

Community News and Updates

Independence Day

We would like to thank all of those who came out to celebrate Lebanon's independence day with us. In addition to bringing the Lebanese people together and enjoying delicious food, Independence Day celebration has traditionally been a time to review the activities of the TLA for the past 12 months and to share challenges and future plans with the community.

A new board was introduced and approved by members. We encourage everyone to get involved serve on committees and help us with special programs, festivals, and other fun activities. Friends of the Cedar Awards were given to Sam and Becky Yehia for their loyalty and continued support and to Ken Howard, Director of the NC Museum of History for his support of the Lebanese exhibit and facilitating "Cedars in the Plaza" festival.

Moise spoke about the importance of unity and encouraged everyone to pull together as this home belongs to all of us. Bishara listed the goals we had set in 2013 for 2014 and discussed how we achieved them. Noha explained revenues and expenses for 2014.

We discussed some of the exciting events we are starting in 2015: Zumba and belly dance classes, parents' night out every second Friday of each month, Tarnib, Tawouleh and Hooka nights, adult Arabic classes, movie nights, self-defense classes, lectures and art classes. We would like to utilize existing talents and knowledge.

We also discussed the importance of supporting various programs of the TLA through memberships and pledges. Your memberships will help us pay for this wonderful center which benefits all of us and the younger generations. Renew your membership online: <http://www.tlanc.us/new-members-application>. Help us through the toughest time of renovation by pledging online: www.tlanc.us and click on the DONATE button, or mail a check to: Lebanese Education Center 241 Horizon Dr. Raleigh NC 27615. Your generous gift of any size is appreciated.

If you were unable to attend and would like a brief description, please contact us. (pictures on p.6)

Special Santa Visit

We are planning a special visit from Santa for the little ones. Take pictures with Santa, enjoy hot chocolates and candy, crafts, and gifts. Please let us know if you are coming so that we can have enough gifts for all the kids (RSVP to bearta2@aol.com) See details below.

Dabke Classes

Dabke classes will be starting in January 2015. Anyone interested in enrolling please contact us asap to reserve your spot.

Kindly remember to renew your membership if you have a child in any of the dabke groups:

Children 5-9, Preteens 10-14, Young Adults 15-18, Adults 19 -25...ish

Practices are normally every Sunday starting mid January until the Lebanese Festival which is set for **Saturday April 4th**.

National Dabke Competition

Read about the first national dabke competition co-sponsored by Moise Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies. The competition has already reached other states and people are already excited about it. "Keep Calm and Dabke On!" (See details - page 4)



Santa is coming!
Saturday, Dec 13th
12:00 – 2:00

Take a picture with Santa

Gifts, Craft, Candy cane, Popcorn, Hot chocolate and Marshmallows

LEC - 241 Horizon Drive Raleigh NC 27615

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Community Day

We are now in the process of taking down walls at our center. If you have experience with plumbing, electrical and construction work, we would appreciate your help. We invite everyone to pitch in. Saturdays starting at 12:00 and some weeknights. Please text, call or write Doumit to confirm 919-454-6923, or email at terbol@aol.com

Shish Kabob

Shish kabob is selling coupon books (go save play) price is \$30. \$12 will go to the Lebanese Education Center as a donation \$18 to go play save people, please visit <http://www.shishkabobnc.com>

Special Thanks

To the entire Lebanese community for putting your trust and faith in us, the new board, to represent Lebanon to the best of our ability. Our pledge to you is to always put Lebanon's reputation first.

To community members who have served on the board in years past, we sincerely thank you for making the TLA what it is today.

To members who have supported the TLA over the years, thank you for renewing your memberships and supporting our vision.

To those who pledged support for 6 months or more, your donation will help us through the toughest 6 months of renovation until the center can earn some income and support itself.

New visitors, thank you for sharing this special day with us and welcome to our Lebanese family.

Announcing The First National Dabke Competition

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Moise A. Khayrallah Center for
Lebanese Diaspora Studies

1st Annual National Dabke Competition

Dear Friends,

The *Moise Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies* and the *Triangle Lebanese Association* (TLA) are pleased to invite you to the **1st Annual National Dabke Competition**. This event will feature dabke troupes from across the US and Canada for a day of dance, friendly competition and prizes!

The competition will take place on **Saturday, April 18, 2015** at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh, North Carolina (USA), and it will encompass three age groups:

- Children Group ~ 5-12 years
- Youth Group ~ 13-18 years
- Adult Group ~ 18+ years

Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each group. There will be three judges for each competition and they will not be affiliated with either the Khayrallah Center or with the TLA.

Rules for performances and judging, as well as information about lodging and transportation will be provided in late March 2015. Registration for each group is \$100, and the deadline for registering is **March 15**.

If you are interested in participating please contact Ms. Bearta al-Chacar Powell (Vice President of TLA) at bearta2@aol.com.

We hope that you will join us for this first event that will bring our national community together in friendly competition. If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warmest regards,

Akram Khater, Director – Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies
Bearta al-Chacar Powell, Vice President – Triangle Lebanese Association



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Upcoming Events

Monday, December 8th 6:30-9:00 Immigration Seminar

Co-sponsored by

ADS, Fayad Law and International Focus

Residence Inn-Crabtree 2200 Summit Park Lane, Raleigh, NC 27612

Seating is limited so please arrive early.

Save the Date

New Year's Eve Celebration with the ADS- Everyone welcome!

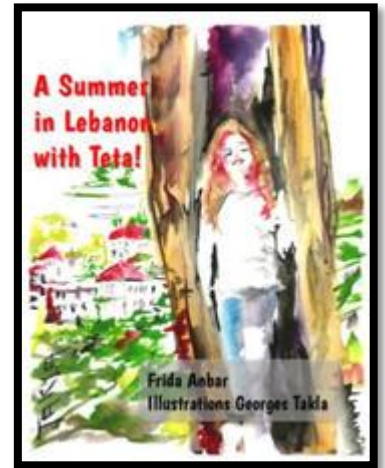
For more details contact Soha Hilal 919-389-9989 or Chuck Jabr 919-274-4420

Interesting Read

A Summer in Lebanon with Teta

On the occasion of the 71st anniversary of Lebanon's independence, the Lebanese Canadian writer Frida Anbar and the artist painter Georges Takla, are launching an interactive e-book intended for young Lebanese in the world and also for every person who vibrates for this small country named Lebanon. It is distributed free of charge in French and English in 52 countries through the Apple store.

It is optimized for the iPad and the Mac. It includes a song by the Lebanese singer Majida El Roumi who has generously agreed to be the patron of the project.



A little girl, living in Washington DC, visits for the first time Lebanon with her grandmother (Teta). During her stay, Regina discovers the mesmerizing scenic beauty of the country and the attaching tenderness of the family. She then connects deeply with her roots and understands her origins. When leaving the country, her little heart finds a solution for loving Lebanon from a distance.

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/book/a-summer-in-lebanon-with-teta!/id942677092?l=fr&mt=11>

Visit www.tlanc.us for 2014 Rewind!

Coming in January 2015

Adult Arabic Classes
Zumba Classes
Belly Dance Classes
Tarnib tournaments &
Hooka Night
Parents' Night Out
Lebanese Movie Night
Nutrition, Art Classes and
more! Stay Tuned...

