Women's League Bulletin
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Welcome every morning with a smile. Look on the new day as another special gift from your Creator. Another golden Opportunity.

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Letter from the President

No doubt that time flies so quickly, for the two years term of the current Board has come to an end. Nevertheless, I am very pleased that I have gained a lot from being a member in the Women’s League from the time I joined and the different posts I held ending with my present position as President. I have gained experience and knowledge in different fields from the informative and interesting lectures we had, from the places we visited during our various trips to all parts of Lebanon. Not to forget the big number of friends I now have from the nice ladies who join the League year after year.

I would like to thank all the members for without them, we would not be here, and most of all I would like to thank all the Board Members, namely Mrs. Nabiha Younes, Mrs. Suad Khoury, Mrs. Nina Haboyeb, Mrs. Zeina Arab, Mrs. Leila Alameddine, Mrs. Leila Haddad and Mrs. Salwa Maasri for their big efforts to work hand in hand to make our Board a successful one.

During these two years, we were able to fulfill our main goal of helping a disabled needy student at AUB, by donating all the money we collect from the different activities to the Disabled Students Fund at AUB.

During these two years too we celebrated the 95th Anniversary of the League and looking forward to the Centennial hoping that it will grow stronger and stronger with the help of all the members who will exceed year after year hopefully.

Last year we honored a distinguished lady, who was twice a previous President namely Mrs. Suad Shehadeh, and this year too we honored another distinguished lady, Mrs. Nadia Alameddine who also was a previous President, both for their continuous efforts, guidance and help to make the League going strong.

Our big thanks and appreciation to President Dr. Peter Dorman and Mrs. Kathy Dorman for allowing us to use the facilities of AUB from the West Hall for our General Meetings to the Marquand House Gardens for our End of the year Garden Party which is going to be held this year on the 8th of May, 2015.

We were also able to fulfill part of the mission of the WL, i.e. to socialize, learn, and support one another, and establish social network.

Now the curtain has to close on the current Board and make room for the New Executive Board wishing them all the success.

Wish you all a Happy Easter.

Lamia Kawar
March 2015 Lecture

Dr. Elham Kallab Bsat was our speaker during the Women's League General Meeting of March 4, 2015. She was introduced by our Program Chairperson, Mrs. Suad Khoury. Dr. Kallab is a holder of a PHD in History of Art and Archeology from the Sorbonne University in Paris. Now she is a Professor at both the Lebanese and St. Joseph Universities, where she teaches History of Civilization and Art, and the relationship between East and West and Religion. Dr. Kallab is a member of the National Organization of Women's Rights and is the President of the Lebanese Universities Ladies Society.


It was a lecture about the different stages of clothes. Where the women after starting to work, choose to liberate themselves from the tight heavy clothes into practical, easy to wear but still stylish.

The lecture was followed by a Tea table of delicacies, offered to the Women's League by Mrs. Houda Khaireddine, which was greatly appreciated.
Mother's Day Lunch on March 11, 2015

A very successful Mother's Day Lunch was held by the Women's League on the 11th of March at "Eau de Vie" Restaurant at Phoenicia Hotel. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Zeina Arab, and all the Board Members which made it a successful event. This Lunch was attended by 120 ladies both members and their friends, and it was started by a welcome drink between noon and 1.00 p.m. The ladies enjoyed socializing with their friends and taking photos and then they were asked to have their seats. Our President Ms. Lamia Kawar, opened the lunch by an address where she said: “Welcome Ladies, the Ambassador of India, Mrs. Anita Mayar, the Ambassador of the Philippines Mrs. Leah Manago Ruiz, Dr. Elham Kallab Bsat, members of the Women’s League and friends: Welcome everybody and Happy Mother's Day. We are gathering here today, not only to socialize and celebrate Mother's Day but also to fulfill our goal in helping a needy disabled student at AUB for the proceeds of all our activities plus membership fees are donated to the Disabled Students' Fund at AUB. Today, we are honoring a distinguished lady, for besides her being President for the Period 2001-2003, yet she has never stopped giving much of her time to the benefit of the League, as she is also a consultant in all domains, and very keen in seeing the Women's League still going strong. Not to forget that she is a dedicated mother to her children. I am sure you know by now who she is. Please join me in honoring Mrs. Nadia Alameddine”. Then Mrs. Alameddine was offered a Silver Plate, for all her dedication and love for the Women’s League. In return Mrs. Alameddine thanked the Board for all their effort and work. While Lunch was served, Mrs. Maria Matar, a talented Professional Soprano Singer, enchanted the ladies with her lovely voice singing with a joyful spirit some oldies. Everybody thanked her with Mr. Paul who accompanied her on the piano. She was also offered a nice present. The ladies enjoyed their three course delicious meal and the wine offered by "IXSIR" Winery. The ladies were also offered a small gift which is a (small lavender bag) as a favor for the occasion.

The executive Board
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With deep sorrow, The Women’s League announces the passing away of Mrs. Ellen Eid, previous President during the years 1995-1997, on March 7. Mrs. Eid was a very friendly lady to everybody who knew her, especially the League’s ladies. She was survived by her four daughters. May her soul rest in peace and her memory be eternal.

The League also lost another dear lady, a previous member, Mrs. Blanche Damiani on March 25. She was also survived by her two sons.

Our Trip Chairperson, Mrs. Zeina Arab, is preparing a trip on Wednesday, April 22, to the Zahleh area and as usual the fee is $50.

Our Annual Garden Party will be held as is the case each year at the Marquand House Gardens on FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015 at 5.30 p.m. All are welcome with your friends.

Mrs. Ougarit Younan, who was one of our speakers last year is calling for a “Sit In” at Martyrs Square, downtown Beirut, on April 17, at 4.30 p.m. concerning the Law of Civil Marriage. She invited the media and several organizations including the Women’s League. Hope you all can participate.

Leila Zacca Alameddine

Editor of the Bulletin

The honered Lady Mrs. Nadia Alameddine

The Executive Board with Mrs. Nadia Alameddine

Mrs. Maria Matar