Letter from the President

At the start of my term as President of the Women's League for the years 2013-2015, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Nominating Committee for their confidence in me and I shall work hard to meet their expectations.

On November 3, 2013, the Women's League will commence its 95th year since it was founded on November 3, 1919 by a group of ladies of different nationalities who were mainly wives of AUB professors and other ladies married to Lebanese men and living in Lebanon. The main goal of the League was social and cultural.

For this purpose, we would like to have ladies of different nationalities, both from the diplomatic corps and others residing in Lebanon, join our League. I urge League members to help in achieving this goal as it is to our advantage to become acquainted with cultures of other nations.

I hope that we will have a successful year with your help and cooperation.

Thank you.

Lamia Kawar
Trip to the Aqqa Grotto, Mashnaka and Yanouh
On May 29, 2013

Mrs. Leila Haddad, who was the Trip Chairperson for the years 2011-2013 made her last successful trip last May 29, 2013. Two small buses (because of the narrow roads of the mountains) were ready to take the 48 ladies on a day trip. After a short stop for breakfast in Jounieh, the buses took off to the north through Jbeil up to the mountains. The first stop was at the ruins of the town of “Mashnaqa” where half a temple still stands. Then to “Yanouh” where we saw the ruins of a Roman Christian Church, then up to the marvelous Afqa Grotto, where we had a very nice view of the waterfalls from the cave which is the base source of the “Ibrahim River”. After enjoying the splendid scenery of the falls and taking photos, the buses took off again for it was luncheon time to the Restaurant “La Reserve” at Afqa, where everybody enjoyed a delicious lunch. Then many of them took a walk near the restaurant and enjoyed picking and eating cherries from the trees in the gardens nearby.
Then it was time to go back to Beirut but through a different road from Afqa, Hadath Baalbeck, Kferzebian, Faraya to arrive Beirut at 7.30 p.m.

Leila Zakka Alameddine

Annual Garden Party

The Annual Garden Party of the Women’s League, which took place on Monday, June 3, 2013 at the “Marquand House Gardens”, was a very successful event. The Program started at 5.30 p.m. in the presence of the President of AUB Dr. Peter Dorman and Mrs. Dorman, celebrities, friends, and members of the League.
After the National Anthem and the Alma Mater, Mrs. Salwa Damiani, President of the Women’s League welcomed everybody and then presented to the President, a check in the amount of LL. 14,000,000.- (Fourteen Million Lebanese Pounds), as its contribution to the “Disabled Student’s Fund at AUB”. Then Dr. Dorman gave a short address. After that Mrs. Damiani thanked the Outgoing Board for their help and effort during the year and introduced the New Board for the years 2013-2015.
Then the Program started which was a show given by the talented AUB Students, which consisted of dancing the Salsa, Tango, and Oriental dances. The program also consisted of a performance by the well known Tenor, Mr. Gabriel Abdel Nour, who enchanted the audience with his songs. Mrs. Rihab Ouri, Program Chairperson thanked the students for their lovely performance and also thanked Mr. Abdel Nour.
A reception followed where Mrs. Kathy Dorman, Honorary President of the League, Mrs. Salwa Damiani, President, and the Board, cut the traditional cake with the Emblem of the W.L. and everybody then enjoyed the delicacies at the Tea Table.
The event was enjoyed by everybody and they all thanked the Outgoing Members for their hard work during the year.
Calendar of the General Meetings
At the Bathish Auditorium for the years 2013-2014

The General Meetings are always held at the first Monday of the Month from October through May, at 3.30 p.m. (except if the said Monday happens to be a National Holiday or Religious Holiday.)

Monday, October 7, 2013
Monday, November 11, 2013 (instead of November 4, which is the Moslem New Year)
Monday, December 2, 2013
Monday, January 13, 2014 (instead of January 6, 2013, which is the Armenian Christmas)
Monday, February 3, 2014
Monday, March 3, 2014
Monday, April 7, 2014
Monday, May 5, 2014

The New Board Members of the Woman’s League
For the years 2013-2015

Mrs. Kathy Dorman Honorary President
Ms. Lamia Kawar President
Mrs. Nabha Younis Vice President
Mrs. Leila Zakka Alameddine Secretary/ Editor of

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Mrs. Suad Khoury Program Chairperson
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October Trip

Mrs. Zeina Arab, our Trip Chairperson, is organizing on October 23, 2013, a trip to DMIT (Chouf District) it is an Eco-Village, where we will be introduced to the working ecosystem of organic agriculture and renewable energy. The Lunch will be a Buffet, made from food grown organically in the property of the eco-village. The Bus will leave at 8.30 a.m. SHARP. The cost of the trip is 50$ or LL 75,000.-

The November General Meeting which was supposed to be on November 4, is changed to November 11, 2013, for it might be the Moslem New Year.

Editor of the Bulletin
Leila Zakka Alameddine
Various photos from the last events