



The Kfeirian Reunion Newsletter

Summer 1995

The Board Meets in Toledo

The Board of Trustees met in Toledo on May 21, 1995. The Spring meeting began at 1:30 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel Westgate, 3536 Secor Road, Toledo.

Topics on the agenda included a report from the 1995 Reunion Committee regarding the progress on the upcoming Toledo Reunion which we are all eagerly awaiting.

Chairman Fouad Nasser has been working hard along with his lovely wife, Joanne (Saab) Nasser to make this a memorable event. We do have the scoop on some of the arrangements.

Those of you who love Charlie Sani's beautiful tunes will be glad to know that he's agreed to bring his Arabic music troupe back for some Debbie tunes. Get out the white handkerchiefs and your stomping shoes!

Charlie played at the 61st Reunion in Huntington and there were many tired feet from the foot stomping he lulled us into there.

Watch for more news about the Toledo site and plans and mark your calendar.

FUTURE REUNION SITES

Well, are you ready for a sunny venue for the 1996 convention? A few Southern Kfeirians are willing to work on developing the plans for a great 1996 Reunion in Orlando.

We are proud of our sunny state, the attractions & theme parks, our southern hospitality and are willing to work really hard to make

this a memorable experience for everyone.

BUT, and it is a big but, we need one thing to make it work: **YOU!**

Are you willing to travel to Orlando for a Reunion? We need your opinion and input. Tell us.

There are some tentative plans already outlined.

Lila Fischer has contacted the International Orlando Airport Radisson and it has facilities that could well accommodate our group of friendly, fun loving, debkie all night cousins for a very reasonable \$65 a night in the land of Disney. Those discount room rates are probably going to be available before the Reunion starts so that you can make a real vacation of it.

George Nassa has contacted a travel agency that will provide a 1-800 number to facilitate arrangements. We are going to try to get a group discount on air fare so that the trip will be affordable. Several people have suggested that we lease a bus for group transportation from the West Virginia/Ohio /Michigan area.

Diann Michael has contacted several musical groups and is trying to get a contract with the famous Corey Brothers of Florida whose liltng music is both heart-breakingly beautiful and foot stomping good. (Diann is convinced there should also be dancing girls,

too... what do you think??)

Chuck Fischer, Executive Chef at Disney World and Lila Mickel's husband, has started to work out the menus (hint, hint Arabic food!!)

But (again, there's that but) **THERE IS**

NO REUNION WITHOUT YOU..

so we need your input, can we do it? Do you want to make Orlando the site of the 1996 Reunion? If you can't make it... the plans are off.

Also, all you Floridian and Southern Kfeirians, we need you to work on the Reunion with us, so call and volunteer.

Contact:

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Orlando, FL
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or Any Board Member

MAIL IN YOUR OPINION

Yes, you'll see me in Orlando

No, let's keep the reunion in the WV/Ohio area

Comments:

Include full return address.

1997 Reunion

Frank & Janet Zakem have offered to host the 1997 Reunion in Prince Edward Island, Canada.

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Hello from the Editor's Desk

SOOOOOOOO, WE FINALLY GOT A NEWSLETTER OUT!!!! THIS IS THE FIRST ATTEMPT, SO DON'T BE TOO HARSH, BUT WE DO WANT ALL YOUR COMMENTS AND CRITIQUES (CONSTRUCTIVE, PLEASE) SO THAT THIS CAN BE A WONDERFUL FORUM FOR THE KFEIRIANS WORLDWIDE TO KEEP UP WITH ONE ANOTHER. SEND US YOUR NEWS AND YOUR INTERESTS AND WE WILL PUT YOU ON THE INFORMATION PIPELINE TO ONE ANOTHER. ANY SPECIAL UPDATES ABOUT KFEIRIANS ARE WELCOMED. WE WILL INFORM YOU ABOUT THE REUNION, THE SCHOLARSHIPS, THE GENEALOGY PROJECT, AND LIFE IN GENERAL AS DESCENDANTS OF THIS TINY VILLAGE SOME LIKE TO CALL "THE CAPITOL OF THE WORLD." PERCHED UPON ITS WINDING ROAD IN THE SHADOW OF BEAUTIFUL MOUNT HERMON'S SNOW CAPPED PEAKS, IT HAS BEEN THE BIRTHPLACE OF MANY DISTINGUISHED MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR ILLUSTRIOUS DESCENDANTS. WE HAVE SPANNED THE GLOBE NOW, FAR FROM THE ORIGINAL OLIVE GROVES AND VINEYARDS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL ANCESTRAL VILLAGE AND KEEPING IN TOUCH AND MAINTAINING TRADITION HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT. THE NEWSLETTER IS A VEHICLE FOR MAINTAINING CONTACT AND SHARING

INFORMATION. OF COURSE, WE WOULD PREFER THAT YOU MAKE THE YEARLY PILGRIMAGE TO THE KFEIRIAN REUNION (STARTING WITH THIS YEAR'S WONDERFUL REUNION PLANNED IN TOLEDO!!!), BUT IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT THIS YEAR, AT LEAST LET US KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU AND SEND IN YOUR FAMILY'S INFORMATION FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

Also, we will accept anecdotes, recipes, and money!!!!

So write or call us and stay in touch with your Kfeirian cousins and friends!!!

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU...

Diann Dee Michael.
Editor

Desperately Seeking Regional Editors...

If you are someone "in the know" who keeps in contact with your fellow Kfeirians and would be able to be an information gatherer for the Newsletter, **PLEASE** volunteer to be a **Regional Editor**. Even if you don't want to be a Regional Editor and you have some news about yourself or your Kfeirian cousins.....

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TRAVELS

The Donley Brothers, Kevin and Jim, have been busy this year getting promoted, but they took time to travel "down under" this February to Brazil. Ask Kevin to see those great pictures.

Nahie Steffan, wife of the late Sol Steffan of William-son, W.V. returned home to North Miami after visiting her family for 6 months in Beirut.

Ramez Kawaja spent 4 months in the Kfeir last year renovating the Kawaja home and it is a beautiful sight. The fountain and terrace overlooking Mt. Hermon really give a feeling of what the beauty and magic of the Kfeir is all about. Ramez returned this year to spend 5 months to enjoying the fruits of his labor and many fine parties at his home were enjoyed by all.

Denise Balua of the Washington, D.C. area visited friends in Australia in May. Denise works for the Dept. of the Navy and is very active in the Orthodox Church.

Selma (Bassett) Edinger is piling up the miles... She has made the grand tour it seems. For example, New Orleans, Lincoln, Nebraska, West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan and Indiana. Selma and her sister Lorraine were visiting cousins and attending the Williamson H.S. Reunion. As if all that racing wasn't enough, Selma was a member of the Malibu Grand Prix Racing Group in '93 in Atlanta! Then off she goes to Washington to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the White House stopping off in Williamsburg and Greenbrier. (Stop, Selma, I'm getting motion sick writing this!!) As if that's not enough, the jet lag didn't get Selma down, she's off in May to Jordan, Syria and Lebanon (yes, with a visit to the KFEIR). Take that camera... we all want to see the pictures and hear the stories in Toledo.

While Selma was in the Kfeir she hand delivered the \$1000 check from the KFEIRIAN Reunion Foundation to the village of the Kfeir to help with the road construction that is so desperately needed. (They say it's a real roller coaster on the make-shift road they're using now!

**THE KFEIRIAN REUNION
SCHOLARSHIP
ENDOWMENT FUND**

Definition

en-dow (en-dou) tr.u.
endowed, endowing,
endows.

1. To provide with property, income, or a source of income.

What is it?

The Kfeirian Reunion Foundation Scholarship Endowment Fund is a separate fund earmarked for scholarships only. It is a separate account where gifts donated or bequested are held in an investment fund and only the interest is drawn on for the annual scholarships.

Why do we need it?

We want to grow the scholarship in order to 1. increase the amount awarded and

2. to provide scholarships to a larger number of Kfeirian youth.

Education costs are mounting astronomically as we all know and the amount awarded has not changed for 30 years!!!!

We award \$600 annually to each recipient and everyone knows that does not go far in 1995!

We are awarding 6 scholarships a year and there are many more worthy young Kfeirians who could use the aid and who would appreciate the honor the Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship has become. This is a way to reward our children's academic excellence, intelligence, ambition and determination to educate themselves and contribute to society.

How does it work?

You can donate any amount at any time.

You can include the Kfeirian Reunion Endowment Fund in

your will as a bequest. You can pledge any amount over a period of years.

What are our goals?

\$250,000 in 5 years.

What, you say, can we do that?

If each family donated only \$50 a year for the next five years we would meet our goal of \$250,000. (\$50 X 5 years X 1000 families = \$250,000.)

We can do it easily. There are approximately 1200 Kfeirian families currently.

Aren't our children worth it?

What happens to the money?

It is invested in a secure growth account. The money can not be used or reduced in any way.

The principal itself, **YOUR donation, can not be spent.**

Only the **interest** can be used for the Scholarships and the **scholarships only.**

This Endowment Fund is earmarked for the Scholarships and can not be touched by the Board of Directors for any other purpose now or later.

Why should you participate?

The donation is tax deductible.

It is an investment in your heritage and culture.

It is an investment in your children's future.

There can **never** be a better investment than the education of our youth.

To get further information?

Contact:

Kfeirian Reunion
Scholarship
Endowment Fund
George Hanna
25 Hillendale Drive
Huntington, WV 25705
(304) 523-8814
or any Board Member.

**SCHOLARSHIP
NEWS**

The following scholarships were awarded for the 1994-95 school year:

Alaina Stout of Vienna, WV. Alaina is the daughter of Sam and Elaine (Hourani) Stout. She is a Freshman at the University of Rochester and doing very well academically her first year. Her grandparents are Edy and Nellie Hourani of Charleston, WV.

Gregory Hanna of Huntington, WV. Greg is a Freshman at Marshall University and made the Dean's List. He is the son of George and Gloria Hanna of Huntington.

Joseph C. Branco from San Antonio, Texas is a senior at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. Joseph, son of Lois (Thabet) Bronco and the grandson of Jim Mansour Thabet, is a specialist in the trombone and has won many accolades for his performances.

Andrea Thabet, Van Nuys, CA, is the daughter of Edward and Daphne Thabet the granddaughter of Toufic & Rasmia Thabet. She is attending Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA.

Anthony T. Rezcallah of Toledo, OH, the son of George & Nouha Rezcallah, is a Junior this year majoring in Biology and Pre-Med at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

**ALL OUR SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS - STUDY
HARD AND MAKE US ALL
PROUD OF THE KFEIRIAN
YOUTH!!!!**

School News

Our children are spread far and wide learning and earning honors of all sorts ! Hurray for them all...

Tonya Mickel, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Mickel of Williamson, W. V., has made the Dean's List in her first year at Marshall University in Huntington, W.V.

Beth Kawaja, daughter of Paul and Maggie Kawaja of Toronto, and granddaughter of Ramez Kawaja of Montreal, Canada and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, is completing her Law Degree from the London School of Economics this fall. She will be attending Harvard Law School in the fall of '95.

Beth's brother **Johnathan** is finishing his Master's Degree at Oxford. He had the distinction of rowing in the prestigious Oxford-Cambridge Boat race in London on April first this year, while 400 million watched on TV!!

Their cousins have been busy, too! The three sons of Mike and Hazel Kawaja of Toronto are **Andrew, Stephen and Christopher**. Andrew is graduating from Brown this year. He was the Rhode Island Tae Kwon Do Champion in 1994. Way to go, Andrew! Stephen is attending Duke University in Chapel Hill, N.C. and Christopher, started his first year at Stanford and is stacking up honors.

The Hanna Boys

Gregory Hanna is losing no time at Marshall University. This is his first year and he has been nominated for Gamma Beta Phi Society, a national honor and service society.

His brother Bruce is a junior at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. where he made the Dean's List last year. Keep at it... we'll be hearing more about these high achievers...

Pat Coggin, daughter of Rose Cantees Stuart of Williamson, W.V. has been selected to receive the prestigious Dr. Shirley Beck Award presented to an outstanding Southeast Tennessee Master's of Arts in Education student each year. Pat resides in Oolterwak, Tenn. and she is attending Tusculum College.

Chad Dustin Slater received a scholarship to the University of Kentucky to study engineering in the fall of 1995. He is the son of James and Cheryl Slater of Williamson, W.V.

Rebecca and Sara Saad, daughters of Julian and Jihad Saad of Huntington, W.V. graduated from Huntington High School with very high honors and both are attending the University of Kentucky in Lexington this year.

Mark Chouerl, son of Tony and Connie (Michael) Chouerl of Charleston, W.V., graduated this May from WVU Medical school. It looks like we may have another great surgeon in our midst... he's doing his residency at Charleston Memorial Hospital. He is the grandson of Philip and Mae Michael of Charleston.

James Mickel, son of Johnny and Georgette Mickel of Bluefield, graduated this May from the WVU School of Pharmacy. He plans to stay in the West Virginia area to work. He is the grandson of Mrs. Adeebey Mickel, also of Bluefield.

Terrie Lynn Lowen Issac, daughter of Ferris & Patsy Lowen of Pomona, CA, recently received her law degree from the University of California at Irvine. She is currently associated with a law firm in Corona, CA.

Patricia Ammar of Morgantown, W.V. is stacking up the degrees at WVU where she is finishing a MSW and a certificate in Health Care Administration. Patricia is the daughter of Richard and Jay Ammar of Bluefield, W.V. and the granddaughter of Lydia (Radwan) Ammar, also of Bluefield. She is currently working in Crisis Intervention at Valley Mental Health Services in Morgantown.

Samira Thabet of South Charleston, WV, graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Public Relations from the College of Journalism. Samira is the daughter of Charles and Lila (Nassar) Thabet of South Charleston and a Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship Recipient. Samira is working with the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association in Alexandria, VA.

Awards, Promotions, and Accomplishments

Those handsome (and single!!) Donley boys.... what have they been up to??

Kevin Donley, our resident genealogist and Board member got a promotion to V.P. of Media at Lintas, Campbell, & Ewald. Kevin lives in Birmingham, Michigan.

Our newly elected Donley on the Board of Directors, **James**, has been promoted at Ford Motor Company, to Systems Supervisor in Global Markets. He lives in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. The Donleys are grandsons of James & Virginia Thabet.

Gregory Rahall of Atlanta, GA, an Engineer with Scientific Atlanta was recently promoted to Senior Engineer. Greg will be working with the 1996 Summer Olympics to develop communication software. Greg is the son of Louis and Elaine Rahall of Fayetteville, WV. His wife Mary and son Andrew join Greg's parents in being very proud of Daddy.

Dr. Richard Ammar, Jr. has been honored to present a paper at the American Cardiology Association meeting in New Orleans on his ongoing research at the University of Iowa Hospital. He has also been chosen as Chief resident at the University Hospital where his wife, Lynnette also works on the nursing staff. Richard and Jay Ammar of Bluefield, W.V. are the proud parents. Rick, Jr. is the grandson of Lydia (Radwan) Ammar, also of Bluefield.

Dr. Diann Dee Michael of Ft. Lauderdale, FL was recently appointed Faculty at NOVA Southeastern University where she

will be teaching in the Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology. Diann is the daughter of the late Esber and Asma (Radwan) Michael of Charleston, W.V.

Charlie Fischer, son of Chuck and Lila (Mickel) Fischer of Orlando, FL, made the catch of the day! He was one of 3 young men who enacted the ritual "dive for the cross" on Epiphany. St. George's Orthodox Church had the dive at Lake Eola in Orlando, and Charlie, a junior at Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando, came up with the cross. And, yes, that water was cold!

Stephanie Hanna, daughter of George and Gloria Hanna of Huntington, W.V. recently was selected as a finalist in the Face Finders talent Search competition which was held in Charleston. This beauty was also chosen as a Finalist in the Seventeen Magazine Modeling Competition for the West Virginia Region. We wish beautiful Stephanie all the luck... but she's NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE..... she was recently inducted into the Nu Alpha Theta Math Honorary and has a GPA of 3.4.....Boy, those Lebanese girls are soooo lovely and talented!!!!

The Ammar Brothers of Bluefield, W.V are making real inroads to merchandising. In these days of even large chains closing, the Magic mart chain of stores continues to expand and grow. K.A. Ammar, Jr., President of Ammar's Inc. and Richard Ammar, Vice President, has led the chain of Magic Mart through the acquisition of several of the ... stores, and most recently has purchased the Aide's Discount stores in

Fairlea, Rainelle, and Covington, VA.

Marriage

Colleen Donley of Redford, Michigan was married to **Brett Watson** June 19th of 1994. She is the daughter of Mary Thabet Husson. We all wish the happy couple many years of bliss.

Matthew Edinger of Columbus, Ohio, was married on May 16, 1993, to **Linda Zamora**, also of Columbus. Matthew is the son of Selma Edinger also of Columbus. Matthew is the grandson of the late Abraham and Rahija Bassett.

Sara Ammar, daughter of K.A. and Mary Jane Ammar of Bluefield, W.V. was married in April 1995 to **Donald Scott Whitt** also of Bluefield where the happy couple plans to reside.

Veronica Nedeff of Columbus, Ohio, is now joined in matrimony with **Tom Sherman**. The couple will reside in Columbus.

AND MOVES

Thomas Bevins has moved to 12 Live Oaks Drive Paulup Island, S.C. 29585

Mustafa and Debra (Mickel) Nasser are now living in Beirut!! Debra is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Mickel of Williamson, W.V. Mustafa and Debra left the US in February of this year. Mustafa's parents passed away in 1994 and he will be settling their affairs.

BIRTHS

Kevin and Tammy Bevins of Summerville, S.C. had a new baby girl Emma Rae born July 11, 1994. She joins their children Rachel, 9, Lauren, 7, and twin sons, Brooks and Austin, 3. Congratulations...

Mark and Laura Kawaja of Toronto had a baby girl named Kimberly last year.

Charmaine (Kawaja) and husband Arnold Van Wylie of Montreal had a baby boy named Daniel last year. Reginald and Lillian Kawaja of Montreal and St. Kitt, West Indies are the proud grandparents of these two new additions to the Kfeirian family.

Brian and Emily Kawaja had a baby girl, Melissa this year. They reside in Toronto and Brian is the son of Naseeb and Wafa Kawaja of Toronto and these additions make 3 more great grandchildren for Ramez Kawaja of Montreal.

January of '95 was the blessed date for Ronald and Denise Russell of Richmond, VA. They had a son, Garret Mitchell, weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. This little slugger is the grandson of Mitchell and Linda Mickel of South Charleston, WV.

Rasmia Thabet of South Charleston is racking up the great grandchildren. Dona and Phillip Hall of Palmdale, CA, were blessed with a lovely daughter, Tiana Elyse. The grandparents are Don and Rose (Thabet) Christian.

BIRTHDAYS

Jeanette Bolus was feted for her 70th birthday by friends and family in Huntington, WV. Jeanette, who cuts a mean rug at the Reunion and doesn't look half her age, was joined by 20 people at Robby's. We all wish her many many more happy and healthy years.

On the 6th of August, 1994, friends and family from far and near joined in the celebration of Fouad Nassar's surprise 50th birthday party. The party was the product of one month of planning and preparation of Fouad's wife, Joanne and daughters and son, Angela, Amira, and Michael. Fouad's sister, Laila, and brother, Samir, also pitched in. It was a challenge to keep it a secret as the house filled with "Over-the-Hill" decorations and lots of Syrian bread! Guests from Charleston, Huntington, Baltimore, Terre Haute, Grand Rapids and Ft. Lauderdale made this a mini Kfeirian Reunion! The party was also joined by his sister, Samira, who was visiting from the Kfeir. Happy 50th, Fouad, and may God grant you many, many more years (and great parties)!!

Lauren Rene Ellison turned the big ONE YEAR in May, 1995. Lauren is the daughter of Dartrell and Lila (Bassett) Ellison of Carey, NC. and the granddaughter of Mary Elizabeth and the late Sammy Bassett of Beckley, WV. MANY MORE HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO LAUREN.

ILLNESSES

Mae Michael, wife of the late Philip Michael of Charleston, W.V. underwent open heart surgery the beginning of May '95 and is still recuperating. We all pray for her speedy recovery.

Adeeb Cantees of Williamson has been ailing and restricted to her bed. The entire Cantees family are at her side. Pray for her health and well-being.

Paul McCoy of Williamson is recuperating. Paul is a member of the Board of Directors and has supported the Kfeirian Reunions for decades. We know his strength of character and good attitude is helping the mending.

Valentine Abraham of Williamson, WV had been ill but is improving now. She is the aunt of our Foundation President Mike Abraham.

We hear **George Hodge** of Cape Coral FL has had 4 by-pass heart surgery and doing great. God speed.

Both **Aniel** and **Julia Michael** of Charleston, WV, have proven again and again their strength and courage in battling illness. Both came through recent surgeries, all the stronger for it. We pray for their continued health.

Mrs. Lydia Ammar of Bluefield, WV is proving to be an inspiration for those around her, having weathered several close calls and coming out of them with a strength and dignity that we all strive for. Our prayers and hearts are with her as she recuperates from a recent serious illness.

IN MEMORIA



Solomon Tweel, resident of Charlottetown, Ontario, Canada, passed away date after a struggle with cancer. He was the owner of Tweel's Gift Shop along with his brothers David, Daniel, and Norman. They had opened in that spot, originally as a restaurant, 45 years ago. Solomon was active in the Canadian-Lebanese Association of Canada and was President at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Lizette, and three daughters, two sons, and three grand-children.

Dewey M. Bassett, born in 1914 passed away in April of 1995. Dewey was the son of Moses and Hicebi Bassett of Napoleon, Ohio. A graduate of Ohio State University in Electrical Engineering, Dewey worked at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He is survived by his wife Hope, daughter Debby Shohocki, grandsons Benjamin and Josh Owen, and by his two brothers Edward and Victor Bassett.

Moussa Hanna passed away in Huntington, W.V. November of 1992 at the age of 81. He was the owner and operator of Hanna's Market. Born in the Kfeir in 1911 he served in the U. S. Army

in World War II and received a Bronze Star. He was survived by his wife, Nazik (Bassett) Hanna, his son George and daughter-in-law Gloria and his three grandchildren, Bruce, Gregory, and Stephanie, all of Huntington.

Clifford Mickel of Charleston, W.V. passed away in October of 1994 after a prolonged illness. He was the son of Toufic and Matile (Corey) Mickel of Charleston. Clifford graduated from Marshall University with a Bachelor of Science and from Ohio State University with a Master's in Business Administration. He was well-known in Charleston commerce and loved by all for his good nature, amiable personality and intelligence. He is survived by his mother, Matile Mickel of Charleston, W.V.

Philip Michael of Charleston, W.V. passed away at the age of 79 in January of 1993. He had been known for decades as the owner and operator of Michael's Food Market. Philip was a leader in St. George's Orthodox Church of Charleston for years and a beloved member of the Kfeirian community. He was survived by his wife Mae, sons Philip, Jr. and Johnny, and daughters Jeanne and Connie, and his 15 grandchildren, all currently residing in Charleston, W.V.

Toufic Thabet of South Charleston passed away in October of 1994. He would have been 95 years young in December of that year. Toufic has been ill for a lengthy period. He is survived by his wife, Rasmia, 7 children, 21 grand children, and 16 great grand children.

Sammy Bassett of Beckley, WV, passed away in November of 1993. Sammy, retired from the WV Dept. of Highways, has been a life long supporter of the Reunion and he and his wife, Mary, helped in putting on many Reunions in Beckley. He is survived by his wife, Mary. May his memory be eternal.

Mary Kebawy of Beckley, WV, an educator in the Raleigh County School System, passed away in February of 1994. Mary had attended and supported the Kfeirian Reunion throughout her life until her health would no longer permit her to travel. She will be sadly missed.

Elizabeth Sahley of Parma Heights, Ohio, lost her beloved husband, Roger Sahley in April of 1995. Roger and Elizabeth were married 62 years.

Our hearts and minds are always with them. We will love and honor them all in our prayers, may God rest their souls.

Williamson High School Reunion

The 84th year reunion of Williamson High School was held on July 29, 30, & 31, 1994. This reunion included all classes since the inception of the high school.

Events included a fish fry, parade, social hour, buffet dinner & dance, and a breakfast on Sunday morning. Crowds of 1200 and above overflowed the small community of Williamson, West Virginia and a good time was had by all. Remember the Parade of all Classes, the class of 1934 had only one marcher and YOU GUESSED IT, it was Selma Bassett Edinger, our very own reunion secretary.

LAST MINUTE BREAKING NEWS

Abe Bassett has returned to Beavercreek, Ohio, following his resignation as Dean of the School of Fine and Performing Arts and Professor of Theatre at Indian University- Purdue University. He is a Professor Emeritus of Theatre at Wright State University. Upon retirement he became licensed in Ohio as a tour promoter, forming Bassett Tours, Inc. Two tours were completed this year, one to Paris & London and the other to Jordan & Syria. Abe, his wife Sharon and his sister Selma visited the Kfeir. Abe stayed an extra week to explore Lebanon. Abe's wife Sharon was recently appointed Deputy Executive Director of St. Joseph Children's Treatment Center in Dayton, Ohio.

Lila Mickel Fischer and her son Charlie are exploring Lebanon and Syria for the month as this goes to press. They may be reaching a bit further if time allows and

heading for Egypt as well. All we can say is TAKE A LOT OF PICTURES FOR US, THE LESS LUCKY!!!!!!!!!!!!

Chris and Diana Joseph Asmus of Greenville, SC are the proud paprents of Christopher Joseph Asmus, born July 18th, 9:05 a.m. weight 7# 9oz..CONGRATULATIONS.

Recent Losses

Our prayers go out to the Abraham family for the loss of their beloved Ida in the month of June, 1995.

Charles Abourtzk of South Dakota recently left our midst in June. He is survived by his daughter, Carol Henseth of Rapid City, South Dakota, his sister Helen Ramey of Beckley, WV, and his brother, James Abourtzk, former US Senator.

The Endowment Begins

George Hanna and Diann Michael each made their 5 year pledges to the Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship Endowment Fund in on behalf of their beloved parents. We hope to see similar donations by fellow Board Members.

And we challenge ALL our cousins and Kfeirian Corporate Executives to make a GENEROUS 5 year committment to this worthy project.

To: Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship Endowment Fund

Date _____

I enclose my contribution/ pledge of

\$ _____

for _____ years.

Donor's Name(s):

Address

IN MEMORY OF

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**GEORGE HANNA,
TREASURER
KFEIRIAN REUNION
FOUNDATION
25 HILLENDALE DRIVE
HUNTINGTON, WY
25705**

These funds can ONLY be used for scholarships.

WE NEED YOUR NEWS!

If you didn't see any news about you or your family, then we didn't have it!!

Report births, illnesses, deaths, marriages, education, honors, business and industry, general, and church news to your city/state/province editor or mail directly to :

Diann Michael, 6930 SW 15th Street, Plantation, FL 33317.

Make sure to include your return address and telephone number.

Fill out this handy form and mail it with any and all news TODAY!!!

You can send photos too! We are going to add scanned photos whenever possible .

News About:

Who lives in:

Related To: (e.g., parents, grandparents)

News Item (attach news-clipping or additional information)

RETURN FORM TO:

*Kfeirian Newsletter
Diann Dee Michael, Ed.
6930 SW 15th Street
Plantation, FL 33317*

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MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE

**63rd ANNUAL KFEIRIAN REUNION
September 2, 3, 4, 1995**

**CLARION HOTEL WESTGATE
TOLEDO, OHIO**

CHAIRMAN: FRED NASSAR

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