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The AAWBC Scene

Arab American Women's Business Council e-Newsletter

Welcome to the third edition of "The AAWBC Scene," a periodic e-newsletter of AAWBC events and features.



There's Still Time to Give the Gift of Membership!

What would make a wonderful holiday gift for an Arab American business or professional friend?

Why, of course, an AAWBC membership.

For only \$50, you could give the gift of networking, educational programs, and discounts on

AAWBC Launches New Website in New Year! Easier to Navigate, Secure, Smart-Device Smart!

The AAWBC is proud to announce and unveil our new website, which is now live. At the same place, www.aawbc.org, you will find a new look, easy navigation, secure for your purchases and the place for authoritative AAWBC information. What's more, www.aawbc.org is compatible with your smart phone, tablet and other smart devices!

Take a look, take a tour and take a minute to let us know what you think of the new www.aawbc.org.

We're very proud of the AAWBC, our work and our mission and our

office products,
mentorship,
scholarships and other
resources that the
AAWBC will provide
in 2016.

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your friend.

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as we have welcomed
you! You could
enhance your
businesses together.
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new website is the best place to find information about it all!

Review of the 9th Annual Networking Breakfast

The morning of November 5th saw a wonderful gathering of profession and business men and women to hear Ms. Theresa Ghafari, president and CEO of G-Tech Services, tell her inspiring story of overcoming adversity and creating a successful career.

An immigrant widow with two young children, Theresa rose to head a national placement firm for engineers, computer professionals and other high-tech professions.

More than 200 also congratulated Laila Alhusinni, creator and president of U.S. Arab Media, the 2015 Arab American Business Woman of the Year. Congratulations, as well, to five aspiring professionals were granted college scholarships:

The AAWBC wishes to thank Dr. Haifa Fakhouri, president and CEO of the Arab American and Chaldean Council, for her generous donation of two scholarships, one for business and one for health services. Through the generosity of the George family, the AAWBC was able to award a scholarship in memory of Mike George. Thanks to Ford Motor Company for their contribution toward a scholarship as well.

Scholarships are an important way for the AAWBC to support our community and encourage young Arab American women to pursue college education.

More than 35 gifts were donated to the silent auction and we thank those great donors.

We want to especially thank our sponsors for bolstering and supporting the mission and work of the AAWBC.

About Us

Founded in October 2007 in Dearborn as a 501(c)3 nonprofit professional organization, the Arab American Women's Business Council addresses the needs of Arab American women professionals and business owners as well as young Arab American women seeking professional or business careers in Michigan and across the country. Its purpose is to assist its members by providing mentorships, internships, scholarships and professional development programs.

A Message from AAWBC President Rose Khalifa

To our AAWBC members and friends,

I wish to review a very successful year, thanks to you. We articulated our mission of providing resources to Arab American business and professional women through a variety of programs that began with our mentor/mentee pairings in January. AAWBC mentors met throughout the year assisting their



Looking for a Tax Deduction for 2015?

Here's A Great Idea That Will Make a Difference

There's still time to donate to the AAWBC.

As a non-profit organization, we welcome and appreciate donations to enhance our programs, add to our scholarships and develop other member benefits.

It's so convenient to donate to the AAWBC.

[Click here.](#)

And accept our thanks!

We invite your contributions and ideas to keep "The AAWBC Scene" relevant and useful for our readers by contacting info@aawbc.org

AAWBC Mission

The mission of the AAWBC is to empower Arab American women of diverse professions and industries through networking, leadership and educational/professional development opportunities.

mentees with an array of needs, both professional and personal.

In May, we learned about the eight elements of wellness from AAWBC member Dr. Adeela Peer in the intimate setting of her chiropractic clinic. Cooperating with the U.S. CIA, AAWBC staged a dinner and presentation on the benefits of mentoring for the professional at the exciting and unique setting of the Streets of Old Detroit at the Detroit Historical Museum. Our August golf outing drew our largest number of golfers and sponsors. Thank you!

In October, several members and non-members did some pretty intense networking at our 2nd Annual Speed Networking event at R.U.B. BBQ & Pub in Downtown Detroit. November saw our very successful - on all counts - 9th Annual Networking Breakfast.

Earlier in the year, we introduced a new member discount program with Office Depot/Office Max that will provide discounts for important office supplies that business and professional women need.

Our goal has been to provide a great selection of programs to appeal to the different needs of our members. You will see more of this great effort next year.

As we approach the holiday season, I wanted to thank all our members and our sponsors for their support of our programs all year and wish you all prosperity, health and happiness in the New Year.

In 2016, we will again be asking for support in the form of your membership renewal and your sponsorship to sustain our organization and help us to continue to achieve our mission.

Thanks for all you do!

2016 Membership Renewals

Please watch for a 2016 membership renewal reminder from AAWBC. We encourage you to renew your support. Why?

- Professional networking and social interaction among Arab American business woman
- Volunteerism and community service efforts
- Support the leadership development of Arab American women who aspire to increase their education.

We hope you'll join us for an exciting 2016!

AAWBC Vision

The AAWBC is the premier organization to advance the aspirations and achievements of Arab American business and professional women.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay tuned for more newsletters.

Sincerely,

Arab American Women's
Business Council