



On Monday, January 19th our community welcomed the Director of Mirath, Phillipe Aractanji with a warm reception. Thank you to all of those who attended and made this event a success. All proceeds were donated to the Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies. We are appreciative to have such educational and enlightening programming right here in the Triangle. Visit the Triangle Lebanese Association FB page or the Moise Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora studies at NCSU FB page for pictures (page 2 attached).

On Tues, January 20th, we enjoyed the movie Mirath at NCSU. The movie was touching and resonated with the generation that left Lebanon during the war. To say moving would be an understatement. It brought back lots of good memories of Lebanon. We encourage all Lebanese-Americans in this area to attend such unique events organized by the Khayrallah Center and to be more active in our community.

Renovations at 241 Horizon Dr. are moving along thanks to all the volunteers. You will pleasantly surprised. Please join us every weekend and every evening. Doumit has been working with volunteers to coordinate efforts and ensure the project is finished in a timely manner. Please call or text at 919-454-6923 ahead to see what tasks you can help with.

The Lebanese Festival is scheduled for Saturday April 4th. Last year the Raleigh Alliance estimated 5000 people attended our festival. As you can imagine preparations are already in progress. This year we will be adding **TLA's Got Talent**. It could be music, dance, singing, magic show, play... all ages are welcome. Sharing talents on stage will further understanding of our culture and will give your child self confidence as they will be amongst people who will encourage them no matter what.

We need your help with set-up, take-down, volunteering at the food booths, cultural booths and so much more. (see flier on Page 4) Become an active, proud Lebanese ☺ on this special Lebanese day.

- We are also adding a **"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.
- We are asking business owners to help support the festival by either advertising in the festival program or becoming a festival sponsor.
- First National Dabke Competition: Moise Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies is organizing the first annual national dabke competition. Sat April 18th – NC Museum of History. <http://lebanesestudies.ncsu.edu/dabke2015.php> The competition is open to everyone. Details and contact info. are on page 3.

Arabic classes started Saturday Jan 17th - Kids' morning session 10:00-12:00 - Adult class: 12:30-2:30 - Kids' afternoon Session 2:30-4:30.

TLA News

January 2015-Update



The TLA's land has been listed for sale. We would like to offer it to our community first as we know we have a lot of entrepreneurs among us. It is a great investment right off of Ray Road.

<http://triangle.paragonrels.com/publink/default.aspx?GUID=b3dbfcfa-fd3d-482c-8c15-d2b2d114ff22&Report=Yes> Please contact Noha if you have questions at nohasn@aol.com

Sincere thank you for your support and for making this community so vibrant!



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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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> Get great food, support Shish Kabob and the LEC all at one time.

Thank you to all the dabke groups, volunteer belly dancers, entertainers and performers who share their time and talents to make our festival a huge success year after year!

Business owners: There are many options to advertise your business 1. Place an ad in the program, 2. As sponsor: large banners 2x5 ft. with your business name and logo, 3. Having a vendor tent to sell items.

We have many entrepreneurs, educated Lebanese that contribute to the economy and we would like to share our contributions and successes with Raleigh.

We encourage everyone to participate as this festival is for **ALL Lebanese** and everyone is welcome. Please help us spread the word!



17th Annual Lebanese Festival

Saturday April 4th 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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