



Dear OCAPS Members,

In our last newsletter, I wrote about the challenges facing OCAPS, and I am happy to report that we met most of our goals. We increased our membership numbers, we had three social events in 2009 which were all very well attended and successful. As planned, we offered our members the opportunity to socialize and to network. Our events attracted new members, who joined our ranks with enthusiasm. We upgraded our web site, and the membership applications. We continued helping the schools in Armenia and the Saturday schools in Orange County. We achieved all this over the past few months, due to our dedicated Executive Council.

*President's
Corner*

Let us keep the enthusiasm level high, let us all work together to achieve higher goals, and give OCAPS exposure in the community.

*Sincerely,
Sylvie Terzakian*

Dear OCAPS Members,

For the past several years, OCAPS has been supporting schools in Armenia having thus far provided over \$120,000. This amount has been earmarked to assist schools for much needed repairs, educational materials and teachers' monetary gifts to help ease the dire conditions faced by students and teachers in remote villages lacking basic infrastructure. We are grateful, that despite the deep economic downturns, in 2009 our members continued to stay engaged in our philanthropic endeavors by opening their hearts and wallets to support worthy causes. We are excited to report that the generous contributions of our members this past year, enabled us to expand our educational philanthropic mission by providing funds to our local Orange County Armenian schools, in addition to schools in Armenia. As a major Armenian organization, OCAPS affirmed its dedication to the continued enrichment of our community by partnering in the educational well-being of our youth, here in Orange County. In addition to allocating \$7,000 to schools in Armenia, OCAPS contributed a total of \$7,000 to Orange County Armenian schools, including \$5,000 to Ari Guiragos Minassian school, \$1,000 each to AGBU and ARS Karni Chapter Saturday Schools, and \$200 to Hamazkayn Yeraz Dance School. We have received letters of gratitude from the recipients and are happy to know that the funds have already been put to good use at these schools. We will report on the details of the allocated funds to the schools in Armenia in our future newsletters as the funds are transferred to the recipients.

*Philanthropy
Committee*

Thanks to the generosity of its members, OCAPS continues to make positive impact in ensuring continued educational opportunities for our youth and promoting Armenian arts and culture in the Orange County community. If you have already made your contribution to our philanthropic projects, we thank you, and if you would like to make a contribution, please send your tax deductible donation to OCAPS Philanthropic Funds, P.O.Box 3455, Newport Beach, Ca 92659.

*Sincerely,
Seda Yaghoubian*

*Treasurer's
Report*

Annual Report by: Ani Ozdere & Arek Tatevossian

	Operating Fund (Beginning Balance 1/1/2009)	\$ 11,733.34
Collected:	Total Revenues (Membership dues & events)	\$ 25,852.00
	Contributions from members	\$ 3,665.00
Expenses:		- \$ 21,867.31
	Donations to Armenian Schools in Orange County & Armenia	- \$ 14,200.00
	Ending Balance 12/31/2009	\$ 5,183.03

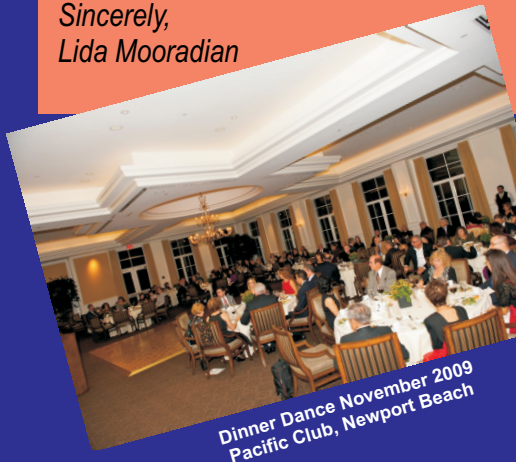
Endowment Fund Balance as of 12/31/2009 \$ 52,716.31

*Membership
Corner*

Dear OCAPS Members and friends,

We are so pleased to announce that our Executive Council members have been very successful in recruiting new members. Our new members are highly qualified and very excited and enthusiastic about our organization. Many of them have already attended our events this year and began networking and socializing with our old members. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, most of our success in recruiting new members has been through word of mouth and our friendships. We would like to welcome all of our new members and sincerely hope that they will take an active role by getting engaged in our organization, have fun and help OCAPS reach their charitable endeavors. We would like to thank the Executive Council for their hard work and we hope that our membership will continue to grow in 2010.

Sincerely,
Lida Mooradian



Dinner Dance November 2009
Pacific Club, Newport Beach



Hamazkayn Dance School performance
at dinner dance



Cocktail Reception
Pacific Club, Newport Beach

*Event
Committee*

In 2009 and 2010, OCAPS sponsored three memorable events which encouraged members get together and raise much needed funds for our schools both in Armenia & Orange County. The first of these events was a dinner dance held at the Pacific Club on Nov.14.2009 in Newport Beach. The event was very successful, with more than 105 guests attending. Both members and non-members enjoyed the exquisite dinner and danced all through the night; the festivities didn't let up until one o'clock in the morning. The celebration of Armenian Christmas took place at the Center Club on Jan.09.2010 in Costa Mesa. More than 80 guests were present to share in the festivities. The event brought old and new members together. The food was delicious, the violinist provided the right atmosphere for the guests to dine and dance, the company was impeccable and joyful. The third event took place on March.19.2010 at University of California, Irvine. Ruth Thomassian, the founder of THE SAVE PROJECT, presented a fascinating lecture on Armenian Lives in Ottoman Turkey before the Genocide, and Armenian Lives in the U.S. after the Genocide. She talked about importance of finding old photographs and preserving them in order to follow the history behind each picture. Over 50 people attended this event, and enjoyed a buffet catered by the UCI catering service. Thank you for attending OCAPS events and your continuous effort supporting the many noble causes that we pursue.

Arpi Melkonian

Our upcoming events!

Check www.ocaps.org for details

Save the Date

June 17.2010	&	July 31.2010
Lecture @ UCI		Summer Sunset
The Armenian Masonic Ensembles		at Karalian's
of Iranian Azerbaijan		residence
Rescue Operations & the		invitations to follow!
World Heritage Nomination		