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Greetings!

Happy Thanksgiving!

From everyone at ACC, we hope your Thanksgiving is filled with peace and happiness. Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

Eid Mubarak!

ACC would like to wish all those celebrating Eid al Adha many blessing. May your home be filled with happiness and peace.

Note: All ACC offices will be for Thanksgiving and Eid on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th.

Arab American, Chaldean council toasts civic leaders



The November 18 issue of the Detroit News featured ACC's 30th Annual Civic and Humanitarian Awards Gala held on October 17.

The Society Column, written by Chuck Bennett, features highlights from the evening's award ceremony.

To learn more please click the following link.

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

Hamtramck Office Grand Opening



The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC) is proud to announce the Grand Opening of its new facility in Hamtramck on **Monday, November 30, 2009 at 12pm**. The opening will be held at 9019 Jos Campau, Hamtramck.

ACC has been providing services in the Hamtramck area for over ten years. However, with the recent growth and increasing demand for services ACC has expanded in order to meet the need.

The ACC Hamtramck Center is a multifaceted facility that is available to all community residents. It houses a wide range of programs and services such as SEMCA Job Education and Training, Women Infant and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program, youth programs and services, DHS social services, and referrals in addition to others.

FREE H1N1 vaccines at ACC

The City of Detroit is offering FREE H1N1 (Swine Flu) vaccines at ACC's Youth Center located at 62 W. Seven Mile Road (between Woodward Ave. and John R) in Detroit.

The vaccine is available to anyone wishing to take it, there is no residency requirement. Immunizations will be held on Monday, Nov. 23 and Tuesday, Nov. 24 between the hours of 11:00am and 3:00pm.

For additional information contact ACC at (313) 369- 3100.

ACC to Host U.S. Swearing-In Ceremony



The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC) and the Department of Homeland Security-Office of Citizenship and Immigration will host an official U.S. Citizenship Swearing-In ceremony on Friday, December 18th at St. George's Cultural Center in Troy.

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 American citizens.

ACC is 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 Board welcomes new members

The Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC) has added three new members to their Board of Directors, Mayor for the City of Wayne, Michigan Abdul "Al" Haidous, Dearborn Chief of Police Ronald Haddad, and Arkan Jonna of A.F. Jonna Development.

"We are proud they accepted our invitation," said ACC President & CEO Dr. Haifa Fakhouri, "they are strong leaders of the community and will enhance our Board immensely."

Mayor Haidous was elected to service the City of Wayne in 2001. His previous public service experience is as broad as his business experience. He currently serves as a chair of Wayne's Downtown Development Authority, and was a steering committee member of the Downtown Wayne Commercial Revitalization Initiative from 1991 to 1992.

Ronald Haddad is a retired Deputy Chief of the Detroit Police Department and a law enforcement professional of over 34 years. Chief Haddad's distinguished career within

the Detroit Police Department is exemplified by the number of positions and titles that he held. He holds a master's degree, graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command from Northwestern University, and earned an extensive list of other educational, specialized training and professional development certificates.

Arkan Jonna has been in the development business for well over thirty years. He develops, owns, and manages many shopping centers and office buildings in the Southeastern Michigan area.

On behalf of ACC Board of Directors, we welcome Mayor Haidous, Chief Haddad and Arkan Jonna and look forward to their active participation in the future of ACC.

ACC SEMCA JET Program receives recognition



In recognition of their efforts and performance in raising program work participation rate, Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) hosted a luncheon for ACC's SEMCA JET staff.

In September the program showed over a 5.5% increase over August, which makes a 15% increase in two months.

Congratulations to everyone who makes that program possible. Keep up the good work!

Community News

WJR Cheers up Detroit

"Breaking The Cycle" is a series Citadel's "NewsTalk 760" WJR launches to help the recession-battered market celebrate its success stories. *"We need to break the cycle of being our own worst enemy and thinking less of ourselves,"* says GM Mike Fezzey, who'll host the feature.

Based upon the economic concerns in the region, it's time for some POSITIVE news - and WJR will be delivering it. WJR is network with local business people, citizens - anyone that has something they can share (e.g. new business ventures, growing organizations, new technologies, etc.) that lifts up Southeast Michigan and "breaks the cycle" of negativity.

Please [click here](#) to listen on WJR.com

Arab Detroit Diversity Workshop

Images and Perceptions of Arab Americans: Bridging the Gap
Thursday, December 3 @ 8:30am

Byblos Banquet Hall in Dearborn
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Clovis Maksoud
Register at: www.arabdetroit.com/workshop.php
Or call (313) 910-1955 for additional questions.

ADC Michigan Annual Fundraising Gala

Friday, December 11, 2009, at 6:00pm
Greenfield Manor Banquet Hall in Dearborn.

To join this year's list of sponsors, please contact the ADC Michigan office at adcMichigan@adc.org.



Public Health Announcements

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

[Heart Patient Information Sheets](#)
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[Stroke Patient Information Sheets \(Spanish\)](#)
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[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!](#)

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