

Salaam Club Gives Back to the Community

The Salaam Club of NY, headquartered in Bay Ridge, recently raised \$40,000 to support Children with Autism (Eden II School and Al-Kafaat Foundation) while honoring the best of the community.

They honored a past president, George Jalinos, with a lifetime achievement award. Robert Sabbagh was the community award honoree. The Man of the Year award went to Greg Kelly, co-host of Good Day New York.

The Salaam Club reflects the heritage of its forefathers from the Middle East who brought their dreams, values and families with them to America. These individuals settled in New York and excelled in their professional fields. In June 1945, the Salaam Club was formed as a cultural and charitable fraternity of men of Middle Eastern descent.

Last year the Salaam Club raised funds to support children in need and in 2007 the club raised funds to build a new media and library center for the new public school, named after Khalil Gibran (www.kgiary.org).

In 2006 The Salaam Club raised over \$34,000 to help the Caritas International in Lebanon to assist the people in recovery and to the St. Nicholas home. Over the years, the club has assisted organizations such as Heartshare Human Services and Calvary Hospital. They have also made contributions to St. Nicholas Home for the Aging, National Arab American Medical Association of N.A., Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Virgin Mary Church, Salam Lutheran Church, St. George Syriac Church and New Pen League.

The Club has honored distinguished Middle Eastern people such as His Excellency Camille Chamoun, former President of Lebanon; King Faisal of Saudi Arabia; Faris Bey Khouri, former President of the United Nations Security Council; and his Excellency Amine Gemayel.

In addition, the club's scholarship fund has disbursed three new scholarships to assist students of Middle-Eastern background excel in their studies.

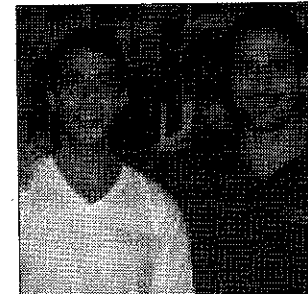
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