



KFEIRIAN REUNION FOUNDATION

Founded 1932

Summer 2009 Newsletter

77th Annual Kfeirian Reunion — Labor Day Celebration

The Kfeirian Family Reunion 2009

A block of rooms have been reserved for September 4, 2009 - September 9, 2009.

The special room rate will be available until August 14th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

Booking a reservation from the Toledo Hilton site is simple. Click on "Book a Room" to receive your group's preferred rate. See you at the Hilton Toledo in September!



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We are getting some international attendees, George Hanna reported that Jihad Y. Kahil and his family are planning to attend the Reunion this year in Toledo, coming from The Middle East and returning to Beirut. Let's all welcome them with a great attendance at this year's Reunion!

Come to Toledo and Debkie to Joey Peck's Derbakie beat!

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President's Message

My fellow Kfeirians.

It's Toledo time in 2009! This year we will be celebrating the legacy that has been passed down through the decades in Toledo, Ohio. Toledo has been home to many wonderful and successful reunions. Did you know almost 70% of all Kfeirians live within only a six hour drive of this great city? It is more than just a chance to gather once again to share the memories of past reunions and loved ones missed, but an opportunity to create new memories to be relived over and over again in the future by your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren just as you cherish your own memories of past reunions. I ask you to stop and take a moment to remember your own personnel Reunion moments and how special they are to you. The music.....the dancing.....the people. Kfeirians one and all.

We have a heritage that is second to none and going strong for this, our 77th year. The continued passion and devotion of Kfeirians in keeping the dream alive set forth by our ancestors over four generations ago is something that should fill each and every one of us with an emotion of pride and enthusiasm for our founders and for our heritage. The achievements are astounding. Our own website, WWW.KFIER.COM, a genealogy project that is second to none which can be viewed and researched through the website, a newsletter, scholarships available to the children of Kfeirians and our new travel website, at WWW.KFEIRTRAVEL.COM to name a few. All this done by Kfeirians throughout the years who have given of themselves and their time to fulfill the dreams of our founders and to keep our heritage growing and strong.

Toledo, a chance once again to honor those who have come before us and the opportunity to share and celebrate our heritage as one. Debkie on fellow Kfeirians, debkie on!

Michael Abraham, **President, Kfeirian Board of Directors**

2008-2009 Scholarship Recipients

Since founding the Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship in 1964, over 135 Kfeirians have been awarded scholarships for higher education. Congratulations to the following Kfeirian who were awarded the 2008-2009 Kfeirian Reunion scholarship. Scholarship recipients for 2008-2009 are:

Mirna Abou-Rizk, daughter of Najwa and Wadih Abou-Rizk of Ottawa , Ontario, Canada.

Isabel Bush, Juneau , AK, daughter of Jan Rutherfordale and Jeff Bush.

Megan Bush, daughter of Jan Rutherfordale and Jeff Bush, of Juneau , AK .

Gianna Michael, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, daughter of Dr. Diann Michael.

We encourage Kfeirians to apply for next year's scholarship. To download the application and apply, please visit our Web site at www.kfeir.com/scholarship.html.

Marriages



Perry L. Greer III married **Lindsey Mulloy** in May of 2008. He is now practicing law in Lexington, Kentucky. Perry is the grandson of George H.



Samira Thabet, daughter of **Charlie and Layla Thabet**, married **Luis Leguizamon** on September 20, 2008 at St. George Orthodox Cathedral in Charleston, WV. They currently reside in New York City.

Births



Reagan Elizabeth Hanna was born to **Greg and Jamie Hanna** 10/20/2008, 7.4 lbs, 21 in long. She is the granddaughter of **George and Gloria Hanna** of Huntington, WV.

Michael and Kristin Bolus gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, **Andre Michael Bolus**, on February 8, 2009. All are doing wonderfully, and living in Hollywood, CA.

Carter Jaron Thabet, son of **Phil and Jen Thabet**, was born on February 6, 2009. Carter is the first grandchild of **Charlie and Lavla Thabet**.



Kfeirians Who Have Left Us - May They Rest In Peace

Mike George, Jr. 75, of Huntington, passed away Wednesday, August 13, 2008 in the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House. He was born November 11, 1932 in Huntington a son of the late Mike George, Sr. and Hilda Gotta George. Also preceding him in death was his sister, Marguerite Esber. Survivors include: one daughter and son-in-law, Michele and John Wichorek; one sister, Joan Rahal; two nephews, Edward and David Rahal; long-time life companion Barbara Walton of Huntington and her children, Bobbi Skaff of Charleston, and Kelly Woodward of Huntington.

Albert Hawarny, 92, of Huntington, Husband of Leila Moujaes Hawarny, fell asleep in the Lord Monday, June 1, 2009 at the V.A. Regional Medical Center. He was born December 2, 1916 in Lebanon, a son of the late Salim and Naime Rahal Hawarny. In addition to his wife he is survived by two daughters, Joann Hawarny and Rita Hawarny both of Huntington and two grandchildren, Anitra Hawarny and Tajhan Blackwell.

Randall A. Michael, 58, of Charleston died at CAMC Memorial Hospital on February 21, 2009. He was born July 23, 1950, at Charleston, a son of the late Amiel and Julia Corey Michael. He was known by many as "Uncle Randy". Survivors include his sister; Sandy Michael Campbell and her husband David A. Campbell and their children Corey and Perry Campbell; and his brother, Steve Michael and his wife Donna Sacco Michael and their children Cristen, Stevie and Joseph Michael.

George Rahall, 92, of Huntington, WV, passed away on Sunday October 14, 2007 at the Emogene Dolen Jones Hospice House, Huntington. He was born July 28, 1915 in Welch, WV, a son of the late Michael and Malakeh Bassett Rahall. He

was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen Jennings Rahall; his beloved stepmother, Edna Rahall, who reared him from an early age; his sister, Nahey Rahall Bassett; and his brother, Philip Rahall. He is survived by his sisters, Sally Rahall Tweel and Lorene Rahall David, his brother, Naseeb Rahall.

Donna Thabet, 68, of Roseville , Mich. , formerly of Barboursville, passed away Saturday, March 8, 2008. She was born May 15, 1939, the daughter of the late Edgar L. Johnson and Elvena Johnson. She is survived by her husband, Fred Thabet; two sons, Ricky and Jerry Thabet; and one daughter, Misty McPhearson, all of Michigan , and 6 grandchildren. Also surviving are four sisters, Wilma Odell, Peggy Neal, Brenda Cornwell, and Sherry Boring and two brothers, Delano Johnson and Jerry Johnson.

Robert Ellis "Bob" Tweel, 76 of Huntington , WV died Thursday April 30, 2009 in Naples Community Hospital , Naples , FL. He was born May 3, 1932 in Huntington a son of the late Saied George and Nazah Tweel. He was preceded in death by a sister Kathryn Tweel and two brothers, Naseeb and Roger Tweel. He is survived by his wife, Therese S. Tweel, two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Joe McConaghy and Kathryn and Richard Schaum; his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Harry K. and Marianne Tweel.

Fellow Kfeirian Honored - The Herald-Dispatch HUNTINGTON --

Dr. Harry Tweel isn't one to seek praise. This year, though, his commitment to pulmonary care will not go unnoticed, as the American Lung Association awards Tweel with its highest honor today. Tweel, director of the Cabell-Huntington Health Department, is receiving the Will Ross Medal by the American Lung Association in San Diego, Calif. The medal is the highest award by the American Lung Association, given for significant contributions to the prevention and control of lung disease. Tweel retired after more than 40 years in clinical practice, to become physician director of the Cabell-Huntington Health Department in 2004.



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