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Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)

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Greetings!

ACC Holiday Hours

All ACC offices will be closed on the following dates:

Thursday, December 24, 2009

Friday, December 25, 2009

Thursday, December 31, 2009

Friday, January 1, 2010



ACC To Host Fifth U.S. Swearing-In Ceremony

The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC), in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security-Office of Citizenship and Immigration will host an official U.S. Citizenship Swearing-In Ceremony on Friday, December 18th, 10:00 a.m. at St. George's Cultural Center in Troy. Nearly 300 individuals will take an oath that will officially make them citizens of the United States

of America.

It will be a memorable day for hundreds of immigrants and their families from all over the world, as they take an oath and become citizens. Keynote speaker Major General Scott G. West, Commanding General US Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command, will address the new citizens and emphasize their roles and responsibilities as new Americans.

This is the fifth Swearing-In Ceremony hosted by ACC. We are proud to work jointly with the Department of Homeland Security-Office of Citizenship and Immigration to promote cross-cultural understanding and respect for the diversity of cultures residing in the State of Michigan.

[Pictures from ACC's 30th Annual Gala](#)

Hamtramck Office Grand Opening



ACC celebrated the official opening of its relocated Hamtramck Office on Nov. 30th. at 9019 Jos Campau. Community leaders, funders and friends came together to celebrate the new facility. Joined by Mayor Karen Majewski of Hamtramck and other notable officials, ACC shared its goals of reaching out to the community through its many specialized programs and services. In addition, guests were given a tour of the facility and the programs available at this location.

ACC's Hamtramck office offers programs and services such as Southeast Michigan

Community Alliance (SEMCA) Job Education and Training (JET) program, Women Infant and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program, DHS services, youth and community programs, and referrals in addition to others.

ACC is committed to serving the diverse community of Hamtramck, especially during this difficult economic time. ACC has been providing services to the city of Hamtramck since 1980.

ACC Donation Drive



Join us in Making a Difference

There is a great need for your support, this year more than ever, and we would like to invite you to be involved in this charitable effort by making a donation. ACC offices will be collecting food, clothing, toys and other basic need items for those less fortunate during this holiday season. Your generosity and support will make a real difference in the lives of the families we serve. **For more information please call ACC at (248) 559-1990.**

Michigan to go smoke free

ACC's Tobacco Cessation Program is proud to share the following news:

December 10, 2009, the Senate passed, and the House concurred with HB 4377, which bans smoking in most public places statewide. It is currently on its way to Governor Granholm's desk to be signed into law.

Here are some of the high (and low) lights of this historic legislation:

- The bill's official title is "The Dr. Ron Davis Act of 2009"
- Under this legislation, ALL BARS AND RESTAURANTS will be non-smoking.
- The effective date is May 1, 2010
- The labor union exemption that was included in the original version of this bill has been stripped out!
- Tobacco specialty stores and Cigar bars may be exempted provided they meet the necessary requirements.
- Casinos are partially exempted, only the gaming floors of casinos are exempted.
- This bill passed 24-13 in the Senate and 75-30 in the House.

Employment Opportunity

**Are you seeking an opportunity to sell a service that people really need?
And, sell a service you can feel good about within a recession proof industry?**

Midwest Memorial Group (MMG) is seeking Sales Counselor's with strong customer service skills to sell cemetery services to families surrounding one of the following park communities.



Woodmere Cemetery- 9400 West Fort Street,
Detroit, MI 48209

Mount Hope Memorial Gardens- 17840 Middlebelt
Rd., Livonia, MI 48152

United Memorial Gardens- 4800 Curtis Road,
Plymouth, MI 48170

MMG is seeking individuals with a strong drive to succeed, a positive professional attitude and willingness to learn a proven sales system within the cemetery services industry. **This position**

offers excellent Commissions plus monthly Bonuses, Paid Training, Medical/Prescription/Dental Benefits and a Matching 401k along with career advancement.

For immediate consideration, please forward your resume to careers@midwestmemorialgroup.com or fax to (866) 836-3170.

Public Health Announcements

American Heart Association offers Bi-lingual (English/Spanish) materials:

[Heart Patient Information Sheets](#)
[Heart Patient Information Sheets \(Spanish\)](#)
[Stroke Patient Information Sheets](#)
[Stroke Patient Information Sheets \(Spanish\)](#)
[Children Activity Sheets](#)
[Educational Resources for Teachers](#)
[Resources for Families and Teachers](#)

Health care: Apply for free coverage for your children

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) - Even if you have a job, have a total household income of up to 44,500 a year or have previously applied but been turned down for CHIP, your child still may be eligible. Find out at [Insure Kids Now!](#)

Men's Fellowship Breakfast: Part 6

The goals of the breakfasts are to provide relevant health programming for men and to build community relationships. All men are invited to attend and the event is free.

Saturday, Dec. 19th, 9 - 11 a.m. (breakfast served 8:30 - 9 a.m.)
Marriott Conference Center at Eagle Crest
1275 South Huron St., Ypsilanti, MI 48197

TO REGISTER: Call 734-998-7071 or visit
http://www.cancer.med.umich.edu/about/event_breakfast.shtml

Arabic language legal information
available online



Legal Aid and Defender Association is providing Arabic language legal information through their website at: www.michiganlegalaid.org Find documents, forms, and legal assistance through our website TODAY!

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- English language training if needed.
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