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AABA NEWS



Surprise - I'm an Arab American too! Some fun facts!

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U.S. Air Force Colonel James Jabara

James Jabara, son of Lebanese immigrants, was the first American jet ace in history. During World War II, Jabara flew two tours of combat duty in Europe. He took down his first jet on April 3, 1951, followed by more on April 10, April 12, April 22, and May 20. These qualified him as a "jet ace," meaning he took down five or more jets as a fighter pilot.

For his heroism during World War II, Jabara was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal with 18 Oak Leaf Clusters. While in Korea, he received the Distinguished Service Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster and an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross.



Football Star Doug Flutie

Former San Diego Chargers quarterback Doug Flutie, who threw the "miracle touchdown" pass for Boston College, won the Heisman Trophy in 1984. In 1986 he signed with the NFL's Chicago Bears and in 1994, he threw a record 48 touchdown passes while playing for the Canadian Football League Stampeders. Flutie returned to the NFL in 1998 with the Buffalo Bills, where he won the Pro Bowl and NFL Comeback Player of the Year. He also played for the San Diego Chargers from 2001 to 2004, and finished his career as a member of the New England Patriots in 2005.



Actress Salma Hayek

You've probably seen Salma Hayek, who is of Lebanese and Mexican descent, in one of her many movies or TV shows, over the years. Since 1989, Hayek has starred in numerous award-winning films, including Frida, Wild Wild West, and Fools Rush In. She's also an advocate for victims of domestic abuse, immigrant rights, and refugees.



Today Show Host Hoda Kotb

Millions of Americans wake up to Hoda Kotb, a host on the Emmy-award winning Today Show on NBC. As a personality on the hugely popular morning program, she has helped the country stay informed by chatting with American leaders, artists, and news correspondents. She is also a breast cancer survivor and a vocal advocate for women's health issues.



Comedian Maysoon Zayid

Political commentator and comedian Maysoon Zayid wrote and performed one of the most-watched Ted Talks of all time, and is also one of America's first female Muslim comedians. She uses her considerable platform to raise awareness of cerebral palsy and inspire others to be activists in their communities.



Singer, Dancer, and Choreographer Paula Abdul

Many may know Paula Abdul best as a former host on American Idol, The X Factor, and So You Think You Can Dance, but she's much more than that. She's had two number-one albums, six number-one singles, a Grammy award, and worldwide album sales exceeding 30 million records.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

St. John of Damascus Orthodox Church

Saturday, December 7th – Annual Christmas Concert \$15/Adult \$5/Children
 Sunday, December 8th – Feast Day Celebration with Bishop John; extended coffee hour to follow
 Sunday, December 22nd – Christmas Pageant

Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon Church

Saturday, November 9th – Raffle Extravaganza
 American-Lebanese Buffet Dinner \$45 per person Mitch Kaltsunas and Ensemble

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church - Boston

Saturday, November 9th - Penny Sale 6:30 PM to 10 PM

Our Lady of the Annunciation Cathedral

Saturday, November 30th - Annual Saint Barbara Haffli
 6 PM - Midnight Adult (13 yrs and up) \$35.00 Children (6-12) \$20
 For Tickets call Wafaa Haddad Lavelle 617-413-8941

2019 AABA "ROSE RAFFLE"

December 17, 2019



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2nd Prize: \$500 Amazon Gift Card

3rd Prize: \$250 Gift Card

\$10 Per Ticket

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 617-323-2722 Ext.4 for tickets.



The AABA Board of Directors wishes you and yours a
 Happy Thanksgiving, Blessed Christmas and a
 Happy & Healthy New Year!



Space photographer Pioneer Dr. Farouk el-Baz

American geologist Dr. Farouk el-Baz was born in Egypt and helped plan all the Apollo moon landings. As if that wasn't enough, he later pioneered the use of space photography to study the Earth. If you've ever gazed in awe at photographs from beyond our atmosphere, you can thank el-Baz for that privilege.



Teacher and Astronaut Christa McAuliffe

Concord, New Hampshire teacher Christa McAuliffe was chosen from more than 11,000 applicants to participate in the NASA Teacher in Space Project. She died tragically along with the rest of the crew when the Challenger Space Shuttle broke apart after just 73 seconds in flight. While she did not make it as the first teacher in space, she continues to inspire others to follow their dreams and reach for great heights.

Boogie Down July 24, 2019



Wright's Chicken Farm September 19, 2019



Easton Duo October 27, 2019



New England Conservatory October 11, 2019



Back Pocket Dancers October 16, 2019





2019 AABA GOLF TOURNAMENT IN MEMORY OF OLIVIA A. WAISHEK

“ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS”

On a beautiful sun-drenched September 16, with temps in the mid-70's, over 120 golfers, volunteers and supporters gathered at the beautiful Brookmeadow Country Club in Canton, MA to participate in the 2019 AABA Golf Tournament In Memory of Olivia A. Waishek.

This year's golf tournament honors the memory of Olivia, a dedicated member of the AABA community and a golfer herself, who supported and played in many AABA tournaments. Her indomitable spirit was certainly shining down on us on that beautiful day.

This year, at registration, our golfers and volunteers were treated to a cooler-bag lunch, and many took advantage of the great weather and dined outdoors on the patio around the fire pits.

A full day of golf followed with many challenging holes, games with cash prizes and a chance to win a new car if you got a Hole-In-One. That's exactly what happened!! Bruce Sylvester of Halifax, MA on Hole #15, got the Hole-In-One and won a 2019 Chevrolet Equinox!! Excitement filled the air and screams could be heard across the course. As it turned out, Bruce's team of Haydar Ali, Rawad Boumjahed, and Andrew Sciaba also was the winning foursome, and their names will be engraved on the crystal trophy that will remain in the AABA Community Room. This was "One for the Record Books."

After golf, our golfers, volunteers and supporters thoroughly enjoyed a bountiful Surf and Turf buffet dinner complete with appetizers and many delicious desserts. We were so glad that Olivia's dear sister Corinne and family members and friends could be with us. During dinner, more than 30 wonderful raffle prizes were given out, including a SAMSUNG 55" 4K Smart TV, a Brookmeadow foursome w/cart, HP Office Jet printer, a Dean Street detail package, jewelry, Byblos gift cards, golf bags, wedges and balls, New Balance clothing and many valuable gift cards to area retailers. One prize that is always a very big hit is the large poster board filled with Mass State Lottery tickets. Thank you to all who donated and congratulations to all our winners.

The real winners will be those who benefit from AABA's charitable endeavors, including our seniors, needy families and college-bound students. The proceeds from this year's tournament will again benefit the ongoing enhancement of AABA's programs. This year, our golf tournament netted over \$41,000.00 thanks, in large part, to the incredible efforts of AABA Board member Maurice Daaboul and the overwhelming generosity of our premier sponsor, New Balance, Honor Sponsors, Corporate and Personal Sponsors, Gold Sponsors, Silver Sponsors, Hole Sign Donors, Patrons, Golfers and Volunteers who donated their time and resources to make the 2019 AABA Golf Tournament, in memory of Olivia A. Waishek, the wonderful success it was. We couldn't have done it without you!!

Please visit the AABA website to see all of the photos from this very exciting, fun-filled and important AABA event and to see how you can be part of the event next year. We look forward to seeing you!

Respectfully submitted by The Golf Committee:

Richard Laham, Maurice Daaboul, David Franciosi, Darya Gamel, Sally Sabino and William Seaver