

## LETTER FROM ANRC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Karla H. Fleming**  
ANRC Executive Director

June 8, 2018, marked my 20th Anniversary as ANRC Executive Director. Much has changed during these many years – our resident population is more diverse and requires more care; our building has undergone tremendous updates and improvements; and technology has streamlined operations in every department. One thing that hasn't changed is the Center's commitment to retaining our most caring and talented staff, and attracting new employees who re-invigorate our work force with new ideas and energy. Here are three employees who represent the kind of individuals we are proud to count as part of our care team:

**Manuel Pineiro** is our Maintenance Director. Hired in 1996 as a Housekeeper, Manuel soon rose to the position of House-keeping Supervisor. In 2004, he was promoted to Maintenance Director. It will come as no surprise that Manuel is tasked with keeping our building and grounds in good shape. We have a relatively small building, however, we have an abundance of furnishings and all manner of high and low-tech equipment – from our emergency power generator and fire suppression

equipment, to electric beds and ceiling lifts, to myriad walkers and wheelchairs. All must be kept in good working order. Manuel also supervises a staff of twelve housekeepers and laundry aides who make sure the place shines and that clean linens and clothing are turned out every day. Our staff also depends on him to pick them up at home in the Center's SUV during snow emergencies.

Manuel is married and lives with his family in Jamaica Plain. He has two teenage sons, one of whom, Justin, works as a part-time Diet Aide in the ANRC kitchen.

**Marie Daniel**, CNA, has been an anchor of second-floor direct care staff since starting here in September of 2002. Marie's demeanor is always friendly, gentle, and kind. But don't be fooled by her soft-spoken calmness – she is a leader among her peers and a frequent participant on the Center's Quality Assurance/Performance Improvement team where her contributions to discussions about resident care are always insightful and constructive. Marie arrived in this country from Haiti with her two daughters in February, 2002 to join her husband who had emigrated first. She immediately began training to earn her CNA credential. "The work can be hard, but I like to take care of people," Marie says. "I take care of my residents the way I would take care of my Mom."

Marie became a US Citizen in 2007. She

lives with her extended family including seven grandchildren between the ages of two and fifteen, in the family's 2-family home in Mattapan. In her spare time, Marie is active in her local church where she sings in both the Haitian and English choirs.

**Joyce Lydon**, CFSM, Food Service Director, is the Center's newest department head responsible for managing the ANRC kitchens that are in operation 7 days per week with a staff of 12 full and part-time



Manuel Pineiro, Marie Daniel, Joyce Lydon

cooks and dietary aides. Joyce started her career in food service in 1997 as a part-time diet aide at Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Roslindale when she was just 16 years old. Over the years she rose to Supervisor and ultimately became the Food Service Operations Manager for this 500+ bed facility. Joyce was drawn to ANRC's position in April of this year by the opportunity to shape her own department and to work more closely with residents on a daily basis. Joyce lives in Wrentham with her two children, ages 11 and 16. When not at work, you are likely to find Joyce at her daughter's and son's softball and baseball games. ■

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE AWWA PRESIDENT



**Susan Deranian**,  
AWWA President

I am honored to be your new AWWA President and look forward to working with the membership and the Board of Directors during this very exciting and important period in AWWA's history.

Since I've been an AWWA member for four years, and haven't met all of you, allow me to introduce myself. I

grew up in a small Central Massachusetts town and upon graduating from Framingham State College, became a Home Economics teacher for 11 years. During the end of that career and the beginning of my next, I had a small catering business. I went on to a sales position in the food services industry for the next 25 years. I wanted to do something meaningful and constructive in my retirement. . . that's when I joined AWWA!

I've found membership in the AWWA thoroughly rewarding – on the Luncheon/Auction Committee for four years, heading up the ANRC Resident & Families Picnic for three years, and being on the Board of Directors for two years.

The AWWA has grown and thrived during the last 103 years because of

the dedication and resourcefulness of the women preceding us. It is our responsibility to oversee and maintain the primary initiatives of the AWWA – the Armenian Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Jamaica Plain and the Hanganak Elderly Clinic in Nagorno-Karabagh. And now we are tasked with developing four new projects which resulted from the Needs Assessment conducted over the last two years. These include the Community Chest Fund, AWWA Cares program, Service Trips to Armenia, and a Scholarship Fund for Armenians studying in the healthcare fields. The Board of Directors will be calling upon you, our members, for assistance with these social service programs, some of which will require volunteers to work with the beneficiaries within the Armenian Community and we hope you will be instrumental in accomplishing that goal.

This coming year, we are planning some events we hope will appeal to a wide range of interests. Check out the calendar within and watch our website, [www.awwa.us](http://www.awwa.us), for more details. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to come out and meet other energetic forward-thinking women who want to make a difference.

I look forward to working with you to grow our service-based organization and to make a positive impact on the social and health-care needs of Armenians in the 21st Century. ■



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**Tana G. Onanian**

AWWA members and friends were saddened to learn that Tana G. Onanian, Life Member of the AWWA, passed away in Jamaica Plain on April 7, 2018. She served with distinction for many years as a Director and Officer of the Association, including as President from 2004 to 2005, and again from 2009 to 2011.

Tana had recently moved back to Boston from Northern Virginia to be closer to her many friends who were thrilled to be able to visit with her in person again, instead of just by telephone. ANRC staff were honored that she chose to live out her final weeks in our care. Tana's strength of character, good humor, and keen intelligence never diminished even as she struggled with the illness that finally took her from us.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Tana's entire family, especially her devoted daughters, Janice McMahon and Rachel Nadjarian, also former AWWA Directors.

## ARMENIAN WOMEN'S WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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## HANGANAK CLINIC PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED FOOD STAPLES

By: JoAnn Janjigian and Karen Koumjian, AWWA Directors

In addition to the most important healthcare services and socialization, a food allotment is one of the benefits our elderly women and a few men receive through your support. To us, these seem like meager quantities of staples, but to the elderly living alone, these items supplement what they are able to obtain through their pensions:

- 1 Liter Vegetable Oil (= 1 Quart)
- 1 Kg Sugar (= 2 lb 3 oz)
- 1 box tea 100 gm (= 3.5 oz)
- 1 Kg rice (= 2 lb 3 oz)
- ½ Kg Kidney Beans (= 1 lb 1.6 oz)
- 1 Kg Macaroni (= 2 lb 3 oz)
- 1 can Condensed Milk 200g (= 7 oz)
- 2 pcs. Soap 150 gm (= 5 oz)

*“Health care services, a community of care, and monthly food and heating assistance means so much for the elderly living alone in Stepanakert.”*



Food staples are portioned, packaged, and delivered to beneficiaries by Clinic staff under the direction of Dr. Gohar Hovannisyan

This is the amount of food and staples generally packaged each month per person for the beneficiaries of the Hanganak program in Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh. The cost of food for our 200 beneficiaries totals \$1443.00 per month. They are either picked up at the Hanganak offices by those that come in or delivered by staff to those

who are unable to leave their homes for health reasons.

Health care services, monthly food, and heating assistance during winter months, all of which are provided by a community of care givers, means so much to these elderly individuals, 63 years or older and living alone in Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh.

Thank you for your continued support. ■

## AWWA ANNUAL PICNIC AT ANRC

June 24, 2018, was the perfect day for AWWA's annual picnic at ANRC. The lovely weather, delicious food and lively music drew our largest crowd ever. Special thanks to: Susan Deranian for organizing the event; Jack Giragosian's band for their music; JoAnn Janjigian for providing the flowers from her garden that graced each table; Sara Janjigian Trifiro for taking beautiful photographs; Susan Giragosian, Cynthia Kazanjian, Lynne Nee, Nancy Kasarjian, and Karen Koumjian for cooking and serving; our fabulous chefs who manned the grills; and to our members' grandchildren for helping out with ticket sales and face-painting. ■



Rouz Chaho and friends enjoy the music



Joseph and Florence Markarian



Members' grandchildren at work



Alice Seferian and extended family



Chefs (L to R): Dick Janjigian, Parnag Kasarjian, Ken Southard, Dick Kazanjian, and Tom Dow



Phyllis Halloun, Mafe Santiago, Janet Hazantian, and Anaida Akopyan dance to the music



Servers (L to R): Susan Giragosian, JoAnn Janjigian, and Lynne Nee



Arace Kurkjian



The Band (L to R): Bob Vartanian, Kevin Magarian, Jack Giragosian, Ron Sahatjian, Carl Nersessian, and Hagop Alabachian

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bared Maronian**  
September 23, 2018 | 5:00 PM  
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum, Lexington, MA

**A Capella Performance by UMass Dynamics**  
September 30, 2018 | 2:00 PM  
ANRC, 431 Pond St., Jamaica Plain, MA

**Thanks for Giving Luncheon 2018**  
November 3, 2018 | 12:00 - 4:00 PM  
Belmont Country Club, 181 Winter St., Belmont, MA

**AWWA Christmas Caroling**  
December 8, 2018 | 2:00 PM  
ANRC, 431 Pond St., Jamaica Plain, MA

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## AWWA AND AIWA PRESENT LIGHTS, CAMERA, STORIES!

An evening with Bared Maronian, award-winning filmmaker

Bared Maronian, Armenian documentary filmmaker from Florida, is a four-time Regional Emmy Award winner. He will be presenting his documentary, **Women of 1915** depicting the plight and survival of the Armenian women during the

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, STORIES!

An Evening with Award-Winning Filmmaker

### Bared Maronian

Take 1...

Screening of *Women of 1915*

Take 2...

Exclusive Footage of Armenia's recent *Velvet Revolution*

Take 3...

Reveal of Bared's *Titanic Love*

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

5:00 P.M.

Reception To Follow

Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library  
33 Marrett Road  
Lexington | MA

Tickets: \$75 (Students with ID \$25)

Proceeds to benefit  
Women's Support Center (Yerevan)  
Hanganak Elderly Clinic (Stepanakert)

For tickets: 781-652-8775 (Nicole)  
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Genocide of 1915 as well as the many non-Armenian women who flocked to the killing fields and rescued thousands of Armenian women and children.

Bared will also speak to the audience about his recent experience in Yerevan during the Velvet Revolution. Lastly, he will report on his upcoming film project called **Titanic Love**, about the "unsinkable" ship, which collided with an iceberg in April, 1912, during its maiden journey from Southampton, England to New York City. Of the 3327 passengers and crew, less than 2000 survived the sinking of the Titanic. But two of those survivors were Armenians, who had fled their homeland to seek a safer life in America. ■

## BOSTON CAMERA CLUB MEMBERS DONATE PHOTOGRAPHS

This spring, members of the Boston Camera Club including Arlene Winkleman, Erik Gehring, Gordon Saperia, Karen Bryan, Nancy Ahmadifar, Matt Conti, and Thea Dougenik donated 50+ framed photographs to the Center that are hanging throughout the first-floor common areas and hallways. Long-time club member, Arlene Winkleman, organized the donations after noting ANRC's need for new artwork to add interest and beauty to its interior. Additional works from other Club members are expected to be received in the fall.

Founded in 1881, the Boston Camera Club is the nation's second oldest continuously extant camera club, dedicated to the advancement of photography as an art and science. ■

