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President Amal Talhouk Address

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Here we come to the end of this Rotary year, which passed with a wink, yet it was full of interesting activities and successful events.

We have updated our Club's Bylaws, updated our Club Roster and arranged a list of the Club's Inventory.

Some of our Program Committee speakers were:

Karina Helou of Sursock Gallery; Ivo Feijssen of UNHCR; PDG Michel Jazzar; the regretted Dr. Robert Sacy; HE Dr. Nasser Yasseen; Rotarian Rana Ghandour Salhab; Dr. Kamal Kallab; Mr. Gaby Fernaini of Rebirth Beirut, and more....

This year Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan has handed over several GGs.

The Elpis HOME clinic was handed over in September 2023.

Our AGBU clinic was handed over in January 2024.

The Bridge of Hope – Dental Clinic led by Rotary Club Monza was handed over in February 2024.

RCBC also handed 100 kgms of medications to Caritas donated by Rotary Club Bangalore Brigades. RCBC contributed 500\$ for the GG of Jain Mission Hospital as an International primary sponsor with our twin club Rotary Club Bangalore Brigades.

On the level of Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention, Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan has locally sponsored for the year 2024-2025 an AUB scholarship student from South America.

RCBC is currently working on the Deir El Salib Hospital GG, which is still under process.

Last but not least, RCBC has offered a PHF pin to a worthy citizen from the community for his continuous community benevolent services to the club.

On the Membership level, Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan has retained its membership from last year and inducted two promising members during 2023-2024.

Here I would like to highlight our great achievement for this year in being a pioneer club in Inclusion not only in Lebanon but in District 2452. We are formally an Inclusive club for People with Disabilities, applying and respecting the DEI Rotary International policy and DEI Commitment Statement in our Club's Bylaws.

RCBC Public Image is always reflected through our Facebook, Instagram and website accounts that are weekly updated. Moreover, the RCBC activities are widely exposed through our widespread monthly bulletin "Marhaba".

We have helped our community needs through different Community Service Projects:

Our club has donated 1000 books to a public School in Mansourieh through Rotary Club Beirut Cedars.

RCBC has contributed 500\$ for Gift of Life, which we are one of its basic founders; we did Mental Health Awareness sessions in AGBU Schools, and collaborated in sponsoring and contributed 1000\$ to the Maternal and Child Health Care campaign for Greater Beirut. On the humanitarian level, RCBC with the collaboration of Rotary Club Pax Potentia and BCRAC did the Deir El Salib and Val Pere Jacque Schools Christmas lunch, and the Children's Iftar at Burger King.

Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan planned four Fellowship activities and visited historical, cultural and artistic sites, and did traditional annual celebration dinners, that found the great interest of the club members and guests.

We had three very successful Fundraising activities where we had profit and much fun at the same time.

All this and more wouldn't have happened without the club members' collaboration, dedication and teamwork. It is important to have projects and activities, but a healthy atmosphere and harmonious membership are the cornerstone of a successful club.

At the end of my responsibilities as President of Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan I present the torch to President Haytham Kurdi with my sincere wishes for him and the incoming board for a very successful rotary Year. I thank all the club members, especially the board and all the committee members for their cooperation and support.

I will not forget ADG Toufic Aris and his readiness to help in every possible way he could.

Last but not least, my sincere thanks to our DG Bashar Haddad for his continuous support to Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan.

Yours in Rotary
P Amal Talhouk

Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan
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A Tribute to Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan

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Celebrating a Year of Service and Inclusivity:

A Tribute to Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan

As my tenure as District Governor draws to a close, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the incredible accomplishments of the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan (RCBC) under the exceptional leadership of President Amal Talhouk. This past year has been nothing short of remarkable, marked by dedication, compassion, and a relentless commitment to service.

One of the standout achievements of RCBC during this term was the induction of Ibrahim Abdallah on April 30, 2024, a historic moment that made RCBC the first inclusive Club in Lebanon. Mr. Abdallah, symbolizes the spirit of resilience and inclusivity that Rotary embodies. I still remember the special email I sent to commend the club for this significant milestone, highlighting the importance of diversity and acceptance within our organization.

Throughout the year, RCBC spearheaded a series of impactful projects that have made a tangible difference in the lives of those in need. From the handover of the Elpis HOME clinic in September 2023 to the AGBU clinic in January 2024, and the hosting of the Bridge of Hope Dental Clinic led by RC Monza in February 2024, RCBC has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to improving healthcare access and outcomes in the community.

Moreover, their generosity extended beyond borders with the donation of medicines to Caritas Lebanon, courtesy of RC Bangalore Brigades. The club's international reach was further exemplified by their contribution of \$500 to a Global Grant supporting the Jain Mission Hospital in India, in collaboration with RC Bangalore. This spirit of global citizenship and cooperation is truly commendable and speaks to the heart of Rotary's mission.



On a local level, RCBC also sponsored an AUB Scholarship student from South America, providing educational opportunities and fostering cultural exchange. This act of kindness and support reflects the club's dedication to empowering the next generation of leaders and change-makers.

As I pass the torch to the incoming team, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all members of RCBC. Your passion for service, unwavering dedication, and spirit of camaraderie have set a shining example for Rotary clubs everywhere. I stand ready to offer my support and guidance as a Past District Governor, knowing that the legacy of service and impact you have created will continue to inspire and uplift communities for years to come.

In closing, I am filled with gratitude for the privilege of serving alongside such a dedicated and compassionate group of individuals. Together, we have made a difference, and I have no doubt that the future holds even greater possibilities as RCBC continues to lead with purpose and heart. Thank you for your service, your commitment, and your unwavering belief in the power of Rotary to change the world, one act of kindness at a time.

With warmest Rotary regards



DG Bashar Haddad



Handover Ceremony

at

Arthaus Beirut, Gemmayze

June 4, 2024

Between

P Amal Talhouk

&

IP Haytham Kurdi



A well cherished tradition in Rotary is the changing of the guards at the end of the Rotary year when the helm of leadership is passed on.

On June 4, Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan had its event at a very elegant location, Arthaus Gemmayze where outgoing President Amal Talhouk passed on the leadership to Incoming President Haytham Kurdi.

The event was graced with the presence of AG Toufic Ariss representing the District Governor, incoming DDG Mona Geha Kanaan, and incoming AG Aida Daou. Also in attendance the Presidents of Rotary Club Beirut Cedars P Ramzi Abou Samah, Rotary Club Aley IP Olfat Hamzi and PE Rana Kanso, Rotary Club Beirut Cadmos IP Beatrice Bshara, and many friends of RCBC.

A special friend of RCBC, Mr. Fuad Bawarshi, was honored with a Paul Harris Fellow pin in recognition of his ongoing support for our club.

The evening was a true expression of fellowship and camaraderie that was enjoyed by all.





PREVENTION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AT KARANTINA GOVERNMENTAL HOSPITAL UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND HELP OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BEIRUT.

June 8, 2024

Karantina Hospital, Beirut



gift of life **RMCH**

In Memory of Dr. Robert Sacy
Forever in our hearts

The Largest Free Pediatric Mission for the Children of Beirut.
By Gift of Life Lebanon and Rotary Maternal & Child Health

📍 Karantina Hospital Beirut 📅 Saturday, June 8, 2024
🕒 9:30 A.M. till 5:00 P.M.

📄 Heart Check-up 📄 Eye Check-up 📄 Hearing Check-up 📄 Dental Check-up
📄 Awareness Campaigns to Mothers

Logos of participating organizations: ALBANC, ASSAMEH, INTERACT, etc.

On June 8, 2024, the Rotary Maternal and Child Health Committee and Gift of Life Lebanon conducted a day of long prevention and awareness campaign.

70 doctors and specialists and over 100 volunteers actively checked 500 children and conducted 160 heart screenings. 11 children were detected with heart disease.

This event, honoring our partner Dr. Sacy, was sponsored by several organizations and medical centers and by few Rotary Clubs in Lebanon including our club Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan.



REACHING OUT

In the beautiful setting of Amelia Restaurant in Mar Mikhael, Rotary Club Beirut Cedars held its Handover Ceremony, passing leadership from P Ramzi Abu Samah to IP Rudolph Melki.

Members of Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan attended the beautiful evening for fellowship and support.



IN THE SPOT LIGHT





June Birthdays

John Edde (14)

Kevin Saliba (27)

Ghaleb Mahmassani (28)