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Letter From The Editor PP Mona Jarudi

We are living nowadays in unprecedented times. When we think that things cannot get any worse, we get unpleasantly surprised. We, once again, find ourselves as a nation and individuals grappling with the worst humanitarian crisis. Over a million people displaced, losing their homes, their lives upended and their peace of mind shattered. Once again, our resilience is tested, but this time it is beyond what is acceptable!

It is in times like these that the power of Rotary comes to life and the Rotarians show their grit and resolve. Rotary Lebanon overnight became a beehive of activity trying to find shelters for the displaced, providing basic necessities to keep families warm, and making sure that no one sleeps hungry. The needs were tremendous, assistance at every level was needed. A website was created, Unite4Lebanon, to facilitate donations locally and globally. Projects were initiated to rehabilitate schools to house the displaced. Blankets, mattresses, infant formulas were purchased and distributed. Rotary clubs in Lebanon, all 37 of them, united in their purpose of Service Above Self.

Our club Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan, led by President Olga Feghali, joined hands with other clubs, contributing to the success of the various missions. The collective work of Rotary Lebanon was showcased with a visit to the President of Lebanon, where they were acknowledged and honored.

In such difficult times, our pride as Rotarians is amplified. Our Impact as People of Action is profound and our resolve to promote peace is remarkable.

The world definitely needs more Rotarians now!



The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan,
in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Kesrouan



Guest Speaker
Dr Pierre ANHOURY
Expert Technique International (ETI)
Advisor to the Minister of Health

Presentation Topic:
“HeHearing Health: Hear well to live better”

March 24, 2026

On March 24, Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan hosted Dr. Pierre Anhoury, a renowned physician specializing in public health. He also holds degrees in Oncology, Palliative Care and Geriatrics. He is a leader in healthcare management consulting, head of international operations at the Institute Curie, the world’s leading cancer research and treatment center. In November 2022, he was appointed permanent advisor to the Lebanese Minister of Health by the French government for 4 years.

His ties to the world of hearing began with the birth of his son who developed his deafness in utero in 1988. Since then, he was involved in the education of the hearing impaired. He is fluent in French Sign Language. In 2013, he developed the Hearing Foundation with a 100 million euros budget to launch research activities and donations to associations. He is the author of several books including The Keys to Aging Well.

In a very detailed and scientific presentation, the speaker captured our attention with how important it is to tune in to our hearing and attend to any slight change.

Today, one in five people worldwide live with hearing loss and by 2050, one in four people are projected to have hearing problems. In October, 2017, UNESCO adopted a landmark resolution on the importance of sound. There are 4 important alerts:



ALERT (1)

- By 2050 nearly 2.5 billion people are projected to have some degree of hearing loss and at least 700 million will require hearing rehabilitation.
- Over 1 billion young adults are at risk of permanent, avoidable hearing loss due to unsafe listening practices.

ALERT (2)




GLOBE MAGAZINE
Older people rarely want hearing aids. A dementia study could change that.
If left untreated, hearing loss can be linked to a higher risk of cognitive decline in older adults. But there’s encouraging news.
By Linda Matchan Globe Correspondent, Updated October 11, 2023, 12:34 p.m.

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HEARING AIDS CAN SLOW RATE OF COGNITIVE DECLINE BY NEARLY HALF

ALERT (3)



Over time, compressed sounds tire out listeners and affect the stapedial reflex

À la radio, au téléphone, ou encore en visioconférence, les sons compressés sont partout. Une étude vient de mettre en évidence pour la première fois leurs effets néfastes pour nos oreilles. Le professeur Paul Avan, qui a dirigé l’étude, nous révèle ses premières conclusions.
Les risques des sons compressés pour votre audition

Prof. Paul AVAN

ALERT (4)



THE LANCET Healthy Longevity
2024

Janet S. Choi

Hearing Aids increase Longevity and decrease mortality rate 24%



L'ÉTONNANTE INCIDENCE DES PROTHÈSES AUDITIVES SUR LA LONGÉVITÉ

Dr. Anhoury could not stress enough the importance of attending to hearing loss in a timely fashion as loss of hearing has a direct relation to dementia and decreased quality of life.

"Hearing loss has often been referred to as an "invisible disability", not just because of the lack of visible symptoms, but because it has long been stigmatized in communities and ignored by policy-makers."



Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
WHO Director-General



zoom Workplace RC Beirut Cosmopolitan's Zoom Meeting: Dr Pierre Anhoury Expert Technique International (ETI) Advisor to the Ministe REC 01:15:00

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Geneviève Anhoury

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Asaad's Z Fold5 Haytham Kurdi rabab's iPhone... Soula Saad

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The Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan,
in collaboration with the Rotary Clubs of Aley, Beirut Cedars, Kesrouan,
Lebanon Eco, Metn Praxis, Tripoli, and Tripoli Maarad



Guest Speaker
DGE May Monla CHMAITILLY

Presentation Topic:
“Clean Water. Strong Youth. Lasting Impact.”

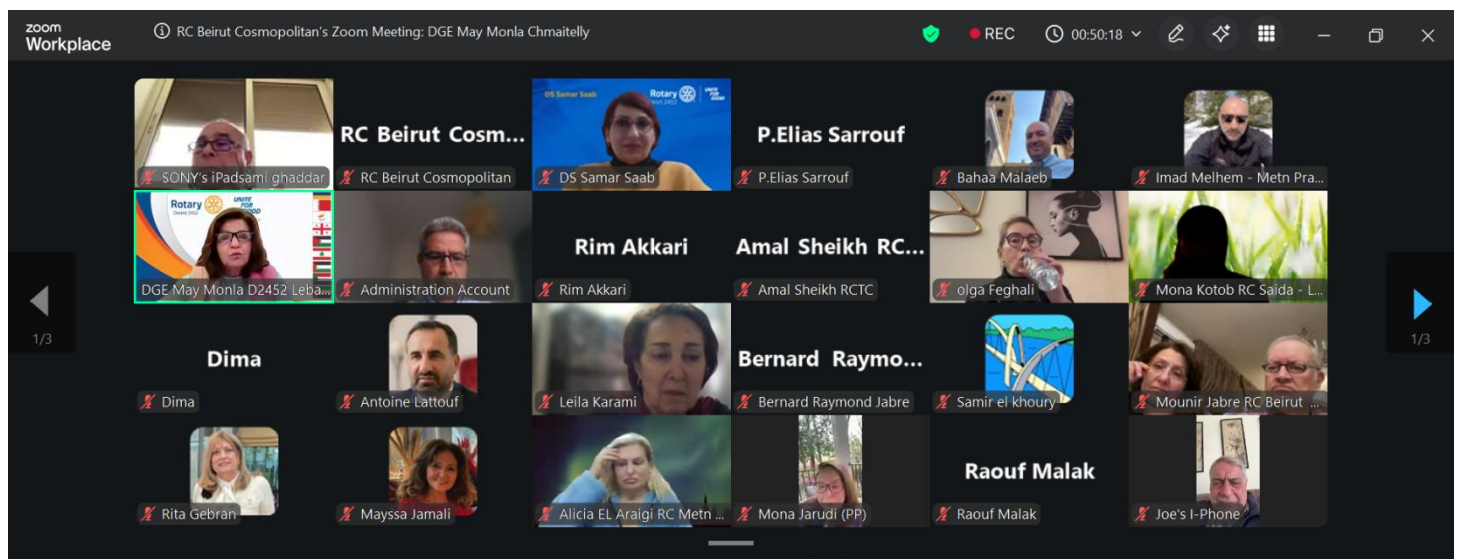
March 31,2026

On March 31, Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan in collaboration with other rotary clubs hosted DGE May Monla Chmaitilly, member of Rotary Club Tripoli Maarad.

DGE May is a true embodiment of the values of Rotary. From a Rotaractor in 1989, she carved her path in Rotary as she dedicated herself to service, strengthening clubs and empowering members to expand the collective impact of Rotary in Lebanon.

In her presentation, DGE May spoke about Water, Health and Sanitation as important to the wellbeing of every community. She also addressed the importance of Rotaract Clubs in advancing the mission of Rotary in all seven areas of focus. Rotaract clubs have evolved through the years from being a project for Rotarians to stand alone clubs with their own mission and vision. The speaker encouraged Rotary Clubs to be welcoming to the Rotaractors as they provide information and knowledge that older Rotarians lack.

It is advisable that Rotarians and Rotaractors attend each others meetings, have fellowships and work on service projects together. This kind of synergy is valuable in providing continuity in clubs and creates more avenues of Service.



zoom Workplace RC Beirut Cosmopolitan's Zoom Meeting: DGE May Monla Chmaitelly 00:50:24 REC

DGE May Monla D2452 Lebanon is talking...

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iPhone Asaad's Z Fold5 Rifaat jabri Beir... Marianne Kakh... jean paul kanda...

Chafic Hana Abi-Tarab... Farah's iPhone Nadine Azar Ghostine - R... Joanna Jurdi Adham El Khou...

zoom Workplace RC Beirut Cosmopolitan's Zoom Meeting: DGE May Monla Chmaitelly 00:59:16 REC

DGE May Monla D2452 Lebanon is talking...

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Walid Faraoun RC Leban... iPhone Asaad's Z Fold5 Rifaat jabri Beir... Marianne Kakh... jean paul kanda...

Camil Zard Chafic Hana Abi-Tarab... Farah's iPhone Nadine Azar Ghostine - R... Joanna Jurdi

Adham El Khou... Marhaba Crystal Samsung SM-S... Lucie Sassine

zoom Workplace RC Beirut Cosmopolitan's Zoom Meeting: DGE May Monla Chmaitelly 00:46:40 REC

RC Beirut Cosm... Randa & Bachir Zaouk olga Feghalli Joe's I-Phone Jean-Paul Moubarak R... P.Ellas Sarrouf

DGE May Monla D2452 Lebanon (Rotary)

Thank you, President Olga, and all the clubs who joined.

Windows of Hope

As the country is passing through its most turbulent times , with over one million people displaced with no end in sight, Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs across Lebanon mobilized to support the families and vulnerable communities with food, shelter, medical aid and supplies.

The Rotaract Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan helped design a website to solicit support for the increasing needs of the displaced under the banner: **Unite for Good. Unite for Lebanon.**

Rotaract  **Lebanon** **Rotary**  **Lebanon** **Interact**  **Lebanon**

UNITE FOR LEBANON

Rotarians, Rotaractors & Interactors are collaborating on a national level to make sure that displaced families across Lebanon have access to primary needs, such as:

- Nutritional Items
- Medical Items
- Hygiene Items
- Babies Necessities
- Clothing & Warmth
- Shelter & Water Sanitation

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Join our efforts to provide primary needs to displaced families all over **Lebanon.**

DONATE NOW
www.unite4leb.com



Windows of Hope

1. RC Beirut Cosmopolitan responded to the call of Rotary Club Saida and Rotary Club Tyre Europa in the South of Lebanon who suffered the first influx of displaced families. What started as an individual project turned into a Mega Project that opened the doors for all clubs to participate in.

This project entails rehabilitation of two buildings of 8 floors , Dr. Nazih Bizri secondary school, to change all water infrastructure and sanitation to be able to house displaced families with the hope that the school will open its doors to students post war. on behalf of the club was given by President Olga Feghali.



2. Organized by Rotary Club Tyre Europa and the participation of Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan, washing machines were bought and provided to centers housing displaced families.

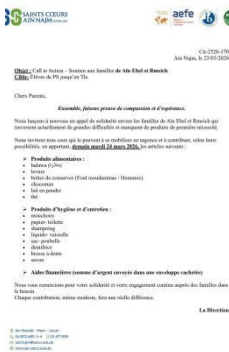


3 . Standing in solidarity with families who have been displaced from the South and are living in shelters in Metn, Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan continues its commitment to humanitarian support. President Olga Feghali and Rt. Bernard Jabre visited Bassma Association and donated towards urgent need for food, hygiene kits, blankets, baby essentials and water.



Windows of Hope

4. Personal Donation from P Olga to support families in Ain Ebel & Rmeich



5. Our club commitment to alleviate the pain of children with cancer is ongoing. President Olga Feghali and RT. Bernard Jabre gave a donation on behalf of the club to the Children Cancer Center in Beirut..



Windows of Hope

Per tradition , Rotary Club Beirut Cosmopolitan always organizes an Iftar with less privileged children in the holy month of Ramadan. This year, the plan was derailed due to the horrific circumstances the country is passing through. Against all odds, President Olga Feghali together with Rt. Lucie Sassine and BCRAC President Patil met with the supervisor of the children and delivered through her hoodies and sweets for 40 children of varying ages, and treated the kids to a delightful Iftar meal.

The smiles on the children's faces renewed our hope that there will be a better tomorrow for these young kids.



Rotary Corner

Key decisions from the 2025 COL that impact the 2026-27 year include:

1. **Membership Dues Increase:** Per capita dues for each Rotarian will increase from \$82 (2025-26) to \$85.50 for the 2026-27 Rotary year. The half-yearly payment for 2026-27 will be \$42.75.
2. **Club Charter Size:** The minimum number of members required to charter a new Rotary club was reduced from 20 to 15.
3. **Club/Member Termination Power:** The RI Board has enhanced power to suspend or terminate clubs or members who misuse Rotary Foundation funds or breach stewardship policies.
4. **Club Naming Conventions:** The name "District Training Assembly" has been changed to "Club Leadership Learning Seminar"

The 2027 Rotary International Convention will take place in Barcelona, Spain, from 26–30 June 2027 at the Fira de Barcelona.

We're grateful to our members and partners in Barcelona for their enthusiasm in hosting our annual convention, which brings together people from around the world.

At the same time, we thank Dubai, our original 2027 host city, and Rotary members and leaders in the UAE for their commitment. We look forward to working with them on a future Rotary convention.

We're excited to gather this June in Taipei, and again in 2027 in Barcelona.

Barcelona, Spain, selected to host the 2027 Rotary Convention

Barcelona, Spain, will host the Rotary International Convention on 26–30 June 2027 at the Fira de Barcelona. This decision by the RI Board enables the city to bring the Rotary community together two years sooner than was recently announced in March.

The 2027 convention was originally scheduled to take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). Rotary postponed it to a later year due to the current security situation in the Gulf region and uncertainties around international travel, which made it difficult to organize the event.

Barcelona, a premier convention destination, has previously hosted the event in 2002 and offers convenient access to Rotary members worldwide.

"We are deeply grateful to the city's [Barcelona] organizers and the local Rotary members for their flexibility in working with us on an accelerated timeline," says Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo.

Arezzo also expressed his sincere appreciation for Rotary members and leaders in the UAE for their commitment to Rotary and their substantial efforts to bring the Rotary convention to Dubai. "We look forward to a future convention there," he says.

Registration for the 2027 Rotary Convention in Barcelona will open in September 2026.

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of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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