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We are deeply grateful to all our donors who have encouraged and supported the programs of the AGBU. Through the entire eighty-six year history of our organization it is only with the generosity of members, friends and institutions that we have expanded our on-going operation to 56 schools, centers and clinics, provided four to five hundred scholarships annually, initiated new programs to entice a modern generation, developed information services to update the general public on current Armenian issues and implemented, in these last four years, substantial educational, social, cultural and health projects in Armenia.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA AWARDED \$950,000 FEDERAL GRANT

The American University of Armenia (AUA), located in Yerevan, Armenia, has been awarded its first federal grant from the American Schools and Hospitals Abroad Program (ASHA) administered by the U.S. Agency for International Development. The \$950,000 grant was among the top one-third grant awards made under the ASHA Program this year, and among eleven new ASHA grant awardees. Supporting capital expenses only, the funds will be used to help AUA procure textbooks, computers, software, and classroom supplies, as well as to renovate its classroom building, upgrade its library, establish a computer laboratory, and develop plans for a future campus.

Suzanne Olds, the newly appointed representative to U.S. A.I.D.'s mission in Yerevan said: "We at U.S. A.I.D. are very pleased to be able to offer material for the American University of Armenia as it

begins its second year. Helping young Armenians build on their management, engineering and English language skills is one of the important ways we can contribute, not only to their individual growth and development, but to that of the Armenian people."

AUA, affiliated with the University of California, was established in 1991 to provide a high quality American university education to students from Armenia and other regions of the world. The University with an enrollment of 200 students offers Masters Degrees in Business Management and Engineering. The Armenian General Benevolent Union is funding, from the contributions of many members and friends, all administrative costs for the University. AUA also has the support of the Ministry of Higher Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia through ruble and in-kind contributions. □

AUA Computer class.



ALEX MANOOGIAN ESTABLISHES FUND IN MEMORY OF EMERITUS CENTRAL BOARD MEMBER HAGOP S. DERDERIAN

AGBU Honorary Life President, Mr. Alex Manoogian has established a \$100,000 Endowment Fund in memory of Central Board of Director's Emeritus Member Hagop S. Derderian of Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Derderian was a close personal friend and the first accountant and legal counsel of Masco Corp., founded by Mr. Manoogian. The fund will support scholarships for the AGBU Alex Manoogian School in Southfield, Michigan. Mr. Derderian served on the AGBU Central Board of Directors for several decades.

KEGHANOUSH DOUZAKLIAN ESTABLISHES \$20,176 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

IN HONOR OF HER BROTHER

Mrs. Keghanoush Douzaklian of Los Angeles, California recently established a permanent AGBU Endowment Fund in memory of her brother Leon Bedighian. The income of the \$20,176 fund will provide scholarships for university students.

Mr. Bedighian, a Rumanian Armenian, was born in 1911 in Kayseri, Turkey and passed away September 25, 1991 in Los Angeles. A graduate of the University of Bucharest, Mr. Bedighian, became a chemist by vocation and a skilled photographer and a twenty year member of the Gomidas Choir in Bucharest by avocation.

The AGBU expresses its appreciation to Mrs. Douzaklian for selecting the AGBU to honor her brother's memory. □



**Mrs. Louise
Simone with
Mrs.
Keghanoush
Douzaklian.**

Berdj Kenadjian contributes \$10,000 Scholarship Fund in memory of Adrine A. Kenadjian

Mr. Berdj Kenadjian of Alexandria, Virginia has established a \$10,000 AGBU Endowment Fund in memory of his mother, Adrine A. Kenadjian. The income of the fund will support scholarships for students pursuing a musical education.

Born in Istanbul, Turkey in 1903, Adrine Kenadjian, her parents and four siblings escaped to Geneva, Switzerland during the massacres in Ottoman Turkey. Returning after World War I, she married Aram Kenadjian and had three children, Vahe, Berdj and Ara. In 1962 the Kenadjians resettled in Arlington, Virginia.

Mrs. Kenadjian, always devoted to the arts, studied violin in her youth and pursued an active career later in her life, when as a widow she married Avedis Kirishjian of New York. Mr. Kirishjian encouraged his wife to become a free-lance commercial artist, specializing in coats of arms and ancient Armenian lettering.

Berdj Kenadjian hopes that his gift to create the Adrine Kenadjian Fund will inspire other students like his mother who, regardless of the difficulties life presented, continued her education and commitment to the arts. □

Mrs. Adrine A. Kenadjian.

