



The Kfeirian Reunion Newsletter

Summer 1996 Edition

The 63rd Reunion Met in Toledo

The Sixty-Third Kfeirian Reunion began with great salutations in the lobby of the Clarion Hotel Westgate in Toledo. The registration table was beautified by the lovely daughters of **Chairman Fouad Nasser and his wife, Joanne (Saab) Nassar** as they welcomed guests from Huntington, Charleston, Columbus, Lexington, Michigan, Florida, Texas, California, and as faraway as Brazil.

Many thanks to those who manned the registration desk: **JoAnn, Angela, Amira, Samir, Julia and Fred Nassar, Kathryn Gentile, Catherine Thabit, Grace Neime, Melodie Jamra, and Cle Bassett.**

George Hanna was there selling sweat shirts and other Reunion memorabilia. He got a helping hand from a young entrepreneur, **Gianna Michael**, who was also alternately fascinated by a handsome young man she called "Mickey Mouse", our beloved past Board president, **Michael Abraham**, whose voice has raised a few octaves due to a recent operation. He is healing well though and soon those deeper tones have returned. Meanwhile he was sporting a great new beard and looked pretty handsome and still eligible, girls (not for long is my guess... better hurry!).

Registration Saturday was the startoff for reunion, with many hugs and kisses of long lost friends and fond family.

The Saad family had the their own mini-reunion Saturday over lunch and **Abe Bassett,**

Selma, and Lorraine were there, along with **Seef Saad and Numnum Abou-Jamra Saad.** There were children and grandchildren from **Adeeba and Rahija Saad Basset** and **Della Saad McCarus**, There were 24 all together and they took lots of pictures with a great renewal of lost contacts. This is such a good idea, to have a family reunion at the beginning of the Kfeirian Reunion.

The Hafli was an active and joyous occasion for eating, drinking and stomping the Debkie to **Charlie Saad's** band. There were some real fancy dancers out there. You should have seen **Nicholas Joseph** on the dance floor. The young son of **John Joseph**, he wore out every girl he danced with!! **Christie**, John's wife, is an Electric Slide champ and was out there every time leading the pack.

We had guests from Brazil: **Olga Abou Rahall and Odette Parra** attended. There were over 200 Kfeirians enjoying the 63rd Reunion in Toledo and 62 attended the General Assembly.

The following Board Members were elected for their first terms: **Ditra Jamra & Anthony Razcallah and Mitchell Mickel and George Hanna** were re-elected. Leaving the Board were **Michael Abraham and Larry Jamra.** Michael will still fill the role of Parliamentarian for the Board. **Julian Saad** of Huntington was elected president and **Kevin Donley** of Grosse Point, MI was elected Vice President. **George Hanna and Selma Bassett Edinger** were re-elected to the posts of Treasurer and Secretary respectfully.

Donations were received for the scholarship from many generous Kfeirians. **Dr. Joe Bassett**, the Keynote Speaker made a contribution of \$500. **Lucille Kerbawy DeGrof** donated \$1000 and **Grace Kerbawy Namey** raised a donation of \$1000 for the scholarship from the **Charities Foundation** of Toledo, OH, an organization founded by Mrs. H.R. Winkler.

At the Banquet **Linda Abraham Thomas** announced that the **Abraham Family** pledged \$1000 to the Scholarship Endowment in the memory of **Ibrahim Kawaja** and his wife **Amy Abourisk** to commemorate the 100th anniversary of his arrival in the United States. In this country he was to be known as **Michael Abraham.**

The following students were awarded SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 1995-96 ACADEMIC YEAR:

**ROBERT BRANCO
ANDREA THABET
GREGORY HANNA
KARISSA KARY
PHILIP THABET
ANTHONY RAZCALLAH**

The Board wishes to praise and thank the Toledo Reunion Committee headed by **Fouad Nassar** with the help of many, but particularly the Nassar family, in runny a wonderful Reunion and... making a LOT of money!!! They made a profit of over \$4400 and there were donations to the scholarships in excess of \$4000 for the Scholarship!

Bottom line? THE TOLEDO REUNION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

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**Hello from
the
Editor's Desk**

The first attempt at our revived newsletter got lots of comments and it seems that it hit the spot. We all want to know about each other, our families and accomplishments. There is a lot to keep up with and, with your cooperation, we can make the newsletter a great forum for the Kfeirians worldwide to keep up with one another.

Yours truly was really glad to hear that we are eager to read about one another.

Putting the newsletter together is way to keep our culture vital and to pass on information and interest in our strong family traditions to our youth. Actually, it's lot of fun. But I do need more news from various parts of the country to make it really interesting and varied.

In addition to the newsletter, I have added a dimension to the future communication of Kfeirians....

a WEB PAGE!

We have our own
WEB PAGE titled:
Kfeirian Reunion 1996 and
Beyond.

Please visit it (yes, it has a counter!... and links... an soon some images and a questionnaire !! I'm still working on it!) and email me your comments!

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/3487>

Send me your news. ALL special updates about Kfeirians are welcomed.

We are looking for anecdotes, recipes, and of course, donations!!!!

I want to take the opportunity to invite every Kfeirian for the once in a lifetime chance to meet Kfeirians from all over the world in Orlando, Florida and make a memorable family vacation while also joining together in spending the Labor Day weekend with cousins, friends and tradition. See you ALL IN ORLANDO,

Diann Dee Michael, Editor

STILL Seeking Regional Editors...

Can't say that I got a lot of input from the Regional Editors, although lauds go out to George Hanna, Michael Abraham, and Victor Jamra who did send in a lot of news from their areas. Keep it up and if you have news or want to be a Regional editor, please contact me at:

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The Endowment

A personal letter to every Kfeirian from George Hanna, Scholarship Endowment Chairman

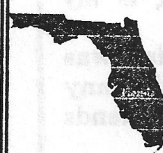
First let me take the opportunity to thank each and every one contributor of the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation Scholarship Program and express our sincere appreciation on your desire to help our Kfeirian students.

Without your help and participation we could not strive to meet the needs of our students.

Your involvement does make a difference and does not goes unnoticed. With regard to our Kfeirian reunion Endowment Fund, I would like to challenge everyone who reads this to support this worthy project with a monetary commitment no matter how small of large over the next five years. Remember a gift of \$50 over 5 years is only \$250.00 We need 1,000 to pledge such a gift for our youth. I would also like to appeal to our more affluent KFEIRIANS who have been so generous in the past to come forward with a 6 figure commitment over the past 5 years. WHO WILL BE THE FIRST?

Sincerely, George Hanna

So far we have had over \$3050 donated for the Endowment! Our goal is \$250,000. That only leaves \$246,050 to go!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Optional Disney Trip
Discount Air Fares
Discount Car Rental

TRAVELS

As usual, Selma Bassett Edinger had just returned from yet another voyage, this time to Canada where she took the Maid of the Mist at Niagara Falls. Later there was a tour of Georgian Bay and Sudbury for a tour of the mines. Brother Abe was off again to lead a tour to France and England which was really successful.

Lila Mickel Fischer packed and packed and packed before going to Lebanon, not the last of which were the many presents to all her relatives. And what happened?? Her luggage got separated from her on her first trip to the Kfeir and she ran around with just the clothes on her back (a lovely back, it is...) Oh well, all was reunited and minus a few presents (lifted by someone??) Finally, she was able to share many laughs about the fiasco.... THINGS NEVER GO THE WAY WE PLAN THEM!!!! She and son Charlie had a great reunion with many relatives in Lebanon and Charlie fell in love with the Kfeir.....it's not likely to see him too soon though, as he is planning to join the Navy soon!

Charles, Layla, & Phil

Thabet drove their mini-van to Las Vegas, Albuquerque, and the Grand Canyon. They lost some money in Las Vegas, but it was fun and they visited sisters **Naomi McCarus & Carolyn Saad & Ed Thabet** in Los Angeles. They did a great tour of the California coast, returning through Reno, Denver, Salt Lake City. And what do they have to say after all that touring? There's no place like home... Good Old South Charleston, WEST VIRGINIA.

Naomi Thabet McCarus of Sherman Oaks, California (formerly of So. Charleston, WV) travelled to Jordan, Syria and Lebanon on the May 1995 trip sponsored by Abe Bassett. Eighteen people toured with

him visiting the wonderful historical sights of the Middle East and a few were lucky enough to visit the home town of our convention, the Kfeir, where the priest welcomed them.

Jeanette, Catherine & Denise Bolus, Michael and Nadia Bolus El Hage and son **Omar** and daughter **Alexis** were accompanied by **John and Andrea** on a cruise to Mexico. They visited **Porto Lavarta, Matzalan**, and other sites. **George and Lois Hamarty** also joined the group for a wonderful family vacation.

Rhoda Fakhoury Hodge returned to the Kfeir for a memorial for her mother, **Zkhey Fakhoury**. All our sympathies go out to all her family in the Kfeir.

LETTER FROM REP. NICK J. RAHALL

Our own Congressman **Nick Joe Rahall** went to Lebanon August 6-10, 1995 and submitted this report to his Kfeirian cousins:

Dear Fellow Kfeirians:

During the August Congressional recess, the American Task Force for Lebanon (AFTFL) sponsored three Members of Congress for travel to Lebanon. The purpose of the visits is to see first hand the current situation in Lebanon and report to the officials that govern U.S. policy regarding Lebanon. I was asked to lead the delegation.

For my part, this four day trip was by far the most information packed and emotional visit I have made to Lebanon. This was the first time I had the opportunity to visit my grandfathers' village of the Kfeir. My son and I saw the homes in which they were born and raised as well as the school and community buildings. I had the great fortune to meet with my relative, **Habib Rahall** who was 104 years old and I was able to visit with other

relatives in the Kfeir, **Dr. Nasim al-Khuri** and **Mufid al-Khuri**.

With warm regards, I am
Sincerely,
Nick J. Rahall, II

(The full text of Congressman Rahall's letter, here abridged, will be available at the Orlando Reunion for reading.)

Representative Rahall summarized his feeling and commitment to further improve understanding of the US administration towards the issues dealing with Lebanon.

LIFT THE BAN ON TRAVEL TO LEBANON

Based upon his travel to Lebanon with fellow Representatives **Martin Hoke** and **Jim Kolbe**, Congressman **Rahall** requested that the travel ban be lifted. This State Department travel ban makes it difficult for travel and given the current state of stability and security is no longer necessary according to many. Thanks to **Nick Joe** for the contribution and for his generous donation to the newsletter of \$100.

Fred George also made a contribution to the newsletter.

Abe Bassett from Florida traveled to the 95th birthday party of **Nahie Rahall** in Huntington, WV.

Reginald, David, Nassieb, and **Brian Kawaja** traveled to the Kfeir for the burial of their father **Ramez Kawaja** in his ancestral cemetery in the village. Mr. Kawaja's body was accompanied by his companion **Madeline Guerin**.

THE NEWSLETTER COSTS APPROXIMATELY \$300-400 TO PHOTO-COPY AND \$450-500 TO MAIL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP DEFRAY THESE EXPENSES, DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED.

School News

Michael Bolus received his Master's Degree in Creative Writing from Boston University and Harvard. He is the son of Catherine Bolus and the late John Bolus. Hey, Michael, how about some help with the newsletter?

Stephanie Hanna, daughter of George and Gloria Hanna, graduated from Cabell Midland High School May 31, 1996, with honors. Stephanie has chosen to attend the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and study nursing.

Bruce Hanna, son of George and Gloria Hanna, graduates from Wake Forest, Winston-Salem in August of 1996 and will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army. He will report to Ft. Bliss, Texas, for basic training in September. (Can't wait to see this handsome guy in a uniform, girls!)

Tiffany Dawn Kassab, a graduate of Huntington High School, was among 151 students honored by the Coca Cola Scholars Foundation in Atlanta this year. The recipients were chosen from more than 122,000 applicants. Tiffany received \$4,000, got a preview of the Olympic Sites, and toured the Coca Cola Olympic City theme attraction.

Karissa Kary of Springfield, MO, was honored in an article that lauded her school involvement and extra-curricular activities. She was involved in theater, student council, Distributive education and is championing bringing the International Baccalaureate degree to Central High School where she graduated. Karissa is the daughter of Bill and Coleen Kary.

Samuel Ellsworth Stout, III, formerly of Huntington received an academic scholarship for study at Oxford University in England this summer. He is the son of Samuel E. Stout, Jr. and Elaine Hourani Stout of Vienna, WV. and grandson of Nellie Hourani of Charleston and the late Edy M. Hourani. His sister Alana Stout received a grant for study at Oxford in 1993.

Awards, Promotions, and Accomplishments

Chuck Fischer, husband of Lila (Mickel) Fischer, of Orlando, took an early retirement from Disney World position as an Executive Chef and ... cut the grass, and fiddled in his garden. But not for long! He has just purchased a restaurant and catering business and...the grill is sizzling as Chef Chuckie has 'em rubbing their bellies in Orlando.

George Hanna of Huntington, WV, took an early retirement from General Foods and has started to relax a little from the grind of the tri-state area he was managing. He hasn't gotten much rest, though with the newsletter editor calling him night and day for one little thing after another!

Ernest McCarus retired in June of 1995 from the University of Michigan as Professor Emeritus of Arabic and Kurdish Linguistics after 43 years of service in the Department of Near Eastern Studies. Our best wishes for more free time to enjoy the fruits of one's labors!

Dr. Diann Michael, daughter of the late Esber and Asma Radwan Michael of Charleston, was appointed Director of the Child and Adolescent Depression Program at NOVA Mental

Health Clinic in April, 1996. The program serves depressed, suicidal and disturbed youngsters and is part of the doctoral training program in the Center for Psychological Studies at NOVA University.

Clay Scott is on assignment as a journalist with the Christian Science Monitor Radio in Bosnia. He has been reporting in the area since January 1995 and has covered all of the war activities in the involved cities, such as Zagreb and Sarajevo. Clay is the son of Lorraine Bassett Scott of California.

Samira Thabet, daughter of Charles and Layla (Nassar) Thabet has taken a new job in Arlington, VA with Ryan-McGinn a public and government relations firm. Hope to see you in Orlando, Samira (she's the life of the party and a great dancer!)

Illnesses

Lucille Abraham, of Williamson, WV, had to have surgery during the Christmas holidays. She has fully recovered and is doing well at home.

George Haddad of Frankfort, Illinois, had a 5 by pass surgery last summer and came through it with the love and help of his wife, Emily (Abraham) Haddad. More recently he has had a broken foot and complications from diabetes, but is recovering.

Matile Mickel of Charleston, WV, fell and broke her hip this June and is recuperating after having had surgery. She is in good spirits.

Ayoub Rahall of Huntington, WV, had a heart attack recently and an angioplasty was performed. He is out of the hospital and doing well now.

If you didn't see YOUR family news here... we didn't have it! Send news to the Editor!!

Marriage



June 3rd was the date of the marriage of Dr.

Kittie Ward Hines and Christopher Michael George. Chris is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Edmund George of Huntington, WV. The bride completed Medical school at the University of Kentucky and is completing a residency in orthopedic surgery. Christopher completed Law School at the University of Kentucky and is in practice in Louisville where the couple will reside.

BIRTHS

We are waiting to welcome the young Zachary Joseph Ayoob, born May 24, 1994, to Perry and Mary Jane (Murad) Ayoob of Charleston, WV to the Florida reunion.

Sally Tweel is a great grandmother! Shawn & Macie Carder had a baby boy, William Chase Carder. Shawn is the son of Jimmina Tweel Carder. They live in Nashville, Tennessee.

Clay and Ruth Christian of Franklin, Massachusetts, have added to the Kfeirian family. Their daughter Emily Katherine was born March 23, 1995, to the happy couple and grandparents Rose & Don Christian. Rasmia Thabet of So. Charleston, WV is the great grandmother.

Richard and Carolyn Donnelly are the proud parents of a sweet little girl, Emily Marie, born on March 27, 1996. They are residing in Berkeley, Michigan. Richard is the son of Bart Donnelly and Mary Catherine Thabit Donnelly.

Tracy and Alice Gill of Wilmington, NC, added to their growing family with a second child, Tanner Elliot, in December of 1994. Big sister Charlotte Leigh was glad to see a little brother! Alice is the daughter of the late Roger Corey and his wife Charlotte Corey of Charleston, WV.

Louis and Carol (McCarus) Rector of Grayslake, Illinois, added to our family tree with the birth of son Matthew Evan on April 5, 1995.

Douglas and Lisa Thabit of Sylvania, OH, had a sweet baby girl, Sarah Ann, January 3, 1996. Douglas is the son of George & Betty Thabit of Toledo, OH.

Grant and Diane (Coury) Shinn from Mandeville, LA has a daughter, Morgan, on April 22, 1993. Diane's the daughter of Joseph and Jeanette Coury.

The Donelly's are working on it! Richard Donnelly's sister Colleen and husband Brett Watson, of Livonia, MI, had a son, Ryan Keith August of 1995, and what do you know??? They are expecting AGAIN THIS August! Guess those long Michigan winters leave some joy their wake. (Way to go, Brett!) (Will this new baby be the youngest Kfeirian to attend in Orlando??)

RAFFLE

(SUBMITTED BY
MICHAEL ABRAHAM)

RAF*FLE (raf'l) N..... A lottery in which each participant buys a chance or chances to win a prize.

And what a chance it will be for all Kfeirians!! Opportunities for free admission to Walt Disney World, Pleasure Island, and Dinner Theaters, Florida Citrus and plenty of other surprises. It's enough to make a two hump camel smile and head for Orlando, Florida, USA!!!!!!

The Orlando committee, with Diann Michael and Lila Mickel Fischer as co-chair, have been putting all their energies into having this central Florida city ready for our cousins from around the world. The final touches are being completed and we're waiting to show everyone our Florida hospitality.

The raffle is a way for the host city to off set the cost of hosting the reunion and hopefully make a profit like the great folks in Toledo did for the 1995 reunion.

There will be drawings the entire Labor Day weekend!!!! We want as many winners as possible.

Tickets are available right here in the newsletter. Just cut out individual tickets, or sell the entire page. Tickets are one for \$1, or 7 for \$5, or 15 for \$10. Winners do not have to be present to win, so get friends, neighbors, co-workers, and anyone else involved. Let's all step up to the hump and make this a reunion full of great memories for everyone.

Yours, truly,
Michael Abraham,
Chairman,
Raffle Committee,
Orlando 1996 Reunion

Thank all of you for the news updates!

Dear Fatima

Dear Fatima,
I have a problem. I want to cook some koosa, but I don't know how to get the insides out. Do you have any suggestions?
Signed, Unstuffed.

Dear Unstuffed,
First you have to boil the koosa in olive oil and when the inside is soft, you take a straw and suck the insides out a little at a time. When you get the insides in the straw, you blow it into a bowl. This is good to use for a facial. Mix it with some sand for a great facial scrub. Cover your face with this mixture, drink two jiggers of Southern Comfort and eat a fig. Then you are ready to stuff the koosa with some meat and rice.
Fatima

Dear Fatima,
I have a terrible crush on Pamela Anderson. I think her clothes are cool. What do you suggest for me.
Signed, Yearning

Dear Yearning,
Go to your nearest YMCA as soon as possible and sign up for a life guard course. Make sure you take several bikinis with you.
Fatima

Dear Fatima,
I'm having trouble with my mother-in-law. She always butts into my conversations with my husband. How should I handle this?
Signed, Young Bride

Dear Young Bride,
Shut up and bow.
Your mother-in-law is a queen, and you are dirt under her feet.
Fatima

Write to Fatima, all your questions will be answered. Her clairvoyance and brilliant advice speaks truth from the ages of ages.

The Tattler

MATCHING GAME

Mail in the first correct match for valuable prizes!!!!!!
Who knows what young man turned 18, graduated from high school and wants to join the Navy and become a Navy Seal?

What bachelor gentleman from Boston may be following in Samir Nassar's steps and conducting a long distance Lebanese courtship?

What young lady is following in her dad's footsteps and taking the Board of Directors in her stride?

What up and coming computer expert is transferring to Czechoslovakia after losing his heart to a young and (George Hanna says she sounds) "cute lass" of that land?

What long time Disney executive chef bought a new restaurant and is working night and day now?

What long time Board member retired early and is digging up his driveway now?

What engineer cum rug merchant is spending the summer in the Kfeir?

What Bluefield, WV, lady is spending most of her time in Cleveland with her sister this year?

What Assistant Principal acted like a complete kid at the Kfeirian Reunion Committee meeting in Orlando?

Rumors have it that a lovely blond may have convinced what long time bachelor and ex board President to think about "settling down"?

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| 1. George Hanna | 6. Hanna Mickael |
| 2. Ditra Jamra | 7. Julian Saad |
| 3. Charlie Fischer | 8. Chuck Fischer |
| 4. James Donley | 9. John Hodge |
| 5. Mike Abraham | 10. Francie Simon |

*Wasila
Whispered...*

Wasila sees all, Wasila tells all.....

I heard that Nahie Stefan had a LOT of guests and she was so happy to see her two sisters Wadad & Lorice visit from Beirut and Damascus. Fouad Abourizk, Nahie's brother has been feeling low off and on, but is hanging in there and improving. Beth Kawaja graduated from her year at Harvard Law School and is relocating to California. She is taking the CA State Bar Exam... just in case you need a great lawyer. Hanna Mickael just returned from a month and a half touring Greece and Lebanon and, of course, the Kfeir. His grandmother was visiting Lebanon from Brazil. Samir Nassar went back to Lebanon to marry and his sister Layla Nassar Thabit attended the wedding. Anthony Rezcallah is going to visit the Kfeir this summer. Mrs. Adeeba Mickel of Bluefield, WV, was feeling ill but is now recuperating in a nursing home. Brian Kawaja of Toronto, son of Nasseib & Wafa Kawaja, was looking at boats in Florida this year (or was that a "yacht", Brian?) Amiel & Julie Michael of Charleston, W.V. were having a great time in New Orleans this summer, but it was too HOT!!! Their whole family is attending the Orlando Reunion. Kimberly Thomas, daughter of Bob and Linda Abraham Thomas, of Huntington, has been named to the City Softball League All Star Team! Kristi Thomas, Kimberly's sister, has been chosen as Majorette at the new Huntington High School. Emily Abraham Haddad of Frankfort, IL, and a friend were able to fulfill a lifelong dream this past New Year's Day and attend the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, CA.

SEND IN YOUR FAMILY NEWS TO THE EDITOR!!!!!!!

In Memoria



Charles T. (Chick) Abourizk, born in the Kfeir but coming to South Dakota as a child, passed away in June 1995. He was a retired judge and had been preceded in death by his wife Edna. He leaves two daughters, Carol Henseth, Linda Grosshans, and one son, Michael and three grandchildren all of Rapid City, S.D. and two brothers, Tom and James Abourizk, ex-Senator, and two sisters, Helen Ramey of Beckley, WV and Virginia Nicholson of Winner, SD..

Ida Abraham, daughter of Mike and Amy Aborizk Abraham left our midst June 22, 1995. She was a life long resident of Alater's Branch, KY and manager of Sol's Shoe Store in Williamson., WV. She was folowed by her sister, **Volentine Abraham** of Williamson, WV. on November 15, 1995. They were preceded in death by their brothers, Thomas and Edward N. Abraham. Volentine was a floral designer and previously worked in sales and bookkeeping. They were survived by their sisters, Lucille and Madelkine Abraham of Williamson, and Emily Haddad of Frankfort, Illinois, and their brothers Philip of Williamson, Jack of Arden, and Raymond of Huntington and many loving nieces and nephews. They were both known for their sweetness and gfentility and will be deeply mised by the Kfeirian family.

Adeeba Cantees had a long illness and succumbed this in the summer of 1995. She is survived her sister, Jeannette McCoy of Williamson and brothers Harry of Columbus, OH and Johnny Cantees of Charleston, WV. All our sympathy to her family. She worked all her life

and was a strong supporter of the Kfeirian Reunions.

Alexandra Deeb passed away this fall in Blacksburg, VA. She was born in Damascus, lived in Europe and the Middle East before coming to the United States to live for the past 25 years. She had lived in Toledo, OH for 15 years and spent the last 3 years in the Blacksburg area. She is survived by two sons, Fayez from Boston, MA, and Zafer from Blacksburg, three grandchildren, Mitry, Marcelle, and Michel, and two sisters, Lilli and Angelle of Beirut. She was loved for her intelligence and culture and will be deeply missed by all.

Nellie Dawahare Kawaja, of Williamson, WV, passed away December 24, 1995. Nellie was from the Dawahare family daughtre of Srur Dawahare and Selma Cury Dawahare and was preceded in death by her husband, Abraham Kawaja. She was involved in the community and known for her civic commitment to many charities. She was the recipient of many awards and honors. She is survived by her son, Louis, of Lexington, KY and her daughter, Selma Berry of Williamson, her brothers, Woodrow, Dee, Hoover, Frank, Jr., Martin, & A. F. Dawahare, all of Lexington, KY, and her sisters, Mary of Hazard, Ky, and Sybil of Ormond Beach, FL., and five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Ramez Kawaja, of Montreal, Canada, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and the Kfeir, Lebanon passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends after a long illness October 9, 1995. Ramez was known internationally as a successful businessman, a benefactor to many, and a caretaker of the Lebanese identity. He often called the Kfeir the "capitol of the world" and recently returned there to restore the Kawaja family home. He is survived by his sons Nasseib, Reginald, Paul, and Michael, his daughter Yalta, 16 grandchildren, 5 great-

Please send clippings from local papers to include accurate obituaries in our newsletter.

grand children, a brother, George Kawaja of Lexington, KY, and his dear friend and companion Madeliene Guerin.

Rosella Ammar Michael, of Bluefield, VA, passed away December 8, 1995. Born in Williamson, she was the daughter of Lydia Radwan Ammar and the late K.A. Ammar, Sr. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mitchell Michael. She is survived by her sisters, Kalia Radwan of Lexington, KY, and Adele Cecil of Grundy, VA and her brothers K.A. Ammar, Richard Ammar of Bluefield, WV and the late Fayez Ammar of Bluefield, VA. She is deeply missed by us all.

Della Kerbawy Mickel, wife of the late Cleo Mickel of Charleston, WV, passed away on July 4th, 1995, after a long illness. She was a retired bookkeeper at Oberlan's Dress Shop and a volunteer secretary at Carroll Terrace in her later years. She is survived by her son David, a Charleston City policeman, and her daughter, Yvon Kinder also of Charleston and two grandchildren. She was buried by her husband's side in Beckley, WV.

Toufeek A. Nasser of Huntington, WV passed away August 24, 1995. His wife Margie Zouhary Nasser preceded him in death. He was an active Huntingtonian and was well known in commerce and community affairs, was a Mason and a Shriner. Mr. Nasser was honored by having June 27, 1983, proclaimed as T.A. Nasser Day in Huntington. He is survived by his two daughters, Gloria Nasser Barnett of Raleigh, NC and Shirley Nasser of Oakton, VA and his son Raymond T. Nasser of Roanoke, VA, four grandchildren and his sister, Edna Nasser Rahall of Huntington. He will be long remembered and sorely missed by his family, Huntingtonians, and Kfeirians.

Edward Thabet of Huntington, WV, passed from our midst on June 15, 1994. He was an active parishioner at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church of Huntington and active in many community affairs. He is survived by his

wife, Evelyn Sadd Thabet, three daughters, Carole Clapper of Newark, OH, Nancy Johnson of Charlotte, NC, and Susan Skidmore of Marietta, OH, and two sons, Robert Thabet of Goshen, NY & Gary Thabet of Glen Allen, VA, five grandchildren; five sisters, Adele George of Beckley, Lena Corey of Charleston, Evelyn Kerbawy of Bloomfield Hills, MI, Lucille Kerbawy of Jackson, MI, and Vivian Mettry of Wynnewood, OK and many nieces and nephews. He will be deeply missed by all.

Margaret Tweel, of Huntington, WV, passed away July 28, 1995, at her residence. She was the daughter of Habib and Asisa Sirnini Cassatly. She was preceded in death by her husband, Naif Tweel. She is survived by her two sons, Victor Tweel of Parkersburg, WV, and the Rev. Esber Tweel, of Charleston, WV, and five grandchildren.

Tall & Proud

Tall and proud he stands so high,
 Leaving his loved ones, he said goodbye.
 The war in his homeland was too much
 But leaving he knew was not a mistake.
 A better life for him and his brothers
 Was what he was searching for,
 To live in peace and harmony without the war.
 He had heard a lot about Canada and
 that was where he headed for.
 Education and opportunity
 Or maybe even more.
 He missed his loving family,
 But he knew it was the right thing to do,
 He studied hard and cried a lot,
 But his family never knew,
 His hard work and memories have
 piled up like a collage,
 For his my father,
 Mr. Michael S. El Hage

Poem submitted by Omar El Hage

**THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT IN
 THESE CLIPPINGS. THE EDITOR**

Hi cousin Xfeirians
Notice!

Last minute deal!

On Airfare.

South West Airlines is

offering \$25 one way

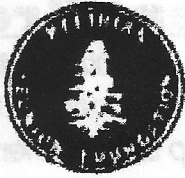
to any destination - call

them for info!

Hope to see you all there
in Orlando.

Diann Dee
Michael

P.S. Sell ALL your Raffle Tickets!



64th Kfeirian Reunion



Orlando, Florida

PLEASE PRINT

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse _____

Spouse Maiden Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Others in Party at same address	Amount Paid	PRE-REGISTRATION FEES	AT DOOR
_____	\$ _____	ADULT _____ \$75.00	\$85.00
_____	\$ _____	TEENS(12-17)___\$50.00	\$60.00
_____	\$ _____	CHILDREN(10-12)\$30.00	\$40.00
_____	\$ _____	CHILDREN UNDER 10 FREE	FREE

must be received before August 20, 1996

TOTAL PREREGISTRATIONS _____

CHECK # _____ \$ _____

(WE HAVE REDUCED the rates for children to encourage families to attend. Children under 10 are FREE at the door or pre-registered.

Optional: Kfeirians in Disney Day.

We will charter a bus and all go to Disney World as a group on Friday, August 30, 1996. If you are interested in this optional trip indicate here. You will be contacted prior to the Reunion with further information. # OF PEOPLE TO GO TO DISNEY ADULTS _____ CHILDREN _____

RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK TO: John Hodge 64th Kfeirian Reunion
903 N W 82nd Avenue Coral Springs, FL 33071

PRE-REGISTRATION INCENTIVES

- ALL PRE-REGISTRATIONS receive: A free Lebanon key chain !!!!
- 4 OR MORE PRE-REGISTRATIONS: A FREE LEBANON TEE SHIRT
- 1ST REUNION RESERVATION RECEIVED WINS A TEE SHIRT & 5 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS
- 2ND RECEIVED WINS 5 FREE RAFFLE TICKETS... SO HURRY!

NATIONAL TRAVEL, INC.

The Official Travel Agency for

The Kfeirian Reunion

Orlando, FL August 31-September 2, 1996

*Airline Tickets delivered to your home or office

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Air Travel Discounts: National travel has negotiated exclusive air discounts which will save you 5-10% .

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And say KFEIRIAN REUNION

Please let us know if you qualify for Senior Citizen Discounts.

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LET'S CHARTER A BUS AND PARTY THE WHOLE WAY THERE!

** CALL GEORGE HANNA (304) 523-8814**

HOTEL REGISTRATION

RADISSON INTERNATIONAL ORLANDO AIRPORT

REGISTER BY CALLING

1-800-333-3333

and say KFEIRIAN REUNION!!!!

We have a group rate of \$59. This rate also applies for the week before and after. Our accommodations will be at the beautiful Radisson International Hotel at the Orlando Airport. With a beautiful Atrium entry, a congenial and accommodating staff, excellent menu, and ballroom facilities, it is sure to be a "debkie all night" kind of a Reunion.

CAR RENTAL

Thrifty Car Rental is giving the Kfeirian Reunion a Price Break! These prices are good one week before and after the Reunion, too!

Just call 1-800-367-2277 and say KFEIRIAN

We have a RATE CODE #8082 to guarantee these rates:

COMPACT 2 DOOR	\$32.62	FULLSIZE	\$41.62
4 DOOR	\$37.12	LUXURY	\$66.37
MIDSIZE 4 DOOR	\$38.25	CONVERTIBLE	\$66.37
MINI-VAN	\$97.62	15 PASSENGER	\$111.37

WE NEED YOUR NEWS!

IF you didn't see any news about you or your family, then we didn't have it!! 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: (parents, grandparents)

News Item (attach news-clipping or any additional information)

Fill out and mail in with your family news & your Reunion registration on the other side

OR RETURN FORM TO:

*Diann Dee Michael, Editor
6930 SW 15th Street
Plantation, FL 33317*

e-mail address
ddm@icanect.net

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<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/3487>

The Endowment Grows

Last year 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. They were followed by Members of the Board of Directors enthusiastically. The following persons have now pledged to the endowment:

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| Selma Edinger | Dr. Charles Saad |
| Ray Abraham Family | Julian Saad |
| James Donley | Ditra Jamra |
| Kevin Donley | Anthony Rezzcallah |
| Mitchell Mickel | Charles Thabit |

These funds can ONLY be used for scholarships.
And we challenge ALL our cousins to match or double our contributions NOW!!!!!!

To: Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship Endowment Fund Date _____

I enclose my contribution/ pledge of \$ _____ for _____ years.

Donor's Name(s):

Address

IN MEMORY OF

Fill out and mail in with a check and your Reunion registration on the other side

OR RETURN FORM TO:
GEORGE HANNA, TREASURER
KFEIRIAN REUNION FOUNDATION
25 HILLENDALE DRIVE
HUNTINGTON, WV 25705

64th Kfeirian Reunion News Orlando, FL 1996

Keefeek and zahla saaha, come to Florida to enjoy fellow Kfeirians, sun and fun and the attractions of Orlando including Disney World, Universal Studios, and Wet N Wild to name a few. We have some special optional trips planned for the weekend and there is sure to be a memory made we will never forget.

We have co chair women: Diann & Lila. The Florida group has had two organizational meetings and they both went well. The first was a good success. I had it at my home in Ft. Lauderdale and there was a nice little turn out. Quite a few people are eager to attend and work on this year's reunion. (of course, even if I do say so myself, the food was great!) The second meeting was at the hotel and it is really beautiful. The hotel's all arranged and it is very nice. The Atrium is beautiful as are the Banquet and Ballroom facilities. We got a great rate and it's good for a week before and a week after the Reunion. National Travel will get you discounted travel rates and George Hanna's working on a chartered bus. Thirty Rent A Car gave us a great rate, too.

Lila is in charge of the hotel, registration, decorations, religious services, etc. Diann is in charge of entertainment, mailings, publicity and general stuff. The bank account is set and John Hodge is the Treasurer. The band is booked, it is reputed to be the best in this area and lots of people independently have raved about them, they are headed by Joe Ghannoun. At the Saturday half the singer will be the wonderful Faisal Al Wasil, who is supposed to be the greatest. We have a belly dancer scheduled for Saturday night, but she may show up again guys. We are working on having a Disney character visit for the Grand Banquet. We have a disc jockey, again an "ibin arabe", Joe Hanna, and one of the best in the state that is reputed to even be able to get the dead up dancing. The Arabic band will return again Sunday night for a wonderful evening of both American and Arabic music. Sunday morning we will have Church at the Hotel celebrate by Father John of Orlando.

The food is all outlined and our resident executive Chef, Chuck Fischer, is heading that up and doing a consummate (my mouth's watering) job. The half meal is part Arabic (yumm yum). The Banquet menu will have some surprises, too. We are working on a photographer to be present to record your family reunions and friends and good ole times.

Mike Abraham is heading up the raffle and there are great prizes! His cousin John Abraham is helping with that and prize acquisition. There will be continuous drawings and sales throughout the weekend. There is lots of enthusiasm and there are quite a few favorable nods from around the country and from Brazil, Canada and maybe the Kfeir! Let's all work together to make this a great success and recruit some new reunion addicts leading up to the wonderful 65th reunion in 1997!

We have special programs scheduled for the children, hair decorating, face painting, an optional visit to

Disney Friday, a swim party including a pinata. We are working on a teen room and more!

Pre-convention parties will abound and The Hospitality Suite will be open Friday night and we

welcome all Kfeirians to stop by, there will be drinks from a cash bar and some music.

People are calling from all over the country and there seems to be a lot of enthusiasm among the callers. We hope for a great turnout and can't wait to see you here!

If you can't come, support the Reunion by selling Raffle Tickets, sending in your family news for the next newsletter, and make a donation to the Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship Endowment Fund.