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Water Heating System to Schneller Institute October 30, 2011

The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan -- in collaboration with RC Phoenix, Arizona, USA, RC Santa Monica, California, USA and RC Wasserburg, Bavaria, Germany, donated a Solar Water Heating System to J.L. Schneller Institute in Kherbet Kanafar, West Bekaa, Lebanon.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by representatives from the clubs who took part in sponsoring this project. The ceremony was followed by a lunch at "Le Relais Dionysos" at Chateau Kefraya.





Dinner Meeting - H.E. Mr. Svein Aass, Norwegian Ambassador October 04, 2011



H.E. Mr. Svein Aass, the Ambassador of Norway to Lebanon, was the guest speaker of the club at a dinner meeting at Le Vendome Hotel. His subject was “The Global Financial Crisis as Seen From Norway, an Oil Exporting Nation.”

Norway is one of the world's richest countries in per capita terms. Metals, pulp and paper products, chemicals, shipbuilding, and fishing are its most significant traditional industries.

Norway's emergence as a major oil and gas producer in the mid-1970s transformed the economy. The influx of oil revenue permitted Norway to expand an already extensive social welfare system. During the decade up to the mid-1980s, the huge sums of capital poured into the offshore oil sector also led to increases in Norwegian production costs and wages that were greater than in the rest of Western Europe. In recent years, labor costs have continued to increase faster than in Norway's major trading partners, eroding

industrial competitiveness. Norway thus has an important stake in promoting a liberal foreign trade environment.

Norway's prudent fiscal and financial policies are legend. Its Government Pension Fund is considered a model for the preservation of national assets for future generations. These policies, coupled with the high prices in world markets for its energy and fisheries exports, the global financial crisis has had only a limited impact on Norway. Norway's unemployment rate increased slightly -- to stand at 3.4% in April 2011.

Business Meeting - Dr. Shireen Maalouf, President of Résonance Liban October 25, 2011

Dr. Shireen Maalouf talked about the mission of the Résonance Foundation and its latest successful events in Lebanon. The Foundation was established by the renowned pianist, Elizabeth Sombart, in Morges, Switzerland. Currently, it has six branches all over the world.



The mission of Résonance is first to promote music among youth and take classical music through voluntary programs to prisons, hospitals, institutions for the disabled and nursing homes -- places where music is not usually heard. The second aim of the Foundation is to build and maintain Résonance schools based on free-of-charge teachings and nurture an open mindset towards the world.

Dr. Maalouf shared pictures and news from the latest Résonance music performances at the Cedars Reserve, at the Children's Cancer Center in Beirut and at the Bourj el Barajneh Palestinian Refugee camp, also in the Beirut area.

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

RCBC Rotaract Club

Our Rotaract Club has a new website that we invite you to visit
<<https://www.sites.google.com/site/beirutcosmo/home>>

New Members Join RCBC



H.E. Mr. Svein Aass
Honorary Member
October 04, 2011

Ms. Nazira Hariri
Banking and Management
October 04, 2011



Members' Happy Moments ☺

Happy Birthday to PP Habib Bassoul (Oct. 08), RT Nabil Challah (Oct. 10) and PE Asaad Salhab (Oct. 18)

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