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The World Lebanese Cultural Union (*WLCU*) was founded in 1959 in Mexico at the initiative of the Lebanese in Mexico and under the patronage of the Lebanese President Fouad Chehab at that time. Today, WLCU has a worldwide presence with more than 357 legally registered chapters in 50 major cities worldwide.

The *WLCU* is a non-profit, a non-sectarian and a non-political organization independent of the Lebanese government and its hierarchy. It is an "International Non-Governmental Organization" (INGO) associated with the "Department of Public Information" (DPI) of the United Nations. The *WLCU* has been voted in and is now accredited to *ECOSOC* (Economic and Social Affairs) at the UN, the highest status an INGO can attain at the UN.

The aims:

(a)- To enhance and promote the spirit of loyalty and nationalism among the members of the Union and their host countries; to have a factual interest in the well-being of these countries from the educational, civic, social and moral points of view. It is an educational, benevolent and non-profit institution.

(b)- To strengthen the ties of friendship and intimacy among its members, thus resulting in the promotion of mutual friendship and understanding between the host countries of the members of the Union.

(c)- Establishing, promoting and enhancing a relationship of mutual friendship and understanding between these countries and Lebanon; encouraging and exchanging tourism and educational, social, and economical activities for the mutual benefit of Lebanon and the host countries, and for the welfare of the Lebanese nationals and the Lebanese descendants.

(d)- To spread the Lebanese legacy in the host countries of the members of WLCU, to spread the legacies of these countries in one another and in Lebanon.

(e)- To introduce the culture of Lebanon and the role it played, free of purpose, for the service of humanity throughout its history; to preserve the existence and nature of Lebanon so that it may continue to contribute to the world peace and understanding among nations.

(f)- To enhance confidence, peace and understanding among human beings by encouraging the members of WLCU to serve their communities irrespective of personal Or financial gain, and to endeavor to raise the moral levels in the fields of trade, public works, and personal life.



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New York & New Jersey Chapters



Celebrating
The Independence Day of Lebanon
2011



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*WLCU World Committee
WLCU North American Region
and*

*The Board of Directors of
WLCU NY & NJ Chapters*

Cordially Invite you to attend a Dinner-Dance Celebrating

*The 68th Anniversary of
The Independence of Lebanon*

*Honoring
NY State Senator Marty Golden*

*Dr. George Ferzli
Dr. Kamal Itani*

*Event will be held on:
Saturday November 12th, 2011 at 7:30PM
At*

*Russo's on The Bay
162-45 Crossbay Blvd.
Howard Beach, NY 11414
Tel: (718) 843-5055*

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Honorees

Senator Marty Golden

Senator Martin J. Golden was elected to represent Brooklyn's 22nd Senate District in 2002, representing neighborhoods in Brooklyn which are home to a large number of Lebanese-Americans, including Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst, among others. Senator Golden has established himself as one of the most influential lawmakers in the City and State of New York. He has authored over 75 laws most notably in the areas of public safety, tax cuts, economic development, and senior citizen issues. Throughout his career, Senator Golden has long been a supporter and friend of the Lebanese people and their causes.

Dr. George Ferzli

Born and raised in Lebanon, Dr. George Ferzli graduated from St. Joseph University School of Medicine, Beirut, Lebanon in 1979. Dr. Ferzli is a professor of surgery at SUNY Down State, Brooklyn, NY and the Chairman of Surgery and of Minimally Invasive Surgery at Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. He has helped over 10,000 patients worldwide and holds seven U.S. government patents covering the art and science of surgery. Dr. Ferzli has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles for surgical journals, and book chapters. He has lectured and operated in sixty cities throughout the world.

Dr. Kamal Itani

Born and raised in Lebanon, Dr. Kamal Itani graduated in 1985 from The American University in Beirut, Lebanon. Dr. Itani is the Chief of Surgery at the VA Boston Health Care System since 2004 and a Professor of Surgery at Boston University and Harvard Medical School. Dr. Itani has been recognized as a surgical educator receiving some of the most prestigious awards and recognition in this field. He is the author and editor of multiple journal articles and textbook chapters in the field of surgery and health services research. Dr. Itani is a member of all the important surgical organizations and has served in various leadership positions in these organizations.