## Lillian Jamgochian shares Armenian specialties

by Charlot Denmon mouth-watering aroma of Cheoregs baking met us as we followed Lillian Jamgochian into her pleasant kitchen where she was doing her early morning baking.

"I like to get my baking done early," said Lillian, "then I can turn my attention to other things in my home. Cooking and homemaking are my hobbies and my special interests. I believe that it is a challenge to any woman to be a good wife, mother and homemaker.'

Lillian, the wife of Ralph Jamgochian, is the mother of two boys, Leigh, student in kindergarten at the Christian Day School; and Andrew, in the Trinity Nursery School.

A native of Philadelphia, she graduated from Drexel

economics with a major in fashion design. Following graduation, she designed women's dresses for about a year, then taught at Marple-Newton Junior

High School for two years. Lillian started teaching the year that she and Ralph were married. Both of them are Armenian and Lillian never thought she would marry an Armenian until she met Ralph. They both have similar backgrounds, the same philosophies and same religious backgrounds. "It was just meant to be," she said.

Fourteen years ago they moved to the local area in what was to be a 'temporary' move. They lived in Forty Fort until the flood forced them from their home in 1972. It was then that they purchased their large home in Dallas.

with a B.S. degree in home Ralph is associated with ARA Services in Hanover Township.

> Lillian taught home economics at Meyers High School for four years. She enjoyed it but now she is satisfied to stay at home and raise their children. She said that once the children are grown, she might consider working again but is not sure since she finds there are so many things to do at home.

She does some work for the Drexel alumnae and also is involved in church work at the First Baptist Chururch, Kingston, where she and her husband are members. She sings in the choir and is a member of the Missionary Society.

Lillian does microwave oven demonstrations for Panasonic and beginning Oct. 13, she will teach a sixweek course in microwave cooking at Luzerne County Community College. The course will feature the theory of microwave cooking and how to convert conventional cooking into the microwave method.

Her kitchen was on the medical auxiliary tour in the spring and she demonstrated microwave meal preparation.

She plays tennis and enjoys skiing which she and Ralph both do. This year they plan to get the children on skis.

Her husband's favorite pastime is doing work around their home, fixing and renovating. Recently, he made a tree house for

the boys in the backyard. Lillian enjoys preparing Armenian foods because her family enjoys them so much. It is time-consuming but challenging. She uses a lot of Dolma, preparing it like rice for stuffing egg plant, tomatoes and grape leaves. She likes trying new recipes, however, whatever they might be.

She sews, mostly for the children, but not as much as she used to do.

Lillian enjoys entertaining, especially dinner parties. She finds she can be most creative when preparing for guests. She loves her microwave oven. finds it a tremendous time-

The Jamgochians have done a lot of traveling and have been to Europe several times. Last March she went with Ralph when he had to go to Europe on business. She is now looking forward to traveling with the children.

In the summer, she spends most of the time out-of-doors, usually playing tennis while the boys are swimming. During the winter months, she does a lot of work in her home.

For the past five years, Lillian has been a judge at the Bloomsburg Fair Flower Club exhibits and this year, also a judge at the Fall Fair.

She does a lot of freezing for the winter, doing both vegetables and fruit.

Describing the Jamgochian family is not complete. if one doesn't in-

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clude "Chamick" ("raisin" in Armenian) Lillian's 12-year-old blue Persian cat. Her husband surprised her when he gave her the cat for a Christmas gift 12 years ago. She had wanted a cat but he told her "no pets", then he gave her Chamick, named by Lillian for its golden eyes the color of light raisins.

Lillian enjoys being at home and she finds no greater challenge than being a mother.

The recipes she shares with Post readers this week are Armenian, all easy to make and favorites of her family. CHEOREG

7½ c. flour 5 t. baking powder 3 eggs 2-3 T. sugar

1 t. salt 1¾ c. lukewarm milk ½ lb. butter

½ c. crisco Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Dissolve sugar in warm milk, melt butter and crisco together. Add melted shortening, milk and beaten eggs to flour. Mix well with hands. (1 T. black caraway seeds may be added if desired). Knead into soft dough. Break off by pieces, roll each piece into eight inch length, half inch in diameter. Form into circle. Bake on cookie sheet at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until brown. May be made into other shapes if

DOLMA (Stuffed Vegetable) 1 lb. gr. shoulder or leg of lamb, on fatty side

desired.

1 c. large wheat (Bulghour) 2 T. tomato paste 1 green pepper, chopped fine

2 T. salt ½ t. black pepper 2-3 fresh tomatoes or

1 sm. can whole tomatoes

(1/2 No. 2 can) Mix ingredients together and stuff squash, tomatoes, grape leaves or peppers. Place in covered pot and put in water to which has been added half cup of lemon juice. Water should fill half to three quarters of pot. Cook 20-30 minutes after vegetables start to

MOUSAKA 1 lb. gr. lamb, lean but on fatty side

1 can tomatoes 5 onions, diced large 2 green peppers, diced

12-lb. eggplant, diced large Salt and pepper to taste Saute meat, add diced

onions and green pepper; slightly cook, then add egg plant and tomatoes. Cover and cook for 45 minutes. RICE PILAF

Handful fine noodles, about 2 T. Brown in:

2 T. corn oil, add 1 c. long grain rice 2 c. chicken broth 2 T. butter

If broth is homemade, add two teaspoons of salt. Bring mixture to boil and cook for 20 minutes then turn off. Bulghour may be substituted for rice, if pre-





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