



e-Council Connection

Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)

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Greetings!



Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 1.
Don't forget to turn your clocks back!

Celebrating 30 years of success



Arab American News
Community News By Nick Meyer

DETROIT - The Renaissance Center in Detroit was the site of the Arab and Chaldean Council's (ACC) Annual Civic and Humanitarian Awards Gala on Saturday, October 17, as the organization celebrated 30 years of service and accomplishments.



What began as a grassroots venture under Jordanian immigrant

and current president Haifa Fakhouri and friends has now evolved into one of the most invaluable community service organizations in both Detroit and the Arab American community.

The ACC provides services like health clinics, workforce and English-as-a-second-language training, and scholarship awards among others and currently maintains a state-of-the-art four- building "oasis" along a stretch of Seven Mile Rd. between John R. and Woodward in Detroit that continues to breathe life and culture into what some believed was a dying area

WDIV-Local 4 TV personality and weatherman Chuck Gaidica emceed the weekend event as several prominent community leaders took home awards. . .

. . Earlier in the evening, Fakhouri introduced Honored Guest Houda Nonoo, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United States and head of that country's Human Rights Watch

"I am happy to be here in Detroit to celebrate three fruitful decades for the ACC," Nonoo said. "The ACC provides important services to us in (Washington) D.C.," she added, citing their important role in the immigration field.

[Read Full Article](#)

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

ACC Clubhouse a place of healing



On Tuesday, September 29 ACC's Wayne County Network Clubhouse hosted a Recovery and Eid Party. Clients, friends and supporters came together to celebrate.

Read More: [ACC celebrates clients' recoveries](#)



Join ACC for a Community Resource Fair



Please help us get the word out!

Oakland Community College
Student Life
Community Resource Fair
Saturday, November 14, 10:00
am - 2:00 pm
Orchard Ridge Campus,



Making a Difference



Gymnasium, H Building
27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Free Parking and Admission
Free Shuttle from the Parking Lot to H Building

Meet with representatives from 45 government and private organizations and learn about: First time home buyer, home repair, foreclosure, weatherization, and utility assistance; Grants, scholarships, and financial aid opportunities; Upcoming job fairs, job openings, job training, resume preparation and unemployment benefits information; Programs for youth and families, women, seniors, food assistance and more; Social security, retirement, disability, Medicare, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI); MiChild, Medicaid, Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), low cost dental referrals, and H1N1 prevention information; Tax preparation assistance, entrepreneurship, and financial information; Legal assistance programs AND MORE!

Special promotional offers:

- ~ Free health screenings provided by OC's Mobile Nurses Clinic
- ~ Special promotional offers for visitors provided by Bank of America

For more information, please contact:

Dusty Rhodes, Coordinator of Student LIFE, at (248) 522-3595 or lprhodes@oaklandcc.edu

or

Donna Marie Merogi, MCC AmeriCorps VISTA, at (248) 522-3749 or dmmmerogi@oaklandcc.edu.

ACC Hamtramck Office Moved



ACC's Hamtramck Office is now located at: 9019 Jos Campau, Hamtramck, 48212

For additional information please contact our dedicated Hamtramck staff at (313) 875-4686.

Programs at this location include behavioral health, employment and training, ESL, youth services, WIC and

more!

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!

YOU WILL FIND INFORMATION ON:

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FIND OUT IF YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE: EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

FOOD STAMPS
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
HARDSHIP APPLICATION

[Learn More](#)



Community News - Please Join Us

AAPAC 12th Annual Banquet

Thursday, October 29, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.
Bint Jebail Cultural Center
6220 Miller Road, Dearborn, Michigan 48126

\$50/Person
AAPAC, P.O. Box 925, Dearborn MI, 48121
No corporate checks, please.

For reservation & information, call: 313.582.4888

Aiyal Theatrical Group: New Comedy!
Shoufou Alwawa Wayn

Thurs., Fri. & Sat - Oct 29th - 31st @ 8PM
Ford Community and Performing Arts Center
15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn MI

For tickets call (313) 943-2354 or (313)581- 3189 or buy online at
arabamericantheater.com/buyonline.html

Concert to benefit Chaldean American Ladies of Charity (CALC)

Stars On Tour Presents:
Assi El Hellani
Guest of Honor Shada Hassoun and
Bassem Saleh

October 30, 2009
Doors @ 8:30PM and Show @ 9:00PM
Fox Theatre - 2211 Woodward Ave, Detroit

Tickets - \$65

For reservations: 800-745- 3000 or go to www.ticketmaster.com

For more information call:

(313) 582-8970 Luxury Limousines

(313) 995-8263 Greenfield Manor

800-355-5012 or visit www.starsontour.net

A portion of the revenue is donated to Iraqi Refugees thru CALC

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

adc_michigan@adc.org.

Freedom House Fundraiser

Friday, November 13 @ 6:30pm

Fellowship Chapel

7707 West Outer Drive, Detroit

New York Best Selling Author Rwanda Genocide Survivor Immaculee Ilibagiza will tell her story of survival and forgiveness.

[Freedom House](#) will be the beneficiary of this event.

Tickets: By phone: (586) 254-5711 or

In person from one of Freedom House's partners: Fellowship Chapel: Detroit Branch
NCAAP, 8220 Second Avenue, Detroit OR Top Flight Financial, 50551 Van Dyke,
Shelby Twp.



Public Health Announcements and Events

Wayne County Department of Public Health's H1N1 Vaccine Clinic information

Starting October 16 Wayne County will be providing FREE H1N1 Flu Shots. [Learn More](#)
or go to waynecounty.com

University of Michigan Health System 3rd Annual Women's Health Retreat

Wednesday, November 11, 2009 ~ 1pm - 5pm

Danto Auditorium - Cardiovascular Center

Refreshments will be served

[View Invitation](#)

American Heart Association's Collaborative Council Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2009 @ 9:30AM

24445 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075

Conference call-in option for those unable to attend: Please Dial 877-693-3633 Access

Code:8184288

Please confirm or decline your attendance/call-in option by November 16th

Put Your Language Skills to Use

في أرض عامرة بالفرص
هذه واحدة منها ربما لم تخطر لك على بال



Put your language skills to use.

- English language training if needed.
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- Humanitarian Work, Nation re-building.

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for the Dearborn Area
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Mona Hanna (248) 904-9387 for the Pontiac Area



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