

# Rotary

## Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan



1995-2020



The Four Way Test

**Rotary**



1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

*In memory of our beloved  
Past President and fellow member  
Toni Asfour*





The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan (RCBC), sponsored by Rotary Club de Beyrouth, received its charter from The Rotary Foundation International on June 21, 1995. RCBC covers the Greater Beirut area. As a cosmopolitan club, RCBC adopted English as its official language in order to accommodate non-Arabic speaking expatriates and guests.

With 25 charter members at inception, RCBC now has some 44 active men and women dedicated to “Service above Self” and community support. Arising from the deep concern of its members since inception about the traumatic effects of a 15-year civil war on the Lebanese population, RCBC service projects have been dedicated to community support, as well as displaced people and refugees in fields such as child education, elderly support, and donations to reduce the financial burden of medical treatment. RCBC continues to contribute to improving the quality of life of the Lebanese population through vocational service projects aimed at increasing national wealth through higher productivity. The Club’s contribution to the Community exceeded USD 5 Mio in global grants and service projects.

For the Rotary Year 2019-2020, between July 2019 and June 2020, the value of the delivered global grant projects was USD 328,000. The projects submitted to the Rotary Foundation are valued at USD 314,000. The value of the projects in the pipeline is USD 225,000. The value of Service Projects is USD 15,000. The total value of the projects for the Rotary Year 2019-2020 is around USD 900,000 covering multiple areas of focus.

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Dear Rotarians,

The sign for the end of the best is blinking. I made all efforts this year to satisfy my dream to make everything possible for clubs in district 2452 to prosper. Some clubs followed the light and excelled. Some clubs followed their dream with no guidance and they were circling and getting nowhere. Other clubs were just silent and making noise on occasional outbreaks following the dreams of others.

Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan is one of those clubs who followed my light! Actually RCBC excelled further and established its thunder light to follow. Your presence and existence made a difference with your lively presence in grants as well as serving your community, not mentioning the club's contribution to The Rotary Foundation.

The loss of PP Tony Asfour made a big impact in the district and your club. I am still in grief for those Rotarians who dedicated their life to serve and to connect the world without ever thinking of segregation and humiliation of others.

Good luck for your future years. Wish you all the best from the depth of my heart.

**Shawkat Tadros**  
**District Governor 2019-2020**



Dear fellow Rotarians at Rotary club of Beirut Cosmopolitan,

Congratulations for a vibrant year despite all the instability and uncertainty that our country is passing through. Indeed, you are People of Action who can adapt and who had made a lot of impact on their society through service projects addressing community needs.

Congratulations for a remarkable sum of \$867,800 of Global Grants, ranging between completed projects and submitted proposals. This is a major advantage of Rotary that your club is mastering in order to expand your reach and do good to your community. We cannot mention Global Grants without remembering the Late Rotarian Tony Asfour whom we lost this year; may his soul rest in peace.

Your club refused to be held as a hostage of the current circumstances; nor did it allow any physical separation to become a social separation; on the contrary, your outstanding regular guest speakers' sessions were nonstop.

As Rotary International President Mark Meloney said in the Virtual RI Convention 2020: "Rotary offers something special no other organization can match – an existing infrastructure that allow people from all over the world to connect in a spirit of service and peace."

Today, those connections are a network that spans the globe, bridging cultural, linguistic, generational, and geographic barriers, and shares the vision of a better world.



Well Done President Adib and fellow Rotarians for all your outstanding achievements this year. I urge the incoming President and Board to keep up the momentum, and to always stand out as a distinguished club that others look at as a lead by example.

All the best,

**Bana Kalash Kobrosly**  
**Deputy District Governor 2019 – 2020**

Dear President Adib, Fellow Rotarians  
Members of Rotary Club Beirut  
Cosmopolitan,

Allow me first to express my gratitude  
and satisfaction to all RCBC members  
for your action during our Year together  
2019-2020.

Rotary Connects the Word is Rotary  
President Daniel Maloney theme. He  
asked to share His theme widely with  
fellow club  
members to help create enthusiasm and  
excitement for the year 2019-2020 and  
requested by working together we can  
truly accomplish great things.

Every time i visited your club , I was  
impressed by all members for their  
dedication to serve the community,  
moreover to all that , Monthly  
District Governor Shawat Tadros  
recommendations were done at every  
given chance.

Despite the pandemic COVID-19, you  
didn't give up. Meetings continued online  
with prominent guests such as peter kyle:  
rotary international director and dean of  
rotary representative network. Service  
Projects continued supporting ,with the  
effort of all members ,the community  
with success and namely in May the  
donation of a Zeus MS39 eye  
machine to the AUBMC ophthalmology  
dept and an ambulance for the Lebanese  
Red Cross.

On top of all that , you have boosted your  
active members in the club and you have  
extended the image of the club through  
your digital newsletter MARHABA.



I have summarized the course and the  
successes of the club and as I started my  
letter , I will finish by thanking you for  
the year spent together.

Wish all the success for the incoming  
president Habib Saba, for the incoming  
rotary year 2020-2021.

**Samir Constantin**  
**Assistant District Governor 2019-**  
**2020**

Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

The Rotary Year 2019-20 proved to be the  
most challenging year for RCBC starting  
with the October 2019 Revolution,  
Sovereign Default, LBP devaluation,  
stressed economic and social situation  
and the COVID19 Pandemic. However this  
has not stopped RCBC from the leading  
the way in a distressed community.  
Despite violent riots and closed roads,  
our Club members continued to attend  
the club meetings where distinguished  
speakers were invited. Despite the  
difficult economic situation, our Club has  
exceeded its service and global grant  
budget to serve the community. Despite  
the COVID19 pandemic, RCBC members,  
BCRAC and ICBC have distributed food  
boxes to the needy, PPE to health centers  
and equipment to hospitals.  
The value of all projects our Club  
prepared was around USD 900,000. Six  
global grants (GG) worth around USD  
334,000 were delivered. Four GGs worth  
USD 275,000 were submitted to the  
Rotary Foundation and two GGs worth  
USD 264,000 are in the final stages of  
preparation.

The operations of our Club were  
modernized and digitized. For the first  
time in the history of RCBC, online  
meetings were held. These meetings were  
very successful with high attendance  
rates from members and foreign  
Rotarians. That permitted our Club to  
hold online meetings with foreign Rotary  
Clubs. A Cloud Database was built this  
year and permitted all members to  
access the Club's resources anytime and  
anywhere. Online meetings were recorded  
and made accessible to all.  
Fourteen joint meetings were held  
with local and foreign Rotary clubs to  
strengthen our relationship and fellowship  
with other Rotary Clubs  
Our Club has welcomed three new young  
members and RCBC has granted the  
Honorary membership to Marc Torbey



Helou. Sadly, our Club lost one of its  
main pillars PP Tony Asfour in the honor  
of whom a Scholarship program was  
established by RCBC.

On the 25th anniversary of our Club, a  
new visual identity was designed and  
implemented this year. The new Club  
Banner is a modernized and dynamic  
brand image of our Club that has now  
entered a new modern era.

A new Twinning agreement was signed  
with the Rotary Club of Benevento that  
was translated with joint initiatives  
between the two clubs.

Numerous fellowship activities were held  
throughout the year to strengthen our  
fellowship ties.

The Interact Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan  
was officially chartered in March 2020.  
These accomplishments were translated  
into awards at the District Conference  
where our Club was awarded five cups  
and one certification of merit. In  
addition, we hope to receive soon the  
District Governor Citation and the Rotary  
Presidential Citation. I can only imagine  
what we could have accomplished if it  
was a normal year.

This success was possible thanks to  
the involvement and participation of all  
members and committees.

**Adib Mounla**  
**President 2019-2020**



***"Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end."***

Dear President Habib Saba,

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends at Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan, I am honored to serve as your Assistant Governor for the upcoming Rotary year 2020-2021, a very challenging year for all of us. Humankind is again threatened by a pandemic virus so strong it is affecting every single detail of our entire existence. To fight it, The Rotary Foundation has approved more than \$4.7 million in disaster response grants to address the COVID-19 pandemic. As for us, challenges will be extreme and we Rotarians will make a difference by helping the club, the Rotary and the community surpass these heavy challenges. We will make a difference to humanity, I am sure, after all we are brought together for the same purpose of "Serving others Above Self."

RI President Holger Knaack's theme for 20-21, Rotary Opens Opportunities, asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action, and improve the lives of those in need. In this spirit I look forward working closely with President Habib Saba, his board, club committees and of course the club members. My primary role as AG is assisting the District Governor Mazen Alumran with his administration and as



guidelines the district 2452 theme "For a Better Tomorrow" to help you deliver another successful year, thus adding to Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan track record of achievements another success story. We have not started yet & your club under President Habib Saba already have projects well defined, scoped and funds estimated. Everything is ready well planned just waiting for the right moment to be implemented in the best Rotarian way.

On behalf of our District Governor Mazen Alumran I congratulate President Habib Saba, the board and all the members of Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan and wish you all a successful exceptional Rotarian year in an exceptional period for humankind, I promise you to serve your club the best Rotarian way possible.

Best Rotarian Regards

**Dr Rami Sarkis**  
**Assistant Governor RY 20-21**  
**President RCB Cedars RY 18- 19**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is with a sense of privilege and responsibility that I look forward to serving as your President for Rotary year 2020-2021. This Rotary year marks a special milestone - the silver jubilee year of our club with 25 years of service to the community since our club was chartered in 1995. As we look forward to the next 25 years we recognize and applaud the great efforts and achievements made over the last 25 years by our past Presidents, associated Boards and committees, the club members and friends, and the Rotary family generally. Without their commitment, contributions and sacrifices we could not be here to celebrate this milestone and to continue to serve our community going forward. If this accomplishment is the silver lining that propels us forward then the dark cloud currently hovering over our country is reflected in the fact that the state of Greater Lebanon is fighting the biggest battle of its 100 year history with the current political, economic and financial meltdown. To exacerbate matters a pandemic is currently ravaging the entire globe wreaking havoc with the global economy. The implications are significantly tangible and widespread with a large percentage of our population continually being forced below the poverty line even as we write. While these dire times may otherwise be reason to despair there is in this period in our recent history no more compelling a calling for us as Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors to combine efforts and come to the aid of our community. If there was ever a moment to define through our deeds what the Rotary family is all about this undoubtedly has to be it. In that context our enduring club vision "Enhanced quality of life for all in our community" has never been more pertinent.

Unquestionably our emphasis for the year will be to aid the ever increasingly underprivileged, marginalized and vulnerable in our community through immediate relief and sustainable support with the widest possible impact. We shall place special emphasis on



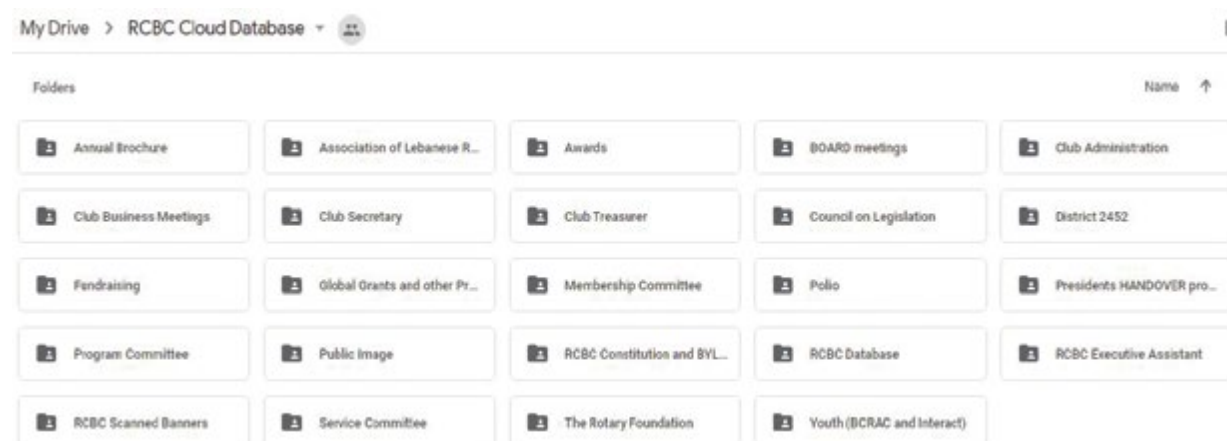
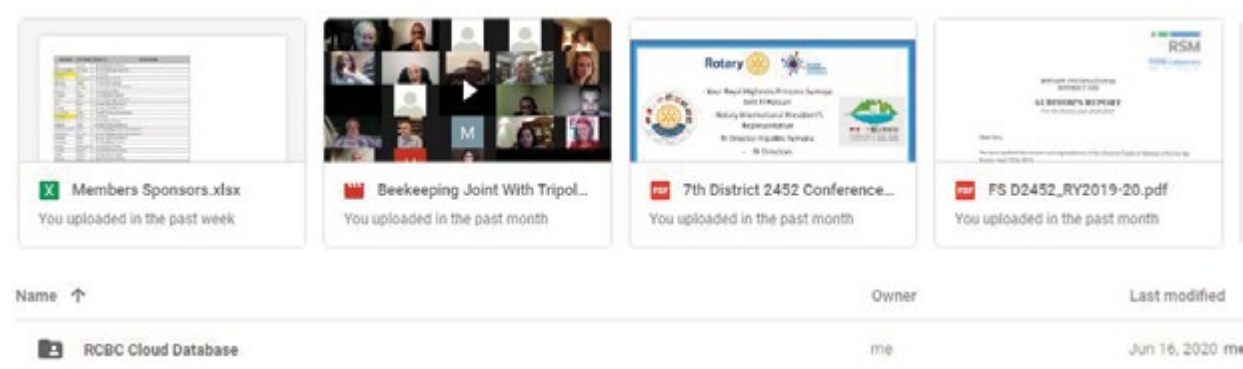
healthcare and disease treatment, and community economic development through sustainable solutions which where possible also provide positive environmental impact. These objectives are succinctly encapsulated in our theme for the year "Sustainable Living". Naturally with the persistence of the Corona virus pandemic, at least for the foreseeable future, and the continued need for self-isolation and physical distancing, we will need to leverage technology and identify innovative methods to meet virtually when necessary in order to conduct our club business. No doubt we will also be able to rely on the ingenuity, creativity and youthful energy of our Rotaractors and Interactors in a collaborative effort as we strive to fulfill our common objectives. Indeed Rotary opens doors to opportunities, to borrow from the incoming year's RI theme, and during this incoming Rotary year the circumstances that prevail present more "opportunities" than ever in recent living memory for us to join hands as club members, Rotaractors and Interactors to serve our community with the widest possible impact.

On behalf of the incoming team we count on your support!

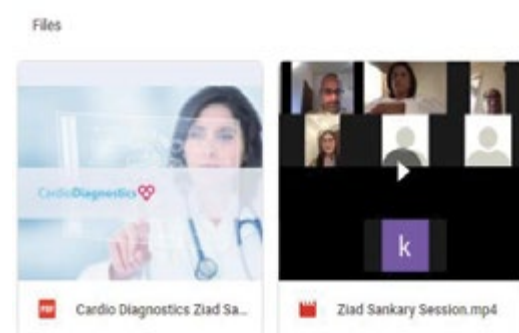
**Habib Saba**  
**President 2020-2021**

RCBC has entered a new modern era. The database and resources of the Club were stored in a cloud database accessible at any moment by all club members. The Club took advantage of the advances in technology by conducting Online meetings. This was done during the COVID19 confinement period, in addition to joint online meetings with the foreign Rotary Clubs.

All meeting material including presentations, recorded online sessions, Committee meeting minutes, board meeting minutes, Committees' resources, Club banners, Rotary learning material and resources are now available for all members on the club dataset and accessible at any moment with a click of a button.



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CLOUD DATABASE



ONLINE MEETINGS

RCBC has modernized its brand image by redesigning its Club Banner. The new Banner was designed by RCBC member Joelle Feghali and is in line with all the Rotary International public image guidelines and requirements. It represents the exact skyline of Beirut including both modern and traditional landmarks and conveys a cosmopolitan and dynamic image of our Club.



Old banner design

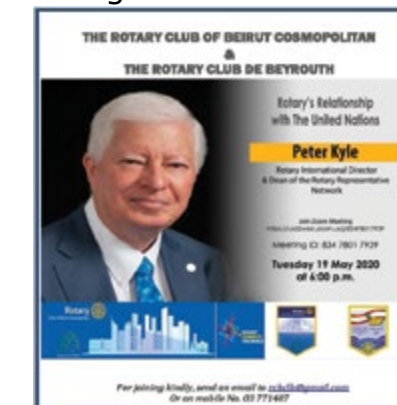


New banner

Old Meeting Invitation Design



New Meeting Invitation Design





**The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan is a leading Club in global grant projects. This is due to the multiplier effect that is offered by the Rotary Foundation. Projects should fall under one of the six areas of focus:**

- **Peace building and conflict prevention**
- **Disease prevention and Treatment**
- **Water, sanitation and hygiene**
- **Maternal and child health**
- **Basic education and literacy**
- **Community economic development**

#### **Global Grants Projects Handed Over in 2019-2020**

##### ***1-Mission de Vie - Palliative Hospital Disease Prevention and Treatment***

Value: \$ 53,000  
Handover Date: August 2019  
Financed equipment :  
Autoclave 18 Liters  
Syringe Pump  
Antibedsore Air Mattress  
Respirator  
Machine for aspiration of Bronchial secretions  
Cardiovascular Monitors  
Beds

##### ***2-Elpis Home Clinic***

Disease Prevention and Treatment  
Value: \$ 51,000  
Handover Date : November 2019  
Financed equipment :  
Dental Chair  
State of the art Ophthalmology Equipment

##### ***3-Child and Mother Welfare Society***

Maternal and child health  
Value: \$ 58,000  
Handover Date: February 2020  
Financed equipment:  
Dental Chair  
2 Birthing Beds

2 Infant Warmers

##### ***4- Hotel Dieu Hospital - Heartbeat***

Disease Prevention and Treatment  
Maternal and child health  
10 Heart Surgeries for Children  
Value: \$ 55,000

##### ***5- AUB MC Ophthalmology Dept.***

Disease Prevention and Treatment  
Value: \$ 75,000  
Handover Date: May 2020  
Handover Equipment  
OCT System Zeus MS 39 Machine

##### ***6- Lebanese Red Cross Ambulance***

Disease Prevention and Treatment  
Value: \$ 42,000  
Handover Date May 2020  
Handover item: Fully Equipped Ambulance

***Total value of handed over global grants: USD 334,000***

#### **Global Grants Submitted to the Rotary Foundation**

##### ***7- COVID19 Respiratory Ventilators and PPE***

Disease Prevention and Treatment  
Value: \$ 45,000  
Financed Equipment : 4 Respiratory Ventilators and Stock of PPE  
Expected Handover Date June – July 2020

##### ***8- New Generation Peace Builders***

Peace building and conflict prevention  
Value: \$ 90,000  
Status: Funding Fully Secured

##### ***9- Rotary IHE Delft Global Grant Water & Sanitation Scholarship***

RCBC Share: \$ 1,500

##### ***10-COVID19 Lebanese Rotary Clubs Global Grant***

RCBC Share: \$ 2,500  
Disease Prevention and Treatment  
Expected Handover Date June – July 2020

##### ***11- Gift of Live Project lead by RC Sahel el Metn***

Disease prevention and treatment  
Maternal and child health  
RCBC Share: \$ 2,500  
Handover date: June 30th 2020

##### ***12- Tanzania District Grant by RC Belleville***

Disease prevention and treatment  
Financed items: 3 anaesthetic machines for Tanzania  
Project Value USD 23,000  
RCBC Share: \$ 2,000  
Expected Handover Ceremony July – August 2020

##### ***13- Schneller School***

Community Economic Development  
Financed Items : Supply of Photovoltaic Solar Panels to the Schneller School – Bekaa  
Project Value : \$133,000  
Status: Funding Fully Secured

***Total Value of Projects submitted to The Rotary Foundation : USD 275,000***

#### **Global Grant in the Pipeline**

##### ***14- Dar el Ajaza el Islamiah***

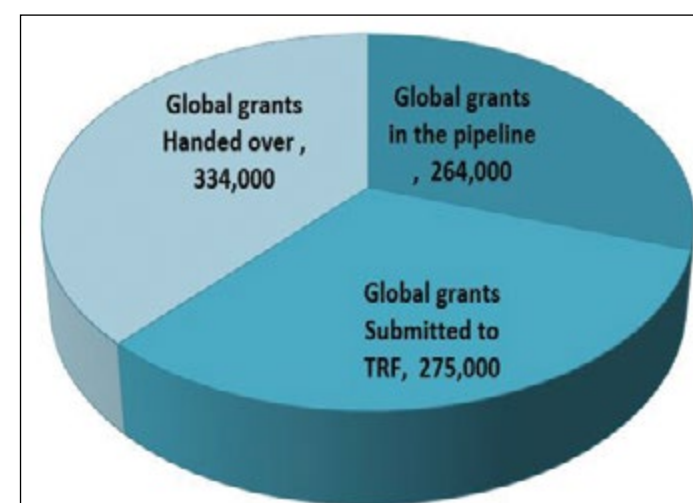
Disease prevention and treatment  
Financed Items: ENT Clinic to the Hospital  
Project Value : USD 39,000  
Status: 80% of the funds are secured

##### ***15-German Evangelical Academy of Technology***

Basic Education and Literacy  
Financed Items: Equipment for the Academy and VTT  
Value: \$ 225,000  
Status: Application under preparation

***Total value of Global grants under preparation : USD 264,000***

#### **Global Grants Summary**



#### **Service Projects**

***Total Value USD 15,600***

- 1- RCBC Children Christmas Event
- 2- Food Boxes Packing with RC Beirut Cedars
- 3- RCBC Distribution of Food Boxes
- 4- Dar el Ajaza el Islamiah Wheelchairs Donation
- 5- Distribution of PPE to Dar el Rahma Elderly Home
- 6- Distribution of 30 Wheelchairs to the Underprivileged and NGOs
- 7- Distribution of PPE to Hopital du Sacré Coeur
- 8- Saghbine School: Supply of Laptops, routers and projectors. Joint project with other Lebanese Rotary Clubs
- 9- Strategic Cooperation between RCBC and Offre Joie



### **1-Mission de Vie - Palliative Hospital Disease Prevention and Treatment Mission de Vie**



Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan (RCBC) was proud to have its first handover of RY 2019-2020. This Global Grant project (GG1874037) was initiated and led by PP Edouard Rassie in response to the need of the hospital for equipment used for palliative care to alleviate the suffering of terminally ill patients. The completion of this GG took slightly over one year and it would not have been possible without our local and international partners. Guests were welcomed warmly by Sister Juliana Chamoun (Project Coordinator), Souer Dolly Aoun (Director of the Hospital) and Souer Lara el Hajj and of course the smiles of the patients which were most heartwarming. RCBC as the host club was represented by P Adib Mounla, PP Tony Asfour and Mary, PP Mounir Jabre and Rimane, IPP Mona Jarudi and PP Subhi Jarudi, PP Edouard Rassie and Rita, PP Joe Boulos, PP Mimi Hamam and PP May Khoury. Many thanks go to our international partner RC LA Cedars who were ably represented by P Mark Soufi, PP Ferris Wehbe and his wife Debbie and PP Wissam Takieddine. Thanks go to our local partners RC Metn

represented by P Najah Elias, PP Kamal Katra and PP Michael Saneh and to RC Cedars P Antoine Keldany whose club has always been a great supporter of our projects. Soeur Lara el Hajj gave the audience an overview about the Hospital of the Providence. 96 patients were admitted since 2016 with an average age of 73 years (ages range from 47 to 97). Most patients hail from Lebanon but some are received from Palestine and Jordan. The average length of the stay in the hospital is 78 days. The patients come suffering from a range of diseases and with no financial means to have a dignified last few days in their lives, pain free. The hospital relies totally on donations, and RCBC is very proud to add this humanitarian project to a chain of other projects in Mission de Vie and the community at large. The received hospital equipment comprised of autoclave, syringe pump, bed and antisore air mattress, respirator, machine for aspiration of bronchial secretions and a cardiovascular monitor.



### **2- Elpis Home Clinic Visit**

The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan (District 2452), in partnership with the Rotary Club of Lebanon, Indiana (District 6560), and the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg, Florida (District 6950), as well as contributions from private donors, secured a global grant from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International to help provide a complete dental clinic and state-of-the-art ophthalmology equipment to the Elpis HOME Clinic in Fanar, Lebanon. Health Outreach to The Middle East (HOME) was established in 1990 in the USA by Arab-American medical professionals with the aim to reach the underserved and displaced population of the Middle East.



The handover ceremony was attended by the President of HOME Lebanon, Dr. Kamal Badre, the President of the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan, Mr. Adib Mounla, the Korean Ambassador, his excellency Young Dae Kwon, as well as a number of Rotarians, HOME staff, and guests.





### 3- Child and Mother Welfare Society

The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan (primary sponsor) together with the Rotary Club of Burlington (Primary International Sponsor), RC Fort Madison, RC Mount Pleasant, RC Mount Pleasant Noon, RI District 2452 and 6000, the Rotary International plus a personal Contribution from PP Mounir Jabre collaborated towards the success of the Child and Mother Welfare Society global grant valued at USD 56,000.

The event took place at the premises of the Child and Mother Welfare Society in the presence of RCBC members, Board of Directors of the CMWS and the medical and administrative teams.

Past President Mounir Jabre delivered a speech on behalf of PP Bob Bartles who could not attend due to the situation in the country. RCBC members were given a full tour of the facility.

The equipment handed over under the global grant are :

- 2 Babytherm (infant warmer)
- 1 Dental Chair
- 2 Birthing Beds
- 4 Wheelchairs



### 4- Hotel Dieu Hospital - 10 heart Surgeries

Every year around 600 children are born in Lebanon with heart disease. Without medical treatment some would die before the age of 1, however with proper treatment 95% will be cured.

Within the scope of its humanitarian mission, the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan, the Rotary Club of San Mateo, RC Unley and the Rotary Foundation, 10 Children heart surgeries were provided.

The dedication ceremony took place on February 17th 2020 at the center of Congenital heart disease at the Hotel Dieu de France hospital in the presence of Rotarians as well as doctors and staff from the hospital and Heartbeat.

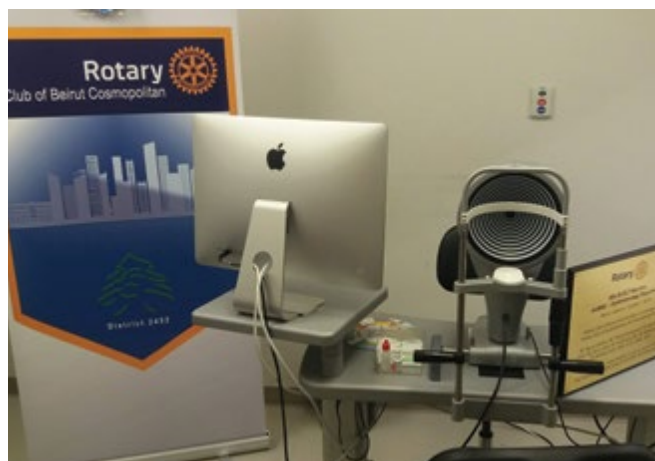




**5- AUB MC Ophthalmology Dept.**

The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan (primary host), in collaboration with Rotary Club of South Bunbury, AU (International Partner), RC Beirut Cedars, RC Tripoli Cosmopolis, RC San Mateo (CA), RC Reno (NV), RC Guildford (UK), RC Belleville (CA), RI Districts 2452, 9465, 5150, 6560, 1145 and THE ROTARY FOUNDATION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, have financed a ZEUS MS39 OCT Machine that was provided to the American University of Beirut Medical Center – Ophthalmology Department.

Dr. Bahaa Nouredine has provided the visiting Rotarians an overview on the capabilities of the ZEUS MS39 Machine especially in identifying anomalies in the patients' eyes.

**6- Lebanese Red Cross Ambulance**

The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan (primary host), in collaboration with RC Lebanon (primary international partner), RC Beirut Cedars, RC de Beyrouth, RC LA Cedars, RC Elche Ilce, RC Elche, EC Almoradi, RC Orihuela, RC Neede, RC Picton, and the Rotary Foundation have financed the conversion of a brand new vehicle donated by PP Joe Boulos to a fully equipped ambulance. The ambulance will be operated by the Lebanese Red Cross in all Lebanese areas and will serve all communities and patients regardless of any background. This donation is highly needed especially during the COVID19 pandemic in Lebanon.

**7- COVID19 Respiratory Ventilators and PPE**

Building on a long history of success that RCBC enjoyed over the years in responding to urgent needs of the community, the current Corona crisis provided another platform where RCBC stepped up to help the vulnerable communities in Lebanon.

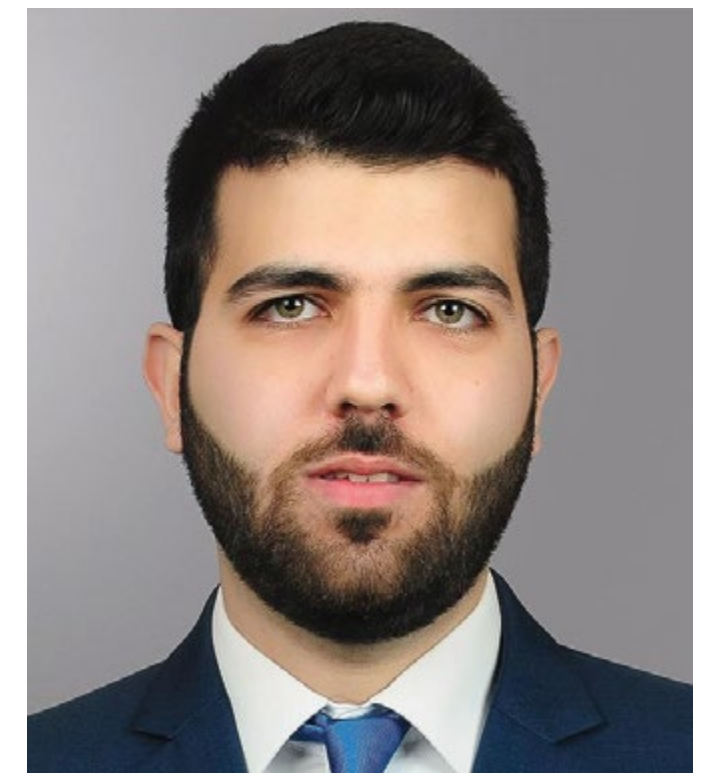
The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan (primary host), in collaboration with RC LA Cedars (primary international partner), RC Beirut Cedars, RC Paris Quai d'Orsay, RC Bietigheim Vaihingen, RC Reno, RC Schliersee, D 5280, 1841, and the Rotary Foundation have financed four locally produced Respiratory Ventilators that will be distributed to four Lebanese Hospitals. This initiative falls under the commitment of RCBC to contribute in the fight against the COVID19 Pandemic. The application is fully financed and submitted to TRF.

**8- Rotary Lebanon COVID19 Respiratory Ventilators and PPE**

Lebanese Rotary and Rotaract Clubs joined hands in the fight against COVID19 by initiating a Mega Project valued at USD 120,000 to provide PPE and Respiratory Ventilators locally manufactured and approved by MOPH. The contribution of RCBC is USD 2,500. The machine and PPE will be donated by RCBC to the Beirut Governmental Hospital Karantina. The Global Grant is already approved by TRF and the machines have been ordered.

**9- Rotary Water Scholarship GG at Delft University in The Netherlands**

RCBC and D-2452's candidate, Eng. Michel Frem, was selected out of 80 candidates worldwide for the Rotary IHE Delft Global Grant Water & Sanitation Scholarship. Michel will pursue his masters degree at IHE Delft- The Netherlands.





### 10- New Generation Peace Builders

NewGen PeaceBuilding is a Global Grant project involving D2452 (Lebanon) and D7570 (Virginia). The rationale behind NewGen PeaceBuilding is to capitalize on the awareness of young people about global issues and their desire to be involved. There is an absence of formal and informal peace education and young people are rarely invited to create and participate in national and international peace projects. Three peace initiatives are identified: Peacemaking, Peace keeping and Peace building. "On a massive scale, you can never hire enough peace-makers or peace-keepers. You have to educate and train peace-builders at the civil society level. Doing this with the youth around the world is the only chance we can achieve large-scale global peace." NewGen PeaceBuilders was launched in 2014 by Patricia Shafer, a former Rotary Peace Fellow and a current Rotarian. This project integrates scholarly work on conflict resolution, case studies, profiles of role models and project management training. The program incorporates the

Global Peace Index, Positive Peace Index and the Eight Pillars of Peace created by the Institute of Economics and Peace. This program was successfully implemented or under discussion in the US, Canada, Columbia, Bolivia, Germany, Rwanda, Brazil, Argentina, South Sudan, Serbia, Ethiopia and Lebanon.

The NewGen PeaceBuilders project "Putting Young People at the Center of Peacebuilding" will be delivered in Beirut, Lebanon. The initial beneficiaries will be 60 University students and 20 adult professionals. It is anticipated that up to 10 peace projects will be designed, implemented and evaluated during the training. Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan will be the primary host club of this GG and will be led by PDDG George Beyrouiti. This project is consistent with the emerging Rotary Theme "Sustainable Peace Through Partnership". The total value of the project is USD 90,000.



### 11- Gift of Life Project lead by RC Sahel el Metn

The Global Grant is lead by RC Sahel el Metn (primary Host). The contribution of RCBC is USD 2,500. Despite the situation in Lebanon, the heart surgeries have been initiated due to the medical urgency of the cases.



### 12- Tanzania District Grant by RC Belleville

The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan allocated USD 2,000 to a District Grant initiated by RC Belleville Canada. The total value of the grant is USD 23,000. The objective of the grant is to provide three portable anesthetic machines for Tanzania that can be used in remote areas. The machines can also be used as oxygenators for COVID19 patients.



### 13- Schneller School

The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan (primary host), in collaboration with Rotary Club of Bietigheim Vaihingen (primary international partner), , RC Ludwigsburg Alt Wurttemberg, RC Ludwigsburg, RC Backnang Marbach, RC Fledback, Districts 1830 and 1910 and THE ROTARY FOUNDATION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, have fully financed the installation of Photovoltaic solar panels and vocational training for the Schneller School – Bekaa.

### 14- Dar el Ajaza el Islamiah

The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan, in collaboration with the Rotay Club Adliya and other Rotary Clubs have initiated the Dar el Ajaza el Islamiah global grant to provide an ENT Clinic to the Hospital. The total value of the project is USD 39,000. As of June 2020, 80% of the funds were secured

### 15-German Evangelical Academy of Technology

The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan (primary host), in collaboration with Rotary Club of Pfaffenhofen a.d. Ilm (primary international partner), and other Rotary Clubs will provide office furniture and IT equipment to G.E.A.T. – Aabey.



### 1- RCBC Children Christmas Event

Per tradition, RCBC hosted an annual event where around 100 children were treated to an afternoon of fun, games and magic. This event was organized by Rt. Olga Joelle Feghali, together with our BCRAC club. The children, ages 4 to 16, hailed from the Orphanages of St. Charbel of the Sisters of the Healthy Hearts of Baabdat, St. Vincent de Paul of Beirut, and from the St. Charles School in Beirut. The children were treated to a cable car ride from Jounieh to Harissa, visited Notre Dame Cathedral and played in the beautiful gardens of the place. After a sumptuous lunch at Laura's restaurant, the children enjoyed dancing, shows and

animations and were surprised by the arrival of Santa and his magical bag of gifts. It could not have been a more perfect afternoon, thanks to PP Joe Boulos and his wife Doris who were very generous in providing the venue and helping in all the organization. Thanks as well go to the generous donations of RCBC members and to BCRAC for adding the fun touch to the whole afternoon. There is no greater reward than seeing a smile on the faces of these innocent children. Congratulations RCBC for another successful year in spreading the holiday cheer among those less fortunate. Value of the project: USD 2,500.



### 2- Food Boxes packing with RC Beirut Cedars



In the spirit of the season, RCBC joined hands with RC Beirut Cedars to help prepare food boxes to be distributed to needy families across Lebanon. This initiative was masterminded by RC Beirut Cedars who were able to amass an army of volunteers to help in alleviating hunger, especially during the hard times that Lebanon is experiencing now. RCBC contributed 55 boxes of the total. The day was an example of teamwork, solidarity and service at its best.

### 3- RCBC Distribution of Food Boxes



Taking into consideration the difficult times the country is going through and the tough economic situation, RCBC distributed food boxes as a joint initiative

with RC Beirut Cedars and the Lebanese Food Bank. Value of the project : USD 1,600



### 4- Dar el Ajaza el Islamiah Wheelchairs Donation

RC Beirut Cosmopolitan provided the Dar el Ajaza el Islamiah a stock of brand new wheelchairs as the ones available in the hospital are obsolete and in bad condition.





### 5- Distribution of PPE to Dar el Rahma Elderly Home

RC Beirut Cosmopolitan distributed a stock of Personal Protection Equipment to the Dar el Rahma Elderly Hospital-Ain Saade. The stock mainly included, medical gloves and surgical masks. The hospital's stock of PPE was depleted and the patients and medical team were highly exposed to the COVID19. Value of the project : USD 1,000



### 6-Distribution of 30 Wheelchairs to the underprivileged and NGOs

Thirty wheelchairs were distributed to patients from underprivileged backgrounds in addition to the following NGOs: Mohamad Khaled, Child and Mother Welfare Society, Dar el Ajaza el Islamiah, Amel Association, Darbessama, Inta Akhi and other NGOs. Value of the project USD 4,500



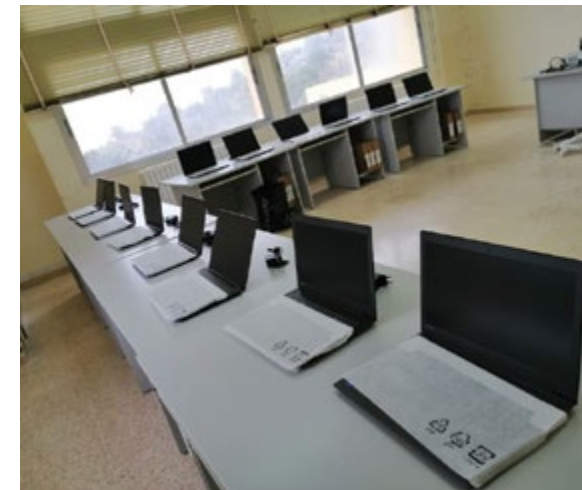
### 7-Distribution of PPE to Hopital du Sacre Coeur Hazmieh

RC Beirut Cosmopolitan distributed a stock of Personal Protection Equipment to the Hopital du Sacre Coeur Hazmieh currently treating COVID19 patients. The project was financed by a USD 2,000 Disaster Response Grant initiated by District 2452. Around 100 boxes containing 5000 masques were donated to the hospital. Value of the project : USD 2,000



### 8-Saghbine School : Supply of Laptops, routers and projectors

Joint project with other Lebanese Rotary Clubs  
RCBC led for many years a computer project for schools in Lebanon and most recently Lebanese Rotary clubs collaborated to donate laptops, overhead projectors and routers to a school in Saghbine in the Bekaa Valley. RCBC participated in this project through a generous private donation from one of its members. A true example of reaching out and Service Above Self  
The value of the contribution is USD 1,000.



### 9-Strategic cooperation between RCBC and Offre Joie

Taking into consideration the difficult times the country is going through and the tough economic situation, RCBC, BCRAC joint hands with Offre Joie (headed by RCBC honorary member Marc Torbey Helou) to advance Rotary goals and ideals of doing good in the community. The initiative covered the distribution of 100 food boxes to the needy. Both entities also jointed hands in the packing of boxes and their distribution. Value of the project : USD 3,000







*Introducing Rotary Club Central by ADG Samir Constantine*



*Building Integrated Solar Technologies by Eng. Youssef Ghantous*



*Stress Management by Ms. Joumana Mansour*



*Politics and Medicine with H.E. Dr. Karam Karam*



*Association Sel de la Terre with Ms. Josiane Torbey*



*Ancient Carpets: Charms and Secrets by Dr. Hadi Maktabi*



*Lebanon's most Beautiful Villages by Ms. Maguy Kostanian*



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*Changing the Face of Lebanon Through Art by Ms. Iman Assaf Assaf*



*Personal Leadership by Mr. Jad Jreijiri*



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*Dar el Amal Center by Mr. Habib Hatem*



*Internet in Lebanon by Dr. Habib Torbey*



*Life Testimonial by Mr. Marc Torbey el Helou (Offre Joie)*



*CISV: Building Global Friendship by Mrs. Nisrine Rawda Naaman*





*Classification Talk:  
Haigazian University*  
by Rtn Christine  
Arzoumanian



*Intellectual Property in  
Lebanon* by Dr. Pierre  
Khoury



*Koun: Providing Well-  
Being for the  
Underprivileged* by  
Ms. Sandy Peters



*Corona Virus Situation  
in Lebanon* by Dr. Pierre  
Bou Khalil, jointly with  
RC Sahel El Metn



*The Importance of Social  
Enterprises in the  
Restructuring of the  
Lebanese Economy"* by  
Mr. Constantin Salameh,  
jointly with RC Kesrouan



*Cyber Security in the  
Time of COVID19* by Mr.  
Bassel Assah, jointly with  
RC Sahel El Metn



*Right to Access Information Law  
in Lebanon & The Public Admin-  
istration's Implementation of the  
Law* by Ms. Celine Merhej



*Diagnosis of the Lebanese  
Agriculture in Financial and  
Corona Double Crisis* by PP  
Riad Saade (Webinar)



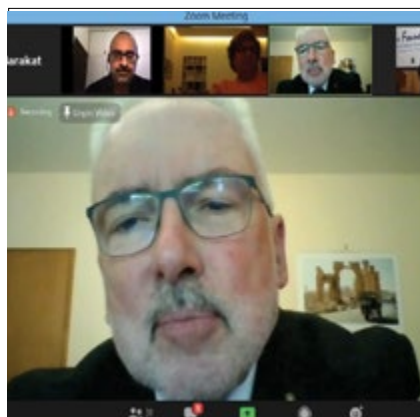
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*Rotary's Relationship with  
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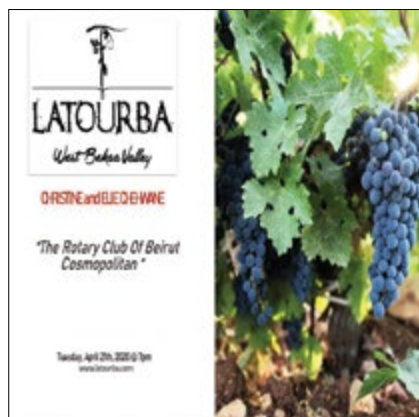
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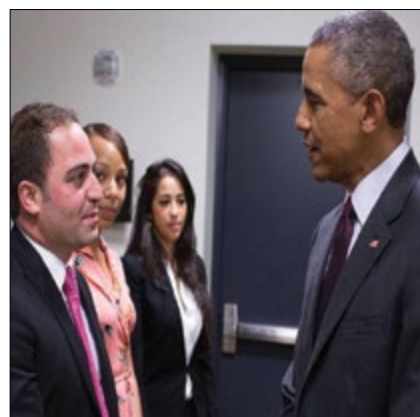
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Produits du Terroir Artisanaux  
du Liban*



*Building a Global Heart  
Monitoring technology from  
Lebanon* by Mr. Ziad Sankari



*Beekeeping in Lebanon* by  
Mr. Dany Obeid, jointly with  
RC Tripoli Cosmopolis and RC  
Tyre Europa



*Alfanar Venture Philantropy*  
by Michelle Mouracade jointly  
with RC Beirut Cedars



Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan, since its inception, enjoyed very successful international relations. The theme of RI this year **ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD** is exemplified by many visiting Rotarians to our club, and our members finding a home everywhere they travel.

Banner Exchange



RC Larnaca, Cyprus



RC Haarlemmermeer, Netherlands



RC Hillsborough, USA



RC La Zenia International, Spain



RC Willisau, Switzerland



RC Centennial, USA



RC Paris Lumieres, France



RC Paris Notre-Dame, France



RC Benevento, Italy



RC St. Petersburg, USA



RC Paris Quai D'Orsay, France



RC Bietigheim- Vaihingen - Germany



Welcome Aboard  
RC Benevento

The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan signed a Twinning Agreement with the Rotary Club of Benevento Italy (District 2100). Multiple online meetings were held between the two Clubs’ members to join hands in the fight against COVID19.



Toni, you will be missed!

In a very somber and heart-warming meeting, PP Tony was remembered and honored by all who knew him and worked with him. The meeting was attended by his beloved wife Mary and his two sons Dory and Dani. Also present was Dr. Bahaa Nouredine, Chairperson of Ophthalmology Dept at AUB Medical Center, as a friend and a partner for several Global Grants that PP Tony led to help the needy and give them access to better eye health. During the event RCBC members and guests presented their respect to the family of PP Tony and shared some stories and events they lived with PP Tony. Also during the event Mrs. Mary Asfour presented the PHF+1 to PP Subhi Jarudi.



RCBC has initiated a Scholarship Program in the honor of PP Tony Asfour



It was an outpouring of love for the memory of a great man who was a mentor, a philanthropist with a generous soul that touched everyone who knew him, locally and globally.





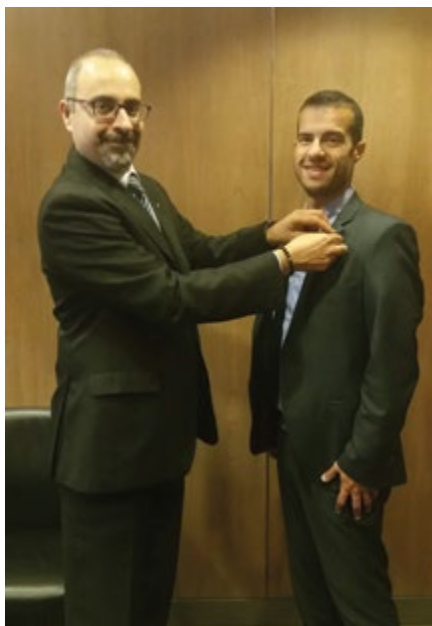
Welcome to the RCBC Family

In January 2020, Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan welcomed Nasr EL Baba as a new member. Nasr EL-Baba is the Head of Internal Audit Unit at Med Investment Bank SAL and Senior Supervisory Internal Auditor at Bank Med SAL. In April 2020 Mohamad-Fadl Harake and Rony Eid joined the Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan as members. Rony Eid is Senior Audit Manager at Deloitte.

Mohamad Harake is a University lecturer, PHD student and ex Rotaractor. In addition, Marc Torbey Helou (head of Offre Joie and bank manager) joined as well the Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan as an honorary member.



Nasr EL Baba



Rony Eid



Mohamad-Fadl Harake



Honorary member, Marc Torbey Helou

Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions



PP Edouard Rassie



PP Assaad Salhab



PP George Beyrouti



Joelle Feghali



PP George Beyrouti



PP Mimi Hamam

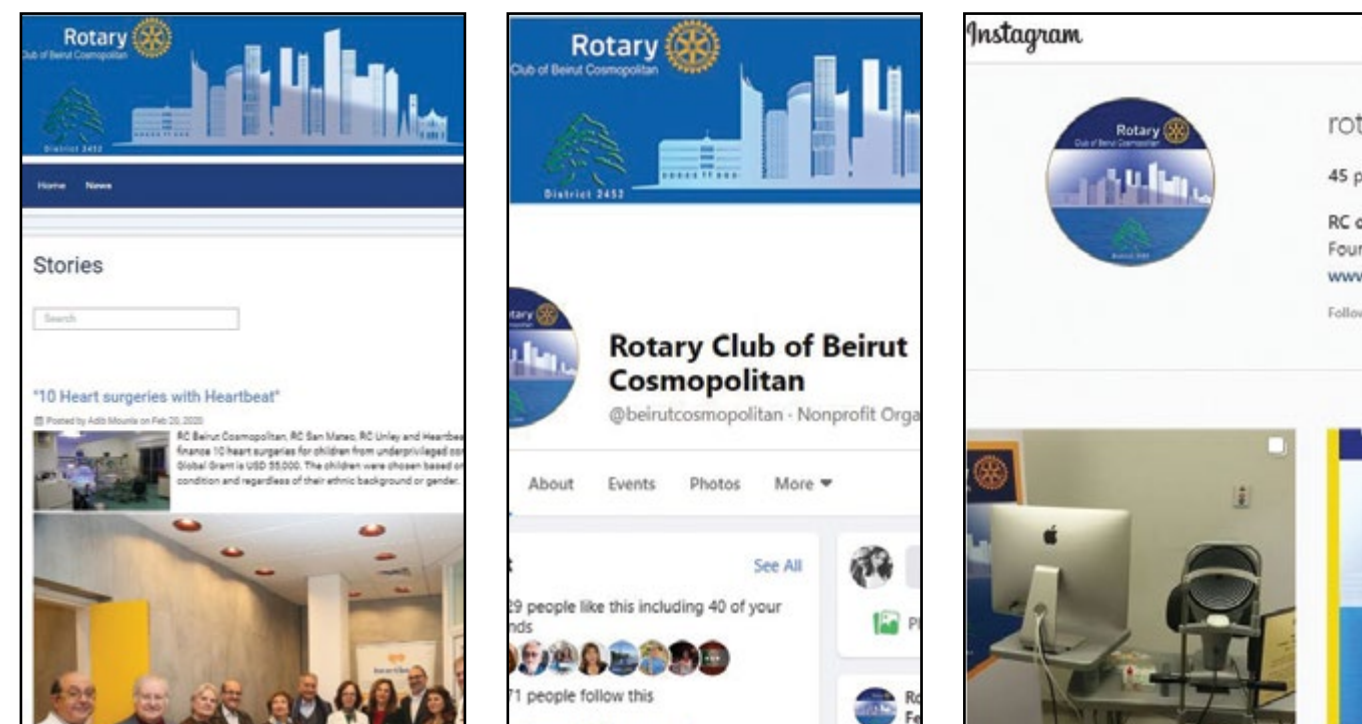




## RCBC Communication Channels

**To promote Rotary and RCBC, Business Cards were designed and printed for members who do not have yet a Rotary business card.**

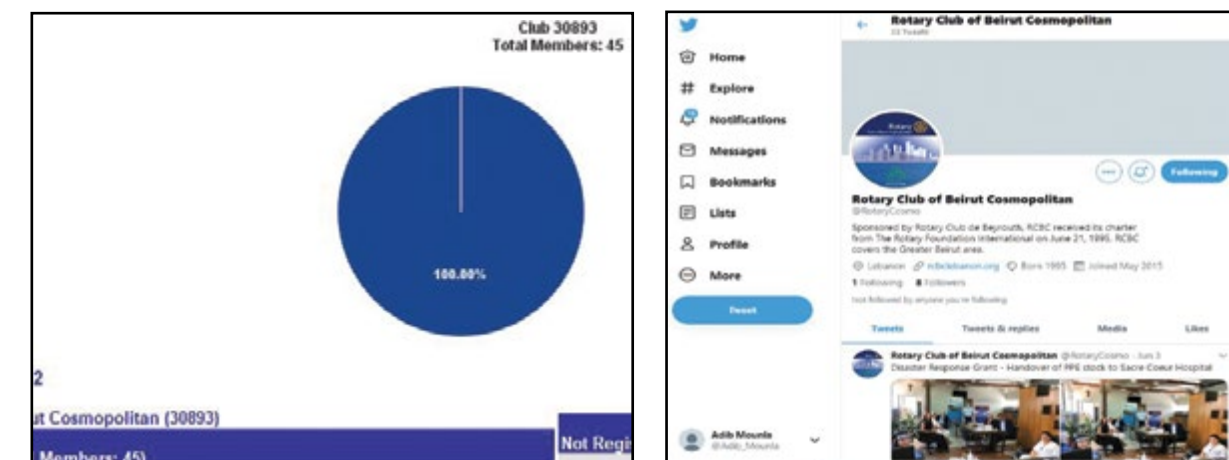
The RCBC website is updated on a weekly basis and includes all updated Club activities, news and publications. All service events projects and business meetings are updated regularly on the website. In addition, to the monthly agenda and monthly newsletter. The website was modernized to include links to essential Rotary website, links to our Social Media websites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), and a Contact us section that has enabled many foreign Rotarians to be in touch with our Club. These features were not previously available and have increased the international presence of our Club. At the beginning of the year, the number of website followers was around 120. This number was increased to 500 before the end of the Rotary year.



## Fully updated RCBC database

The Administration Committee made sure that all Club administration sections of Rotary District 2452 and Rotary International websites are regularly updated. The members information was updated, in addition to all meeting details and Club info. Our Club has reached a 100% MyRotary registration versus an average of 36% on District level.ww

## 100% MyRotary Accounts



## 83% Paul Harris Fellows with SIX NEW PHFs

Six members received the Paul Harris Fellow designation this Rotary Year: From left to right: Christine Arzoumanian, Joseph Akl, Adib Mounla, Jean Paul Moubarak, Nadim Hissen and Farida Najjar. This has raised the PHF ratio at RCBC to 83%.



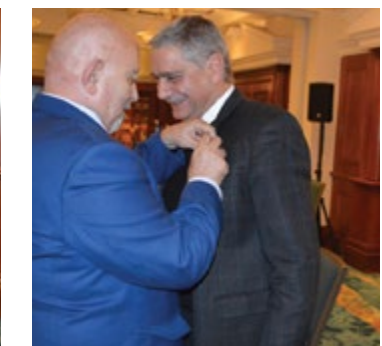




### Christmas gathering with DG Shawkat Tadros

DG Shawkat Tadros honored RCBC with his presence along DDG Bana Kalash and AG Samir Constantine. During the visit, RC Beirut Cosmopolitan Committee Chairs and BCRAC presented the Clubs' accomplishments during the first half of the RY. During the meeting DG Tadros offered the PHF pin to 19 members and exchanged banners with our Club. DG Tadros also provided the Rotaract Pin to BCRAC new member Carla Abou Zeid.

The meeting was followed by a Christmas fellowship Dinner.





## Christmas Dinner



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## Fellowship

**The program committee of the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan has organized numerous fellowship outings during the year to encourage building strong bonds between our fellow members and the family spirit among Rotarians.**

### Diner with RC LA Cedar

Following the handover of the Mission de Vie Global Grant, RCBC and RC LA Cedar enjoyed a nice fellowship dinner at Mounir restaurant to discuss future collaborations between the two clubs.



### Apple Picking

In August 2019, an apple picking event took place at Aitanit hosted by PP Edouard Rassie and his wife Rita in the presence of our Rotaractors, families and friends. The event was followed by a traditional Lebanese lunch in the utmost spirit of fellowship and camaraderie.



### Sursock Museum Visit with Rotary Club of Benevento

In October, an outing to the Sursock museum was organized for visitors from the Rotary Club of Benevento Italy. The event was followed by a discussion of potential initiatives that can be built between the two clubs.



### Antique Carpets: Secrets And Charms

In the beautiful setting of Hadi Maktabi carpet gallery, RCBC members were treated to a very interesting, highly informative lecture by Dr. Hadi who took us through a journey in the world of antique carpets with all their intrigue. Every carpet we saw came with its own fascinating story.



### Welcome Back Karen!



### Attending Other Club Events

RCBC members also joined other fellowship events organized by other Lebanese Rotary Clubs. A group of 25 French Rotarians visited Lebanon the first week of October led by PP Jean Paul Narjollet, President of the French section of ICC France- Lebanon. PP Randa Zouk organized the logistics of their visit including sightseeing and cultural tours to introduce the beauty of Lebanon to our friends. A dinner with the

group on Saturday October 5, was held at Edde Sands and was highly attended by fellow Rotarians from clubs in Lebanon. As always, RCBC was well represented by PP Mounir Jabre and wife Rimane, PP Joe Boulos and wife Doris, RT. Joelle Feghali, Rt. Nada Maalouf and PP May Khoury.



### Celebrating with Riad Saade 50 Years of Service

PP Saadeh was presented a letter from RI President Marc Maloney in recognition and appreciation for his years of service. It is worth noting that RC Beyrouth and PP Riad Saadeh were the sponsors of our club RCBC in 1995. Since then, our two clubs enjoyed many successful years of collaboration and friendship.





### Latourba Winery Visit

Once the COVID19 confinement was reduced by the Lebanese government, RCBC members, Rotarian guests, families and friends all enjoyed a nice fellowship outing to Saghbine Bekaa. The event started with a visit of the winery whereby winemaker Christine Chehwan explained how the Latourba wine is produced using traditional techniques. The session was followed by a wine tasting session, a nice barbecue lunch, a visit to the farm and to the ancient Roman cemeteries.



### MACAM Museum

Cultural outing to the MACAM Museum in Alita where Mr. Cesar Nammour and Gaby Shaub presented a full tour around the museum that is considered one of the largest in Lebanon containing contemporary art. In addition to the Wall of Human Rights recently prepared in the museum. The tour was followed by a fellowship lunch and an arts workshop.



### Visit to Aabey

RCBC's last fellowship event for the Rotary year started with a visit to the German Evangelical Academy where furniture and IT equipment will be installed once the GEAT GG funds are received. During the visit P Adib and PP George were interviewed by TV reporters. This was followed by a visit to the Kanaan Palace.





### Grant Management Seminar

D2452 organized a Grants Management seminar on July 15th, 2019 which was attended by a large number of Rotarians in Lebanon. It was a very informative and comprehensive seminar that covered an overview of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), District Grants, Global Grants and Rotary's six areas of focus.



### The OSCAR'S Award Event

On September 12, the Rotary Clubs of Lebanon organized a red-carpet event titled "POWER UP YOUR DREAMS, GEAR UP YOUR AMBITIONS" to highlight the accomplishments of two prominent Rotarians, Dr. Joyce Azzam and Dr. Alain el Khayat. Dr. Azzam is the first Lebanese woman to conquer the seven summits of the world. Dr. Khayat is a NASA Scientist whose accomplishments speak volumes. Our club was represented by its PI Chair, the President and Club Secretary.



### Life and Safety in Buildings

CS Sona Kourtian attended on behalf of RCBC, the fundraising conference, "Life and Safety in Buildings" hosted by

Rotary Club of Baabda and Lebanese Civil Defense. The event highlighted the donation of RC Baabda of 450 fire equipment to the Lebanese Civil Defense with a live demo and interesting presentations.



### Lead the Change

RCBC, was represented by its President Adib Mounla and PDDG George Beyrouti and from BCRAC P Peter Rassie and PP Sirvart. PDDG George was one of the panelists who was asked to answer: What is a Rotarian's Perception towards Young Professionals? In answering the question, PDDG Beyrouti used RCBC as an example and showed membership trends for the last ten years.



### RC De Beyrouth Handover Ceremony

RCBC was represented by PP Habib Bassoul, PP Rabab Safieddine and P Adib Mounla.



### Dinner with H.E. Christopher Rampling British Ambassador in Lebanon – Joint event with the Rotary Club de Beyrouth

In a very elegant and well attended dinner meeting, Rotarians and guests were delighted to welcome HE Christopher Rampling and eager to hear his opinions about the British- Lebanese relations. The evening commenced with words of welcome by presidents of both clubs followed by an introduction of HE and his diplomatic career.



The UK is a friend of Lebanon, HE continues, since its creation 100 years ago. There will be more opportunities to work together with the Lebanese especially in these critical times Lebanon is passing through. HE assured the audience that there will be no great significant changes in their policies and programs support- that reached over

\$ 250 million in 2019- in security, prosperity, education and stability that has achieved a lot and will continue to do so. HE assured that the UK will work more closely and do more respecting the bilateral trade agreement signed in September between the two countries. Despite the current challenges, boosting trade and investment will be one way of helping Lebanon rebuild its economy in addition to encouraging more collaboration between British and Lebanese companies. On Reform, HE went on to say that across Lebanon we all have seen the Lebanese voice their demands for reform, transparency and better governance. A crucial first step was taken by forming a government, and now this government needs to develop a plan and take it forward to start tackling the serious economic crisis. Equally important is for the Lebanese politicians to allow the government to do so.





**During the Rotary 2018-2019, and despite the circumstances (COVID19 confinement, revolution, riots, and closed roads) the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan has conducted 14 Joint meetings with other Lebanese Rotary and foreign Rotary Clubs in Europe. This was done to strengthen our relationship with our fellow Rotarians in Lebanon and abroad.**

### Joint Membership Seminar

On August 5, during the month of Membership & New Club Development RC Sahel el Metn jointly with RCBC and other Clubs invited all Rotary Clubs in Lebanon to participate in a Membership Seminar, to brainstorm, discuss membership concerns and design a road map for the future of Rotary. Worldwide, Rotary is experiencing stagnation in its ability to attract new members and in many cases to retain members. The seminar's focus was to address these issues at the country level and encourage clubs to come up with innovative ideas for membership development and retention. Per the theme of last year, Youth is our Future, a huge emphasis was placed on finding ways and means to attract young professionals with all their energy and ideas to inject much needed new blood in our clubs.



The seminar was very well attended. Our club RCBC was well represented by some of its members.



Joint meeting with RC Kesrouan



Joint meeting with RC Saïda



Joint meeting with RC Metn



Joint meeting with RC Kesrouan



Joint meeting with RC Benevento



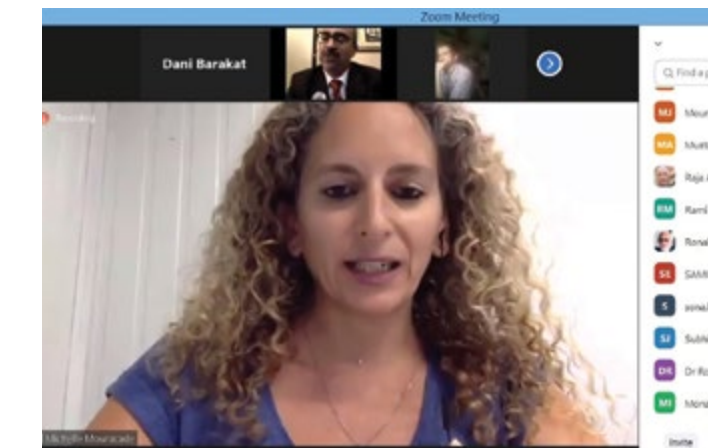
Joint meeting with RC de Beyrouth



RC Bietigheim Vaihingen



Joint meeting with RC Tripoli Cosmopolis and RC Tyre Europa



Joint meeting with RC Beirut Cedars



The Fundraising Committee chaired by Rotarian Joelle Feghali, prepared two fundraising events. Unfortunately due to the Revolution and COVID19 pandemic, both fundraising events were cancelled despite being fully prepared.

The first was scheduled for November 29th 2019. It was a theater and dinner event at the Portemilio with Fady Raidy. The second was scheduled for April 2020 and was planned to be a joint fundraising event with RC Beirut Cedars.

The event was cancelled due to the COVID19 pandemic and confinement restrictions imposed by the Lebanese government.



### Club Health Check Survey by Rt. Diana Kotran

Membership in Rotary clubs worldwide has been on the decline, and member retention has been a major concern. RCBC has enjoyed over the years a high retention rate but that does not preclude that members should be afforded the opportunity to voice their concerns, give their constructive ideas and explore together ways and means of keeping the club healthy and viable. Rt. Diana conducted the health check and the survey. All aspects of club operations, projects, meetings, fellowships, interclub relations, quality of speakers, topics covered etc. were evaluated by members.

Rotarian Diana Cotran presented the positive results of the Members Satisfaction Survey conducted in November and December 2019.





**Each RCBC business meeting included a section on Rotary Information. The sessions were provided by RCBC members who have knowledge in specific Rotary notions, such as Rotary GDPR, Benefits and Responsibilities of Rotary Membership, The Rotary Foundation.**

### 1- "END POLIO NOW" Presentation by PP Habib Bassoul

In the Rotary world, October is Polio month and Rotarians around the world observe this by using whatever means possible to talk about Polio, raising awareness about how important it is to eradicate the disease and how instrumental was Rotary International in fighting Polio. RCBC had its fair share of the awareness campaign. The newly formed Interact Club made a video to talk about Polio, the nature of the disease, vaccination, funding and partners in the fight against Polio. This video went viral and is viewed and appreciated by many. Thanks to RCBC Interact Club for using Polio as their launching pad into the world of Rotary.



An informative slide presentation was shared by PP Bassoul. It had some very important facts about Polio. Polio has not been eradicated and will soon reappear if the campaign stops. Number of children immunized is 2.5 billion in 122 countries. US\$ 1.72 billion has been spent by Rotary and partners.

Rotary's partners are: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, WHO, UNICEF, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and governments around the world. Pharmaceutical companies manufacturing the vaccine, making it available at near-cost and adapting the vaccine to the mutating virus. Locally, there are no cases in Lebanon. Rotary Clubs in Lebanon and our RCBC are major donors. One can never do enough to raise awareness against this debilitating disease that deprives innocent children from a quality of life they deserve.



### 2- Business Meeting Presentation by PP George Beyrouti

This Rotary information session focused on every aspect of membership in Rotary. There are 1.2 million Rotarians and 35,000+ clubs worldwide. People from continents and cultures come together to exchange ideas, form friendships and networks while making a difference in their own communities and around the world. The presentation shared some survey results conducted by Rotary International re prospective members, current members and what can be done by Rotarians to increase membership in their clubs.

#### Benefits of Membership:

- Friendship and fellowship "BENEFITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP"
- Networking with other professionals.
- International connections.
- Making a difference in the lives of others.
- Developing skills in leadership, project management, public speaking etc.

#### Responsibilities of Membership:

- Attend meetings and invite guests.
- Participate in projects, serve on committees and on the board.
- Propose new members.
- Pay membership dues, Rotary Foundation dues and be an ambassador of Rotary to the community.

The session was followed by questions and knowledge checks of rotary information by the members.



The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan was present in the Lebanese Press via articles in the L'Orient le Jour newspaper, Annahar Online and local TV Stations. This has enabled our Club to share its activities and operations with the Lebanese Community.

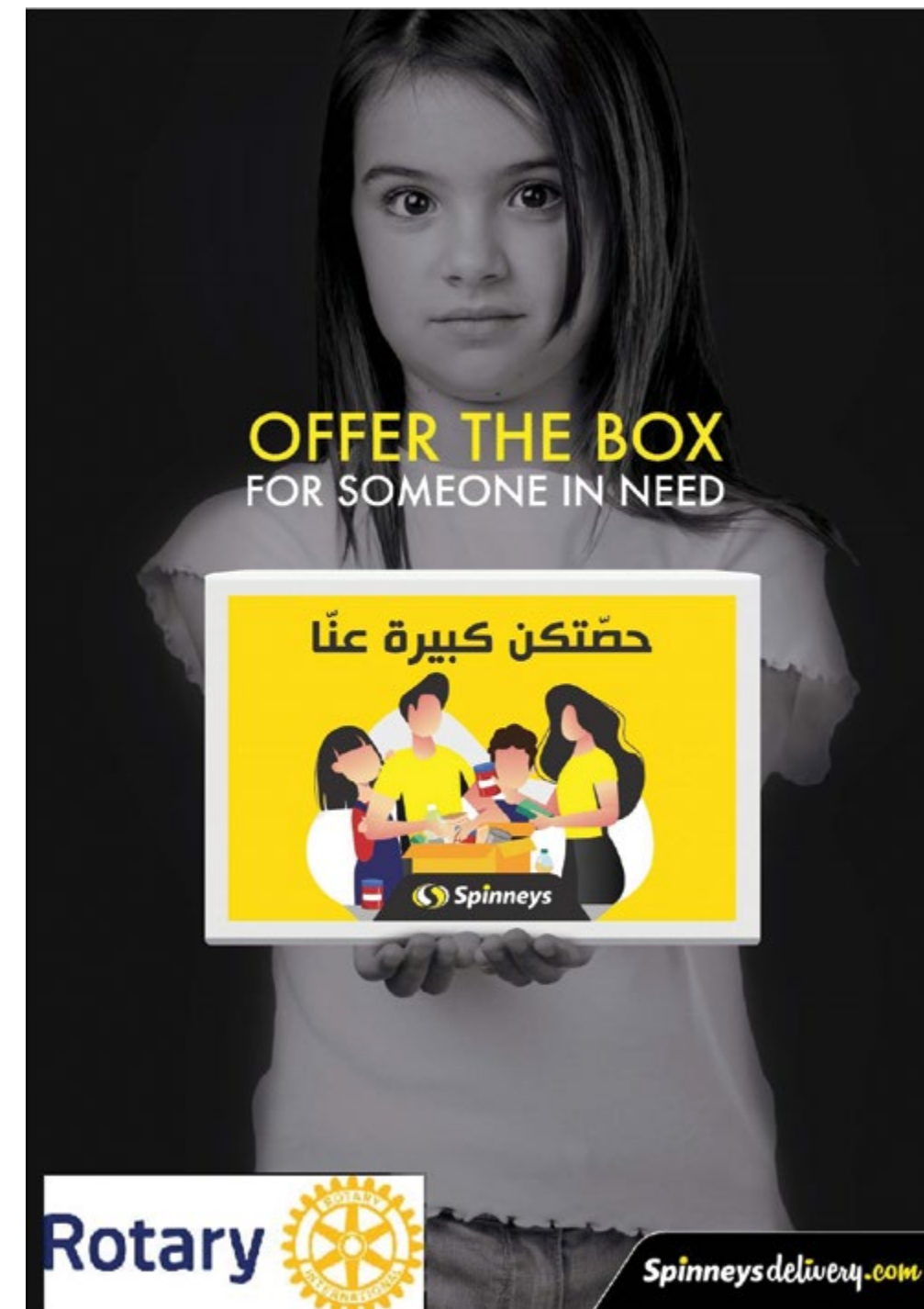


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#### The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan charity aids

The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan, jointly with other Lebanese and international clubs, "will soon be delivering an ambulance to the relevant party" according to a statement released by the RCBC.

The Club has also provided food boxes to communities in need, as well as a total of 22 wheelchairs to several NGOs including Darb el Sama, Inta Akhi, Mohamad Khaled Institute, Dar Al Ajaza al Islamiyah, Amel Association, and Child and Mother Welfare Society. The RCBC also "co-financed with Heartbeat 10 heart surgeries for children from underprivileged communities and provided medical equipment to multiple hospitals and health care providers."



Thanks to the advanced online shopping capabilities at Spinneys, customers can purchase online their choice of food boxes that will be delivered to a warehouse and in turn distributed to the needy. This initiative falls under the commitment of RCBC of doing good in the Community.



## BCRAC

Throughout the year RCBC was in close coordination with the Rotaract Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan especially in the organization of fellowship and service projects. The two clubs joined hands in the Christmas Orphans events in addition to the cooperation with Offre Joie for the distribution of food boxes to the needy and the establishment of a Yoga center in a refugee camp in the north. RCBC and BCRAC also joined hands in fellowship events of which the Apple Picking event in Aitanit.



## 1- RCBC-BCRAC Joint Fellowship Outing

BCRAC and RCBC members and guests got to go out and enjoy some fresh air, and pick some apples in the Bekaa Valey, in Aitanit, at the Rassie Family's apple orchard. After a nice breakfast in Chtaura the attendees picked some apples, and then had a nice lunch by the water.



## 2- Service Projects

BCRAC Donated an AED machine to Yeghishe Manoukian College, in Dbayeh, and gave them a first aid training session as well. To make their school and students ready in case of any emergency.



## 3- Membership

BCRAC pinned Carla Abou Diab, during the District Governor's Club Visit. Carla is the Incoming President for the Rotary Year 2020 – 2021.



## 4- Rotaract Against Covid-19

Our biggest collaboration and project for this year. We collaborated with all the clubs in Lebanon, to raise a record amount 20,000 USD, to donate personal protective equipment, and medical equipment to hospitals to help support with the treatment of Corona Virus patients. Which won a DRR Recognition Award.

## 5- Christmas Event

BCRAC and RCBC joined hands to give underprivileged children, a magical Christmas experience.





## 6- Plant Distribution

BCRAC worked on a joint project with the Rotaract Clubs of Beirut Center, Metn, Beyrouth Millenium, and Byblos, whereby funds were collected then small plants were donated to families in need, to help them grow their own food and give them sustenance.



## 7- Professional Development

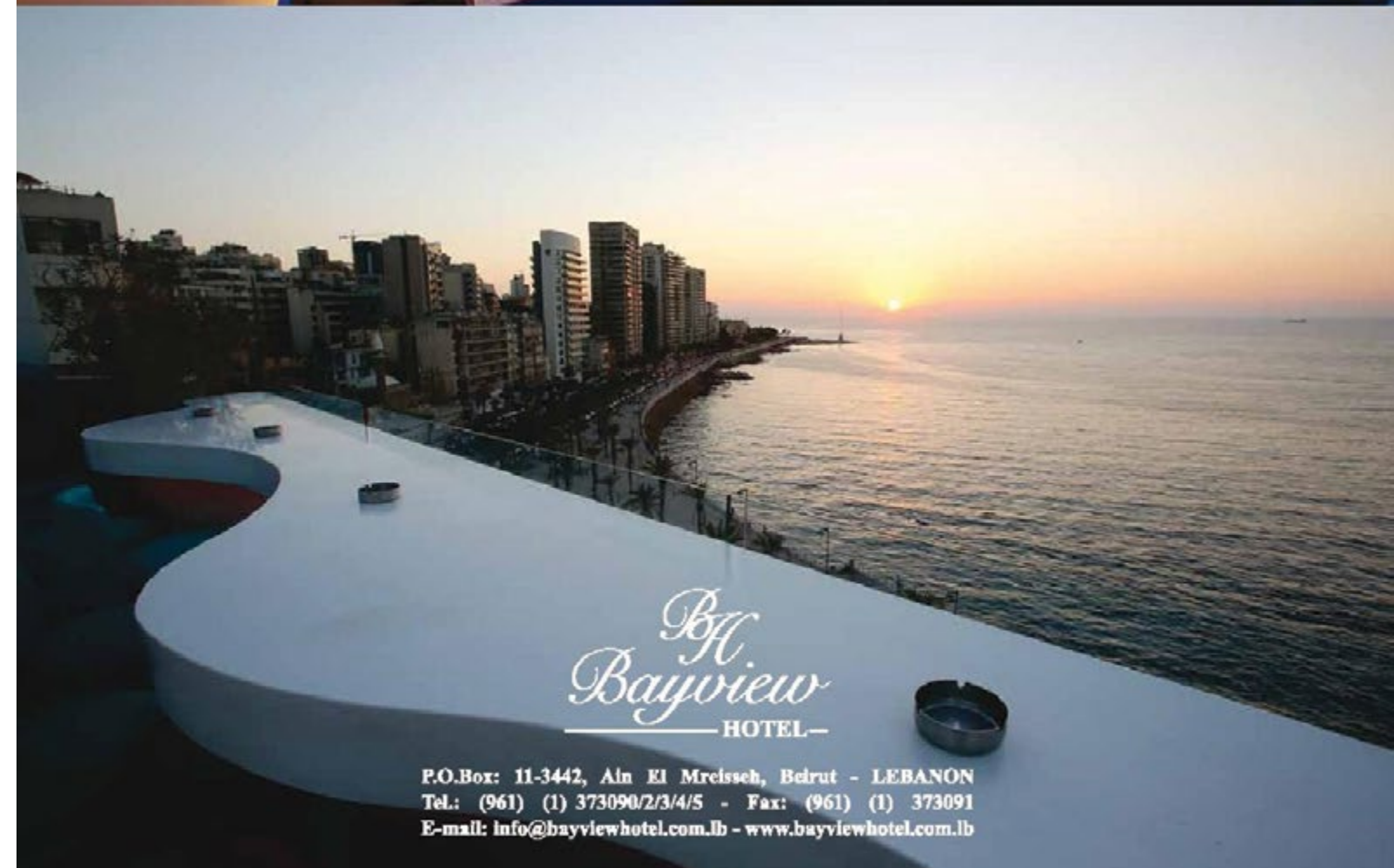
BCRAC Planned and Organized two successful Professional Development sessions, fully done over zoom. One was a guidance and orientation seminar for seniors, new grads, and anyone who is affected by the Covid-19 situation or looking for a new job; this was

organized with the Rotary Club of Dubai, specifically their member Jeevan D'mello who was our Speaker. The second was a joint session organized with the Rotaract club of Dubai, about Digital Marketing. BCRAC discussed the possibility to build an online presence and strategy and how to maintain with the use of different tools and platforms. 80 participants joined the session during the digital marketing session.



## 8- Food Box Distribution

Distribution of food boxes with RCBC and Offre Joie. BCRAC managed to donate a total of around 100 boxes and distributed them alongside the volunteers all over Beirut.





**Interact Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan.**

RCBC sponsored and established the Interact Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan (ICBC). Eighteen active and enthusiastic members are the founding members of the Interact Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan. The Club Charter application was submitted to District Governor Shawkat Tadros in February 2020 then to Rotary International in March 2020.

The certificate of Organization signed by Rotary International President Mark Maloney was received on March 18th 2020.

A Polio Awareness Campaign was produced and shared by ICBC. The video was launched as part of the End Polio Now Rotary initiative. The video was shared on all Social Media channels of RCBC.



The interactors have participated in RCBC business meetings in addition to the Food Boxes Distribution project with Offre Joie and the BCRAC.





During the May 2020 District Conference, RCBC was awarded the following awards:

### -District Governor Citation

#### CUP

- The Rotary Foundation
- Club Administration
- Membership Development
- Public Image
- Service Projects



### Certificate of MERIT

-Youth

In addition the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan hopes to receive in July 2020 the following award:

### -Rotary Presidential Citation

#### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

16 CLUBS ; 12 ELIGIBLE

WINNERS:  
5 CUPS  
7 MERITS

CUPS	MERITS
Amman Citadel	Amman Petra
Amman Jordan River	Amman West
Amman Metropolitan	Beirut Cadmos
<b>Beirut Cosmopolitan</b>	Beirut Cedars
Tripoli Maared	Beirut Metropolitan
	Saida
	Tripoli
	Tripoli Cosmopolis

#### CLUB ADMINISTRATION

12 CLUBS ; 11 ELIGIBLE

WINNERS:  
9 CUPS  
2 MERITS

CUPS	MERITS
Amman Jordan River	Amman Citadel
Amman Metropolitan	Amman Petra
Beirut Cadmos	
Beirut Cedars	
<b>Beirut Cosmopolitan</b>	
Jumeirah-Dubai	
Saida	
Tripoli	

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#### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

14 CLUBS ; 12 ELIGIBLE

WINNERS:  
9 CUPS  
3 MERITS

CUPS	MERITS
Amman Citadel	Beirut Cadmos
Amman Jordan River	Metn Gate
Amman West	Tripoli Cosmopolis
Beirut Cedars	
<b>Beirut Cosmopolitan</b>	
Jumeirah-Dubai	
Saida	
Tbilisi Ambassador	
Zahle-Bekaa	

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#### PUBLIC IMAGE

13 CLUBS ; 8 ELIGIBLE

WINNERS:  
6 CUPS  
2 MERITS

CUPS	MERITS
Amman Jordan River	Dubai
<b>Beirut Cosmopolitan</b>	Tbilisi Ambassador
Jumeirah-Dubai	
Saida	
Salmaniya	
Zahle-Bekaa	

#### SERVICE PROJECTS

15 CLUBS ; 11 ELIGIBLE

WINNERS:  
8 CUPS  
3 MERITS

CUPS	MERITS
Aley	Amman Jordan River
Amman Petra	Amman West
Beirut Cedars	Salmaniya
<b>Beirut Cosmopolitan</b>	
Dubai	
Saida	
Tripoli Cosmopolis	
Zahle-Bekaa	

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#### YOUTH

13 CLUBS ; 10 ELIGIBLE

WINNERS:  
6 CUPS  
4 MERITS

CUPS	MERITS
Amman Jordan River	Aley
Amman Petra	Beirut Cadmos
Beirut Metropolitan	<b>Beirut Cosmopolitan</b>
Jumeirah-Dubai	Dubai
Manama	
Saida	

Rotary

The Rotaract Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan was awarded the Rotary Citation with Platinum Distinction which is one of the highest awards granted by Rotary International for Rotaract Clubs

### 2019-2020 ROTARY CITATION WITH PLATINUM DISTINCTION

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for helping Rotary connect the world in the lives of people all over the world.

Mark Daniel Maloney  
President, Rotary International





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2017-2018



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2001-2002



Karim Naamani  
2000-2001



Joe Boulos  
1999-2000



Lina Shair  
2014-2015



Mounir Jabre  
2013-2014



Assaad Salhab  
2012-2013



Habib Saba  
2011-2012



George  
Theodory  
1997-1999



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1996-1997



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2010-2011



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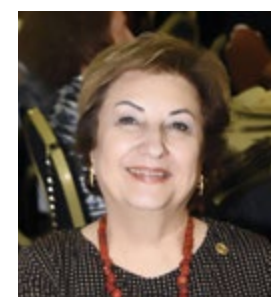
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