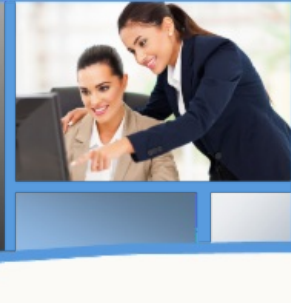




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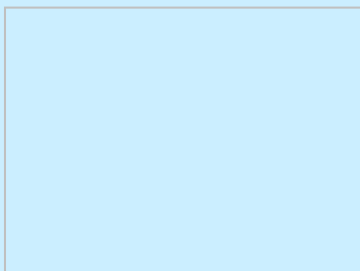
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The AAWBC Scene

Arab American Women's Business Council e-Newsletter

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

Member Profile - Meet Taharah Hachem Saad



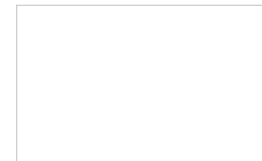
Tahara Hachem Saad

AAWBC members represent a wide range of businesses and professions. Within our mission, the AAWBC wishes to connect, empower and advance our members. We hope that by featuring the skills, talents and experiences of one of our members in each edition, we all will be encouraged to do business with one another and assist one another in our

New Member Benefit: Office Depot Discount Card

The AAWBC is proud to announce a new partnership with Office Depot/Office Max that provides a significant benefit to AAWBC members: Office Depot Store

Purchasing Card. The holder of this card is entitled to an additional 10 percent discount on most products purchased at any Office Depot or Office Max store. Exceptions are the following but not limited to technology & electronics, UPS store, postage, special orders, extended warranties, and gift cards.

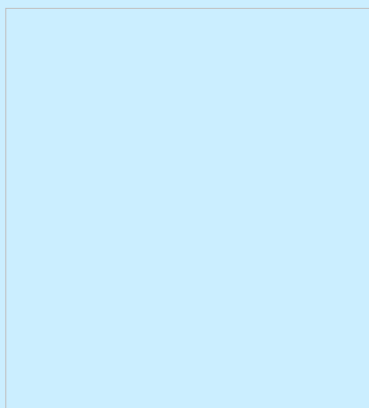


Tammy Rehm, business development manager for Office Depot, said, "We're delighted to provide AAWBC members with a discount card that helps them run their home or business offices more efficiently and less expensively. We hope this program is both an incentive for new members for AAWBC and new customers for Office Depot!"

Renée Ahee, AAWBC CEO, said, "Our goal is to enhance

advancement.

This month, meet Taharah Hachem Saad, a unique mix of automotive engineer, producer, interviewer, expectant new mom. Taharah graduated from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 2006, having had two years' co-op experience at Lear Corporation. She began working at Ford right after graduation as part of the Ford College Graduate Program, which is a rotational program that gives entry-level engineers experience in different areas of engineering at the company. After completing the program in 2009, she joined Ford's Vehicle Evaluation Group as a test engineer for multimedia components. Currently, Taharah is a member of the Audio Group dealing with quality and current production radios. In 2014, she completed her Master's Degree in Engineering Management, also from Lawrence Tech.



Her contributions to AAWBC have been and continue to be immeasurable. When Taharah heard about the AAWBC's successful television interview show called "Her Path to Success," which brought the stories of accomplished Arab

the resources we provide to members and our new partnership with Office Depot is one way to do this. In addition to our wonderful educational and professional development programs and networking opportunities, tangible product discounts are another way we can help our members manage their business."

New members will receive their discount card with their welcome letter. Existing members will receive their discount card when they renew their membership.

9th Annual Networking Breakfast Features Arab American Success Story Theresa Ghafari on November 5

"Against all odds" should be her mantra because Theresa Ghafari defied the gravity of her situation to rise to amazing heights. An immigrant widow with two young children, Theresa rose to head G-Tech Services, a placement firm for engineers, computer professionals and other high-tech professions.

Come to hear her story and get inspired at the AAWBC's 9th Annual Networking Breakfast, Thursday, November 5, 2015, at Byblos Banquet Center, 7582 Chase Road, Dearborn. Check-in begins at 8 a.m.; program begins at 8:30 a.m. You'll be on your way to work by 10.

Also meet the 2015 Arab American Business Woman of the Year, a woman who has made a significant impact in business or her profession and had given immensely to the community. Nominations are accepted until October 1st by clicking [here](#).

We know that our young Arab American women have the potential to scale great heights. The AAWBC is committed to helping them do exactly that. Through the AAWBC, four scholarships will be awarded this year to promising Arab American college women or high school girls admitted to college. In the name of Dr. Haifa Fakhouri, president and CEO of the Arab American and Chaldean Council, one of the scholarships will be given for the study of business and another for the study of science or health. Another scholarship will be given in memory of community leader Mr. Mike George. You'll meet these impressive young women.

This is a great opportunity to network with Arab American women - and men, an opportunity you shouldn't miss! Tickets are \$30 each; table purchases are \$275, a savings of \$2.50 per ticket.

American women to the world, Taharah stepped up to help research interesting interviewees, prepare for and then conduct the interviews.

Today, working with AAWBC CEO Renée Ahee, Taharah is graciously volunteering her creative and organizational talent to the new iteration of "Her Path to Success." As a public service, AAWBC will soon introduce "webisodes" of "Her Path," which anyone can access via the Internet. Her enthusiasm and resourcefulness have brought forth several ideas that will help Arab American business and professional women deal with such critical topics as structuring your new business, dealing with adversity, working in a non-traditional role, finding a job in the 21st century and protecting your assets, among so many others.

With the thanks of our members for Taharah's selfless sharing of her time and talent come the AAWBC's congratulations on the impending birth of her first child.

Stay tuned for the official unveiling of the new series, "Her Path to Success," thanks in great measure to our wonderful member, Taharah Hachem Saad.

[Click Here to Register!](#)

Speed Networking Rescheduled - Meet & Greet R.U.B. BBQ & PUB on October 15th

It's been rescheduled! Our version of speed dating, speed networking, has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 15th, at R.U.B. BBQ & PUB in Downtown Detroit. Price stays the same! \$20 for AAWBC members and \$25 for non-members. To register, visit www.aawbc.org. For more information, call Renée Ahee at 586.484.2390.



"This event brings together professionals (men included) from all industries to share contacts and expand business and professional networks," said Renée Ahee, CEO. "Speed networking is a fun, exciting and results-driven way to meet many prospects and professional clients."

R.U.B. BBQ & PUB, located at 18 W. Adams, across from Comerica Park, is a new hotspot and serves old school smokehouse flavor in a local hangout setting in Detroit. Don't miss this opportunity to meet several business and professional contacts in one place at one time.

Registration is open. Click below to register.

Tell your friends who want to expand their network of business contacts. Who knows who you could meet?

[Click Here to Register!](#)

Upcoming Events

10/15/2015

Speed Networking Event

11/5/2015

9th Annual Networking
Breakfast

1/22/2016

Mark Your Calendars For: JANUARY 22, 2016

"Sahrat Binat" Ladies-Only Social

Music by a female DJ

You're invited to wear your traditional garb.

Watch for more details!

Community Connects

AAWBC is fortunate to enjoy several community alliances that mean great things for our members. Many activities are

Join the AAWBC Today!

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.

We invite your contributions and ideas to keep "The AAWBC Scene" relevant and useful for our readers by contacting Renée Ahee, AAWBC CEO, rahee@aawbc.org or 586-484-2390.

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.

taking place in our community this fall and our friends have extended discounts to AAWBC members and their families. Please take advantage of these discounted prices to learn, network and have fun!

"Haflah - Party!" September 19

An Arab Fusion Fest with the Michigan Philharmonic and the National Arab Orchestra on Saturday night, September 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, in Downtown Detroit. Enjoy this unique mixture of music and culture when these two top-notch Detroit orchestras play together. Meet and hear the new commissioned work of composer Kareem Roustom and meet composer Wael Binali. Get your discounted tickets right here.

Coding Workshop September 21

The ACCESS Growth Center inside the Arab American National Museum Annex at 13624 Michigan Ave., in Dearborn is holding a free workshop from 6 to 9 p.m. This is an amazing opportunity for entrepreneurs to receive an introduction to coding delivered by the talented team of facilitators from Grand Circus. Learn the programming foundations needed to build a website or mobile app, covering the basics of JavaScript, the language used to make interactive websites. The workshop is designed for beginners with no previous coding experience. Come with a laptop and ready to learn! As you know, establishing and maintaining an online presence is an extremely valuable resource in the toolkit of entrepreneurs and small business owners. To register, click below:

Eventbrite: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/access-growth-center-grand-circus-present-free-intro-to-coding-workshop-tickets-18074982760?aff=access>

Or via the shorter version: <http://bit.ly/11TCdot>

Mind Your Art Business Training September 29

The ACCESS Growth Center is offering Mind Your Art Business entrepreneur training for creatives, artists, makers and designers on September 29 in Ferndale. For details and to register at the discounted price for AAWBC members of \$175, click below:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/mind-your-art-business-entrepreneur-and-small-business-training-for-artists-designers-makers-and-tickets-18318155095>

AAWBC Vision

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

Already a Member? Join a committee today!

Our committees will be doing many great things this year and need member involvement to be successful. Serving on a committee allows you to use talents you already possess while working with others and learning new skills. Your getting involved and serving on committees will make a difference! The committees that can use your help are: Mentorship, PR & Marketing, Scholarship, Grants, Membership and Programming. Please contact AAWBC CEO Renée Ahee at 586-484-2390 or rahee@aawbc.org to share your talent!

Michigan's Great Southwest Buyer Summit

October 8

Trevor Pawl, Managing Director of Pure Michigan Business Connect, has invited AAWBC members to attend Michigan's Great Southwest Buyer Summit on Thursday, October 8. This summit will take place at The Inn at Harbor Shores in St. Joseph (800 Whitwam Dr., St Joseph, MI 49085). Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. The first county-specific summit will feature purchasing groups from Berrien County, looking to fulfill current procurement gaps with Michigan suppliers from all over the state. Some of the buyers that will be attending include: Cook Nuclear Plant, Dane Systems, DLA Disposition Services, Faulkner Services, Four Winds Casino Resort, Krueger Plastics Products, LECO Corporation, and Western Michigan University.

It will feature various opportunities for attendees to network and connect with suppliers and buyers throughout the day. Click on the link below to register for the summit. For questions, please contact Michael Christ at Christm@michigan.org.

<https://www.messageblocks.com/michigan-s-great-southwest-buyers-summit/registrations/new>

"The Passenger," an Opera by Mieczyslaw Weinberg November 14, 18, 21, 22

The AAWBC has been working with the Michigan Opera Theatre's forthcoming production of "The Passenger," a Holocaust-related story, which has brought many diverse community organizations together for important discussion and bridge building in stark contrast to the human hatred our world is witnessing today.

By our participation, we make it possible to attend at a 25% discount to AAWBC members, your family/friends interested in attending this opera.

It is an amazing, more-than-million dollar production only performing in four U.S cities. You can also YouTube the opera to get a sense of its production and power.

To obtain tickets, go to the Michigan Opera Theater website and use DISCOUNT CODE: Pass 253.

Thank you for your continued support, stay tuned for more newsletters.

Sincerely,

Renée Ahee
Arab American Women's Business Council

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