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of
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Syrian-Lebanese
Clubs Inc.**

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"For The Benefit of A Great People"

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The Midwest Federation of American Syrian-Lebanese Clubs, Inc. was founded in 1936 to foster better relations between Arab-Americans and other Americans. The Federation is non-political and provides an environment for members to meet socially and to speak in a strong united voice on issues of culture and heritage.

The strength of the Midwest Federation lies in its member clubs. Representing thousands of Arab-Americans, the Federation has addressed the issues that directly affect our people.

As members of this great Federation, we can, in a united voice, speak with authority to the United Nations, governments and organizations everywhere.

Further, through our conventions, we preserve our rich traditions and provide a meeting place where we can enjoy the company of our ethnic family. We also provide a forum for all to speak and thus present a united voice for peace, harmony and even-handedness.

PROMOTING OUR CULTURE AND HERITAGE...

- Hosting yearly conventions in various cities with an emphasis on Arabic culture and music.
- Encouraging and helping to establish various clubs on local levels.

ISSUES OF CONCERN...

- Direct contact with our membership and member clubs on important issues concerning our people.
- Constant correspondence within our membership in the form of newsletters, brochures and memorandums to aid local clubs in their projects.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY...

- Young Adult Network
- Aid to relieve the suffering of those in the Middle East who are victims of war.
- Challenging defamation

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year we award from 12 to 28 scholarships to worthy students of our heritage. They are required to be a member of our Young Adult Network or the child of a member in one of our clubs. Applications for scholarships are available from local clubs or by writing to the Midwest Federation Scholarship Committee.

The funds generated for these scholarships are received during each convention by donations. About eight years ago, the Milwaukee Mens club challenged the President Mr. George Antoon that they would give \$5,000 to a perpetual scholarship fund if he could raise \$20,000. The challenge was accepted and immediately President Antoon received pledges of \$5000 from the Phoenician Club of Chicago, Phoenician Club of Omaha, Joseph R. Shaker Family, Ted & Adele Hazer, Anthony R. Abraham. Since then, the following scholarship donations of \$5,000 or more have been pledged by: Albert & Rosemary Joseph, George & Alvera Antoon, Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Arrieh, in Memory of George Simon, in Memory of Joseph Dumit, in Memory of Thelma Shain, and in Memory of Duke Herro. The most recent pledge received was the Ladies Cedar Club of Flint.

These clubs and families have come forward in the past 8 years to put our perpetual scholarship fund pledges over the \$100,000 mark, and we have received \$56,000 in our general fund. Only the interest each year can be disbursed for scholarships. Our goal is \$500,000 so that we may increase the \$500 scholarships given presently. A confirmation of all donations are acknowledged and all funds are reported by the Federation Treasurer.

Remember, education is our heritage, we are the scholars of the world, therefore we must help future generations attain their utmost in education. Any donation to the general scholarship fund is disbursed each year. The Perpetual Scholarship Fund is never disbursed except for the interest derived from it. **Please help.** For any information about the scholarship fund or the Midwest Federation please contact **George P. Antoon, Fund Chairman at: office (312) 329-9777, Fax Nr. (312) 329-0848, 924 Apparel Center, Chicago, IL 60654.** Your donation is Tax Deductible.

I am especially interested in working on the following projects:

Membership _____ International Relations _____ Youth Committee _____ Scholarship Committee _____

I have the following resources/skills that may be of use to you:

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION THE MIDWEST FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SYRIAN-LEBANESE CLUBS, INC.

TYPE OF DUES (check one): ☐ Individual - \$15.00 ☐ Club - \$3.00 per member

DUES AMOUNT ☐ CHECK ENCLOSED \$ ☐ BILL ME \$

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone # _____

I would like to make a pledge to the Scholarship Fund. PERPETUAL FUND \$ _____ GENERAL FUND \$ _____
MAKE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MIDWEST FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

