



# Newsletter

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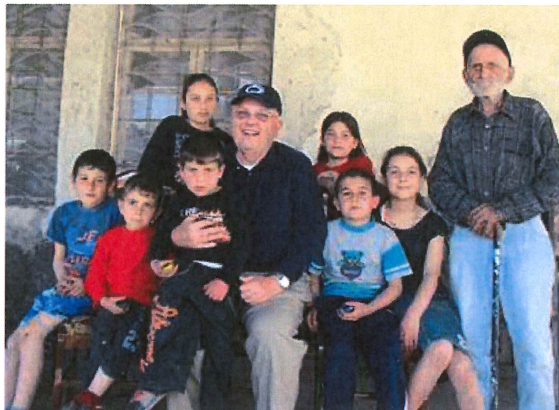
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## Notes from the Director



Uplift Armenia has had a busy spring. We applied for a grant from the U.S. Embassy in Yerevan with the support of *US Together*. The Membership Committee under the leadership of Ross Porter is planning our annual membership dinner on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Der Dutchman in Plain City; the Education Committee led by Robert Moore has set a strong agenda in regards to book collection, classroom materials, design of STEM classrooms, etc. Joe Clase has been very productive in keeping us on track with our Strategic Plan and has set the stage for our 2019 Sponsorship Activities.

**Why is important for you to support Uplift Armenia'?** Our long term goal is to develop a STEM+M+A school that features Agriculture (food production, food preparation and food preservation). Donor and member support for 2019 will allow the beginning of vital work for the children of Armenia. Through education, poverty, hunger, undernutrition and malnutrition can be prevented. We will advocate that food become a component of Public Health Policy. Thus, while in some cases we will provide clothing, blankets and vegetable seeds on our mission trips (giving them a fish), we do want to teach them 'how to fish' so that the children of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century can thrive. Our next 'Mission Trip' will be in November after our Annual Membership Dinner. Contact me if you are interested in being a part of this trip.

We are developing a membership list of 100 or more people. First, share this letter with family and friends and then invite them to come on November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are of Armenian descent or know of someone who is, contact me with their name and address and we will add their contact information to our list and invite them to the dinner. Also, you may want to buy a table of four (\$25.00 per person) and invite them to come as your guest. Contact Richard Funt at 614-459-3762 or email [richardfunt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richardfunt@sbcglobal.net).

Joe Clase poses the question: **With so many other efforts across our nation to do great work and do great work in Armenia, how are we different?** First, we have established a Charitable Nonprofit Corporation, established a long Term Strategic Plan, and as the Armenians say "step by step, side by side", we have established a strong relationship with internationally recognized Armenians and village leaders who are excited about our plans. Simply we want to **Uplift** Armenian children to have an opportunity to be productive in their communities and lead productive lives.

And, Joe also raises the question **'Why should we share our Agricultural research and outreach effort to teach improved methods of food production with Armenian farmers?'** First, locally grown food is less expensive and higher in nutritional value because it is fresh; fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, meat and eggs increase the immune system and decrease medical issues. Many people do believe strongly that "healthy soils create healthy plants, and healthy plants create healthy people". Secondly, our students will be able to identify those who are undernourished or malnourished and will be able to provide solutions for better health.

-Richard Funt, PhD, Director



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## If you were in my home in Armenia instead of the United States of America, you would:

- ◆ Be 2.8 times more likely to be unemployed
- ◆ Die 5.4 years sooner
- ◆ Make 88% less income
- ◆ Be 2.3 time more likely to have died in infancy
- ◆ Have 84% less electricity
- ◆ Be 81% less likely to be in prison
- ◆ Likely have other family members (grandparents) plus an orphan or refugee in your home

Source: [www.ifitweremyhome.com/compare/US/AM](http://www.ifitweremyhome.com/compare/US/AM)

## Upcoming Events

<b>Nov 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Annual membership Dinner, 6:00 pm; Der Dutchman, 445 S Jefferson Ave, Plain City, OH
<b>Nov 14<sup>th</sup>—23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Mission Trip to Armenia (tentative) Are you interested? Contact Richard, Funt, <a href="mailto:richard-funt@sbcglobal.net">richard-funt@sbcglobal.net</a>

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