

Sudanese-Canadian Association of Ottawa (SCAO) March-April, 2006 Newsletter

Welcome Spring, to SCAO's families



Happy 50th Sudan's Independent anniversary to all of you from SCAO!

The Sudanese-Canadian Association of Ottawa (SCAO) in partnership with the Sudanese National committee (based in Toronto) for Sudan's 50th anniversary of independence celebration is organizing the second event in Ottawa.

Based on SCAO's board initiative plan, this event is planned for May 27th, 06. And based on this initiative plan, the

event is planned to include: exhibitions (Art, posters and folklore items, event related souvenirs and maybe books). Two singers are expected to be with us that evening.

The date and plan of this event is subject to be changed based on singers & location availability.

[More final information will be provided in special e-mails to SCAO's members](#)

SCAO's Women take the lead Hats off

During the last two month, the women family of SCAO's took the lead and managed to organize 4 group's visit to Ottawa's new families and to those, who were injured. As well they organized their new 'Breakfast Club' and executed one gathering at Cora's restaurant under 'Get away from husband & kids' intention☺.

Hats off to our great women. And honestly after the Canadian women Hockey team performance in Italy, I wish if we all can play like women☺.

SCAO's Back Injury Workshop

SCAO held a workshop on back injury in partnership with Hazeldean Family Chiropractic Clinic on Saturday April 15th @6:00 P.M at Sandy Hill Retirement Centre (353 Friel St), Where Dr. Pierre Paradis & Dr. Erin Davis have provided workshop's participants with comprehensive information on human's body structure and what Chiropractic Medicine for their wellbeing. Also they offered all SCAO's members a (\$20 only) consultation fees. For more info please visit:

<http://hazeldeanchiropractic.com/>



Newsletter highlights

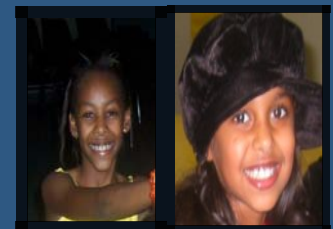
- 2 new kids in our community.
- Kids stars from SCAO.
- Hats off for SCAO's women
- Death of relatives.
- SCAO's women take the lead.
- Executed SCAO's events
- Upcoming SCAO's events.
- Businesses committed to SCAO's members.
- Others

"It is nice to be important, but it's very important to be nice"

Lee Anderson

This newsletter starts from SCAO's

This month 2 kids from SCAO's their success stories & hard work results proudly made it to Ottawa local newspapers. To read more about them click on their images or proceed with reading the Newsletter



Fatma Elmahadi
&
Mahasin Elkhazin

Learning to spell a family affair

Fatma Elmahdi's home, where studying for tomorrow's CanSpell bee has been a joint effort between the 11-year-old native Arabic speaker and her mother, Tina Ahmed. Fatma uses an Internet audio guide to listen to the words that her mother then corrects.

"I'm better at correcting the words than pronouncing them," says Mrs. Ahmed. Mrs. Ahmed and her husband, Khalid Elmahdi, studied English in their native Sudan, a former British colony. But when it comes to the complicated mouthfuls that appear in a spelling bee, pronunciation is key.

"We both do each other a favour," says Fatma, a Grade 6 student at Fielding Drive Public School, of their study sessions.

The family came to Canada via India and then the United Arab Emirates six years ago, when Fatma was to start Grade 1. At the time, Fatma spoke little English and it would take a few years,

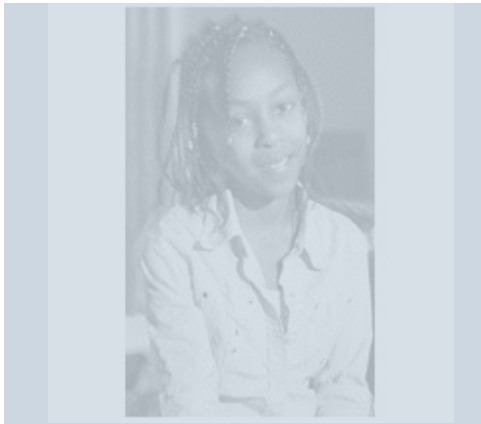
and lots of after-school English sessions, before she felt comfortable with her new tongue.

As a rule, Fatma's parents try to speak Arabic at home, but it's easy to slip into the English that Fatma and her little sister hear outside the home. Every Saturday, Fatma takes Arabic lessons. She is just learning to read and write the script that has "lots of swirls."

Fatma's eyes go wide when asked if she could compete in an Arabic spelling bee. Not yet, she says. Fatma thinks it's important to learn more Arabic, like her parents. She was especially happy when she went to Sudan for the first time last year and could speak to her grandmother.

"To be multilingual is a great advantage," says Mr. Elmahdi. "The world has become like a small village now."

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Fatma Elmahadi is happy to learn English, but still wants to speak Arabic to her grandmother.



By: Alexandra Zabjek

Katherine Bohn, Emma Bohn, Mahasin Elkhazin, Sierra Slegthenhorst, Emma Portner and Emma Cowie recently finished first at a regional CanDance event in Montreal

A the junior small group presentations. The tap routine is performed to the song "Proud Mary" by Tina Turner.

The group consists of the Bohn girls, Emma Cowie, Sierra Slegthenhorst, Mahasin Elkhazin, Marianne Lynch and Emma Portner. Each of the girls who range in age from eight to 12, to wear hot pink miniskirts and wild Tina Turner wigs.

Leeming Danceworks owner Sharon Leeming says the girls won the judges over with their enthusiasm and sense of humour.

"It's a really fun routine. All the girls are like a bunch of Tina Turner wannabes and the audience and the judges just loved it," says Leeming.

All the dancers will be spending the next two weeks preparing for the Ottawa CanDance event which will be held at the Palais des Congress in Gatineau from April 26 to 30. The Diamond Dance Off will be held on the final evening of the competition.



Local dance school shines at Montreal CanDance event

By Fred Sherwin - Orléans Online

Dear SCAO's Members

Please provide SCAO's Board members with the news that you may be willing to advertise in the next issue of your Newsletter. Also take advantage of this newsletter to praise your kids by posting their successful stories and achievements in the school, sport activities or their volunteering work to make the difference in their communities.

Also if you write poem or short stories, we will love to publish it.

Send the summary of the news or your story to: [SCAO's Team](#)

*To judge yourself use
your head, but to
judge others use
your heart*

- Robert McDonald-

The Community News

Congratulation ! [Fadwa & Anas Mohamed](#). It's a baby boy (Amjad) born in March. May Allah shine his blessing upon him and you as well



Congratulation ! [Maison Ali & Hisham Taifour](#). It's a baby Girl (Tibian) born in April. May Allah shine his blessing upon her and you as well.

PS: Tibian is grandchild of Dr. Faiza Hassan Taha, Sudan Ambassador to Canada. Congratulation 'Haboba' Faiza ☺



Our best wishes to Aunt Valia Salonia, Mother of Ludmila Salonia and mother-in-law of Hamid Bushra as well the grandmother of Amir & Alice. After her hip replacement surgery in March

Relative's death in the community

- SCAO Community is deeply saddened by the news of Dr. [Abdelgalil Elmaki](#) father's death, who passed away last Friday in Sudan. Our deepest condolences to his family in Sudan and his grandchildren (Nazim, Hisham, Maha and Makarim) & their mother (Istaza Awatif Elshipli) in Ottawa.
- Our heartfelt Condolences as well kindly conveyed to brother [Khalid Bakhiet](#) who lost his father last week in Sudan after a sudden death. May Allah shine his blessings upon his rested soul. We extend our condolences to his family in Sudan and to Khalid's wife 'Istaza Aida Abdelrahman'. Khalid & Aida moved from Ottawa and can be reached at: (519) 578-5146

University graduation in the community

SCAO's office and members convey their deepest and sincere congratulation to Naser Walid Naser, who successfully graduated from Carleton University with B. Sc degree from with an Aerospace Engineering?

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