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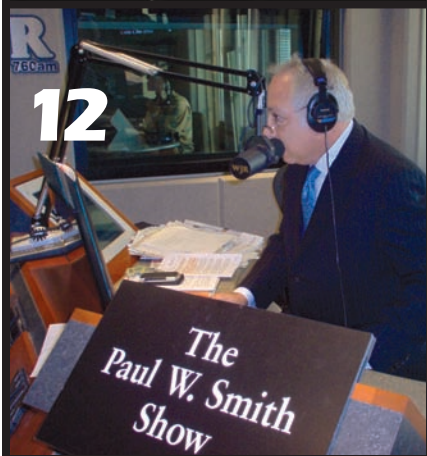
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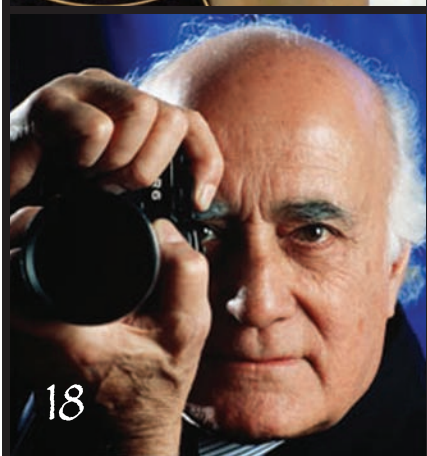
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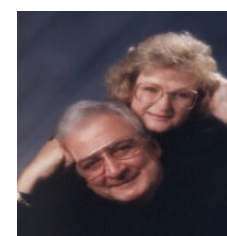
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Welcome to *Lebanese Monthly Magazine*. As Editor-in-Chief and on behalf of our publisher LANA-USA, we are pleased to present to you our premiere contemporary and dynamic newsmagazine and in doing so, I would like to personally say *Ablan-wa-Sablan* to this special double inaugural issue.

Lebanese Monthly is a new and unique feature-oriented and interactive lifestyle newsmagazine offering readers engaging articles while celebrating Lebanese Americans and their lifestyles, work, travels, attitudes and culture. We will define the jet set Lebanese American community extravagantly from elected officials to business moguls to movie stars to ordinary citizens. And we plan to cover it exuberantly, showing the unexpected, meaningful, and whimsical ways that affect our daily lives. Each month inside our magazine readers can enjoy the highlights marking the triumphs, achievements and everyday lifestyles of the Lebanese American community.

## Tradition

Metro Detroit and its suburbs are truly a multicultural mosaic of various traditions and ethnicities woven into the fabric of one community. And in the traditional customs of The Lebanese Gazette, The Morning Tribune, and other pioneers who laid the ground work for future generations to come with their newspapers and publications, we the next generation of Lebanese Americans seek to build upon the early foundation of their success and carry on their work with the debut of our new illustrated newsmagazine heralding Lebanese American arts, culture, news and features that is smart, good-looking, confident, and elegant with an energetic style and a winning way with words.



Whether we take a stroll down memory lane or cruise the super information highway, Lebanese Monthly's colorfully articulated pages of stories, images and profiles will reflect the pulse of our community. Lebanese Monthly seeks to stand out among local magazines and suit the lifestyle of even the most discriminating tastes. With departments like *Souwar*, *Zamanat*, *Salawat*, *Mabrouk!* & *Souk*, and references guides, directories & features, along with our *ClubLeb*, *LebScene* and *Great Lebanese American* sections - you will want to be sure to include Lebanese Monthly as part of your reading and have around your coffee table to refer back to time and again.

## Thank You

There are many people to thank for their support and inevitably I will forget to mention a name, so in advance please forgive me if I do. First and foremost, I thank God for the wisdom, strength and courage He has bestowed upon me to succeed. No man can be successful without the backing of his family and I thank my parents, siblings, nieces and



nephews for their continued love and support. I wish to thank Paul W. Smith for gracing the front covers of our first edition. His love of family, zest for life, and pride of heritage serve to inspire any individual who aspires to behold his roots. And finally, it is truly our advertisers who made all of this become a reality and I thank them for standing with us as we begin this new venture.

From as early as I can remember, I have always loved the fact that I am an American of Lebanese descent. The pride and fulfillment that both sets of grandparents traveled as immigrants to a new land called America to make a new life for their families yet never forgetting their roots, their heritage and their culture by passing these traditions on to their children and their children's children for generations to come. I dedicate this magazine to their legacy and the love of faith, country and family that they instilled in us and remains to this day. The road called life has not always been easy, especially in these times. But if there's one thing I've learned along the way it is not to avoid obstacles - but rather: defeat them.

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So *Yallah!* that's Lebanese Monthly. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we've enjoyed creating it. It's the first of its kind setting out to make a newsmagazine where you might find something to feed your enthusiasm, spark your curiosity or learn about the many contributions Lebanese people have made over the centuries that affect until now our everyday lives. If we're doing it right or slipping off the mark, please let us know, your input is critical. Our second issue will contain your feedback in our first 'Makateeb' letters to the editor section, which you can eMail to [letters@lebanesemonthly.com](mailto:letters@lebanesemonthly.com). We hope you will be informed, interactive, entertained and come along with us for the ride - it's going to be amazing - because as Lebanese American actor Danny Thomas once said: **"He who denies his Heritage, has no Heritage."**

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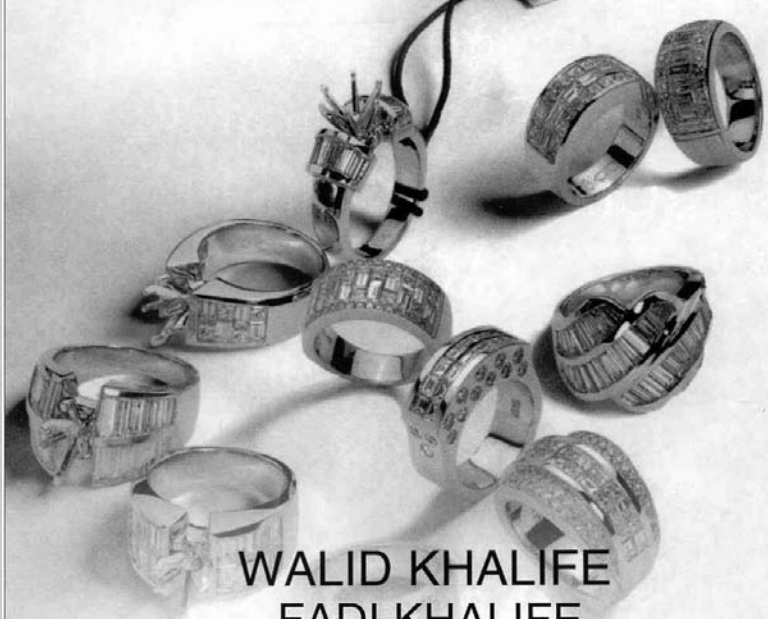
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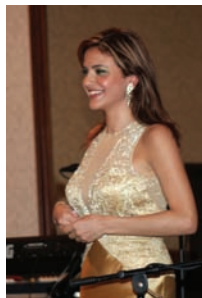
#### **Houston Mayor proclaims November 22, 2005 as "American Lebanese National Movement Day"**

**HOUSTON, TX** - Over one hundred American Lebanese National Movement members and supporters celebrated Independence Day at a dinner gala at the Marriott Hotel, across the Galleria. Houston Council woman, Dr. **Shelley Sekula Gibbs**, and world-renowned professor **Philip Salem** were the



guest speakers at the event. Their support of ALNM and the Lebanese community is immeasurable. After her eloquent from the heart speech, Councilwoman Sekula Gibbs presented **Dr. Mazin Moufarij** with a Certificate of Recognition for his leadership and efforts for the Lebanese community and ALNM. Council woman Sekula Gibbs also presented Dr. Moufarij a Proclamation from **Bill White** the Mayor of Houston part of which states "The City of Houston salutes and commends the organizers and participants of this worthwhile endeavor, and extends best wishes for continued success." "Therefore, I, Bill White, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim November 22, 2005 as American Lebanese National Movement day." The American Lebanese National Movement is a civil, charitable and independent association with no political or religious character.

- Dr. Hamid Kantara



#### **Rene Moawad Foundation receives \$2M grant from USAID**

**WASHINGTON, DC** - The Rene Moawad Foundation's Annual benefit gala was held recently at the Ritz Carlton Hotel and brought together approximately 415 people from the Lebanese-American and Arab American communities as well as many friends of Lebanon. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was former US Ambassador to Lebanon and newly elected Board Member of the Rene Moawad Foundation, **Ambassador Vincent Battle**. Many US administration officials heavily attended the event from the State



Department, the White House and USAID. Former Assistant Secretary of Defense and the current President of the World Bank **Paul Wolfowitz** as well as the former Foreign Minister of Spain **Ana Palacio** were also present. Many members of the Arab Diplomatic corps were also in attendance: The Ambassadors of Lebanon, Yemen, Bahrain the Arab League as well as representatives of the UAE and Qatar, Saudi Arabia.

The Rene Moawad Foundation Distinguished Achievement and Community Service Award was presented by **HE Nayla Moawad** to former CEO of ALSAC /St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Mr. **Richard Shadyac**, Sr. Vice President of CHF International, **Dr. Judith Hermanson** surprised the audience by presenting the Rene Moawad Foundation and its President and Founder Nayla Moawad with a giant \$2,000,000 check for a grant from USAID for Expanding Economic Opportunities in Lebanon. As part of the Foundation's annual efforts to promote a Lebanese artist in penetrating the US market, a fashion show was held by Lebanese Fashion designer **Gemy Malouf**. Some 25 stores in the United States are already carrying Ms. Malouf's couture a porter alone.

- Nadia Abourizk-Asaad

#### **Bill Clinton, Paul Anka attend House of Lebanon 'Pride of Heritage' Gala in California**

**BEVERLY HILLS, CA** - The House of Lebanon annual banquet was a night to remember. The theme of the evening was the **Ray R. Irani** "Pride of Heritage" award. The award is given annually by the House of Lebanon to an individual who best exemplifies those qualities that have distinguished Lebanese Americans - Love of family and country, generosity of spirit, dedication to the community, excellence in business or profession. Dr. Ray Irani presented the award to **Ambassador Gilbert Chagoury** on behalf of the House of Lebanon. Ambassador Chagoury welcomed **President Bill Clinton**, and called him a model of the American dream. He prompted Lebanese to unite and to set differences aside. He reminded the audience that

in time of strife, Lebanese from all sects died together fighting for the independence of Lebanon. Dr. Irani presented to President



Clinton the House of Lebanon commemorative gold medallion, with President Clinton's bust on one side, and the House of Lebanon logo in color on the other side. President Clinton said, Ambassador Chagoury, Dr. Irani, **Congressman Darrel Issa**, and International singer **Paul Anka**, who were both among the guests, have left an indelible mark on the well being of the American society. He said that the Lebanese are great and successful people, especially when they are outside Lebanon. He prompted the Lebanese people to put differences aside and help Lebanon regain its glory. He asked the audience to be "Citizens of the world and native children of the homeland". He ended by saying to all Lebanese "Here is your chance, don't blow it". - Kanan Hamzeh & George Haddy

#### **American and Lebanese Dancing Together New York Meets Beirut**

**NEW YORK & BEIRUT** - Culture Connect envoy **Lydia Tetzlaff** (Battery Dance



Company, New York) offered master classes and workshops to Lebanese dancers of Maqamat Dance Company and Caracallah Dance troupe and school, during a five-day visit to Beirut. Culture Connect aims to encourage talented young people of different cultures and backgrounds to share their common passion for art. Tetzlaff enthused about her visit to Lebanon, saying, "I take back to the U.S. so much knowledge of what is going on here on a cultural level, as well as meet talented people." Culture Connect Ambassador **Yo Yo Ma**, the renowned cello player, visited Lebanon in 2004, under the auspices of this Department of State-funded program. - US Embassy in Beirut

## Wayne State names residence hall for benefactor Yousif B. Ghafari

**DETROIT** – Wayne State University honored a major benefactor when the university held ceremonies to rename its former North Residence Hall after **Yousif B. Ghafari**, chairman of Ghafari Associates. Located in the heart of campus adjacent to the **David Adamany** Undergraduate Library and near the popular Mort Harris Recreation and Fitness Center, it houses approximately 400 students. A Wayne State alumnus and member of the WSU Foundation board and the capital campaign steering committee, Ghafari gave the university's current fundraising campaign a major boost earlier this year with a pledge of \$9 million. The gift will be used to support WSU's planned new Engineering Development Center as well as providing endowments for student programs and scholarships, mathematics, engineering and medicine. Ghafari received the university's Corporate Leadership Award in 1994. In 1990, he received the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award and was named to the College of Engineering's Hall of Fame. He also has received numerous awards from community organizations, including the American Cancer Society, International Heritage Hall of Fame and the Boy Scouts of America. – *Wayne State University Press*



## Meals on Wheels gets boost from Gala dinner

**SOUTHFIELD** - In a celebration of Lebanese culture, more than 200 people of various backgrounds gathered at a party at **Edward Moussawar's** Kabobgy to benefit Holiday Meals on Wheels. Guests enjoyed belly dancers, smoking the nargila and eating from an elaborate spread of authentic Lebanese food. Meals on Wheels is a private, non-profit, volunteer-based service that delivers nutritious meals to homebound persons, enabling them to maintain their independence and continue to live in their own homes; provides daily contact with a trained volunteer who provides important social interaction and a link to the community; and gives important referral information for other appropriate community resources as needed. For information on having Meals on Wheels delivered or volunteering for delivering meals, contact your local Meals on Wheels office.



## 14th Annual St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Gala Benefit expected to top \$350,000 mark in total proceed funds raised

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**Akouri** hosted their annual dance workshop and dinner concert event to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at the Farmington Hills Manor. Over 500 patrons were in attendance at the event and this year's benefit was projected to raise over \$50,000 for the Hospital founded by the late **Danny Thomas**. The event began Saturday morning with a Middle Eastern dance workshop from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Princess Madiha and special guest instructor, **Aida al-Adawi** of San Francisco, California, were the dance instructors. Saturday evening at 7 p.m. the doors opened for the benefit concert and culinary feast which began at 8 p.m. The ladies who participated in the dance workshop performed live cultural dancing for the dinner guests. The ticket prices for the evening event included a full-course, family-style Lebanese dinner, Mediterraneanan entertainment and live music including a raffle, which completed the



evening's festivities. Expecting to top the \$350,000 fundraising mark since this event's inception in Dearborn, Michigan - as always, all proceeds from Princess Madiha's Event go directly to St. Jude. *For the 2006 workshop and dinner ticket information please call Princess Madiha directly at 248.478.3456 or Beth Campbell of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at 248.546.8086.*

## Lebanese American Leaders Greet Lebanon's Minister of Foreign Affairs Fawzi Salloukh

**DEARBORN** - Farmington Hills City Councilman **John Akouri**, in conjunction with the Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce and under the auspices of the Lebanese Consul General for Detroit **Dr. Ali Ajami** convened a Bi-Partisan Panel to discuss the Diaspora, Lebanon's Future and Lebanon-US Relations with Lebanese Minister of Foreign Affairs **Fawzi Salloukh** and his delegation. The event was




held at the Dearborn Ritz Carlton courtesy of security and logistical direction led by Mr. **Joe Beydoun**, Senior Advisor to Dearborn Mayor **Michael Guido** and also a participant at the panel discussion.



In addition to the above-mentioned guests, also present at the leadership meeting were Wayne County Circuit Court **Judge David Allen**, Oakland County Probate **Judge Linda Saoud Hallmark**, State Representatives **Barbara Farrah**, and **David Farhat**, Honorary Consul to Grenada **Robert David**, and Dearborn **Councilwoman Suzanne Sareini**. The Public Officials hoped that the private reception and formal meeting with the Foreign Minister, along with his visit to the Metro Detroit area, will serve to explore ways to continue to foster and strengthen ties between the US and Lebanon. Following the meeting, the Consul General hosted a Diplomatic Dinner honoring the Foreign Minister at the new Byblos Banquet Center.

## Department of Homeland Security Official meets with Community Leaders

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - At a private luncheon hosted by **Dr. Yahya Basha**, Lebanese, Arab and Muslim leaders met with DHS Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties **Daniel W. Sutherland, Esq.** Mr. Sutherland provides legal and policy advice to **Secretary Michael Chertoff** and the senior officers of the Department on a full range of civil rights and civil liberties issues. Guests at the meeting, including Assembly for Lebanon President **Milad Zohrob** listened intently as Mr. Sutherland presented and discussed the vision and mission of the DHS to lead a unified national effort to secure America, prevent and deter terrorist attacks and protect against and respond to threats and hazards to the nation. The DHS also works to ensure safe and secure borders, welcome lawful immigrants and visitors and promote the free flow of commerce. All involved expressed an interest to continue meeting with and working with the community leadership and government officials. 







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# The Lebanese Paul W. Smith

*Whether he is interviewing the President of the United States, celebrities, Chairmen or CEO's of major corporations, or taking a call from the Governor or other listeners, WJR AM-760 morning personality Paul W. Smith has a winning conversational style that keeps listeners tuned in. Paul W. talks with local and national leaders and discusses and breaks news that is important to his listeners. Paul W. provides information that is talked about all day long, including business, news, weather, traffic, and sports. On a brisk Autumn morning in October, the Lebanese Dubya sits down in his studio atop Detroit with Lebanese Monthly Editor John G. Akouri to talk about radio, family, heritage and life.*

by John G. Akouri

**JOHN G. AKOURI:** Thank you Paul, for honoring us and taking the time to do an interview with us for our inaugural issue of Lebanese Monthly Magazine.

**PAUL W. SMITH:** Thanks for having me, it's great – it's a premiere issue of a magazine like this. Congratulations to you John, what a great idea for the Lebanese community, for everybody actually.

**JGA:** Thank you, Paul. Rumor has it that you're Lebanese?

**W:** I am, I'm Dutch, English, Irish and HALF Lebanese. My mother is 100% Lebanese. She was born in this country, but my Grandma Sadie Boutros was pregnant with my mother on what I understand was pretty horrible boat ride to this country. My Grandpa Fred had come earlier with some of his cousins and they set up businesses, grocery businesses and such. Then it was time to bring the women over, and they did. My grandparents, Sadie & Fred Boutros worked a grocery store in Monroe, Michigan that they owned. Seven days a week, 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM, never a vacation, lived upstairs above the store – kids today have no idea what work is compared to what these folks did.

**JGA:** Did you grow up in a traditional Lebanese household?

**W:** My mother has never really cooked Lebanese food, didn't ever speak the language, but a block or two away was Grandma Sadie and Grandpa Fred, and they did. Grandma Sadie, with some of the Aunts who came over from the old country, would have these cooking days and they'd be down in the basement. It looked as if they were cooking Lebanese food for hundreds of people, but it was just the family. I would go out with Grandma Sadie sometimes and pick wild Grapeleaves and I would say, "Grandma, we can get Grapeleaves in the store,"



and she would say "No, no they have to be wild Grapeleaves!" So, we would do that and then we'd have the assembly line of rolling the Grapeleaves. I never really learned how to do any of those things, but I did learn how to really eat well and eat delicious Lebanese food. And that stayed with me from Grandma Sadie, all the way to when I worked in radio and television in Toledo where I met a great family who had a little restaurant at the time called The Beirut restaurant and they worked very hard with a little kitchen and fire everywhere. They were fixing Kebbeh, Grapeleaves and Baba Ghanoush – such great food. We have great Lebanese restaurants here in the Detroit area, fabulous restaurants in Dearborn and elsewhere, but I still think of The Beirut as one of the best Lebanese restaurants in the world, and I've been lucky enough to eat at a few, including some in different parts of the world and different countries.

**JGA:** It sounds as though you really did come of age in a true Lebanese culture and environment.

**W:** We all lived within two blocks of each other so I walked to Grandma Sadie's store every day and I was very much in my Lebanese Heritage. Then I would walk across the street to my Dad's parents: Grandpa Harry lived to be 100, and Grandma Edna lived to be 98 and they were as American as American can be, so I was exposed to everything. And it never seemed unusual to me. The Lebanese side of the family, being the dominant half on my mother's side have been so proud of our heritage and have always made a big deal of it. My Uncle Pete is 100 percent Lebanese. His greatest line was: "Nephew, don't forget, you're only HALF Lebanese!" as a put down to me (laughter).

**JGA:** Have you ever visited Lebanon?

**W:** I have never been to Lebanon, but I keep hearing from my dear friends Yousif Ghafari and Jacques Nasser that I have got to go with them sometime to Lebanon. And, they would be the two guys to go with I think, because they would be going in style. And I would love to broadcast from Beirut one day. My grandparents were from Zahle in the mountains and that is supposed to be an absolutely beautiful area. I would love to see that, I would love to experience it. I think it's probably not going to happen where I can see taking my mother Marie who is



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The Smith Family: Adam, Sophie, Myreya and Paul W.

80 to Lebanon; she's never been there. But I don't think that's going to happen, I think that time has come and gone that we had that ability. We always talked about getting Grandma Sadie back there, she passed away a few years ago and that never happened.

**JGA:** As we sit here in the Golden Tower of The Fisher Building, let's talk a little about radio. What was the lure of becoming a broadcaster?

**W:** I was attracted to the opportunity to intimately talk to a lot of people. To be able to intimately enter people's lives and have conversations with them, because I like people – I'm a people person. And I have watched the news media influence news reporting and stories and it has bothered me. I have watched the editorializing of the New York Times, for example, on the front page. If they want to editorialize do it on the editorial page, that's great. Not on the front page, not by their choice of pictures, for example, of Lebanese people looking stupid. That's one good example that they've done rather often in

the past at least, or stories that are influenced by their own political leanings, that's ridiculous, that bothered me. I thought, as a talk show host I'd have the opportunity to give my own thoughts and my own opinions and try to get both sides of the story and that's what I continue to do today and that influenced me in terms of what I could do more so than television or any number of other areas I might have pursued.

**JGA:** The passing of WJR's legendary J.P. McCarthy, a decade ago, must have had a huge effect on you.

**W:** Yes, I grew up listening to him. I've always said, beside my mother and father and their influence of course, it was J.P. McCarthy, Johnny Carson and Paul Harvey. I respected all three of them and the job they did and I finally went to see and meet Johnny Carson while he was still on. I fill in now for Paul Harvey which is a thrill. And now I'm doing the morning show at WJR – not replacing J.P. but trying to maintain the quality and the kind of program under very difficult circumstances because the world of broadcasting has changed tremendously in the last ten years.

**JGA:** Change indeed, where were you on the early morning of September 11, 2001?

**W:** I was in Germany, on the air doing a broadcast from the Frankfurt Motor Show – going off the air as the first plane hit the World Trade Center. Here in Detroit, they put the Good Morning America audio, because we're owned and operated by ABC and they were doing it live. It was a horrible experience being stuck, because that's what we were 'stuck' in another country while our country was under attack. And I wasn't home to protect my family – it was a horrible feeling. On the other hand, being there and seeing how the German people embraced us, I will never forget. I was out on the streets in Wiesbaden walking around and I saw what looked like people with lights way down the road and all of a sudden hundreds and hundreds of people walked by carrying candles. They were carrying candles in a thrown together tribute to America. I followed them around to the huge city square and there was a big American flag hanging down with the German flag and big posters. I went to a German police officer and told him "I don't speak German, can you tell me what they say?" And he said, "We stand with our American brothers." It was an emotional and powerful moment in time when the entire world seemed to embrace us and realize that what had happened was wrong.

**JGA:** How did you finally get home that day?

**W:** General Motors charted a plane from Spain and they invited me to come along, thank God. We didn't know if we would be able to land in America, we thought we might have to land in Canada, well for us it's not so tough if we had to land in Windsor. As it turned out, while we were in the air, they gave us clearance to land in the United States. It was an odd and awkward time for all of us because of the rumors and the terrible things that were said about people jumping up and down in Lebanese restaurants celebrating and all that – all lies, all not true. I am an American. And I think wherever we come from we all are Americans first and I didn't have to be reminded of that ever. And I'm sure John you didn't have to either.

**JGA:** Oh, absolutely not. Is there anyone yet that you haven't interviewed that you would like to?

**W:** The quick easy answer is the Pope, because I never interviewed a Pope. We came close to interviewing John Paul II, but we weren't able to get there, unfortunately. So as far as anyone else, I really can't think of anybody. I try to have a style and a way of doing what I do so as not to turn people off and make them say 'Boy, I don't ever want to do

that again.' If you really listen, I am respectful to them and they know that I'm not looking to make them look bad. I am looking to hear the truth from them and I will ask them direct questions but in a nice way.


**JGA:** Paul, you've accomplished so much – what do you want to do next?

**W:** It's not a question of after I leave WJR, what I want to accomplish now is the toughest goal: I want to be the best father and best husband I can possibly be. My biggest, most important job is to do that right. I am not interested in going to any other city. I would like to stay here and finish my career here. I will continue to try to be informative, entertaining, interesting and asking the questions that my listeners want to hear answered and relating and sharing life's experiences with them.

**JGA:** Any final thoughts on being Lebanese?

**W:** Casey Kasem called me once when he was on the air and said, "Paul, you're one of the important Lebanese members of the community..." I am certainly not shy about it and I talk about being Lebanese. And from what I know about what I was exposed to as a young kid growing up – and if this is true to all Lebanese that's a great thing and I like to think that it is – we as Lebanese have such a great spirit and great ability and talent and the work ethic of every Lebanese person I have ever known or met has been spectacular. We just need to be smarter about how we promote ourselves and work together to accomplish so much that we can accomplish as a people.

**JGA:** Thank you Paul, our Lebanese W.

**W:** Thank you, John. What an honor to be included in your magazine. 

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1970's - SUZANNE GEHA returned to her hometown of Detroit from 1978 to 1981 to work as a reporter and weekend anchor at the ABC owned-and-operated television station WXYZ-TV. In May 1981 she joined WOOD-TV where she anchors the 24 Hour News-8 weeknights. Suzanne had previously worked at the station directly out of college from 1974-1978 when in 1976 she became the first woman to anchor the evening news in West Michigan.



1980's - JOCELYNE ZABLITT worked as a Staff Writer at the Detroit Free Press where she had previously interned during her studies at the University of Michigan, beginning in January 1985 up until the end of 1991. She was later based in Paris, France and currently is the European Affairs correspondent for Agence France-Press reporting from their Washington, DC bureau.



1990's - LAMA (BAKRI) SAAD started as an Intern at the Detroit Free Press while at Wayne State University. She later worked as a Detroit News Staff Writer covering general stories and those with a focus on the Lebanese community in Metro Detroit. Lama also wrote for the bi-monthly ARABICA Magazine, an all glossy high-profile color publication with dazzling interviews and stories about Lebanese personalities like actors Salma Hayek and Tony Shalhoub.



2000's - SALLY FARHAT craved her Lebanese culture and moved from Seattle, Washington to Detroit, where she became the youngest-ever reporter for the Detroit Free Press. While in Detroit, she taught her editors about Lebanese culture and religions and wrote positive stories about the community, as well as crime and the environment. At the Free Press, she also co-wrote the Media Guide to Islam, though Sally herself is a devout Christian.

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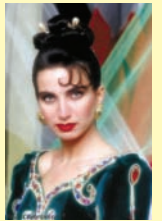
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# Lebanese Swimmer Katya Bachrouche has Olympic ambitions

## Making Waves

Years ago, Farmington Hills-based swim coaches knew they had something special in 6-year-old Katya Bachrouche. Ten years later, Bachrouche, now a junior at North Farmington High School, is living up to their billing. Bachrouche may be one of the best all-around swimmers to come out of the Farmington school district, and she's only just begun her junior year.

Bachrouche started swimming at age 6 for Kendallwood Swim Club and soon joined the Farmington YMCA year-round team. She now swims for the Raiders during the girls high school season, and the same Farmington YMCA Stingrays club team during the winter, spring and summer months.

"Swimming is my life," Bachrouche jokes.

As with any sport, hard work and dedication are imperative, and swimming is no exception. In fact, many national-level swimmers practice twice a day, before and after school, on the weekends, and complete double practices during the shortened summer season.

What keeps Bachrouche motivated during those long hours spent in a cold, chlorinated pool?

"I'm not quite sure," she admits. "I love the sport, even though it's so demanding and you have to work hard. I just love it and I love my team," she added.

No one can question Bachrouche's dedication or work ethic. As a sophomore, she was conference champion in the 100-yard backstroke,

state champion and all-America in the 500-yard freestyle, and national champion at the YMCA summer nationals, held this past August in Maryland, in the 400-meter individual medley. She also placed in the top five in five other events at summer nationals and competed in the U.S. Open last December.



All before her 16th birthday.

This year, Bachrouche's goals have become a bit loftier.

"In the near future I hope to do well in the U.S. Open and make it back to finals," she explained. "I'd also like to be in the top five in all of my events at spring nationals and come close to getting Olympic trial cuts this year."

Much of a swimmer's success is measured by "cuts" or qualifying time standards. While Bachrouche has achieved U.S. Open time standards, she has to improve just a bit to qualify for Olympic trials, the fastest of the swimming qualifying time standards in this country.

Currently, Bachrouche is in the midst of her high school season. Her team is "doing well" and she has already achieved all-America consideration time standards in some of the events she has swam.

Many elite high school swimmers compete for both their high school and club teams. Strict rules govern a swimmer's participation in the club team during high school seasons, but each offers something different.

"Definitely the team," Bachrouche answered when asked what she enjoys most about high school swimming. "You get to be so close [with your teammates] and you don't get that anywhere else."


On the other hand, club swimming provides the opportunity to travel across the country, swimming in national meets. "The harder you work and the faster you swim, the more places [swim meets] you can go," Bachrouche said.

After competing for 10 years in the sport, Bachrouche has learned how to keep her focus and concentration during races.



"Before a race I just tune out everything else and focus on how I will swim my race," she explained. "Each race is different—you just have to think about it all the time [while you are swimming]."

Bachrouche is no slouch in the classroom, either. She holds a 4.0 GPA and takes all honors classes. She hopes to pursue collegiate swimming at a Division I university.

"A strong academic school would definitely be the decision-making factor," Bachrouche said about possible college choices. She has narrowed fields she's interested to study down to psychology and sports medicine, but lately has been leaning toward sports medicine. Bachrouche says that swimming has taught her plenty. "Time management for sure—I'd be a wreck if I didn't swim," she said. "I wouldn't know what to do with all of that time. Also how to be a team player, how to be disciplined, and of course how to have fun." (Courtesy of Suburban Lifestyles) 



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# Samir Bannout



Three months before Christmas 1983, Samir Bannout flexed his “decorated” lumbar region in Munich, West Germany, for the IFBB Mr. Olympia judges. Since then, the high definition found in a muscular lower back has been called a “Christmas tree”. Known as the “Lion of Lebanon” because of his birthplace (Beirut, Lebanon), Samir roared into America in 1974 and settled first in Detroit. In that city, he was crowned 1978 Mr. Michigan. In 1979, he won the Best in the World event and the light-heavyweight division of the IFBB World Amateur Championships.

The latter win bequeathed him an IFBB pro card, and he made his debut (also in 1979) at the Canada Pro Cup, by which time he had moved to Venice, California. Bannout’s IFBB pro career spanned 53 contests; his 11 attempts at the IFBB Mr. Olympia are a record among those who have won the title – as he did in 1983. His last win was the 1990 IFBB Pittsburgh Pro Invitational, and the final sighting of Samir in contest mode was at the 1996 IFBB Masters Olympia where he finished in sixth place. His pro career had endured for 17 years.

The Lion always was and still is renowned as one of bodybuilding’s more entertaining characters. His ability to mix quotes with poses never left the industry’s writers disappointed. Today, Samir lives in Los Angeles with his wife and two children and pursues several business interests, including the marketing of a supplement company.

## ABOUT SAMIR

Nickname: The Lion of Lebanon

Born: November 7, 1955

Birthplace: Beirut, LEBANON

Height: 5' 8"

Weight: 210 lbs

## TITLES WON

1979 IFBB Best in the World (Amateur)

1979 IFBB World Championships (Lt Hvy)

1983 IFBB Mr. Olympia

1985 WABBA World Championship 1986

WABBA World Championship 1990 IFBB

Pittsburgh Pro Invitational



## Spotlight on Great Lebanese Americans

# Fred J. Maroon

1924 - 2001

Fred J. Maroon was born in New Brunswick, N.J. After three years in the Navy during World War II, he attended the Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C., receiving a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1950. He completed his studies with one year of graduate work at the École Supérieure des Beaux-Arts in Paris. In 1996 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate (Humane Letters) from Catholic University.



After graduation Mr. Maroon worked for Life magazine in New York, and became a stringer in their Paris bureau while doing his graduate studies. Following that he practiced architecture for two and a half years. In 1953 Edward Steichen selected a number of his photographs to include in the exhibition "Always the Young Strangers," at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

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***– FJM***

Inspired by this, in 1954 Mr. Maroon became a freelance photographer. During his career Mr. Maroon had scores of photographic features in most major national and international magazines, including National Geographic, Smithsonian, Paris Match, Town and Country,


Travel and Leisure, Esquire, Life, Look, and Holiday.

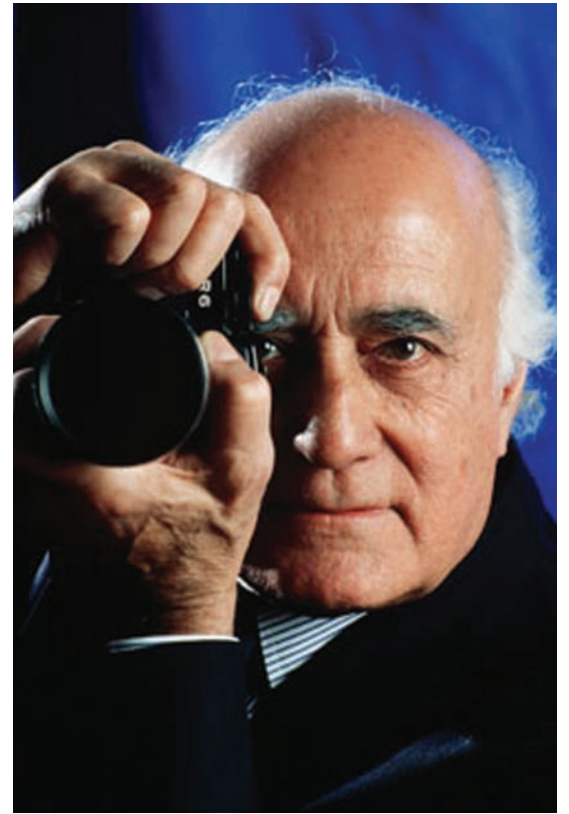
Mr. Maroon was the recipient of Gold Medal awards from the Art Directors' Clubs of Metropolitan Washington and New York. His work was exhibited throughout America and abroad, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art, in New York, and the National Gallery of Art and the Library of Congress, in Washington DC. He had one-man exhibitions at the Corcoran Gallery, the Smithsonian Institution, and the United States Capitol in Washington DC. In June 1995 he had an exhibition, "Politics and Poetry," at the Leica Gallery in New York. A posthumous exhibition, "Sorrow and Splendor: Images of Europe, 1950 - 1951," was held at the Kathleen Ewing Gallery in Washington, DC in 2002. His photographs have been exhibited in major national museums as part of the "Photography in the Fine Arts" exhibitions, which are now in the permanent collection of the International Center of Photography in New York. Among his many honors were four First Prize awards in the annual White House News Photographers' Association competitions.

Mr. Maroon lectured extensively throughout the United States and abroad. In 1986 and 1990 he exhibited and lectured at Photokina in Cologne, Germany, and in October 1986 he lectured as part of the National Geographic Society's "Masters of Photography" series. In 1990 Mr. Maroon was part of the Smithsonian Institution's "Masters of Photography" series.

In 1977 he received a royal commission to make portraits of the ruling members of the Saudi royal family in Riyadh, and in 1978 he was commissioned by the Egyptian Government to make President Sadat's official portrait.

Mr. Maroon was Visiting Professor at Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications for the winter/spring semester of 1984. In 1985 he received the Newhouse Citation from Syracuse University for his significant contribution to the field of visual communications.

Mr. Maroon was the author of twelve books. At the time of his death Mr. Maroon was working on a book and exhibition featuring photographs taken when he was a student in Europe. 





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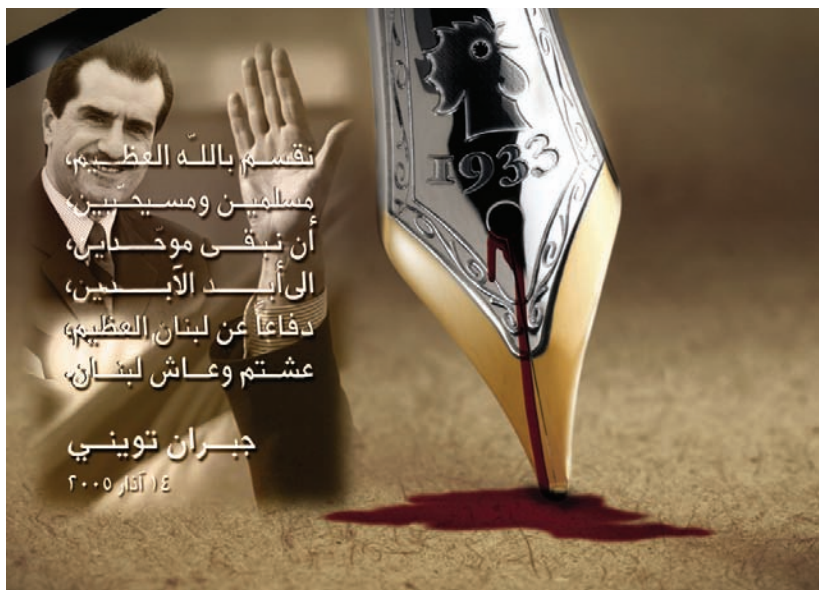
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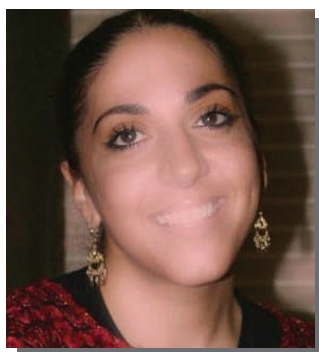
### QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In the tradition of a from the street beat, we offer our own version by asking a monthly question on the Lebanese Main Street - through the magic of the e-Mail Town Square. This month, we ask readers to share with us their FAVORITE CHRISTMASTIME MEMORIES



*"Holiday Memories: My most memorable holiday tradition is the one that my mother maintains to this day, Christmas Eve Mass. Every holiday season, the entire family attends midnight mass at St. Peter's Church and for 2 1/2 hours, my brothers and I would anxiously make our way through the mass dreaming of what may be waiting for us once we got home."*

**Eddie Francis, Mayor**  
City of Windsor, Ontario  
Canada



*"One of my most special Christmas memories was when I was a college student and became the nanny for a wonderful little girl in Grosse Ile. Her parents had gone out of the country for the holidays and returned on Christmas Day. I stayed with her until they returned home. Her family was quite wealthy and had the house decorated professionally. After the professionals came and decorated, she and I tore down everything and decorated the Christmas tree by ourselves. I let her stay up late and we watched the snow fall and made hot chocolate, listened to Christmas music and pigged out on everything that's bad for you. Till this day we call each other every Christmas Eve."*

**Isabella M. Agby, PR Director**  
Farmington Hills, Michigan



*"Christmas 1983 was special. That year, Khalu Elias (my maternal uncle) made his first trip to America. It had been twenty-eight years since my mom and her siblings had been together for the holiday. Being one of seven children, I was not surprised to see many gifts under the tree. Khalu though, being the quintessential generous Lebanese, insisted that my sister take him shopping so he too could buy gifts for his siblings and all his nieces and nephews—at that time, well over twenty people! I went shopping with them and helped to wrap the gifts when we returned home. On Christmas Eve, we had to remove furniture from the living room to make room for the presents under and surrounding the tree. It was the largest mountain of gifts I had ever seen!"*

**Elias Khalil, Teacher**  
Midtown Detroit, Michigan



*"Thinking back to my earliest and fondest memories of the Christmastime holiday, I find it difficult to single out one memory as my best one ever. In fact, for me, each New Year brings with it the promise of new joy-filled moments; moments when I share wonderful experiences and grow ever closer to family and friends. Despite the progressive departure from its true meaning due to media and marketing tactics, Christmas remains a special occasion where all of us look deep in our heart and thank God for all we have and for the precious times we can share with those we love. This is why every Christmas is special for me, in the spirituality associated with it, in the love and the joy, and obviously the Lebanese food!! God Bless you and Merry Christmas."*

**Myriam Afeiche, Graduate Student**  
Ann Arbor, Michigan



*"I have 2 special memories of Christmas. The first one was Christmas 1960, when my dad spent what must have been a small fortune on a library full of books, the classics, for my brothers, sister and me. He also bought toys. I credit that one Christmas for my continued love of reading and the beauty of the English language. My other favorite Christmas was after Sue and I married, and both of our sons were born. I never understood pure joy and love until we watched them open their gifts, or pure boredom as I dragged them to midnight Mass. They slept through the entire Mass; in fact I had to wake them in the car to go into church. But they were awake just a few hours later, in what seemed like the middle of the night, to open gifts."*

**Michael B. Rizik Jr., Attorney**  
Grand Blanc, Michigan



*"The holidays from Thanksgiving to New Years have always been a special time in our family. The year dad passed, we had our holiday dinner earlier so that we could be sure he would be with us. It was a quiet dinner, no one said much but it was clear that we all were clinging to every minute we had with each other. We are having Christmas three weeks earlier this year. I got the OK straight from the North Pole! Santa wanted us all to have a great Christmas and all celebrate together. My son, who is a Lt. JG in the Navy, is home. Sam is leaving his children and wife here in Michigan for the next six months while he is in the Persian Gulf. This will be his third deployment."*

**Suzanne Sareini, Councilwoman**  
City of Dearborn, Michigan



*"My best Christmas ever was when I was still young enough to be in awe of the beautiful tree and decorations and wonderful presents yet old enough to appreciate all that I was given. I remember that my twin brother and I, along with our younger sister, would spend hours playing with our new toys, laughing and having a great time. It was also very special time to spend with our extended family. It was also the time when I began to be delighted to be able to give to others and make them joyful, since I enjoyed giving to others much more than receiving, and still feel that way to this day. Merry Christmas!"*

**Robert G. David, Honorary**  
Consul of Grenada  
Northville, Michigan



*"Every Christmas morning when my husband was alive & the kids would wake each other up so they could open presents & we all opened them in our pajamas. They are grown now, but they still want to come over early to open presents & the early one calls the others & says 'Hurry up & get over here. We're waiting to open presents.'" Another favorite memory is when Gramma came here from Lebanon at a young age & had 8 kids. She had to be very frugal with her spending. We wouldn't think of asking for music lessons. I later took my kids for music lessons & one Christmas Louie & Paul played guitar to Christmas Carols & she said, "It's worth every penny." And I can't forget when Jiddo played Santa at the annual Abraham family Christmas Eve Party & the kids knew it was him because of his accent: 'Merrrry Chrrrrrrismas!'"*

**Adele Abraham, Businesswoman**  
Clarkston, Michigan



*"My favorite Christmas moment I truly believe will come this upcoming Holiday. As a matter of fact, the most beautiful and precious time began on the afternoon of October 28, when my first child, a baby girl, 'ALYSSA' arrived. Now, almost on a daily basis, I see how all my family and friends are out shopping and trying to buy that great gift for that special someone, but no matter how hard, how far they go, and how long they all try, nobody and nothing can top the greatest gift that I received on that unforgettable Friday afternoon. She is truly a gift from God. And all the parents definitely know what I am talking about. I thank God once again, as I do everyday for the most beautiful gift of all, my baby girl 'ALYSSA', who has already made this a fantastic Christmas, and will do so for many years to come."*

**Tony Matta, Restaurateur**  
Lyon Township, Michigan



*"My favorite Christmas holiday memory is when I went to Lebanon in 1999 and spent Christmas and the Millennium in Beirut, with my parents, aunt, and cousins. On Christmas, one of my cousin's friends dressed up as Santa Claus and came over to bring gifts for the kids and everyone. The best part about Christmas was seeing the kids' reactions and being around so much family, it really made the holiday special. In addition, I got to celebrate the turn of the century with great friends at a Millennium party."*

**Jeanfieve Asmar, Student**  
Toledo, Ohio

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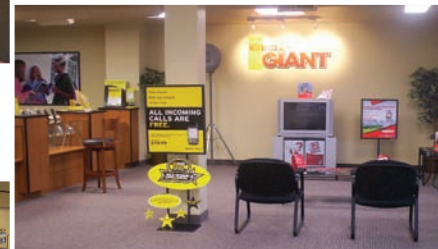
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