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## **LAHC Expresses Condolences to Hammoud Family**

The LAHC extends its sincere condolences to the family of Hajjah Khadije Leila Hammoud who passed away earlier this week in Lebanon (May she rest in Peace).

Hajjah Khadije is the mother of Tammam Hammoud, an LAHC Board Member.

The memorial service will be held at the Islamic Institute of Knowledge (6345 Schaefer Rd, Dearborn) on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 2:30 pm.

## **Rev. Jesse Jackson, RainbowPUSH Coalition, to deliver Keynote at CAIR-MI Gala; CAIR-MI to honor Congressman John Conyers among others**

The 10th Annual CAIR-MI Banquet is set to take place on **Sunday, March 28, 2010** at the **Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn**, Michigan; Registration at 1:00 p.m. and Program at 2:00 p.m.

CAIR-MI, a non-profit 501 (c) (3), is an advocacy group dedicated to the promotion and defense of civil rights and the image of Muslims through the use of Grassroots activism, Mediation, the Media, Education, and the Law. CAIR is proud to celebrate nearly a decade of committed service to the protection of the civil liberties of Muslims in America.

CAIR-MI is pleased to announce that internationally recognized civil rights leader and activist Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr. of the RainbowPUSH Coalition will deliver this year's keynote address and Mr. Gerald Smith of Comcast will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Student tickets are \$30 and individual adults are \$50; Sponsorship opportunities are available  
To learn more about CAIR visit [www.cairmichigan.org](http://www.cairmichigan.org) or call Banquet Coordinator Suehaila Amen 313-615-1515

## **BRIDGES Meeting to be held on March 10, 2010**

Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity (BRIDGES) will hold their next meeting on

**Wednesday, March 10, 2010.** This month, the BRIDGES meeting will include the introduction of the newly appointed US Attorney, Barbara L. McQuade and Margo Schlanger, Officer of the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

This meeting is by invitation only and not open to the public. To learn more, contact ADC Michigan at 313-581-1201

## **ArabXpressions to Celebrate Arab Culture - Friday, March 12 in Ann Arbor**

ArabXpressions: A Night of Comedy and Culture

The 8th year of production, the goal for ArabXpressions is to showcase the culture, talent, and innovation of the Arab Diaspora community.

Friday, March 12, 2010; 7:30pm - 11:00pm at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor Campus in the Michigan Union Ballroom; 530 S. State Street in Ann Arbor, MI

The program for the evening includes:

Hip Hop and spoken word performance by Brooklyn Beats to Beirut Streets

Comedian Moe Amer

Spoken word by Arwa Alsamarae

Dance performance by ARABesque

AND a short film provided by the Ann Arbor Palestine Film Festival

This event is FREE!! FREE!! FREE!!

Brought to you by the Arab Student Organizations at the University of Michigan:

Arab Student Association, Egyptian Student Association, Iraqi Student Association, Lebanese Student Association, Medical Students of Middle Eastern Descent, Palestinian Student Association, Students Allied for Freedom and Equality, and Ann Arbor Palestine Film Festival

Sponsored by: Michigan Student Assembly, Arab American Studies, Masri Sweets, American Syrian Arab Cultural Association, Willowtree Apartments

## **National Passport Day to be Held Saturday, March 27**

On Saturday, March 27, 2010, from 10:00am-3:00pm, the Detroit Passport Agency will take part in National Passport Day by providing U.S. Citizens with free passport services and information. During this time period, the Agency will waive fees for individuals who wish to apply for an expedited U.S. Passport, among other services.

The Detroit Passport Agency is located at 211 West Fort St., Suite 200, in Detroit. For additional information on passports including fees and forms, visit: [U.S. State Department](#)

## **LAHC Extends Best Wishes to 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Jamal Baadani on his Retirement**

The LAHC extends its best wishes to U.S. Marine Corps 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, Jamal Baadani, who retired from the United States Marine Corps on March 1, 2010, serving over 28 years with the military.

Sgt. Baadani has served in many capacities in the U.S. Marine Corps since he joined on June 30, 1981. His journeys as a military officer have taken him all over the world, including serving in Lebanon during the 1980's.

His commendations are too numerous to count in the last 28 years of service and his accomplishments to bridge the gap between the armed forces agencies and the greater Arab and Muslim community are to be commended and respected.

Throughout his years in the service he has been associated with many organizations and events, though a highlight of his career is his establishment of APAAM, the Association for Patriotic Arab Americans in Military, an organization that works to bring those in the armed forces together to network and share their experiences as proud Arab Americans in the military.

Sgt. Baadani will continue his work with DynCorp International/Global Linguist Solutions where he serves as the Deputy Director of Recruiting Operations. The LAHC wishes Sgt. Baadani many years of success and an enjoyable retirement.

