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Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan Newsletter — October —> December — 2016



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BOULOS



I would like to take this opportunity to wish every member of RCBC, our extended families and the network of RCBC friends a very happy and prosperous New Year. I hope everyone also had a joyous and peaceful Holiday Season. The past few months have gone by quickly and productively for RCBC. Many projects were accomplished and initiated for this year AND MANY YEARS TO COME.

OCTOBER 2016 PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

"BZ Kidz" Presentation by Ms. Azadeh Islamy



Guest speaker Ms. Azadeh Islamy President and Founder of BZ Kidz a non profit youth organization informed RCBC about her NGO and its after-school activities at two schools. Students receive tutoring and snacks to tide them over as the school day is long. She is currently funding the project on her own with some fundraising, which is very limited. Several RCBC members expressed an interest in assisting with the project.

"Classification Talk" by Rotarian Mohamad Baltagi



Rotarian Mohamad Baltagi Procurement manager at the Hariri Foundation talked about his impressive achievements. The attendees were impressed by Mr. Baltagi's high level of devotion towards the community and RCBC can only be proud of having Mr. Baltagi among its members. Welcome Mohamad to the RCBC family.

"Uruguay & Lebanon Relationships" by HE Dr. Marta Pizzanelli



HE Dr. Marta Pizzanelli Ambassador of Uruguay talked about the actual panorama of Uruguay, the bilateral relations between Lebanon and Uruguay, the Influence of the Lebanese Community in Uruguay and an update on Mercosur- Lebanon trade negotiations.

"Compliance Culture" by Mr. Mohamad Said el Hoss



Mr. Mohamad Said el Hoss -Head of the Compliance department at Arab Bank PLC- talked about the Compliance culture in Banks. The good news was that the banking sector of the Lebanese economy is doing very well and is very stable.

BCRAC 2016 PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

At the end of October, BCRAC (Beirut Cosmopolitan Rotaract Club) held a fun fellowship that was very seasonal for sure. The photos bellow will tell the story. These are young adults who want to impact society in a positive way and raise funds to do so. RCBC sponsors BCRAC.



It seems they had a great time! Mabrouk BCRAC!

RCBC/ROTARY COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 10

Business Meeting w/Speaker
PP Rony Farra, RC Beirut Cedars
"Global Rewards Program"

JANUARY 17

PDG.Khalil AL SHARIF
Representing DG Saeed Bin Belaila
(7:30—9:00)

JANUARY 24

Dinner Meeting w/Speaker
Mr. Stephan Ataly
Director General de L'ESA

JANUARY 31

Business Meeting w/Speaker
Chef Maroun Chedid (Tentative)

WHY JOIN ROTARY???

5. CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY.

Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most proactive and involved citizens in its respective community.

6. CONTINUING EDUCATION. Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed as to what is going on in the community, nation, and world.

7. FUN. Rotary is fun...in fact, it's a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. And the service is fun..

8. PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS. The number one fear of all Americans...even greater than the fear of death itself...is the fear of public speaking. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and provides plenty of opportunities to speak!

9. CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD. Every Rotarian wears a pin that reads "Rotary International". And every Rotarian is welcome...even encouraged to attend one of the over 29,000 clubs in 163 nations and other geographical regions. There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club.

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 Website

www.rcbclebanon.org

RCBC Facebook Page

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



NOVEMBER 2016 PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

"Paul Guiragossian" by Rotarian Silva Guiragossian



RCBC Rotarian Silva Guiragossian, talked about her late father, the internationally praised Lebanese Armenian painter: Paul Guiragossian. Silva talked about her father as philosopher, painter and generous contributor to the needy; his inspiration as well as his achievements and international success.

RCBC and RC Beyrouth Joint Dinner Meeting w/Guest Speaker: Dr. Fadlo Khuri, President, American University of Beirut
"AUB as a Driver of Innovation and Economic Equity"



RCBC and RC de Beyrouth jointly welcomed Dr. Fadlo Khuri. Dr. Khuri has been recently appointed as the new AUB President and is off to a fast and ambitious tenure based on his comments. His of AUB as a driving force in Lebanon's economy is sure the message all Lebanese want to hear. Congratulations and welcome to

Lebanon. We are hopeful that this will not be the last time Dr. Khuri will be in attendance.

NOVEMBER 15 WAS AN RCBC CLUB ASSEMBLY HELD TO DISCUSS CLUB ISSUES AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP ONLY.

"Joining our Forces to Protect our Youth" by Mrs Souraya Frem, President and CEO of Cenacle de la Lumiere



Cenacle de la Lumiere -a Lebanese NGO with 10 years of service- talked about the achievements of Cenacle de la Lumiere, the addiction recovery programs, their Partners, the available recovery programs, Prevention activities, and campaigns and conferences. As all know the toll that substance abuse takes on

our youth in Lebanon and throughout the world is frightening. We commend Mrs. Frem and encourage continued work to assist our community.

RCBC Yearly Orphans Christmas Lunch 2016



On Saturday December 10th. RCBC invited hundreds of orphans coming from different regions, religions and even countries. The event that took place at the Teleferic Harissa included the cable car ride, many activities, magician show, games, lunch and finally the distribution of gifts.

DECEMBER 2016 PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

RCBC Elections General Assembly

On December 6, 2016, RCBC held its annual elections for 2018-19



(L-R Front Row: PP Mimi Hamam, Incoming President Rabab Safieddine, **President Elect Nora Hadad**: L-R Back Row: Nadim Hissen, Treasurer, PP Eduard Rassie, PP Habib Basoul, PP Mounire Jaber)

Rotarian Nora Haddad was elected unanimously as the President Elect. She has served on several club committees and is

the Club Secretary for this year. Mabrouk to President Joe who is having a great and productive year, to Rabab who will take over for Joe in July, 2017 and to Nora who will assume the presidency in July, 2018. Your willingness to serve is very much honored and appreciated.

"Election Reforms in Divided Society and the Case of Lebanon" - By Dr. Imad Salameh



Needless to say, Dr. Salameh is an expert in this field making his presentation informative, interesting and lively. Election reform in Lebanon is a hot topic for sure with several plans currently being proposed within the government. Let us all hope that a consensus is formed to help move Lebanon forward.



RCBC had the pleasure to host during the dinner meeting Rotarians PP Robert Bartles and Rt Mathew Rinker from RC Burlington Iowa, and Rt Andrew Bartles from RC Dalian PRC. It is hoped that the Iowa clubs can join with REBC in current and future projects. Welcome!

Haifa Hospital Medical Machine Handover Ceremony



RCBC members, and Rotarians from Lebanese and International Rotary clubs were present during the delivery of the advanced Laparoscopic and Ultrasound Machines to the Haifa Hospital. The hospital serves thousands of patients that cannot afford to pay the medical treatment fees living in underprivileged areas.

HO Wheelchairs to St. Elie

RCBC has been involved in the distribution of wheelchairs in Lebanon for many years. This year is no exception. Several chairs were donated to the St. Elie Home For The Elderly in Saïda. RCBC is hopeful that this program can continue for a long time' but it is donor dependent from several Rotary clubs in the USA and Lebanon.





SCENES FROM THE 2016 RCBC CHRISTMAS PARTY



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