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News From Alabama

By David Campbell

I am David Campbell and I have been elected as the new State Vice President of Alabama. I am a life-long member of the Southern Federation, and have been a board member, and officer of the Mobile club for many years, I have resided in both Mobile and Birmingham. I am the son of the late John and Daisy Campbell of Mobile, AL and Metairie, LA.

Congratulations to the Mobile club which was selected as the Club of the Year by the Southern Federation. Thank you Mobile from all of us in Alabama for a job well

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A Woman Who Loves Cinema Marianne Khoury, among Egypt's most prominent film producers and an award-winning documentary director, talked to Alexa Dalby.



Marianne Khoury is the woman you'd like to have with you in a crisis - unflappable, determined and forward thinking. Through Misr International Films, the company she runs with her two brothers, she is one of Egypt's most prominent film producers, an international jury member, and also an award-winning documentary director in her own right.

Her film *Zelal*, premiered at the Venice Film Festival last year and won the Fipresci prize in the Dubai Film Festival.

The Middle East met Marianne Khoury in London, hosting a celebration of the films of her uncle, Youssef Chahine, widely recognised as Egypt's greatest film maker, who died three years ago. Egypt is unique in the Middle East with a large film industry, which started just two weeks after that of

France, 100 years ago, and Chahine bestrode it with his eo-year career. She spoke with personal insight to audiences at screenings of his early films *Cairo Story*, *The Sparrow* and *Alexandria...*

Why? Her life has been defined in many ways by her close working collaboration of nearly 30 years with Chahine, but that has not stopped her emerging as a powerful force in film making in her own right.

Khoury's mother was Chahine's sister and her father, too, was a film producer, but he was not keen on his daughter entering that world. She studied political science, economics and development, gaining an MSc from Oxford, and he wanted her to get a profession. But that wasn't for her, she wanted to be in Egypt and she started her film career as a trainee on

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Volunteer Spotlights Trish Coury, Los Angeles



Years affiliated with St. Jude: 10

St. Jude affiliations:

Orange County Dinner and events in Phoenix, Los Angeles, Memphis and Beirut

Why Trish supports St. Jude: "I don't think there is a greater cause than to do what we can to help a child who is sick and in need of assistance. St. Jude is such an amazing organization, and I am very proud to be involved. St. Jude is special for so many reasons, but I

think, most of all, is their dedication toward helping sick children in need and sharing their vast knowledge and research with the world." Fondlest memory of visiting St. Jude: "The most profound memory I have of St. Jude was visiting the hospital in Memphis with my Dad when ALSAC had its 50th anniversary celebration. To tour the hospital and see the children is an experience I will never forget. Despite their various illnesses, the kids were in good spirits and had such a wonderful outlook. I was so impressed by their positive attitudes, and seeing their beautiful, smiling faces is an experience that my Dad and I will always cherish."

News From Georgia

By Michael Shikany



Well, things have changed quite a bit since the days when Norman Topshe and Harris Nader were the only Convention attendees from Georgia.

At this year's Convention in New Orleans, Georgia was very well represented. Past President Mike Hiffa presided over the Past President's Meeting, Dr. Albert Johary presided over the General Assembly, and Mark Haddad presided over

Board Meeting. Charlene Hiffa and Sami Nassar were elected to the Board; Albert Johary was elected as our representative to National and possibly President of National; Kam Nassar and Mike Hiffa were elected to posts in the Foundation; Mark Haddad was chosen as a member of the Convention Committee and Michael Shikany was reelected State VP. The Cedar Club of Atlanta had 5 scholarship (continued on page 2)

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As we wrap up another fiscal year, I want you all to know that I am immensely grateful for your incredible devotion to the mission of St. Jude. You have not let a challenging economy undermine your dedication to the kids. As donors, volunteers and supporters, ALSAC and St. Jude employees and Board members, you all rolled up your sleeves to make sure that St. Jude has the support needed to continue the research and treatment that will save the lives of children.

This spring, the Hispanic communities on both coasts turned out to share the lifesaving work of St. Jude at the FedEx Angels and Stars Gala in Miami and Estrellas por la Vida in Los Angeles. We also want to extend a special thank you to model and actress Daisy Fuentes, who has been at the heart of the Miami event and generously gives her time to support our patients

and their families. As you know, our friends in Hollywood and throughout the entertainment and music industries are part of an enduring legacy of support that began when St. Jude founder Danny Thomas took his dream to his fellow entertainers and asked them for help.

That legacy was in the national spotlight this spring as country musician John Rich used his skills and talents and his-unwavering focus on the mission of St. Jude-to win The Celebrity Apprentice and raise \$1.4 million for St. Jude. John has supported St. Jude for years and we cannot thank him enough for his loyal support.

Our thanks are also due to radio personality Yolanda Adams and everyone at Radio One for another remarkable radiothon that raised more than \$1.1 million for our kids.

Alabama

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done and for a memorable Midwinter Conference. A good time was had by all who attended. A very special congratulations to our two beautiful debutantes who were presented at the New

Orleans convention. They are Jessica Rose Bolus, daughter of Paul and Theresa Bolus (Cedars Phoenician Club of Bham. AL) and Isabelle Greenwood Campbell, daughter of David and Cindy Campbell (Lebanese-American Club of Mobile, AL).

Georgia

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recipients. All four Clubs from Georgia were represented at the Convention and 2 members of the Atlanta Club, BJ. Abraham and Helen Rossie attended a

Family Reunion at the Convention. Savannah, GA was chosen to host the Convention next summer. And, of course, Harris Nader of West Point, GA sang the Kibbee Song at the Grand Banquet.

Cinema

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Egyptian Story in 1980. What she calls her first "real job" was on Adieu Bonaparte, Egypt's first co-production with France, where for the first time she had the "huge responsibility" of being executive producer.

years, she worked in production and finance and to date she has produced 22 films but, she says, "I was always very curious. I wanted to get involved and understand. My passion was documentary marking and development was my real field of interest."

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