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L-R: Jacqueline and Rawi Tabbah in Las Vegas

HOUSTON – Father and daughter team Rawi and Jacqueline Tabbah, International Stoneworks Inc., recently traveled to Las Vegas for the International Surface event.

They gave an educational presentation called, “Is Dad Always Right? A Father/Daughter Team Share their Insights on Successfully Managing a Family Business.”

In addition, Jacqueline moderated a “Women In Stone Panel Discussion” session and she was a stone and tile restoration and maintenance panel member.

President Rawi Tabbah established International Stoneworks in Houston in 1982.

“In the early days, we were mostly in the equipment business related to the stone industry,” Tabbah said. “Within five years, we became a natural stone restoration and maintenance business.”

Today the company sells products nationally and internationally.

“While typically we perform stone and tile restoration in residences and major buildings in Texas, we have traveled as far as California, Florida and New Jersey,” he said.

Tabbah says he is grateful his daughter helps him operate the business these days.

“Jacqueline joined International Stoneworks in Oct. 2009,” he said. “She handles the sales and marketing and she does all the social media and advertising for us. She stays very busy.

“It is nice my daughter works with me because it gives me a sense of continuity. If one day I have to retire, Jacqueline can continue here or she can do whatever she wants to do.”

When Tabbah has free time, he enjoys listening to music and traveling with his wife.

“My wife and I like to discover and explore places that we have never been before. We have seen the Pyramids in Egypt and ancient buildings in Turkey.”

Tabbah says he is always looking for ways to improve and grow the company and he enjoys teaching his daughter all he knows about the business.

International Stoneworks is a source for all restoration and maintenance products needed for marble,

travertine, limestone, terrazzo, granite, slate, basalt, bluestone, ceramic, porcelain and quarry tiles and other natural stone surfaces. -ab

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