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PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A MEMBER/SUPPORTER OF AABA

A mailing regarding AABA Membership will be sent to you soon. In it we outline the many programs and projects of AABA. We hope that you will respond positively and promptly. For any information or questions, please contact the AABA office at 617.323.2722. We cannot do it without you!

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Special Thanks to "Bill" Seaver!



After many years of serving AABA in many capacities, William "Bill" Seaver has retired from the AABA Board of Directors. Bill is the son-in-law of the late George Haddad, one of the founding fathers of AABA. George encouraged Bill to become a part of the AABA Board and the rest is history!

Bill took on many varied responsibilities and performed them with the steadfast commitment of having AABA's best interest and the interest of the AABA community at heart. Bill served as chairmen and organizer of 11 AABA Golf Tournaments, worked on many other events including AABA Dancing With The Stars and AABA Trivia Nights. Bill was the DJ for the Arabic Hour Radio Show for 14 years.

When AABA started the construction of Cheriton Heights, Bill was the obvious person to serve as "Clerk of the Works", overseeing the construction and representing AABA's interests with relationship to the architect and construction companies as well as many vendors.

Bill was the Editor of the AABA Newsletter for many years. He served on the "House Committee" which meets monthly and oversees the day to day issues of the physical buildings at AABA Village, and worked with TCB, the management company, to implement the AABA agenda. Each of the two buildings at AABA Village have a separate corporation that have their own officers—Bill served as President of Cheriton Grove for many years.

To simply say "Thank You" to Bill is an understatement of the gratitude and love that everyone involved in AABA, AABA Village, Cheriton Grove and Cheriton Heights feel toward him. We wish him God's blessings with many years of good health and much happiness, and rest assured that his offer to be called upon to answer questions or to help will definitely be taken!

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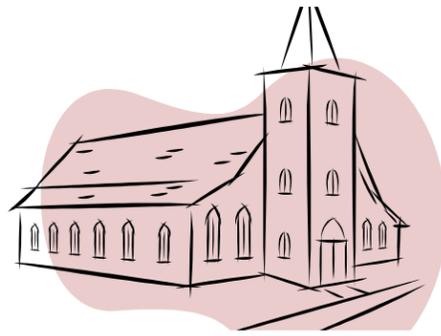
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[Church of St. John of Damascus-Dedham](#)

[Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon Church-Jamaica Plain](#)

[St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church-Boston](#)

[Our Lady of the Annunciation Cathedral-West Roxbury](#)

[St. Matthew's Syriac Orthodox Church-West Roxbury](#)

[St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church-Cambridge](#)

[St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church-Norwood](#)

[St. Stephen United Methodist Church-West Roxbury](#)



The AABA Board of Directors extends to you and yours a

Happy Thanksgiving & A Blessed Christmas

All of God's Blessings for Good Health and Happiness for 2021!



THE ROSE RAFFLE is coming again this December!!!

Once again we will be having our annual fundraiser “The Rose Raffle”. It was started many years ago as just a raffle which was held each year at the annual meeting of the AABA membership. It was chaired by Rose Dow for over 20 years. In 2018, AABA decided to continue the raffle in honor of the many years of service and work put in by Rose and had it renamed as the “The Rose Raffle”. It is now held during the fall months and the winners are picked at the December meeting of the AABA Board of Directors. First prize is a highly valuable piece of fine jewelry donated by Hannoush Jewelers, second prize is a \$500 gift card, and the third to twelfth prize is a \$100 gift certificate, donated by Byblos Restaurant. We will be sending out 5 tickets to everyone on our mailing list and asking that you either purchase the tickets or sell some to your family and friends. This is our one fundraiser this year due to Covid19, and it is accomplished through the mail without any in-person event! Please help us make this event the huge success that it has been in the past!



French President Macron bestows Medal of Honor to FAIROUZ



French President Emmanuel Macron presented the great Lebanese artist, Fairouz, the French Legion of Honor – the highest official honor in France – during his visit at her home in Rabieh, East Beirut, on the sidelines of his second visit to Lebanon after the Beirut explosion about a month ago.

Macron shared a dinner with Fairouz at her home, where the meeting lasted an hour and a quarter, and where she was awarded the prestigious medal which was created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802. At the dinner, Fairouz presented the French President with a painting, and it was said that the gift was a model of cedar wood engraved with the name of the French President.

Macron said, in televised statements to Al-Jadeed, about his meeting with the great artist, Fairouz: “He spent a great time with her and talked to her about what she represents for him.”

Macron would not reveal what Fairouz said to him in their talk. Macron said that he “believes that Fairouz is a hope for the new generation with all that it brings from Lebanon, love and dreams.”