



Family News
85th Kfeirian Reunion

Birth Announcements

Baby Ruder has arrived!

Grant and Ashley Ruder of Vienna, VA are the proud parents of Gavin Michael Ruder born July 21, 2017. Gavin weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. Gavin's very excited grandparents are Kim and Sandy Mickel Ruder of Richmond, VA.



Marriages

Clay Christian of Bethesda, MD and Rachel Eddy of Morgantown, WV were married on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at The Hotel Morgan in Morgantown, WV. The wedding was lovely and the couple "waltzed" down the aisle in front of family and friends. Later that evening a concert was held by The Early Mays of which Rachel is a band member. Clay is the son of Rose Thabet Christian and the late Donald Christian of South Charleston, WV.



Anniversaries



George and Gloria Hanna

George and Gloria Hanna of Huntington, WV are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 11, 1967, at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Huntington, where they are members.

They are the parents of Bruce and Greg and Stephanie (Bashir) Adili and the grandparents to Quentin, Nathan, Reagan Hanna and Milan and Beckham Adili.

To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, they took a Caribbean cruise with their children and grandchildren along with their children's Godmother, Elaine Rahall, Evie Cassis and Louie Cassis.

□The cruise was topped off by the couple winning the on-board game, The Newlywed/Not-So-Newlywed Game.



Gloria and George Hanna surrounded by family on their anniversary cruise.

Graduations



Stephanie Rahal, daughter of Ziad and Leila Rahall of Beirut, Lebanon graduated in July, 2017 from The Lebanese University with a bachelor's degree in Science of Chemistry. Stephanie plans to continue her education in a master degree program in Chemistry.

□Stephanie is the contributor of the video about Kfeir, Lebanon. You can view the video that she made which is located in the "Village of Kfeir" link on this web site.

Achievements



Tiana Hall - "Together We Won the Great War" Presentation at the Charleston Culture Center

This summer Tiana Hall has been working in the Archives and History section of the Culture Center in Charleston, WV. She gave a presentation on July 15, 2017 in the Archives Library at the Culture Center on an exhibit that she researched and created, titled "Together We Won the Great War." The Culture Center is a great way to learn about West Virginians' direct involvement in World War I. There are many really interesting items including soldiers' letters, photos, propaganda posters, comics, and victory medals!

Eagle Scout Awarded

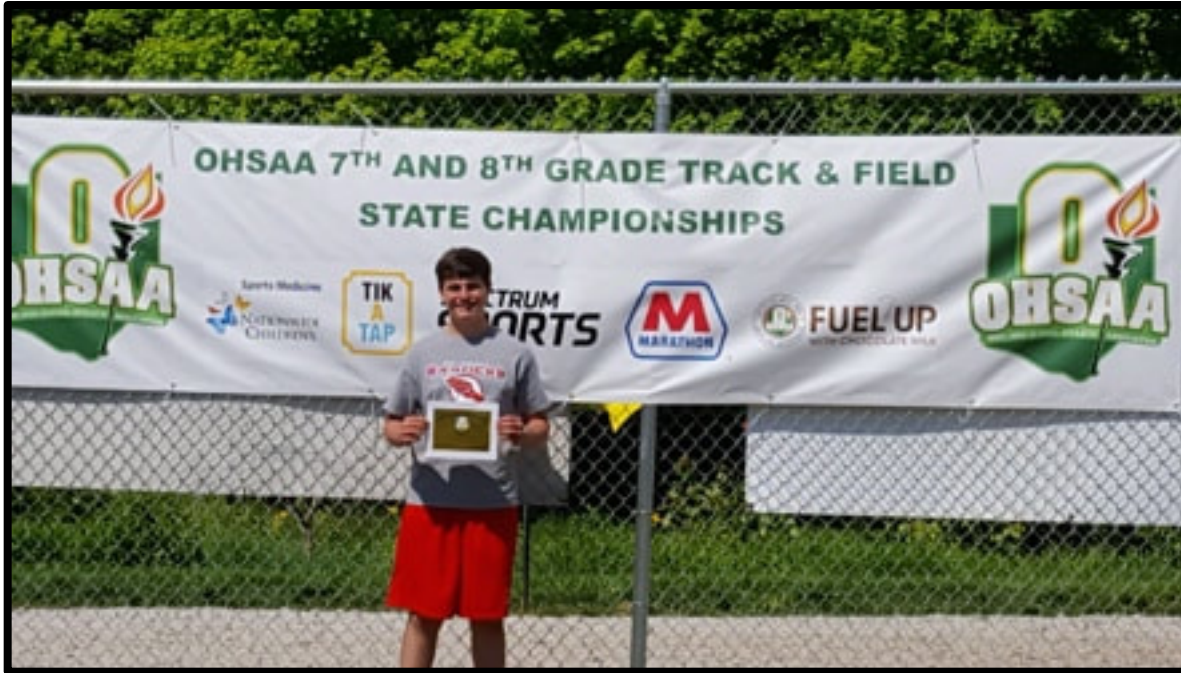
Matthew Stagg became an Eagle Scout on May 8, 2017 and also went on an exchange program to South Africa for three weeks. Earlier this year, Matthew participated in the Junior Olympics Rifle Team.

Matthew is pictured with his proud grandfather, Alan Stagg (left) and father Michael Stagg (right).

Congratulations Matthew!



Sports Enthusiasts



George Hanna recently connected with his cousin Patty Anspach who is the daughter of his late cousin Laura Bassett Augsburger. Patty's two boys have been very active. Sammy who is 14, decided to go out for golf and made the varsity team. He is a big basketball and track fan and last year as an 8th grader he qualified in a state track meet in shot put and finished 13th overall. He has a 4.0 GPA and has been class president for three years running. He has a goal of becoming a lawyer.

Matthew is Sammy's younger brother. He is 8 years old and loves sports and plays soccer, basketball and baseball. Last winter, Mathew led his basketball team to an undefeated season and scored 35 points in one of his games! He is super competitive and always has a smile on his face.

Nursing Degree Recipient



Congratulations to Martha Cook of Monee, IL for completing her Nursing degree! She also has a degree in the Art of Psychology. After working as a Medical Assistant, Advanced Bedside Care Provider, CNA, and Phlebotomist for the last 10 years, she finally reached her goal to become a Nurse!

Martha is the daughter of Gerry & Amy Cook (Haddad) and granddaughter of Emily (Abraham) Haddad & and the Late George Haddad.



Tonya Mickel Hatcher Surprises Her Dad, Fred Mickel, with a Surprise 87th Birthday Party!

**On Saturday, July 1, 2017,
Fred Mickel was surprised by
family and friends for his
87th birthday party at the
Tug Valley Inn in Williamson,
WV. Fred's actual birthday is
on the 4th of July. It looks
like he had a great time at
his birthday party. Happy
Birthday Fred!**



Hoops for Hoops Tourney Raises More than \$4K for Hospital

Athletes with a passion for basketball and supporting a good cause turned out April 22 for the second annual Hoops for Hoops tournament, according to a news release. This 3-on-3 basketball tournament was developed to raise money for the Hoops Family Children's Hospital at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Greg Hanna is the Tournament Founder and Director of the Hoops for Hoops Tournament. Greg is second to right in the picture

Raymond Abraham

50 years of service in the Kiwanis Club

On May 4, 2017, the East Kiwanis Club of Huntington, WV honored Kfeirian Raymond Abraham for his 50 years of continued service to the club, the community and Kiwanis International with a surprise banquet attended by family, club members and friends. Upon entering the banquet, Raymond could only comment, “You all are trying to make me cry.” In the clubs research, they could only find one other member of the Kiwanis Club in the country that had received such an honor.

Club members shared many memories of Raymond’s dedication to the community, recollections of past members and how he has personally impacted their lives by his examples, ethics and many capacities of leadership in local and state Kiwanis Club activities. The East Kiwanis Club big fund raising event of each year is their annual Pancake Festival which draws more than 3,000 in attendance.

Ray’s story has been in the several newspapers since this original celebration took place.



Rose Thabet Christian Celebrates Her Birthday

On Saturday, January 28, 2017, with many family and friends present, Rose Thabet Christian celebrated her 85th birthday at her home in South Charleston, WV. Happy birthday Rose!



OBITUARIES

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Lila Mickel Fischer, 80, of Brandon, passed away on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. A Native of Charleston, WV, she had **resided** here for 4 years coming from Orlando, FL. She was a member of St. George Orthodox Church, Orlando, FL and is survived by her husband, Chuck, son, Charlie (Melanie) Fischer and 2 grandchildren.

Lila was devoted to the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation serving on the Board for many years. She was very interested in genealogy and enjoyed being around her family.

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Louis Asaff Rahall

Louis Rahall passed away March 26 at home in Fayetteville, WV, surrounded by his loved ones.



He was born March 27, 1930 in Beckley, WV, to the late Asaff and Jamelia Thabet Rahall. Louis was married to Elaine Husson April 24, 1955, in Charleston, WV, at the Saint George Orthodox Cathedral, where he was a member. He was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, earned his undergraduate degree at Bowling Green College, and earned his masters degree at Wayne State University. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the American Legion Post 149 in Fayetteville. He was the last surviving founding member of the Fayetteville Lions Club, and was given the Leonard Jarrett and Melvin Jones Fellowship awards by his fellow Lions. He served as president of the Fayette County National Bank Holding Company and was a past president of the Kfeirian Reunion. Louis and his wife Elaine owned the Ben Franklin store, which they opened together in 1955 shortly after their marriage.

Obituaries

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Virginia Lee Thabit died March 15, 2017, in her home after a short illness with her beloved family by her side. She was 92. Virginia was born in Toledo on January 29, 1925, the fourth of six children of Edward and Edna Tanber, who emigrated to the U.S. from Lebanon in the early 1900s. She and her husband raised three children, Karen, Brian and Michael. Virginia was happiest when her family was present, especially after cooking some of their favorite meals, such as stuffed squash and grape leaves.



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Millard Price Jr., 93, of Huntington, widower of Betty Jo Hagley Price, passed away Thursday, March 16, 2017, at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House. Burial with military rites conducted by Veterans Honor Guard Post 16 will be in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville.

Millard is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and George Hanna of Huntington, WV and their children.



Lieselotte "Lelo" Wilhelmine Werner Russell of South Charleston, WV, died peacefully on March 26, 2017, at Our Lady of Hope Nursing Home in Richmond, VA. She was ninety-two years old. Born in Germany on January 2, 1925, Lelo immigrated to the United States in 1948 and became a citizen in 1978.

Lelo is survived by her son and daughter-in-law of Ron and Denise Mickel Russell and their children of Glen Allen, VA.



KFEIRIAN REUNION FOUNDATION

**General Assembly Meeting
85th Annual Reunion
September 1 - September 3, 2017
Charleston, WV**



Welcome to Charleston, WV!





Kfeirian Reunion Foundation Seal

In the Fall of 1967 during the early planning stages for the 1968 Kfeirian Reunion to be held in Huntington, WV, George Hanna realized that the Foundation did not have an emblem with which the Foundation could readily be identified. After considering several ideas, George asked Jerry Sutphin and Bill Dawson, two artist friends, to assist him in designing an emblem. Discussion soon centered on what symbol would best reflect the origin of our organization. The Cedar of Lebanon was the unanimous choice and became the center of the overall design. It was then decided that a green Cedar should be placed within a circle bearing the Foundation name and the colors used for the emblem show be read and blue with white letters.

After the final drawing was agreed upon by all three men, George Hanna had a local trophy company cut out the parts of the emblem. These parts were then hand painted by Jerry Sutphin and George Hanna and assembled. The finished emblem was presented to the General Assembly for consideration at the Reunion of 1968. It was accepted unanimously by the Assembly and officially became the Foundation's seal on September 1, 1968.



KFEIRIAN REUNION INITIATIVE

A plan towards **100 years** of the Kfeirian Reunion

Mission

- This is a strategic plan of action for the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation Board of Trustees to move forward and build a strong foundation for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
- In our achievements in working towards our future, we will never forget our past and what has been done by all those who have given of their time, energies and heart for no other reason than of their dedication and commitment to all those who have come before them.



KFEIRIAN REUNION RECORDS

We have been approved to store all historical Kfeirian Reunion records at Marshall University in Huntington, WV. Marshall has provided us with space in their archives to store these records. The records will include:

- Newsletters
- Kfeirian Commemorative Books
- Directories
- Programs from past reunions
- Miscellaneous Correspondence

If you have records that you would like to donate to this project, please email a list of your records to reunion@kfeir.com.



KFEIRIAN WEBSITE

www.kfeir.com

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation website. The header is dark wood-grain with the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation logo on the left and the text 'Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, Inc.' on the right. Below the header is a green navigation bar with the following menu items: HOME, REUNIONS, FOUNDATION, FAMILY NEWS, FAMILY TREE, NEWSLETTERS, and VILLAGE OF KFEIR. The main content area has a white background. On the left, there is a green heading 'Welcome to the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation Website!' followed by a paragraph: 'A Welcome message from KRF President, Abe Saad follows: To my fellow Kfeirians: Welcome to our Kfeirian Reunion Foundation Website! I am humbled to serve as the KRF President. I will continue to honor this reunion and tradition.' Below this text is a green button that says 'Click here to read more'. On the right, there is a large photograph of a hillside town with many houses and buildings, surrounded by trees and hills under a clear sky.

From here, you can look at past reunion pictures, newsletters and programs, check out our Foundation information including scholarship information and family news, request access to our fabulous Family Tree and check out the Village of Kfeir.



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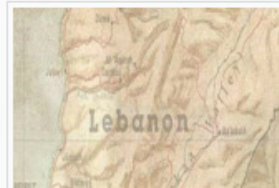
Village of Kfeir

Click here to read a history of Kfeir and view pictures of the village.



Family Reunions

The 83rd Annual Kfeirian Reunion will be held in **Charleston, WV** from **September 5-7** at the Charleston Marriott Town Center. Call Marriott for reservations at 1-888-236-2427



Family Tree

Click here for access to view the Kfeirian Family Tree and links to genealogy research tools.



Scholarships

The Foundation provides scholarships to students who demonstrate financial need, leadership and scholastic ability.



Family News

Check this section for the latest news on achievements, births, marriages and obituaries.



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Newsletters



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Resources/Links





KFEIRIAN WEBSITE

Our newest project for the website involves gathering family stories about individual Kfeirians and their families. You can check out many family stories that have already been added to this new section at Kfeir.com, Family News, Family Stories.

Please talk with Denise Mickel Russell about having your family story added to this section. Or email your story to reunion@kfeir.com.



GENEALOGY

The Kfeirian Family Tree

The Kfeirian Family tree exists because of your dedication to the Kfeirian family. It began on a napkin in 1982 at the 50th Reunion and has grown to over 5,100 Kfeirians and their families. Our branches reach 10 generations and the family is spread to countries all over the world.


For access to the Kfeirian family tree please click the button below to email Kevin Donley. He will give you access to the tree via Ancestry.com. Once you view the tree you can email any additions or corrections. There are currently 83 Kfeirians who have access to the tree and requests are coming in weekly.

[Email Kevin Donley](#)





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KFEIRIAN SCHOLARSHIP

- Scholarship information is posted on Kfeir.com website.
- Financial need, leadership and scholastic ability are the criteria by which applicants are judged, in addition to meeting the requirements of the Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship Program.
- Scholarships are limited to four years and designed for courses leading to an undergraduate degree in an accredited college or university.
- Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Sunday banquet.



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OUR FOUNDERS



We are working on a project to identify the founders in this 1933 portrait. If you can help, check out the poster at the registration table or visit Kfeir.com and email responses to reunion@kfeir.com.



THE 79TH KFEIRIAN REUNION

HELD IN MYRTLE BEACH, SC





THE 80TH KFEIRIAN REUNION HELD IN CHARLESTON, WV





THE 81ST KFEIRIAN REUNION

HELD IN MYRTLE BEACH, SC





THE 82ND KFEIRIAN REUNION

HELD IN HUNTINGTON, WV





THE 83RD KFEIRIAN REUNION

HELD IN CHARLESTON, WV





THE 84TH KFEIRIAN REUNION

HELD IN MYRTLE BEACH, SC





2017 GROUP PICTURE

**This year's group picture
will be taken
on Sunday during the banquet.**



KFEIRIAN YOUTH ATTENDANCE

Youth attendance (17 & under) for the past several years has been:

- 2016, 84th Reunion in Myrtle Beach, SC - 20
- 2015, 83rd Reunion in Charleston, WV - 22
- 2014, 82nd Reunion in Huntington, WV - 27
- 2013, 81st Reunion in Myrtle Beach, SC - 37
- 2012, 80th Reunion in Charleston, WV - 25
- 2011, 79th Reunion in Myrtle Beach, SC - 34
- 2010, 78th Reunion in Huntington, WV - 24



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THE 85TH
KFEIRIAN REUNION!**