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Welcoming a New Decade!

Happy New Year! The LAHC hopes that each of you had a safe, blessed and beautiful holiday season and New Year celebration! As we embark into a New Year and a new decade, the LAHC looks forward to launching more activities and programs for all to enjoy while sharing in diverse events with the greater community in the State of Michigan.

The last ten years have been extraordinary for the LAHC, as we have been blessed to provide the Lebanese American and greater community with a rich assortment of activities and events that allow us the opportunity to showcase our remarkable heritage, culture and accomplishments. We look forward to another decade of success and pray that each of you will be joining us during these celebrations!

Happy New Year...We pray 2010 brings you and your loved ones great blessings and prosperity.

WalMart USA Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Bill Simon, to Keynote Arab American Scholarship Foundation of LAHC Gala on May 7



The LAHC is honored to announce the Arab American Scholarship Foundation Gala keynote address will be delivered by Bill Simon, the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Wal-mart U.S.A. The event will take place on Friday, May 7, 2010

at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan. (For more information visit www.lahc.org)

Simon is responsible for the company's U.S. operations, which cover approximately 3,700 stores, logistics, asset protection, transportation and store innovation. The Wal-mart U.S. retail units include discount stores, Supercenters, Market-side stores and Neighborhood Markets.

Retiring in 2005 from the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserves after 25 years of service to this great nation, he has worked in various fields of business and governmental service management prior to taking a position with Wal-mart. Simon attended the University of Connecticut, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in economics and an MBA in management.

Being aware of the importance and necessity of higher education, and the hardships and obstacles students are facing due to exorbitant tuition levels, the Lebanese American Heritage Club has established the AASF to encourage and help these young achievers to pursue their academic dreams. Wal-mart has been a proud sponsor of the AASF over the last several years and we are honored to have the world's largest corporation supporting this prestigious program.

Arab American Scholarship Foundation Application Coming Soon

A source of great pride for the LAHC is its Arab American Scholarship Foundation Program. The AASF will celebrate 22 years of providing Arab American students with scholarships to further their higher education degrees.

A competitive and noteworthy program, the AASF receives over 400 applicants annually from all across the State of Michigan and in the past 21 years, has provided over 1,000 students with over \$1.5 million in scholarship funds. The AASF is proud and privileged to be recognized as a leading advocate of higher education and to have the distinction of being the largest Arab-American Scholarship assistance program in the nation.

The application will be released on our website, www.lahc.org, in late January. All applicants MUST submit their paperwork online to be eligible for review.

***Students should begin to collect their letters of recommendation, FAFSA EFC Score on your SAR, transcripts, and any other necessary information needed for your portfolio. REMEMBER!!! The more paperwork you are missing, the more points you will lose! Good luck!

ADC Celebrates 11th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship

Reception

The American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) of Michigan will hold its 11th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship reception on January 29, 2010 at the Greenfield Manor in Dearborn, Michigan.

Through this program, Arab and Chaldean American high school seniors are asked to write an essay about what the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. means to them as Arab/Chaldean Americans. These students are honored at the community reception set around Dr. King's birthday.

Attendance at this reception is by invitation only and usually is of a very diverse nature. All keynote speakers in the past have been prominent members of the African American community in the Detroit area.

To learn more, contact ADC Michigan at 313-581-1201.

