Women’s League Bulletin

WL Mission Statement
The WL is an organization of women from different nationalities. Its purpose is to promote a broad acquaintance, to socialize, learn and support one another, and establish a social network. Its wish is to secure a yearly scholarship fund for a disabled student.

Only three things can change our lives
Dreams, sufferings and love
Paulo Coelho

Letter from the President

April is the fourth month of the year and the Romans use to call it Aprilis. It may come from a word meaning to open or it may come from Aphrodite, the Greek name of the Goddess of Love.

May 5, 2014, is this year’s Annual Garden Party of the League, instead of the beginning of June as usual, because President and Mrs. Dorman will be travelling in June and will not be able to attend our Party and prefer to be present while we use their house and Gardens so in this case they will be here for our Party in May.

The Indonesian Embassy in Lebanon have kindly accepted to give us a nice performance of music, dance, and songs for our Garden party at the Marquand House.

Our Mother’s Day Lunch at the Coral Beach on March 19, 2014 was a successful one due to the efforts of the Board and the members who attended it with their friends and everybody enjoyed the food, the atmosphere, the entertainment and being with their friends.

Although our year will end in May, but still we plan to have another trip in May and will let you all know about it in due time.

I end by wishing you all a Happy Easter and see you next October.

Lamia Kawar

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General Meeting on March 3, 2014

The speaker during the March Meeting was Mr. Wajih Akkari, the District Governor of Lions Clubs in Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. Mrs. Suad Khoury, our Program Chairperson introduced him, mentioning that he has been for 28 years as a Lion member, and he has been elected 2\textsuperscript{nd} Vice District Governor in 2011, and 1\textsuperscript{st} Vice District Governor in 2012, and in July 2013, has been elected as a District Governor. Mr. Akkari, mentioned that the Lions Club is an International World’s Largest Service Club Organization, which includes 46000 clubs around the world, and its members are 1.35 million persons. It was founded by Mr. Melvis Jones, in Chicago, U.S.A in the year 1917, and its aim is to help the poor people and community services. In 1952, the Lions Club started in Lebanon and now it is the District 351 which includes 94 clubs in Lebanon, 1 in Jordan and 4 in Iraq (with 2600 members).

Mr. Akkari mentioned, a new visionary program is being promoted through Social Media and now the Lion’s Club is in partnership with many social clubs, e.g. Boecker Public Health, Kunhadi, Alzheimer Association, Lebanese Autism Society, Al-Sahel Hospital, Red Cross, to help all the needy people, like the elderly sick, or the orphans or the displaced refugees, in providing them with free health clinics donating food and clothes, or building a roof (house) for them.

Mr. Akkari thanked Mrs. Houda Lutfi, for introducing him to the Women’s League, and all her efforts in the Lion’s Club. Ms. Lamia Kawar, our President, thanked him with a small gift and invited him to our Tea Table.
Mother’s Day Lunch

A very successful Mother’s Day Lunch was held at the Coral Beach Hotel, Jnah, by the Women’s League Board. Ninety members and friends of the League attended it in a beautiful sunny day. Our President, Ms. Lamia Kawar welcomed the lovely ladies, and thanked Mrs. Suad Shehadeh, a twice previous President of the League for her work and effort in the service of the League for many years. The plan was to honor her with a Silver Plate as a thank you token to her services to the League. But due to the illness of her husband Maitre Mounir Shehadeh, she could not be present.

A splendid four course Lunch was given to the ladies with a background music from Mr. Yorgo Elka, who played first on the piano, and then enchanted us with old songs that pleased the ladies, and invited them to the dance floor. Then there was an American auction for two presents, first on a diamond silver watch, which was won by Mrs. Hiam Chami, and a pearl necklace which was won by Mrs. Raghda Bizri. Thanks to the effort of the League’s Board, that made the Lunch very joyful and special thanks to Mrs. Zeina Arab, who worked very hard to the success of this event.
Beautiful Quotes About Truth

- As long as you are pure in heart, you speak the truth
- Truth is like a lion, you don’t have to defend it, let it loose. It will defend itself.
- A lie can travel half way around the world, while the truth is putting on its shoes.
- If you tell the truth, it becomes a part of your past. If you lie, it becomes a part of your future.
- Three things cannot be hidden for long, the sun, the moon and the truth.

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Our Annual Garden Party at Marquand House will be held on Monday May 5, 2014, at 5.30 p.m. Everybody is welcome and you can bring your friends with you.

Mrs. Zeina Arab, our Trip Chairperson, is planning a trip on the 23rd of April to Hasbaya and Merjeyoun (please reserve your places).

She is also planning a trip on the 28th of May to Bkassine and Jezzine? (This trip is able for change of places).

The Women’s League General Meeting for the coming Autumn Season will be held of October 6, 2014.

Hope to see you all next October, and have a nice Summer Vacation.

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Before printing this Bulletin, we heard the sad news of the passing away of an old member of the League, Mrs. Agnes Michel Shamaa. Our sincere condolences to her sons and all the Shamaa family. May Her Soul Rest in Peace.

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Editor of the Bulletin