

## **J'ai eu l'honneur & le plaisir de rencontrer le Dr Kévork (Georges) Kéchichian : il est parti à 87 ans**

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REJOINDRE LE  
DR  
HAROUTIOUN  
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YEGHIAYAN AU  
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Nos pensées  
à Cécile et à  
ses enfants.

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It is with heavy hearts that we inform our members of the passing of beloved community leader Dr. Kevork Keshishian on November 13, 2018 in Los Angeles, California. He was 87 years old. From 1982-1998, Dr. Keshishian served as a member of the AGBU Central Board, an invaluable voice in the



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ization. "Dr. Keshishian was a true gentleman with a kind heart and wonderful sense of humor. He cared deeply for his community and led with a genuine compassion and devotion," said Berge Setrakian, AGBU Central Board President.

"His decades of service to AGBU and to the Armenian community shall not be forgotten."

Generous, affable and always spirited, Dr. Keshishian dedicated his leadership and tenacity to AGBU, continuing to be an active

citizen in the global Armenian community throughout his life. Born in Syria in 1931, he was a dynamic community organizer from a young age. At 14 years old, he founded and became the first president of the AGBU Student Association in Aleppo. He moved to Beirut, Lebanon at the age of 20 to study pediatric medicine at the French Medical School of St. Joseph University, but he did not forego his role in the Armenian community.

While living in Lebanon,

as a practicing doctor, he held a number of positions in prominent Diaspora organizations : he was president of the AGBU University Students' Association, Secretary for the AGBU Armenian Youth Association of the Middle East and later, Chairman of the AGBU-AYA Central Cultural Committee. Dr. Keshishian was also an avid and prolific writer. In addition to the four medical books he published for the public, he was one of

the founders  
of the  
independent  
Armenian  
weekly paper  
in Lebanon,  
*Spurk*. He  
was a  
frequent  
contributor  
to *Pejishk*,  
*Zartonk*,  
*Nayiri*,  
*Baikar*, *Nor*  
*Or* and  
*Shirag*. He  
was a man  
dedicated to  
empowering  
his  
community  
by sharing  
his wealth of  
knowledge  
and  
expertise.

In 1968, Dr.  
Keshishian  
immigrated  
to the United  
States,  
pursuing a  
residency in  
Radiology at  
the New  
England  
Medical  
Center and  
VA Hospital  
in Boston,

Massachusetts. Just two years later, he not only became the founder and president of the AGBU Youth Chapter of Boston, but also a founding member of the first American Armenian Medical Association in the United States. As he steadily built his career in the United States as a respected radiologist, eventually becoming the Chairman of the Radiology Department at the Catholic Medical Center Hospital in Manchester, New Hampshire,

and then  
President of  
Metro  
Imaging  
Center in  
Maryland, he  
remained  
committed to  
his newfound  
Diaspora  
community.  
His work was  
endless: a  
member of  
the Central  
Committee of  
the Armenian  
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Organization  
for over a  
decade, he  
was also the  
founder and  
chairman of  
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of *The  
Armenian  
Mirror  
Spectator  
and Life*  
Member on  
the Board of  
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Dr.  
Keshishian  
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He  
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his heritage  
proudly and  
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leadership  
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which  
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of Armenian  
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He is  
survived by  
his wife of 58  
years, Cecile  
Simonian  
Keshishian, a  
respected  
pillar in the  
global AGBU  
community  
and the  
American  
Medical  
Association  
Auxiliary; his  
two children,  
Alek and

Aleen  
Keshishian,  
both Harvard  
graduates  
and well-  
known in the  
movie  
industry; his  
son-in-law,  
Kit Troyer  
Esq.; and his  
grandchildre  
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Jesse Troyer.

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