

### 241 Horizon Dr.

We are pleased to report that our renovations are almost complete thanks to all the volunteers. We now have two updated studios/ballrooms that can be used for Arabic classes, dance practice, get-togethers, and other happy occasions. We welcome everyone to stop by and see the improvements.

We are in need of few items we are hoping you can help us with: Receiver (multi function is better), Amplifier, Speaker cable ( 4 wire, box of 1000 ft), 12 ceiling speakers (white, round, 25-30v, 4 wire conductor), 2 outdoor speakers, 2 wall plates and jacks for microphone connections. Please contact Hassan Hanna ([warphassan@gmail.com](mailto:warphassan@gmail.com)) and we are sincerely appreciative.

### Lebanese Festival

The Lebanese Festival is only five weeks away (Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>). As you can imagine preparations are already in progress. This year we will be adding **TLA's Got Talents show, Miss Tabouli Contest, Lebanese Easter Bunny, Photo Booth, Easter Egg Hunt, Family Tents, Hooka, Tawouleh and Tarnib Tournaments**, and as usual we will have our very own talented dabke performers who have been practicing since mid January, graceful belly dancers and performers, friends of the TLA, NCSU's Ladies in Red, to name a few, who have put on great shows in the past. The Lebanese festival represent all the Lebanese in our area and we invite everyone to participate and share their pride with others. (Please share the flier on page 2 with your friends)

This festival is a celebration of our culture, traditions and our reputation of great hospitality. We need your help with set-up, take-down, volunteering at the food booths, cultural booths, and help us spread the word by inviting family and friends to the festival.

- **Family/Town Tent** – each sponsoring family will bring meaningful pictures, stories, living room items that tell a story of their family or their town. Your family name will be printed on the banner. Please contact Leann for more details: [leann.ishak@yahoo.com](mailto:leann.ishak@yahoo.com)
- **Talent Show** – We added this to encourage children and young adults to share their talents on stage (Singing, dancing, music, etc.) Please write back if you are interested to reserve your spot. [bearta2@aol.com](mailto:bearta2@aol.com)
- **Advertising** – We are asking business owners to help support the festival by advertising. \$100 for ½ banner displayed at the festival, \$200 (2x5 banner) \$300 Sponsors (banner, listed on the program, and mention from MC) – [bearta2@aol.com](mailto:bearta2@aol.com) or [nohans@aol.com](mailto:nohans@aol.com)
- **Miss Tabouli 2015**– We are putting on a fun, spirited competition with the help of the AUB, St. Charbel, ADS and the TLA's chefs.

### First National Dabke Competition– Meet our First Judge!

Moise Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies is organizing the first annual national dabke competition. Sat April 18<sup>th</sup> – NC Museum of History.

<http://lebanesestudies.ncsu.edu/dabke2015.php> The competition is open to open to everyone.

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Introducing Judge #1  
First National Dabke Competition  
Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00-4:00  
NC Museum of History, Raleigh NC

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**Samir Hasan, Atlanta Georgia**



- Co-Founder of the #1 Dabke site in the world; dabketna.com
- Dabke instructor/trainer at **Dabketna.com**
  - Founder, President, and Trainer of El-Awda Dabke group in Canada established in July 2012
  - Countless Dabke performances and shows locally and internationally
  - Several multicultural and folklore festivals in many countries including Canada, France, Britain, Norway, Palestine and Jordan
  - Repeatedly represented Palestine on the international stage
  - Performed in front of French President Jacques Chirac in Paris, France 2000
  - Performed for the former President of the Palestinian Authorities, Yasir Arafat, minister of foreign affairs and minister of youth at the International day for women
  - Performed at the year 2000 celebration at the Nativity Church in Bethlehem, Palestine
  - Assisted and lead Dabke choreography for performances since 1999
  - Coached and trained Dabke since 2001



## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Lebanese Festival

**Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 12:00-7:00**

**City Plaza 400 Block Fayetteville St. Raleigh NC 27601**



Lebanese Food . Tabouli . Hummus . Falafel . Shawarma  
Dabke . Belly Dancers . Fortune Teller . Games . Hooka

**Free Admission**

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