the Colorado River for over an hour. Next year all the Brothers are going to hang around Bro. Archie.

Our Annual Picnic will be July 10th. Bro. Kelly Astor is doing a wonderful job chairing this event. We normally have over 700 people in attendance. This is one event no one misses.

Our Master Bro. Rich Penjoyan has been a Master of all Masters. What leadership, he knows how to fine at the right time and keep the meeting moving. Our officers have been at the post doing a fine job also. Bro. Pete Bodourian keeps losing our Banner and Bro. Mal Boghosian writes every-



Bro. Jack with Armenian Sport Hall of Fame Fred Khasigian, Football at U.S.C.



Bro. Jerry working the bar. Bro. Leo and Mike they just want to get their picture in the Trex News.

thing down for our minutes. We love you Bro. Mal.

We miss seeing some of our Brothers who live out of town. Bro. John Gulugian, Bro. Norris Barsumian, Bro. Daron Hairabedian and Bro. Ron Krajian who does come back to town to tell us his war stories. We love you all.

Our meeting at the Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach is held on the third Wednesday of each month with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

See you all at the Convention!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Haig Jamgotchian, P. G. M.



Bros. Ed, Art and our beloved Bro. Bob Kazarian who passed away July 12. Will be surely missed..

Oakland Chapter

Hi Brothers,

Well it's time to check and see how the Brothers of the Oakland Chapter are. I'm proud to say we are all doing great! We've been busy as always planning activities for fun

In April the brothers made a return visit to St. Vincents dining hall and helped Sister Carmel by serving the food and washing the pots and pans. We are planning annual visits to help the people in our community.

There has always been a great mystery surrounding the Dinkey Creek trip; Where is Dinkey Creek? What is a Dinkey Creek? Why does everyone go to Dinkey Creek? Well the Oakland Chapter had a group of it's younger members go up for the first time. They are proud to report that they have solved one of the great mysteries of life. They said it was one of the best experiences in there lives, kef, great food and brotherhood.

Upcoming events for the Oakland chapter include **The Walnut Festival**, where we will have a booth selling Snapple all for a good cause. A



Almost meeting time.



Bros. Dennis Sherinian and Masis Gozurian enjoying the great outdoors.



Bros. Charles Alexanian, Hratch Avakian and Craig Bazigian preparing for meeting.



Brothers Mike Tulanian, Rick Magarian, Paul Kamian, and Steven Donikian.



The brothers helping out at St. Anthony's Dining Hall; pictured with Sister Carmel.



The one and only Siy Ekizian (Culinary Chef Supreme).

Family Picnic, it was a great success last year and it looks like it's going to be an annual event. Once again we will be joining our brothers from the Diablo Chapter for a joint **Christmas Party**, always a great time for everyone. What ever happened to our football rematch?

We also have the sad news of reporting that Brother Albert H. Kalakian passed away. Al who owned his own insurance agency for 35 years, died Thursday June 9th 1994. He was 86.

Brother Al was born in Turkey and moved to the family when he was 7 months old. He grew up in Fresno and came to San Leandro in 1929. He is survived by his wife, Louise Kalakian; two daughters, Joetta Malkassian and Harriet Anderson; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Donations to the San Francisco Shriners Hospital for crippled children, 1701 19th Ave., San Francisco, 94122 or a favorite charity are preferred.

We hope everyone has a great Convention, and look foreword to seeing everybody at our 1999 Convention, don't laugh it's only 5 years away.

Steven Donikian
Associate Editor
Oakland

Los Angeles Juniors

We hope you and yours are well. We are doing great. In fact, three of our brothers recently got married and two more are engaged. Since the last newsletter, Robert Birebirian, Diron Ohanian, and Armen Cazian got married and Ara Bedros and Zareh Kouyoumdjian got engaged. We are also growing in size. In January, we welcomed Mampre Pomakian, a student at C.S.U. Northridge. Mampre is an accomplished basketball player. We are very excited about this new brother. On a sadder note, several of our brothers suffered much damage because of the Northridge Earthquake. We wish them the best.

Along with our regular meetings and activities, we are enjoying the Softball league, even though we haven't been very consistent in our playing. We recently helped the Senior Chapter in hosting the annual family picnic, held this year on Father's Day. A good time was had by all. We are busy planning a summer luau and are looking forward to seeing everyone in Visalia. Have a great summer.

Fraternally,
Bro. Kevork A. Zoryan
Sergeant at Arms



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