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PASADENA SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE
NEWS

November Meeting Notice

November General Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 2008

7:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

Board Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 2008

6:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

November Meeting Preview

Holiday Party Planning: It's getting to be that time of the year again. That's right—the Holiday Party. Join us as we discuss the options for this year and how you can help with our pot luck items.

Pasadena Marathon: Pasadena is putting on its first marathon on November 16. If you are a runner, I hope you have registered to take part in this historic event. Also included are a Half Marathon, 5K, Bike Tour, 3.1-Mile Fun Run/Walk. So there is something for everyone!

If you don't want to participate, you can watch all the runners as they wind their way through the streets of Pasadena. Go to www.pasadenamarathon.org to see a map of the route and the times of the various races.

If you'd like to volunteer, there are a number of jobs still to be filled, both at the Expo on Friday and Saturday and on Sunday for the marathon. Call Marcia Montez at 626-345-0676 to find out what you can do. She has been working with the coordinating committee as our representative. This is a great opportunity to be a part of history.

William Saroyan's Centennial

Armenia Subcommittee will celebrate the centennial of the birth of William Saroyan on November 9, 2008, in the Dunaian Hall of St. Gregory Hovsepien School (see page 3.)

Mr. Saroyan, a prolific writer and a Pulitzer prize winner, has produced a whole library of literary works during his tumultuous life: short stories, novels, memoirs, autobiographies, children's books, and plays. A short review of his life and works will be presented at this event, including readings from his books by his nephew, Hank Saroyan. A clip from the film "The Human Comedy" will also be shown.

Everyone is invited to attend the centennial celebration of this famous American-Armenian writer known for his deep understanding of human feelings, for his ability to express them, and for his passionate love of life, including some eccentricities.

At the conclusion of the event, refreshments will be served. Attendance is free of charge. For easy parking please use the Grand Oaks Street entrance to St. Gregory Armenian Church.

Be sure to invite your friends and family to join us!

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Visit Of New Member of China Consulate



Photo # 1



Photo # 2



Photo # 3



Photo # 4

On the evening of October 10, following their monthly meeting, the China Subcommittee was joined by one of the newest members of the China Consulate in Los Angeles. The new member, FAN Jin, took Isadora's place and will be our liaison for activities with the consulate.

Consul FAN Jin is shown in Photo # 2. She, along with Consul YUE Liwen (Mike) and Ingrid Luo WANG (Photo # 1 & # 3), met with our members and discussed plans for future activities with the consulate. They spent a some time visiting the Museum of California Art and the Pacific Asian Museum as part of the Art Night Program. (One of the unusual pieces on display at the California Museum of Art is in the background.) Photo # 1 shows the group at the Pacific Asian Museum looking at the Confucius exhibit. Photo # 3 was taken on the roof garden of the California Museum of Art. The subcommittee members attending were Cathy Wei, Jack Wills, Ginny Heringer, Joanne Stebenne, Marcia and Phil Montez and Ted Covello.

And we couldn't get by without a shot of our beautiful City Hall at night (Photo # 4)

We welcome Jin to Los Angeles and we are looking forward to her, and the other consulate members, joining us for our 10th Anniversary Celebrations with our China sister city next year!

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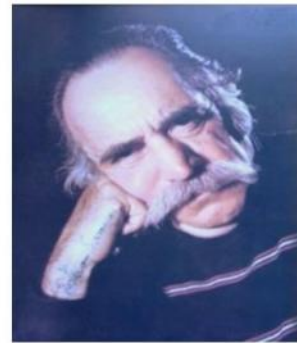
Armenia Sub-Committee
Invites you to an entertaining evening
celebrating

WILLIAM SAROYAN'S CENTENNIAL (his lighter side)

**Sunday, November 9, 2008
4.00 p.m.**

Dunaians Hall at St. Gregory
Hovsepian School
2215 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena
(two blocks West of Sierra Madre Boulevard.
Use Grand Oaks Street parking entrance)

Celebrate William Saroyan's 100th Birthday



(1908-1981)

Internationally known Armenian-American writer, playwright and humanitarian.
Author of 60 books and winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1939 for his play,
"The Time of Your Life".

"The Human Comedy" published in 1943 and dedicated to his mother was made
into a movie by MGM and he won an Academy Award Oscar for Best Writing
Original Screen Story. Since his death, in 1981, 23 books have been published
about his life and works.

Saroyan spoke for Armenians to the world. He gave international recognition to his
people at a time when they remained dispersed... Through his work. He brought
public understanding to the culture and the quality of the Armenian people, more
than any other person in Armenian history.

Nephew – Hank Saroyan **Speaking**
Display of William Saroyan Works

Public Invited: Free Admission
Hospitality-Armenian Style

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