

TLA News

April 2015 Update



- We hope you were with us on Saturday April 4th at the 16th Annual Lebanese Festival where we enjoyed the smell and the sounds of Lebanon. For a brief moment we brought Lebanon to downtown Raleigh. We are honored to represent such a great country rich in history and tradition. What we think makes it special is its people, always welcoming, friendly, proud and full of life. *(Please read the details of the festival below)*
- On April 10th, we closed on the sale of the land for \$88,500. We are thankful to Samar Sakr who oversaw the transaction and took care of all the details at no charge to the TLA. *Thank You Samar!*
- Having gone through many suggestions and ideas to combine the Triangle Lebanese Association (TLA) and Lebanese Education Center (LEC), we came up with a new name for the center Triangle Lebanese American Center (TLAC), some of us like to call it “Baytna” either way, we hope you feel at home when you are there, because you are. We are appreciative to Moise Khayrallah who has facilitated this process and made this dream come true for the community. *Save the date for the grand opening- May 31!*
- We have new and updated bylaws which have been registered with the Secretary of State.

Festival Details-Enjoy pictures on page 2!

The wind was challenging and stopped us from putting some decorations, but didn't stop and estimated 5000 people from attending the festival, enjoying the performances, eating delicious Lebanese food or tasting the Lebanese beer and wine.

The dabke groups rocked the stage, literally and figuratively, with traditional music and costumes, wonderful song interpretation and big smiles! Our Lebanese community thanks you for a making us proud with your dedication and commitment.

Our guest performers graced us with their talents, creativity, and variety as well. Thank you to all for sharing your talents and those who came from out of state to make the festival even more special.

The New and Observer along with several other media outlets featured our festival. Please enjoy few pictures below.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/article17408117.html#/tabPane=tabs-b45a5e63-1-1>

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Jabalna Magazine:

http://www.jabalnamagazine.com/page_details.php?type=activities&id=971#.VSLPP5OcFO8

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