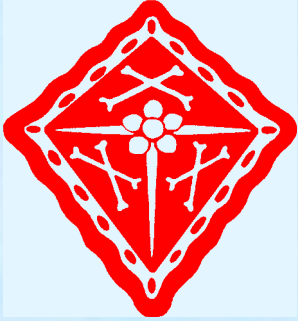


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# **Trex News**

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## **81<sup>st</sup> Annual Triple X Fraternity Convention**

Hosted by

**Orange County Chapter**

**September 3-5, 2010**

### **Friday September 3, 2010**

- Registration 2:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m. Hotel Lobby
- Hospitality Suite Open 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Casino Night 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

### **Saturday September 4, 2010**

- Registration 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hotel Lobby
- Golf Outing 7:00 a.m. Warm Up, 8:00 a.m. Shotgun  
*Strawberry Farms, Irvine*
- Hospitality Suite Open 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Gin/Tavloo/Poker Room Open 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.
- Dinner/Dance - Armenian Music by *Oasis Middle Eastern Ensemble* with special guest artist *John Bilezikjian*  
6:30 p.m. - Midnight

### **Sunday September 5, 2010**

- Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
- Business Meeting starts 9:15 a.m. *SHARP*
- Ladies Cooking Demonstration and Luncheon  
10:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. *Zov's Bistro, Tustin*
- Hospitality Suite Open 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Installation Dinner 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.



# Grand Master's Message

This is my last chance before my term in office is up to thank all my Triple X Brothers and their wives for making my year in office one I will never forget. The hospitality shown to me, my Grand Officers and our wives at every meeting and event we attended will be always be appreciated.

I especially want to thank my Grand Chapter Officers: Jr. Grand Master Bro. Ronald Sarouhan, Orange County Chapter, Grand Secretary Bro. Richard Bedoian, Fresno Chapter, Grand Treasurer Bro. Steven Bedoian, Fresno Chapter, Grand Marshall Bro. Peter Kaprielian, Golden Gate Chapter, Grand Historian-Custodian Bro. Shant Der Gazarian, Los Angeles Chapter, and Grand Editor P.G.M. Bro. Jack Ouzounian, Selma Chapter. Their support and dedication has been as asset to me and the Fraternity.

Throughout my many visits I was proud to see that all chapters have one common goal. That goal is to raise money through charity events to donate to various charities in and out of their community. It was also heartwarming to see the camaraderie of the Brothers within each chapter as they worked towards their goal.

Our membership needs to grow in order to preserve our long and proud past. Many chapters are working toward this goal. I hope each chapter will be looking into membership drives and ways of reaching out to our fellow Armenians to enhance the membership of our Fraternity. Our Junior Chapters are a most important part of our Fraternity and must be encouraged, cultivated, and expanded to ensure our future.

Orange County is planning a great convention. A lot of effort and money goes into putting on a convention. A convention can only be as successful as its attendance. What better way to spend the Labor Day weekend than a family outing to beautiful Orange County to meet old and new Fraternal Friends. I hope to see as many Brothers as possible at the convention.

I feel proud and fortunate to have been able to serve as this great Fraternity's Grand Master this year.

Fraternally yours,  
Grand Master Jack Bedoian

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## Golden Gate

Greetings from beautiful San Francisco, home of the Golden Gate Chapter TREX and site of the upcoming 2012 convention. We start this article with an apology for missing the last TREX news deadline. We'll try to make that up by giving a quick highlight of our year since last year's convention.

We got off to a strong start in September under the able leadership of Brother Master Richard Surabian and Junior Master Peter Kaprielian. We were honored in September by being the first TREX chapter to host our newly elected Grand Master Jack Bedoian at our meeting. He was very gracious and expressed his appreciation at being elected to GM status.

Once again, our meetings are typically dinner meetings and are hosted at the home of "Aunt Lou," who is 104 years young. She either cooks the dinner or oversees the rest of us trying to keep up with her cooking skills. In either case, she enjoys seeing the brothers each month, and they in turn are very kind in expressing their love and appreciation for her service to our chapter.

Our chapter was pleased to welcome four new members during this 2009-2010 year – Hartley Appleton, Hriar Chahenian, Gary Naman, and Greg Ovanessian. All four brothers have already demonstrated their enthusiasm by having volunteered to serve on a number of committees and in several chapter activities. Welcome new brothers! Thanks, also, to Brother Hagop Koujakian – our membership chair – for his efforts in recruiting these new members. Brother Hagop tells us that there are several more prospective members in the mix, and we should be learning more about each of them real soon.

The San Francisco Bay Area is fortunate to have four TREX chapters in close proximity, and this makes joint activities very do-able. We appreciate our brother chapters for their welcome to participate in Oakland Chapter's Christmas Party and Crab Feed, and in at least two chapter-wide dinner meetings. We're proud to say that the Golden Gate Chapter was well represented at each of these multi-chapter functions.

In September and October, our Golden Gate Chapter brothers fully embraced the TREX concept of serving ALL Armenians by volunteering to assist with various jobs at church festivals for St. Gregory, St. Johns, St. Vartan's, and Calvary Armenian Churches. The various church communities were thankful for the help, and it was a great opportunity for brothers to demonstrate

their commitment to serve the greater Armenian community.

February saw our brothers hosting our annual Valentine's Gala Celebration on February 13th, and we're so glad to have welcomed guests from the other three bay area chapters. We were particularly happy to see Grand Master Jack and his lovely wife in attendance. He's quite the dancer.

Something new we tried this year was to invite one of our brothers to be a guest speaker of sorts at each of our meetings and to tell a little about what they do. So far, we've heard from Brother Jerry Vorperian regarding the development of his furniture business (Noriega Furniture), Brother Henry Shishmanian about the thrills of being a San Francisco Police Officer, and from Brother Ralph Kazanjian about owning and operating a Pawn Shop. All different, and all quite interesting.

In the Spring, the Golden Gate Chapter brothers again sponsored our almost-annual scholarship program which recognizes and awards outstanding Armenian Bay Area high school graduates. We were pleased to award \$1,000 scholarships to Shunt Balushian, Narek Ghazaryan, Nshan Kesecker, and Sanan Panossian. Scholarship presentations were made at our June meeting. Each recipient was invited to attend and to bring their families along. We were excited to have GM Jack



*Scholarship Recipients with Garo Mirigian, Master*

with us this third time to participate in the evening. It made the presentation that much more special with our illustrious leader present.

These four students share the distinction of having all attended the Krouzian-Zakarian Armenian Day School in San Francisco. Their academic backgrounds were impressive and ranged from Music, history and International Business, to biological sciences and politics. We left the meeting confident that these four young people will represent themselves – and all of us – well.

But, of course, the BIG NEWS is that we're already hard at work planning for 2012 and what is

already shaping up to be a convention to remember when the Golden Gate Chapter plays host to our Convention By The Bay. Committees are forming, activities being planned, hotels being scouted, and excitement building. We're reminding you all to mark your calendars and hold the date – August 31, September 1 and 2, 2012.

We wish our brothers in Orange County a successful convention, and we look forward to continuing out fellowship throughout the coming months.

See you all in Orange County, in Vegas, and 2012 in San Francisco!

Garo Mirigian



## *Oakland*

Greetings from the Oakland Chapter to all the members of our sister chapters. We hope all is well and that you are enjoying success in your individual endeavors -

The year 2010 started off with a bang for our Oakland Chapter beginning with our charitable event, namely our 15th annual charity crab feed which took place in January. The event was a sell-out (with 300 happy guests and members attending) and a huge success thanks to the total cooperation among our members. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the names of the committee members:

Paul Koojoolian, Paul Kamian, Rick Magarian, Jim Taylor, Harry Sherinian, Ed Minassian, Gary Alexanian, Rick Mickaels, Ron Mickaels, Rob Kaljian, Craig Bazigian, Harold Koojoolian, Greg Cherezian, and Archie Kamian.

We are proud that the members of our chapter are a cohesive bunch and give freely of their time to contribute to the common cause.

In May, the nice weather lured 45 of our members and their families and friends to the Oakland baseball park to attend a game between the Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants. The A's shut out the Giants for a victory for the home team.



Also in May our Grand Master, Jack Bedoian and his crew of sous chefs came to Oakland and prepared a lovely luleh kebab dinner for our May meeting. Always happy to see Jack. We had members from Mt. Diablo, Golden Gate and Peninsula chapters in attendance.

Continuing in the busy month of May a contingent of ten of our brothers ventured to the foothills of the gold country toward Angels Camp, Murphys and settled in the hamlet of Arnold where our guide, Craig Bazigian, had rented a beautiful log home among the towering trees. The weather was perfect, the golf scores ok, fishing could have been a lot better, and the hiking in Calaveras State Park was great. Bro. Craig had outlined a great menu featuring chicken and luleh kebabs (outstandingly prepared by George Kamian) and all the members helped by preparing the food and offering advice on how to barbecue the meat. What else is new? It was a fine time for relaxing, story telling and general all around enjoyment.

Some news and notes from our members. Master Rick Magarian and his wife, Peggy, returned from a 30-day trip exploring Europe and visiting their youngest son who was attending college in Spain -- tough life!

Bro. PMG Jeff Hazarian and his wife, Karen, report from Santa Barbara that their two daughters are graduating this year from their respective universities which should give relief to the pocket-book. Jeff and Karen are enjoying Santa Barbara but do miss their friends in the Bay Area. They take part in our activities whenever they can.

Bro's George Kamian and Rick Mickaels took part in a charity bike ride for the Scotts Valley Educational Foundation. The event raised over \$25,000. The bro's rode 70 miles climbing Mt. Charley - no mean feat. I get tired just writing about it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harry "Archie" Kamian



*In Memoriam*  
(as of March 2010)

Mt. Diablo Chapter  
John Dichian

Selma Chapter  
Soren Hamparzoomian

Fresno Chapter  
Jake Mirigian  
Michael Najimian  
Deran Chooljian  
Bob Hanoian  
Mose Moradian

Orange County Chapter  
Ed Karagozian

*Our heartfelt sympathies to  
the immediate family and  
loved ones.*

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# Los Angeles

Dear Brothers:

The Los Angeles Chapter is extremely excited to have Past Master, Bro. George Titizian running for Grand Master. He has very well thought out plans for his term that will help launch our great Fraternity into the future. In order to see this happen, Bro. George needs your vote, so please support his candidacy for this solemn responsibility.

In March, Bro. Zareh Mitilian and his committee did another outstanding job chairing our Annual Partner's Best Ball Golf Tourney. The Tourney was held at the Wilson golf course in beautiful Griffith Park. This year, Bro. Robert Kalfayan and his partner took 1st Place, followed by Dale Vaznian and his partner taking 2nd Place. Congratulations on another sell out and a great event.

Also in March was our first of several Bingo parties chaired by Bro. Darren Eminian and the ever inappropriate Bro. Armen Titizian. In prior bingo parties the winners always have a cloud of suspicion surrounding them. This year was no different. The big jackpot winner this time had the same last name as the chairman. Lots of Brothers, wives, friends and families attended the event making it a big success. Bro. Darren, Armen and their wives and families put out a great spread of mezza and it is an event we look forward to each year. Many thanks Bro. Darren and your team.

The Fraternity's Mid-Term convention was packed with L.A. Brothers as over 15 went for golf, the meeting and fun. Many of our Brothers also brought their wives. We want to congratulate and thank the Sequoia Chapter for their hospitality in hosting the Midterm and as well as our Grand Master, Jack Bedoian for a great meeting. We love seeing our Grand Master at our meetings and he has attended quite a few of our events during his term.

Our Father and Son/Daughter camp out at Lake Cachuma was easily the best one ever. We had over 30 campers this year for a great weekend of fishing, horseshoes, cards, food and drink. Like in previous years, at the Saturday night campfire, we honor the memory of our grandparents and great grandparents who were killed during the Armenian Genocide, but whose memories and culture continue to live on. Bro. Tev Eminian and PGM Master Mel Shanoian reserve a choice campground area for us and load up the motor home and boats. Special thanks to PGM Mel and Bro. Greg Shanoian for both bring their boats up for the weekend. Thank you Brothers Tev and PGM Mel



*PGM Mel Shanoian and his committee for the 55th Annual Armenian Open. With PGM Mel are Bro's Shant, George, William and Mike.*



*Nick Mikaelian, son of Bro Mark Mikaelian won closest to the pin at the Partner's Best Ball Tourney. Up to no good, Bro Chris Armen can be seen illegally moving the ball marker to a location of his liking.*

for the great effort in helping us all get together!

In May a bunch of the L.A. Brothers drove out to attend the Palm Desert Golf Tourney. It was a great event of golf, friends, food and drink. Congratulations to the Palm Desert Chapter on a great event.

Also in May, we held our first Spring Dance (we called it a Barrehantes). This was a first class af-

fair with an outstanding dinner, a live band and DJ. Bro. Gary Kouyoumjian chaired the event with help from many brothers. All those who attended were treated to a really nice affair.

June was packed with events too. We held our 55th Annual Armenian Open at the Los Angeles Country Club chaired by PGM Bro. Mel Shanoian. PGM thanks all the golfers that attended this year and also a special thanks to tee sponsors (over 55 this year) and those that donated raffle prizes. Like previous years, golfers were treated to a great BBQ lunch before the event and prime rib dinner afterwards. Bro. Jimmy Gondjian has attended 54 of the 55 Armenian open Tourney's and is responsible for securing all the Tee Sponsors. Bro. Mel assembled a great crew to help him this year including Bro's Tev Eminian, George Titizian, William Kevorkian, Shant Dergazarian, Mike Kourtjan, and others. A raffle and award ceremony took place just before dinner where winners in 3 flights were presented trophies. In addition, brothers introduced their guests to the crowd, several of which won awards. All in all, it was a great event and pure class.

Also in June we held the 72nd Annual Triple X Family picnic chaired by PGM David Maseredjian (C). This is an event we all look forward to because it is done the old fashioned way – great kebab, games for the kids, cool drinks and lots of fun. The LA Juniors did a great job preparing and serving us all. Bro. Daryl Mooshagian and Bro. Hagop Mikaelian prepared and cooked the lamb and chicken kebab, which was delicious. Great job to PGM Dave and Bro. Stan Roopenian for a great picnic and getting us all together.



**Team Kessab: made up of Bros Martin, John & Greg vs. Team Harpert: made up of Bro Lev, Mike and Master John pose for a picture before the Iron Chef cook off at Lake Cachuma. This episode's mystery breakfast ingre-**

The Los Angeles Chapter is very proud of our L.A. Juniors and they are often invited to our dinner meetings to mingle with the rest of us. They are a highly successful group of young men that put on great events and raise meaningful money for their charitable concerns. November 19th they will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary as a Junior Chapter and we are looking forward to another great event from them. Whether you were a Junior Brother or not, this will be a great affair and a memorable one you will not want to miss.

Quite a few more events are planned for the balance of the year including Day at the Races, our annual Stag Outing – this year in Palm Desert, the Ararat Home Picnic in September and Christmas parties together. We are looking forward to the Annual Convention this year hosted by the Orange County Chapter and we know they are going to do a great job. The Los Angeles Chapter will be there in full force and ask all of our Fraternity's chapters to come out and support our sister Chapter with their attendance at the convention and to support their convention booklet.

See you all in Orange County!

Fraternally,

Bro. Michael Surmeian 0005

Associate Editor



**PGM Nick, Bros John, Vaughn and Ron formed a barbershop quartet at the Spring Dance. Their signature song was You Dropped the Bomb on Me by the Gap Band. After their performance, men began throwing their vardeegs on the stage, much to the quartet's disappointment.**





## *Las Vegas*

Greetings brothers,

Las Vegas is getting ready to host Convention 2011. It will be a very elegant affair, and we hope it will be very well attended. It was very nice of the Past Grand Masters and Masters that visited us in the Month of June, we had a very nice dinner at the new Armenian Center in Las Vegas and played a poker tournament after the meeting. Earlier in the year we gave out 4 scholarships to Armenian students in Nevada (see photo) We also had a Bachelor Auction Fund raiser and Auctioned off our Master Bro. Ara Gueyikian, who went for a very hefty price, and the winner was non other than his sweetheart, Ms Maree Kilejian of New Jersey (see Photo). Our Brother Arthur Kassarian's team Arturo's Cigars participated in the Cigar rolling competition at the Four Seasons and came back with the Gold medal, congratulations Bro. Arturo. We hope to see you all at Convention in Orange County.



## *Los Angeles Juniors*

Brothers:

The Los Angeles Junior Triple X Fraternity has been active and growing throughout 2010!

Since Midterm the Juniors have hosted many poker tournaments to bond together as a group and bring prospective around as well.

The Juniors turned out in large numbers to support our Senior brothers at the Annual Picnic at Verdugo Park in Glendale. We helped set up the event, prepare and serve food as well as host games for kids.

LA Juniors have planned a 75th Anniversary Banquet in honor of the start of the Los Angeles Junior Triple X Fraternity. Friends, family, friends of friends are all welcome to attend. It will be hosted at the Ararat Home in North Hills, Ca on November 19, 2010. Please come out and join in celebrating 75 years of the Los Angeles Jr. Triple X!

The Juniors look forward to hosting a few parties, planning several entertainment outings, and supporting our Senior Chapter in 2010!

Fraternally,  
Bro. Adam Mikaelian



# *Mt Diablo*

Master Jeff Apkarian has had some informative guest speakers from our own Chapter over the past few months. In March, Brother Vic Vasgerdian spoke at length about various topics including his upbringing on the east coast to his accomplishments in the Bay Area. In June, Brother Steve Noroian conveyed information about his years of experience in the financial world, gave tips on investing, strategies and insights. Steve is very knowledgeable and has his own business, Noroian Capital Management in Walnut Creek.

We have been honored to have Grand Master Jack Bedoian attend 3 business meetings and 2 socials during his term. Furthermore, he brought the Grand Secretary Richard Bedoian and Grand Treasurer Steve Bedoian to the meetings. We thank you Grand Master for a GREAT year of support, and your enthusiasm of being Grand Master!

In March, PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian and Brother Jerry Tusan represented Mt Diablo at the annual meeting of the Council of Armenian Ameri-



*Mt Diablo Brothers enjoying Grand Master Jack Bedoian's Lulu Kebab dinner at Oakland Chapter meeting.*



*Brother Seno Garabedian wearing the t-shirt he received for walking the Golden Gate Bridge "Walk for Remembrance" on the anniversary of the genocide.*

can Organizations of Northern California (CAA-ONC) support of the Mt Davidson Cross in San Francisco. Our Chapter continues to support such a worthwhile organization and we thank PGM Charles Paskerian for chairing the committee.

On April 24th, a "Walk for Remembrance" was held across the Golden Gate Bridge of which Brother Seno Garabedian was one of 400 walking in commemoration of the genocide.

On May 18th, 10 Mt Diablo Brothers attended the Oakland Chapter dinner and meeting of which the dinner was hosted by Grand Master Jack and his crew. All Bay chapter Brothers were invited. Grand Master grilled a delicious meal of lulu kebab and all the trimmings brought fresh from Fresno.

This year our charity committee, consisting of Brothers Ray Chiljan, Garo Keadjian and George Rustigian have made the following recommendations and proper approval by the members at the last meeting this year's donations: Junior Achievement of Armenia, UC Berkeley Armenian Studies Program, Nor Cal Armenian Services, Food Bank of Contra Costa County, Armenian Technology Group, Mt Davidson Cross Support (CAAONC), Bay Area Friends of Armenia, KZV Armenian School.

On June 13, Brother Ray Chiljan and Dee Kassabian chaired the Spring Patio Party at Round Hill Country Club in Alamo. 34 Brothers, wives and guests attended including Grand Master Jack Bedoian, wife Alberta, Grand Treasurer Steve Bedoian and his wife Denise. We had a reserved prime location on the patio where we enjoyed freshly outdoor BBQ steaks, salmon, ribs, burgers and an array of salads, pastas and desserts, and of course plenty of wine donated by Brother Jerry Tusan. Brother Richard Asadoorian sang a beautiful song to Brother Ray Chiljan's wife Anita. Thanks Brother Richard.

Upcoming events include the Summer Family



*Brother Kevork Hagopian getting some serious advice from Brother Steve Noroian who spoke about investments at the June Trex meeting.*

Picnic on July 24th in Moraga and a community support effort chaired by Brother Richard Asadoorian in September at the Contra Costa Food bank in Concord.

I personally want to thank our Master Jeff Apkarian and his officers for a wonderful year of activities, informative meetings and diplomatic/professionalism he practices at the business meet-

ings. At this time we also want to wish Brother Garo Sedrakian our prayers during his time of illness.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 81st Convention in Orange County.

Fraternally,

Brother Jerry Tusan, Associate Editor



*Brother Seno Garabedian, Grand Treasurer Steve Bedoian, PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Grand Master Jack, Grand Secretary Richard Bedoian and Master Jeff Apkarian.*



*Grand Treasurer Steve Bedoian, wife Denise, Grand Master Jack Bedoian, PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian, Brother Jerry Tusan and Alberta Bedoian at the Mt Diablo Patio Party.*



*Mt Diablo Brothers and wives enjoying fine wines at Round Hill Country Club Patio Party.*



*Grand Master Jack Bedoian and PGM Shavarsh Hazarabedian.*



*Brother Richard Asadoorian telling a joke to Brother Dee Kassabian after the meeting.*



*Oakland Brother Barry Barsamian and Mt Diablo Brother Jerry Tusan with Jane Russell.*

## *Orange County*

Bro. Master George Ampagoomian has been an outstanding leader. His team of officers are well oiled and make sure everything is running smoothly.

Jr. Grand Mater Bro. Ron Sarouhan was Chairman of the Annual Christmas Party. Members, kids and grand kids came to see Santa and all gave toys to the Marines to give to the needy. We had over 70 in attendance, thanks Bro. Ron.

Every year when we go to the Fairview Developmental Center for the disabled and throw a party they all look forward to our coming and bringing ice cream, cake, punch and gifts for them all. We had over 60 in attendance. It is sure fun to give. Thanks to all the Brothers and wives who helped.

Thanks to the Sequoia Chapter for putting on a great midterm. We had a first-class hospitality party for our Future Grand Master, Past Master and Past Grand Treasurer Bro. Harold Bazarian. We ask for your votes at our upcoming Convention in Costa Mesa. This is a man of integrity and who can make things happen.

Our Pizza Bash was Chaired by Bro. Rob Tusan. Our families got together for pizza, pasta, etc. The kids really enjoyed the pizza. Thanks Rob for



*Bro. Rob chairman at the Pizza Bash.*



*Bro. Bob, Archie, Pete, Rob and Larry chairmen of our Convention. Bro. Harold Next Grand Master, Nick.*



*Bro. Larry, Archie, Haig, Wayne, David, Harold, Rob, Master George.*



*Bro. Harold Bazarian - Running for Grand Master. Man with Integrity and Leadership.*



*Brothers and wives helping at Fairview Development Party.*



*Bro. Larry, Grand Master Jack, and Terry. Great Friends for Life.*



PGM's at Mid-Term 2010, Tachi Palace Casino, Lemoore, CA.

## 2010 Mid-Term Highlights





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*Bro. Larry, Nick, Harold, Dr. Roger, David enjoying being a brother.*



*Laughlin Stag Outing. 46 Brothers on this boat.*

a great job.

The Pot Luck was at Kirk and Marge Kazarians Club house. Thanks to Bro. Ara Malazian for organizing this event. We had about 100 in attendance. We all look forward to Marge's Keyma and all the delicious dishes that were made for the event.

Our Stag Outing was once again in Laughlin at the Aquarius resort, Past Master Bro. Don Kazarian made this trip fantastic with the best mazzza and drinks on the bus, dinner cruise on the Colorado River, Prime Rib and Salmon and all the fixings. All 46 of the Brothers had the greatest time. We had our Hospitality suite overlooking the River. Brothers from Las Vegas and San Diego joined us. The Kentucky Derby was being raced and once again the favorite did not win. We look forward to next years stag.

Our Annual Picnic will be July 25th at Irvine Park. Thanks to Past Master Bro. Wayne Najarian who will be the Chairman and thanks to all the Brothers and wives who help.

Don't forget we are running Past Master Bro. Harold Bazarian for Grand Master 2010-2011. He is an honest man and a man of integrity. How much better can a Brother be.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Convention at the Hilton Hotel in Costa Mesa. Past Grand Master Bro. Harry Astor would say. Come and let's have FUN.

Respectfully Submitted,  
PGM Haig Jamgotchian

## *Peninsula Chapter*

Greetings Brothers, Families, and Friends! Peninsula Chapter officers for 2009-10 are:

Ruben Kazarian, Master  
Vic Khachooni, Treasurer  
Mark Antranikian, Jr. Master  
Joe Keshishian, Historian  
Kip Garabedian, Recording Sec.  
Aram Salmassian, Sgt. at Arms  
Mark Antranikian, Corresponding Sec.  
Vic Khachooni, Custodian

Our chapter meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Los Altos Masonic Lodge, 146 Main Street in beautiful downtown Los Altos. We hold our meetings outside in the relaxing courtyard patio and have a delicious barbecue when the weather is nice, or inside in the downstairs banquet room when it's cooler or rainy. We love having visitors, so if you're ever in the neighborhood, be sure to stop in and say hello!

In January we were honored to have Grand Master Jack Bedoian, Grand Treasurer Steve Bedoian, and Grand Secretary Richard Bedoian visit us and take part in our monthly dinner meeting. They definitely enjoyed the great food, games, and fellowship, and also were very happy to catch up with Brother Aram Darmanian, with whom they were childhood neighbors; in fact, Steve was also a classmate of Aram's just a few(!?) years ago! Thank you to the Bedoian clan for making the trip to our part of the world – we enjoyed your company, and the Good and Welfare entertainment as well!

We are also making preparations to participate in our 11th annual fundraising booth at the free Mountain View Art and Wine Festival, where we sell delicious lamb and beef kebabs. Money raised from sales during the event is used to fund donations to numerous charitable organizations near and far, throughout the year. For those in the Bay Area on the weekend of September 11th and 12th, be sure to head on over to the festival and enjoy a great lunch!

In April, a special treat for several Peninsula Brothers and family members was going on a tour of the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation, more commonly known as the "Tank Museum." Located in the hills of Portola Valley, it is a private collection of well over 200 tanks and other various military vehicles. In addition to the impressive quantity and quality of tanks (nearly all have been restored to running condition), the tour guide had an interesting story for nearly every vehicle in the collection, which made the experience even better. I would definitely recommend going there if you



*Jan 2010 meeting: Grand Chapter officers GM Jack, Richard, and Steve Beboian blend in with the Peninsula Chapter Brothers for a photo op after our January meeting.*



*Mark ammo belt: Brother Mark holds up a surprisingly weighty ammunition belt at the Tank Museum.*



*May 2010 dinner: Brothers Kip and Ruben serving up yet another fantastic meal to Brothers Joe and Aram.*



*Bros at MVTF: Brothers Mark Antranikian, Joe Keshishian, Ruben Kazarian (Master), Vic Khachooni, and Aram Salmassian enjoyed a great afternoon at the MVTF Tank Museum.*



*Joe bazooka: Brother Joe holds a rocket launcher similar to the one he was familiar with while serving his country. (Hmm, perhaps he could get some royalties from the "Bazooka Joe" people???)*

ever get the chance; you're sure to find it fascinating, even if you don't consider yourself a history buff.

We look forward to seeing old friends and Brothers from throughout the Fraternity at the upcoming Annual Convention in Orange County!

Fraternally submitted,  
 Brother Mark Antranikian  
 Junior Master/Corresponding Secretary

## ***Palm Desert***

The Palm Desert Chapter has held several events this year and continues to look for new venues to bring the brothers together. As we continue to grow we welcome two new members to our Chapter, Brother Steve Afetian and Brother Avo Zakarian. They both will be a real asset to the Palm Desert Chapter and we look forward to increasing our membership throughout the year.

The annual "Family Day at the Fair" was held on February 21, at the Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. The event was enjoyed by all the Brothers who attended with their families which included Grand Master Jack Bedoian and Past Grand Masters, Pete Cholakian, and Mel Shanoian. This annual event is hosted by PGM Nick Nigosian and his wife Carolon and we thank both of them for their time and generosity. In the middle of thousands of fair goers we have our own Oasis at the Fair Board's hospitality suite and VIP tent being served Armenian mezza and drinks. This is the best way to go to the fair.

The Palm Desert Chapter was again proud to join in with other community members supporting the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and the 4H Clubs by presenting two scholarships of \$250.00 each to deserving junior livestock exhibitors at the Fair. The Chapter has been most active with do-



***2nd Place Winners - Bro. Blaine Carian and his partner Tony Bianco finished second place for the Desert Outing Golf Tournament.***



***3rd Place winners - Bro. Don Kizirian and Bill Penny finished in 3rd Place for the Desert Outing Golf Tournament.***



***Trex Day at The Fair with Brothers from Palm Desert Chapter and other visiting chapters. The Queen of the Fair and her Court joined in the fun.***



nations to charities that the Brothers feel would serve the local and Armenian communities well.

The annual “Desert Trex Golf Outing” was held on Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22 at the world renowned Indian Wells Golf Resort. On Friday P.M. VJ Mkrtchian chaired a great cocktail – mezza party at the Kirkjan Family Hall where there was plenty to eat and drink. There was also the opportunity to wager a bet on your favorite two man golf team for Saturday’s round of golf. Saturday was a picture perfect day for golf with clear skies and no wind as the golfers enjoyed themselves. To complete the day an awards banquet was held that evening at the Indian Wells Golf Resort which all participants enjoyed a prime rib dinner and beverages of their choosing. A big thank you to Co-Chairs of the golf tournament P.G.M. Greg Avedesian, P.M. George Kirkjan, and committee members P.M. Greg Safoyan, P.G.M. Nick Nigosian, P.M. Rob Carian and Master Gary Funtas, who did a great job again this year in coordinating a fun weekend and a successful annual event. There was a special award given out by P.G.M.



*Day at the Fair with Current and Past Grand Masters and the Queen and her Court.*



*Blaine Carian Award - In photo Bro. Blaine Carian receiving a plaque from PGM Greg Avedesian for recognition of hard work on working on past golf tournament, also in photo is Master Gary Funtas.*



*PGM Avedesian - Working his magic as MC of the golf tournament awards banquet. Also in the picture is Past Master Greg Safoyan.*



*PGM Nick Nigosian and his wife Carolon once again hosted a fun Trex Day at the Fair.*

Greg Avedesian on behalf of the entire Palm Desert Trex to P.M. Neil Huether and Brother Blaine Carian for their past support and hard work on the annual golf tournament. Both of these Brothers took extraordinary time and personal resources to make this event the biggest and best tournament possible and for that we are grateful.

On a sad note we lost one of our Brothers Dick Odabashian who was 89 years old. Dick led a full life with numerous accomplishments and he will be missed. If you are ever in Wenatchee, Washington there is “The Odabashian Bridge” which goes over the Columbia River named after Dick.

It is all too brief as my year as Master is coming to an end. I want to thank all the Brothers for their support and participation to help make it another successful year. We welcome you to visit our chapter for any of our events. Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month.

We look forward to the annual convention this year hosted by the Orange County Chapter.

Fraternally,  
Master, Gary Funtas.

# *Fresno*

Greetings to our Trex brothers from the heart of the San Joaquin Valley, FRESNO. At the moment, we are enjoying the valley's fresh vegetables and fruits.

## **February 25, 2010 --- Widow's Night Dinner**

Each year we honor the widows of members no longer with us. They are presented with a long stem rose and a picture taken with their group. They enjoy the event and we enjoy them. Ed Hokokian and

Gary Kazarian chaired this event along with their committee. Job well done and thanks.

## **April 22, 2010 --- Pat Hill Night**

Pat Hill Night was a complete success. Food was excellent, the mezza exceptional, Coach Hill at his best. It was standing room only. Kudos to Richard Bedoian and his committee. It was fun, laughter, good will.

## **June 17, 2010 Dinner at Rep's.**

We had dinner out at Rep's. Excellent ribs, the



*Mardy Marderosian, Mike Ekizian, Rose Ekizian, Muriel Marderosian, Stella Chaderjian, and Richard Shirin.*



*Naz Chaderjian (right) and other guest at Pat Hill Night.*



*Pete Chilpugian, Bill Kandarian and Paul Najimian.*



*Gary Kazarian, Violet Derderian and Ann Matoian.*



*Denise Bedoian.*



*Isabel and Pete Chilpugian at Pat Hill Night*



*Fresno State Football Coach Pat Hill.*

works. No one walked out hungry, that's for sure.

We are looking forward to the coming convention in Orange County; they are busily preparing activities for us all.

On a somber note, we have lost four brothers, Mose Mooradian, Jake Mirigian, Joe Agopian, Sam Simonian, Past Master. They all were members who were assets to our group. Each one had an individual talent. Whether they were a member of many years or a few, they all contributed to our group. They were Trexmen. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to their families. They lost a loved one and we lost a Trex Brother.

In closing, on a happier note, see you, God willing, at the convention, Orange County in September.

Success to them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nazareth Chaderjian

## *Capitol*

Following is some of the activities of our chapter: In February our chapter had our annual Ladies Night Dinner, where we honored our wives.

In April we had our annual Kef Night, which was a sell-out. The proceeds from this event go to many charities in Armenia, such as Children's Eye Care, Orphans Relief, BAFA to feed the elderly, etc.

On a sad note we lost one of our long standing members, Aram Yenovkian.

**Aram Yenovkian** was born on January 12,

1915, in Yetteem, Calif., of Armenian immigrant parents, Haigazoon and Takoohi (Queenie) Yenovkian. He passed away on July 7, 2010, in Sacramento, Calif.

As a boy in Yetteem, Aram worked on the family farm picking grapes and peaches. In 1930 Aram moved to Sacramento with his family after they lost their farm in foreclosure.

Aram loved sports, especially football and horse racing. He enjoyed playing golf and often played in charity golf tournaments.

Respectfully submitted by  
Alan Khatoonian, PGM



# Selma

Here we are, another year has passed, and we're packing our bags for the convention. The Brothers from Selma are looking forward to a Great time in the OC. Conventions are always fun and we know this one will be also. The past year has seen Bro. GM Jack traveling everywhere, anywhere and all the time. Whoever follows won't equal his standard. Way to go Bro. GM Jack. Speaking of following, we have a great contest going for the next Grand Master. Two dedicated trexmen wanting to lead this great fraternity. We win no matter which Brother wins the vote. Good luck to both.

The Selma chapter, this past year, has been led by Master Bro. Sam Bagdassarian. Bro. Sam has created an atmosphere of fun and snuck in some business too. Bro. Sam and Jr. Master Bro. Ed Nikssarian have had several dinner meetings with and at the Fresno Chapter Club House. We all thank the Fresno Chapter for their hospitality. In April we held our annual Law Enforcement Dinner at the Fresno Club House. Bros. Dan Boyajian and Bob Kandarian chaired this event that honors those in the field of law enforcement. It's our way of thanking those on the front lines in our community. We have Judges, Chiefs of police from the area. The Sherriff of Fresno County, several deputies, many police officers, the head of Probation



*Law Enforcement Night guests at the head table included Sheriff Mims, Police Chief Dyer, Fresno County Probation Chief Linda Penner, Superior Court Judge James Petrucelli.*



*Bros. Dan and bob Boyajian with Fresno County Supervisor Sal Quintero.*

and several officers from that department. Also a few elected officials from the area. Bro. Master Sam and his cooking crew took a Lamb Shank dinner to a new level of greatness. They served over 130 hungry people. Rumor has it that the Cooking Channel is trying to book a segment with them.

In May Bros. Dick Boyajian and Matt Cholakian chaired our annual Scholarship Awards and dinner. We're proud to say we are able to award 5-\$1000 scholarships to area high school graduates, of Armenian descent. It is always great to see and hear the level of excellence and accomplishments of these young people. Bro. Dick also includes the widows of pasted members; eight of them came this year. It's great to stay connected with these



*Former Sheriff Steve Magarian, Bros. Robert Kandarian and Dan Boyajian.*



*Newly initiated members Mike Mohammadi and Grant Bedrosian at Law Enforcement Night.*



*March Business meeting at Club One. Bros. Mitch Bagdassarian, Ed Nikssarian and John Kaprielian.*

ladies.

Since Mid-term, we welcomed two new members into the chapter: Dennis Surabian (Jr.) and Mike Mohammadi. The Selma chapter has started to rebuild with some great young talent. Our numbers are coming back up. Speaking of growing, Bros. Aaron Krikorian and Matt Cholakian have



*Bro. Jake Mooradian*



*Bro. Dick Boyajian, Chairman Scholarship Committee introducing recipients.*



*Bros. Jack Ouzounian PGM, Haig Aivazian and Larry Avedisian.*



*Fresno Chapter Bros. at our Law Enforcement Night at Fresno Club House.*



*GM Jack Bedoian (center) with Selma chapter brothers at Fresno's Pat Hill Night.*



*Bros. Marcus Marootian, Grant Bedrosian, George Bedrosian and David Shapazian.*



*March Business Meeting: Officers Bros. Ara Kaprielian, Secretary, Matt Cholakian, Treasurer and Master Sam Bagdasarian.*

brought future trexmen into their families. I'll be looking forward to being at their installation.

While I was trying to write this article, it came to my attention, we have 10 Bros. with son or sons in this chapter. As our keeper of odd knowledge and useless facts I knew everyone needed to know this tidbit.

Sadly we recently lost Bro. Steve Matoian. Bro. Steve was a member since 1975. Our sympathies and prayers go to his family and friends.

This year we will recognize several brothers who have reached 50 years in the Triple X. Those Bros. are Ed Bedrosian, Ron Karabian, Robert Shahbazian, Vahe Simonian, and Milton Torigian. Congratulations and thank you to these brothers for all these years.

See everyone in Costa Mesa,  
PGM Peter Cholakian  
Associate Editor

## *Sequoia Chapter*

A BIG HELLO to everyone from the beautiful Central Valley of California. We are so blessed to live in such a wonderful place, surrounded by beautiful mountains, orchards of fruit, and grapes.

It was a real treat to see everyone at our last **Mid Term Convention**. We had the honor of hosting it in March, at the Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino in Lemoore, California. Many members had fun at our golf tournament held this year at the course in Dinuba. Mezza, tavloo, and some serious card games rounded out some of the afternoon. Many had an opportunity to visit our hospitality rooms and enjoyed the fellowship. The salmon and steak dinner before our business meeting added much flavor to the weekend. Thank you brothers' P.G.M. Jerry Pochigian, P.M. Richard Tomouzian, P.M. Ron Shanoian, P.M. Bryan Yahnian, Bryan Pochigian, Master Charlie Amasalian, and

all the other brothers who gave us their help and support for a successful mid-term event.

We had the opportunity once again to host a Sunday dinner in Observance of **Armenian Mar-**



*GM Jack Bedoian with Sequoia Brothers*



*PGM Jerry and Julie Pochigian*



*Bro. Bryan Ananian and wife Terry*



*PGM Peter Babagian and wife Mary*



*Charles Amasalian and Ron Shanoian*



*Bro. Ron and Janice Shanoian*



*Sequoia Chapter's fireworks stand*

tyrs' Day on April 25, at St. Mary's Armenian Church in Yetttem. We had a nice turn-out, and a big thank you to P.G.M. Jerry Poochigian and his committee for the wonderful dinner and time. Dr. Barlo Der Mugrdchian Chair of the Armenian Studies Program at Fresno State shared brief comments about the observance day. Thanks again to the Parish Council for allowing us to put on this event.

We had several **dinner meetings** this year at El Tarascos' and had a good turn-out of brothers. I think we all enjoy being together and sharing a meal.

We donated five hundred dollars to **The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society** and its mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. In honor of Christine Davidian a jersey with her name will be entered in the Summer 2010 Season Race, to help raise money for this great organization. We also donated to the Armenian Children's Fund.

We were so pleased to see to **Harry Krikorian** and **Sirag (Si) Kalfayan** back at our monthly meetings. We miss you guys, and glad you are both doing much better.

We are looking forward to the Fourth of July **Firework's Booth** sales this year. This is one of our big fundraiser events of the year. We are so blessed to have Rick Krikorian year after year head this event, along with his committee. This event requires a lot of planning and man hours.

On a final note, we were all saddened with the sudden loss of our dear brother Harry Davidian. Harry joined Triple X as a young man in 1950 and was a member for sixty years. Harry was born on April 23, 1927 and passed away April 3, 2010. Harry was forever a farmer, and would bring a pick-up load of plums to our meetings to share with all the Trexmen.



Harry began his work in the in the fields and in the packing shed for many years. He then began growing cotton, moved on to grapes and eventually settled in the tomato business. He formed a company with his good friend George Zarounian, called Zee & Dee Packing. He also continued investments in a restaurant and property over at the coast. Harry's wife Laura of sixty two years was the love of his life along with his three wonderful daughters, Janice, Phyllis and Becky and their families. Harry loved his family, church and

community. We give our sincere thank you to wife Laura, and the family for the thoughtful donation to Sequoia Trex in Harry's name. We will all miss the sweet smile, and the very generous heart that was Harry Davidian's. The Lord sure blessed us with a great Trexmen brother. God bless, and be with the Harry Davidian family.

Blessings,  
Tom Babagian P.M.



*Tom Babagian cooking at St. Mary's Armenian Church*



*Sequoia Chapter's fireworks stand*

## **Sequoia Juniors**

Dear adoring fans of Sequoia Jr. Triple X, Like a Sequoia tree, we are strong and resilient. While our members are peppered throughout the mighty state of California and southern Nevada, we have stayed connected through conviction, perseverance, and Google talk. Our brothers are currently achieving scholarly goals at various fine institutions of education and we are proud of them. We've enjoyed our time together because it's times like these we learn to love again, and it's times like these we learn to live again. Three long years, millions of beers, Sequoia Jrs. are back so girls dry your tears! Thanks for reading our synopsis and we look forward to a great year. We the Sequoia Jrs. and we are dominating the ranks of the Junior chapters in the 559. We enjoy it very much.

Love,  
Sequoia Jrs.

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