



# The Manoogian Voice

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A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School

## Middle and High School Science Fairs

Once again this year, Manoogian middle and high school students participated in the Annual Science Fairs. For the first time, 8th graders presented their Science Fair projects along with the High School students. Many new and interesting ideas were investigated. Students who had outstanding projects were given awards. High School winners were invited to participate in the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit (SEFMD) which was held March 11-15 at Cobo Hall.

The following students received awards for their projects:

### 12th Grade

- 1st – Nayiri Kaissarian
- 2nd – Vazken Hartounian
- 3rd – Anastasiya Amyelina and Yana Lapytska
- Honorable Mention: Sali Kesto and Angelica Terhune

### 11th Grade

- 1st – Natalie Pope and Sylvia Hanna
- 2nd – Dolores Duduman and Vazken Bassmadjian
- 3rd – tie between Sarmad Chalabi and Ramia Hadad, and Razmig Dawidian and Abigail Newman

### 10th Grade

- 1st – tie between Nina Ferhadson and Romana Svytko
- 2nd – tie between Dominique Duduman and Arick Flesch
- 3rd – Luai Kesto
- Honorable Mention: Vartan Kurjian, Omar Atcho, and Dro Bush



### 9th Grade

- 1st – tie between Arsen Melkonyan and Inna Mirzoyan, and Linda Kalfayan
- 2nd – tie between Stavro Yuhana and Khrystyna Bezkosta
- 3rd – Anahit Movsesyan and Araxie Tossounian
- Honorable Mention: Kristina Trush, and Tigran Bush

### 8th Grade

- 1st – Ani Karibian
- 2nd – Lenna Ferhadson and Francine Lirato
- 3rd – tie between Hripsime Mamassian and Harutyun Gevorgyan
- Honorable Mention: Sevan Markosian, Damaris Duduman, and Marina Ghazar and Valentina Maizo

### 7th Grade

- Razi Antoon, Lilit Kazazian, Solomiya Svytko

### 6th Grade

- Tyler Blohm, Christopher Kourtjian, Grace Torossian

The students who received awards at the SEFMD at Cobo Hall are Ani Karibian with 1st place, Luai Kesto with 2nd place, Anahit Movsesyan and Araxie Tossounian with 3rd place, and Nayiri Kaissarian with professional awards.

Also, the following students won United States Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service awards: Ani Karibian (8th), Anahit Movsesyan (9th), Luai Kesto (10th), Nayiri Kaissarian (12th).

*On March 4, the entire school participated in a Read-a-Thon in honor of Dr. Suess' birthday. Students in the elementary read in the library with their blankets and favorite toys. The middle and high school students had a continuous Read-a-Thon in their respective hallways throughout the day. We thank Mrs. Holsinger for organizing this event.*



# PTO Carnival

The PTO sponsored a Carnival Night on Friday, February 22, 2008 under the direction of Barbara Oknayan, Lillian Calukyan and Cal Kachigian. There were games, popcorn, pizza and cotton candy for the enjoyment of the approximately 100 people who attended the event. The atmosphere was exciting and a profit of over \$5,000 was realized thanks to generous donations from family and friends of the Manoogian School. We especially want to thank Lillian and Sevan Calukyan who donated the pizza in memory of their father Aret Hintiryan. Following is a list of donors of the event, we thank them for their support.

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# Trip to Armenia Fundraising



During the week of April 24, 13 Manoogian senior and junior class students will visit Armenia to participate in the 93rd anniversary commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. This trip will help students establish ties and connections to Armenia that will endure for years to come. The fundraising for this trip from April 22-30, 2008, will be the pinnacle of a year-long fundraising effort. Following are a list of donors and "in lieu of flowers" donations which provided funding for this trip. We thank them for their support.

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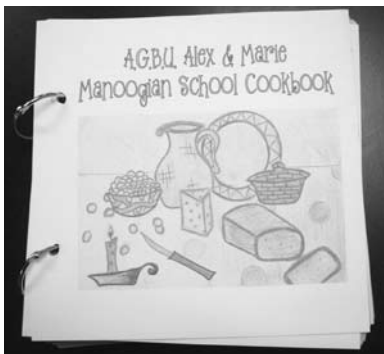
The fundraising is an ongoing effort to provide support for future classes to visit Armenia.

# Manoogian Bookstore

A collection of more than 70 photographs have been published in a book to commemorate the Pontifical Visit of His Holiness Karekin II Catholicos of All Armenians and Supreme Patriarch's visit to the A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manoogian School, on November 1, 2007. Photographs by Michelle Andonian.



Hard cover \$90, Paperback \$40.



From the Middle East to Europe and the Americas, the Manoogian PTO has compiled an invaluable resource with the best dishes from every culture. With a collection of more than 100 recipes, this

comprehensive cookbook reflects the Manoogian School family's diverse culinary knowledge and creativity.

The cost is \$25.

## Third Grade American Biography Posters

Each third grade student read a biography on a famous American and completed a colorful poster on that person's life. Many students furthered their research skills through the Internet and various other sources. The goal for each student was to learn about the life and career of their famous person and what contributions they made to society, America, and even the world.



# Ladies' Lenten Luncheon



*The Ladies' Lenten Luncheon was held on Friday, February 29. Although a blizzard kept some of the ladies away, there were more than 70 in attendance. The students in first, second, and sixth grade danced and recited. The high school students served the food. There was a raffle at the end of the luncheon and a profit of almost \$1500 was realized.*

*We thank Mrs. Tamitza Dakissian and her sister Mrs. Silva Sagherian for all of their help in organizing and preparing the food for this annual event.*

## Muffins/Bagels

The elementary and pre-school students enjoyed "Muffins with Moms" on March 6 and "Bagels with Dads" on March 12. This annual event is one that both parents and students look forward to.



# Winter Sports' Summary

The boys' and girls' basketball teams had moderate success this year. The girls' team finished the season with five wins and eight losses, while the boys' team finished with five wins and nine losses. This was the first season in a newly formed conference called the Charter School Conference (CSC), which consisted of eight teams, including Manoogian.

The boys' team was led by seniors Alec Kurjian, James Dodd, and Garo Demirdjian. Another major contributor was junior, Razmig Dawidian.

The girls' team was led by All-Conference candidate, Rubina Kurdian, in addition to Arev Tossounian, Rochelle Konja, and Melanie Shammamie.



*On March 14, Pre-K 3 and 4 attended the Musical *Velveteen Rabbit* at the Marquis Theatre in Northville, Michigan. The students, parents, and teachers had a wonderful time watching a fabulous cast present the classic tale of how toys become real!*



*The 5th grade students made natural disaster dioramas about a tornado and a hurricane. This activity was correlated to their reading stories about storms, and the effects of them. They did an exquisite job on these dioramas and put great effort into them. They are on display in the media center.*

*Remember to Visit Manoogian School's Web Site:  
[www.manoogian.org](http://www.manoogian.org)*



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