Women's League Bulletin

Education is not the learning of facts, but training the mind to think

Albert Einstein

Happy New Year 2014

Letter from the President

A year has gone and a new one has just begun on the hope that it will be a peaceful year.

January being the first month of the calendar year (or Januar) as it was first called, was named for the Roman god Janus, protector of gates and doorways, Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking in the past, the other into the future.

Our annual Christmas Lunch which was on December 16, 2013 at Le Mailion Restaurant in Achrafieh was very successful due to the efforts of all Board members, and was attended by members of the League and friends. Among the distinguished guests who attended, were her Excellency, Ex. Minister, Mrs. Mona Afelche Choueiry with Mr. Choueiry and Her Excellency Ambassador of Colombia, Mrs. Georgina Mallat and Mr. Mallat.

During the Lunch, we were enchanted by the Christmas carols and old songs performed by two wonderful entertainers, namely Mrs. Maria Matar, Opera Singer, and Mr. Yorgo Elka, who made the atmosphere very joyful.

We look forward to have more and more interesting events during the current year.

At last I take the opportunity to wish everybody a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Lamia Kawar
Lecture by Father Boulos Wehbe
Parish Priest of St. Michael and Gabriel Church in Mazraa

Father Boulos Wehbe was the speaker for our General Meeting on December 2, 2013. The Topic was “The Shepherds and the Magi” a common narrative. He mentioned that Mathew and Luke, are the two gospels that mentioned aspects or parts of the Nativity story of our Savior. Mathew tells of the Maji, worshipers of the stars and planets, who are guided unto the birth manger of the infant JESUS; while Luke speaks of an angel of the Lord, appearing to shepherds at night, heralding the birth a Savior. Our Lord spoke to the shepherds while they were shepherding and spoke to the Maji through one of the stars they worship, God speaks to us from within our lives because He is present in every detail and every moment of it and uses our own experiences to elevate us to Him.

Mr. Samer Madbak, who is a Soloist singer (a member of the Parish of Father Wehbe church, St. Michael and Gabriel in Mazraa, Beirut) chanted for us three Christmas Carols, then it was followed by Mrs. Ellen Genadri on the piano with the audience singing Christmas Carols.

Annual Christmas Lunch

A wonderful Christmas Lunch was held on Monday, December 16, 2013, at “Le Maillon” Restaurant by the Board of the Women’s League. The weather was sunny after a stormy week, so everybody was happy and really enjoyed our Lunch. Ms. Lamia Kawar, the President of the Women’s League welcomed the ladies and gentlemen who attended our Lunch and wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mrs. Suad Khoury, Program Chairperson introduced Mrs. Maria Matar, an Opera Singer to our audience, Mrs. Matar with her marvelous voice, sang for us “Ave Maria” and many other great old songs and Christmas Carols which made everybody feels the Christmas spirit. She was followed by Mr. Yorgo Elka who sang oldies while playing the guitar, which made the ladies participate in dancing to the Greek Music. A superb three course lunch was served which was very tasty. A tombola was held and the ladies enjoyed their presents. At the end everybody thanked the Women’s League for their successful lunch.
Recipe of the Month by Mrs. Zeina Arab

**Brownies**

2 cups Flour, 2 cups ordinary sugar, 2 eggs, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 small Danish butter, 3 tsp. cocoa, 1 cup water

Melt the butter with the cocoa in a saucer on medium fire until the butter melts and mix and get to the boil, then add all the other ingredients and mix for almost two minutes. Pour in a baking pan and bake for 20 minutes, on medium hear.

The topping includes half a small size Danish butter pack, 3 ¾ table spoon cocoa. Melt the butter then add 1 tsp, vanilla and 1 ½ cup fine sugar. Then start pouring a glass of milk little by little on the cream until you reach the thickness of the cream you desire. Sometimes it takes whole amount of milk. It is advisable to pour the cream on the cake straight after taking it out of the oven so that the cream can go inside the cake from all sides.

**Lessons from Life**

- To realize the value of a sister/brother, ask someone who doesn’t have one.
- To realize the value of four years, ask a graduate
- To realize the value of one year, ask a student who has failed a final exam
- To realize the value of a minute, ask a person who has missed the train
- To realize the value of one second, ask a person who has survived an accident.

Time waits for no one

Treasure every moment you have

Remember: **Hold on tight to the ones you love!!!**

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**January Trip**

Mrs. Zeina Arab, our Trip Chairperson, has planned the January Trip to be on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 to Enfreh, in North Lebanon, with a lunch at a Fish Restaurant. Price of the trip is $50.- Fifty U.S. dollars, or LL. 75.000.- Seventy Five Thousand Lebanese Pounds. You are all welcome to join the trip.

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Our big thanks go to Mrs. Houda Khaireddine, who is kindly offering the delicacies of the tea table for this month.

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In your soul are indefinitely precious things that cannot be taken from you.

*Oscar Wilde*
Photos from the Christmas Lunch

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