



PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER

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JUNE NEWS BRIEFS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations and best wishes to Father Alex and Presytera Silvana on the birth of their daughter Zoe Marie. Gabriel is now a big brother!

MACAROONS!

We are very pleased to report that the recipe for Coconut Macaroons in our April issue were a big hit at the Philoptochos pan-Orthodox tea held recently at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis.

Artemis sends the monthly newsletter to her friend Becky Myerly who baked the macaroons for the tea. Many ladies said they were the best they had ever eaten! When the President of Philoptochos stood up and thanked everyone for their participation and for the food people brought, she specifically mentioned the macaroons!

Our chapter was recognized at the tea as having provided the recipe and as a result, the macaroons will be included in their cookbook with an acknowledgment of our Philoptochos chapter. We thank Becky and the Minneapolis chapter for this recognition.

Ann Arbor Philoptochos is on a roll!

WOMEN'S EXPO AND FLOWER SALE

Vendors and guests commented on how well organized our second Women's Expo event was, and all who attended told us that they enjoyed themselves. Thank you to those who supported both the Expo and the Flower Sale!

A big "thank you" to our co-chairs Elaine Karam and Cerene Boudrie who planned this wonderful event. Thank you also to all of our members who came and set up and worked at the booths. We couldn't have done it without you!

Another big "thank you" to Carolyn Roopas for chairing our second Spring Flower Sale that was also part of the Women's Expo. It was a tremendous success, and everyone who purchased flowers commented on the freshness and outstanding quality.

Thank you, too, to all of our ladies who encouraged their friends and neighbors to purchase the lovely spring flowers.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

YA'SSOO GREEK FESTIVAL
June 8, 9, 10

YEAR-END MEETING

Join us!
Wednesday, June 13
7:00 p.m.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH



ONLY A DAD

By Edgar Albert Guest

Only a dad, with a tired face,
Coming home from the daily race
Bringing little of gold or fame
To show how well he has played the game
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice
To see him come, and to hear his voice.

Only a dad, with a brood of four
One of ten million men or more
Plodding along in the daily strife
Bearing the whips and the scorns of life
With never a whimper of pain or hate
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud
Merely one of the surging crowd
Toiling, striving from day to day
Facing whatever may come his way.
Silent whenever the harsh condemn
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad, but he gives his all
To smooth the way for his children small
Doing, with courage stern and grim,
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen
Only a dad, *but the best of men.*



Zucchini Fritters with Feta and Dill

These fritters are so easy to make, low in calories, healthy, and are the perfect way to sneak in some veggies!

2 large zucchini
1 tsp. salt
2 eggs
1/2 C minced onions
1 tbsp. dill
1/2 C crumbled feta
1 minced garlic clove
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/4 C flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
6 tbsp. olive oil
Lemon wedges or yogurt/tzatziki sauce for serving

- Shred zucchini, transfer to mesh strainer and set over a bowl
- Toss zucchini with salt; let sit for 10 min.
- Wring excess liquid from zucchini, set aside
- Beat eggs in large bowl and mix in zucchini, onions, dill, feta, garlic, and pepper
- Sprinkle flour and baking powder over mixture and stir until well blended
- Heat 3 tbsp. olive oil over medium heat and drop in 2 tbsp-sized portions; flatten with back of spoon to about 2"-wide fritters
- Pan-fry until golden brown on both sides, about 2-3 minutes per side
- Transfer fritters to paper-towel lined plate and wipe skillet clean with paper towels
- Add remaining 3 tbsp. olive oil and repeat with remaining batter
- Serve warm or at room temperature with lemon wedges or yogurt/tzatziki sauce

WOMEN'S EXPO 2018

It was a beautiful day for this year's Women's Expo and a perfect day to pick up the vibrant spring flowers in time for Mother's Day!



Flower gals Mary Price and Carolyn Roopas



Social Hall packed with vendors!



Stacy Ballios and Thelma Steers at the Popcorn Stand!



ANNUAL DINNER

Everyone enjoyed an evening of good conversation and a delicious meal at our annual meeting held at Travis Pointe Country Club on May 9. We were pleased to have Father Alex join us.

Our guest speaker Anne Lawrence's slideshow about "Clotheslines" included pictures of New York neighborhoods that showed numerous clotheslines with women talking to one another across the street and catching up on the latest—"Facebook" before its time! This is what "online" meant years ago!



Another special guest was Kate Melcher, Director of Fisher House, Ann Arbor. Fisher House Foundation builds comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay free of charge while a loved one is in the hospital. These homes are located at military and VA medical centers around the world.

Our Philoptochos chapter donates each year to veterans' causes and will continue this philanthropic gesture in supporting Fisher House.

EDUCATION PROJECT

WHAT IS THE EDUCATION PROJECT? The Education Project works to ensure that students in homelessness and temporary living situations will enroll, regularly attend, and succeed in school. During the 2014-2015 school year, they served more than 1,300 students in Washtenaw County ages 0-21 from the 10 school districts and nine public school academies in the county. Every single school district in the county is working with students in temporary living situations.

Our Philoptochos is once again supporting "Education Project" as the students prepare for another school year. We will be collecting items on their wish list, primarily school supplies and personal hygiene items, *throughout June and July*. There will be tubs placed outside of the social hall to hold contributions. People come and go during the summer and can donate items whenever they are able.

Hygiene Products



- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Men's and Women's Deodorant
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Tissues (small individual packages)
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Soap (body wash or bar)
- Lotion
- Lip balm



NEW School Supplies

- Backpacks for all ages (especially those with laptop compartments for older students)
- Calculators and Scientific Calculators (gently used is acceptable)
- Drawstring bags
- Tab Dividers
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Washable Markers
- Scissors (blunt & pointed)
- Pencil Bags
- Rulers



EDUCATION IS THE PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE!

