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Ramallah Convention
JULY 4-6, 2013 ★ DETROIT, MICHIGAN

April 2013

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Greetings to our Family and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us at the 55th Annual AFRP Convention to be held at the Detroit Marriott, July 4-6, 2013. This is a time for all Ramallah families to reunite and keep our culture, passion and tradition alive.

Our community has been hard at work planning events and activities that will appeal to all generations. We have activities for parents, grandparents, young adults and children. We have activities to engage our business professionals and youth and make them look forward to coming together annually and encouraging them to get involved.

Our forefathers have done an amazing job for the past 55 years, and we are determined to keep this tradition alive. **Please help us in doing this by joining us July 4-6, 2013.**

To facilitate your travel arrangements, registrations, hotel accommodations, and advertisements in our commemorative souvenir journal, please find enclosed the following:

- Advertisement Contract
- Convention Registration Form
- Hotel Registration Information
- Convention Schedule of events and activities

Please hold on to this packet and return all pre-registration forms as soon as possible. For more-up-to-date information or to register on-line, please visit www.afrp.org or www.afrpconvention2013.com.

We look forward to hosting you and your family!

Sincerely,

*Ron Batshon and Aziz F. Naser
and The Detroit Convention Committee*

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Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center

HOTEL RATE: \$135 PER NIGHT EFFECTIVE BETWEEN JUNE 29 – JULY 9, 2013

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American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine
55th Anniversary Convention
 July 4 - 6, 2013 • Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center
 Hosted by Ramallah Club of Metro Detroit

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

OR REGISTER ONLINE AT: WWW.AFRPCONVENTION2013.COM

PRIMARY NAME _____
 EMAIL _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY / STATE / ZIP _____
 ADDITIONAL MEMBER NAMES E-MAIL ADDRESS
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check # _____ (Make payable to:
 Ramallah Club of Metro Detroit - Convention 2013)
 Credit Card: __ Visa __ MasterCard __ AmEx
Amount Enclosed \$ _____
 Credit Card # _____
 Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____
 Billing Address for Credit Card (If Different):

REGISTRATION TYPES

	PRICES		QUANTITY	TOTAL
	Before June 1	After June 1		
Adult/Child Registration with Banquet (Age 13 & Older)	\$140.00	\$150.00	_____	\$ _____
Adult Registration without Banquet (Age 18 & Older)	\$100.00	\$110.00	_____	\$ _____
Registration without Banquet (Age 13-17)	\$65.00	\$75.00	_____	\$ _____
Child Registration without Banquet (Age 12 & Younger)	FREE	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____
Formal Banquet and Hafla (excludes all other convention events)	\$100.00	\$100.00	_____	\$ _____
AFRP Dues (18 & Older) <i>College students are exempt from Federation dues</i>	\$50.00		_____	\$ _____

CONVENTION EVENTS

Bleu Detroit Club Night Party (Thurs. 7/4, 9:30pm-2am) Age 18 & Older	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
Atwater Brewery Tour (Fri. 7/5, 1pm-4pm) Age 18 & Older	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
Detroit Princess Riverboat Cruise (Fri. 7/5, 10pm-2am)	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
Kids Cultural Club (7/4 & 7/5 10am-4pm) <i>Register early, space is limited</i>	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
Arab American Museum Tour and Ladies Luncheon (Fri. 7/5, 11am-3pm)	\$35.00	_____	\$ _____
Comedy Night (Fri. 7/5, 7pm-9pm)	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____

"The Greening of Ramallah" Donation

\$ _____

Registration Processing Fee + \$5.95

* Early termination fee of \$50.00 per registration, if cancelled after June 30, 2013.
 * All questions regarding AFRP dues should be directed to the AFRP Office (734) 425-1600.

GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

FREE WITH REGISTRATION

- ★ **Ramallah's Got Talent** (Sat. 7/6, 12pm-3pm)
- ★ **The Hanna Mikhail Symposium** (Fri. 7/5, 2pm-4pm)
- ★ **Insight Into Leadership Symposium** (Fri. 7/5, 4pm-6pm)
- ★ **Al Manara Coffee Shop** (Daily/Nightly hours)
- ★ **Dearborn Shopping Trip** (Sat. 7/6, 8am-12pm)
- ★ **Young Adults Meet and Greet** (Thurs. 7/4, 5pm-7pm)
- ★ **"Let Them Play" Youth Activity Room** (Nightly, 6pm-Midnight)

Please send your completed form with payment to:

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JOURNAL ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACT

ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE: JUNE 7, 2013

Please Choose Your Advertisement Level:

- Gold Ad** - full color, gold border.....(7.5 x 10) **\$2,000**
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- Half Page Ad** - black/white.....(7.5 x 5) **\$300**
- Quarter Page Ad** - black/white.....(3.75 x 5) **\$200**

ARTWORK GUIDELINES:

TEXT: any text file saved as .doc, .rtf, or .txt (Mac or PC) can be emailed or attached.

GRAPHICS: photos, graphics, clip art should be sent separately with your text as well as embedded, along with a hard copy

ADVERTISEMENTS: please save as a PDF, JPG, or TIF using at least 300 dpi resolution.

PROOF REQUIRED? YES NO

If you require one, provide your fax or email

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PAYMENT INFORMATION: Cash \$ _____ Check # _____

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Credit Card: Visa MasterCard Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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For more information, call David Ghannam 313-945-0088.

For artwork questions call 313-846-0980 or e-mail: mosaicdesign2@ameritech.net

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Ramallah's got Talent

July 6, 2013 at 12:00pm

Celebrity Guest Judges w/ Celebrity Judge Performances!



Malek Jandali
Composer
Pianist
Human Rights
Activist



Dr. Mark Shaya
Neurosurgeon
Composer
Pianist



Fransis Batayeh
Keyboardist
Producer



Dal Bouey
Vocalist
Pianist
Dancer

\$1,000 CASH GRAND PRIZE FOR 1st PLACE! Plus other great prizes!
Door Prizes on the Red Carpet for Best Outfit, Best Shoes, Best Jeans
and Best overall style! For more information, visit us online.



Special Host
Amer Zahr

<http://afprconvention2013.com/ramallahs-got-talent/>



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2013 AFRP Convention – Investing in Palestine

55th Annual AFRP Convention

Mr. Hashim Shawa
Chairman of the Board and General Manager
Bank of Palestine

&

Dr. Angie Ghanayem
President, American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine

Cordially invite you to attend a luncheon event

Investing in Palestine

Thursday, July 4th at noon in Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center

This ticketed event is limited to only 150 people – Serious investors only, please.

Please RSVP via email to Mr. Paul Salamy: boulossr@yahoo.com

Honored to once again be the Signature Sponsors and
looking forward to sponsoring 2014 convention in Ramallah



The 55th Annual AFRP Convention

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS

Hosted by the Ramallah Club of Metro Detroit

Welcome! For many years our Ramallah brothers and sisters have joined hands in friendship, fellowship and traditions. Annual conventions are the place to rekindle with cousins, aunts, and uncles, meet friends from the past and strengthen new relationships for the future. Join the Ramallah Club of Metro Detroit once again during July 4-6, 2013, as we host this year's extraordinary family reunion.

For up-to-date information on all events and attractions, visit www.afrpconvention2013.com.

FEDERATION BUSINESS MEETINGS – The heart and soul of the convention. Attend and learn how the many volunteer leaders from Ramallah Clubs across the U.S. get together to continue to strengthen the Federation, Clubs, and culture for future generations.

AL MANARA COFFEE SHOP – This will be a great place to relax, socialize and enjoy the convention atmosphere. Whether you are craving homemade Middle Eastern sweets and a nice cup of Arabic coffee or just looking for a place to socialize and play cards, the coffee shop is the place to be. *Thursday, July 4 & Friday, July 5: 10am-5pm, Saturday, July 6: 10am-3pm, Evening hours: 10pm-1am.*

THE HANNA MIKHAIL (ABU OMAR) SYMPOSIUM

This symposium will honor and remember the legacy of Hanna Mikhail, the son of Ramallah, as a man, academic and freedom fighter. Jehan Helou Mikhail will be the keynote speaker to highlight his extraordinary life. The *Hathihe Ramallah Magazine* is a co-sponsor of this event. *Friday, July 5: 2pm-4pm. Complimentary with registration.*

INSIGHT INTO LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

We will introduce attendees to leaders who dedicated themselves to service and succeeded beyond their dreams. The session will provide insight about the makeup of effective leaders. *Friday, July 5: 4pm-6pm. Complimentary with registration.*

ARAB AMERICAN MUSEUM TOUR & LADIES

LUNCHEON – Step away from the Marriott to visit the only Arab American National Museum in the United States. A place where a culmination of Arab history has helped to educate society about who Arabs are and their many contributions to business, media, science and the arts. *Friday, July 5: 11am-3pm, includes tour, lunch and transportation. Cost \$35.00*

DEBKE PERFORMANCE – If you missed the amazing show at the 2008 Detroit Convention have no fear, Detroit Debke is back! The Detroit Debke troupe is back with an all new original performance that is sure to keep the Ramallah community talking for years to come. *Performances will take place during evening Haflas. Complimentary with registration.*

DETROIT PRINCESS RIVERBOAT – Welcome aboard! A convention staple, The Detroit Princess Riverboat cruise is sure to bring the party to life on board a 1500 passenger boat that will ride on the beautiful waters of the Detroit River overlooking the beautiful downtown and Canada! Travel internationally without ever needing a passport. *Friday, July 5: 10pm-2am. Cash Bar, light appetizers provided. Cost \$50.00*

KIDS CULTURAL CLUB – Your children will travel to the Arab American National Museum experiencing arts, crafts and much more to keep these young minds engaged in their heritage. *Two day event: July 4 at the Museum, July 5 at the Hotel: 10am-4pm, lunch, crafts, and transportation included. Register early. Space is limited. Cost \$25.00*

“LET THEM PLAY” - YOUTH ACTIVITY ROOM

– This cool hang-out spot is for the tweens/teenagers in the community. It is designed with a variety of activities to appeal to both boys and girls and will give them a spot to hang-out and have some fun with their peers. Video Gaming system, Karaoke, Photo Booth, tattoo artists, and more! *Open July 4, 5, 6: 6pm-12am. Complimentary with registration.*

EVENING HAFLAS – Arabic music from the finest bands in town along with an American DJ to keep everyone entertained. *July 4, 5, and 6: 7pm-12am, Complimentary with registration.*

See back for more events!

BLEU DETROIT CLUB NIGHT PARTY – Ready for a fun night out with all your friends? We are taking the young adults out for a night of dancing and memories at one of Detroit’s premier nightclubs! Bleu Night Club located in the heart of downtown and a 5-minute ride away from the hotel is the perfect location for our young adults to party like rock stars! No need to worry about lines or VIP status, because we are all VIP since we have the whole club to ourselves. *Thursday, July 4: 9:30pm-2am. 18 and up, (21 to drink), Cash bar, includes transportation to and from, late night appetizers, and entertainment. Cost \$50.00*

COMEDY SHOW – Need a laugh? We have you covered with a fabulous showcase of Arab comedians, hosted by none other than our resident Palestinian comedian Amer Zahr! A show for all ages, get ready to bring the tissues for the tears you will shed from laughing so hard. Only “our people” understand the “ways” of the Arabs. *Friday, July 5: 7pm-9pm. Cost \$30.00*

CASINO TRIPS – Who needs Vegas when the Detroit Fabulous 3 are right around the corner! Make your way to any of our 3 state-of-the-art casinos: MGM Grand, Greektown Casino, and Motor City Casino.

RAMALLAH’S GOT TALENT – If you think American Idol has talent, wait until you see the fabulous talent in our own Ramallah community. Join us as we showcase our talented youth and young adults from across the country in a Hollywood Style contest. This show will emulate America’s Got Talent and American Idol! You don’t want to miss this Red Carpet event! Visit www.afrpconvention2013.com to download the application if you want to perform. *Saturday, July 6: 12pm-3pm. Complimentary with registration.*

ATWATER BREWERY TOUR – Located in Detroit’s historic Rivertown district, and housed in a 1919 factory warehouse, Atwater Brewery carries on the rich history of breweries in Detroit. Their German brewing process is over 200 years old. *Friday, July 5: 1pm-4pm, 18 and up (21 to drink) includes tour, lunch, and transportation. Cost \$25.00*

MIDDLE EASTERN RESTAURANT DISCOUNTS – We all love Middle Eastern foods, but have you tried it “Dearborn” style. Take a stroll through the many restaurants available and savor the fine tastes and aroma of our ethnic cuisines.



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Other places to visit if you want to venture out on your own!

DETROIT ZOO

The Detroit Zoological Park is one of the nation’s oldest and most stately zoos. Popular exhibits include the new Amphibiville, home of the National Amphibian Conservation Center, a Wildlife Interpretive Center and adjacent butterfly/hummingbird gallery, a chimpanzee exhibit, a penguinarium and a model farm. For more information: 8450 West Ten Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067, Phone: 248-541-5717, Web: www.detroitzoo.org

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

The most famous features of the fifth-largest fine arts museum in the United States are the Diego Rivera murals, starkly depicting the artist’s view of world history, the industrial revolution and the automobile. They are the gritty, spiritually uplifting center of this vast but manageable museum, whose 100 galleries include more than 60,000 paintings, sculptures and other art objects. Auguste Rodin’s famed sculpture “The Thinker” is near the entrance. For more information: 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202, Phone: 313-833-7900, Web: www.dia.org

GREENFIELD VILLAGE

The Detroit area’s most famous attraction, along with the adjacent Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village is a sprawling recreational area depicting bygone days in American life. The working village recreates everyday activities in the 18th and 19th Centuries, with frequent demonstrations of lost arts such as blacksmithing, typesetting and glass blowing. Thomas Edison’s Menlo Park workshop is one among many monuments to invention. Historic homes and cabins from across the United States have been relocated or rebuilt here. For more information: 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, The Henry Ford, Dearborn, MI 48124, Phone: 313-982-6001, Web: www.hfmgv.org/village

EASTERN MARKET

Detroit’s Eastern Market is famous for its huge selection of fresh food. Thousands of guests arrive every weekend to purchase food from the expansive booths run by farmers. For more information: 2934 Russell Street, Detroit, MI 48207, Phone: 313-833-9300, Web: www.detroiteasternmarket.com