



MALOOF'S

INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Newsletter - March, 2015

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Hello Cousins,

I hope that this newsletter reaches everyone in the best of health and spirits. For those of us that are seeing one the coldest winters in recent history, rejoice, there are rumors that spring is coming.

Last month some of us attended a wonderful southern federation Mid-Winter convention in Atlanta, GA, which was hosted by the Cedar Club of Atlanta. This was my first Mid-Winter convention – I usually attend the summer one.

However, I discovered that the Mid-Winter is as much fun and full of excitement as the summer event. We had two Malouf surprises from South America in attendance. Their connection to the old country comes from both the Zahleh and the Kfar-Ekab/Mashrah regions. Both regions in Lebanon are of course known for their high concentration of Maloufs. It was a pleasure having them.

Our next event will be the Joint Annual Summer Convention in Memphis, Tennessee. It will be held July 2-5 and promises to be a great one. I encourage everyone to try and attend.

Until then, I wish everyone a Happy Easter!

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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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For more information, email us at MaloofsIntlInc@gmail.com Or check our website at www.maloofsinternational.org Or phone our Secretary/Treasurer, Lori Malouf Coronado at 626 862 2607

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Atlanta ... Amazing!

By Lori Malouf Coronado

Atlanta was amazing – beautiful weather, beautiful hotel, beautiful people!

From the Welcome Ice Cream Social to the Farewell Breakfast, I had an amazing time. Friday started off with the usual meetings and Southern Hospitality and Heritage Display in the Hospitality Room. There were historical displays about the Cedar Club of Atlanta, as well as a Kahlil Gibran exhibit around the edges of the room. The tables were abundantly filled with leban, Syrian bread, hummus, baba ghanouj, cheese, Lebanese and Syrian pastries and cookies, as well as Starbuck's coffee and various teas and water.

Friday the Bingo and the Ballroom Dancing Instructions were both well attended but the highlight was the Federation Style "Dancing with the Stars" competition, complete with a "mirror ball" trophy. The judges were our very own Sam Dick as Len Goodman, Patricia Benson as Carrie Ann Inaba, and Monty Edwards as Bruno Tonioli. The stand-in judges obviously did their homework as Len, Carrie Ann, and Bruno were very well and hilariously imitated. And the hosts were Al Johary as Tom Bergeron and AbbieRose Monsour as Erin Andrews, who again did their homework and were loads of fun.

Five couples competed: Valerie (El Kourie) Wepher (competing for an injured Janet Schwary) and Irv Schwary; Linda and James Gattas; Leslie and Jerome Karam; Elizabeth and Gene Petro; and Judy Nassar and Mike Hiffa, each with a very different and enjoyable style. The dance floor rocked and the audience cheered, but in the end it was a close competition, with Judy and Mike who won the night! Following the awarding of the trophy, Jeni Michelson provided American music and Amin Sultan the Arabic music. Both had the dance floor crowded all night.

Saturday morning started off with the Hospitality Room and Heritage Display, as well as the required meetings. Late morning to afternoon was highlighted with cultural activities, the first of which was a cooking demonstration that proved to be very informative and educational and quite yummy! Ghada Osta was a great teacher and her family ably assisted her. Everyone enjoyed the samples and recipes provided. Then in the afternoon, there was Arabic 101 led by Ghada with much discussion on spoken Arabic versus formal Arabic and on different ways to say the same things, just as in English! Dabke lessons were next taught by Jocelyne Nassar and Michelle Tanory

At the same time, the Singles had an offsite party. Quite a large crowd gathered in the lobby before heading off into the brisk air to the venue. I am told everyone had a grate time, and they arrived back in time for more culture.

However, the big event of the afternoon was the Labanettes, performed by Judy Nassar, Charleen Hiffa, and BJ Abraham and narrated by Mike Hiffa. Over the years this has been one of the most anticipated, well-attended events at our gatherings and this was no exception. There was standing room only in the portion of the Ballroom reserved for the presentation.

In the skit, two sisters reminisce. They flashback to their childhood days when their Sittie would visit and try to tell them about what it was like in the old country and about the customs. The skit illustrated how they, as adults, regret that the grandparents are now gone, and they didn't pay enough attention to the grandparents' stories. Throughout the skit, they taught us all the values of our history and our heritage.

At the end, audience members were invited up to informally tell stories about their own families or their ancestors, and large maps of the "old country" were hung for participants can put a pin in their hometown village.

The Labanettes presentation quickly cleared to make room for my favorite, the Grand Banquet. It is always my favorite, even though it is bittersweet, as it signifies the end of the Conference is nearing. The Banquet was preceded by the Valentine Cocktail Reception, which I love as the air is filled with anticipation of the big event; and it was a great time to have a drink, walk around, and chat before splitting off into separate tables for the Valentine Banquet and Hafli. After the procession of guests to the head table, the colors were presented, we saluted our flag, and Charlene Shikany beautifully performed our National Anthem. Charleen Hiffa was Master of Ceremonies and we were welcomed to Atlanta by Cedar Club President, Mike Hiffa.

Before starting off with salad, Dr. Al Johary, Chairman of the 2015 Midwinter conference and National Federation President, thanked all the local Committee Chairs who put in 105% to make this Conference happen. He next enticed us with Memphis as he elaborated on the National Federation's role in the upcoming Joint National Summer Convention.

Sami Nassar, Federation Vice President, spoke next and said he is working to grow the Federation from within by growing existing Clubs and he entreated us to "Live the Federation" and to keep it going.

The main course was next, featuring braised short ribs with port wine reduction, saffron potatoes, and green beans. A yummy pecan



pie and coffee followed. After dinner, Jeremy Frank, Chairman of the Executive Board, spoke of maintaining relevance to keep our organization at the top and he mentioned the #SFSLAC contest on Instagram and Twitter and winning your registration at the Joint Summer Convention or your first night at the hotel paid by the Federation Officers.

Next up was President Luke Abrusley who spoke of his goal of "bridging the gap" and enticing our 20-somethings and teens to Conventions, which, as evidenced by the attendance at this Convention, has succeeded. He encouraged us all to come to Memphis as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is part of our heritage and will be a major focus there at the Joint National Convention.

After the speechmaking, all married couples received special recognition and there was a group renewal of marriage vows conducted by Luke Abrusley. Each wife wore a veil and each husband a crown and all together the couples repeated: "I once placed a ring on your finger as a sign of our unbroken love, as a promise to take care forever. Today I renew that promise and accept you to myself as one of God's gifts in my life." The room was filled with love as all celebrated with a kiss!

Last, but never least, we all sang the Kibbie Nayee Song led by Michael Shikany. Naturally, a Hafli followed with the Amin Sultan Band, with a late night social and karaoke in the wee hours.

As all Conventions and Conferences must, it ended with a Farewell Breakfast and Mass.

However, for many it did not end there, some spent Sunday sightseeing in Atlanta and stayed for the Cedar Club of Atlanta's Third Annual Magic Carpet Ride Gala benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. I have heard that it was lots of fun and quite the success. See the Georgia State News for more details and pictures.

Thank you to all who made this Conference an amazing time in Atlanta!

HOTEL INFORMATION

Sheraton Hotel Downtown Memphis

250 North Main Street, Memphis, TN
(901) 527-7300

The rate is \$129
single, double, triple, quad.
Concierge level access for \$25 extra.



To book your room:
Go to www.SFSLAC.org and click on the Sheraton Hotel link to reserve

- Special Convention rates offered 3 days before and after
- Reservation Cutoff Date is June 15th
- Special Valet Parking Rate is \$18/day
- The Club lounge can be accessed at all hours and serves Breakfast as well as Evening appetizers and desserts.
- Newly renovated and located on the vintage Main Street Trolley line
- Walking distance from breathtaking views of the Mississippi River



Registration Form – Southern Federation SLAC/Midwest Federation ASLC 2015 Annual Convention – Memphis, TN SFSLAC Control # _____
Convention Dates: July 2 – July 5, 2015 * To qualify for Pre-registration, form & payment must be postmarked by June 13th, 2015 *****

(Every attempt will be made to accommodate on-site walk-up registration; however, on-site walk-up registration may be capacity limited due to space availability)

SFSLAC/SFP Member ID _____
 (if available) First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Please Print All Information

Registration Type* _____
 (codes below) _____
 So. Fed * Am. Fed Both * Neither

First Name Preference _____
 for Name Tag _____

Optional _____
 Graceland or Memphis Tent _____
 Other information _____
 (circle as appropriate)

1. Email Address: _____
 Male • Female / Single • Married • Widowed
 Year of Birth: _____

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Attach additional sheets if necessary; **Please use separate sheets for different addresses, different families, or different households.**
 Set separate form for Child Care registration. In order for us to properly prepare for Child Care, you must pre-register for Child Care (child must also be registered on this form).

Address: _____ Contact Phone #: _____ Arrival day: Wed • Thu • Fri • Sat

City, State, Zip: _____

***Registration Category & Fee Summary:**

Registration Category	#	Total Due
AP Adult Full Pre-Registration (18 years & older) by June 13, 2015	@ \$200 each = \$	
AR Adult Full Registration (18 years & older) after June 13, 2015	@ \$240 each = \$	
YP Youth Full Pre-Registration (13-17 years) by June 13, 2015	@ \$165 each = \$	
YR Youth Full Registration (13-17 years) after June 13, 2015	@ \$195 each = \$	
PTN Pre-Teen (10-12 years) – not attending banquet	@ \$ 95 each = \$	
PTB Pre-Teen (10-12 years) – attending banquet	@ \$150 each = \$	
CN Child (9 years & younger) – not attending banquet	@ \$ 0 each = \$ no charge	
CB Child (9 years & younger) – attending banquet	@ \$ 75 each = \$	
OPTIONAL TOURS; THURSDAY, JULY 2nd, 2015		
GLT - 1:00PM – 5:00PM – GRACELAND TOUR (Transportation Included)	@ \$ 49 each = \$	
MCT - 2:00PM – 5:00PM – MEMPHIS CITY TOUR (Transportation Included)	@ \$ 24 each = \$	

Make checks payable to: SFSLAC – Memphis Convention

Total Registration Fees \$ _____

Credit Card Information (circle one): VISA • M/C • AmEx • Discover

Full payment must accompany all registrations.
 A registration is for one individual and cannot be shared.

Credit Card # _____ Security Code: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card (please print): _____

Signature: _____ (10/3)

Mail Form & Fees to:
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 340 E. William David Pkwy.
 Metairie, LA 70005
 For registration questions & info: call
 (504) 832-1195, or email:
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Refund Policy:
 100% if requested by June 13th
 50% if requested by June 23rd
 No refund after June 23rd
 No refund for No Shows

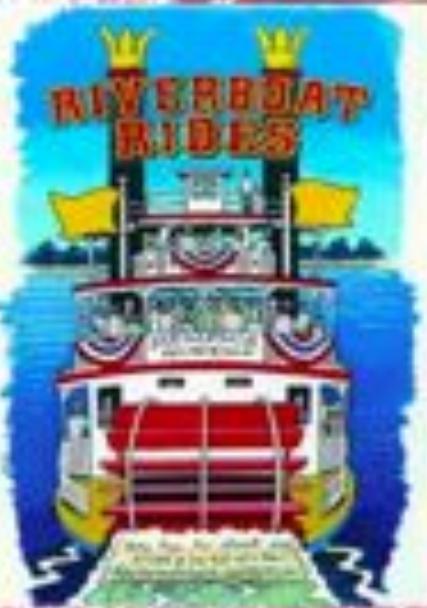
Events at Conventions/Conferences are public events. Pictures and videos may be used to promote the Federation/Foundation and its future events.

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*Home of the Blues
Birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll*

United in Heritage!



3 Nights of Arabic Entertainment - Chris Aceto & the Alayali Band

Welcome Party at the Rock 'n' Soul Museum

Two Live American Dance Bands

**St. Jude Festivities: Charity Fun Run, Picnic & Games,
Danny Thomas Pavilion and Hospital Tours**

**Visit Memphis Landmarks: Graceland, Gibson Guitar Factory,
National Civil Rights Museums, STAX Records, Casinos**

Happy Happy Birthday!



George A. Manning - March 2
Catherine Malouff David - March 3
David M. Malouff - March 7
Renee Malouf McCormick - March 25
Edward Shadeed - April 20
Khalil Maalouf - May 10
Claire Tuite - May 18
Ziad Maalouf - May 25



SAVE THE DATES!

Summer Joint Convention in Memphis
July 2-5, 2015

Hosted by the National, Midwest, and Southern Federations
and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

For more details on the
Joint Annual Summer Convention,
please see the SFSLAC website at
www.sfslac.org

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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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