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### Greetings!

In observance of Memorial Day, all ACC offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2009. ACC offices will return to regular business hours on Tuesday, May 26.



**Memorial Day** is a U.S. federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in the military services. Memorial Day is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

### *Seventh Annual Golf Outing to support academic scholarships*



On Wednesday, July 8th ACC will host the Seventh Annual Golf Outing & Scholarship Awards Dinner, benefiting the ACC Scholarship Awards Program at West Bloomfield's Shenandoah Country Club, located at 5600 Walnut Lake Road.

ACC is proud to announce [Dr. Lou Anna K. Simon](#), President of Michigan State University, and [General Barry R. McCaffrey](#), Chairman of the Board of Directors for Global Linguist Solutions, will serve as the event's Honorary Chairs.

"GLS commends the Arab American and Chaldean Council on its 30 years of service to the community in Metro Detroit. Your scholarship program, which aims to enhance the educational opportunities available to students, helps to strengthen the base of both the Arab and Chaldean American communities. We are proud to be a partner in this notable endeavor," said General McCaffrey.

**For additional information and [sponsorship opportunities](#), please contact ACC at (248) 559- 1990.**

ACC's Scholarship Program is now accepting applications. [Click here](#) to download the 2009 Scholarship Application.

[Learn More](#)

### *Congratulations to our new Detroit Mayor*



The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC) would like to congratulate Mr. Dave Bing on being elected as the City of Detroit's 62nd Mayor. ACC looks forward to working with Mayor Bing in Making a Difference.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mayor Bing!

### *ACC hosts DHS House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing*



On Friday, May 8 ACC hosted a meeting of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Services. State Representatives Dudley Spade, subcommittee chair, and Rashida Talib, subcommittee vice-chair, were present to facilitate the meeting.

Presentations by community organization receiving funding from the Department of Human Services (DHS) were given at the hearing. Organizations present at the meeting, including ACC, provided details and testimony in regards to the importance and impact of their programs.

Following the meeting, ACC Executive Director and COO Dr. Radwan Khoury provided a guided tour of ACC's Seven Mile facilities highlighting the programs and services offered.

### *ACC board member awarded Ellis Island Metal of Honor*



ACC would like to congratulate Mr. Salman Sesi, Esq., ACC board member and previous chairman of the board , on his recent Ellis Island Medal of Honor award.

Congratulations on such a prestigious award!!

AREA ATTORNEY SALMAN SESI AWARDED THE ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR DURING CEREMONIES IN NEW YORK CITY MAY 9

Attorney Salman T. Sesi, a prominent area attorney who is founder and partner of the law firm Sesi & Sesi, PC of Farmington Hills, was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor at a black tie ceremony in New York City May 9, 2009.

The Ellis Island Medal of Honor is awarded annually to a group of distinguished Americans from across the country who have dedicated themselves to support and defend the values of American life, and build bridges between ethnic, racial and religious groups in the United States and abroad.

Sesi, a native of Iraq who resides in West Bloomfield, said he was notified of the award in February and contacted in March to announce he would be one of the recipients of the award. "What a wonderful honor it is to receive this prestigious award from a national organization. There are many individuals in Michigan who would easily qualify for this award for all the good work they do," Sesi said.

Sesi is a leader in the Chaldean-Iraqi community of metro Detroit. Over the years he has been very active in community activities where he has represented the Chaldean American community and the food industry. He is a co-founder and past chairman of the Arab American and Chaldean Council, a board member and attorney for the Michigan Food & Beverage Association and the Michigan Business & Professional Association.

Sesi was also advisor for President George H.W. Bush on the first Iraq war helping to bring understanding to the area, and assure minimal loss of life.

Former Ellis Island award recipients from Michigan include Frank Stella, Michael Berry, Tarik Daoud, Edward Deeb, Thomas Angott and Haifa Fakhouri.



***ACC's New Employment and Training Program Now Open***



ACC, in partnership with Macomb County Workforce Development, is proud to announce the opening of its new Macomb County Employment and Training Program. This program is in response to the growing need and request for services in Macomb County. ACC's

employment program responds to the documented needs of dislocated workers and other economically and educationally disadvantaged individuals, particularly those who are non-English speaking.

The program works to enhance the employability skills and language efficiency of the target population to help increase their probability of securing employment. The overall goal of ACC's program is to promote the economic self-sufficiency of clients and eliminate the need for public assistance by the target population.

**ACC Employment and Training Program  
Macomb County  
34596 Dequindre  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310  
Tel: (586): 939-7550  
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Services include, but are not limited to: English as a Second Language, Vocational English as a Second Language, career counseling, resume writing, interview skills, unemployment services, job search and placement and employment training.

## *Community News*

### **May is Stroke Awareness Month**

Do your part in promoting awareness and take steps now to prevent strokes.

[Learn More](#)

### **Stroke Awareness Event**

POH Regional Medical Stroke Team and the American Stroke Association present:

Power to End Stroke  
Saturday, May 23, 2009  
10:00am - 2:00pm  
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church  
318 Auburn Avenue, Pontiac, MI 48341

To learn more, contact Kim Hamm at (248) 338-5679

### **Free Heart Health for Women**

The St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Women's Health Center, in collaboration with the Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute, is hosting a FREE heart health event for women and children.

Wed., May 27th, 5:30pm

Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center, 5320 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Registration Required: Log on to [sjmercyhealth.org](http://sjmercyhealth.org) or call 800-231-2211. Register early, space is limited.

### **Wayne County Medical Insurance Program**

Free medical insurance for adults in need. You must to apply by May 31, 2009.

The number to call is 1-800-WELL-NOW for adults 18- 64 of age that live in Wayne County with a deadline of May 31, 2009

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