

**Homenetmen  
Western United States  
Regional Executive's Biennial Brief Report  
October 30, 2016 – November 9, 2018**

Following Homenetmen Western Region's 38<sup>th</sup> Regional Representative's Meeting, held on October 30, 2016, the Regional Executive's immediate priority was to draft its biennial plan and perform the division of its work. Following is a summary of the implemented plans and activities.

**HOMENETMEN CENTENNIAL**

The second year of the board's term coincided with Homenetmen's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, as well as the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Republic of Armenia. Given the importance of these milestone events, the Regional Executive dedicated all activities in 2018 to the organization's Centennial.

Throughout the year, all scouts and athletes sported a patch, which was designed by Y. Ari Boyajian, and commissioned and released by Homenetmen's Central Executive, dedicated to Homenetmen's Centennial.

On the occasion of the Centennial, a special website was created ([www.WeAre100.info](http://www.WeAre100.info)) that contained information and updates on all events dedicated to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Regional Executive also organized various community events to celebrate the milestone. In an effort to successfully organize these events, the Regional Executive formed 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committees. They also prepared banners which were placed on the grounds of Armenian schools and churches. The events dedicated to Homenetmen's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary included:

**1. Scouting Camp for Present and Former "Khmpabeds"**

This camp was not held on March 16-18, 2018 at Homenetmen's Camp Tecuya due to a low registration turnout and poor weather.

**2. Educational Athletic Camp**

This camp was not held on April 13-15, 2018 at AYF Camp due to other conflicting events.

**3. Youth Forum**

On June 23, 2018, a Centennial Youth Forum was held at Woodbury University's Fletcher Jones Auditorium to discuss youth involvement and Armenia-Diaspora relations. The event drew in leaders of community organizations, professionals of various fields, public officials, and hundreds of youth. The forum consisted of four panels, which primarily focused on issues of concern related to Homenetmen, youth engagement, Armenia, and Armenian communities. The Republic of Armenia's Minister of Diaspora Mkhitar Hayrapetyan participated via Skype during the third panel of the forum and answered questions from attendees primarily focusing on the role of the Diaspora in future programs of Armenia.

**4. Elevate: Homenetmen Centennial Exhibition**

The exhibit's official opening was held on September 14, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Downtown Glendale Central Library's ReflectSpace and PassageWay galleries. The exhibit remained open to the public from September 15 through Sunday, September 30, 2018. The multi-disciplinary exhibition presented the organization's past, present, and future within the community.

## **5. Centennial Street Festival**

On September 16, 2018, Homenetmen scouts and athletes marched through the City of Glendale ending at Glendale's Central Park, where a festival was held with food, booths, and entertainment. Attendees enjoyed the festival, including all its attractions.

## **6. Official Celebration of Homenetmen's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

October 6, 2018 – with the participation of Northern California chapters at the Saroyan Armenian Community Hall. The three Northern California chapters organized the event which included items from the Elevate exhibit as well as other memorabilia from the local chapters.

October 28, 2018 – with the participation of all the region's chapters at the Glendale High School auditorium. Long-time Homenetmen member Y. Varouj Mirzayan will be honored with the Homenetmen "Ardagark" medal by the Homenetmen Central Executive. 13 Homenetmen members will also be honored with the Service Medal from the region.

On August 9, 2018, California State Senator Anthony Portantino honored Homenetmen on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He recognized Homenetmen's role in providing a healthy atmosphere to youth, commended the "Hrashq" program, and presented a proclamation to the Board.

The region's large Homenetmen family also brought its active participation to the Homenetmen Central Executive's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events in Armenia during the summer.

## **HOMENETMEN "HRASHQ"**

Through an initiative of the Board, the Homenetmen "Hrashq" program was formed which incorporated the participation of youth with disabilities into the Navasartian Games.

This initiative of the organization seeks to create an inclusive environment for a subset of the Armenian community and offers them an opportunity for participation. To ensure a proper initiation of the initiative, the Regional Executive Board created a new committee to professionally and effectively organize the participation of these special-needs children at the 2018 Navasartian Games.

During the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Navasartian Games and its closing ceremony, 18 youth of the "Hrashq" program participated for the first time, accompanied by their caregivers and parents. This unprecedented project was welcomed with warm applause and great encouragement.

The number of participants in the "Hrashq" program continues to increase and currently consists of 28 members. The Regional Executive organized a tournament for the "Hrashq" program participants on October 21, 2018. It included track and field, basketball, and soccer competitions.

Given the importance of collective work, the Regional Executive appointed the following Regional Councils and committees following its election and assigned liaisons to each.

## **ATHLETICS**

During the two-year term, the Regional Athletic Council organized the following tournaments:

### **Homenetmen 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Winter Games –**

The Regional Athletic Council organized winter games, which incorporated boys basketball teams in the AA, 1A, 2A, 3A, U21, U18, U16 and U15 divisions, as well as girls basketball teams in the A Upper and Lower, U18, U16 and U15 divisions. It also included volleyball teams of the girls A, U18, U16, and U15 divisions. The 14<sup>th</sup> Winter Games began on September 30, 2017 with the participation of 90 teams and the 15<sup>th</sup> Winter Games began on October 1, 2018 with the participation of 86 teams and are still in progress.

### **33<sup>rd</sup> Annal KAHAM Games –**

These games started on October 22, 2016 and were held at various athletic fields. 10 Armenian schools participated in the games with 180 teams and 1,983 athletes in 6 different sports. The games came to an end on March 19, 2017 at Birmingham Charter High School with an official closing ceremony and parade of students.

### **34<sup>th</sup> Annual KAHAM Games –**

These games started on October 21, 2017 and were held at various athletic fields. 10 Armenian schools participated in the games with 176 teams and over 2,000 athletes in 6 different sports. The games came to an end on March 18, 2018 at Glendale Community College with an official closing ceremony and parade of students.

### **Homenetmen 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Navasartian Games –**

These games started on May 13, 2017 and continued every weekend at various athletic fields. The games came to an end on July 2, 2017 at Birmingham Charter High School. 273 teams consisting of 2,829 athletes participated during these games.

### **Homenetmen 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Navasartian Games –**

These games started on May 12, 2018 and continued every weekend at various athletic fields. The games came to an end on July 7, 2018 at Birmingham Charter High School. 334 teams consisting of 2,789 athletes participated during these games.

During both Navasartian Games, the girls and boys championship basketball games were held following the closing ceremony. Given the large number of spectators at the championship games, an entrance fee was charged, and proceeds helped defer the costs associated with both the 10<sup>th</sup> Pan-Homenetmen Games and 11<sup>th</sup> Pan-Homenetmen Jamboree.

### **Softball –**

The Regional Athletic Council organized the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Softball Competition, which was held on August 19 and 20, 2017 at the Glendale Sports Complex with the participation of 7 teams from 5 chapters.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Pan-Homenetmen Games (Armenia) –**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Pan-Homenetmen Games were held on July 20-29, 2017 at various athletic fields in Yerevan, Armenia. 22 regions participated with over 1,200 athletes. The games included 9 sports, including soccer, football, basketball, volleyball, swimming, track and field, ping-pong, tennis, and chess.

Homenetmen Western Region participated in all the above-mentioned sports with 14 All-Star teams and 40 individual athletes. The region's delegation consisted of 198 athletes, coaches, organizing committee members, and executive members. After 10 days of sporting competitions, the region's athletes had shining results and won first place in basketball, soccer, and swimming, as well as second place in volleyball and tennis.

Under the leadership of the Regional Athletic Council, the following inter-chapter competitions were held:

- Homenetmen "Shant" Chapter's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Soccer Tournament
- Homenetmen San Diego "Sevan" Chapter's 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Inter-Chapter Games
- Homenetmen Orange County "Sartarabad" Chapter's Annual Basketball Tournaments
- Homenetmen Fresno "Sassoon" Chapter's 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Games
- Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Volleyball Tournament
- Homenetmen Pasadena "Azadamard" Chapter's Inter-Chapter Basketball Games
- Homenetmen San Francisco Chapter's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Inter-Chapter Games. It should be noted that the chapter's 38<sup>th</sup> Games were not held due to a minimal number of teams participating.
- Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter's (HABC) 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Basketball Tournament
- Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Volleyball Tournament
- Homenetmen Burbank "Sipan" Chapter's Chess Tournament
- Homenetmen San Fernando Valley "Massis" Chapter's Soccer Tournament in Memory of Nataline Sarkisyan

#### **Athletic Clinic with Henrikh Mkhitaryan –**

Henrikh Mkhutaryan, a member of Armenia's National Soccer Team as well as a player (at that time) for the Manchester United Soccer Team, visited Los Angeles, Regional Executives Board organized an Athletic Clinic for Homentmen atheltes July 18, 2017, during which, 50 athletes and 5 coaches from the region's chapters had the opportunity to spend an unforgettable day with the professional soccer player at UCLA.

**Participation in Armenia's National Team –** 4 Homenetmen athletes from the region participated in the Armenia National Basketball Team (age 20 and under).

During its two-year term, the Regional Athletic Committee held various meetings with chapter athletic leaders as well as the KAHAM participating school's athletic representatitves and principals. The Council also organized a Coaches' Certification Program and continued to implement a background check for all volunteer leaders.

## **SCOUTING**

The Regional Executive appointed a Regional Scouting Council, which implemented the following activities:

#### **St. Vartan and "Kayl Vahan" Kaylig-Ardzvigs Religious Emblems –**

The Regional Executive is pleased to report that the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of North America and the Regional Scouting Council collectively organized the St. Vartan (6-7 year olds) and "Kayl Vahan" (8-11 year olds) Religious Emblem program for young scouts in the region. The courses were held at St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church's Armenag Der Bedrossian Hall in Glendale with the participation of 43 young scouts. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, His Eminence Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian personally gave the scouts their emblems at the Armenian Apostolic Church of North Hollywood.

## **Scouting Ranks**

### **Vgayal Gark**

15 candidates participated in these courses to gain practical training and knowledge on leading a scouting group. They successfully passed the examination and earned the rank.

### **Araratyan Gark**

Prior to the 11<sup>th</sup> Pan-Homenetmen Jamboree, on July 14, 2018, courses were held for the “Araratyan Gark.” 3 members from the region successfully completed the prerequisites and, on July 28, 2018 in Pyuragan, Armenia, they received their corresponding medals, certificates, and scouting neckerchiefs.

### **Wood Badge**

8 scouting leaders from the region participated in the 2018 Wood Badge courses organized by the Verdugo Hills & Long Beach Area Councils. The first course was held on August 24-26, 2018 at Camp Three Falls in Frazier Park and the second course was held on September 21-23, 2018 at Camp Tahquitz in Angeles Oaks.

### **Educational Seminar for “Khmpabeds”**

Participants included scout leaders from chapters with the title of “Miavori Khmpabed” and above, as well as promising Ari-Arenoush’s. The educational seminar was held by the RSC on February 4, 2017.

### **“Pre-Jamboree” Preparatory Camp / Activities for Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide / Centennial of the First Republic of Armenia**

During the weekend of April 27-29, 2018, a preparatory camp was held at the KOA Camp in Acton, California with the participation of 154 scouts. The following chapters participated: San Francisco, Walnut Creek, Santa Clara, Fresno, Las Vegas, San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles, Glendale, Pasadena, Inland Empire, La Crescenta, and Burbank. The camp’s “Khmpabed” was K. Sharlene Gozalian (Regional Scouting Council) and the “Pokh-Khmpabed” was K. Christina Tashtemirian (“Ararat” Chapter).

On Sunday, an additional 90 scouts joined the camp to collectively commemorate the Armenian Genocide and the Centennial of the First Republic of Armenia. Through handmade projects, young scouts learned about the genocide and various remembrance monuments. Serob Abrahamian and Dickran Khodanian visited the camp and spoke to campers about the current state of Armenia and its independence.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Pan-Homenetmen Jamboree (Armenia)**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Pan-Homenetmen Jamboree was held on July 19-29, 2018 at the Pyuragan campground in Armenia. 183 scouts from Homenetmen’s Western Region participated in the Jamboree, which focused on the organization’s as well as the First Republic of Armenia’s Centennial and history.

Prior to the Jamboree, preparatory activities were held, including candidate applications, oral and written exams, parent meetings, as well as the Pre-Jamboree camp.

Among the Central Executive’s events dedicated to Homenetmen’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and coinciding with the 11<sup>th</sup> Pan-Homenetmen Jamboree in Armenia, the following opportunities were given to former “khmpabeds” also present in Armenia at the time: participation in the

parade, visit to “Dzidzernagapert”, and a one-day participation at the Jamboree. On July 18<sup>th</sup>, the Regional Executive organized a visit to the Homenetemn–HASK Haig Hovsepien Campground for the entire delegation. 40 former “khmpabeds” from the region participated in these activities.

Scouts, who participated in the Jamboree, were also invited to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Navasartian Appreciation Night held on August 18, 2018 at the Jivalagian Youth Center in Pasadena. During the event, K. Sharlene Gozalian was appointed the Western Region’s Regional Scoutmaster.

**Chapter Camps** – In 2017 and 2018, chapters from the region organized their annual camps. Regional Executive and Regional Scouting Council members visited all of the chapter annual camps.

**Event Participation** – During the two-year term, the region’s scouts participated in flag ceremonies at various community-wide events.

## **NAVASARTIAN GAMES AND FESTIVAL**

During its two-year term, the Regional Executive organized the 42<sup>nd</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Homenetmen Navasartian Games and Festival. This event has been acknowledged to have a significant role in the Armenian community.

**Homenetmen 42<sup>nd</sup> Navasartian Games and Festival** – With Mr. & Mrs. Vicken and Nono Apelian as Honorary Presidents, the Homenetmen 42<sup>nd</sup> Navasartian Games officially started on March 19, 2017 at Birmingham High School. Athletic games continued every weekend thereafter until July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Birmingham High School and various other athletic fields in the community.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Navasartian Games’ Victory Banquet was held on June 24, 2017 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. 531 Homenetmen members and supporters were in attendance. Y. Shahe Yenikomshian was recognized as the 2017 Exemplary Homenetmen Member.

The four-day festival was held on June 29-July 2, 2017 on the grounds of Birmingham High School with the participation of talented Armenian artists. Chapters also participated with their fundraising booths during the festival.

The Navasartian Appreciation Night was held on August 15, 2017 at 8 p.m. at the Homenetmen “Ararat” Chapter’s Baghdasarian-Shahinian Hall with the attendance of regional committee members, chapter executive members, athletes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Pan-Homenetmen Games, coaches, and leaders.

**Homenetmen 43<sup>rd</sup> Navasartian Games and Festival** – The 43<sup>rd</sup> Navasartian Games and Festival was dedicated to Homenetmen’s Centennial. With Mr. & Mrs. Hamlet and Greta Chraghchian as Honorary Presidents, the Homenetmen 43<sup>rd</sup> Navasartian Games officially started on March 18, 2018 at Glendale Community College. Athletic games continued every weekend thereafter until July 7<sup>th</sup> at Birmingham High School and various other athletic fields in the community.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Navasartian Games’ Victory Banquet was held on July 1, 2018 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel with the attendance of 600 Homenetmen members and supporters. During the event, Y. Koko Balian was recognized as the 2018 Exemplary Homenetmen Member by the Regional Executive.

The five-day festival was held on July 3-July 7, 2018 on the grounds of Birmingham High School with the participation of talented Armenian artists. Chapters also participated with their fundraising booths during the festival. The closing ceremony was held on July 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Birmingham High School with a large number of Homenetmen members and supporters in attendance. The parade was led by children of the “Hrashq” program accompanied by their caregivers and parents. Trophies were distributed during the closing ceremony. California State Senator Anthony Portantino also attended the closing ceremony and, in his remarks, congratulated Homenetmen on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and highly commended the organization’s work and activities.

The Navasartian Appreciation Night was held on August 18, 2018 at the Jivalagian Youth Center in Pasadena with the participation of regional committee members, chapter executives, and scouts of the 11<sup>th</sup> Pan-Homenetmen Jamboree.

## **EDUCATIONAL**

In order to prepare leaders for the organization and future generations with national spirit and identity, the Regional Executive organized seminars for leadership bodies and members of the chapters of Southern California, Northern California, and Las Vegas.

- In 2017, a Leadership Seminar was held on January 29<sup>th</sup> at Homenetmen’s Andonian Hall with the participation of chapter executives and regional committee members of Southern California chapters. The seminar’s topics included High Performance Leadership & Organizational Development, Identifying Drug Abuse and How to React, Cultivation Not Preservation – The Role Homenetmen Can Play in Creating a Linguistic Community in the Diaspora, and Team Work.
- A second similar Leadership Seminar was held on February 25-26, 2017 for the Homenetmen Northern California San Francisco Chapter, Santa Clara “Ani” Chapter, Walnut Creek “Gars” Chapter, Fresno “Sassoon” Chapter, and Sacramento “Lori” Miavor. The seminar was held in San Francisco and focused on community leadership, knowledge, responsibilities of chapter executives, and meeting rules and the importance of their use. Information was exchanged among members, including challenges that are experienced, and the importance of keeping youth tied to the organization.
- On March 25, 2017, an educational meeting was held for the Las Vegas “Artsakh” Chapter at their local Armenian Center with the participation of 25 executive members and scouts. During the informative meeting, the importance of preparing leaders was discussed, as well as the responsibilities of leaders. Information was also exchanged about revitalizing the Armenian community life in Las Vegas.
- In 2018, a Leadership Seminar was held on January 28<sup>th</sup> at Homenetmen’s Kevork Andonian Hall with the participation of 96 executive members, as well as scouting and athletic leaders. The seminar’s topics included Forms of Abuse, Community Organizations and Associations, Protocols, Online Applications.
- An educational meeting was held for the San Diego “Sevan” Chapter on June 9, 2018 at the hall of the St. John Garabed Armenian Church of San Diego with the participation of 30 members and parents. Scouting information was conveyed to the newly formed scouting

group which consists of 15 members. The chapter's executive received important information about Homenetmen's history and leader's responsibilities.

Aside from the above-mentioned events, the Regional Executive demonstrated its readiness to individually meet with chapter executive members, explain meeting procedures, communication methods, and executive responsibilities. In this manner, a meeting was held with the executives of the "Giligia" Miavor on September 21, 2018 as well as with "Lori" Mivaor on August 8, 2018.

The Regional Executive prepared the following two guidelines, which were distributed to chapters and committees:

- **"Protocols in the Homenetmen Ranks"** – A bilingual manual which addresses the proper protocols to follow when dealing with hosting organizational bodies and political officials during internal and community events, the proper order of presenting guests, installation of flags, and other important standards to follow.
- **"Homenetmen Western USA Region Visual Identity Standard"** – A guideline that includes directions for using the Homenetmen emblem by chapters and other committees in the correct manner.

#### **HOMENETMEN CAMP TECUYA CAMPGROUND**

Oversight of the campground was entrusted to the regional office and Regional Executive. A part-time caretaker was hired for the campground, Y. Vicken Manougian, who performed all his responsibilities in a diligent manner and made every effort to make any needed repairs to the grounds. In June 2018, the caretaker resigned from his position and the Regional Executive hired Y. Oshin Peykinian to take on the position.

It is important to note that a number of necessary renovations were performed to the campground (replacing pipes for the pool, one of the tractor tires, rusty pipes, kitchen and dining room area floors).

Unfortunately, a committee to oversee the campground was unable to be formed. The campground was utilized by Homenetmen chapters for their annual and inter-chapter camps; however, not in a sufficient manner. American organizations also used the campground for their own activities.

Following a resolution of the 38<sup>th</sup> Regional Representatives Meeting, the Regional Executive held consultative meetings with professional Homenetmen members and explored methods to use the campgrounds in the most beneficial way. In regard to renting out the campground, inquiries were made into placing additional cabins on the grounds along with estimates on the costs of those renovations. Real estate companies were also approached regarding selling the campground. The findings and recommendations will be presented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Regional Representatives Meeting.

## **HOMENETMEN MARCHING BAND**

The Homenetmen marching band continues to bring its energetic and impressive participation to various community events. The marching band consists of 60 members. New band equipment and support items were purchased. Social events were organized to secure funds.

During the 2018 year, the Regional Executive reached out to former dedicated members of the band to join the marching band and collectively perform during the Homenetmen 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events.

Thanks to its committee, the marching band continues to remain active and holds practices.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

During the two-year term, the Regional Executive's IT-related work was entrusted to the company, Bytec. The Regional Executive kept in regular contact with database managers of chapters and closely followed their work, conveyed important information regarding database updates, and implemented new programs. A guideline was put together detailing the process and procedures in regard to membership within the database.

Understanding the importance of an online application, the Regional Executive implemented an online version of the Membership Application. The application can be completed online and placed in the database. The work of creating the online application and placing it on the website was entrusted to Y. Varouj Mirzayan. The work related to creating online transfer applications is in progress and as of today has not yet been completed.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

During the two-year term, the Regional Executive did its utmost to conduct outreach for the organization through news and media, flyers, social media, emails, and utilization of the Homenetmen website. In an effort to perform public relations and benefit in membership recruitment, the committee demonstrated active work in the first few months; however, was unable to keep the same momentum moving forward. As a result, in 2018, a part-time employee was hired, Garin Kevoian, who was responsible for social media updates (Facebook, Instagram).

A new public relations committee was formed for the 42<sup>nd</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Navasartian Games and the committee performed its responsibilities to the fullest. Aside from the Navasartian Games, articles regarding the Regional Executive's important work and activities were published in Asbarez Daily Newspaper.

On the occasion of the organization's Centennial and in an effort to be well-organized in its planning and outreach, the Regional Executive worked with a professional consulting firm led by Elen Asatryan in order to have the necessary public relations performed for the Centennial initiatives.

On February 27, 2018, approximately 175 Homenetmen members, alumni, and supporters brought their participation to a campaign to select the best symbol for the Centennial. Edwin Kamarzian's "WeAre100" was selected.

## **BYLAWS**

The Regional Executive is pleased to inform that, as a result of the efforts of the Bylaws Committee, the committee was successful in completing the bylaws and rules for meetings (Armenian and English) and placing it on the website. The translations of the scouting and athletic bylaws were also performed and reviewed by professionals and experienced Homenetmen members. These too are posted on the website for all to view.

## **HOMENETMEN DAY**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Homenetmen Day event was held on November 12, 2016 at the Homenetmen Glendale “Ararat” Chapter’s Baghdasarian-Shahinian Hall. 16 Chapter members were honored with the Service Medal and His Eminence Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian was honored with the Homenetmen “Ardagark” Medal given by the Homenetmen Central Executive.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Homenetmen Day event was held on November 18, 2017 at the Homenetmen Glendale “Ararat” Chapter’s hall. 13 Chapter members were honored with the Service Medal and long-time member Y. Shant Hayitian was honored with the Homenetmen “Ardagark” Medal by the Homenetmen Central Executive.

## **REQUIEM SERVICES FOR DEPARTED HOMENETMEN MEMBERS**

On November 13, 2016, November 19, 2017, and October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 requiem services were held at churches throughout the region in memory of departed Homenetmen members.

## **HOMENETMEN YOUTH DIVISION**

During the two-year term, the Youth Division (HYC), operating under the auspices of the Homenetmen Western United States Regional Executive, made it a priority to examine the expectations of the Youth Division and promote membership. The Youth Division enthusiastically planned interesting work, social nights, and meetings.

The Youth Division currently consists of over 30 members. Following their decisions, the election of its officers (tivan) is conducted on a semi-annual basis. They have drafted their annual plan.

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

The Regional Executive expresses its sincere thanks to the region’s chapters for their close collaboration, as well as to all those who supported and ensured the success of the organization’s programs and activities.