Women's League Bulletin

The Greatest gift of Life is Friendship and I have received it.

Hubert H. Humphrey

Letter from the President

The Women’s League joined Welcome Clubs International (WCI) in 2009 as a member in these clubs.

Welcome Clubs International (WCI) is a non-profit association of international women’s clubs. Its purpose is to unite a worldwide network of independent international women’s clubs around the world that share a common goal of cross-cultural education and friendship.

WCI organizes a conference every two years when they invite Presidents and Liaisons of the sister clubs to attend these conferences. This year the conference was in Hamburg, Germany and when I received an invitation to join, I decided to do so, as to get acquainted with the other clubs.

The Ladies of The International Women’s Club of Hamburg had prepared a very nice and intensive program for the conference. In the mornings there were different kinds of meetings for discussions where every club gives a summary of the programs and activities they do.

In the afternoons and evenings there were programs as a Banquet on a the museum ship “Rickmer Rickmers”, visit to the city Hall, visit to AIRBUS, Boat Tour, A visit to an Apple Farm, “Dining with friends” where a group of four or five persons are guests in a private home of one of the ladies of the Hamburg Club. Most of the ladies were accompanied with their husbands during the conference. So there were programs in the mornings for the husbands.

The Conference was ended by a Farewell dinner with entertainment where we were asked to wear our national dress, if any, and I did so.

Lamia Kawar
Trip of the Month
To Ouyoun Al Samak

The Women's League last trip for the year 2013-2014. Was on the 4th of June to the North of Lebanon. The first stop was at “Bread Bakery”. The 75 ladies and gentlemen had a choice either to have a mankoucheh or Kenafeh with a cup of coffee or tea. Then the three busses took off to “OUYOUN EL SAMAK” in Dinnieh area (Akkar) (one hour from Tripoli). The beauty of nature is so lovely. The waterfall coming down from the mountain surrounded by trees and then forming lakes when hitting the ground. Everybody enjoyed the scenery for it is one of the most beautiful falls in Lebanon. They were taking multiple photos, walking around the area or sipping a cup of coffee or cold drink. It was a hard decision to take off and leave this heavenly place and go for another hour drive to go to the town of "نيرزلا" to have a delicious lunch of a Lebanese assortment of mezeh and barbecue with arak and soft drinks. After lunch Sweets from Tripoli were served along with the fruits. This Restaurant is also beside a very nice waterfall.

We have to thanks Mrs. Zeina Arab for all her efforts in making this trip very successful and enjoyable.

Leila Zacca Alameddine

Photos from the WCl conference in Hamburg Germany
Annual Garden Party on May 5, 2014

On May 5, we celebrated our Annual Garden Party at 5.30 p.m. in the Marquand House Gardens (President of AUB Residence). It was supposed to be attended by President Dorman, but he had to leave the same afternoon on a business trip to Kuwait. He delegated Dr. Charbel Tarraf, Associate Dean of Student to represent him. Mrs. Dorman attended as there were the Ambassador of Indonesia and his spouse, the Philippine Ambassador, spouse of the Ambassador of Chekia, members of the Embassy of Indonesia and from the Unifiil Indonesian Battalion in the South, members of the Women’s, and their friends.

After the national anthems, Ms. Kawar, President of the Women’s League gave her address, then she presented to AUB in the person of Dr. Tarraf, the Women’s League check in the amount of $10,500 (Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) as a donation to the Disabled Students’ Fund.

Then Dr. Tarraf read President Dorman’s Address to the Women’s League which is as follows:

“On behalf of the President of the University, I also want to offer our deep thanks to the Women’s League for their generous gift to support AUB students with disabilities. Since its foundation in 1919, the Women’s League has not only provided a productive space for women to congregate over matters of public and cultural interest, but has contributed to the enrichment of AUB life in various ways, and today’s generosity to support AUB students with disabilities is no different.” .......

Then the Program Chairperson, Mrs. Suad Khoury introduced the program which was kindly presented by the Embassy of Indonesia in Lebanon and the Unifiil Battalion Cultural Team. It was presented by a very big group of performers who enchanted us with their Indonesian music and songs. They even sang in Arabic. Their program was very admired by everybody. The ambassador was in a jolly mood and was joining his groups and taking photos with them.

The Party was followed by a Tea Party.
Our Trip Chairperson, Mrs. Zeina Arab, is planning a trip on Thursday, 23, 2014 to IXIR Winery, then to the “Farm St. Jacques (a factory of Fois Gras) Batroun Mountain Area. Lunch will be at Kfar Held, on Nahr El-Joz River. The Cost per person is $50. Please reserve your places as soon as possible. Mrs. Zeina Arab Tel: No. 03-611899.

November General Meeting of the Women’s League will be on Monday, November 10, 2014 instead of November 3rd, which is "ذكرى عشوراء" at West Hall, 4.00 p.m.

The Women’s League Board would like and prefer that each single lady who attends the lectures or goes with us on our trips, to become a Member with the WL and pays her membership fee which is only LL 50,000 (Fifty Thousand Lebanese Pounds) for the whole week.

With great sorrow we announce the passing away of Maitre Munir Shehadeh, husband of Mrs. Suad Shehadeh, one of the oldest Presidents of the Women’s League, on Thursday, October 9, 2014. May His Soul Rest in Peace.

Thank you.

Leila Zacca Alameddine
Editor of the Bulletin

Photos from the garden party