



The Manoogian Voice

September 2004

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

Southfield, Michigan

Students return to the NEW Manoogian

“We were dreaming about it so long, we knew exactly what we wanted,” said Dr. Nadya Sarafian, Alex & Marie Manoogian School principal, referring to the new and improved Manoogian, which underwent an “extreme makeover” over the summer.

During an August tour of the school, Sarafian beamed when talking about the improvements, changes, and additions the school undertook, all in preparation for the 2004-2005 school year.

Sarafian was proud of everything, from the new tile floor in the restrooms and the new Pre-Kindergarten facilities, right down to the fact there were only minor changes from the pre-construction vision of the “new” Manoogian.

Manoogian officially opened its doors September 9, with students, teachers, and faculty brightening the building with back-to-school sounds.

The new facility has its familiarities, but is also filled with new sights. These include a state-of-the-art media center, constructed at the front of the school. The improvement allows students easy access to both print and electronic sources of information.

A new building facade has been added with eye-catching landscaping, as well as structural improvements to



Manoogian's new main entrance (above) lacked landscaping, but was ready to welcome all back for another school year. (Below) A worker tends to the inside of Manoogian's main entrance.

the school's main entrance.

Parents should be pleased with the updated drop-off/pick-up area that will facilitate improved traffic flow in the school's parking lot.

The school's courtyard on the west side of the building has been reshaped and enclosed, complete with new playground structures and

cushioned flooring for the younger students.

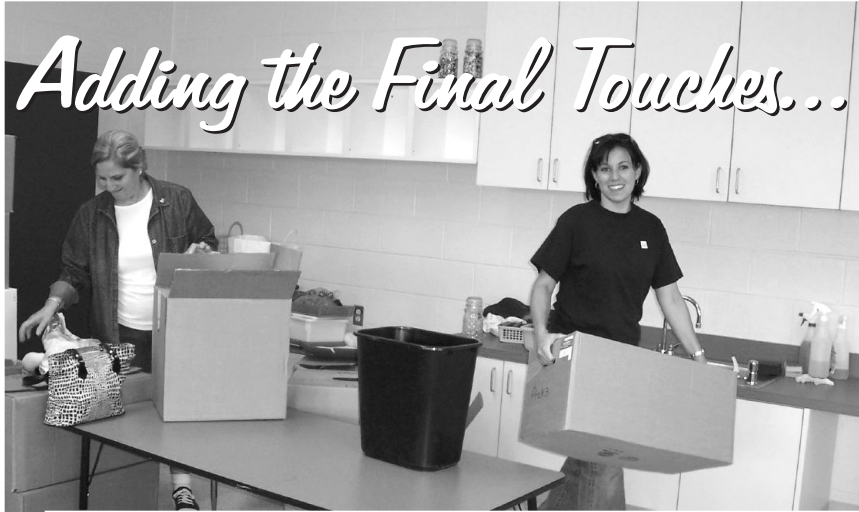
Another important change for the new school year is a further separation of Manoogian's high school students from the areas intended for the

school's lower grades. This division is expected to promote a greater sense of community among the older students.

According to Sarafian, high-schoolers will only need to enter the main school building if they're enrolled in art and/or science courses.



Summer photos of construction at Manoogian show that bulldozers and backhoes gave way to intricate tile and electrical work and rolls and rolls of new carpeting. Work that began in fall of 2003 was completed a full year later.



Prior to the 2004-2005 school year staffers hurried to get their classrooms ready for first day of school, September 9.



32nd Annual Golf Day: *Success for School Fund*



It was another successful day at the Armenian General Benevolent Union (A.G.B.U.) Special Project Group's 32nd Annual Golf Day to benefit the Alex & Marie Manoogian School Monday, August 9.

This year's event was held at the Detroit Golf Club, the original location of the Special Project Group's first-ever Golf Day.

The day-long event included 18 holes of golf, tennis, and backgammon, with more than 350 people participating.



Golfers and tennis players alike were able to spread their wings August 9 at the 32nd Annual Golf Day. The event helps support the vision Alex and Marie Manoogian first had many years ago.



SAVE THE DATE!

Next year's 33rd Annual Golf Day will take place August 8, 2005, and will be held once again at the same location.

Two New Members Join the Manoogian Family

Michael Huff

is a Farmington Hills resident who will teach Social Studies at the high school. Huff is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Huff formerly taught at Southfield Christian.

Tina Drosis

is a Troy resident who was a substitute teacher at the school last year and now comes aboard as a second-grade homeroom teacher. Drosis is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and holds a Bachelor of Science degree.

Help Celebrate Manoogian Anniversary

The Alex & Marie Manoogian School will be holding a dinner dance, featuring the music of Harout Pamboukjian, Friday, October 8, 2004.

The event will help celebrate the school's 35th Anniversary and will be held at the St. John's Armenian Church Cultural Hall.

Tickets are advance-sale only, so be sure to contact Linda Darian Karibian (248-932-5282) or Seran Tcholakian (248-324-0636) by September 30. Ticket donation is \$75.00 per person.

35 YEARS

Events Calendar

Friday, October 8

35th Anniversary Dinner Dance
12:00 p.m. Dismissal

Wednesday, November 10

First Card Marking Period Ends

Wednesday, November 17

Parent-Teacher Conference
No School for Students

Wednesday, November 24

Thanksgiving Vacation Begins
12:00 p.m. Dismissal

Monday, November 29

Classes Resume

D A T E S T O R E M E M B E R

PTO Corner

*Your 2004-2005
PTO board:*

Barb Oknayan,
president

Peter Toukhanian,
vice president

Laura Lucassian,
recording secretary

Lisa Balian-Gilbert,
*corresponding
secretary*

Robert Stepanian,
treasurer

Armen Mutafian,
advisor

*The PTO would like to remind staff
and parents of the following functions
and meeting dates:*

Friday, September 24
PTO lunch and Family Fun Night

Friday, October 22
PTO lunch

Friday, October 29
Annual Halloween Party

Thursday, November 4
PTO meeting 6:30 p.m.

Friday, November 19
PTO lunch

Friday, December 17
PTO lunch

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