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Dear Member,

Firstly, I would like to thank all those who have attended and supported recent AGBU London events. It has been an extremely busy time, with a handful of dedicated individuals working many hours to help organise these events and make them a success.

In September, we held an *Art Exhibition and Sale*, with proceeds going to the artist disabled in 1988 earthquake and the Art School that has helped him and many other survivors of that tragedy.

On two Sundays in October we showed 2 *French/Armenian films* with lunch provided. AGBU was also a part sponsor of the *Khatchadurian Centenary Concert* by the Philharmonia Orchestra and at the Royal Festival Hall on 13 October.

In November, the *Charity Gala Dinner Dance* in aid of the AGBU Norashen Centennial Project raised over £11,000 in donations and gifts for reconstruction in Karabagh. As you are aware, the AGBU London's target is £30,000 to provide a community centre with medical facilities. If you have not donated already and can offer a gift, however small, this would be gratefully received. Please send your donation to me at the above address.

In December we were delighted to see over 300 people at the *Tata Dance Night* at the Scala, so many of whom were young people, who came to enjoy the musicians from Armenia.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you of the following, for your information:

**1) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Change of Hon. Secretary**

During the prolonged absence of Diran Chakelian, Sevan Aghajanian undertook the responsibility and work of Hon. Secretary during those months. Subsequently, on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2003, members of the Committee unanimously elected Sevan to the post.

**2) AGBU NEW YORK SUMMER INTERNSHIPS 2004**

Information about this 8-week programme, designed for university students (aged 19-26) eager for experience in their respective fields, can be obtained and an application downloaded from the AGBU website, [www.agbu.org](http://www.agbu.org).

Please note that the closing date for receipt of applications in New York is 14<sup>th</sup> January 2004.

**3) ARMENIAN NEW YEAR PARTY on 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2004**

Enclosed is information about our party at the Al Fawar Restaurant, with live music by "Aravod".

There are already many great prizes to be won in the raffle and we hope you will join us with family and friends for a lively and enjoyable evening.

If you would also like to offer a raffle prize, please telephone Sevan on 020 8886 5420.

AND FINALLY, AGBU LONDON WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL MEMBERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT THE NEW YEAR PARTY.

With every good wish

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Aghajanian'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'H' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Harout Aghajanian  
Chairman, AGBU London