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# ararat alumni club Lour

## Ararat Alumni Club Mission Statement

Our mission is to create a network of former and present Ararat members, explore and promote common interests, as well as build a support foundation for Chapter's growth and longevity.

## Lour's Objectives

- To provide news about our alumni, both active and inactive.
- To make Lour available to all members electronically via Ararat website and email.
- To provide fun as well as useful information.
- To post pictures from the past and the present.
- To publish Lour on a quarterly basis.
- To welcome input and suggestions from all member.

*Forever United... On this 30th anniversary of our chapter, we wish to reach out to our former members, recognize their contributions and celebrate our collective achievements. You will always have a place in our hearts and in our center.*



# Where are they now?

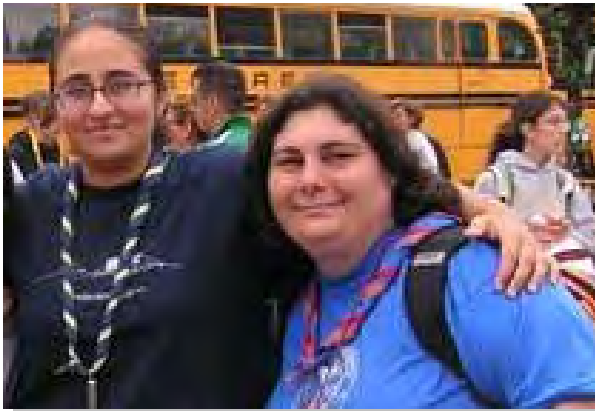


**Ani Aghajani** (center) was a member of Ararat Scouts for 19 years and 3 months. Throughout her scouting career she took on many roles such as Khmbapet of Arenoush 3, Krtser Miavori Khmbapet, and a member of Varich Marmeen. When asked what her most memorable moment in scouting was, she stated, "My time in scouting was full of many memorable moments. Although I had no idea at the time, looking back, I now realize that we were laying the foundation for lifelong friendships and creating memories that we would reminisce about for many years to come." She is now working as an attorney.

**Sharlene Gozaliens** (center) was a member of Ararat Scouts for 14 years. Throughout her scouting career she took the role of Khmbapet of Guyilk 2. She is now working on getting her Masters in Public Health from USC and is currently working.



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**Taline Marootkhanian** (right) was a member of Ararat Scouts for 20 years. Her last leadership position in her scouting career was Krtser Miavori Khmbapet. When asked what her most memorable moment in scouting was, she stated, "My most memorable experiences have been seeing my Guylik and Artsviks turn into leaders themselves. Also the camps and the trips have been the most memorable to me as well." She is currently tutoring privately and has 5 full time students and is also doing volunteer work for the school district.

**Oshin Peroomian** joined Ararat Scouting in 1979. **Iren Baghdasarian** joined in 1980. Oshin started out as an Ari, and rose through the ranks to become the khembabed for his favorite "khoomb" Ari 4. After serving a year as the Miavori Khembabed for the Ari Miavor, he was transferred to Krdser Miavor to be the Miavori khmbabed. In 1990, he served as the masnajoughi khembabed. Iren started out in Arenoush 1 and was transferred to the Krdser miavor and served as a leader in Artsvik 2 and 3. She became the Artsvik Miavori Khmbabed in 1989 and served in that position for 2 years. After 12 years in Ararat's scouting division, Oshin and Iren withdrew from the ranks yet stayed close to Homenetmen both at the Regional as well as the Chapter levels. Iren attended CSUN and received her BA in graphic design in 1992. She worked at the West LA VA hospital from 1992-2005. In 1995 they got married. After having two children in the United States (Lina and Derik), they decided to move to Armenia in 2006 to establish a life for their family that both had always dreamt about. Oshin had received his PhD in aerospace engineering from UCLA and was a partner with Metacomp Technologies. After moving to Armenia, Oshin maintained his position at Metacomp Technologies and set up offices in Yerevan. Since their move, they have had their third child in Armenia. When asked about their decision to move, they say "it was the best decision ever." Lina and Derik, their eldest, attend school in Yerevan and take afterschool classes in violin, karate, tennis, chess and dance. While in school, they learn Armenian, Russian and English and soon French. Although away from their family and friends in the United States, Oshin, Iren, Lina, Derik and Arman are surrounded by the friendly people of Armenia and feel right at home."

