

ORRAN VANADZOR CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

Dear Friends and Supporters of Orran,

In this issue of the Orran Newsletter we are happy to share with you our major achievements in the second half of the year 2011. The period was full of important and unforgettable events that enriched Orran children's life and filled their hearts with boundless joy.

We want to share with you Orran's newest and lasting endeavor, that of building a center for the needy children and elderly of the city of Vanadzor.

The Orran Krikorian center in the city of Vanadzor is progressing rapidly every day.

We are happy to report that the foundation is in place and the basement and first floor are near completion. Although the date for handover is scheduled for December 2012, we anticipate that because the Kanaka construction company is well ahead of schedule, completion will be months earlier.

Generous funding for the building has been provided by a grant from the Foreign Ministry of Italy which is graciously meeting its obligation even though economic times are hard for the country, and Mr. and Mrs. Krikor and Anna Krikorian who have donated \$250,000 and whose name the center bears. However, we still are working to raise \$357,500 and to match Mr. and Mrs. Krikorian's contribution.

The donor's name will share the center's name

with the Krikorians.

Please join the many kind people who have found it important to extend a helping hand to our needy compatriots.

Zaven Akian Foundation - Cafeteria

Hagop Barseghian – Hall

Hovig Kurkjian – Conference hall and Doctor's room

Carolyn Mugar and Susan Yacubian Klein – Pottery room

Krikor and Anna Krikorian – Library and Reading room

Vatche Manoukian and Linda Haytayan – Classroom

Garo Armen (COAF) – Classroom

David and Michael Ajemian – Director's room

Thomas Sapounas – Psychologist room

Harry and Alvert Barseghian – Individual Worker's Room

Visitors to the Orran center in Yerevan are so impressed with the warm haven it has become for the battered children and elderly of Armenia. Be assured that the Orran Krikorian Center in Vanadzor will fill the same urgent need. Please consider having a room named after your loved one and think of the happiness, the laughter and the illumination those walls will give to so many children of our homeland.



The second floor near completion



Construction in progress

**We would like to thank our
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for the period of
December 2010 - 2011**

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Thomas Sapounas

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We thank young writer Garin K. Hovannisian who is donating the proceeds of his book *Family of Shadows* to Orran. If you would like to acquire the book in Armenian for 5,000 drams, contact manukyan.susanna@yahoo.com

Orran is very fortunate to have a devoted and loyal donor like the Mary Kay Armenia Cosmetic Company. This Company's service to humanity and compassion for the less fortunate is exemplary. For over a year Mary Kay has been supporting Orran by regular in-kind and monetary contributions.

We welcome Ucom (Universal Communications) Company for joining the great family of Orran friends. The company will provide Orran with free and high speed internet access for the coming years. Ucom also put an order of 1000 Christmas decorations that were made by the Orran children and thus hit all the previous records built by other companies.

ORRAN'S 6TH ANNUAL GALA

Yerevan-Orran's 6th annual fundraising gala took place on August 19 among 300 of its friends and supporters in the Tigran Mets Ballroom of the Armenia Marriott Hotel. Among the friends and supporters of Orran were diplomats, dignitaries, representatives of leading companies and well-known artists.

The evening opened with welcoming remarks by John Hughes, Master of Ceremonies, and editor in chief of ArmeniaNow.com, and Mistress of Ceremonies, Gohar Harutyunyan, Miss Armenia 1998 and Mrs. Globe 2009. Mrs. Astrid Clifford, CEO of HSBC Bank in Yerevan was welcomed as the newest member of the board of directors.

After brief introductions, Dr. Garo Armen, CEO of Agenus Inc. of New York and founder of the Children of Armenia Fund, delivered the keynote address. His moving speech, which included recollections of his own childhood in Istanbul, was a call to rally help for all those who are in need. Orran board member, Susan Yacubian Klein, followed with an update on the construction of the Orran Krikorian Center in Vanadzor.



As the guests enjoyed a beautiful meal prepared by Chef Rolf Graber, they were entertained by a unique rendition of songs performed by Karekin Odabashian, an exotic "cha cha" danced by Raphael and Ellen and the event's highlight a feature dance by the children of Orran.

This year the Orran Board established an award to honor its principle benefactors Mr. and Mrs. Krikor and Anna Krikorian of England. The award will be given annually to an exemplary individual or industry leader who has taken an abiding interest in advancing Orran's mission and has contributed more than \$200,000 to Orran.

Mr. Yirikian receiving the Orran Krikorian award The first award was presented to Mr. Ralph Yirikian, CEO of VivaCell-MTS, whose company has donated nearly \$250,000 to Orran. Over the years Mr. Yirikian has also generously contributed his personal finances and time. Following a nostalgic slide presentation of Yirikian's life narrated by noted artist Hrant Tokhatyan, the award, a statuette by sculptor Karen Baghdasaryan, was presented by UNDP Representative and Acting Resident Coordinator Maria Dotsenko.

Armine K. Hovannisian, who founded Orran in the year 2000, took the floor to express her delight in the growing number of corporate sponsors who had purchased tables at the gala and were sponsoring a child's meals for a year at \$500 each.

Zoltan Konsanszky, Marriott Armenia's Director of Sales and Marketing, and Mrs. Madelene Minassian-Ispiryan were the auctioneers for a highly successful auction that collected \$150,000, two-thirds of which was donated by VivaCell-MTS's CEO Ralph Yirikian. The Yirikians also donated \$10,000 in the name of their children Narek and Sarene to provide food for 20 Orran children for a year. The auction items included a Megerian rug donated by the company, Erebus cognac donated by Yerevan Brandy Company, a stay at a Tufenkian hotel, a weekend stay at the Marriott in Tbilisi, paintings donated by artists Arthur Sarkisian, Garik Karapetyan and Sergey Poghosyan and a contemporary sculpture by Ashot Harututyunyan.

"We are so thankful to all of our benefactors and so happy to see that among our continuous friends such as VivaCell-MTS, Armenia Marriott Hotel, HSBC Bank, Mary Kay, Coca Cola, Tigran Mets, Tufenkian, Brest, Sipan, KPMG, and Megerian carpets, we have new companies such as Pernod Ricard, Marianna, Star Market, Kanaka Construction, Mika, Areximbank-Gazprombank Group, Cascade Insurance, Arpeg Fine Jewellery who have all combined their efforts to make sure that we have no children begging in the streets of Armenia," concluded A. Hovannisian.

The evening continued with dancing and warm camaraderie for a common cause.



WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS FOR ALWAYS REMEMBERING THE ORRAN CHILDREN AND INVITING THEM TO THEIR PERFORMANCES. WITH YOUR HELP WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE CULTURAL ENRICHMENT TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ORRAN'S CHILDREN.

Summer Holidays at Camps!

Each summer the Orran children are invited to spend their summer holidays at various camps thanks to the generosity of our supporters. Thirty nine Orran children from all the groups benefited from this unforgettable experience.

We are thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Mher and Lara Tovmasyan for hosting 9 of our senior group children at their camp on beautiful Lake Sevan where they participated in exciting wind surfing classes.

The "Our Lady of Armenia" Summer Camp in Tsakhkadzor again opened its doors to 20 Orran children. Besides sports, games, drama and singing, the children improved their self-discipline as well. We are immensely thankful to Sister Arousiag for always keeping a warm place in her heart for the Orran children.



Orran children at the "Our Lady of Armenia" camp

Another week of adventures was offered to 10 Orran children in the "Shoghik" camp located in Hankavan. Thanks to Mr. Derenik Partchamian, Director of the camp, the children thoroughly enjoyed their stay and made many new friends there.



Having fun at the Water World

Water World again embraced Orran Junior and Middle group children for a memorable wet and fun filled day sending the children back glowing!

Thirty Orran children delighted in the performance of Sofi Devoyan's Theatre of Soul and Body. Mrs. Devoyan has become a true and long-time friend of Orran. She also sends sweets regularly for the children's dessert at Orran.

The Yerevan Circus invited 32 Orran children to its final charitable performance before its closure for renovation. The children were delighted by the show and shared their impressions through drawings and stories in the classroom.

A concert-fun dedicated to the 2793rd anniversary of Yerevan was organized by Sona Malkhasyan, the Receptionist at Orran.

Orran children were among the gourmands tasting the largest strudel of the Caucasus (36 metres long), organized by the Armenia Marriott Hotel and Austrian Airlines. In addition to enjoying the strudel, the children received lovely presents from Austrian Airlines.



Pottery Christmas Decorations

Make a wish for Christmas with these beautiful crafts!

We are proud to display Christmas decorations made by the Orran children in their pottery classes. The children were excited with the great demand that these crafts found and are already designing new ones for further events.

GOOD NEWS

For the second year in a row the Open Society Institute approved a grant of \$50,000 to Orran for vocational training of young people. The grant allows each of the 30 youngsters to be paired with a master to learn a trade. Last year, out of 30 trainees, 16 found a job using their new profession. Four of them were offered a position with the masters who had trained them.

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The Orran children were delighted to accept Mary Kay's invitation to the Company's anniversary and perform on the stage of the National Academic Theatre after Sundukyan where so many great actors have played.

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We love our new Peugeot which was generously donated by the People in Need Organization in Armenia.

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A newspaper story in 168 Zham highlighting the need for surgery by Arthur Papazyan, an Orran parent and employee, was answered by Dr. Benik Haroutyunyan, Director of the Yerevan Physiotherapy Institute. We thank Dr. Haroutyunyan for his kindness.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We bid farewell to Verena Von Zobeltitz thanking her for her efforts on Orran's behalf and cordially welcome Mr. Ara Krikorian, Mrs. Astrid Clifford and Mr. Ami Miron, as the newest members of the Orran Board of Directors.

Ara Krikorian holds a BEng Degree in Civil Engineering from Liverpool University in addition to an MSc from London University (Imperial College). Ara has lived and worked long-term in no less than 10 countries with short-term work visits to a further 10 countries. After his first visit to Armenia in 2003 as a volunteer to work on the Yerevan Orran project, he became the Project Manager of Vanadzor Construction.



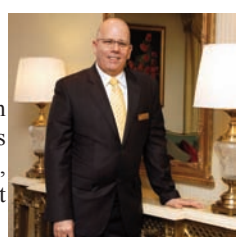
Ara Krikorian



Astrid Clifford

Astrid Clifford is the Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Bank Armenia. She holds a Masters degree in Economics from the London School of Economics and a degree in Psychology from Southampton University. She has extensive experience working in the banking sector in many parts of the world including Oman, Dubai, Vietnam and the United States. Mrs. Clifford is also a Supervisory Board Member at the NASDAQ OMX Armenia.

Ami Miron is the General Manager of Armenia Marriott Hotel. Mr. Miron has a Master degree in Business Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, N.J., USA. For more than 35 years, he has managed many international chain hotels including Hilton, Mercure, Novotel, etc. Mr. Miron has joined Marriott International in 2006 in JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel and has moved to Armenia Marriott Hotel in 2008.



Ami Miron

Summary of the Academic Year 2010-2011

The Orran academic team consistently monitors the children's progress and at the end of the academic year 2010-2011 conducted surveys to get some feedback on the progress of Orran children as seen by their school teachers. The results speak for themselves.

