

# FAMILY CLUB MEMO

August 2007

## Dear Family & Friends

You are my brother, you are my sister.

To have a sibling is to have another you - one you cannot compete with (as you can't compete with yourself) only love, as you love yourself.

My brothers and sisters, I wait for your coming and I cannot wait to see you, sing with you, dance and play with you, and sometimes fight with you, for in all our moods and circumstances, we are still brothers and sisters.

We all hold precious memories: memories of holding hands, playing together in the sand, running through water, crying and laughing, - family memories which are unforgettable and unexplainable except to one's brothers and sisters.

This month we celebrate "Siblings Day" on 30 September. Pictures are worth a thousands words, so I hope you will enjoy our new compilation, "We are Family" which celebrates our brotherhood and sisterhood with meaningful words and photos taken from our Maronite and Family Club archive; let us keep these beautiful memories alive in our hearts so that in our growing older we may never forget that we are one family.

Yours in Christ



FR. NADIM ABOU ZEID - M.L.M  
**FAMILY CLUB**



*LEBANESE FAMILY*

### *CLUB DETAILS*

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# FR. MADI RECEIVES AWARD



**OUR** new General Superior, Most Reverend Father Elie Madi, visited the Lebanese President, Emile Lahoud, together with his councillor priests and brother priests. The President wished the Maronite congregation all the best in Lebanon and abroad and bestowed Father Madi the highest award of Lebanon.

## MARONITE CHURCH FOUND UNDER WORLD TRADE CENTRE



CORNERSTONE OF MARONITE CHURCH BENEATH THE WTC

**I**N the process of removing rubble from “Ground Zero” of the World Trade Centre attack of Sep 11, the foundation stone of the first Maronite Church (named “St. Joseph” and built in 1944) was found in Oct 2002. A memorial was erected which reads: “[This cornerstone’s] presence among us is a poignant reminder of the thousands of lives lost in that horrific event... it serves also as an awesome tribute to our early New York Maronites and to all Maronite pioneers... It is a living witness to our origins and roots in the “new world”. It is finally an impelling call for hope in this land..”

# PRIESTS VISIT PATRIARCH



**MOST REVEREND FR. ELIE MADI, HIS COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION VISITS THE SUMMER RESIDENCE OF OUR PATRIARCH, NSRALLAH PETER SFEIR, IN AL DIMANN.**

# PRESS PHOTO OF THE YEAR



**"YOUNG LEBANESE DRIVING THROUGH THEIR DEVASTATED NEIGHBOURHOOD OF SOUTH BEIRUT" (BY SPENCER PLATT), WINNER OF THE PRESS PHOTO COMPETITION 2007 IN WHICH 78 083 PICTURES WERE SUBMITTED BY 4 460 PHOTOGRAPHERS FROM 124 COUNTRIES.**

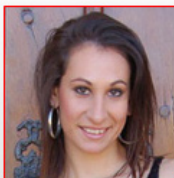
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# MISS LEBANON S.A. 2007

## MISS LEBANON CONTESTANTS



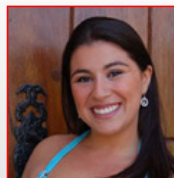
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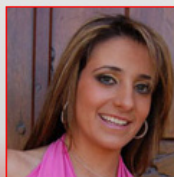
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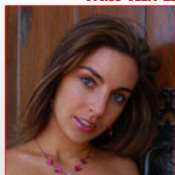
Jade Smith (Joseph)

**T**HE Maronite Church is very proud of our young Miss Lebanon & Miss Teen Lebanon Contestants for their dedication and courage to showcase and uphold our Lebanese tradition. We encourage all our community members and businesses to support these contestants in their efforts and requests for sponsorships. We invite you to join us at our next spectacular event on 23 September at Emperor's Palace (R400 pp) to experience not only the loveliness of the girls but also their families and culture.

## MISS TEEN LEBANON CONTESTANTS



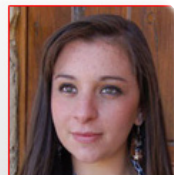
Majenta Venter (Nofal)



Loredana Di Lorio



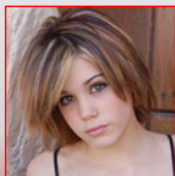
Monique Khoury



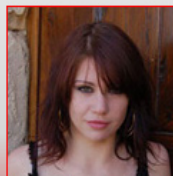
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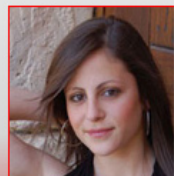
Siobhan Anderson (Basel)



Jesse Venter (Nofal)



Shara Venter (Nofal)



Kylie Joseph

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# YOUTH SOCCER DAY

**T**HE Youth Soccer Day, held on 25 August at the Victory Park Church, resulted in a great turnout of young and old and a wonderful event enjoyed by all.

Teams were put together of seven a side. There were more than 12 teams playing against each other consisting of the ages between under 14's to adult (or should we rather say "older Youth").

The Youth ran food stalls which sold Bacon Rolls, Prego Rolls and Hotdogs. Even for the Younger children there was activities such as gladiator jumping castles. Entertainment for the day was also provided, a DJ by Neil Kalil, as well as a Youth Belly Dancer, Cassidy Mansour.

Unfortunately we did not have the big game "North VS South" as the day went on rather long and there was just not enough time, besides all the players being tired.

We commend Nakita Bolus and Jason Mazaham for their sterling job!

- DELON FARRAH (YOUTH LEADER, MULBARTON)

## MARONITE YOUTH CALENDAR



### HUMAN ROSARY GUINNESS RECORD ATTEMPT OVER 700 PEOPLE NEEDED!!!

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**ELIAS SAAID ABOU ZEID & WADHA CONSTANTINE ABOU ZEID**

**E**LIAS Saaid Abou Zeid born 1935 (77) and his wife Wadha Constantine Abou Zeid born 1939 (73) have been married for 56 years (at the ages of 21 and 14 respectively). Elias is Lebanon's No 1. Mijwiz (double flute) player.

They have 14 children and 65 grand- and great-grandchildren. Their children were born a boy and girl in succession; from oldest to youngest they are Labib, Labibi, Najib, Najibi, Hassib, Hassiby, Adib, Adibi, Mouhib, Mouhibi, Tannous, Afffi, Lona and the 14th child is Apollo named after the first spacecraft which landed on the moon.

With 14 children you can imagine this mother's tireless dedication and love in her chores of washing, cleaning, cooking (baking 15kg of Lebanese bread a day) and teaching them all to read and write while their father worked hard in the field to support them.

All are beautiful children and when they were youngsters, attending the village church, St. Elias, they looked like a neat line of schoolchildren behind the teacher.

# OUR NEW LADY OF LEBANON



**SCULPTOR NAYEF ALWAN & FR. NADIM**

**T**HE new statue commissioned for Our Lady of Lebanon, Mulbarton, is currently being sculpted by top Lebanese sculptor, Nayef Alwan. Shortly, this beautiful creation will be placed in a plaster mould, then bronzed, flown and erected on the Shrine of Our Lady in Mulbarton.



**THE LOVELY FACE OF OUR LADY**

# MARONITE DEDICATION AWARD



**UNCLE NASSY SIMAAN, FR. NADIM ABOU ZEID & AUNTIE AGGIE SIMAAN**

**A**N Honorary Certificate was presented to Uncle Nassy and Auntie Aggie Simaan during Mass on Sunday 19 August, the Feast of the Assumption, to thank them for their tireless effort and love in serving the Maronite community for many years. Uncle Nassy and Auntie Aggie, you are shining examples of dedication and we thank God for the gift of parishioners like yourselves.

# WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS

**C**ONGRATULATIONS and blessings to the following members who were baptised or married.

Baptised	Parents	Godparents
<b>Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon - Woodmead</b>		
VIVE UGOCHUKWI MOKONE	John & Chinumezi Mokone	Onyeka & Deborah Oguegbu
BIANCA LOUW	Shane & Cindy Louw	Warren Louw & Patricia Mc Quillan
SAVANNAH BOWDEN	Gavin & Jessa Bowden	Pietro Leoni & Taira Hernandez
<b>Our Lady of Lebanon - Mulbarton</b>		
TROY JACKSON	Brandon & Melanie Jackson	Tyron & Louis Azar
SHEREEN ZACKEY	(Adult)	Edmond Zackey & Theresa Vieira-Moniz
KENDRA KALIL	Clint Kafil & Tamarlyn Steyn	Ryan & Cindy Simons
CLAUDIA VITTONI	Diego & Rencia Vittoni	Roberto & Maria Rebuzzi
TYLER-LEE WIGZELL	Peter & Candice Wigzell	Tony & Anna Perreira
JULIO DA SOUSA	Fabio & Maureen De Sousa	Robert & Natalia Farinha
BIANCA BOLOTA SERGIO BOLOTA	Fernando & Maria Bolota	Ancilla & Rui Teixeira Carlos & Belinda George
ROSS THOMAS	Gerard & Cindy Thomas	Christopher & Pamela Thomas
JUSTIN NINOW	Duane & Georgette Ninow	Garth Merifield & Jo-Anne Deib

## Weddings

**Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon - Woodmead**



**GEORGE LETSHOLO & DINEO MOSYUPE**

- 25 AUGUST 2007

**Our Lady of Lebanon - Mulbarton**



**MARTIN MICHAEL & STEPHANIE CHADDERTON**

- 1 SEPTEMBER 2007



**GABRIEL FORTUNA & ANTHEA HADJISAVVA**

- 1 SEPTEMBER



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