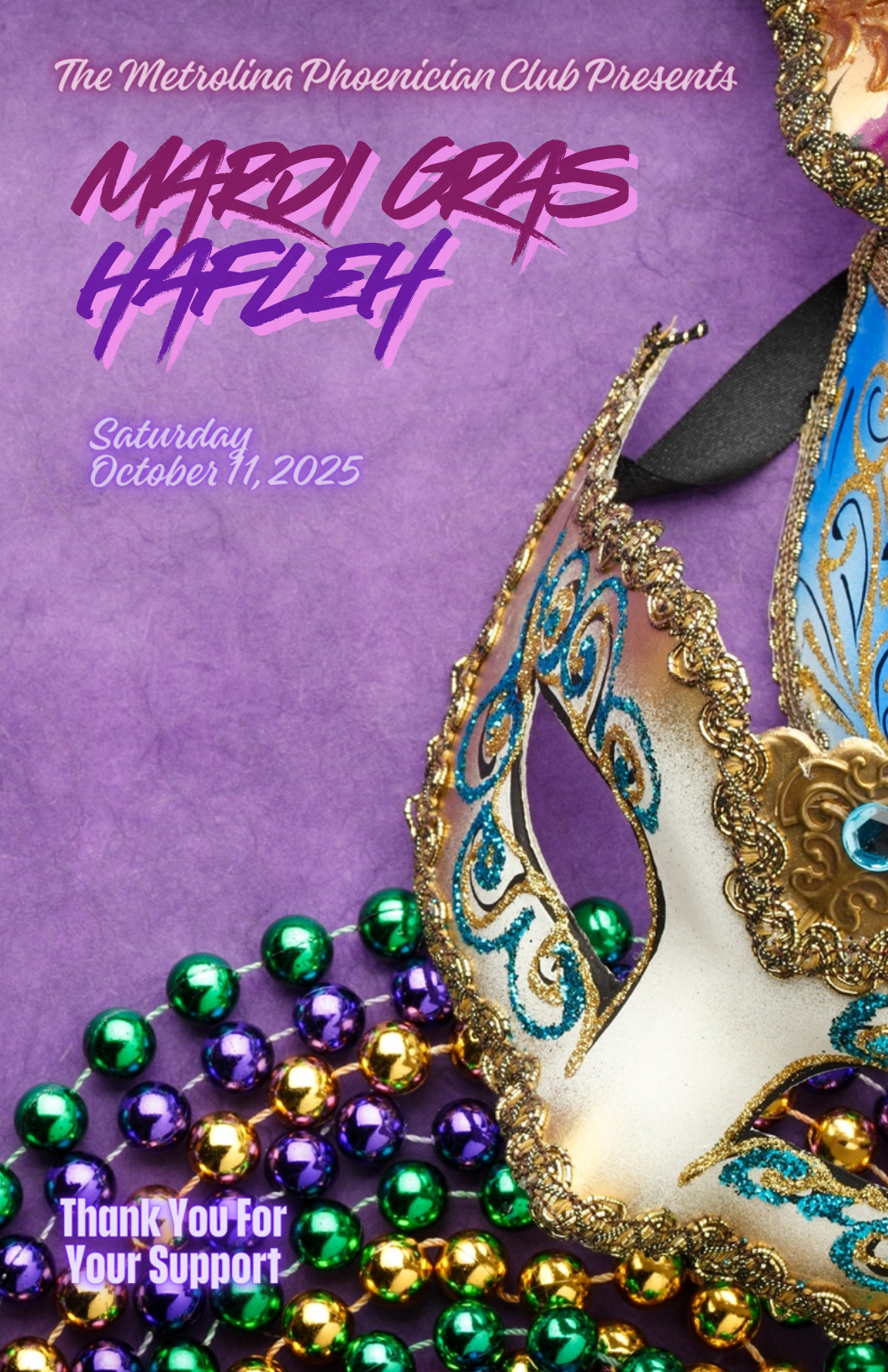
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Schedule of EVENTS

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- 7:00 ARRIVAL OF GUESTS
- 7:00 RAFFLE TICKET SALES BEGIN
- 7:30 BALLROOM DOORS OPEN
- 7:45 COMMENCES WITH THE U.S. AND LEBANESE NATIONAL ANTHEMS SUNG BY OUR PRESIDENT DR. WISSAM NADRA
- 7:50 WELCOME BY PRESIDENT DR. WISSAM NADRA
- 7:55 MPC BOARD MEMBERS WELCOMED TO THE STAGE
- 8:00 DOOR PRIZE DRAWING
- 8:05 ALEXIS GORDON, Senior International Business Manager & Chief of Protocol, Mayor of Charlotte's Office
- 8:10 MS. MARY SCONCI WOLFE, President, SFSLAC
- 8:15 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
- 8:20 AWARDS
- 8:25 PRAYER WITH FATHER WAKIM
- 8:30 DINNER IS SERVED
- 9:00 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WITH NASSER DEEB

DANCE FLOOR IS OPENED

- 12:00AM EVENING CONCLUDES

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RAFFLE PRIZES

PART 1

. 2-BASKETBALL TICKETS, HORNETS VS. NETS
-TONY & LAK BIKHAZI,VALUE $500
. 3-BOTTLES, RED WINE, RATED 98-DR. ELIAS
& RITA ARBID, VALUE $550
•55" FLATSCREEN TV-JOE & KELLY BRAIS,
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PART 1I

. $400 CASH-DR. WISSAM & WIDAD NADRA,
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Letter from the President
DR. WISSAM NADRA



Dear Friends,

As we gather to celebrate this year's gala, I am filled with pride and gratitude for what the MPC club has accomplished. Together, we have built a community that extends far beyond these walls—one that serves with compassion and commitment locally, nationally, and internationally. From supporting charitable initiatives close to home, to extending our reach abroad, our collective efforts reflect the very best of who we are.

One of our greatest strengths is the involvement of our members, especially the energy and fresh perspective brought by our young adults. Their engagement is essential to carrying forward our mission and ensuring that the work we do today continues to grow for generations to come. I encourage all our young people to step forward, take part, and lead with the same passion and dedication that has brought us here tonight.

Yet, as we celebrate, we must also acknowledge the pain and uncertainty in our world. The ongoing wars in the Middle East haVE brought immense suffering, particularly to children who are left without food, shelter, and safety. As a community, we cannot remain indifferent. Just as we respond to needs here in the United States, we must also extend our compassion abroad. Supporting trusted NGOs and organizations that provide aid to children and families is one of the most meaningful ways we can serve humanity.

Our role has always been to be a guiding light—a reminder that in times of darkness, kindness and generosity can make all the difference. May this gala inspire us not only to celebrate our achievements, but also to recommit ourselves to the values of service, unity, and hope.

With gratitude and respect,
Wissam E Nadra, MD
President

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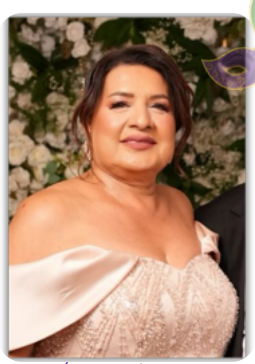
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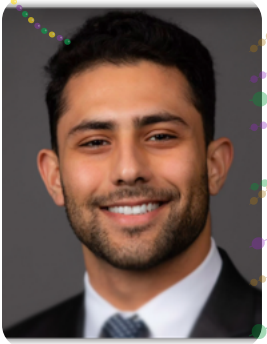
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Celebrating MPC Achievements at the Southern Federation of Syrian Lebanese American Clubs (SFSLAC)

The Metrolina Phoenician Club proudly congratulates several of our members for their achievements at the SFSLAC's Annual Summer Convention held over the Fourth of July weekend in Kansas City, MO. Our Vice President, Natasha Beathe, was named State VP for North Carolina and had the honor of carrying the State Flag at the Grand Banquet.

Her predecessor, Ghada Ternanni, was nominated Secretary of the SFSLAC and recognized with two distinctions: the Chairman's Choice Award and a Special Award for her outstanding work on the board. Ghada previously served as NC State VP (2022–2025) and as MPC Secretary (2016–2024), where she made tremendous contributions.

We also celebrate the success of three of our club's high school graduates, who were awarded scholarships in absentia at the Scholarship & Charity Presentation: Michael Choueiri, Nolan Moubarak and Natalie Saeed.

These scholarships are available annually to club members entering their first year of college.

Congratulations to all—we are proud of you!







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SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The MPC Scholarship is only awarded to those who are fully registered rising freshman to an accredited community college, college, or university. The applicant is required to be an active member of the Club and our community having attended and assisted at fundraising events. Additionally, the applicant or the applicant's parent or guardian must have paid club membership dues for the current calendar year plus the two immediate prior years. The award is sent directly to the institutions to be used for qualifying educational expenses. The amount of the Scholarship to be awarded will be determined annually by the Scholarship Committee and will depend on funds available along with the number of applicants. The Scholarship offered is for two semesters and is earmarked for students entering their freshman year.

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The MPC is committed to assisting young people in our community in obtaining a college education. Due to the growing demand for scholarships, we call upon our members to help us increase the funding by becoming a sponsor.

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MPC CONTENGENCY FUND

With many Lebanese newcomers to town escaping the conditions in Lebanon, as well as current MPC Members who might be burdened with a serious need for financial assistance due to unexpected situations, the MPC wants to do what it can to help alleviate any pain that some of our members might be facing by creating the MPC Contingency Fund. Member contribution, whether large or small, are always welcomed.

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2025 REPORT

The Metrolina Phoenician Club is a non-profit organization that prides itself for not only being a social and communal club, but also as one that provides assistance to those who need a "helping hand."
We are very proud of our community who has been very generous in "giving with joy and joy has been their reward."

For the years 2024/25, the MPC donated to the following charities:

- **Beit el Baraka: $36,540**
- **Association Maak $10,000**
- **Smile in a Box $10,000**
- **Stouh Beirut $10,000**
- **Deddeh $2,500 + $800 + $2,200**
- **SFSLAC scholarship committee $2000**

TOTAL 2024/25 IMPACT

$74,040

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- **SCHOLARSHIP MONEY IS AWARDED TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS PLANNING ON ATTENDING COLLEGE. BASED ON SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS AND UPON APPLICATION**
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- **ADMISSION & DISCOUNTS TO SPECIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

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