

# Convention NEWSLETTER

**“Coming Home...Flourishing Youth Continuing the Journey”**



**THANKSGIVING CONVENTION**  
 COMING HOME... FLOURISHING YOUTH CONTINUING THE JOURNEY  
 AMERICAN DRUZE SOCIETY  
 DIARBORN MICHIGAN  
 NOV 28 - DEC 1, 2013

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**Volunteers Needed!**

We have seen a modest number of volunteers come forward, but we need more volunteers for this event. Get involved and claim your portion of this memorable event. At the end of the day, I would like to see each and every one of our youth get involved and take ownership. Those are events that don't happen often. We will have a meeting at the picnic on Sunday. I'm looking forward to seeing there. See address below.

**ADS LAST SUMMER PICNIC**  
 Sunday 9/1/13

At the  
**Plymouth Township**  
**Park 'Pavilion'**

46640 Ann Arbor Trail,  
 Plymouth, MI 48170

*...From the Convention Chair*



It has been a long time coming! After an absence of ten years, the Thanksgiving Convention (formerly known "Youth Mini Convention") is coming back home to Michigan. The Convention Planning Committee alongside the Michigan Board are intensifying the efforts and pulling all the stops to deliver a memorable Convention for all ages to enjoy and cherish. The National Office remains the guiding light for those chapters with no experience, to learn; for those with experience to advance; and for those who are advanced, to excel. We consider our Michigan Community from the later grade: advanced and wants to excel - always at the forefront whether in trailblazing new paths or leading by example. At our doorsteps is a great opportunity to excel and prove to everybody that the Michigan Chapter is a center pillar of the entire ADS structure. I call on you my beloved Michigan Community to come through one more time and show up to this great event in big numbers, as the more Michigan attendees the better image we impose on our grace and hospitality. I'm happy to tell you that the ad campaign is now in full swing and the registration is NOW OPEN. I urge you to visit the ADS National Website [www.druze.com](http://www.druze.com) and register, book your hotel room(s) and purchase your convention package.

I look forward to a great event and to seeing you at the convention in November.

Ziad Boufakhreddine, Chair

**CONVENTION UPDATE . . .**

**The Ad Campaign**

The Advertisement and Publishing Committee has been working diligently and very closely with the National Office to launch all convention ads on time. Here are the ads that have been launched up to date:

- The first ad was launched on August 8, 2013 for the Hotel Registration
- The second ad was launched on August 22, 2013 for the Convention Package and Hotel.
- The Tentative Program will be launched on September 5, 2013
- Look for periodical updates from the National throughout the convention ad campaign leading up to the week of the convention
- Look for periodical Newsletter updates as well
- Look for the launch of our own Convention Facebook
- Look for the revamped ADS Michigan Chapter Website to intensify the ad campaign

**2013 Thanksgiving Convention**  
**November 28 – December 1**



**HOTEL RESERVATION**  
**BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**  
**Call 1-866-716-8103**  
*...don't forget to mention the group:*  
**“American Druze Society”**

For  
**Online Hotel Registration**  
[www.druze.com](http://www.druze.com)

Hotel Reservations have already begun and a few people have secured their rooms – Our block of rooms is almost at 20% reserved. Now that the package prices are out, the rooms will go fast. **DO NOT WAIT**...Reserve your room before they're all gone!!!

**CONVENTION PACKAGE**  
**Purchase Your Package Now!**  
**Online Purchase of Convention Packages**  
**NOW OPEN**

Click on the link below to purchase your Convention Package

[www.druze.com](http://www.druze.com)

**Paying by Check!**

**Make your check payable to: ADS**  
**If you're purchasing your convention package by check, please send your check to:**

**16156 Meredith Ct. Linden, MI 48451**