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This Sunday, we come to celebrate not only what began a wish in 1986 by a handful of young Lebanese but also celebrate our tenacity.

The countless hours of volunteering by members from dabke to Arabic classes, to cooking, to putting on festivals, to manual labor have paid off. Having a Lebanese center is a significant achievement on behalf of all Lebanese in our community.

Please join us for the grand opening to celebrate diligence, determination and hard work towards what began a dream 29 years ago. There will be special guests from the City of Raleigh, the talented Naji Hilal and Amir Jabr, special presentations, and delicious food. Hors D'oeuvres and meal will be served between 3:00-4:30 (Details page 2)



A word from Bishara Libbus, Education Chair

We at the TLA are entering a new and exciting period. We now have our own home that will be a center of our community life and culture. Central to this is the care and nurture of our children. We want to pass on to them the best in our Lebanese culture.

We all know the Dabkeh groups have been a great activity for our youth. Additionally, our language is a central component of our culture which the new Center will foster. We call on all parents to encourage and support both the Dabkeh and Arabic classes. Towards this end we like to offer our children Dabkeh and Arabic classes on Sunday afternoon. Together this will take two hours, and parents will have to make only one trip. Besides the dance and language skills we all know how important that time together will be for our children to experience and enjoy the feeling of community and friendship. And together we will see not only an attractive building become a home but also a vibrant Lebanese culture and community thriving for generations to come. For more information contact Bishara (<u>blibbus@gmail.com</u>)



Back by popular demand! <u>Summer camp day camp:</u> We will have 3 one week summer camps filled with educational and fun activities centered around Lebanon.

June 22-26, July 20-24. August 17- 21

Contact Bearta (bearta2@aol.com) for registration.

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