
AITANEET BROTHERHOOD ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

P.O. BOX 93051, CLEVELAND, OHIO 44101-5051

March 2001

REUNITING OUR FAMILY

From our President, Dominic Najem:

Greetings to all my cousins and friends all over the world! We are working hard on putting together some very enjoyable events and socials in the upcoming months and I want to highlight all of them in my letter .

We are initiating, on a yearly basis, the **ABA Memorial Mass**. The ABA Memorial Mass will be alternating each year between two churches, St. Elias Melkite Catholic Church and St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church. The first one will be held this year on **Sunday, April 22nd, 2001 at St. Elias Church at 10:30 am**. There will be food and drinks after the mass in the Church hall for all those that attend. I personally believe that a community like ours deserves a mass remembering our loved ones. This mass will give us an opportunity, as a community, to reflect on those people that have touched our lives. Please make plans to attend this first ever ABA Memorial Mass for all the deceased people of the Aitaneet Community all over the world and help make this event a respectable and successful one.

The next ABA social event of the year, sponsored by the Aitaneet Foundation, is coming on August 4th and 5th, so save those dates!! August 4th we are going to have a Hafli, like last year, which is being chaired by Rose Abood. On August 5th we are going to be having the Aitaneet Foundation Golf Outing which will be held at the Cherokee Hills Golf Course, like last year. If you liked last year's Heritage Hafli Weekend then I guarantee that you will have a blast this year. We want attendance to the Hafli to be well over 300 people and we want to have over 150 golfers to fill the greens of Cherokee Hills Golf Course. Ed Haddad, from the Cherokee Hills Golf Course, really took care of us last year. He provided taboulee, fatayer, sauages and a lot more for lunch. There was also a great steak dinner. All donations and checks to these events should be made out to the Aitaneet Foundation.

We are also preparing a Clambake/Chicken Roast/Lamb Roast (we have not narrowed the meal yet) in late October at the home of Mrs. Minor George. More than likely it will coincide on a Sunday Browns game, but more details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

New Years Eve is still on the Agenda for this year. Ernie Daher is the chairing the event and he will have details in the next newsletter. Stay Tuned for that.

I want to personally thank Mary T. Shaia and her family for being the first to establish a Permanent Scholarship administered by the Aitaneet Foundation. It is called **The Thomas and Mary T. Shaia Scholarship Fund** and it will award \$1000 every year to a deserving High School graduate (this amount is dependent on the income generated from the principle). We will recognize this graduate and all the other graduates at the Hafli on August 4th, 2001. If anyone would like to start a Permanent Scholarship like the Thomas and Mary T. Shaia Scholarship Fund please contact Roger Abood at (440) 546-1777. Also, **The Aitaneet Foundation** will also be awarding \$1000 scholarships to deserving High School graduates, please see the application and guidelines inside the newsletter or please visit the Aitaneet Brotherhood Association website at www.aitaneet.com. **The deadline is approaching fast (May 1, 2001).**

Finally, I want to thank everyone for supporting the Aitaneet Brotherhood Association and the Aitaneet Foundation. Your support of all the events and socials have made this community organization strong and well respected among the Lebanese and Arab community. As a volunteer led organization, the board of directors try to make sure that our community stays strong by doing these social events and meetings so that everyone can get to know everyone and have fun. Those that were kids when their fathers and mothers were volunteering in the organization are now themselves Board of Directors and Committee Heads of the Aitaneet Brotherhood Association and the Aitaneet Foundation. The legacy needs to continue for us to survive and I am encouraged by last year's attendance of young people at the Heritage Halfi and golf outing.

Let us continue this year with a record attendance from all ages starting with **ABA Memorial Mass Sunday, April 22nd, 2001 at St. Elias Church at 10:30 am.** I look forward to seeing all the familiar faces and many new faces.

Until next time, I wish you all the best. May God keep you safe and always in good health.

THE AITANEET FOUNDATION

At the end of August the Internal Revenue Service officially recognized the Aitaneet Foundation as a public charitable foundation. Any contributions to the Aitaneet Foundation are fully tax deductible within the limits of federal law. The Aitaneet Brotherhood Association will continue to function as a social organization and will sponsor several social activities, publish a quarterly newsletter and maintain and publish the A.B.A. directory. Dues and contributions to the A.B.A. are NOT tax deductible. However, contributions made to the Aitaneet Foundation at wakes, or to the Scholarship Fund or General Fund are all tax deductible. The Foundation will also sponsor fund raising activities to support its charitable endeavors. Therefore, we will be collecting for the Foundation at wakes so your contributions will be deductible and we will pay for the "Mercy Dinners" from that fund.

Specific information concerning the goals and activities of the Aitaneet Foundation will be sent to you in the near future. In the meantime, we encourage you to consider making a charitable contribution or establishing a Memorial Scholarship or Permanent Scholarship with the Aitaneet Foundation.

NEED A TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE YEAR 2001?

**IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT MAKING A TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION THIS TAX YEAR
PLEASE CONSIDER THE AITANEET FOUNDATION.**

**PLEASE CONTACT ROGER ABOOD AT (440) 546-1777 OR VICTOR SHAIYA AT (440) 779-8669 OR SEND CONTRIBUTIONS
BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST, 2001 TO:**

**THE AITANEET FOUNDATION
P.O. BOX 93234
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44101**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE AITANEET FOUNDATION!

FIRST AITANEET FOUNDATION PERMANENT SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

The Aitaneet Foundation would like to thank Mary T. Shaia and family for establishing the first permanent scholarship called **The Thomas & Mary T. Shaia Scholarship Fund.** The Scholarship Fund will award a \$1000 scholarship, this year, to a deserving high school graduate.

INTERESTED IN STARTING YOUR OWN PERMANENT SCHOLARSHIP?

If you are interested in starting your own permanent scholarship administered by the Aitaneet Foundation please contact Roger Abood at (440) 546-1777 or Victor Shaia at (440) 779-8669.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ABA Meeting.....Sunday, April 1st, 2001 Holiday Inn Rockside 7:30pm

ABA Memorial Mass.....Sunday, April 22nd, 2001 St. Elias Church

ABA Meeting.....Sunday, June 10th, 2001 Holiday Inn Rockside 7:30pm (tentative)

Aitaneet Foundation Hafli and Golf Outing Weekend..... August 4th and 5th

Clam Bake/Lamb Roast/Chicken Roast.....Late October

ABA and Aitaneet Foundation New Years Eve.....You know when!!

ABA DIRECTORY

Jihad would like to thank everyone for being so patient with the directory timeline. The directory is in its final stages and should be completed and mailed very soon. If anyone has any questions or concerns about the directory please call Jihad Kawkabani at (440) 972-9005.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Aitaneet Brotherhood Association is scheduled for Sunday, April 1st, 2001 at 7:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Rockside.

Please make arrangements to attend.

AITANEET FOUNDATION 2001 GOLF OUTING

This year we want to have a record number of golfers. We would like to see over 150 golfers this year, which would make it one of the best-attended outings ever. Since Eddie Haddad took such good care of us and we heard such good things from the golfers from last year, we are going to have it at the Cherokee Hills Golf Course again. **The date is August 5th, 2001.**

AITANEET FOUNDATION 2001 GOLF OUTING - Cont'd

This year the proceeds will go to The Aitaneet Foundation to help offset the Scholarships and church payments in Aitaneet.

Details will soon follow in the next newsletter.

SO PREPARE TODAY by saving that weekend for the Hafli and the Golf Outing.

AITANEET FOUNDATION HAFLI

If you attended the Heritage Hafli last year... ..then you don't want to miss this Hafli!! The Hafli this year is going to be on Saturday, August 4th, 2001. This weekend will not only have the Aitaneet Foundation Golf Outing on Sunday, but also include a big Hafli on Saturday. We will be honoring the graduates of 2001 as well as awarding The Aitaneet Foundation Scholarships to the winners. As usual, the graduates of 2001 will be our guests to the Hafli.

SO SAVE THE DATE... .. August 4, 2001 is the Aitaneet Foundation's Hafli. This memorable evening of delicious cuisine, spirited entertainment and socializing will begin with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. and dinner following at 6:30 p.m. More details next month!

Lebanese-Syrian Junior Women's League Scholarships

The League is awarding (2) \$1,000 college scholarships to a young man or woman of Lebanese or Syrian descent. The student must be a January or June graduate of the current school year from a greater Cleveland high school and have a "B" or better average. Please contact the college counselor in your high school for all the information and requirements and mail your application to Andrea Sabath, 22544 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River, Ohio 44116. Also the league is administering Memorial Scholarships. For applications and/or more information call Andrea Sabath at (216) 598-2738.

Applications must be received by April 15, 2001.

ADD A NEW PERSON TO THE ABA MAILING LIST

ADD SOMEONE OF AITANEET DESCENT TO THE ABA MAILNG LIST AND DIRECTORY
(SON, DAUGHTER, BROTHER, OR SISTER)

Please send to: ABA Business Directory, P.O. Box 93051, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-5051.

Name: _____

Spouse's Name (Maiden Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Names of minor children living at home: _____

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