



# KFEIRIAN REUNION FOUNDATION

*Founded 1932*

## Summer 2007 Newsletter

### Celebrating 75 Years of the Kfeirian Reunion

*Milestone Occasion Filled With New Events and Old Traditions*

*Labor Day Weekend, August 31 - September 3, 2007*

*Pullman Plaza Hotel, Huntington, W.Va.*

It is with great appreciation to the founders, love of our ancestry and pride of our rich heritage that we celebrate 75 years of the Kfeirian Reunion. Without the Reunion, would we know our extended family and friends of Kfeir as well? Would we see each other as often as we do? We owe a lot to the group of courageous sons and daughters from the small village of Kfeir who left their homeland to pursue the American dream. They gathered in 1932 in Huntington, W.Va., to reminisce about their land and their roots. They founded the Kfeirian Reunion and later the Foundation and pledged to meet each year with their families, ensuring that their descendants would carry on the tradition. The Kfeirian Reunion continues in their memory today. We hope that you and your family will join us in celebrating 75 years of the Kfeirian Reunion and keep this unique gathering going for years to come. As the Reunion nears, be sure to make your plans to attend...details below!

	<u>Reservations and Information</u>	<u>Events</u>
<b>When</b>	Labor Day Weekend, Aug 31–Sept 3, 2007	This year's Reunion brings new events and old traditions! Highlights include:  <b>Friday, Aug 31, 2007</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evening Picnic with DJ Entertainment and Children's Activities</li> </ul> <b>Saturday, Sept 1, 2007</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lebanese Cooking Class with Notable Chef Helen Corey</li> <li>▪ Pool Party</li> <li>▪ Children's Corner Activities</li> <li>▪ Arabic Dance, Drum and Language Seminars</li> <li>▪ Touma Middle Eastern Museum Tours</li> <li>▪ Wine and Cheese Party</li> <li>▪ "Back To Your Roots Night"—Cocktail Hour, Semi-formal Lebanese Dinner and Hafli with Arabic Band and Belly Dancing Troupe</li> </ul> <b>Sunday, Sept 2, 2007</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Divine Liturgy with Bishop Thomas Joseph at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church</li> <li>▪ Children's Corner Activities</li> <li>▪ General Assembly Meeting</li> <li>▪ Cocktail Hour, Formal Banquet and Hafli with Arabic Band and American Music DJ</li> </ul> <b>Monday, Sept 3, 2007</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Brunch and Raffle</li> <li>▪ "Kfeirian Idol" and Closing Surprise</li> </ul>
<b>Where</b>	Huntington, W.Va.	
<b>Main Hotel</b>	Pullman Plaza Hotel (formally the Radisson) (304) 525-1001 or toll-free (866) 613-3611 \$89 per night (mention "Kfeirian Reunion") Complimentary valet parking included Rate applies Aug 30–Sept 3, 2007 Reservations must be made by Aug 15, 2007	
<b>Overflow Hotel</b>	Square Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Located about one block from main hotel (304) 523-8880 \$79 per night (mention "Kfeirian Reunion") Rate applies Aug 30–Sept 3, 2007 Reservations must be made by Aug 1, 2007	
<b>Registration</b>	Early bird registration deadline is Aug 24, 2007 Fill out and mail in enclosed form Same cost as last year with free Friday event Discount rate for seniors and teens All children 12 and under attend free	
<b>Raffle</b>	Benefits Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship Raffle flyer/ticket form enclosed Prizes include laptop computer, Oriental rug, digital camera, portable DVD player and more!	

## Kfeirian Reunion History and Trivia to Be Proud Of!

2006 – 2007

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The first Kfeirian Reunion was in 1932 in Huntington, W.Va., and was called the Kfeirian Brotherhood.

The Kfeirian Reunion Foundation was established in 1948 and incorporated in the state of Ohio; the Foundation became a 501-C non-profit organization on September 26, 1995.

The Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship Program for Kfeirian ancestors has provided over 130 scholarships since its inception in 1964, totaling approximately \$312,000.

The Kfeirian Reunion Foundation seal was introduced in 1968.

In 1982, at the 50th Reunion, Kevin Donley created the Kfeirian Family Tree which now has more than 4,100 names, 1,126 marriages and 723 surnames and represents 17 generations. Check out the Tree at [www.kfeir.com](http://www.kfeir.com) and be sure to give Kevin any updates!

While the Kfeirian Reunion has predominately been held in West Virginia and Ohio where our immigrants originally settled, new and exciting locations have also included Orlando, Fla., Las Vegas, Nev., Miami, Fla., and Los Angeles, Ca.

Over the last 75 years, the Kfeirian Reunion Foundation has contributed to the village of Kfeir to improve the irrigation system, assist in paving the main thoroughfare road and install a new generator.

A few notable Kfeirians include:

- James Abourezk      Former U.S. House of Representatives (D-SD)  
First Arab-American to serve U.S. Senate (D-SD)
- Emily Nasrallah      Novelist, journalist, teacher, freelance writer, lecturer, women's rights activist
- Nick Joe Rahall, II      Current U.S. House of Representatives (D-WV)
- Clay Scott              Emmy-award winning broadcast journalist
- Helen Thomas        Former White House Bureau Chief, former White House correspondent for United Press International, syndicated columnist for Hearst Newspapers
- Ernest N. McCarus    Emeritus Professor of Arabic and Kurdish—University of Michigan, Pioneer of Modern Standard Arabic textbooks that revolutionized Arabic language instruction

### A Letter From Kfeir

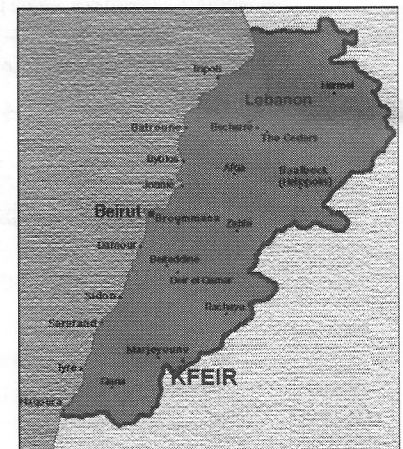
April 19, 2007

Respected President and Members  
Kfeir Brotherhood Association, U.S.A.

We received your generous donation with Dr. Makram Hajj. We are very grateful for this gesture, especially because it covered a necessary need for an electric generator. This was bought and inaugurated during the Easter holiday. A copy of the receipt is enclosed with this letter.

In the name of Kfeir citizens and in the name of the Church Priest, we offer our deepest thanks, wishing you all the best and more future cooperation with your mother-town Kfeir.

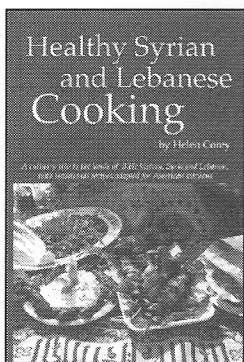
Yours sincerely,  
St. George Orthodox Church, Kfeir, Lebanon



### Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship

Since founding the Kfeirian Reunion Scholarship in 1964, over 130 Kfeirians have been awarded scholarships for higher education. We should all be very proud of this accomplishment. Please continue to support this worthy cause. For a scholarship application, please visit [www.kfeir.com](http://www.kfeir.com). Please send your donations to: Kfeirian Reunion Foundation, 25 Hillendale Drive, Huntington, WV 25705.

## Lebanese/Syrian Cooking Class With Notable Chef Helen Corey



This year's Reunion will feature a Lebanese/Syrian cooking class demonstration with notable chef Helen Corey on Saturday, September 1. Space is limited, so sign up through the registration form insert.

### About Helen Corey

*The Art of Syrian Cookery*, authored by Helen Corey, became in instant success, having stayed on

DoubleDay's best seller list for 24 years as an international classic. When it went out of print there was a continuous demand for the book, Corey saw the need to revise the book and gave it a new title, *Healthy Syrian and Lebanese Cooking*. Many new photos and additional recipes are included in this revised edition, plus health benefits of the foods and useful Arabic phrases used every day. Corey also

produced a cooking video show (70 minute running time) titled, *The Art of Syrian & Lebanese Cooking*, a companion to the cookbook. Her appearances throughout the country have dubbed her book as a "cultural treasure".

*The New York Times* hailed: "All in all, it is a book, of which Miss Corey and everyone in general can be very proud and one which, no doubt, will give much pleasure to people of all faiths and nationalities. For its art of preparing squash with yogurt sauce, grape leaf rolls, and many others, cannot help but develop a better understanding among those who try them. And understanding is the recipe which binds men together in world brotherhood."

Corey tells the public: "My culture has a wealth of historical information and healthy foods and I wanted to share them with everyone as I believe that the recipe of understanding one another's customs and cultures can bring about true world peace and brotherhood."

## In Celebration

- **George and Gloria Hanna** of Huntington, W.Va., celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this June with a party given by their children.
- Baby boy **Nathan James Hanna**, born March 18, 2007, to **Greg and Jamie Hanna** of Falling Waters, W.Va.
- Baby girl **Makenna Dauray Gigliotti**, born June 15, 2007, to **Paul and Leigh Anne Gigliotti** of Mountain Home, Ariz.
- **Brian Christian**, son of **Brian and Yvonne Christian** of South Charleston, W.Va., graduated from high school and will attend West Virginia University in the fall.
- **Helen Rose Christian**, daughter of **Clay and Ruth Christian** of Bethesda, Md., graduated from high school and will attend American University in the fall.
- **Tom Levitt** celebrated 20 years in the U.S. Army and last year received orders for a NATO assignment in Valencia, Spain where he now lives with his wife **Kelli Levitt**.
- **Laura Barger**, the daughter of **Hugh and Janice Lowen Barger**, has earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, N.Y. She was awarded the Ackerman Prize, given by the university for outstanding achievement in graduate music studies.



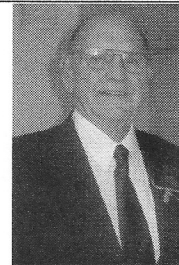
Gloria and George Hanna

## In Memory

We mourn the loss of our Kfeirian brothers and sisters, including:

- **Emma (Thabit) Aown**, 96, (2005)
- **Josephine Bassett**, 89, of Huntington, W.Va. (February 9, 2007)
- **Donald Clay Christian**, 78, of So. Charleston, W.Va. (June 27, 2007)
- **Josephine Cantees Eubanks**, 80, of Williamson, W.Va. (January 21, 2007)
- **App Copley**, 80, of Chesapeake, Ohio (August 30, 2006)
- **Lucille Ann Kassab**, 88, of Huntington, W.Va. (June 11, 2007)
- **Nancy Hodge Kenney**, 50, of Marietta, Ga. (May 26, 2007)
- **Marguerite T. Lowen**, 94, of Charleston, W.Va. (July 14, 2007)

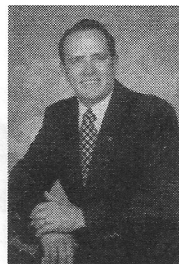
~ *Memory Eternal*



Don Christian



Nancy Hodge Kenney



App Copley



Lucille Kassab



Marguerite Lowen



# 75th Annual Kfeirian Reunion Registration Form

Hosted by The Board of Directors  
Pullman Plaza Hotel - Huntington, WV  
Labor Day Weekend, Aug 31 - Sept 3, 2007

Mail completed forms to:  
Kfeirian Reunion Foundation  
25 Hillendale Drive \* Huntington, WV 25705  
~ Please make checks payable to the Kfeirian  
Reunion Foundation ~

One Form per Family

Write name below as you  
would like it to appear on badge

Senior:  75 and over  
 Adult:  Ages 18 to 74  
 Teen:  Ages 13 to 17  
 Child:  12 & under

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact  
Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Remember to visit [www.kfeir.com](http://www.kfeir.com)!

### Early Bird Registration Deadline: August 24, 2007

Reunion Event Package	By 08/24/07	After 08/24/07	Qty	Subtotal
Senior (75 and over)	\$75.00	\$100.00	_____	\$ _____
Adult (Ages 18 to 74)	\$120.00	\$145.00	_____	\$ _____
Teen (Ages 13 to 17)	\$85.00	\$110.00	_____	\$ _____
Child (Ages 12 and under)	Free	Free	_____	\$ N/A

Additional Events:	Price	Qty	Subtotal
Helen Corey Cooking Class (Sat.) Senior	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Helen Corey Cooking Class (Sat.) Adult	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Helen Corey Cooking Class (Sat.) Teen	\$5.00	_____	\$ _____
Helen Corey Cooking Class (Sat.) Child	Free	_____	\$ N/A
Raffle Tickets	\$15.00 / Sheet	_____	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>			\$ _____

**Take advantage of the Early Bird Event Package!**

- Reunion Event Package Includes:
  - Friday Night Picnic and Entertainment
  - Saturday Dinner and Haflii
  - Sunday Banquet and Haflii
  - Monday Brunch

Payment by:  Check  Visa  Master Card  
 Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Receipt Needed:  Yes  No

Please mail completed form with payment to the above address. Please contact Joseph Peck for further information:  
 (304) 416-1487 or [sdn.joseph@holyspiritwv.org](mailto:sdn.joseph@holyspiritwv.org)



# 75<sup>th</sup> Kfeirian Reunion

Huntington, WV

Aug 31 – Sept 3, 2007

# RAFFLE

Here's a great way to win some cool prizes and help support the future of our Kfeirian Reunion!

Fill out the raffle tickets on the reverse side and send them in prior to the Kfeirian Reunion!

*Lucky winners will be announced after Monday brunch in Huntington!*

## *Prizes*

Toshiba Laptop Computer (15.4 in)

Authentic Oriental Rug

*(Generously donated by Saad's Oriental Rugs)*

Free Reunion Registration

Two Free Room Nights at the Pullman Plaza Hotel

Samsung Digital Camera (6.1 mega pixel)

Portable DVD Player (8.5 in)

Durbukeh Drum

Arabic 101 CD's

Special Children's Drawing *(free of charge)*

# Kfeirian Reunion Arabic Class 101

## **Common Greetings and Phrases**

1	Hello	Mar Ha Ba
2	Welcome	Ahla W' Sahla
3	What is your name	Male: Shu Iss Mak <i>Female: Shu Iss Mek</i>
4	My name is (state your name)	Issmi ( state your name)
5	How are you	Male: Keef Halak <i>Female: Keef Halik</i>
6	Just fine, how are you	Male:Ma'b suit, keef halak int <i>Female: Ma'b suit Keef halik inte</i>
7	Where do you live	Male: Waine Say'kin <i>Female: Waine Saak'Ni</i>
8	I live in (state your city, state, etc.)	Male: Ahni sakin fi ( state your city, state) <i>Female: Ahni sakni fi ( state your city, state)</i>
9	Goodbye	Male: Female: <i>Mah L' Salmi</i>
10	Where are you going	Male: Lah waine rah'yih <i>Female: Lah waine raay'ha</i>
11	I am going to (state where you are going)	Male: Ahni rah'yeh ( state where to) <i>Female: ahni rahy'ha (state where to)</i>
12	Yes	Ahy
13	No	La'ah
14	Thank you	Shuk'r'ran..OR..Mum'noon (more refined)
	<b>Phrases</b>	
15	I want.....and state the following below	Bah'di...and state the following below
	To eat	Ay'khul
	To leave	Fill
	A cup of coffee	Fin jayn ahwee
	A glass of water	Kib'bayet maih
	A glass of milk	Kib'bayet ha'leeb
	A kiss	Baow see
	<b>Other Phrases</b>	
16	Where is the shopping district	Waine L'suuk
17	What would you like to eat	Male: Shu'bit'hib tay'khul <i>Female: Shu'bit'hibby tay'klee</i>
18	You are beautiful (handsome for male)	Male: Int helou <i>Female: Inte hil'wee</i>
19	I would like to buy	Ah'ni b'hib ish ti'irry
20	What time is it	<i>Ah'daish el say'ah</i>
21	There is nothing like this Reunion	Fish mete' hal ej'te maayh
22	God be with you	Male: Allah y'khood mah'aak <i>Female: Allah y'khood mah'eek</i>
23	When can I see you again	Male: Aaimta fee'ye Shufack thany mah'rrah <i>Female: Aaimta fee'ye shufick thany mah'rra</i>
24	Would you like to dance	Male: Bit'hib tur'kus <i>Female: Bit'hibby tur'ksee</i>

<b>Courtesy Phrases Page 2</b>			
25	Good morning		Saa'bah l'khair
26	Good afternoon		N'ha'rak sah'iid
27	Good night		Tus'b'hoo ahl khairr
28	Please come in		T'fah'thal (single) <b>OR</b> T'fatha'lu (plural)
29	Thank you very much		Male: Salim Dah'ya'tuk <i>Female: Salim dah'ya tik</i>
30	Pardon me / excuse me		Male: Lah'tway kith'ni <i>Female: Lah'tway'kth'the'ni</i>
31	Goodbye, I'll see you later		Male: Mah'el'sah'laymi, b'shu'fack bah'daiyn <i>Mah'el'sah'laymi, b'shu'feek bahdaiyn</i>
32	Where were you born		Male: Waiyn kahl'khan <i>Female: Waiyn kahl'kahni</i>
33	I was born in ( state where)		Male: Ahni kahl'kahn fi (state where) <i>Female: Ahni kahl'kah'ni fi (state where)</i>
34	Are you single or married		Male: Int Ah'zaybi ya'mah mit jah'wiz <i>Female: Inti ah'zaybi, ya'mah mit jaou'zi</i>
35	What type of work do you do		Male: Shu B'tish tighal or shu sha'ghil'tack <i>Female: Shu B'tish tighli or shu sha'ghil'teek</i>
<b>Phrases on the street</b>			
36	Do you have a cigarette		M: Fi'mah'ak Cigara...F: Fi'mah'ek Cigara
37	Do you have a match		M: Fi' mah'ak nafta....F: Fi'mah;ek nafta
38	What is the name of this street		Shu Issm ha'suuk
39	What does he want		M: shu bah'du.....F: shu bud'ha
40	How much is this flower		Kah'daish hal wah'ardi
41	I would like to buy (state what)		Ah'knee b'hib ish'terry (state what)
42	Tell him / her to wait for me		Male: Khu'lu (Uh'lu) ta'yis'taan thir'ni <i>Female: Khu'l ha (Uhl'ha) ta'tis'taan thir'ni</i>
43	What do you sell		M: Shu bit beah...F: shu bit beeahii
<b>At a hotel</b>			
44	I want a room		Bah'dee Oo'tha
45	We are (very) tired		Nih'na (K'theer) Tah'bah'neen
46	Where are the keys to the room		Wayne L'ma'fa'tiib la'ootha
47	Where is the restaurant		Wayne l'Rasta or maat'ahm
48	I need some towels and soap		Bah'dee man'sha'fi w'saa'boon
<b>At Breakfast</b>			
49	How are you this morning		Male: Keef'fack hah'subuh <i>Female: Keef'fic hah'subuh</i>
50	Fine, how are you		M: M'neeh, shukrahn....F: M'neeha, shukrahn
51	The eggs are delicious		Fish at'yab min hal baiy'thaat
52	I want some salt		Bah'dee milh
53	I want some pepper		Bah'dee full'ful
54	I want a cup of coffee please		Ah'maal mah'rrof, bah'dee finjayn ah'wee
55	How do you like WV (Sub anything else)		Keef hay'bib WV (Sub anything else)
56	We are happy to see you		Nih'nah mab'su'teen fi shaou'ftack

**Romantic Phrases Page 3.**

57	I love you with all my heart	Male: Ahni b'hib'bak min khul Ahlbee Female: Ahni b'hib'beek min khul ahlbee
58	Do you love me	M: Bit'hib'ni Int.....F Bit'hib'beeni Inte
59	Give me a kiss	Ah'teeni Baousi
60	I can not live without you	Male: Ahni Fiyish eesh Bah'layk Female: Ahni fi'yish eesh bah'layki
61	Can I give you a kiss	M: fi'yi boo'sak.....F: Fi'yi boo'sik
62	Will you marry me	M: B'tit Jaou'wizni....F: B'tit Jaou'wzini
63	What a beautiful girl	Shu hal bent L'hilwi (OR L'jameeli)
64	What a handsome guy	Shu hal shub L'hilwi (OR L'zah'reef)
65	Do you like the music	Bit'hib hal Mu'zika
66	Would you like to sit	M: Bit 'hib touh'oud....F Bit'hibbi touh'eehdi

**Learning to count**

67	One	wah'haad
68	Two	T'nain
69	Three	T'lay'ti
70	Four	Aarb'ah
71	Five	Kahm'si
72	Six	Sitty
73	Seven	Sab'ah
74	Eight	Th'mayni
75	Nine	Tis'ah
76	Ten	Ah'shara

*Now listen to some variations*

**ARABIC ALPHABET Listen to CD**

**Teaching parts of the body**

77	Head	Rah'aas
78	Hair	Sha'irr
79	Eye	Ayn
80	Ear	Thaiy'ni
81	Nose	Mun'khaar
82	Mouth	Booz or Thuum
83	Hand	Eeid
84	Shirt	Ah'meese
85	Pants	Binta'laoun
86	Shoes	Las'teek
87	Foot	I'jir
88	Knee	Rik'bi

**Other Arabic Words**

89	Mother	Im'mi
90	Father	Bah'yi
91	Grandmother	Sitty
92	Grandfather	Jiddy
93		



<u>Arabic Word Continued</u>			
94	Brother		Kahy'yi
95	Sister Girl		Ukh'ti
96	Boy		Sah'bi
97	Cat		Bissy
98	Dog		Kalb
99	Horse		Hassan
100	Camel		Ja'maal
101	Cow		Bah'ka'ra
102	Bird		Ahs'foor
103	Book		K'taab
104	Clock		Say'ah
105	Paper		Warak
106	Pencil		Ahlam
107	Ruler		Satara
<b>Closing Remarks. We hope you enjoy this Arabic CD. We enjoyed making it for you</b>			

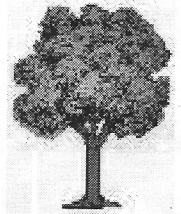


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## **Kfeirian Family Tree**

Our family tree continues to grow but we need your help in keeping it up-to-date and adding to the more than 4,100 names! Continue to send Kevin Donley your updates by emailing him at [kevindonley@comcast.net](mailto:kevindonley@comcast.net) or be sure to talk to him at the Reunion!



*Thanks to all of those who contributed to this edition of the Kfeirian Reunion Newsletter. Send or email information for the next newsletter to:  
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