

AGBU Hye Geen Presents All-Day Conference “An Armenian Woman’s Journey”

PASADENA -- The challenges, hurdles, and influences that shape the modern Armenian woman will be the theme of the 4th Annual AGBU Hye Geen Interdisciplinary Conference, taking place on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at Cal State University, Los Angeles.

The conference titled “An Armenian Woman’s Journey” will feature speakers with diverse backgrounds, who will address educational, psychological, sociological, and economic influences that shape an Armenian woman’s identity.

“Armenian women wear a lot of difference hats, and balancing these responsibilities with our ethnic identity may cause undue anxiety,” said Tamar Kevonian, one of the organizers of the event. “We’re hoping the presentations at this year’s conference will provide solutions to the challenges that we face.”

The conference is being made possible with the cooperation with CSULA’s School of Social Work and the Alpha Epsilon Omega Fraternity.

This year’s topics are the social and cultural norms and expectations in raising sons versus daughters, parents’ reluctance to choose the best

educational options that may conflict with ethnocentric expectations, the difficulty of developing and the necessity of preserving individual identity amidst the many roles assumed by women, the new role of single women, the importance of a social network on women’s mental and physical health, the importance of knowing about financial matters, the needs of women over 60, and understanding the generational gap.

The speakers range from various fields of education, social work and science and include Nareg Keshishian and Marina Adamian, Dr. Susanne De Benedittis, DebraKey, Dr. Harout Armenian, Mary Apick, Mary Terzian and Nora Chitilian.

Registration starts at 8:30 AM, and presentations begin at 9:00 AM at the Golden Eagle Conference Center, No. 3, 5151 State University Drive Los Angeles, CA 90032.

Admission for the general public is \$30 and includes lunch; admission for students is \$15. RSVP via e-mail at agbuhyegeen.youngcircle@gmail.com or by calling (818) 292 – 3470. Gratis media passes are available by calling organizers.

John Krikorian Receives Armenian-American Medical Society Award



Dr. Varoosh Alaverdian, president of AAMSC, John Krikorian and Zarmine Naccashian

GLENDALÉ -- The Armenian American Medical Society of California (AAMSC) recently held its Annual Health Fair at Saint Mary’s Armenian Church in Glendale. Several individuals were awarded plaques of appreciation, such as the AAMSC Ladies Auxiliary, the Armenian American Nurses Association and the Los Angeles County Office of Women’s Health in recognition of their dedication to the success of AAMSC’s Health Fair and community outreach.

A special presentation was made to John Krikorian, of Krikorian Marketing Group, who received his plaque with the special wording “In recognition of your selfless dedication to the success of AAMSC’s Health Fair and appreciation of your collaborative ef-

forts to benefit the community at large and in appreciation of your collaborative efforts to benefit the community at large”.

Special mention was also made for Zarmine Naccashian, RN, Coordinator Diabetes Care Center, Glendale Adventist Medical Center, who is regarded by many to be the backbone of AAMSC’s annual Health Fair.

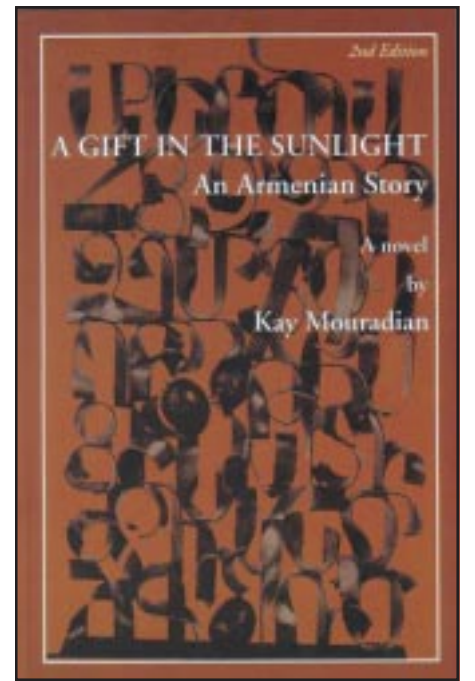
In it’s 18th running, the annual Health Fair is targeted to members of the community that can’t afford health insurance or fall short of being eligible for government aid. This event being primarily a preventive case service, provides services, brings specialists, and connects attendants to resources available within their local community year round.

Author Kay Mouradian to Speak at Ararat-Eskijian Museum

MISSION HILLS -- Dr. Kay Mouradian, author of the historical novel *A Gift in the Sunlight: An Armenian Story* (Taderon Press), will speak at the Ararat-Eskijian Museum, 15105 Mission Hills Rd, Mission Hills CA 91343, on Sunday, April 26, at 4:00 p.m. Mouradian’s illustrated presentation will offer “a journey back in time... a unique picture of life during the Armenian deportations and some history of why it happened.” This event is co-sponsored by the Museum and the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR).

There are those in the literary community who say, “If you want to know the facts read a newspaper, but if you want to know the truth read a novel.” That’s why Dr. Mouradian decided to write the story of her mother and her mother’s family as a novel: to represent every Armenian family deported in 1915. Trying to capture the lay of the land from where her mother was deported at age 14, she made several trips to Turkey and traveled the genocide route from Hadjin to the Syrian deserts of Deir Zor. It took more than twelve years to research, write, and get *A Gift in the Sunlight: An Armenian Story* published. A second edition of her book will be released this month by Taderon Press.

Writers often say the best part of writing is the research. After scouring the UCLA library for works on Turkey during World War I, Mouradian searched used bookstores, purchasing



any memoir or history that made a reference to Constantinople. After reading fascinating tales written by journalists, diplomats, and missionaries who were there in 1915, she wondered how much of their voices have been muted or lost to history. Those stories gave her a small taste of the world she sought to enter during her hungry search to understand what happened to the Armenian population during World War I, and she will relate some of that history through her talk and PowerPoint presentation.

For information about Kay Mouradian’ lecture contact the Ararat-Eskijian Museum at 818-838-4862 or mgoschin@mindspring.com or NAASR at 617-489-1610 or hq@naasr.org

Glendale Community College Conversational Armenian Class Begins May 2nd

GLENDALÉ -- Glendale College’s Community Services Education program is offering a six week course in Beginning Conversational Armenian this spring. In the class, you’ll discover the language of Armenian and it’s vibrant culture. Through lecture, videos, and class participation you will learn practical vocabulary and the fundamental structure of the Armenian language, while learning correct pronunciation, vocabulary, useful phrases, and idioms. Emphasis is placed on natural, realistic communication applicable to daily situations one may encounter in traveling, business, and more. The class also includes an introduction to reading simple texts and writing, as well as cultural information about Armenia. Your instructor is Akob Hayrapetian. Mr. Hayrapetian holds a BA in Armenian Language and a MA in Linguistics. He has been teaching his native language for over 25 years.

This morning class will be held at the college’s Garfield Campus, located at 1122 E. Garfield Avenue in Glendale, for six consecutive Saturdays beginning May 2 and ending June 6, from 9 am to 11 am. The class fee is \$85. For more information and to register, call 818-240-1000, Ext. 5015, or visit the CSE website at www.glendale.edu/cse for online registration.



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