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Inauguration of CNC Machine at Schneller School November 4, 2010

RC Beirut Cosmopolitan (RCBC) initiated a project co-sponsored with RC Wasserburg (RCW) in Bavaria, Germany, and supported by their respective Districts and by the Rotary Foundation, to donate a Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) machine to the J - L Schneller School located in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon.

The five-member delegation from RC Wasserburg attending the inauguration included President Peter Rink, Headmaster of a Secondary School in Wasserburg and earlier Headmaster of the German School in Jounieh, Lebanon; Manfred Bonetsmuller, the technological leader of the project and owner of a packaging machine company near Wasserburg; Richard Kroeff, a prominent architect and ecology proponent in Wasserburg; Georg Lindauer, former President of the Handicrafts Chamber of Upper Bavaria -- himself a master carpenter; and Bernd Reisinger, owner of a large Volkswagen car dealership near Wasserburg.



RCBC Past President Tony Asfour (LHS) and the Five man RC Wasserburg team on either side of the principal Schneller Schule CNC machine trainer.



The Project technological leader Manfred Bonetsmuller (4th from left) with members of the School Board and members of RCW and RCBC.

The CNC machine was officially handed over to the Schneller School earlier this year on May 29. However, the inauguration ceremony was held on November 4, 2010 in the presence of the five-member delegation from RC Wasserburg. The inauguration was attended by the members of the Board of the Schneller School and by a number of Rotarians from RCBC and their spouses. It was followed by a lunch hosted by the Director of the School, The Reverend George Haddad (standing, left).



Business Meeting - RC Wasserburg Members November 2, 2010

Prior to the inauguration of the CNC machine referred to in the item above, four of the members of the RC Wasserburg delegation - President Peter Rink, Rotarian Manfred Bonetsmuller, Rotarian Richard Kroeff and Rotarian Georg Lindauer attended the RCBC business meeting on Tuesday November 2 at Le Vendome.



The visitors expressed the hope that those trained in the use of this equipment would qualify for improved employment opportunities in the future.

Banners were exchanged between President Peter Rink of RC Wasserburg and President Subhi Jarudi of RC Beirut Cosmopolitan, as RCBC Past President Tony Asfour, one of the initiators of the project, looked on.

Business Meeting - Guest Speaker Rotaractor Nazira Hariri November 9, 2010

Rotaractor Nazira Hariri from BankMed Switzerland gave an interesting and lively presentation on wealth management, different types of investment profiles, asset allocation and diversification. She described wealth management as a personalized financial service that provides investment management solutions to high net-worth individuals and their families. These solutions aim at protecting and growing financial assets in the present; planning for retirement; and passing on wealth to future generations.

Wealth managers use complex models to assess investor profiles and allocate their assets accordingly. The two key factors they take into consideration in defining a client's investment profile and constructing his/her portfolio are: Risk Tolerance and Time Horizon. To reduce risk, an investment portfolio usually consists of several assets that are not co-related in order to dilute overall exposure.



Rotaractor Nazira Hariri

Business Meeting - Ambassadorial Scholars to Lebanon November 9, 2010

During their business meeting on November 9, RCBC Rotarians, their spouses and their guests welcomed three Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars from the USA who are enrolled for the 1010-2011 academic year at the American University of Beirut (AUB).

Each year, several hundred such young men and women (five hundred this academic year) are awarded such scholarships by the Rotary Foundation. The program is designed to bridge cultures and encourage goodwill and is one of Rotary's leading efforts to promote world peace and understanding.



Emily Dawes (LHS), Noorjahan Rahman, Anna Claire Wadsworth and P Subhi Jarudi

**Dinner Meeting - District Governor Assem Abdel Razek
November 23, 2010**

The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan welcomed to a Club Assembly held at Le Vendome Hotel, the District Governor, Assem Abdel Razek, the Assistant District Governor, Yara Younes and the District Governor Representative, Jamil Mouawad.

The meeting was dedicated to reporting to the DG on the activities and achievements of RCBC so far. The club assembly was followed by a dinner that gave club members and their spouses the opportunity to socialize with DG Abdel Razek and his spouse, Past President Naguiba.

This special evening concluded with the induction of Rotaractor Christine Arzoumanian who was pinned by Past President Meguerdich Bouldoukian. Following her self-introductory remarks, she received a warm round of applause from the members, welcoming her into RCBC.



**Business Meeting - Past President George Beyrouti
November 30, 2010**

Past President George Beyrouti moderated an exciting workshop during which members discussed in depth the membership development strategy of RCBC.

The room was full of energy as members debated and contributed valuable ideas on how to attract new members and retain existing ones.

The members attending were much impressed with and enthusiastic about the session. They called for similar sessions to be devoted to other important Rotary issues .



BCRC Rotaract Club News

In September 2010, The BCRC Rotaract Club launched “Farm Day”, an all-in-one community service, professional development and club service project. Fifteen BCRC members were joined by 32 members of other Lebanese Rotaract clubs on a visit to a Farm in the Bekaa Valley. While there, they participated in team building activities led by Housam Fouladgar (Success and Life Coach and BCRAC member); learned about the organic milk process and cattle industry in Lebanon from Ms. Laurice Balech (co-founder of the Farm); had the opportunity to actually milk a cow with Ms. Balech’s assistance; and gave back to the farm by repainting the outside of the barn. As can be seen from the pictures, the Rotaractors loved their first farm experience and enjoyed the opportunity to express their creativity by painting the barn. In the process, BCRAC netted more than US \$ 400 for its Treasury.





Scholar Alida Kerbage is Doing Well

The early news from this year's RCBC scholar to the USA under the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) is most encouraging. First Alida Kerbage is enjoying thoroughly the opportunity to study in the USA and to get to know the American culture. Second, she is doing outstandingly well academically. And third, she has already made it into the press (The Coastal Courier) for giving a presentation to the Hinesville Rotary Club in Sizzlin', Georgia.



Hinesville Rotary Club President Deidre Howell congratulates Alida Kerbage, a member of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, during the Club's meeting at Western Sizzlin'.

Exchange of Banners with Orange Rotary November 18, 2010



Orange Rotarians Community Service Director Diane Clanton, on a tour of the Middle East that included Lebanon visited with a group of RCBC Rotarians in Beirut on Wednesday November 18 and exchanged banners with President Subhi Jarudi. She had been introduced to PP Habib Bassoul by Michael Abdalla, PP of Orange Rotarians and past Trustee of the Rotary Foundation.



Top five reasons to support The Rotary Foundation

By contributing to the Foundation, you help support the Foundation's six areas of focus, which help to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. By giving US\$100 a year through the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) initiative, you become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. Contributions to EREY are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs.

Here are a few ways your contributions are making change possible.

5. Fighting hunger

In Romania, orphans and sick children have eggs, milk, and meat because of a Foundation grant that benefits local farmers. The farmers are able to buy everything from animal feed to packaging materials. There is one stipulation: They must donate a portion of their products to children's hospitals, schools, and orphanages.

In Alaska, USA, the Rotary Club of Anchorage East is also fighting hunger by distributing food to low-income families through a mobile food pantry.

Projects such as these help address the areas of focus of maternal and child health as well as economic and community development.



4. Reducing child mortality

The Rotary clubs of Jaela-Kandana, Western Province, Sri Lanka, and Madras Northwest, Tamil Nadu, India, are helping to reduce child mortality by providing improved sanitation facilities for 15 families in a small community in Sri Lanka. With a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, the clubs have built 14 toilets, helping to prevent diarrhea and other diseases related to poor sanitation.

According to the World Health Organization, 1.8 million children die of diarrhea every year, making it the second leading cause of death among children under five. Proper sanitation can reduce the rate of child mortality in many communities by up to a third. Water and sanitation is the third area of focus.

3. Promoting peace and conflict resolution

Watching civil war tear apart his homeland of Côte d'Ivoire instilled in Rotary Peace Fellow Kouame Remi Oussou a passion to resolve conflict. He is now working for the United Nations Development Programme in the Central African Republic, a country that weathered periodic internal fighting before a comprehensive peace accord took effect in 2007.

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders in promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and conflict resolution.

2. Basic education and literacy

Education helps rebuild lives, whether it's in small rural towns or in war-torn countries. For example, a literacy project sponsored by U.S. Rotarians in conjunction with the International Reading Association (IRA) is helping Sudanese refugees rebuild their communities by equipping them to teach future generations.

The Southern Sudan Teacher Training Initiative provides refugees of the country's decades-long civil war, who are known as the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan, with teacher training materials, guidance, and support to help them teach students in kindergarten through eighth grade. "People returning from refugee camps to rebuild their lives in Duk County are hungry for books and school supplies," says John Dau, a Lost Boy, humanitarian, and founder of the John Dau Foundation.

1. Eradicating polio

Around the world, Rotarians are taking millions of steps in walkathons, diving into icy ocean waters, and participating in other fundraisers to help Rotary fulfill its promise to rid the world of polio. Si Burgher, of the Rotary Club of Bloomfield, Indiana, USA, raised almost \$1,600 by having his shaggy eyebrows shaved.

Rotary launched its PolioPlus program in 1985. Since then, eradicating polio has been the organization's top priority.

Members' Happy Moments ☺

Happy Birthday to PP Theodory George (Nov. 01) and HS Michel Ghanem (Nov. 10).

RCBC wishes you a wonderful year of health, prosperity, and happiness.