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NETWORK OF ARAB AMERICAN PROFESSIONALS-DC
CELEBRATED 10th ANNIVERSARY

Washington, DC~ On Friday, November 11, 2011, over 190 attendees joined *The Network of Arab American Professionals*, Washington, DC Chapter to celebrate NAAP's 10th anniversary. NAAP-DC's first gala was at Maggiano's Restaurant in Washington, DC. NAAP-DC Membership & Gala Event Chair, Fatima Ahmed, summarized that "Commemorating 10 years of NAAP included paying tribute to past and present board members and instilling a sense of pride in our accomplishments. We welcomed new members into the NAAP family and shared our vision for the future. We will continue to create excitement and interest, which in turn will strengthen the organization and give us momentum for the future!"

10 Years Reflecting: Developing 10 Chapters

NAAP-DC co-chairs, Samer Korkor and Ethar Darwish, welcomed fellow chapters from New York, Baltimore, and Houston and recognized previous board members from the last 10 years.

The program honored NAAP Founder, Hanna Hanania, with an award for his distinguished service in grassroots organizing.

- Sponsors included: Dishnetwork, Saudi Airlines, Jerusalem Bakery, Sashveli Salon, the Arab American Institute, Access, ANERA, I.S. Law Firm, New Dominion, O'Connor Law Firm, State Farm Insurance, and PITAPOLICY Consulting.
- Fun prizes were raffled off, including artwork and AAI Gala tickets. Door prizes included a collection of designer postcards and replicas donated by Arab American artists Manal Deeb and Ammar Qusaibty.
- Later, DJ Bassam spun the best of Arabic and International music where several debkas graced the dance floor as a tribute to Arab culture.
- Noted guests included the honorable Ambassador Areikat; President of the Arab American Anti-Discrimination Committee, Warren David; as well as a representative from Maryland Governor, Martin O'Mally's office.

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