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# AITANEET BROTHERHOOD ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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

December 2000

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### REUNITING OUR FAMILY

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From our President, Dominic Najem:

Well, we are quickly approaching the end of the year and as I look back, I believe we have accomplished a lot considering we are a volunteer organization. We had two good events that were well organized and attended, we created a nonprofit organization called the Aitaneet Foundation and we added more members of the Aitaneet community to our database. The attendance at our meetings has increased twofold attracting old and young alike, who are contributing to the success of current projects as well as planning for future ones.

We had a great time at the Heritage Hafli 2000 Weekend in August, which comprised of the Heritage Hafli on Saturday and the Golf outing on Sunday. For those of you that attended I am sure you would agree that the Co-chairs Mike Daher and Michelle Tackla along with the Committee Members Diane Maroun, Roger Abood, May Shaia, Becky Abood, Noel Salwan, Rose Abood put together one of the best parties ever! Over 300 people attended from Cleveland as well as from all over and they were treated to good food, a Belly Dancer, a 5 minute Heritage Video, Arabic and American dancing, the announcement and recognition of all our Aitaneet Graduates and the presentation of our two college scholarship winners. Someone commented to me they were impressed with the amount of young people at the hafli and they were unaware that we had so many young people from Aitaneet Heritage.

I would like to thank Bahige Najm, son of Albert and Raymonda Najm, for all his hard work on our website which he has single handily put together. He has been making the modifications as well as e-mailing everyone that we have in our e-mail database on upcoming meetings and events. If you have not been getting e-mails and would like to be on the mailing list please contact Bahige through his e-mail at [bahige@aitaneet.com](mailto:bahige@aitaneet.com).

I know that you all are wondering what is happening with the Aitaneet Directory. Well it was suppose to go out this past October, but obviously that did not happen. I have no one to blame but myself in this matter. I have been accepting more new addresses as well as changed addresses and it is always a never-ending battle as I found out. So, having said that, I am going to stop with new submissions for the directory and I am going to hand over all the addressees to Jihad for him to complete the book. I think the process should be done in the next three months and it will then be sent out to everyone. I want to thank everyone for being so patient with me on this issue. Please keep sending updated addresses and new addresses to be added to the mailing list.

Due to circumstances beyond our control we are not going to have a New Year's Eve party this year.

We had elections this year please see the inside of the newsletter for more information on who are the new Board of Directors and Officers of the Aitaneet Brotherhood Association.

At the last meeting of the ABA we planned most of the events for next year. One of the events we have planned is a Fundraiser in March benefiting the Aitaneet Foundation raise money for scholarships. The people that are in charge of this event are Rick Nahra, Tom Nahra and Norman Nahra. All the money we get from the event will go to the Aitaneet Foundation, which is fully tax deductible to the full extent allowable by law. More details soon to follow.

**The Aitaneet Foundation** is an organization that we created as the Charity Organization of the ABA. It is run independently of the ABA with Board of Trustees of its own. The Board of Trustees of the Foundation are Roger

Abood (President), Jeanne Maroun (Secretary), George Hamway (Trustee), Victor Shaia (Treasurer) and Dominic Najem (Trustee). The goal of this organization is to provide a minimum of three (3) \$1000 scholarships, send \$4800 a year to the two churches in Aitaneet, support Mercy Dinners and support whatever charitable causes we are able to support. We would like to ask you, our membership, to help support the Aitaneet Foundation with whatever you can in donations. **You get the same deduction as if you were donating to a church**, so if you are thinking about giving before the end of the year for tax deduction purposes please consider the Aitaneet Foundation. Also, if you want to name a scholarship in your name ("Permanent" Scholarship) or someone else's name all it takes is a minimum contribution \$5000 and every year you will be able to award the earnings to the winner. Just for your information, we have a few of these "Permanent" Scholarships already in works to be set up. If you would like to find out more about how you can set one up or you would like more information on the Aitaneet Foundation please call Roger Abood at (440) 232-9283 or Victor Shaia at (440) 779-8669.

**Everyone is invited to our next meeting which is scheduled on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 2001 at 7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn Rockside.** I want to thank the following people who came to the last meeting and helped plan out next year's events. They include Carolyne Khoury, Michelle Tackla, Norman Nahra, Dr. Samir Shaia, Jeff Kassouff, Emile Daher, Rick Nahra, Jeanne Maroun, Sammy Shaia, Nabil Maroun, Rodney Shaia, Victor Shaia, Roger Abood, Mike Daher, Albert Maroun, Noel Salwan, Tony Tohme, and Karim Essey.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous and healthy New Year.

## **THE AITANEET FOUNDATION**

As of 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 with the Aitaneet Foundation.

### **NEED A TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE YEAR 2000?**

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

**PLEASE CONTACT ROGER ABOOD AT (440) 232-9283 OR VICTOR SHAIYA AT (440) 779-8669 OR SEND CONTRIBUTIONS  
BEFORE DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2000 TO:**

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

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE AITANEET FOUNDATION!!***

## ELECTIONS

In accordance with our by-laws the Aitaneet Brotherhood Association held elections for six (6) Board of Directors and four (4) Officers. Congratulations to the following individuals:

President: Dominic Najem

Vice President: Rick Nahra

Treasurer: Emile Daher

Secretary: Noel Salwan

Board of Director: George Hanna

Board of Director: Albert Maroun

Board of Director: Mike Daher

Board of Director: Jeff Kassouff

Board of Director: Rodney Shaia

Board of Director: William Bouhassin

Please take time to congratulate these volunteers on their election.

## ABA DIRECTORY

As you read we are going to be sending the directory to print by the end of this month. Jihad Kawkabani will have the database to give to the printer. It should take about two to three months to complete after all the drafts are approved. Everyone that is on the mailing list now will be getting a directory mailed to them when it is finally printed.

Due to the very low response for the "yellow" pages submission we are not going to be including them in the directory.

If anyone has any questions, concerns or last minute ads for the directory please call Jihad Kawkabani at (440) 972-9005.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Joseph Daher and Rana Richa who were wed in August in Aitaneet, Lebanon.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Aitaneet Brotherhood Association is scheduled for Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001 at 7:30 pm at the Holiday Inn Rockside. **Please make arrangements to attend.**

## 2000 GOLF OUTING

This year we had 86 golfers golfing at Cherokee Hills Golf Course which is owned by Eddie Haddad. We would like to thank Eddie Haddad for taking such good care of us. Eddie donated the all food for lunch that day.

We would also like to thank everyone that sponsored a hole. We also want to thank Dominic and Maurice Najem from Merrill Lynch that supplied a sleeve of balls and tees for every golfer.

Thanks to Ernie Daher, Rodney Shaia and Rick Nahra for their hard working putting this successful outing.

## HERITAGE HAFLI

Over 300 people attended this annual party honoring our heritage and our graduates. Many thanks go out to co-chairs Mike Daher and Michelle Daher and the committee members Diane Maroun, Roger Abood, Mary C. Shaia, Becky Abood, Noel Salwan, and Rose Abood, who dedicated a lot of time and effort to organizing such a wonderful party for the Aitaneet people.

We honored all our graduates this year, which totaled over 19 young men and women of Aitaneet Heritage and we hope to have as many or more in 2001.

If you missed the excitement do not worry, we are planning next years event now, so plan on coming to Cleveland around the first weekend of August to attend. More details will be in the upcoming newsletters.

# AITANEET FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Applicants must be of Lebanese Christian descent. Preference will be given to those whose ancestors originated from Aitaneet, Lebanon. They must be 2001 graduates of an accredited secondary school and must be accepted by an accredited post secondary educational institution (four year college, two year college, or a technical school).

The scholarship will be a \$1,000.00 non-renewable award and will be based on academic achievement, extra-curricular involvement, and service to school, church, and community. All scholarship application materials must be received **NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2001**. Recipients will be notified by June 1, 2001 and disbursement of funds will be made upon receipt of an "official" schedule of classes. The scholarship application materials include:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Official high school transcript with all standardized test scores including all ACT and/or SAT scores
3. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, Counselor, or administrator.

An Application is considered complete **ONLY** when all of these materials are received. Please place all the required forms in **ONE** envelop and mail them to:

**The Aitaneet Foundation Scholarship Committee**  
**P.O. Box 93234**  
**Cleveland, Ohio 44101**

**All Materials must be received NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2001...See end of Newsletter for application.**

# AITANEET FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (MI)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (include area code please) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first)

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Maiden Name) (first)

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ School you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

List of Awards and Achievements \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Service Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a brief Autobiography (150 words)

Make sure to include your official high school transcript with all test scores and a letter of recommendation. All materials must be received by May 1, 2001.

## WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE FOLLOWING:

- + Rose (Rossie) Nagel California
- + Fred Hatton Cleveland
- + Heikel Tanous Cleveland
- + Richard Kaim Virginia

*May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING THAT PAID THEIR 2000

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

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|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| M/M Kurt & Jeannette (Rahal) Wegeluis   | Dr. George Cody                        | Mr. George J. Thomas                    |
| M/M Norman & Macelle Nahra              | M/M. Nabil & Mercedes Khoury           | Dr. Phillip J. Abood                    |
| M/M Albert & Jeanne Maroun              | Mr. James Morad                        | Mr. Antoine Hanna                       |
| M/M Emile & Hayat Daher                 | M/M. Maurice Najem                     | Dr. Fayez & Monica Salwan               |
| Mr. Dominic Najem                       | M/M. Mike Krimmer                      | M/M. Jean & Mathil (Daher) Saad         |
| M/M Clifford & Salvina (Haboush) Fuller | M/M. Hafiz Gantous                     | Mr. Francois Risha                      |
| Mrs. Sadie (Joseph) Tackla              | M/M. Tom Nahra                         | M/M. Robert & Catherine Abood           |
| M/M George & Mary (Abdallah) Georges    | M/M. Joseph & Mona Nemer               | M/M. Alfred & Liela Asfour              |
| Ms. Madlyn Guttas                       | Mr. Tom N. Nahra                       | Mrs. Anne (Rahal) Gross                 |
| M/M George & Cluodette Ina              | Mrs. Laurie Zambie                     | M/M Allan & Nancy Zambie                |
| M/M Bill K. & Dorothy (Abood) Hallal    | Mr. Jame Kaim                          | Mrs. Latiy Shibly                       |
| M/M Mouhib & Nadia Wehbie               | Mr. Eddie Dabash                       | Dr. & Mrs. James Abood                  |
| M/M Edward & Laurice Rizk               | M/M. Joseph & Najat Daher              | M/M Samir & Marie Shaia                 |
| Mr. George Thomey                       | M/M. Imad & Rita Habboush              | Mrs. Mary C. Shaia                      |
| Mrs. Caroline Koury                     | M/M. Roger & Katy Abood                | Mrs. Rose (Samperrisi) Abood            |
| Mrs. Mae (Bouhasin) Joseph              | M/M. Kareem Essey                      | M/M Nabil & Yvette (Najm) Tackla        |
| Mrs. Mary C. Morad                      | Mr. Noel Salwan                        | Mr. Norman Najm                         |
| M/M. Norman & Lynda Rahal               | Mr. Schickri Aina                      | Mrs. Margaret Francis                   |
| M/M. Alfred & Selma Tackla              | M/M. Micheal & Coral (Negel) Meinerney | M/M Maurice Abood                       |
| M/M. Thomas & Caroline (Abood) Najjar   | Mr. George Rossie                      | M/M Joseph & Jeanette (Abdallah) Kanaan |
| Mrs. Mahiba & Mr. Alfred Ina            | M/M. George & Theresa Khoury           | M/M John & Thelma (Abood) saade         |
| M/M. Gus & Lavonne Abood                | Mr. David Rahal                        | Mrs. Odette Nahra                       |
| Miss Therese Daher                      | Mr. Carl & Miss Hajel Zkiale           | M/M George & Alvera (Abood) Antoon      |
| M/M. Maroun Daher                       | Mrs. Wardi Francis                     | M/M Fariz Maroun                        |
| M/M. Ernie Daher                        | M/M. Allan Nahra                       | Mrs. Wardi Francis                      |
| Mr. George & Mr. Carl Hotten            | M/M. John & Carol Nahra                | Mrs. Sue (Solomon) Lavati               |
| Mr. George Asfour                       | M/M. Paul & Alice (Shibley) Hoss       | Mrs. Juile Tackla                       |
| Mrs. Delores Salem                      | Mr. Tony Aseff                         |                                         |

## SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE MEMBERS FOR THEIR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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| M/M. Allan Nahra                 | M/M. Jean & Mathil (Daher) Saad |
| M/M. John & Carol Nahra          | Mr. Francois Risha              |
| M/M. Paul & Alice (Shibley) Hoss | M/M. Robert & Catherine Abood   |
| Mr. Tony Aseff                   | M/M. Alfred & Liela Asfour      |
| Mr. George J. Thomas             | Mrs. Anne (Rahal) Gross         |
| Dr. Phillip J. Abood             | M/M Maurice Abood               |
| Mr. Antoine Hanna                | M/M John & Thelma (Abood) Saade |
| Dr. Fayez & Monica Salwan        | Mr. Norman Najm                 |

YOUR DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS HELP US PAY FOR THE PRINTER NEWSLETTER AND POSTAGE, WHICH IS DISTRIBUTED TO MORE THAN 900 HOUSEHOLDS WORLDWIDE!

# 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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Address, City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of minor children living at home: \_\_\_\_\_

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# MEETING REMINDER:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> AT THE  
HOLIDAY INN ROCKSIDE AT 7:30PM

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## MEETING REMINDER:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> AT THE HOLIDAY INN ROCKSIDE AT 7:30PM

### Officers of the ABA

Dominic Najem, President  
Richard Nahra, Vice-President  
Emile Daher, Treasurer  
Noel Salwan, Secretary

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