

Hye Doon Monthly Social Connects Young Adults Late Twenties Through Forties

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The “Hye Doon” (*Armenian Home*) ministry and social group continues to welcome young adults from their late twenties through forties, along with their little ones, to monthly social activities designed to form meaningful connections in a welcoming atmosphere.

The group operates with a simple goal, to host events for young adults to feel at home as members of the Armenian community. The gatherings have included: trivia and karaoke, Armenian line dance workshops, pumpkin carving contest, tavloo tournaments, outdoor lawn games, cheoreg baking class, Mount Ararat painting night, friendsgiving dinner, football tailgate, themed costume parties, Vartanantz celebration, ugly-sweater Christmas party, bowling, whirlyball, dodgeball, short film screenings, campfires, Manoogian Museum tour, Armenian wine tastings, and more.

Significantly, young adults who fall into the late twenties through forties age range are always asked to bring their children along as well, because all events are family-friendly and often have a craft or activity for children to enjoy.

Now in their third year, Hye Doon is proud to have introduced two young couples who celebrated weddings and has introduced several young Armenians who previously had never set foot in the sanctuary, the Manoogian Museum or even onto the St. John campus. Young adults from Cleveland have also made the trip to engage with Hye Doon. Making connections at Hye Doon events has also created a strong ‘landing pad’ for young adults who have recently moved to Michigan.

The key point to Hye Doon’s model is to ensure that nothing is asked of guests other than to enjoy fellowship and build connections. This low-stress

formula of attending regular gatherings, especially when busy schedules take precedent, is a hallmark of Hye Doon's success. Whether you are single, married, or have children to bring along—all are welcome.

"I strongly encourage you to join us at one of our meetings, meet some new Armenian friends, and plan on having a wonderful time!" says Harry Kezelian.

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