

Providence Plays Host to Annual Homenetmen Tivan Meeting; And Official Inter-Chapter Games Kick-off on 4th of July weekend

Providence- The Homenetmen Providence Chapter welcomed attendants to the Annual Homenetmen Eastern Regional Chapter Executive's "Tivan" meeting and Scout Regional Council Meeting. The meetings took place at the Radisson Hotel from Friday, February 27, 2009-Sunday, March 1, 2009. In addition to the meetings, the Regional Athletic Committee ran practice for the All-Star men's basketball



team. This group of athletes will represent the Eastern Region during the Homenetmen World Games in Yerevan, Armenia from Aug. 1-8, 2009. All in attendance met what is traditionally known to be a busy weekend with great enthusiasm.

The weekend "Tivan" meeting accomplished all of its goals and was a productive experience for all chapters involved. The meeting started promptly at 9:00 AM with the singing of the "Haratch Nahadag".

The meeting proceeded with all the chapters in attendance giving their chapter's report, which included their financial position the social activities they initiated, future social activities and a status report of each chapter's athletic teams and their participation in local leagues.

The Regional Executive Board tendered their agenda for the remainder of the year, briefed the meeting with this term's accomplishments and stated its goals for year 2009.

The meeting also focused on and discussed the 2009 Pan Homenetmen Games, which will take place from August 1 – 8, 2009 in Armenia. The Regional Executive Committee also announced the selected regional basketball team at the meeting. The team will continue to practice over the next several months to "bring home the gold" in 2009.

The meeting concluded on Sunday afternoon. All the attendees expressed enthusiasms for the upcoming year, including the Regional Games in Providence and the World Games in Armenia.

Further, the Regional Scout Committee had a one-day meeting with its "Khepabed" in conjunction with the chapter-scouting committees. Each chapter scouting committee answered a questionnaire prepared by the Regional Scouting Committee. They discussed short and long-term goals for the scouts and the 2010 Pan Homenetmen Jamboree in Armenia, specifically how to prepare the scouts for the Jamboree.

During the Regional "Tivan" meeting, chapters in attendance had a presentation of the 19th Annual Inter-Chapter games informational booklet prepared by the Providence Inter-Chapter Games Steering Committee. The informational booklet and presentation is the official "kick-off" for this highly anticipated event.

As always the host city was sure to promise a weekend full of entertainment, sportsmanship and above all else camaraderie. Over 750 athletes and scouts from the East Coast and Canada will travel to Providence to participate in the Inter-Chapter Games.



Y. Hagop Khatchadourian, Chairman of the "Games" Steering Committee gives his presentation of the Inter-Chapter Games booklet to those in attendance at the Annual "Tivan" Meeting.



Eastern Region Executive members (left) Yeghpayr Ara Margossian, & Chairperson (right) Yeghpayr Hratch Mesrobian

This year's games will promise to offer basketball, soccer, track, swimming, tennis and ping-pong. In addition to the sporting events, the social committee has a number of events planned to keep all attendees entertained. On Thursday, July 2, 2009, a one of a kind outdoor welcoming poolside party is scheduled as a way for the athletes to unwind and enjoy good company and good music. On Friday, July 3, 2009, attendees can enjoy the music of the young energetic

and enthusiastic music of Puzant Kiledjian and his band from Montreal, with DJ accompaniment by Providence's own DJ Harout. Finally on Saturday, July 4, 2009, come enjoy the Victory Gala Dinner Dance with the one and only SAKO from Los Angeles and DJ Harout. SAKO, who recently won "Best Pop Male Singer of the Year" at the 2nd Annual Armenian Gold Star Awards, is sure to bring the most excitement to a very eventful weekend. Providence is excited to be hosting these games and is looking forward to welcoming all the scouts, athletes, and their families to Rhode Island. We hope you all can make it to the 19th Annual Inter-Chapter Games which promise to be a great weekend right here in the heart of Providence. Please keep watch in the Hairenik & Armenian Weekly for more information on these games, or visit the official website at www.hmem2009games.com.

We hope to see you in July!