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Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan Newsletter — January → March — 2017



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Club Charter Date

June 22, 1995

Club Number

30893

District

2452 Rotary Int'l

RI President

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RC Chattanooga TN

District Governor

Saeed Binbelaila

RC Dubai, UAE

Deputy Governor

Rima El Kadi

RC Beirut Metropolitan

Assistant Dist. Governor

Antoine BouKhaled

RC Hammana-Upper Metn

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2016—2017

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BOULOS



The Third Quarter of this Rotary Year went by very quickly, but was filled with rich programs, key fundraising efforts and, of course Rotary fellowship opportunities. It is hard for me to believe that there are only three months remaining in my presidency. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all club members and patrons for their tireless effort to make this year a success!

JANUARY 2017 PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 3, 2017

National Youth LeBAM Harmonic Band Concert



RCBC members had a great evening of entertainment and fellowship. The club will be participating in the future in support of this youth program.

January 10, 2017 **"Global Rewards Program"**

(Presented by Past President Ronald Farra, RC Beirut Cedars)



Rt Past President Ronald Farra from the RC of Beirut Cedars informed RCBC members and guests about the Rotary Global rewards program; how the reward system works, how to redeem the offers and how to upload an offer on the website.

January 17, 2017 **"District Governor's Annual Visit"**



Due to a very heavy scheduling calendar, DG Saeed Bin Belaila was represented on this occasion by PDG Khalil Al Sharif, who is well known to our entire membership. The club was pleased to hold a cocktail social in his honor. It was great to see PDG Khalil again.

January 24, **"Vocational Service Training Session"**

(Presented by PP George Beyrouiti on Vocational Service & PP Mounir Jabre discussing RCBC Programs.)

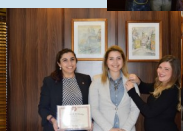


RCBC is very blessed to have a wealth of talented and knowledgeable Rotarians. These two Past Presidents represent two such individuals. They remain current and up to date on RI information on a regular basis and are able to pass it on to other members. Thank you PP George and PP Mounir for your dedication to RI and to RCBS. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



BCRAC PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

BCRAC has been very active during this quarter with the pinning of a new member (Sirvart Bardalgian), the election of an Incoming President (Rita Imad), birthday celebrations and fundraising activities. BCRAC members also participated in the RYLA Leadership training as part of their ongoing personal development. RYLA Country chairperson was Sally Zaatari of Rotary Saidia and District RYLA Chairperson was Christine Arzoumanian Ghazarian (RCBC member who also has a big congrats on expecting her first child).



RCBC/ROTARY COMING EVENTS

April 18

Business Meeting w/Speaker

Rana El Chemaitilly

"Women Empowerment In Rural Areas"

April 20-23

District Conference

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

June 10-14

Rotary International Convention

Atlanta, Georgia, USA

WHY JOIN ROTARY???

10. Assistance when Traveling: Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.

11. Entertainment: Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education and service.

12. The Development of Social Skills: Every week and at various events and functions Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.

13. Family Programs: Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.

ARE YOU APPLYING THE 4-WAY TEST???

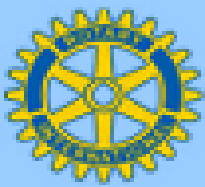
Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Does it promote **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIP**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

RCBC Meets Tuesdays at the Phoenicia Hotel, Ain-Mreisseh, Beirut
Business Meetings at 7:00 PM — Dinner Meetings at 8:30 PM



JANUARY/FEBRUARY PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

GRSPS SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO THREE RCBC STUDENT APPLICATIONS

The GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM INC, sponsored by RI Districts 6900, 6910 and 6920, has approved three RCBC applicants. Alondra Barakat, Mark Kazan and Rita Abi Khalil. This is a new high for this scholarship. Unfortunately, only Alondra will accept the offer for next year. Matching schools with students and their career goals is always a problem. Congratulations to Rotarian Nabil Challah and his committee on a job well done. Special congratulations to Miss Alondra for accepting this challenge. She will be attending the University of Georgia. Mabrouk!

January 31, 2017 **"Lebanese Red Cross Blood Transfusion Services"**
(Presented by Dr. Rita Feghali)



Dr. Rita Feghali is responsible of the Blood Bank at the Lebanese Red Cross. She spoke about the statistics of the Blood Bank centers in Lebanon, the vision, mission and history of the Center. She offered facts regarding the donation process and the current improvement that is being completed for the blood transfusion services center.

February 7, 2017
"Access To Information Act and Tools T Fight Corruption"
(Presented by HE Fady Abboud, Former Lebanese Minister (Founder of the Lebanese Observatory for Transparency)



H.E. former Minister Fady Abboud, founder of the Lebanese Observatory for Transparency, honored RCBC with his presence during the Club's monthly Dinner meeting. The topic of Mr. Abboud's speech was around "Access to Information act and Tools to fight Corruption" followed by a Q&A session.

February 14, 2017 **RCBC Annual Movie Fundraising Event "Listen"** by Philippe Aractingi



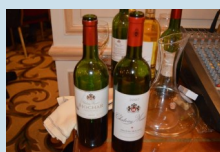
The movie was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy. The best part is the amount of funds raised with some going to the Lebanese Food Bank.

February 21, 2017 **"Garbage Crisis in Lebanon"**
(Presented by Mr. Rahed Sarkis, from the Lebanon Echo Movement)



Mr. Rahed Sarkis, from the Lebanon Echo Movement, discussed the Garbage crisis in Lebanon, its causes, impact of taken measures and appropriate solutions, waste management in large cities v/s in villages. - See more at: <http://www.rcbclebanon.org/Stories#sthash.0lB2vkYe.dpuf>

February 28, 2017 **"Chateau Musar Wine"**
(Presented by General Director Ronald Hochar).



Lebanon has so of the best wineries in the world. Most are located in the Bekaa Valley which is at an altitude perfect for the grapes. Chateau Musar is among the elite Lebanese wineries with a wide selection to satisfy any pallet. RCBC members and guest also took part in a CHEESE & WINE fellowship that made a lot of sense with Chateau Musar in the house.



MARCH 2017 PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

March 7, 2017 **"Pakistan a Newly Emerging Economy"**
(Presented by HE Aftab Khoker, Ambassador)



H.E. Aftab Khoker, Ambassador of Pakistan in Lebanon, honored RCBC with his presence during the Club's monthly dinner meeting. The subject of his speech was: "Pakistan a Newly Emerging Economy, Historical Perspective and Current Challenges". It turns out that Pakistan is one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

March 14, 2017 **"Hayda Baladna Project"**
Presented by Miss Amal Harb, Film Director



Mrs. Amal Harb, Film Director and creative developer talked about her film and project "Hayda Baladna"

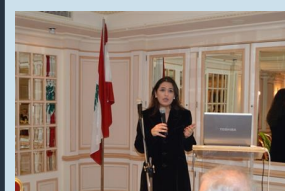
The film emphasizes the positive aspects of Lebanese life, history and culture. It is aimed at the younger audience to make the feel proud of their country and see things in a more positive light. Mabrouk Miss Harb!

March 21, 2017 **"RCBC Mexican Ladies Night " Club Fundraiser On The Occasion of Mothers Day**

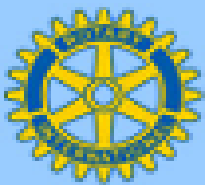
THE PICTURES TELL THE STORY!



March 28, 2017 **"A Ministry of Human Rights"**
(Presented by Ms. Reina Sarkis)



Ms Reina Milad Sarkis holder of a DESS in Clinical and Pathological Psychology, a leading Psychanalyst with groundbreaking initiatives talked about the Ministry of Human Rights (MoHR).



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SCENES FROM THE 2016 RCBC CHRISTMAS PARTY



***2017 IS GOING TO BE RCBC FABULOUS!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!***