

Faculty Social Events for Summer 2008:

- June 14 or 15, trip to Dilijan:

Leave at 9:00AM, visit Goshavank and Haghartsin monasteries (9-13 centuries AD), a lunch: either at "Getap" restaurant, or in Tufenkians new restaurant http://www.tufenkianheritage.com/news/news/new_restaurant_in_dilijan.html in Dilijan's Old Town. Then, walking tour of Dilijan's Old Town—a section of Sharambeyan Street that has been restored and has an ethnographic museum plus a row of early 20th c. houses now serving as a museum. There are wood maker shops worthy to visit. See more on http://www.tufenkianheritage.com/news/news/dilijan_cultural_heritage_center.html

Costs estimate:

- transportation: 50,000 AMD (18 seats minivan)
- English-speaking guide: 15,000 AMD
- food: 5,000-7,000 AMD per person

- June 21 or 22, dinner in the "Caucasus" restaurant: relatively inexpensive and offers Armenian and Caucasian setting and dishes

- July 4, US and Armenia Independence picnic, TBA

- July 12 or 13, trip to Gyumri:

Leaving Yerevan at 9:00 AM for the Shirak region: Visiting Harijavank (7-13 cc. AD a monastic and cultural center of medieval Armenia), then drive to Gyumri (the second largest city of Armenia), a walking tour in "Kumayri" historic district, an open air museum with over 1000 18th 19th cc buildings. Nearly all they have survived two major earthquakes in 1926 and 1988. Visiting Sev berd (black fortress), have a walk in central park and visiting Dzitoghcyan house museum (this old Gyumri mansion houses collections covering both the history and everyday life of Gyumri as well as paintings and other works of applied arts). Lunch at local "Phaeton" restaurant (optional dish: "Kyalla" -- a cow head -- a traditional Gyumri cuisine). Then, visiting Marmashen (9-11 cc Vahramaberd). Back to Yerevan (9 hours).

Costs:

- transportation: 50,000 AMD (18 seats minivan)
- English-speaking guide: 15,000 AMD
- food: 5,000-6,000 AMD per person

AUA could organize basketball or football games if there is interest among faculty.

You will receive announcements with further details prior to each event.

Please let the Faculty Senate Executive Committee members or Armen Petrosyan know if you have questions or suggestion.