

Nahas - Herro Wedding In Milwaukee

Kathleen Ann Herro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baraket L. Herro of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, exchanged vows with John Edward Nahas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nahas of Des Moines, Iowa, at St. George Melkite Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 3rd.

The wedding ceremony was performed in the Eastern tradition of the Melkite Church by Reverend Ronald Golini.

The Maid of Honor was Jonelle Bindl, and the bridesmaids were: Cathy Coury, Margaret Nahas and May D'Agastino.

James Nahas served as best man. The groomsmen were: Ronald Herro, Christopher Herro, Thomas Herro and Carl Troia. Michael Coury, Midwest Federation President, and Patrick Engenhaupt, served as ushers.

The couple both graduated from Creighton University, Omaha. The groom received a degree in Business Administration and presently is working as a Comptroller for a bank in Omaha. His bride received a degree in Liberal Arts and works in Public Relations for the State of Nebraska.

The couple reside in Omaha after having taken a wedding trip to Hawaii.



Delegates at Des Moines Convention



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Coury Elected President For Third Time

Michael J. Coury was reelected to a third term as president of the Midwest Federation of American Syrian-Lebanese Clubs at the organization's 41st annual convention held August 4-7 at the Hilton Inn in Des Moines, Iowa. The president is associate principal at Wentzville High School in Wentzville, Missouri.

Other officers elected by the 700 delegates in attendance were first vice president-Edward J. McMurray (Peoria, Illinois); second vice president-James J. Kassouf (Cleveland, Ohio); third vice president-Edward M. Salem (Des Moines, Iowa); executive secretary-Mary L. Salem (Des Moines, Iowa); and treasurer-Phyllis A. Joseph (Cleveland, Ohio).

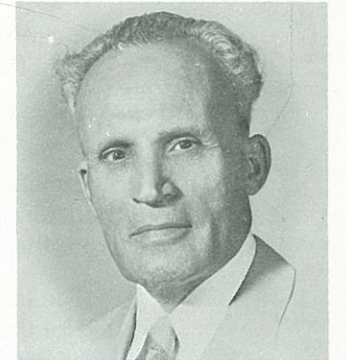
Elected to the executive board were Dr. Elias Ayoub (Cleveland, Ohio), George Bryan (Zanesville, Ohio), Fred Eckrosh (Des Moines, Iowa), and Sam Farhat (Lansing, Michigan).

Special awards presented were: "Man of the Year" - George Borane (Michigan City, Indiana); and "Woman of the Year" - Amelia Mosos (Buffalo, New York).

College scholarships in the amount of \$500 each were awarded to: Michell Caulfiel (Des Moines, Iowa); Michelle Farha (Omaha, Nebraska); Christopher Herro (Milwaukee, Wisconsin); and Sharon Saigh (Omaha, Nebraska).

The Midwest Federation of American Syrian-Lebanese Clubs, representing 500,000 Americans of Arabic-speaking heritage in 16 Midwestern states, endorsed resolutions to: (1) commend President Jimmy Carter for his continued efforts to bring a permanent and lasting peace to the Middle East; (2) commend Secretary of State Cyrus Vance for his efforts to bring peace to the Middle East, and to commend him for his efforts to provide humanitarian aid to Lebanon; and (3) acknowledged and accepted TWA's formal apology for some previous advertisements degrading the Arabic language.

Honorary President Dies



James Arrieh, first and only Honorary President of the Midwest Federation, died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 26 at age 84.

He is survived by a son, Marshall, past President of the Midwest Federation, and another son, Brahim, and two daughters, Yvonne, married to Charles Anthony, and Dr. Fay Frick, Professor of Art at San Diego University, and also ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Sam Saad III. His wife, Helen, died in 1971.

Mr. Arrieh was born in Lebanon, and he came to the United States in 1906. He was married here in 1917 to Helen Herro. He operated a grocery store, and he was also in the real estate and insurance business. He retired in 1949.

He was very active in the Lebanese Syrian American Club of Milwaukee, and served as its president, and for many years as its trustee.

He was one of the founders of the Midwest Federation in 1936, and served a term as its treasurer. In 1973 he was named Honorary President of the Midwest Federation for his many years of service.

He was also one of the founders who built St. George's Melkite Church in Milwaukee in 1917. For many years he served as a trustee and later as a member of the parish council.

He took part in many political campaigns and civic affairs in Milwaukee. As a leader with great energy and foresight, he was widely known and respected among the many persons who came to know him in his community, in the Midwest and in Lebanon.

Indianapolis Eagerness Shows

Three members of the American Syrian Lebanese Brotherhood of Indianapolis, Indiana attended the Des Moines convention this summer. That sparked a renewed interest by the Indianapolis club in the Midwest Federation. They asked that the next Federation Board Meeting be sponsored by them.

The Board Meeting took place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Indianapolis on November 11-12. The weekend's activities included a hospitality reception Friday evening and a banquet and halfi on Saturday evening.

Past President, George Borane, of Michigan City, Indiana was honored at the banquet as "Man of the Year".

At the Board Meeting, reports were received from various Federation committees. Minor George, Chariman of the International Committee, reviewed developments in Lebanon, and commented that reconstruction was proceeding steadily. Sam Saad, President of the National Federation, stated that the organization is being strengthened, and urged continued support from the Midwest Federation.

The Indianapolis host club's revitalized interest in the Midwest Federation prompted it to bid for the next Midwest Federation convention. Its bid was accepted by the Board. The convention will be held August 3 to 6 in the beautiful new Sheraton Hotel near the airport. The last Midwest Federation convention held in Indianapolis was 32 years ago in 1946.

The officers of the club are: Vince Todd, President, Sam Ajamie, Vice President, Margaret Nahas, Secretary and Mrs. Alfred Shikany, Treasurer. Club member Phillip Mallof is governor for the State of Indiana.

Apply Now For Scholarships

Every year the Midwest Federation sponsors students from throughout the Midwest who are in need of financial assistance in furthering their education. Many worthy applicants have received Federation scholarships, and have gone on to receive achievment and distinction in their chosen fields. The program seeks to maintain an appreciation of our heritage through its support of higher education for the children of our members.

Applications for scholarships should be requested from Mr. Thomas Joseph, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, 1315 West Main Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701. The deadline for this year's scholarship applications is March 1, 1978.

Support Federation Scholarship Committee

Mr. Fred Harb, Member of the Scholarship Committee, suggests establishment of scholarship endowment funds by Federation members and annual memorial scholarships. The Arrieh Family of Milwaukee, Wisconsin has recently established an annual memorial scholarship for James and Helen Arrieh. Contributions to the scholarship fund are tax deductible.

Member clubs are urged to sponsor functions with proceeds specifically earmarked for the scholarship fund.

President's Message

Earlier this fall the Midwest Federation paid a **nostalgic visit** to Indianapolis, Indiana, for a successful board meeting and related social events. The hospitality of our Indiana cousins was simply great, as we were graciously welcomed home to the birthplace of the Midwest Federation.

Indianapolis! It was here in 1936 that the Midwest was first organized. Indianapolis! It was here in 1946 that the Midwest Federation celebrated its tenth anniversary with a gigantic post-war convention. Indianapolis! It is here that the Midwest Federation will again return for a nostalgic visit this summer to celebrate our forty-second annual convention.

From our earliest days, members of the Arabic-speaking community in Indianapolis have played a major role in the develpment of the Midwest Federation. Who could forget the dedicated efforts of people like Dr. Waheeb S. Zarick or Michael F.

Tamer, two of the truly legendary figures in Midwest Federation history.

Today, the American Syrian Lebanon Brotherhood Club of Indianapolis is again pulling together its rested energies as the club prepares to host our cousins from throughout the country. Club president Vincent Todd has announced that the soon-to-be-completed Sheraton Hotel will be the headquarters for the Midwest Federation convention, August 3 to 6. Plans are well underway to insure that this convention will be in the excellent tradition of previous Indianapolis conventions.

There is no doubt that our cousins in Indianapolis will do their utmost to plan a thrilling convention. The rest is up to **YOU** to join with them for this great occasion. Please make your plans now to pay a **nostalgic visit** this summer to the "city of legends"!

Midwest Federation Officers and Appointments

President Michael Coury of the Midwest Federation announced the following appointments for the current 1977-78 year:

Scholarship, Thomas A. Joseph, Zanesville, Ohio; Scholarship Fund Drive, Frederick S. Harb, Oak Park, Illinois; Public Relations, Michele Arrieh, Elm Grove, Wisconsin; Auditing, Louis Adado, Lansing, Michigan; Cultural Affairs, Joseph Sheban, Youngstown, Ohio; Young Adults, Mark George, Cleveland, Ohio; Credentials, Robert F. Pearson, Des Moines, Iowa, Membership, Edward M. Salem, Des Moines, Iowa; International Relations, Minor George, Cleveland, Ohio; Awards, Minor George, Cleveland, Ohio; Resolutions, Marianne Skaff, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Nominating, James J. Barrock, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Executive, Sam J. Saad, La Grange, Illinois.

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ALL OF US ARE STRONGER AND
SMARTER THAN ONE OF US

By SAM J. SAAD
President, National Federation of Syrian-
Lebanese American Clubs, Inc.

"The National Federation is an extension of your voice on National issues that effect the People of our Heritage.

"Its current membership includes the Regional Federations, namely: Midwestern, Southern and Western Federations of Syrian and Lebanese American Clubs.

"Over the years, it has served us well in protecting our interests in State Department policies, influenced changes in immigration laws and other laudable accomplishments beneficial to our People.

"Other ethnic groups all over America have united their various organizations to enhance their national image.

"Political involvement is the responsibility of every American in the affairs of his Country.

"We are all involved! Make no mistake about it! I hope there is not one of our successful people who thinks because he is earning a secure livelihood is not involved.

"The question is, will we be solidly united to courageously face up to any future eventuality or will events defeat us?

"We need courageous and vigorous leadership from those in position to lead. Our various large independent organizations should seriously consider affiliation into the National Federation umbrella in unity and co-ordinated effort.

"In unity we become stronger and more effective!

"We are a peace loving people. For generations, we have been grooved in the pathways of honor and integrity in dealing with our fellow men. These are the virtues and principals that our presence has woven into the fabric of American life.

"It is an added lustre of which we can justly be proud!

"We have come a long way. A number of our people have been elected into the Halls of Congress. We must dedicate ourselves to support and assist in the election of many more.

"To achieve success, we should be united under the Banner of the National Federation whose purpose is in the service of our People.

"Your organization will not lose its identity in joining. The National Federation will serve as an umbrella to spark and coordinate our efforts.

"If you believe in this most worthy effort, I urge all of our member Federations, Clubs and individuals to enthusiastically take active part in supporting your National Federation in all it's aims and purposes. Be a Booster! Urge your friends to come long.

"All non-member organizations are welcome to join the National Federation and exercise your talents and wisdom in this exciting movement of unity and brotherhood.

"Just tell us you are interested and a meeting will be arranged to address your organization."

All inquiries in this regard are to be directed to Sam J. Saad, President, 725 So. Brainard Avenue, LaGrange, Ill. 60525.

New Club Formed in Fort Wayne

The newest addition to the roster of Midwest Federation clubs is the Al-Manar Club (Arab American Community Club) of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Founded in 1977, the 28 members of this local club recently voted to affiliate with the Midwest Federation.

Officers of the Al-Manar Club are: Wilson Jarjour, President; Fred Shaheen, Vice President; Tom Ember, Secretary; and Fuad Deeb, Treasurer.

President Jarjour has indicated that the Al-Manar Club will be well represented at the Midwest Federation convention this summer in nearby Indianapolis.

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President's Message

Since our beginnings in 1936, the Midwest Federation has been an active organization uniting and representing Americans of Arabic-speaking heritage in 16 Midwestern states. Our continued existence today reflects the high ideals and principles established by our founding fathers some 42 years ago.

Through the years, the cornerstone of the Midwest Federation has been the local clubs and the members who make up our local clubs. It is our belief that as the local clubs grow and prosper, the Midwest Federation will grow and prosper.

This particular issue of the Federation Newsletter is being mailed to over 4,000 households. We hope that many of you will discover (or rediscover) the merits of the Federation. We hope that you will be motivated to strengthen your local clubs, thus strengthening the Midwest Federation.

This is an active Federation in search of active clubs. We believe that planned activities and projects strengthen our local clubs, thus strengthening the Midwest Federation. Some suggested activities for our local clubs might be to: (1) hold an annual installation of officers banquet; (2) sponsor fund-raisers for the Midwest Federation Scholarship Fund or other charities at home or abroad; (3) participate in local cultural exhibits or food fairs; and (4) host a Federation board meeting or convention.

We hope that you will add your own ideas to the suggestions listed above. These activities and other similar activities can create added interest, involvement, and participation for many members. This will help strengthen our local clubs, thus strengthening the Midwest Federation.

Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the 1978-79 slate of Midwest Federation officers. Many fine people have dedicated their services in the past, and will soon add their names to the roster of honored and distinguished Federation leaders.

If you wish to submit your name, or the name of someone you think would be a good candidate for the offices of President, First, Second and Third Vice-President, Treasurer or one of the five executive committee members, contact James Barrock, 710 North Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Mr. Barrock requests that resumes be sent with letters of recommendations.

The Federation needs your ideas and leadership, so act now!

Ten Scholarships To Be Awarded This Year

Thomas A. Joseph, Chairman of the Midwest Federation Scholarship Committee, has announced that there will be ten recipients of Midwest Federation scholarships this year. This action was approved at the spring board meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

"We had a number of worthy candidates", said Joseph. "The Scholarship Committee evaluated each application thoroughly, and ten recipients were selected." Each recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship at the convention in Indianapolis.

This is the largest number of scholarships to be awarded in any year since the program was begun in 1940. With a total of \$5,000 in scholarships to be awarded this year, Chairman Joseph requests that contributions to the Scholarship Fund continue. These contributions are tax-deductible. A form is provided in this Newsletter for the convenience of donors.

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

I hope you enjoy this special complimentary issue of the Federation Newsletter. This larger edition is being sent to over 4,000 homes in the Midwest. We want to acquaint you with the Midwest Federation and its activities.

For the past forty years the Midwest Federation of American Syrian-Lebanese Clubs has been a leading organization attempting to unite and represent our people throughout the Midwest. The seed was planted in 1936 when Syrian-American clubs felt the need to unite with one another for the purpose of preserving their heritage, exhibiting patriotism to America, promoting civic and charitable causes, fostering fellowship and offering protection to potential victims of presecution.

This is an organization founded on the highest of principles and ideals. An outstanding scholarship program was instituted in 1940 and continues to this day. Charities at home and abroad have been recipients of Midwest Federation contributions. We have been a leading voice for concerned Americans of Arabic-speaking heritage in the Midwest and throughout the nation.

We are constantly seeking new membership, and we invite your local clubs to join. Individual members are also welcome.

The future of our illustrious Federation depends on all of us, and with your constant support, the Midwest Federation will continue to grow and prosper.

Michele Arrieh
Editor



President Coury and officers listen to committee members at Omaha board meeting.

Omaha Meeting Well Attended

Delegates from nine states attended the Midwest Federation's spring board meeting April 21-22 at the Hilton Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Phoenician Club of Omaha hosted a hospitality reception on Friday evening. A banquet and disco-haffli took place Saturday evening. National Federation President Sam J. Saad and Midwest Federation

President Michael J. Coury addressed the banquet crowd.

Dr. Mansoor H. Jabro, President of the Phoenician Club, scheduled a press conference for President Coury at the Omaha Press Club. Coverage of the news conference was carried in the Omaha newspaper, as well as on two television stations and two radio stations.



"Saturday Night Debke" in Omaha

Des Moines Club Sponsors
Scholarship Fund-Raiser

The Young Phoenician Club of Des Moines, Iowa, sponsored a hafla on April 15 to help raise funds for the Midwest Federation Scholarship Fund.

Rose Cordaro, President of the Young Phoenician Club, reported that a “standing room only” crowd jammed the ballroom of the Downtown Ramada Inn to dance to the Arabic music of the Boufaissal Ensemble from Cleveland, Ohio.

Several local and state political candidates were in attendance. Midwest Federation dignitaries present were President Michael J. Coury, Vice President Edward M. Salem, Executive Secretary Mary L. Salem, Recording Secretary Margaret M. Nahas, and Iowa Federation Governor Cyrene Nassif.

Roster of Midwest Federation Clubs

At the 1977 convention in Des Moines, Iowa, there were 32 clubs in good standing with the Midwest Federation. A roster of these currently active clubs appears below. If your club is not on this list, please contact the Membership Chairman, James J. Kassouf, at 9131 Tracy Trail, Cleveland, Ohio 44130.

Clubs that are currently active: ILLINOIS: Phoenician Club, Chicago; Boden Family Club, Oak Brook; American Syrian Lebanon Society, Peoria; Itoo Society, Peoria. INDIANA: American Syrian-Lebanese Brotherhood, Indianapolis; American Syrian Lebanese Christian Society, Michigan City.

IOWA: Lebanon Club, Des Moines; Young Phoenician Club, Des Moines; Arab American Club, Cedar Rapids; Syrian American League, Sioux City. MICHIGAN: American Arabic Council, Detroit; Sands Club, Detroit.

MISSOURI: American Lebanese Syrian Club, Kansas City; American Lebanese Syrian Auxiliary, Kansas City; St. Raymond’s Ladies Aid Society, St. Louis. NEBRASKA: Phoenician Club, Omaha; St. Mary’s Eastern Orthodox Church, Omaha.

OHIO: Organization of Arab Students, Toledo; Syrian Amrican Club, Lakewood; United Aramoon Society, Seven Hills; Progressive American-Lebanese Club, Zanesville; Greater Cleveland Association of Arab Americans, Cleveland; Hammana Club, Parma; Sheban Family Club, Youngstown; Arabian Nights, Cleveland; El Binette Club, Zanesville; Syrian-Lebanese American Society, Bridgeport; Muskingum County Lebanese Club, Zanesville.

PENNSYLVANIA: Phoenician Club, Philadelphia. SOUTH DAKOTA: Association of Arab Americans, Sioux Falls. WISCONSIN: Lebanese Syrian American Men’s Club, Milwaukee; Lebanese Syrian American Women’s Club, Milwaukee.

Bashir Gemayel Feted in Chicago

A banquet honoring Bashir Gemayel, the son of Lebanese leader Pierre Gemayel, was given on December 15 in Chicago. Presiding as toastmaster at the affair was Joseph Shaker of Chicago. More than three hundred of the city’s Lebanese community came to hear the leader of the Lebanese United Forces speak. Local members of the United Lebanon Appeal also helped in the preparations for the banquet.

Sheik Bashir Gemayel, who heads the Phalangist party in Lebanon, said that the late Lebanese fighting, which killed 60,000 people in his country, was a war between the Lebanese people and 600,000 foreigners backed by extremists from throughout the world. Gemayel said that “some people” thought they could get to Israel by first destroying Lebanon. “We did not have foreigners fighting for us. We paid the price for every inch of freedom and will remain masters in Lebanon,” he vowed. He appealed to Lebanese Americans to be united and organized. “Then and only then, we can rely on your support to help us keep Lebanon one. We will never agree to give one inch of Lebanon to anyone,” he said.

Gemayel’s one month North American tour began in Detroit on November 17 and ended in Chicago. The Lebanese leader also visited Cleveland, Boston, Fall River (Mass.), New York City, Halifax, Canada, Montreal, Canada, Houston, Washington D.C. and Los Angeles. In Washington, he explained the Lebanese situation from an internal viewpoint to Philip Habib, a Lebanese holding a high office in the U.S. Department of State.

Kansas City Celebrates
Sixtieth Anniversary

The American Lebanon Men’s Club of Kansas City, Mo. held their sixtieth anniversary Installation Banquet at the Glenwood Manor on April 9th, 1978. The following officers were re-instated for their second term: President, Mr. Sam Eddy; Vice-president, Mr. John Campbell; Treasurer-Secretary, Mr. Joseph Rishmany.

Father Gerald Waris gave the invocation. Mr. Michael Coury, president of the Midwest Federation, was the club’s specially honored guest of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. George Boutross hosted President Coury during his stay in Kansas City.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of engraved plaques by the master of ceremonies, George Boutross, to the club’s esteemed and only two sixty-year members, Mr. Camil Azar and Mr. Frank Swyden.

Especially honored was Dr. Louis Badeen, who was elected the national president of UNICO, and was also given a plaque for this singular honor.

South Dakota Promotes Arab Culture

The South Dakota Association of Arab Americans (SDAAA) has established a Center for Near Eastern Studies at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. The college has employed Masoud Barzanji, a Kurdish refugee, as a resource person. Mr. Barzanji has devoted much of his time to building resource materials at the campus library. Through the community college, two noncredit courses were offered in the spring semester, “The Mideast and Why We Should Know About It” and “Beginning Arabic”. The response from the community was so demanding that additional courses will be offered during the summer session.

Since the Center is operating on a one year grant, contributions are being sought to continue the program and obtain more materials. For further information, contact Marianne Skaff, 1807 South Main Street, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57105.

The SDAAA has donated an Arab Culture Kit to the Sioux Falls School System. The kit includes a complete curriculum guide, visual aids, and upon request, a guest speaker.

Six families of refugees from Kurdistan have moved to Sioux Falls. The community has made a sincere effort to assist their Arabic speaking cousins in their new life of freedom.

GREETINGS AND COURTESY EXPRESSIONS.		
HELLO	MARHABA	مرحبا
HOW ARE YOU (MALE)	KIIF HAALAK	كيف جالك
HOW ARE YOU (FEMALE)	KIIF HAALIK	كيف حالك
I AM WELL (MALE)	ANA MABSUUT	أنا مبوط
I AM WELL (FEMALE)	ANA MABSUUTA	أنا مبوطة
HOW IS THE FAMILY	KIIF AL-AILEE	كيف حال العيلة
WE ARE FINE	NIHNA MABSUUTEEN	نحن مبوطين
THANK GOD	NUSHKUR ALLA	نشكر الله
HOW IS YOUR MOTHER	KIIF HAL EMMAK	كيف حال امك
HOW IS YOUR FATHER	KIIF HAL ABOUK	كيف حال ابوك
PLEASE COME AND VISIT US	TFADALOU ZOUROUNA	تفضلوا زورونا
PLEASE SIT DOWN (MALE)	TFADDAL STRIHH	نفضل استريح
PLEASE SIT DOWN (FEMALE)	TFADDALI STRIHH	نفضي استريحي
GOOD-BYE (SINGULAR, MALE)	BKHATRAK	نماطرك
GOOD-BYE (SINGULAR,FEMALE)	BKHATRIIK	نماطرك
GOD BE WITH YOU	ALLA MAAKUUM	الله معكم

FROM THE “BOOK OF LISTS”

By DAVID WOLLECHINCKY, IRVING WALLACE and AMY WALLACE
(William Morrow and Company, Inc.
New York, Publishers, 1977)

“The Book of Lists” on the best sellers list during 1977, contains, among other interesting and cleverly written items, “The Ten Top American Arabs”; the “American Arabs” all happen to be Americans of Lebanese and Syrian background:

1. Robert Abboud, vice-chairman, First National Bank, Chicago
2. James Abourezk, U. S. Senator, (S.D.)
3. Paul Anka, popular singer
4. William Peter Blatty, author of “The Exorcist”
5. Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, renowned heart surgeon
6. Abe Gibron, former football coach of Chicago Bears
7. Najeeb E. Halaby, former chairman of Pan-American World Airways, Inc.
8. Ralph Nader, consumer advocate
9. Joe Robbie, owner of the Miami Dolphins football team
10. Danny Thomas, actor and entertainer

American Arabs Meet
With President Carter

LaGrange, Ill.—In a wire to Sam J. Saad, president of the National Federation of Syrian and Lebanese American Clubs, Warren Christopher, Acting Secretary of State, Washington, D.C., invited his group to be represented in a meeting with the President “—because of the importance—(he) attaches to public understanding of American peace-making efforts in the Middle East”. The National Federation was one of several Lebanese and Syrian organizations invited for the “very successful meeting held with President Carter,” according to Mr. Saad. He expressed a sincere interest in getting the views of the invited organizations. An effort was also made to meet with the Israeli Embassy because of Prime Minister Begin’s presence in Washington, the very tight schedule made it impossible to effect the meeting, Mr. Saad said.

Send Annual Dues In Now

Federation Treasurer, Phyllis Joseph, requests that annual dues be sent to her as soon as possible. Annual dues for individual members are \$5.00 (a coupon for submitting your name as an individual member is included in this Newsletter). The annual dues for local clubs are \$2.00 for each club member (e.g. a club with 20 members would pay annual dues of \$40.00). Please mail your dues to Phyllis Joseph, 9857 Memphis Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44144.

“BACK HOME AGAIN IN INDIANA”
Should Be Worth The Trip

Many exciting and fun-filled events are awaiting you when you attend the 42nd annual convention this summer in Indianapolis. The American Syrian Lebanon Brotherhood Club of Indianapolis has worked long and hard to assure you of a memorable experience in the birthplace of the Midwest Federation. “Back Home Again In Indiana” is where you ought to be this summer. Mark your calendars and make your reservations now!

INDIANAPOLIS CONVENTION
PROGRAM

Thursday, August 3, 1978

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Registration

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Hoosier Hospitality & Hafli

Friday, August 4, 1978

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 NOON Committee Meetings

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ... Young Adults Hostess Desk

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Young Adults Picnic

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. General Assembly

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Young Adults Dubkee Instructions

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Awards Banquet

9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Hafli

Saturday, August 5, 1978

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 NOON Committee Meetings

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ... Young Adults Hostess Desk

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fashion Show & Revlon Cosmetics Demonstration, Fresh Fruit Buffet & Coffee

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 NOON Young Adults Movie

12:00 NOON - 1:00 p.m. State Caucus

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Young Adults Backgammon Instructions

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. General Assembly

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Young Adults Bonne Bell Cosmetic Demonstration

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Divine Services

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Social Hour

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Grand Banquet

9:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Hafli

Sunday, August 6, 1978

DEPARTURE

Adult Registration: \$37.00

Young Adult (under 18): \$30.00

Midwest Federation Protests Israeli
Invasion of Lebanon

In a press release issued March 20, the Midwest Federation of American Syrian-Lebanese Clubs asked President Jimmy Carter to use his influence and power to bring an end to the Israeli hostilities in Lebanon.

Michael J. Coury, President of Midwest Federation, charges that the Israeli invasion of Lebanon carries with it the stamp “MADE IN AMERICA”! He states in a letter to President Carter that the Israeli use of American-made arms, including F-15 fighter-bombers and anti-personnel cluster bombs (CBU’s), was in violation of the Arms Export Control Act. “When Israel marches 17 miles into Lebanon and bombs Lebanese cities from the land, air, and sea, Israel is no longer using American arms for defensive purposes”, says Coury.

In condemning terrorists acts from any parties--Israelis or Arabs--Coury charges that Israel’s stubborn refusal to recognize the rights of the Palestinian people has led to “frustrated acts being committed by frustrated peoples”.

The Midwest Federation of American Syrian-Lebanese Clubs, representing 500,000 Americans of Arabic-speaking heritage in 16 Midwestern states, also called for Israeli adherence to United Nations Resolution 242 as another prerequisite for a lasting Middle East peace solution.

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The overkill invasion of Lebanon by Israel is a violation of the sovereign rights and integrity of our friend Lebanon. Israel’s refusal to withdraw to her borders only underscores her aims for further territorial expansion.

Villages were literally bombed out and hundreds of innocent people were killed and maimed, including women and children. Perhaps, our massive over-supply of armaments to Israel only serves to encourage these repeated violations. Furthermore, Israel cannot resist the use of weapons supplied for defensive purposes such as “cluster bombs” when violating the rights and sovereignty of her neighbors.

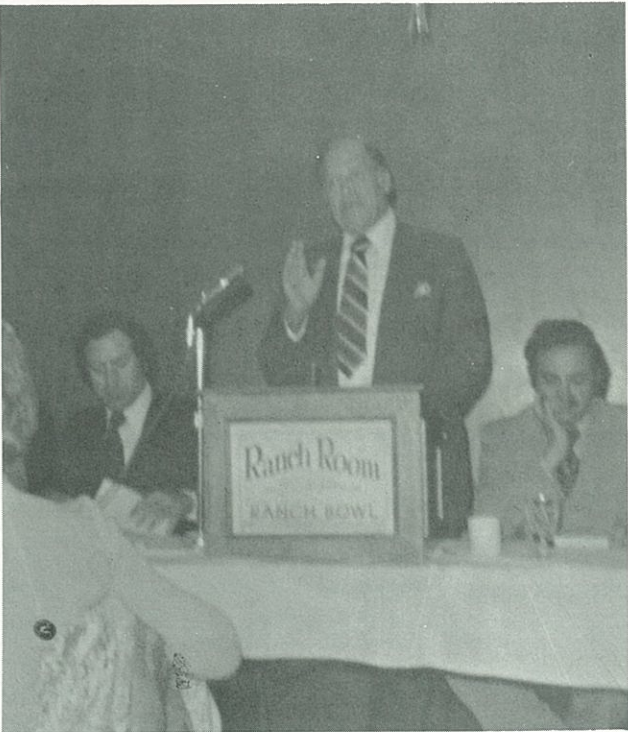
A durable peace in the Middle East must include withdrawal to 1967 Borders and establishment of a home land for the Palestinians. Such a tiny Palestinian State can never be strong enough to cuse Israel her unwarranted concern or justify her objections to this solution; particularly in light of American defense spending on Israel’s behalf.

Mr. President, I know you are doing everything within your power to further the cause of human rights. The millions of Americans of our heritage highly respect your continuing courage to resist the pressure of special interest groups.

I want to assure you of our total loyalty to you and to our beloved United States of America; first, last, and always. If we can be of any assistance to you, to further the cause of justice and peace in that troubled area, I am ready to answer your call.

Very sincerely yours,

Sam J. Saad
President.



National Federation President Sam Saad addressing banquet crowd in Omaha.

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INDIANAPOLIS CONVENTION DRAWS 1,000 ELECTS PEORIA MAN AS PRESIDENT

Edward J. McMurray, of Peoria, Illinois, was elected president of the Midwest Federation of American Syrian-Lebanese Clubs at the organization's 42nd annual convention held at the Sheraton West Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 3-6. McMurray previously served as first vice-president and public relations chairman of the federation.

The estimated 1,000 delegates and guests composed the largest crowd to attend a convention in recent years. The American Syrian Lebanon Brotherhood Club in Indianapolis, which hosted the convention, is a newly revitalized club. The city last hosted a convention in 1946.

Others elected into office were first vice-president — Edward M. Salem (Des Moines, Iowa); second vice-president — James Kassoua (Cleveland, Ohio); third vice-president — Marianne Skaff (Sioux Falls, South Dakota); executive secretary — Mary Salem (Des Moines, Iowa); and treasurer — Cyrene Nassiaa (Cedar Rapids, Iowa).

Ted Hazer (Omaha, Nebraska) was chosen "Man of the Year", and Rita Coury (Des Moines, Iowa) "Woman of the Year".



A plate of Kibbee is presented to the Indiana Lt. Governor by Convention Chairman Vince Todd as Pres. elect Ed McMurray and 1st Vice Pres. Ed Salem watch.



Man of the Year Award was presented to Ted Hazer of Omaha, past President of the Federation.



There was a lot of fun along with the work.



Lady of the Year was presented to Mrs. Rita Coury of Des Moines, Iowa - Mother of President Michael Coury.

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TEN STUDENTS RECEIVE FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the ten recipients of Midwest Federation scholarships this year. The \$500 scholarships were awarded at the convention in Indianapolis during the Awards Banquet on Friday night.

The total of \$5000 in scholarship money was the largest amount to be awarded in any year since the program was begun in 1940. The following is a list of the ten winning students, their home city and state and the school they will be attending:

Susan Olaby	.....	Iowa State University
Des Moines, Iowa		Ames, Iowa
Thomas J. Macdissi		University of Nebraska
Omaha Nebraska		Lincoln, Nebraska
Carol Ann Farha	..	University of Nebraska
Omaha, Nebraska		Omaha, Nebraska
Mary Anne Salem	.....	Morningside College
Sioux City, Iowa		Sioux City, Iowa
Rosemarie T. Antoon	...	St. Mary's College
Elmhurst, Illinois		Notre Dame, Indiana
Charles Joseph Haddad		Heidelberg College
Parma Heights, Ohio		Tiffin, Ohio
George Paul Antoon		John Carrol University
Elmhurst, Illinois		University Heights, Ohio
Said F. Hakim	.....	University of Nebraska
Omaha, Nebraska		Medical School
		Omaha, Nebraska
Louis Abdo Achkar	.....	Cuyahoga
		Community College
Parma, Ohio		Parma, Ohio
Robert A. Haddad	..	Case Western Reserve
		School of Dentistry
		Cleveland, Ohio

SALEM ATTENDS OKLAHOMA LABOR DAY CONVENTION

The Midwest Federation sent its greetings to the annual Kansas - Oklahoma Labor Day convention held in Tulsa this year. The event was sponsored by the Salaam Club. It was the first convention put on by the Tulsa Club.

Speaking to the 776 registered guests, first Vice-President Ed Salem conveyed the best wishes of the Midwest Federation, and reminded them that although we are American Citizens, we cannot forget the land of our heritage, nor ignore out duties as American Citizens concerned with human rights.

FEDERATION WELCOMES NEW CLUB

Gathering at the summer home of Phillip and Ruth Farah of Green Bay, Wisconsin, the Greater Fox Valley Brotherhood of Young Phoenecians held its first meeting and election of officers.

Edward Salem, newly elected first Vice President was there to administer the oath of office to the new officers. Elected President was Joe Koury of Madison, Wisconsin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Koury of Green Bay. The club signed up 46 memebers at their first meeting.

FEDERATION
PRESIDENT
Edward J. Mc Murray



President's Message

This year will be a very challenging year for all of us. Our objective, "to continue to grow at least as fast as we have the past five years," will be ever present in our minds and reflect in our actions.

With the problems and conflict among the people in Lebanon, it is our responsibility to set an example of unity for our cousins in this war-torn country. In unity there is strength, and the strength that we can gather through the Federation can influence our government to stop this ridiculous killing and shelling of the Lebanese populace. Our government must protect the autonomy of Lebanon. Lebanon is the gateway to the East. It has always been the most Western influenced country in the Middle East. It is the premier example of free trade and commerce among any nation. Since Lebanon became a Republic, its people of all faiths have lived and practiced their beliefs in peaceful respect and harmony. The people of Lebanon are ready for peace! They want peace! A peace that will protect and preserve their Republic. They do not want to be used as a bartering point or a strategic position, like a pawn in a chess match. The people of Lebanon have suffered too long for such an ambiguous existence.

E. J. Ed McMurray

Following the announcement of the peace-making agreement concluded by President Jimmy Carter between President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel, Andrew Monsour, President of the National Federation of Syrian-Lebanese American Clubs, Inc., sent this telegram to President Jimmy Carter:

September 18, 1978

President Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the 500,000 members and their families of our National Federation of Syrian-Lebanese American Clubs, we wish to extend to you our heartfelt congratulations for the excellent results of your efforts at Camp David to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East. We are now hopeful that your remarkable peace-making talents will extend further into the most troublesome spot in the Middle East today, and result in the cessation of the bloody conflict continuing for the last three years in Lebanon.

God bless you, and may his spirit always abide with you to assist you in the duties of your high office.

Andrew Monsour, President

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED IN PEORIA

The Itoo Club of Peoria has finalized plans to erect a \$3,500,000 home for the aged on their club grounds, west of Peoria. It is the first venture of this type among any Syrian-Lebanese club in the United States.

The Itoo Club of Peoria was given area wide publicity upon the announcing of their plans. Ground breaking is scheduled for early spring, and a July, 1980 completion date is expected. Applications are being accepted for both couple and single units.

The new St. Sharbel Church of Peoria has scheduled its dedication weekend to be October 6-8, 1978. The actual dedication will take place Sunday, October 8, with the Most Reverend Francis Zayek, Bishop of the Maronite Diocese of the United States, presiding. The St. Sharbel community purchased an existing structure, completely renovated the church, hall and class rooms, and added an apartment for the pastor, Rev. Joseph Naja. The weekend will consist of an outdoor liturgy and procession on Friday, October 6, a Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 7, and Dedication Liturgy and brunch on Sunday, October 8.

FIRST ANNUAL CHARITY BALL HELD IN CHICAGO

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Phoenician Club of Chicago hosted its first annual Charity Ball at the Elmhurst Country Club on Sunday, September 17, 1978. The enjoyable evening included a cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing to one of Chicago's livliet bands. Additional entertainment was provided by Tina Arman, a professional singer in the Chicago area and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchel Armand, members of the club.

The event, which attracted nearly 200 people, was co-chaired by Mrs. Bernice Karsa and Mrs. Dolores Mauloff of Chicago.

"The purpose of this Charity Ball is to enable the Philanthropic Committee, whose sole purpose is fraternal sharing, to aid the handicapped and needy of our Arabic community in the Chicago area," Mrs. Karsa informed those in attendance.

CAMPBELL-MARTIN WEDDED IN KANSAS CITY

On Saturday afternoon, June 17th 1978, in a charming, quaint ceremony, Gregory Vincent Campbell, son of the John R. Campbells, and Marylin Martin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fremon Martin were married at the Country Club Christian Church, where afterwards, a beautiful reception was hosted by their parents.

LADIES CLUB HOSTS DINNER IN KANSAS CITY

The American Lebanon Ladies' Auxiliary of Kansas City held a lovely, mid-summer dinner party for all its members on July 26, 1978. The gala affair, hosted by Mrs. Anthony Atchity, and carefully planned by the entertainment committee, was held at the Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas

BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD IN MILWAUKEE

The Midwest Federation fall board meeting will be held October 27-29 at the Ramada Inn, 633 W. Michagan Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Milwaukee community is planning a reception Friday night and a dinner and haflfi Saturday night. The meeting will be held Saturday, October 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Menomonee Room. You can make your reservations by calling this toll free number: 1-800-228-2828.

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FEDERATION MAILING ADDRESS FOR
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Michele Arrieh, Editor
Federation Newsletter
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Kamal E. Antone, past president, and for many years chairman of the executive board of the Southern Federation of Syrian-Lebanese American Clubs, and also outstanding editor of its Official Bulletin in most recent years, passed away suddenly on August 8, 1978 at his home in Houston, Texas.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND GROWING NEEDS CONTINUED SUPPORT

The Federation would like to acknowledge the following people for their generous donations to the scholarship fund:

The Arrieh Family - Milwaukee	.....	\$500
(a pledge of \$500.00 per year in memory of James & Helen Arrieh)		
Edward T. McMurray - Peoria	.....	300.00
Fareed Nader - Fresno, California	...	25.00
Mike Coury, Sr. - Des Moines	.....	25.00
Marie S. Nassif - Cedar Rapids	.....	50.00
Jeanette Ina - Lakewood, Ohio	.....	25.00
(In memory of Phillip & Ida Ina)		
Florence Sheban - Youngstown	....	250.00
Fred & Dorothy Gilaty	.....	50.00
Deborah S. Herro - Milwaukee	.....	25.00
Nabeeha Saliba - St. Louis	.....	10.00
Fouad M. Deeb - Ft. Wayne	.....	10.00
Solomon S. Solomon - Ft. Wayne	....	5.00
Anonymous donations	.....	5.00

There is still a need for continued support. Member clubs are urged to conduct functions for the purpose of contributing to the scholarship fund. Contributions are considered tax-deductible. Many worthy students need financial assistance, and you can be an important factor in helping someone achieve their dream of a higher education.

City. A delicious banquet was served, followed by card-playing. All the members were delighted and honored that three senior members: Mrs. Albert Farha, Mrs. John Boutross, and Mrs. Camil Azar, were able to be present for the festive occasion. Also attending were Mrs. Carlson Farha and Mrs. Thomas Farha, the guests of Mrs. Sam Farha.

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FEDERATION PRESIDENT AUTHORIZES RELIEF TO LEBANON

President McMurray announced an official drive to obtain needed articles such as clothes, blankets, canned goods and medicine for the many homeless and poor victims of the conflict in Lebanon. The drive was to begin on December 1st and carry through the holidays.

"Over 300,000 refugees are scattered throughout the country, and these staple items are necessary," stated McMurray in a letter to Federation members.

ANNUAL CONVENTION 9-12 AUGUST

Make Plans Now

Ed Rizk, Chairman of the 1979 Midwest Federation Convention, promises everyone who comes, the best time ever. Food, music, dance, music, dance, food and more music and dance.

The convention will be held 9-12 August in Cleveland, Ohio at the Stouffer on the Square Hotel. The newly remodeled and refurbished hotel is Cleveland's finest. There is more than adequate dance room, banquet space and meeting rooms. It is in the heart of downtown Cleveland, close to excellent shopping.

The meeting will also be interesting. There will be the Scholarship Committee Awards; the International Affairs Committee and the Resolution Committee, not to mention many others.

Fun is the key word at Cleveland. A time to renew old friendships and the interest in our culture. Everyone should plan now!!!

BOARD MEETING

The spring board meeting of the Midwest Federation will be held on May 19, 1979 at the O'Hare Merriott Hotel in Chicago.

Host George Simon has reserved a block of rooms for the event. The Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on the 19th and the full board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

All Officers, Executive Committee Members, Club Officers and interested parties are urged to attend.



1st VP MARRIES

Edward M. Salem, 1st Vice President of the Federation was married to Samia Ayoub at a Solemn Mass at St. Maron's Church, Cleveland, Ohio on the 20th of January, 1979.

Miss Ayoub is the sister of long-time Federation Member Dr. Elias Ayoub. Samia, born in Hammana, Lebanon, came to the United States in August, 1976. Her first social function was the Federation Convention in Chicago.

Mr. Salem has been a member of the Federation since 1966. He has served on the Scholarship and Resolution Committees, and has been elected to the Executive Committee, as Third Vice Presidency and 1st Vice Presidency.

After the wedding and reception in Cleveland, the couple spent their honeymoon in the Florida Keys.

They returned to Des Moines to live in their home at 721-22nd Avenue S.W., Altoona, Iowa.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN APPOINTED FOR THIS YEAR

Public Relations and Scholarship Fund Drive — Edward M. Salem, Des Moines, IA

Membership — James J. Kassouf, Cleveland, OH and Marianne Skaff, Sioux Falls, SD

Recording Secretary — Mary L. Salem, Des Moines, IA

Executive — Sam J. Saad, LaGrange, IL

Scholarship — Thomas A. Joseph, Zanesville, OH

Awards — Michael J. Coury, Wentzville, MO

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED IN MICHIGAN

The Michigan Federation of American Syrian-Lebanese Clubs have announced the election of new officers for the 1978-79 year.

Elected were the following:

Miss Thelma M. Shain, head of Shain Advertising and Public Relations, Detroit, was elected president of the federation with members in all of the major Michigan cities.

Miss Shain had served as vice-president as well as its awards and scholarship chairman, and has been active in the statewide organization for 15 years.

Frank D.R. Nouhan, of Warren, was elected vice-president; Miss Joanne Moussa, St. Clair Shores, was elected secretary; and Mrs. John (Jeanne) Shaheen, Flint, was elected treasurer.

Miss Shain succeeds Dr. John Abdella of Flint as head of the organization.

The Syrian-Lebanese organization is primarily involved in civic, charitable and cultural activities throughout Michigan.



FRESHMAN AT JOHN CARROLL PLAYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

One of the recipients of a Midwest Federation scholarship, George Antoon, son of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Antoon of Elmhurst, Illinois, has been chosen to play first string offensive tackle on the football team at John Carroll University near Cleveland, Ohio.

OBITUARIES

Two longtime Federation members have passed to their reward over the last few months. Their advice, good humor and presence, which meant so much to so many of us will be missed in the years to come.

Our deepest sympathies go to their families.

Joe Sheban of Youngstown, Ohio, longtime Federation member and officer died in March on his way to address a meeting of the American Lebanese League.

Mr. Sheban was an ardent supporter of the Federation and a valued member of various committees. He also served as President of the Federation.

Mr. George Bryan of Zanesville, Ohio, passed away this winter. Mr. Bryan was a longtime Federation member. His presence at the convention will be missed.

MICHIGAN CLUBS ANNOUNCE 1978 AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Michigan Federation of American Syrian-Lebanese Clubs, representing some 150,000 Americans of Arabic extraction residing in the state, have presented its 1978 distinguished service awards to four individuals and named two students recipients of its youth award.

Mrs. Najibe Housey, Detroit, Michigan — Charitable Service Award.

Ralph M. Bahna, Grand Rapids, Michigan — Professional Man of the Year.

Michael B. Rizik, Flint, Michigan — Civic Leader of the Year.

Mrs. Aliya Hassen, Dearborn, Michigan — Humanitarian Award of the Year.

Youth awards were presented to Miss Teresa M. Hakim of Detroit, who is a nursing student at Wayne State University, and Miss Catherine Costandi, a freshman at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

LADIES' AUXILIARY IN K.C. GRANT HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The American Lebanon Ladies' Auxiliary in Kansas City met at the home of the Albert Farha family on October 22, 1978, to bestow an honorary membership on Mrs. Farha. A plaque, designed by Mrs. Marguerite Maxim, and presented to Mrs. Farha, commemorates her 46 years of service as a charter member of the club.

The attending members of the Auxiliary enjoyed the warmth and gracious hospitality of the Farha family; Sam, Raiffa, Ruth and Laurice.

The Ladies Auxiliary was founded in 1936 by the late Mrs. Nazera Harris.

George, almost 19 and only a freshman at John Carroll, is 6'1" tall and weighs 225 lbs.

He played four years varsity football at Montini High School in Chicago, and was captain of the football team his senior year. He proceeded to be chosen to the All Area and All Conference football team. He also ran track, and threw the shot and discus.

George maintained a B average in high school, and received many scholarship offers from Illinois schools, but chose J.C.U. for its strength in his major field of accounting.

SOUTH DAKOTA WOMAN ADOPTS CHILD FROM LEBANON

Marianne Skaff is a woman involved in many activities in her community of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She holds a PH.D. in Psychology, works for the State Department of Labor, is chairman of the Governor's committee on minorities, founder and president of the South Dakota Association of Arab Americans and president of the South Dakota Epilepsy Foundation. In recent years she has been involved in the most rewarding activity of all, being an adoptive parent to a homeless child from Lebanon.

In relating the story of her adoption of her son Aneese, Marianne reveals, "Aneese will be 4 years old on January 25, 1979. It is really quite difficult to think of a time when he was not a part of my life."

Recalling the experience of Aneese's adoption brings back some unpleasant memories also. Throughout 1973 and 1974, Marianne had tried to adopt a child through social service agencies, private doctors and international adoption agencies. She was told that it was impossible to adopt a Lebanese orphan. Finally, she was given the name of a Lebanese consulate, who had assisted Americans in adopting children in the past. After months of letters and phone calls, she received a letter from the Creche St. Vincent, an orphanage in Beirut, stating that it was impossible to consider her request since there were no children available for adoption, and there was a waiting list that could take months or years.

After receiving word from a priest in Lebanon that she could adopt a 2½ year old girl, Marianne arrived in Beirut within two days. Soon after her arrival she learned that it was impossible to adopt the child, and as she states, "to use a cliché to the fullest meaning, I was broken hearted."

During the next two days, Marianne spent 18 hours a day on the streets of Beirut contacting every hospital, orphanage and individual to try to find a child to adopt. Finally, she saw the Patriarch of Lebanon, presenting him with a letter of introduction by a mutual friend of the Patriarch, Mr. Tobia Hachem of the Mid-east Travel Bureau in Chicago. The Patriarch told Marianne that he had heard of her, and that she had "broken the hearts of Lebanon." He gave instructions to the Creche St. Vincent to help her. The next day when she went back to the creche, the mother superior said they had a 9 day old boy whom she could adopt. According to Marianne, "the moment I held him my world began to change. It was as if God himself had placed the child in my arms."

She was told that the boy weighed only 2½ lbs. and was very sick. She then arranged for a famous pediatrician to examine her son. He said that the child's survival was uncertain, and the baby would need intensive treatment. By the end of 10 days Aneese began to respond to the medication. The physician later told her that the recovery was unbelievable. "By all the medical facts, that child did not have a chance. I truly believe God has saved him for you."

It took six weeks of constant dealings with the American Embassy to complete the necessary papers and approve the immigration. The doctors advised Marianne that she remain in Lebanon with Aneese until he weighed 5 lbs. After three months of struggle and red tape, she finally returned to the U.S. with her new son.

Aneese is now a normal, happy 4 year old, who reads, writes and speaks Spanish and Arabic. His name, which means sociable, is very descriptive of his personality. Marianne would like to return to Lebanon in the late fall of 1979 to adopt another child. She has been promised a child from the Creche, since they agree that a child should not be reared alone.

Even though the years of war have left many children orphaned, it is more difficult to adopt than before. The Lebanese want to retain as many children as they can to rebuild Lebanon. Surviving relatives who cannot care for the children would rather see them placed in an orphanage than have them reared by others. Marianne suggests that anyone wishing to help the orphaned children do so through donations to the orphanages. International money orders can be made out to Creche St. Vincent, and sent to her, to be delivered, at the following address: 1807 South Main Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

Marianne feels that it was no more difficult to adopt a child as a single parent, such as herself, than for a married couple. The most difficult part is meeting all the needs of a child as a single parent.

The question most people have asked Marianne is "why?". To her the answer is simple, love. "We all have a lot of love to give, so why not share it with those who really need what we have to give."

FALL BOARD MEETING MIXES BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE

"My three main objectives during my administration will be to increase the scholarship fund, expand membership and growth and help Lebanon," stated President McMurray to those attending the Midwest Federation fall board meeting in Milwaukee on October 27-29 at the Downtown Ramada Inn.

Ted Hazer of Omaha, announced that his club raised \$200.00 at a dance for the benefit of needy students. President McMurray congratulated the Omaha Club for its endeavors and urged other member clubs to hold similar functions for raising money for the scholarship fund.

Tom Joseph, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee disclosed March 1, 1979 as the deadline for all scholarship applications. "The Scholarship Committee regrets turning down applications when they arrive after the deadline, so it's important that applicants file their applications on time," stated Joseph.

It was also announced that a telegram had been sent to President Carter asking him to stop the bloodshed in Lebanon, and to recognize President Sarkis and to send aid to help restore Lebanon and its people.

Executive Secretary, Mary Salem confirmed that the Newsletter mailing list has been updated. Any member, who is not receiving the Newsletter and wishes to do so, should write to Ms. Salem at 701 East Shawnee, Des Moines, Iowa 50313.

Following the board meeting, a dinner and hafla was held in the church hall of St. George Melkite Church. Food for the dinner was catered by Mr. and Mrs. Khalil Nasr, who operate an Arabic Restaurant in Milwaukee.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK—

Dear Friends and Members,

I would like to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be the President of this fine organization. I have confidence that our new energetic officers will lift us to new heights. We will dedicate ourselves to preserving our traditions, as well as beginning new ones. I have found that learning from the past is our vision to the future. During the coming year, we will attempt new endeavors. With your help, we will succeed.

Sincerely,

Edward L. Rizk
President

P.S.

If you were one of the clubs that has not paid his Federation dues in recent years, you may wish to become active again. The Federation tax exemption status now permits all delegates to deduct from their income taxes all of their convention expenses, including transportation, room, meals, registration fee, etc.

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1984 Federation Officers and Committee Heads

The year 1984 starts out by welcoming our new officers of the Federation and its committee heads. They are dedicated to the revitalizing and strengthening of communications within our organization.

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FALL BOARD MEETING

The Fall Board Meeting was held November 12 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel O'Hare in Chicago, Illinois. The Phoenician Club of Chicago sponsored a very delightful weekend. Some of the topics of discussion were;

St. Louis Convention—The Midwest Board thanked Nabiha Saliba and St. Raymond's parish for contributing to a wonderful weekend convention. The Federation received \$2,000 from the registration and a \$500 donation for the scholarship fund from the people of St. Louis.

New Directions—The newly elected officers will be directed towards communication and revitalization throughout the Federation. Healthy gains will be made by attempting to bring all of our cities a little closer.

Officer Reports—

President Rizk—Ed reported that a letter was sent out after the convention with a new list of city representatives. It was activated to help gather the information we need for the newsletter. We will also try and make the newsletter self-sufficient by selling ads for much needed revenue. This will hopefully bring about much more involvement.

Ed also visited Peoria, Illinois for the Ambassador Dinner and was received well by "our family" in Peoria. The Itoo Club might well join the Federation.

Vice President Bonahoom—Otto and Emil Haddad are in charge of membership. They have a list of contacts indicating present members in various cities. One of our officers will be contacting these members in an effort to secure a list of new prospective members. They will also be preparing a "Membership Package," which will list the benefits of joining the Federation. There will be much concentration on both individuals and clubs.

Vice President Haddad—Emil reported on specific goals of the Membership Committee. They are:

- 1) Bring back old clubs and bring in new ones
- 2) Strengthen the existing clubs
- 3) Work on individual memberships

Emil further stated that the committee will be sharing the following with the clubs:

- 1) How to have a membership drive
- 2) How to prepare a news release
- 3) How to conduct a meeting

Vice President Hallal—Dave is in charge of gathering information for the newsletter. He stated that a printer in Cleveland has been contacted and an equitable price has been reached for the printing of the newsletter, stationery, and envelopes.

He further stated it is hoped that the newsletter will be self-sufficient through the proceeds from the ad campaign. The first one will be published during the Holiday Season. Any information for the newsletter may be mailed to:

Midwest Federation Newsletter
c/o Phil Haddad, Editor
10301 Lake Avenue #216
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Vice President to the National Hazer—Ted gave his report and stated that Marshall Arrieh will be attending the forth-coming Mid-Winter Meeting (February 18, 1984), in Lafayette, Louisiana, which is in conjunction with the Southern Federation. Marshall Arrieh gave his report in St. Louis on the board meeting with the members from the Southern Federation. Emil George was elected President of the National.

Young Adults Network—Sam Joseph reported that the Young Adults Group is very active. They have about 200 members. They also have their own treasury with a balance of \$507. They will also continue their raffle.

Old Business—Marshall Arrieh told us about the Arabic Cultural Center for the National Archives being built by ALSAC. The building would be for the display of items important to our Heritage. There is a representative for ALSAC in all 50 states. It would be a National Archives Center. Danny Thomas is going to set aside a section of the Center for the Federations. Fred Gaddis is working on this with ALSAC. There will be a committee appointed to work with the National Federation and the Southern Federation to discuss and approve a site at the National Archives.

1984 Convention—Marshall Arrieh reported that the 1984 Convention will be in Milwaukee Wisconsin. The hotel has been picked out. The dates are **July 26-29**. Please make note of the change from August. Make plans for **July 26-29, 1984**.



Candid of the '83 Convention



YOUNG ADULTS NETWORK

At the convention last August in St. Louis, the Young Adults Network was well represented. The 2nd Annual Scholarship Drive Raffle was a success. We were able to donate \$1111.00 to the Federation Scholarship Fund and \$1111.00 to the Orphans in Lebanon.

A tour of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery was planned. About 50 Young Adults witnessed the step by step processes of brewing beer. Included in the tour was taste samples of different beers in the hospitality room of the brewery.

Both Friday and Saturday nights after the Hafli, from 1:00-4:00 a.m., the Young Adults continued dancing to recorded music by a professional disc-jockey. The dance was in the ballroom of the hotel. It was well attended both nights. On Saturday, a group picture was taken about 3:00 a.m. A super time was had by all!

5 x 7 Color Reprints of the group picture can be purchased at cost. Please make checks for \$2.50 each payable to: Young Adults Network. Write or call:

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Election of officers for the Young Adults Network was held at a meeting at the convention. The officers are:

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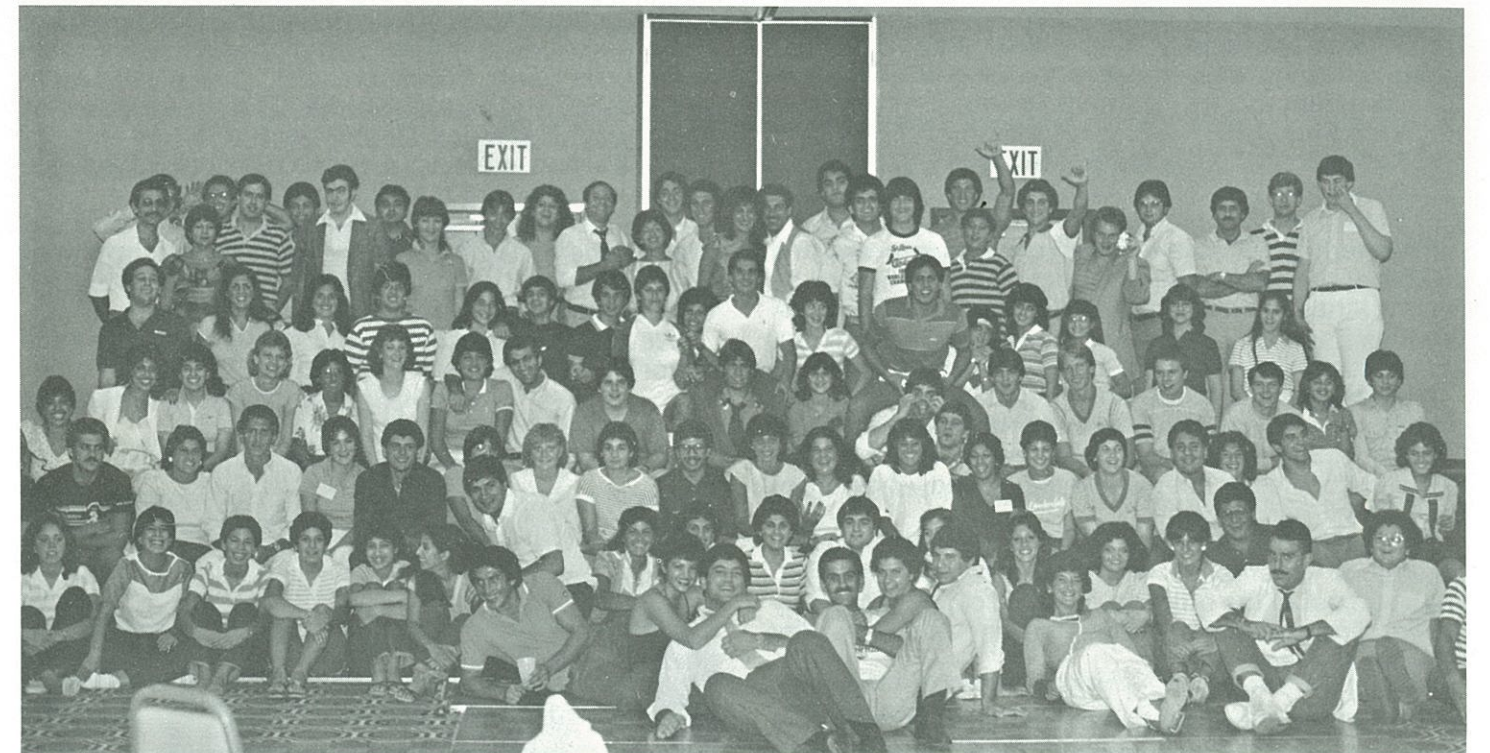
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Young Adults—St. Louis Convention '83

CLUB ACTIVITIES IN THE MIDWEST

Chicago News—We were truly delighted to host the Midwest Federation executive committee fall meeting in Chicago, and hope that our visitors from out of town enjoyed their stay as much as we enjoyed having them. Our hospitality night was a real delight and thanks to the efforts of Sister member Mrs. Elizabeth Mulvaney and the Ladies Auxillary.

Nominating Committee—The nominating committee suggested the following officers for the year 1984: George Khoury, President; Elias Masud, Vice President; Tony Souri, Financial Secretary; Naim Elias, Secretary; Edward Jage, Treasurer and Issa Shamma, St. At Arms. Also the following are for the Board of Directors: George Antoon, Abe Baroud, Fred Gilary, Ronald Haddad, Michael Haddad, Emil Haddad, Mounir A. Massih, and Michael Souri. Please note that nominations are accepted from the floor and the above names are only the committee recommendations. Election of officers and directors was December 6, 1983.

Membership—I am delighted to report that our membership is growing not only in numbers but in quality and commitment. Our hard working Membership Committee Chairman Mr. Abe Baroud always selling the club ideals among our people; thanks Abe.

Community News—St. John The Baptist Melkite church Annual Dinner and Hafli was truly an evening to remember. The food and entertainment was super.

Dates To Remember—December 16, 1983 was Phoenician Club Christmas Dinner and installation of Officers.

Des Moines News

The Young Phoenician Club of Des Moines held its annual installation of officers banquet at the Crystal Tree Restaurant Sunday, August 28th, 1983.

The following were installed for 1983-1984:

President	Edward Simon
Vice President	Steve Nogel
Secretary	Mary J. Coury
Treasurer	Robert Pearson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Randy Anderson

"Western Nite" was enjoyed by 100 members and guests at the September meeting, annually hosted by Helen Nahas, at her Rising Sun Stables and Ranch. A pot-luck supper, Lebanese music and dancing, horseback riding and a hay-ride was enjoyed by all.

Members will also be enjoying future club social events such as: a Family Christmas Party, Wine and Cheese get together, Las Vegas Night and the City-Wide June picnic hosted by the Young Phoenician Club for all our "cousins."

Former Past President, George Barrock, has recently undergone emergency intestinal surgery, which will keep him out of the office for a period of approximately six weeks convalescing. Fortunately he has made a very satisfactory recovery.

In addition, former Past President, James Barrock, who attended the recent Convention, while suffering from a very bad voice, underwent minor vocal surgery and after a three week period of total silence, is progressing nicely and is able to now talk again and almost with his regular voice.

Omaha News

The Phoenician Club of Omaha had a Free Dinner for their members Wednesday, November 2, 1983. There were approximately 90 people in attendance.

The Phoenician Club had a children's Christmas Party for members children and grandchildren at St. Mary's Orthodox Church Hall Saturday, December 3, 1983.

The Phoenician Club had election of officers at their monthly meeting Wednesday, December 7, 1983. Officers are Dr. Mansoor Jabro, President; Tony Bakhit, Vice President; Bonnie Skaff, Secretary; and George Hathoot, Treasurer.

St. Mary's Orthodox Church had a Hay Ride, sponsored by the Church School, Sunday, October 16, 1983. A good time was had by all in attendance.

Teens S.O.Y.O. of St. Mary's had a Breakfast to build their treasury through a "Free Will Offering." The Breakfast was donated and prepared by Duane & Wanda Skaff. The young people helped in the set-up and serving and clean-up. They hope to use the profit to help send delegates to the S.O.Y.O. Parish Life Conference in Chicago next June.

The St. Mary's Ladies Guild had a Bake Sale Saturday, November 19, 1983. Several ladies worked hard on this project. The profit was about \$1,000.

St. Mary's Ladies Guild had election of officers Wednesday, November 9, 1983—The 1983 officers were elected again for 1984.

Wanda Skaff, President
Margaret Moore, Vice President
Esther Abdouch, Secretary
Dolores Saub, Treasurer

Teen S.O.Y.O. sponsored a Christmas Party at the church Saturday, December 3, 1983. In spite of bad weather, we had a great turn out of people and everyone had a wonderful time.

The Ladies Guild Christmas Party was held Wednesday, December 14, 1983 at the home of George & Jo Abraham. The party was for all ladies of St. Mary's, their friends and relatives.

We will have more to report in the next newsletter!

Matt Skaff, Omaha Nebraska



Peoria News

Ambassador Visits

August 20 was a very special day for the Peoria area. Abdullah Bou Habib, the Ambassador to the United States from Lebanon, honored the Lebanese community of Peoria with his presence at a dinner and hafli.

Many dignitaries: U.S. Congressman Robert Michel, U.S. Judge Michael Mihm, Sherriff George Shadid, Mayor Richard Carver and Councilman Leonard Unes along with friends, relatives and other members of the Lebanese community in Peoria and surrounding cities attended this occasion. Ed McMurray was the Master of Ceremonies. The Lebanese students from Bradley University opened the evening with the singing of the Lebanese National Anthem.

The Ambassador's speech emphasized the problems and needs of our home country. He encouraged everyone to support a resolution set by George Antoon at the General Assembly meeting in St. Louis, August 5, stating "One Dollar for Lebanon." One dollar = 5-20¢ stamps to send letters to government representatives in Washington D.C. asking for their support for the needs in Lebanon. He continually expressed his hope for the unity of Lebanon and that some day we may again be at peace.

The evening continued with an enjoyable hafli.

On October 2 the members of the Itoo Society along with the members of the St. Jude Research committee held a brunch and bazaar. At this time an auction was held to sell many gifts that had been donated for the day. All proceeds went to the benefit of the St. Jude's Research Hospital.

Congratulations to Ed and Betty McMurray and their daughter Diana. On October 29, Diana married Doug Olson from Niles, Illinois in St. Sharbel's Maronite Catholic Church.

November 6, was the 55th Annual Itoo Supper. Sam Joseph was a co-director of the event. Over 900 people were served.



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Phone _____

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Date: _____

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Midwest Federation
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Suite 2100

Fort Wayne National Bank Bldg.

Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

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Donation: \$ _____

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Midwest Federation Scholarship Fund

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1984 CONVENTION INFORMATION

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Help Us by Helping Yourself Take Out An Ad

Our Newsletter had been and will continue to be the principle means of informing you throughout the year of the items we believe important to our organization. One of the primary goals of your newly elected officers is the improvement in every aspect of this publication. With your help, we would like to expand our circulation. Currently, our mailing list consists of approximately three thousand (3,000) names. A goal of five thousand (5,000) is very realistic. We are confident that by making our publication self-sufficient, our goal can be achieved.

Obviously, the best way to accomplish this is by selling ads, ads throughout the Midwest. We intend to sell thirty (30) ads at the annual rate of one hundred dollars (\$100). For this \$100 donation, which is tax deductible, one will receive an ad 2½" x 1¼" on a standard size page (8½" x 11") in all three newsletters of that year. We would like to have the enclosed form completed and returned to us by January 31, 1984. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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