



# MALOOF'S

## INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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Hello Cousins,



I wish everyone a happy holiday season and I hope that this newsletter reaches you in the best of health and spirits.

It is time to renew your Maloofs International membership, so I encourage everyone to stay involved in order to help our organization and to take advantage of all the benefits associated with it.

One of the advantages, of course, is the Southern Federation Foundation Scholarship program that has helped many of our high school sons and daughters make higher education more affordable. This year's requirements have changed slightly and applicants are now required to have at least 10 hours of service to their local club or their local church. This is another chance for our younger generation to get involved.

Another important benefit of your membership is the two Southern Federation Conventions. This year's Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 13-15 in Atlanta, Georgia, and will be hosted by the Cedar Club of Atlanta. Please make an effort to join us for what promises to be a great time.

Until then I send you my warmest wishes,

*Khalil*

Khalil Maalouf,  
President  
Maloofs International, Inc.

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## 2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### QUALIFICATIONS

**REGULAR MEMBER:** Any person who is at least 18 years of age, whose surname is Maloof or any of the recognized variations of the spelling; any person who is the spouse of a Maloof or any variations of the spelling; any person whose Mother, grandparent, or great grandparent is a Maloof or any variations of the spelling; or who are from families originating from the Maloofs; and who agrees to abide by and support the Purpose and Mission of the organization. Regular members shall enjoy all rights and privileges of membership including the right to make motions, vote, and hold office within the organization. The sub-categories of Regular Membership are: Individual, Patron, Benefactor, and Life member. All members are invited to complete a Genealogy Summary which will be sent to each person on request.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** Any non-Maloof who is at least 18 years of age or any organization/institution who has an interest in supporting the Purpose and Mission of Maloofs International, Inc. Associate members shall not have the right to vote or hold office, but may serve on committees.

### OUR PURPOSE

The Purpose of Maloofs International, Inc. is the preservation of the rich heritage of the Maloof family who are descendants of the Bani Azad (Children of the Lion Clan) of the Ghassan tribe, whose genesis began in the Middle East in ancient times. Maloofs International, Inc. is non-profit, non-sectarian, nondenominational, and non-political. The organization shall not endorse any particular creed or religion, as our family members are of various creeds and religions; nor support any political cause, party, or candidate in any country.

### OUR MISSION

The Mission of Maloofs International, Inc. is to preserve and perpetuate the ancient and noble heritage of the Maloof family and its Middle Eastern culture; to promote camaraderie and unity of kinship among family members; to encourage our members, especially our youth, to excel in their chosen vocations and to be contributory citizens of the countries and communities in which they live.

### DUES ARE PER PERSON PER CALENDER YEAR

Payable by January 31, 2015 for January-December 2015

*RENEWAL - \$28.00*

*NEW MEMBERSHIP - \$33.00*

*JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (under age 18 with at least one parent as Individual Member) - \$5.00*

*JUNIOR members shall not have the right to vote or hold office*

*PATRON - \$100.00*

*BENEFACTOR - \$250.00*

*LIFE MEMBER - \$1,000.00*

Please fill out the application and return it to the address below. If you have any questions call our Secretary/Treasurer Lori Malouf Coronado at 626-862-2607

Send this form to the address below with check or money order payable to: Maloofs International, Inc.

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## Warren Buffet Taught Me The Secret of Life and Then Bought Me Lunch

*By Michael Maloof*

On Oct. 17, the Daniels College of Business sent me and 19 other students to meet famed investor Warren Buffett at his Omaha, Nebraska headquarters. Buffett is best known for turning a nearly defunct New England textile mill, Berkshire Hathaway, into the world's fifth largest publicly traded company according to the Forbes 2000 List.

Most amazing however, is that since he took control of the company in 1964, it has averaged an annual book value growth rate of nearly 20 percent and outperformed the S&P 500 benchmark by 200 percent. His financial stewardship is the stuff of legends, but his corporate track record is not what has stuck with me most since our meeting.

During the two hour gathering and following lunch, Buffett invited us to ask anything and everything that struck our fancy. The first few questions were formal, long winded, and awkward, but Buffett found a way to elicit a chuckle out of just about anything. He even had the room in stitches while answering how he values the intangible assets on company's balance sheets. His air was light hearted, casual, disarming, and boyishly enthusiastic. When asked why he keeps working, he responded by telling us he has not worked a day in his life, in fact he pretty much skips to the office in anticipation of each day's new opportunities. Every moment of our meeting was absolutely entertaining.

At the moment, all I could do was laugh along with the rest of the room as the world's third richest man convinced us that his success was really just a string of haphazard opportunities he had encountered during life's journey. The whole event was a whirlwind of one-liners mixed with investing gems that went by all too fast.

I learned a number of things from my time with the "Oracle of Omaha", from his opinions on creative destruction to his explanation of the difference between day time and night time mistakes. However, I was most inspired when he asked me to think of the people around me as investments and challenged me to either take a long or short bet on them. My thoughts raced and I tried to address this question, though I have to admit I was thinking just as much about the position those around me may have been taking on my future prospects.

Buffett told us to think about the deciding factors in our analysis of the futures of our classmates and asked us if we saw any of those traits in ourselves. I do, I thought to myself. I had held the lens of judgment up to the people around me so quickly that I did not realize that it was actually a mirror. The point of the exercise is to accept that the first step to taking better bets in business, relationships, and life, was to seek out the traits we truly valued in others and work to embody them our own actions.

This guy was good.

So maybe it is an exaggeration to say that Warren Buffett imparted the secret to life. But somewhere buried in his endless economic optimism and seemingly inexhaustible supply of marriage jokes, Buffett really did seem to have people figured out. From his anecdotes on business culture and corporate acquisitions, his real investment strategy started to become clear. His decisions involve just as much human due diligence as they do financial analysis. He invests in people and companies he believes in because they exemplify the same values he holds most true for himself. He is equal parts finance geek as he is psychiatrist—a combination that is the real secret behind his winning formula.

I may not be any closer to becoming the next Warren Buffett, but I believe that we all would be well served if we put our decisions, financial or not, in the context of the people affected by them. If anything, Buffett reminded me that no matter how complex our companies or strategies, they are only as strong as the folks that support them.





# Come Join the Cedar Club of Atlanta for Fun, Dance, and a Little Valentine's Romance



Southern Federation of Syrian Lebanese American Clubs

## 2015 Midwinter Conference

February 13-15, 2015 • Westin Buckhead

(see page 10 for hotel information)

Featuring

Music by **AMIN SULTAN & his band**



The Convention Committee is hard at work preparing the Hotel and events that will make the 2015 Atlanta Conference a memorable and exciting experience.

Atlanta has so many things to do it's no wonder it's considered the next great international City. Couple that with events planned at the Convention and it will be a weekend you do not want to miss.

The Conference will again be hosted at the Westin

at Lenox Square, the most upscale, upbeat, uptown, upstanding up and up area of Atlanta.

The Cedar Club Foundation will host the third annual Magic Carpet Ride Gala to benefit St. Jude on Feb. 15th, the Sunday night after the Convention. With Monday being a holiday, it will be a fun, rewarding and fulfilling weekend.

Atlanta has so many things to see and do....

### HOTEL INFORMATION

#### Westin Buckhead

3391 Peachtree Rd. NE, Atlanta, Georgia • 404-365-0005

Hotel rate \$134 single, double, triple, quad

For reservations: **1-800-937-8461**

[www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/WFA/midwinterconference](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/WFA/midwinterconference)



Atlanta Tentative Schedule:

**Thursday, February 12, 2015**

1:00 PM to 6:00 PM Federation Board Meeting

**Friday, February 13, 2015**

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM Southern Hospitality & Atlanta Heritage Display

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Federation Past Presidents Breakfast & Meeting

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Registration

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Various Federation Committee Meetings

11:30 AM to 6:00 PM Federation Executive Board Meeting

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Lunch On Your Own

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Bingo

4:00 PM to 10:00 PM Registration

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Ballroom Dancing Instructions

6:30 PM to 9:30 PM Dancing With The Stars - Federation Style  
(A Taste of Atlanta)

9:30 PM to 1:00 AM Hall (Arabic Music/Cash Bar)

1:00 AM to 3:00 AM Late-Night Social & Karaoke



**Saturday, February 14, 2015**

8:30 AM to 10:30 AM Federation State Wide Presidents/Club Presidents  
Breakfast & Workshop (by invitation only)

8:30 AM to 11:00 AM Southern Hospitality & Atlanta Heritage Display

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM National Federation Meeting/NO Memorial Meeting

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Registration

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM Dabke Lessons

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Lunch On Your Own

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Singles Party (off site)

1:00 PM to 2:30 AM "Explore Your Heritage" - The Laban Story

2:30 PM to 4:00 PM Arabic Language 101

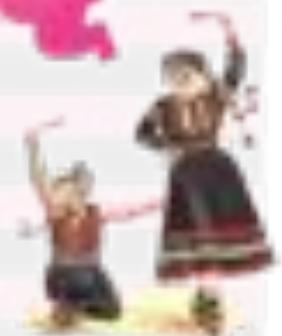
4:00 PM to 10:00 PM Registration

6:00 PM to 12:00 AM Child Care & Children Activities

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Valentine Cocktail Reception (cash bar)

7:00 PM to 2:00 AM Valentine Banquet & Hall

2:00 AM to 3:00 AM Late-Night Social & Karaoke



### Sunday, February 15, 2015

- 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM - Favored Breakfast
- 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM - Catholic Morning Mass
- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Orthodox Liturgy - St. Elias Antiochian Church



### Sunday, February 15, 2015

**Optional Event at Additional Charge** - Discounted for Convention Attendees

- 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM - Cocktails & Silent Auction
- 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM - **3rd Annual Magic Carpet Ride Gala**  
benefitting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



### Monday, February 16, 2015

**President's Day - Enjoy a Day of Leisure in Atlanta on your own!**

OW, World of Coca-Cola, Atlanta Aquarium, Margaret Mitchell House, Stone Mountain, Civil Rights Museum, W.K. J. Memorial and Bell Home, Phipps and Lenox Mall and the brand new College Football Hall of Fame

*Times of Events are subject to change.*

## Labanettes

Over the years one of the most anticipated and well attended events at our Conventions is an appearance by the Labanettes. This talented group starring B. J. Abraham, Charlene Hiffa, and Judy Nessel will be appearing at the Atlanta Conference on Saturday the 14th from 1:00 PM until 3:30 PM. Along with Master of Ceremonies Mike Hiffa, they will be reprising their famous "Remember When" stories which include, and are really dependent on,

a large amount of audience participation. The Labanettes and these reminiscences are just one more reason to visit the Atlanta Mid Winter Conference. There is more on the Labanettes on page 26 of this Bulletin.

Also, remember Monday, February 16th is a holiday so plan to stay Sunday evening and attend the Third Annual Magic Carpet Ride Gala to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Have a wonderful evening while helping one of the best and most noble charities in America.





## Happy Happy Birthday!



Hala Maalouf Gideon - July 12  
Joy Mansour Barranco - July 13  
Nabeel Gideon - July 17  
Joseph Malouf - July 26  
Mary L. Malouff Goreczny - August 1  
Albert A. Malouf - August 12  
Marvine Malouf - August 12  
Matthew Malouf - August 12  
Calile Clarence Malouf - August 14  
Al Malouf PhD - August 17  
Paul Tuite - August 18  
Kalil N. Owen - August 21  
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Louise Malouff - September 13  
Camille Malouf Tuite - September 15  
Chris Shashaty - September 25  
Robert J. Malouf - September 26  
Melissa Malouff - October 5  
Edward "Sonny" David - October 7



Michael Malouf - October 11  
Jennie Malouf Gilchrist - October 17  
Kathy Tuite Leistner - November 2  
Rebecca Coronado - November 11  
Lori Malouf Coronado - November 24  
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Brian Tuite - January 10  
John B. Malouf - January 11  
Julie M. Malouff - January 31  
Yvonne Malouf Shashaty - February 1  
Pauline S. Malouf - February 11  
Steve E. Malouff - February 15  
Christine Maalouf - February 20  
Louis N. "Vic" Malouf - February 27

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

Mid-Winter Conference in Atlanta  
Hosted by the Cedar Club of Atlanta  
February 13-15, 2015

Summer Convention in Memphis  
July 2-5, 2015  
Hosted by the National, Midwest, and Southern Federations  
and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

## We are VERY proud to present our 2012-2015 Board ...

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### Got News?

We welcome submissions to our quarterly newsletter. We are also collecting your favorite recipes and posting them on our webpage. Recipes are not limited to Lebanese food, send your family favorites!

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