

# *Southern Federation of Syrian Lebanese American Clubs*

## *Mid-Winter Conference, Birmingham, Alabama*

### *February 25-27, 2005*

*Celebrating 100 Years of Tradition*

#### **Spectacular Tours and Excursions:**

##### **Birmingham City Tour**

A professionally guided bus tour of Birmingham including Historic Redmont District, Five Points South, Historic Morris Avenue, The Peanut Depot, Sloss Furnaces, Alabama Theatre & Walk of Fame, Civil Rights District and Vulcan Park, home of the world's largest cast iron statue.

##### **Barber Motorsports Park**

The 141,000 square foot Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum showcases the largest collection of its kind in the world, with more than 750 vintage motorcycles and cars displayed on four floors, along with a 2.3 mile race track.

##### **Ave Maria Grotto**

The Ave Maria Grotto, known throughout the world as "Jerusalem in Miniature", is a beautifully landscaped, four acre park designed to provide a natural setting for the 125 miniature reproductions of some of the most famous historic buildings and shrines of the world.

##### **Our Lady of the Angels Monastery**

Nestled in the rolling hills of the countryside outside Hanceville, the monastery seems almost to be an apparition: a medieval sanctuary that sprouted mysteriously forth from the green pastureland of Cullman County of its own accord. The huge bell tower, the elaborately wrought doors and the bricked piazza surrounded by arched walkways roofed in terra cotta tile give the monastery the appearance of antiquity. Of course, that was the idea, as founder Mother Angelica modeled Our Lady of the Angels with the Spanish and Italian influenced monasteries of the 13th century in mind. The overall effect is one of overwhelming peace and solemnity, as well as awe.

##### **Shopping excursions to the Summit and Homewood**

#### **Evening Food and Entertainment:**

##### **Friday**

- Seafood Dinner with Lenten Middle Eastern Cuisine
- Live Arabic Music by Sahar Band
- Fred Astaire Ballroom Dancers Performance
- Midnight Bowling
- Late Night Disco by Bobby T

##### **Saturday**

- Filet Mignon Kabob Grand Banquet Feast
- St. Elias Dancers Performance
- Live Arabic Music by Sahar Band
- American Music by DJ Bobby T

##### **Special Activities:**

- Outdoor Barbecue Lunch hosted by Full Moon Bar-B-Que with Entertainment by Kenny Graff
- Coming to America Play- a live on stage production by the St. Elias Players
- The Art of Flower Arranging by Dorothy McDaniels
- Story Telling by Delores Hydock
- Bingo and Traditional Middle Eastern Games
- Maronite Catholic Liturgy at St. Elias Church
- Farewell Breakfast
- Single's Mixer and Happy Hour Social
- Middle Eastern Cultural Display

#### ***Convention Hotel Information***

***Birmingham Marriott, 3590 Grandview Parkway  
Birmingham, Alabama 35243***

**\$89.00 per night - single-double, free parking, Rate cut-off date: February 2, 2005  
1-888-426-5171**

**Be sure to ask for: "Southern Federation" Rate**

**For updated information, visit our Website at [www.sfslac.org](http://www.sfslac.org)**

# Schedule of Events

Friday, February 25, 2005

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open	Jefferson Room
8:00 am - 7:00 pm	Registration & Banquet Seating Reservations	Lobby Fountain
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Past Presidents' Breakfast (by invitation only)	Greystone Boardroom
9:00 am - 11:00 am	State Vice President's/Club President Meeting/Workshop	Birmingham I
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own	
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Scholarship Committee Meeting	Mountain Brook Boardroom
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Southern Federation Executive Board Meeting	Birmingham IV
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Committee Meetings	Greystone Boardroom
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Birmingham City Tour	Meet in Lobby
	A tour of historic Birmingham including a visit to Vulcan Park. Shuttle bus, professional tour guide and entrance fees included. (By pre-registration only, \$10.00 per person)	
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Traditional Games	Jefferson Room
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	The Art of Flower Arranging by Dorothy McDaniels	Birmingham II
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Bingo	Birmingham V and VI
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Single's Mixer and Happy Hour Social (Cash Bar)	Atrium Terrace
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Seafood Dinner with Lenten Middle Eastern Cuisine (In Honor of Southern Federation Officers)	Birmingham Ballroom
9:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Sahria - Music by Sahar Band	Birmingham Ballroom
10:30 pm - 11:30 pm	Fred Astaire Ballroom Dancers Performance	Birmingham Ballroom
11:30 pm - 2:00 am	Sahria - Music by Sahar	Birmingham Ballroom
12:00 am - 2:00 am	Young Adults Midnight Bowling	Riverview Lanes
12:00 am - 3:00 am	Late Night Breakfast Buffet (\$10.95 per person)	RiverCity Grille
2:00 am - 4:00 am	Late Night Disco - Music by Bobby T	Birmingham Ballroom

Saturday, February 26, 2005

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open	Jefferson Room
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration & Banquet Seating Reservations	Lobby Fountain
9:30 am - 11:30 am	Southern Federation Foundation Meeting	Birmingham I and II
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Story Telling by Delores Hydock	Birmingham V and VI
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Barbecue Lunch- hosted by Full Moon Bar-B-Que Entertainment provided by Kenny Graff	Hotel Grounds
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Afternoon Excursions - Shuttles provided Barber Motorsports Park Tour Shopping at The Summit or in Homewood	Meet in Lobby
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Bowling	Riverview Lanes
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Traditional Games	Jefferson Room
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Coming to America play by the St. Elias Players followed by a Movie Feature	Birmingham III and IV
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Happy Hour (Cash Bar)	Atrium Terrace
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Child Care and Pizza Party (by pre-registration only)	Jefferson Room
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Grand Banquet Cocktail Hour	Atrium Terrace
7:00 pm - 8:45 pm	Grand Banquet Entertainment provided by the St. Elias Dancers	Birmingham Ballroom
9:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Sahria - Music by Sahar	Birmingham Ballroom
10:30 pm - 11:30 pm	American Music by Bobby T	Birmingham Ballroom
11:30 pm - 2:00 am	Sahria - Music by Sahar	Birmingham Ballroom
12:00 am - 3:00 am	Late Night Breakfast Buffet (\$10.95 per person)	RiverCity Grille
2:00 am - 4:00 am	Late Night Disco - music by Bobby T	Birmingham Ballroom

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8:30 am - 10:00 am	Farewell "Alah Makom" Sinners Breakfast	Jefferson Room
8:30 am	Shuttle buses depart for church	Meet in Lobby
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Maronite Catholic Liturgy	St. Elias Maronite Church
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Farewell "Alah Makom" Breakfast	St. Elias Church Hall
11:00 am	Shuttle buses depart for Hotel	Meet in North Parking Lot
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Special Tour (By pre-registration only, \$10.00 per person) Ave Maria Grotto Cullman, AL Our Lady of the Angels Monastery	Meet in Lobby