
NEWSLETTER

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Joe Ghiz: Leading Canadian Political Figure

When Joseph Ghiz became Premier of Prince Edward Island on May 2, 1986, he made history by becoming the first Canadian Premier of non-European ancestry.

Joe, 45, was born in Charlottetown, the son of the late Atallah Joseph Ghiz and Marguerite McKarris. Atallah departed Kfeir in 1927 bound for South America, but somehow ended up in St. Kitt's in the Caribbean, where he was first a peddler and then a merchant.

In 1943, Atallah moved to Charlottetown, where he bought a corner grocery store, and it is there that Joe was born and raised, along with two brothers and two sisters. Atallah resisted the pressure to change his name from Ghiz to Kays.

The store was the center of their lives because it was the meeting place for the neighborhood--the unofficial debating forum. Joe attributes his interest in politics to this beginning, and to the encouragement he received from his father. Joe recalls the "absolute conviction of my father that we could be anything we wanted to be."

Another important lesson he learned from his father is summed up in these words: "If you want something to happen you have to make it happen. Luck and circumstance do not come marching to your door to hand you anything that is worthwhile on a silver platter. You get what you work for, and if you don't get the prize there is, at least, the dignity of the work you do."

Joe attended Dalhousie University--where he was active in campus politics--receiving his Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1966, and his law degree in 1969. In 1981 he received a Master of Law from Harvard, and an honorary Doctor of Law from the University of Prince Edward Island in 1987.

Joe was a senior partner in a Charlottetown law firm where he conducted general legal practice. He was a former member of the National Executive of the Liberal Party of Canada, and a former President of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island.

Joe explains that "I became a Liberal because it seemed to me the Liberal Party philosophy had more to do with helping people than institutions . . . that the liberal philosophy was pragmatic in seeking economic and

social justice for people rather than attempting to make them conform to an ideology."

He was elected in 1982 as a member of the Legislative Assembly and re-elected in 1986. When the Liberal Party won the election in 1986, Joe was installed as Premier and President of the Executive Council on May 2, 1986. He was re-elected for a second term as Premier on May 29, 1989.

Joe is married to Rose Ellen McGowan of Montague. They have two children, Robert and Joanne. He is a member of the St. Peter's Anglican Church in Charlottetown.

-Frank Zakem

Kfeirians Make Their Mark on Prince Edward Island

Most of the Lebanese in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, are related to other Lebanese on the island. Most trace their ancestry to just a few villages, with a majority coming from the village of Kfeir, in the province of Hasbaya, in South Lebanon.

In 1988, the Canadian-Lebanese Association celebrated the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first Kfeirian to the island. There were many festivities commemorating this milestone, and special ceremonies noting contributions of the Lebanese community.

The year marked the publication of two books concerning the Lebanese community history on the island. The first, *A Stream Out of Lebanon*, was written by Professor David Weale of the University of Prince Edward Island. This book, reviewed in this issue of the Newsletter is of interest to all Kfeirians. Readers may be surprised to find a cousin or dear friend in this part of the world. An excerpt, *Lebanon and the Lebanese*, is printed in this issue of the Newsletter.

The other book, *Today's Memory...Tomorrow's Dream...*, is a souvenir booklet dedicated to the early Lebanese settlers on Prince Edward Island. It also discusses the history of Lebanon and the Lebanese culture. Both books can be obtained from Tweel's Gift Shop, 56 University Avenue, Charlottetown, PEI Canada. (Telephone: 902 894-8882.)

--Nazmi Lawen

The Editor Speaks

Your enthusiasm for first issue of the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation Newsletter has been warmly felt, and your support greatly appreciated.

You have expressed your approval of the newsletter with your many notes, letters, and telephone calls. You have sent than 400 changes to the directory, a total of 900 changes in the past 9 months. You have sent news about yourself, your friends and family, and your community. **Thirty-nine of you have contributed \$1400, an average of \$36 per contribution!!** The names of the contributors are printed in the adjacent column. We thank you for your generosity.

Newsletter costs were higher than we initially estimated. However, some start up costs need not be repeated. A newsletter organization has been created and a process established. Subsequent issues will be easier to produce. The enthusiasm and cooperation of the thirty co-editors has been exceptional.

The cost of the first issue of the newsletter was nearly \$1,400, more when in-kind contributions are counted. The actual costs for printing was \$575, and postal charges were \$637, a sum that includes return notification and bulk mailing fees. There were several additional mailings to the co-editors, scholarship recipients, and board-members.

If you think there is value in a newsletter for the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, won't you please share in supporting this project. Become a member of the "Yes, I Want to Keep The Newsletter Going Club." Send your contribution in today. Use the form in this issue.

I have suggested to the Board of Directors five purposes for our Newsletter:

- ↔ To foster increased communication among Kfeirians by publishing an annual directory.
- ↔ To encourage greater awareness of Lebanese culture and tradition, particularly among the young.
- ↔ To nurture pride in the accomplishments of Kfeirians by publicizing news of their achievements.
- ↔ To stimulate increased attendance at the annual reunion.
- ↔ To garner support for the scholarship program, and other projects of the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation.

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed. Remember that we are entirely dependent on you to send us news and information, and feature story material. This is *your* newsletter: use it and enjoy it.

-Abe J. Bassett

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THE PRESIDENT'S BOX

Karyn Cantees Stagg

Start making your plans - the 58th annual Kfeirian Reunion will be here before you know it! This year the Charleston/Kanawha Valley committee will be the hosts at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Huntington, West Virginia. Charleston's annual Sternwheel Regatta precludes our having the reunion in the host city.

This year's committee is delighted to be able to offer this fabulous hotel for our annual reunion. The Radisson's facilities are among the finest and the quality of the food and service is always first rate.

Mark the dates on your calendar - Labor Day weekend, September 1, 2, and 3. We expect a large crowd and will have many activities planned for both adults and children.

As president of the Foundation and chairperson of this year's reunion committee I not only feel privileged to be able to participate but also cherish the many friends I've made through the years from my involvement in the reunions. There are so many Kfeirians out there; with more than a thousand families on our mailing list wouldn't it be wonderful if even half came to the reunion?

If you haven't been to a reunion in the past few years or if you've not been to one at all I hope this is the year you'll decide to come. And please bring the children! Let them experience their cultural heritage through both the music and the merriment. Let them enjoy staying up half the night doing the dubke through the halls to the beat of the drums, eating lots of good food, learning to dance the way sitti used to dance, and most of all meeting wonderful people with whom you share a common experience.

Our reunion has come a long way. Having survived for fifty-eight years the Board of Directors is committed to seeing that the tradition continues. One of the things we are doing to assure this happens is the newsletter you are reading.

We are delighted with this glimpse into our heritage and we are indebted to Abe Bassett and his committee of city editors and helpers for the dedication they have shown in producing this outstanding publication. I know that you share my enthusiasm for their efforts and that many of you have made donations to ensure its continuation. If you enjoy the newsletter please continue to support it financially.

For many of us the reunion is the only experience we have during the year that links us with our Kfeirian past. I am taking this opportunity to thank all who have worked through the years to ensure its continued existence. Each Kfeirian who cherishes his or her heritage is indebted to you.

And now, as we approach our 58th reunion, may God bless each of you. See you at the reunion!

Join Us In Huntington for the 58th Annual Kfeirian Reunion

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- Registration •
- Swimming Party •
- Reception honoring past Reunion Chairpersons and Board of Trustee Presidents •
- Cocktail Hour •
- Dinner Banquet •
- Hafli and Disco •

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- Scholarship Meeting •
- Newsletter Editors Meeting •
- Brunch •
- Business Meeting •
- Arabic Dance Instruction •
- Ice Cream Party •
- Cocktail Hour •
- Grand Banquet •
- Grand Ball •

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- Scholarship Meeting •
- Board of Directors Meeting •
- Brunch Buffet •

Early room registration: \$55.00 per night.

**Identify yourself as attending
the Kfeirian Reunion
when calling for room reservations.
Radisson Hotel: 800 333-3333**

Book Review

"GOING TO THE COUNTRY"

A Stream Out of Lebanon, by David Weale. Charlottetown: Institute of Island Studies, 1988, 57 pages. paper, \$6.95 (ISBN 0-919013-12-0).

Review by Joseph G. Jabbra

Marking the centenary of their arrival, this book is a narrative of Lebanese struggles and achievements in Prince Edward Island. Although the Lebanese constitute only one percent of the Island's population, the author believes that their story may help us learn some important things, not only about them, but also about the universal immigrant experience. David Weale's book first provides the reader with useful information about the history of Lebanon, Lebanese emigration, and the journey to Prince Edward Island. It then emphasizes three aspects of the Lebanese experience on the Island: going peddling, corner-store commerce, and blending-in.

The early Lebanese resorted to "going to the country," as they called it, for a number of reasons: it required little capital; they impressed the local wholesalers with their reliability; and peddling did not require the Lebanese to be fluent in English. According to Weale the Lebanese succeeded on peddling because of their commitment, determination, and hard work. The Islanders received them well and looked forward to seeing them, especially in the winter and the spring when travelling was difficult. In turn, the Lebanese returned when their customers came to Charlottetown. Although the majority of Lebanese peddlers were men, there were a few women peddlers. Peddling disappeared in the 1950's when better roads and communications made peddlers' services unnecessary.

For many Lebanese peddling was a means to establishing a corner store and most were able to save enough money to realize their dream. In fact, Lebanese corner stores are still found on many streets in Charlottetown, especially in the older parts of the city. The typical Lebanese corner store was family owned and operated; it was a way of life as well as an economic endeavor. Usually the family lived in the same building as the store; husband and wife shared responsibilities of home and business on much the same way as Islanders shared farm duties. According to Weale, the Lebanese succeeded in corner store commerce for the same reasons that brought success in peddling: hard work, long hours, delayed self-gratification, and a determination to succeed.

Like other ethnic minorities in homogeneous societies, Lebanese immigrants encountered ethnic slurs and demeaning comments on the street and in school; as late as 1986 a member of the opposition party referred to Premier Joseph A. Ghiz as a "black boy." On balance, however, the Lebanese knew how to manage

the prejudice they met because they came from a society where accommodation was essential for survival, they knew they were different, and even in the face of prejudice they avoided provocation. They worked hard to blend in and blend in they did. But this should not make us forget the anxiety and sadness Lebanese immigrants experienced when they left a familiar culture and geography and settled on a difficult environment.

I recommend *A Stream Out of Lebanon* to politicians, public servants, scholars interested in ethnicity and multiculturalism, and ordinary Canadian Citizens. It is the first book written on the Lebanese experience in Prince Edward Island. The three sections dealing with peddling, corner store commerce, and blending in are particularly valuable. Here the author succeeds in giving us a vivid picture of what the Lebanese immigrants had to go through in order to establish themselves. Photographs and interviews with Lebanese old-timers added greatly to the points the author was trying to make and Weale's book is also important because it establishes a foundation for new research on the Lebanese, research which is both comparative and theoretical.

For helping us understand the Lebanese experience in Canada and for pointing to new areas of research, Weale deserves our appreciation.

Joseph G. Jabbra is co-author, with Nancy Jabbra, of *Voyageurs to A Rocky Shore: The Lebanese and Syrians of Nova Scotia and Peoples of the Maritimes: Lebanese*.

LEBANON AND THE LEBANESE

The article "Lebanon and the Lebanese" is extracted from David Weale's *A Stream Out of Lebanon: An Introduction to the Coming of Syrian/Lebanese Emigrants to Prince Edward Island* with the permission of the author. A second excerpt from the book is planned for the next issue. -Ed.

That small part of the world known today as Lebanon is an ancient land with a complex and tumultuous history. It is a country at the crossroads of an empire, and over the centuries it has been accustomed to the tramping of many feet, for there has always been a continuous coming and going of traders, travellers, and--alas!--of soldiers.

Lebanon has known many influences. At one time or another it has been associated with the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans, the Arabs, the Turks, the French, the Syrians, the Palestinians, and the Israelis. Unfortunately, these associations have often been ones of invasion and

occupation. But Lebanon has survived, and exists today, precariously, as a sovereign and independent state.

Though the Lebanese people can trace their history back to Biblical times, the Republic of Lebanon is a young nation, younger even than Canada. Following the First World War, the French were given a mandate in the Middle East by the League of Nations under which the boundaries of Mt. Lebanon were extended. Mt. Lebanon had been a district within the old Turkish Empire since 1861. The boundary was moved eastward across the Bekaa Valley to the crest of the Anti-Lebanon Range and southward to the present border with Israel. In both cases the territory added formerly had been a part of Syria. Also, certain coastal areas were incorporated into this new entity. In 1920 all this territory was organized as the Republic of Lebanon. The French stayed on in the Middle East between the First and Second World Wars, and it was not until 1943 that Lebanon achieved independent status. In 1945 it became a founding member of the Arab League and of the United Nations.

The extension of Lebanon's boundaries and its formation as an independent state took place long after many Lebanese had left their homes to emigrate to Prince Edward Island. This explains why they were known here for years not as Lebanese, but as Syrians. It was a correct description at the time. But with the enlarging of Lebanon's boundaries to include their home villages, the "Syrians" of the Island gradually took on the new Lebanese identification.

Through a small country, Lebanon has an extremely mixed population. Representatives of almost every nation and group in the Middle East can be found there. Adding to this complexity is the existence within the country of three major religious groups, and a wide variety of denominational sub-groups. Christians make up approximately half the population, as do Muslims. The balance between these two is such a sensitive matter, and is so much a part of the politics of the nation, that the Lebanese government has not been willing to risk an official census for decades. Religious affiliation and loyalty have always been very important parts of the collective identity of Syrian and Lebanese peoples. It might even be said that religious allegiance is to them what national allegiance is to many other peoples.

Additionally, there is a smaller group known as the Druze. They are an off-shoot of Islam, but do not wish to be known as Muslim. It is estimated that the Druze comprise about six or seven percent of the population.

Because of this contiguity of differing peoples and faiths, it is not surprising that the history of Lebanon

has been marred by internal tensions and conflict. Lebanese life has been characterized for generations by the necessity of "making arrangements" with people different from oneself, and by the need for accommodation in the midst of potentially threatening circumstances. This is especially true for the Christian Lebanese, surrounded as they are by Muslim neighbours. One Lebanese man interviewed in Lebanon for a magazine article remarked:

We Lebanese are skillful in the use of compromise for survival. We have had to do that, to zig and zag, to give and take a little, and we've always managed to hold on to our identity.

This aspect of Lebanese life was doubtless advantageous to those emigrants who left the homeland to settle among strangers. It prepared them for making the difficult adjustments demanded by their relocation. The Lebanese knew how to get along with people different from themselves for they had been doing it for centuries.

A people are shaped by their religious, political, and social traditions: they are also shaped by the land itself. Lebanon is not a large place. It is about 130 miles long and 30-50 miles wide--not all that different from Prince Edward Island. But there are few other topographical similarities.

Lebanon is divided into four distinct regions. Moving inland from the Mediterranean, from west to east, there is hot coastal plain where the major cities of Tyre, Sidon, Beirut, and Tripoli are located. Next, there is a mountain range, known as the Labanon Mountains, where the famous "Cedars of Lebanon" once flourished. This is the historical Lebanon, the heart of the nation. There are peaks there, more than 10,000 feet high, which are snow-capped the year around. The word "Lebanon" probably comes from the Aramaic "laban," meaning white. To the east of these mountains is the fertile Bekaa Valley, drained in the south by the Litani River and in the north by the Orontes. Finally, there is another spine of mountains, the Anti-Lebanon Range, on the border with Syria. Unlike the other countries of the Middle East, Lebanon has no desert.

The beautiful and richly variegated landscape of Lebanon has been celebrated through the centuries. It has inspired many of its native writers, such as the renowned Kahlil Gibran, to express a joyous kinship with the land, while lamenting its history of tragedy and strife. Herein lies one of the great ironies of Lebanon: the land is so pleasant that people go there from around the world to visit, but its history is so harsh that its native sons and daughters have been driven out by the hundreds of thousands. As Alice Reid of Charlottetown

expressed it, "I love the country, lovely country. Too bad we can't live in it."

It would be possible to have a very good debate over whether the Lebanese people have been more influenced by the mountains or by the sea. The mountains have bred in them a strong sense of clannishness and separateness, and reinforced certain enduring internal divisions. Hidden away in their valley sanctuaries, the mountain people of Lebanon have been able, over the centuries, to preserve the integrity of their communities in the midst of treacherous political circumstances. But this very aspect of the terrain which has permitted preservation on the small scale has also hampered the evolution of a broader, better-integrated national identity.

Then there is the sea. Lebanon's seaports are doorways to the world, and through them traffic has flowed voluminously in both directions, making Lebanon easily the most cosmopolitan of the Arab-speaking peoples. The frontage on the Mediterranean, in combination with Lebanon's location at the crossroads of the Middle East, has also greatly encouraged the practice of trade and business. "Making business" is second nature to the Lebanese, and this commercial aptitude has become the mark of Lebanese emigrants the world over.

**Kfeirian Reunion Foundation
Financial Statement as of April 30, 1990**

Beginning Balance, December 31, 1989	628.79
Income:	
1989 Reunion Reimbursement & Profit	1,022.60
Scholarship Donations from Reunion	1,080.00
Interest Earned Year-to-Date on Certificates of Deposit	1,248.89
Contributions to Newsletter	925.88
Memorial Contributions	95.00
Disbursements:	
Scholarship Assistance	1,500.00
Checks purchased	11.77
Balance of Checking	3,489.39
Certificates of Deposits	41,000.00
Total Fund Balance	44,489.39
	-Jane Eubanks, Treasurer

**KFEIRIAN SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM BEGINS SECOND
QUARTER CENTURY**

The Kfeirian Scholarship Program, established in the early 60's, awarded the first scholarship in 1964. In the intervening quarter of a century, 49 scholarships have been awarded, with a value of \$78,000.

In the beginning, two scholarships of \$400 each were granted, but not the figure has risen to six scholarships at \$600 each.

The beginning of the Kfeirian Scholarship program dates to the late 1950's, when, according to Edmund George, a request for financial aid was received from a young man in Prince Edward Island. This inquiry led to discussion among members of the board, and eventually to action. At a meeting of the board, June 7, 1959, Sol Steffan asked for a scholarship program feasibility study.

Three months later, in September, 1959, Adeb Sadd presented a scholarship study report. In September, 1961, Edmund George presented a recommendation that the board establish a scholarship program for worthy individuals. \$4000 was made available to the scholarship committee, and a permanent committee established.

The first applicant for a scholarship was Anthony Lakis, but his request of May 20, 1962 was denied because the committee was not yet fully functional. The first scholarships were awarded two years later, going to Diane Dee Mickel (DeGroff) and Lindsay Coleman. [See scholarship profile section.]

The first committee consisted of Edmund George, Chairman, John Sakakini, and James Hanna. The committee members served together for several years. Through the years many persons have served on this committee. Some of them are: Joseph Bolus, Mary Lou Bokair, Louis Rahall, Sol Steffan, Ray Hawarny, Marshall Simon, Louis Kawaja, Ernest Tweel, George and Adeb Sadd, Edward Saad, Hafiz Nasar, George Kawaja, Abe Kawaja, Rose Thabet Christian, Larry Jamra, Abe Cantees, John Joseph, David Rahal, and Phillip and Emile Michael.

The present committee consists of Mitchell Mickel, George Hanna, Thomas Bevins, Donna Joseph Lucas, Jane Eubanks, and Selma Edinger. Students interested in applying for a scholarship should write directly to George Hanna (25 Hillendale, Huntington, WV 25705) or Michael Mickel (2913 S. Macon St., S. Charleston, WV. 25303) to request an application form. The deadline for filing applications for the 1990-1991 academic year is July 15, 1990. Awards will be determined and announced at the 58th Reunion in Huntington in September.

-George Hanna

THE KFEIRIAN REUNION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PRESENTS PROFILES OF 25 YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

In the past 25 years, forty-nine Kfeirians have received scholarship aid through the KRF scholarship program. Below are profiles of twenty-five former and present scholarship students: Where are they? What are they doing? Has their education been of benefit to them? Read on! Each of the individuals below wrote to the scholarship committee, thanking the committee and all Kfeirians for their help and generosity. All, of course, greatly appreciated the money, but many explained that the moral support was equally important. A report to the Board of Directors of their comments will be presented at the annual business meeting in September.

Sami Raja Abou Rizk, Of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, received scholarships in 1975, 1976, and 1977, graduating in 1977 from Ottawa University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He is employed by the Al-Mashrik Contracting Company as an Electrical and Mechanical contractor. His parents are Raja and Ramzia Abou Rizk; grandparents are Simion and Hanni Abou Rizk, all of Kfeir.

Lisa Andrews, Boston, graduated from Fairmont State College and the West Virginia Institute of Technology with two associate degrees, one in Data Processing and the other in General Business. Lisa is the daughter of Selma Andrews and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rahall, all of Beckley. Lisa received two and one-half scholarships, and completed her college work in 1986. She works for the Patriot's Trail Girl Scout Council.

Janice K. Barger, Oolteway, TN is the daughter of the late Saber Lowen and Nahia Rahall Nunnink. Her grandparents, all deceased, were Michael and Mary Lowen and Wadih and Nellie Thabet Rahall. Janice graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science, with honors. She is employed at the National Title Insurance Agency. Her scholarships were awarded

from 1968 to 1972.

Thomas Phillip Bevins, Surfside Beach, SC, received scholarships from 1979-1982. Tom graduated from West Virginia University in 1983 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He is employed by Engineering and Technical Services, Inc. and is a project manager responsible for engineering design of water, wastewater, street and surface water drainage systems for commercial and residential developments. Tom is the grandson of the late Abe and Nahia Mickel and son of Robert and Gloria Bevins of Williamson.

Clay Christian, Silver Springs, MD, was awarded scholarships from 1977 through 1980. He earned his B.A. degree in Geography in 1981 at West Virginia University, followed by a Master of Science in Energy Resource Economics in 1986. In June, he will attend Northeastern University in Boston to complete a second graduate degree. Clay has been working as an economist for the U.S. Department of Treasury in Washington. In his job, he develops data collected from tax returns into a report for Congress. Charles is the son of Rose Christian and grandson of Toufic and Rasmia Thabet of South Charleston, WV.

Lindsay Coleman, Blacksburg, VA,

was awarded four scholarships during his studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts. After teaching high school, and attending graduate school at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Lindsay began real estate investment. This led to his establishment of Maxwell's Restaurant 12 years ago, a fine dining restaurant with a separate bar that features light entertainment nightly. Lindsay is the son of Anne Cantees and the late Seaton Coleman, and grandson of the late Abraham and Nellie Cantees, all of Williamson.

Richard Joseph Donley, Dearborn, is a 1989 graduate of Wayne State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcasting and Journalism. He was granted Kfeirian Foundation scholarships in 1986 and 1988. His grandfather is Jim Mansour Thabet, and his parents are Herbert Donley and Mary Husson. He works at the Financial Market Services, the in-house advertising agency for Olde Discount Corporation, a national stock brokerage firm headquartered in Detroit.

Jamal S. El-Hage, Montreal, the son of Shawki and Odette El-Hage of Kfeir, received scholarships in 1984 and 1985. He graduated from Concordia University in 1985 with a

Bachelor of Engineering and Master of Engineer in Electrical/Power Engineering. Jamal is employed by Northern Telecom as a system application engineer. He is responsible for designing telephone switching systems. Jamal frequently travels throughout North America and the world. His grandparents are Michael and Helen El-Hage and Sulaiman and Hana Mickel of Kfeir.

Teri Jean Nicholson Ellis, Sioux Falls, SD, was awarded a scholarship in 1971 to study at the University of South Dakota, graduating in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. Teri taught school for 9 and one-half years and is now employed at the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce where she is Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Her grandparents are the late Charles and Lena Abourezk, and her parents are Dick Nicholson and Virginia Abourezk Nicholson, of Winner, SD. Teri received scholarships in 1987 and 1989.

Lila Elizabeth Bassett Ellison, Clemmons, NC, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Social work from Fairmont State College, and her Master of Social Work degree from West Virginia. She works at the Mental Health Center as a clinical social worker. Her parents are Sammy A. and Mary E. Bassett, and her grandparents are Sam and Amelia Rahall, all of Beckley.

Michele L. George, Huntington, studies at Randolph Macon Woman's College, but is spending her junior year abroad at Reading University in Reading, England. She will return in July. Michele is the daughter of Mike and Joycelyn, and granddaughter of Mike and Hilda George of Huntington.

Lisa Lee Harris, Ann Arbor, studies at Michigan State University, and will graduate in

June, 1991 with a major in Biology and Psychology. Lisa works at MSU's Wharton Center for Performing Arts, and plans to enter medical school upon graduation. Her grandparents are the late Naseef and Della McCarus of Charleston, and her mother is Norma Lee McCarus Harris.

Richard Arthur Kerbawy, Haslet, MI, received Kfeirian scholarships from 1967 through 1970. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications in 1971 and a Master of Science degree in Communications in 1973 from Eastern Michigan University. In 1977, he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the T. M. Cooley Law School in Lansing. From 1977 to 1981, he was Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Ingham County where he prosecuted criminal and civil cases. Since 1981, Richard has been Chief Attorney Referee for the Probate and Juvenile courts. He is employed by the Inghman County Juvenile Court.

Nazmi Lawen, Charlottetown, PEI, is the son of Azar and Nadia Lawen, and grandson of Rashed and Saleiba Lawen, all of Kfeir. A scholarship recipient in 1978 and 1979, Nazmi received a Master of Applied Science, Civil Engineering degree from the University of Ottawa in 1984. He is employed by Coles Associates, Ltd., where he is senior structural engineer, responsible for the structural branch of this engineering firm.

Carolyn Michael McDonough, Midlothian, VA, received scholarships from 1976 through 1979. She graduated from West Virginia University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She is presently employed at the McGuire Medical Center in Richmond, VA, where she is a staff nurse in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit. Carolyn is the daughter of Frederick G. and Emmeline Russell

Michael, and granddaughter of Minnie and Albert Michael, all of Beckley.

Sarah Frances Bassett Mederos, Port Washington, NY, is a registered nurse, having received her ADN degree in 1982 from Fairmont State College. Sarah is the daughter of Sammy A. and Mary E. Bassett and granddaughter of Sam and Amelia Rahal, all of Beckley.

Virginia A. DeGross North, Ann Arbor, MI, is the daughter of Vern DeGross and Lucile Kerbawy DeGross, and granddaughter of Abe and Nada Corey Kerbawy, all of Blissfield. She was awarded scholarships from 1969 to 1973 as she attended Michigan State University, graduating in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design. She is now a professor at Eastern Michigan University where she coordinates the Interior Design Program. She is writing a dissertation for a doctor's degree at the University of Michigan.

Tracie Christian Rose, Matthews, NC, daughter of Rose Thabet and Don Christian, and granddaughter of Rasmia and Toufic Thabet, all of S. Charleston, graduated from Morris Harvey College (now the University of Charleston) in 1974. She earned an Associate Degree in Nursing and now works at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte. She was awarded scholarships in 1972 and 1973.

Charles Georges Saad, Lexington, KY, received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1985 and his Master of Science degree in 1987, both from the University of Kentucky. He majored in civil engineering, and is presently completing work on his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering. Charles is the son of Georges Saad of Beirut, and the grandson of Mountaha Saad of

Huntington. He received his Kfeirian scholarships in 1982 and 1983.

Tony Ayoub Saad, Huntington, presently studies Accounting at Marshall University, where he is a freshman. Tony is the son of Rose and the late Ayoub Saad, and the grandson of Mountaha and the late Toufic Saad, all of Huntington. Tony was awarded his scholarship in 1989.

Phillip George Sadd, Herts, England, was awarded scholarships from 1980 to 1984. He attended the University of Georgia, graduating in 1985 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management Information Systems. Phillip is currently employed by the Coin Financial Systems of Atlanta, but is Director of United Kingdom Operations. Phillip is the son of Louise Sadd of Marietta, GA, and Jamiel Sadd of Reseda, CA.

Randal Michael Sadd, Marietta, GA, graduated in 1989 from the University of Georgia, where he studied economics. Randy received Kfeirian scholarships in 1982, and 1983. He is owner and operator of

his own window washing company, and is the son of Louise Sadd of Marietta, GA, and Jamiel Sadd of Reseda, CA.

Clay William Scott, Berkeley, CA, is a student of Near Eastern Studies and Arabic Language at the University of California at Berkeley. He expects to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1991. Clay is the son of Lorraine Bassett Scott of Palo Alto, CA, and grandson of the late Ibrahim and Rahija Saad Bassett. Clay has received scholarships in 1987, 1988, 1989.

David G. Thabet, Huntington, received a Kfeirian Scholarship in 1967. He attended the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Lexington, KY, graduating in 1968 with a Licentiate in Theology (L.Th). Rev. David is a priest at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. He is the son of the late George Nimmar Thabet and Martha Columbia Hage.

Mydina Rasmia Thabet, S. Charleston, was awarded scholarships each year of her studies at West Virginia University, where she graduated in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in

Agriculture and Forestry, majoring in Nutrition and Dietetics. She works at the Heartland of Charleston, a 184-bed Nursing Home facility, where she serves as Dietary Manager. Mydina's parents are Charles and Layla Thabet, and her grandparents are Toufic and Rasmia Thabet, all of South Charleston.

Other Kfeirian Reunion Foundation Scholarship recipients are listed below. The date of their scholarship is indicated when known. Please informed the editor of corrections.

Laura C. Andrews (1986); Michael W. Bergines (1983); Jeanette A. Coury (1986); Diana Dee Michael Crush (1964); John Michael DeFalco (1985); Susan Lucille Reed Enslin (1968); Joyce Esber; Nabih Nassar Fakhoury; Larry Johnson; Mary Ann Kawaja; Gregory A. Kerbawy (1968-1971); Ibrahim Margi; George McKarris (1980); Georgann Michael; Samir Abou Nasser; Philip Samuel Ramey; James Paul Reed; Ayoub Saad; Edward T. Saad (1972); Toufic Ayoub Saad (1984); Venice Saad; Phillip Sadd; Catherine M. Shamas (1986); Rebecca Thabet (1989).

THE KFEIRIAN REUNION SINCE 1970

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Reunion</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Host City</u>
1970-71	Phillip Michael	1970 38th	Abe Cantees	Williamson (Huntington)
1971-72	Edmund George	1971 39th	Phillip Michael	Charleston
1972-73	Raymond Hawarny	1972 40th	Edward Thabet	Huntington
1973-74	Louis Kawaja	1973 41st	Louis Rahall	Beckley
1974-75	Larry Jamra	1974 42nd	Philip G. Michael	Bluefield
1975-76	Marshall Simon	1975 43rd	Sol N. Steffan	Williamson (South Point)
1976-77	George Hanna	1976 44th	George Hanna	Huntington
1977-78	George Hanna	1977 45th	Mitchell Mickel	Huntington
1978-79	Raymond Hawarny	1978 46th	Louis Rahall	Beckley
1979-80	Raymond Hawarny	1979 47th	Paul McCoy/AbeCantees	Williamson
1980-81	Raymond Hawarny	1980 48th	John Joseph	Huntington
1981-82	Larry Jamra	1981 49th	Frances/Harry Lynch	Bluefield
1982-83	Larry Jamra	1982 50th	George Hanna	Huntington
1983-84	Larry Jamra	1983 51st	Joe Coury	Parkersburg
1984-85	Larry Jamra	1984 52nd	Helen Ramey	Beckley
1985-86	Amiel Michael	1985 53rd	Karyn Stagg	Charleston
1986-87	Amiel Michael	1986 54th	Jeannette McCoy	Williamson (Lexington)
1987-88	Karyn Stagg	1987 55th	David Rahal	Huntington
1988-89	Karyn Stagg	1988 56th	John Joseph	Toledo
1989-90	Karyn Stagg	1989 57th	A Edinger/Teri Willoughby	Columbus
1990-91		1990 58th	Karyn Stagg	Charleston (Huntington)

BIRTHS

Rodney and Winona McCoy, are the parents of a son, Rodney Dean McCoy II, born February 11. The grandparents are Paul and Jeanette Cantees McCoy of Williamson, WV.

John and Chris Joseph, are the parents of a son, Nicholas Samuel, born April 3. He weighed seven pounds, three ounces at birth.

John and Linda De Falco [Michael and Joseph Clan] of Toledo, are the parents Ashley born January 28, 1990. Their other child is John Michael (2/25/88).

David and Sandy Michael Campbell, Charleston, have adopted another baby, Perry Michael, their second son. Sandy is the daughter of Amiel and Julia Michael of Charleston.

Valerie and Chris Cundiff, of Dayton, are parents to a son Tyler Andrew, born February 4, 1990. Valerie is the daughter of Abe and Sharon Bassett.

Mitchell and Donna Parlette, Lancaster, OH are the parents of a second daughter, Alica, born May 8, 1989; Suzanna is 4. Mitchell is the son of Gladys Bassett Parlette, and grandson of the late Abraham and Rahija Bassett.

DEATHS

Arthur R. Corey, Portland OR, formerly of Charleston, died February 18, after a long illness. He is a member of St. George Orthodox Church, Charleston. He is survived by his brother, Joseph L. Corey of Grand Rapids, MI, and Lewis Michael Corey of Charleston. Arthur was a technical writer for savings and loan companies.

Malakey (Mike) Corey, 89, Beckley, passed away following a short illness. She was born Feb. 14, 1900, in Arne Syria, the daughter of George and Zanie George. She was preceded in

death by her husband, Mike Corey. She is survived by three sons, Matthew, Edward and George of Beckley, two daughters, Mary Michael and Madeline Spinosi, nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Services were held at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Rev. Father Paul Nembr and Very Rev. Father George Rados officiating.

Edna Lowen Khourie, Charleston, died January 4, at Palm Beach Garden Center, FL, after a short illness. She was a lifelong resident of Charleston and a retired owner and manager of Yvonne's Uniform Shop. She is survived by her husband, Fred N. Khourie; daughter Yvonne of Riviera Beach, FL; sisters Lena Salamy, Rosalie Lowen, and Marguerite Lowen, all of Charleston; and brothers Louis G. Lowen, Charleston, and Ernest E. Lowen of Fairfax, VA. Services were held at the St. George Orthodox Church in Charleston.

Nazek S. Mickel, 76, Orlando, wife of the late Kamal, died March 15, in Florida. She was born in Lebanon and was a member of St. George Orthodox Church of Charleston. She is survived by her daughter, Lila Fischer of Orlando, her sisters Olga Mickel and Suhad Abood of Lebanon, and one grandchild.

Nahia Mickel, 85, died Thursday, February 1, in Williamson, WV. Born May 4, 1904, in Kfair, she was a daughter of Joseph and Khalic (Bassett) Facoury. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Abe R. Michel. She is survived by brother Assad Facoury, San Paulo, Brazil; her sons Mitchell, South Charleston; Alex, Richmond, VA; Fred, and daughter Gloria Bevins, Williamson. She left nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Fred Simon, Sr., 74, and his wife, **Della**, 57, of Bluefield, WV, died February 10, just hours after a birthday celebration for Della, when

they were apparently overcome by smoke and heat.

Ramez Ramey, Beckley, passed away on July 22, 1989.

Ayoub T. Saad, 56, died April 19, at his home in Huntington. He was born Feb. 11, 1934, in Kfeir, son of Mountaha McKarios Saad of Huntington and the late Toufic K. Saad. He is also survived by his wife, Rose Jadah, a daughter, Venice, and two sons, Toufic and Tony; four brothers, George and Daniel of Lebanon, Julian and Edward two sisters, Naimie Joseph and Eva McKarios. He was an official of the British Bank of the Middle East in Beirut. He came to Huntington in 1985 and was a member of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church and the Great Beirut Masonic Lodge.

MARRIAGES

Lourice Dianne Abourizk, North Miami, FL, was married on June 17, 1989, to Dr. Lester McIntyre. Lourice is the daughter of Fouad and Rahme Abourizk of St. Kitts, West Indies. She graduated from Barry University with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing and is employed with the Jackson Memorial Hospital as a pediatric registered nurse. The groom graduated from the University of the West Indies and specialized in Neonatology at the University of Miami. He is now employed with Memorial Hospital in Hollywood as a Neonatologist.

Debra K. Salamy and Paul M. Scholz were married, May 13, 1989, in Whitesville, W.Va. Debra is the daughter of Alfred E. and Beverly A. Salamy of Whitesville. She received her B.S. degree in Biology from West Virginia University before acquiring her Master's degree in Marine Biology. She is now employed by A. T. Kearney, Inc., as a consultant. Paul is a research fellow with the Marine Board of the National Academy of Science of

Washington. They are expecting their first child in October.

Philip Michael Browne, son of Howard and Jean Browne, was married to Chris Wright in Charleston in 1988. Their first child was born June 4, 1989. They reside in Hurricane. Philip is currently president of the National Central Alarms of Huntington. He is the grandson on Philip and Mae Michael of Charleston.

Selana F. Shaheen of Canton, OH, and **Fred E. Shaheen** of Santa Monica CA, were married in the St. George Romanian Byzantine Catholic Cathedral. Officiating at the wedding were Archbishop Michael G. Shaheen, the Revs. George Shaheen and Elias Saba, all of Toledo, and Theodore Ziton of Canton and Samuel David of Pittsburg.

Parents of the bride are the late Dr. Salem and Glenda Shaheen of Canton. The bridegroom is the son of Essa and Peggy (Tweel) Shaheen of Canton. Fred is employed by Ralph Edwards-Stu Billett Productions in Los Angeles. They are residing in Encino, CA.

Michelle Skaff of Miami, FL, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Orlando Skaff (Dorothy Ramey) married **Richard Biafora** of Morgantown, W.Va. on June 24, 1989. Michelle is the granddaughter of Helen Ramey of Beckley. The main of honor was Michelle's sister Tina Skaff. Her brothers, Dr. David Skaff and Mark Skaff were among the groomsmen. Michelle graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Economics. Richard (Rick) and Michelle will live in Morgantown, where Rick owns a men's clothing store--"Biaforas"-- established by his grandfather.

John Edward Zegeer, Charleston, WV, was married to Sharon Marie Cohernour on February 10 at The Homestead in Hot Springs, VA.

John and Sharon are natives of Charleston. He is the son of Harry and Mary Frances Zegeer, and she is the daughter of Dan and Sheila Cohernour.

ENGAGEMENTS

Richard Donley, Detroit, is engaged to Carolyn Dobise, and will be married next May.

Kevin C. Webb, son of Eldon and Carol Lee Webb of Toledo, is engaged to be married to Denise M. Lawrence on September 22, 1990. Denise was baptized by Father Michael Ellias of the St. Elias Orthodox Church on April 1.

James A. Sahley, Indian Rocks Beach, FL is engaged to Beth Mullen of Baltimore, MD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lucke. Jim is the son of the Olga Elias Sahley and the late James Sahley. A spring wedding is planned.

Catherine Marie Shamas and Kevin Lee Rutherford, have announced their engagement. An October, 1990, wedding is planned and will be held at St. Elias Orthodox church in Sylvania, Ohio. Father Michael Ellias will officiate. Catherine is the daughter of Ralph Shamas and the late Ann Shamas.

Michael Shemas, son of James and Mrs. Shemas, is engaged to marry Pamela Souter of Magnolia, Arkansas, on July 28th, 1990. Michael has been a ten year resident of Magnolia and is an employee of the Ethyl Corporation.

SOCIAL

Michelle Salamy of Toluca Lake, California, was presented by her mother Joyce Salamy at the 42nd Annual Sweetheart Ball, sponsored by St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral. Joyce was chairwoman of the February 10, 1990, debutante ball, held in the Beverly Hills Hilton

Hotel. Sixteen-year-old Michelle, daughter of the late Raymond Habib Salamy, is a sophomore at Notre Dame High School, and is active in drama having appeared in a production of Romeo and Juliet. She is a SOYO officer.

Elizabeth Jean Thabet, Van Nuys, was also a debutante in the same ball. Elizabeth is the daughter of Edward John Thabet of Van Nuys, and the granddaughter of Toufic Thabet of S. Charleston. Libby is President of SOYO at St. Michael Orthodox Church.

EDUCATION

Sonia Abourizk, Miami, FL, daughter of Fouad and Rahme Abourizk, received her degree in 1988 at Dade Medical Center as an optician. In 1989, she began studying finance at Florida International University. In the meantime she is a practicing optician. Her brother, **Anthony Abourizk**, is a pre-law student at Arizona State University in Tempe.

Howard R. Browne III, son of Howard and Jean Browne of Hurricane, WV, is graduating from West Liberty College, with a degree in accounting. Howard will seek employment out-of-state. He is the grandson of Philip and Mae Michael of Charleston.

George R. Chouieri, son of Tanios and Connie Chouieri of Charleston is graduating from West Virginia University this spring. He will be entering dental school in the fall. George is the grandson of Philip and Mae Michael of Charleston.

Philip Sahley, son of Yarid and Diane Sahley of Lakewood, Ohio, has been awarded a football and academic scholarship to Fordham University. Phil received the Outstanding Linebacker Award at the Michigan Football Camp and was All-League Honor Award recipient, and All-League Honorable Mention. He is Vice President of

St. George Teen SOYO in Cleveland. Phil, the grandson of Roger and Elizabeth Sahley of Parma, graduates this June.

Mark Sahley, Philip's brother, a freshman at Lakewood, has won a bronze medal in floor exercise in gymnastics competition at the AAU Junior Olympics in San Antonio. He finished 10th in the all-around competition, taking fourth in the bars and sixth in the rings.

Michael Margy, N. Hollywood, CA, son of Fred Margy, Jr. and grandson of Fred Margy, Sr. (formerly of Toledo) is graduating from San Diego State College, May 27, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism. After graduation, he will be traveling to Sweden for a month with his mother.

Karen A. Salamy, Whiteville WV, who was valedictorian of her high school senior class, is now completing for freshman year at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. She is studying marine science. Karen's brother, David Essa Salamy, is now a sophomore at West Virginia University. Karen and David are the grandchildren of Luffy and Arleen Salamy, and Alfred and Beverly Salamy.

Kathy Nell Thacker graduated last December with a B.B.S. degree from Morehead State University, Kentucky. Kathy is the granddaughter of Nellie D. Kawaja of Williamson, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Berry of Williamson.

John Gregory Barrett, son of Larry and Bunny Ramey Barrett of Fairfax, VA, and grandson of Helen Ramey of Beckley, WV, is working on his master's degree at Indiana University. Greg, who is majoring in history and English, earned a 4.0 grade point average in his first semester.

Karen S. Wigglesworth, Flagstaff, Arizona, formerly of Huntington, WV, was married on August 12, 1989, to Terry W. Bruns, in Flagstaff. Karen is working as an archaeologist while completing a Master of Arts degree in Anthropology from Northern Arizona University. Terry recently graduated from NAU with a M.A. degree in Biology education. Karen is the granddaughter of Virginia Lowen of St. Clair Shores, MI, and daughter of the late Delores Lowen Wigglesworth of Massillon, OH.

Raymond Christopher Salamy, son of Mrs. Raymond Salamy, Toluca Lake, CA, graduates in May from Notre Dame High School. Raymond, active in SOYO, will attend university this fall.

PROFESSIONAL

Chris McCarus is a peace corps volunteer in Togo, Africa. A graduate of Michigan State University, he is working as a construction supervisor. He was visited for two weeks last December by his parents, Ray and Carol McCarus of Birmingham, MI. Write to Chris McCarus, B.P. 83, Soko De, Togo, Africa.

David Louis Skaff, of Miami, FL, graduated from the West Virginia School of Dentistry in May, 1989. David is practicing dentistry with his father, Orlando Skaff, in Miami. He is the grandson of Helen Ramey and the late Faye Ramey of Beckley, WV.

Mark Skaff, brother of David, will graduate this May from the West Virginia School of Dentistry, and will join his brother and father in dental practice.

David and Steven McCarus, MD's, have performed the first pelviscopy surgery at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center in February, 1989. The procedure replaces the old conventional way of removing the

pregnancy in the fallopian tubes by performing surgery on the abdomen. This one-day procedure eliminates the older surgical method in which a long period of recuperation was required.

Steven is conducting the seminars on this procedure throughout the country. Both doctors, David and Steven, are in private practice in Timonium, Maryland.

David and Steven are the sons of Ramez McCarus of Charleston and the late Delores McCarus, and the grandsons of Nassef and Della McCarus.

CHURCH NEWS

Victor Lawen and Steve Corey, Beckley, were elected President and Treasurer of the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church.

HONORS

Adeeb George Sadd, Encino, CA, was honored with a luncheon by St. Michael Orthodox Church of Van Nuys, California. He was awarded the Silver Antonian Medal by his Grace Bishop Antoun of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. The award is the second highest one can receive as a lay person in the Archdiocese. Adeeb was recognized for his dedication and service to his church and to his Archdiocese since his teenage years. He is the son of the late George Sadd of Toledo and Los Angeles.

Kevin Donley, Warren, MI, has been selected as the winner of the first annual Omni Media Planning Award of Excellence competition in New York. Kevin was cited for outstanding "solution orientation and creativity in media planning." He was also recently selected at the "1989 Detroit Media Person of the Year."

GENERAL

Sao Paulo, Brazil, is having the First Annual Michael Reunion in September, 1990. Amiel Michael of Charleston is planning to attend. Many Kfeirians live in Brazil, having migrated there instead of the USA. They are all well and happy. Anyone wishing information should inquire of Amiel Mikel or write to Nicolau AnSarah Netto, AU Itacira 97, Indianapolis, Sao Paulo, CEP - 01000.

Samia El Aissami of Kfeir visited her daughter and son-in-law, Fadwa and Simon Naoufal of Rialto, California, recently. She liked the United States very much and would like to attend the Kfeirian Convention to meet everyone, but has to return home to her family. She sends her best wishes from Kfeir to everyone in the United States. She hopes everyone will come to visit Kfeir.

Frank Bassiet, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, is now living in a retirement home in Dayton, Ohio. At 94 years of age, he is doing quite well. He looks forward to mail. His address is Oak Creek Terrace, 2316 Springmill Road, Dayton, Ohio 45440.

Harry Bassett, formerly of Milan, MI, Los Angeles, CA, and Las Vegas, NV, is presently living at Nye General Hospital Rest Home, Box 391 Tonopah, Nevada, 89040. His private telephone is (702) 482 8645.

Andie Evans, Lost Creek, PA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Evans, and granddaughter of Paul and Nina Evans is the winner of a T-shirt design contest the United Cerebral Palsey. Andie is 16 years old and a student at Cardinal Brennan High School.

Naomi Thabet McCarron would like to organize a Southern California picnic sometime this summer.

Telephone Naomi (818 789 6950) to tell her you think this would be a great idea and you will be glad to help!

Ronald Neal Walters is running for the House of Delegates on the Republican ticket in Kanawha County in Charleston, WV. Ronald is the husband of Debra Cantees Walters, daughter of John Jae Cantees of S. Charleston.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Matthew Saad Bassiet, Columbus, is owner and operator of the Always Painting Company, commercial and residential painting contractor.

Charlotte and Larry Lechlak moved from Toledo to Los Angeles in January, 1990. They are both licensed Real Estate Salesmen and Larry is studying for his contractor's license. Charlotte is the daughter of the late George Sadd and the sister of Adeeb Saad.

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