

## **JACKSONVILLE**

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### **Newborns**

Baby Boy Joseph Ruhit born to Mr. and Mrs. Ron and Sabrina Bateh Kuruvilla in Boynton Beach, Florida. His proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Mercy Kuruvilla, Rose Bateh and the late Mufeed E. Bateh of Jacksonville, Florida.

Baby Boy Brody Steven born to Mr. and Mrs. Steven and Tiffany Dixon Mousa.

Baby Girl Janan Grace born to Mr. and Mrs. John and Deena Bateh Wallace. Her proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wesley L and Sandra S. Wallace, and George Bateh and the late Janan Bateh.

### **Weddings**

Kelly Nicole Rukab to Ronald Anthony Salem. Their proud parents are Dr. and Mrs. Ronald and Nancy Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Paula Rukab.

Amanda Farmand to Nick Smith. Their proud parents are Mr. Thomas Smith and the late Marta Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Terry and Ann Farmand.

### **Club News**



Mitri Akel, Edward M Bateh and Eric Bateh were selected and participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Leadership Ramallah Training Conference on June 8-10 in Detroit, Michigan. The objective of the conference was to teach our area leaders better practices to implement leadership skills in their communities, homes, schools and lives. The conference was a huge success and created a bonding environment for our young leaders to learn and grow. Many thanks go out to Terry Ahwal-Morris, AFRP Federation President; Ken Harb, AFRP Executive Secretary; Dr. Mary Harb Sheets, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist; Tamara Azrak, AFRP Secretary and Basima Farhat, AFRP Member for volunteering their time.



We held our annual Fathers' Day picnic on Fathers' Day in conjunction with a Health and Wellness Fair in honor of Amjad Saba. It was a huge success as we sold close to 400 meals. Included in the Health & Wellness Fair were paramedics who volunteered their time by providing blood pressure checks, glucose screenings and showcasing their ambulance for the children. We also had a clown show, and Face Painting compliments of our own Lizz Farhat Chester. Many thanks to our chairpersons of the picnic, Mrs. Aileen Farhat and Mrs. Melissa Farhat; and Chairpersons of the Health and Wellness Fair, Dr. Waddah and Mrs. Hala Mardini Salman and Edward Mousa Bateh and their committees.

### **Youth Club News**



On Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> approximately 25 youth members and 10 parents enjoyed an evening of fun with dinner at the Mandarin Ale House, and Cosmic Bowling. Many thanks go out to the parents who chaperoned the event.

## Children's Club News



Our Children's club with children ranging from ages 5-12 participated in a bowling night. Everyone had a great time. Huge thanks go out to Mrs. Hala Mardini Salman for coordinating the event.

## Church News



Our St George teens and adults participated in the Bible Bowl at the parish life conference in Ft Lauderdale, Florida from June 13<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>. The adult team won 1st place and the youth team tied for 7th. Many thanks for all of their hard work and preparation.

## Sympathy

The Jacksonville Community extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the following families:

The Batteh family for the passing of Fuad Salem Batteh

The Farah family for the passing of Nakhleh Hanna Farah

The Mashni family for the passing of Asma Jiries Eways Mashni

The Akel family for the passing of Danny Boulous Akel

The Samaan family for the passing of Jamileh Mansour Samaan

May their memories be eternal.