



e-Council Connection

Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)

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Greetings!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ACC Office Closed for MLK Day.

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, all ACC Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2010.

ACC Hosted its 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 hosted an official U.S. Citizenship Swearing-In Ceremony on Friday, December 18th, at St. George's Cultural Center in Troy.

It was a memorable day for hundreds of immigrants and their families from all over the world, as they take the oath to become citizens. Keynote speaker Major General Scott G. West,

Commanding General US Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command, addressed the new citizens and emphasized 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.

ACC would like to thank Sam's Club for their generous support. Your participation helped make our event a success.

NEW: ACC Refugee Health Programs



ACC, in collaboration with Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, is providing public and behavioral health services specifically designed for refugees. The Refugee Health Program provides services to all refugees and asylees who have not attained US Citizenship and have lived in the US for three years or less.

Services are designed specifically to meet the needs of refugees. Activities and services are provided by staff who are fluent in both Arabic and Chaldean.

ACC's Refugee Health Program provides medical and social adjustment services, such as:

- ~ Individual, Group, and Family Counseling
- ~ Primary Care Services: medical exams and health screenings
- ~ Prescriptions for medications
- ~ Resource Referrals
- ~ Emergency Care Referrals
- ~ Ongoing counseling and planning to assist in understanding, identifying, and meeting physical and mental health needs

For additional information, contact ACC at (248) 559- 1990.

A smoke free Michigan

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



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.

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Public Health Announcements

Breast cancer awareness, treatment and transformative health: a catalyst for change.

January 18, 2010, 11:45 am

Dow Auditorium, Towsley Center, 1515 E. Medical Drive

Speaker: Dr. Lisa Newman, Surgical Oncologist and Director of the University of Michigan Breast Care Center

The presentation addresses current and future research, treatment and prevention of breast cancer. For more information, contact Sha' Smith at (734) 936- 3296 or tesdun@umich.edu

GO RED FOR WOMEN Events

Go Red Pamper Party & Jewel Kade Showcase

Monday, February 1st, 6pm

Gjeto's Salon & Day Spa, Fountain Walk

44325 Twelve Mile Rd., Novi

Come out for a girly evening , receive a complimentary red manicure, indulge in heart healthy snacks provided by Bar Louie and purchase the "aha Charm" designed by Jewel Kade, proceeds benefiting American Heart Association.

Zumba for Heart

Wednesday, February 3rd, 7pm

Body Language

1567 Union Lake Rd., Commerce Township.

\$30 includes a sixty minute Zumba class, Zumba for heart tank top, red boa , Go Red Calendar. & other goodies RSVP required. Please call (248) 360-5350 to reserve your spot.

Friday, February 5th- National Wear Red Day

To learn more visit GoRedForWomen.org.

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