



January 23, 2016

Dear Members,

The Metrolina Phoenician Club has a lot of exciting news to announce. At our first board meeting this year, Lamia Hanna volunteered to step down as President in order to give others the opportunity to lead the club. The board unanimously elected Azad Khuri to take over the position of President, and then voted in favor of Dr. Wissam Nadra as Vice-President.

The Metrolina Phoenician Club extends its gratitude to Lamia Hanna, for her genuine commitment to the club during the three years she served as President. Under her leadership, the club has been invigorated and once again the pride of Charlotte's Lebanese community.

The new President Azad Khuri and Vice-President Dr. Wissam Nadra bring new energy to the club, and by all indications it will continue to move forward with gusto as we go in to 2016. They have a dynamic team of people to work with, each of whom brings different strengths to the table.

Board Members

- Tony Bikhazi will continue to serve as State Vice-President of the Southern Federation of Syrian Lebanese American Clubs.
- Lamia Hanna will stay on as Past President.
- Wadih Zakhem will continue to serve as Assistant Treasurer.
- Kelly Brais will continue to serve as Head of Marketing & Communications.
- Natasha Beathe will continue to serve as Secretary.
- Joseph Moubarak will continue to serve as IT Coordinator & Events Catering Assistant.
- Rolana Sbano will continue to serve as Assistant Committee Head of the Young Adults Group.
- Lina Itani will continue to serve as Board Member.
- Chadi Bouajram will serve for the first time as Board Member.

Members at Large (no voting rights)

- Abeer Saad will continue to serve as Committee Head of the Young Adults Group.
- Omar ElKara will continue to serve as Committee Head of Events Catering.
- Rudy Mazigi will continue to serve as Webmaster.
- Tom Beathe will continue to serve as Treasurer.

Calendar 2016...SAVE THE DATES!

Once the election of the new board was finalized, tentative dates were selected for annual events that bring the community together. We call upon our members to continue supporting the club by attending these events, so be sure to save the dates!

- Dutch Treat: March 13
- Spring Picnic: April 24
- Iftar: June 12
- Movie Night: August 4
- Ad'ha Carnival for kids: September 18 (Organized by Young Adults)
- Haffleh: September 24
- Christmas Party: December 11