

"A man loves his sweet heart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest."

Irish Proverb

"Mothers are the necessity of inventions."

Bill Watterson

"There is no way to become a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one."

Jill Churchill

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# Women's League Bulletin

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## 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 social network. Its wish is to secure a yearly scholarship fund for a disabled student.

## From the President

**Two main events are happening during the month of March: the International Women's Day and Mother's Day.**

**Each year International Women's Day is celebrated around the world on March 8<sup>th</sup>. It is a day which celebrates the economic, political and social achievement of women, past, present and future.**

**Each country selects the appropriate theme such as equal rights, equal opportunities, and a world free of violence against women.**

**At present, in Lebanon women are fighting against domestic violence in all its forms physical, sexual, and emotional.**

**Every now and then a small a crowd meets and demonstrates to show their dissatisfaction toward the modifications which risk to affect the project of law so controversial which should protect women from domestic violence. But our politicians do not support this struggle to improve the condition of women and the solution against conjugal violence remains always on the dialogue table. Unfortunately, the project was put on hold now due to political and religious pressure.**

**Another important event for this month is Mother's Day which is celebrated in the Arab world on March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**The Women's League celebrates it during a luncheon in the presence of most of its members and friends who will enjoy a nice program. This year Mother's Day luncheon will be held on Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Gefinor Rotana Hotel. Hope to see you all there.**

Salwa Damiani

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Mrs. Kathy Dorman shares her experiences in Luxor in the nineties with the Women's League

Mrs. Kathy Dorman, ex-officio President of the Women's League, was the guest speaker for the monthly general meeting of the Women's League on Monday 13 February 2012. Mrs. Dorman is the wife of the 15<sup>th</sup> President of AUB, Dr. Peter Dorman who was appointed President of AUB on March 21, 2008. Doctor Dorman is the great-great grandson of Daniel Bliss, the founder of AUB. Dr. Dorman's grand-mother helped found the Women's League in 1919.

Mrs. Dorman 's speech was interesting and lively as it dealt with her actual experiences in the nineties when Dr. Dorman was heading the epigraphic efforts at Chicago House in Luxor, Egypt. It dealt with her experiences with the staff including three Egyptian cooks that included their misunderstanding of what was actually required of them that sometimes led to some amusing mishaps. Some of the incidents recounted by Mrs. Dorman amused the members of the audience in West Hall.

Arminée Choukassizian, Editor of the Bulletin



Mrs. Dorman and the board members of the Women's League



Rihab Ouri, Mrs. Dorman, and Salwa Damiani

International Women's Day is on Thursday March 8, 2012. One theme for this year is the support of women in the decision and peace-making process; mainly for women to take part as decision makers. A second theme is to launch the national women's quota system through nominations and seats in the election laws which will be implemented. (The Lebanese Council of Women has adopted this quota system this year.)

## Women's League February Trip

February this year was a very cold, snowy and rainy month, but on Wednesday February 22 it was a sunny and warm day which was very suitable to go on a trip outside Beirut, but like the trip in January it was close by and on the coastline.

So at 8:30 a.m. of that day the bus took off with 47 ladies and one gentleman on its way with a short stop for breakfast, heading to Jounieh to visit "the Batieh" near the ATCL. We were met by Mrs. Georgina Fenianos, who is very well-known as a member of many charitable organizations in Lebanon. There we visited the sacred water with the garden beside it and a chapel built by Mr. and Mrs. Fenianos. Mrs. Fenianos said that the water there, which is both spring and sea water, is sacred and many people go down in the water hoping to be cured from several illnesses they have. She also said that the saying goes that Saint George killed the dragon in that place and there is a statue of Saint George there. After taking many pictures with Mrs. Fenianos, and bidding her farewell and thanking her for her help, we headed to "NDU", the Notre Dame University of Loueizeh in Zouk Mosbeh.



The ladies with Mrs. Georgina Fenianos



The ladies at NDU with Dr. Ghaith and Mrs. Nada Saber

We were met at the entrance by Dr. Chahine Ghaith, Dean of Public Administration and Political Science and Diplomacy and Mrs. Nada Saad Saber, Public Relations assistant director, who showed us around the University the area of which is one million square meters and is on the top of a hill in Zouk Mosbeh overlooking a very impressive scenery of the area. The university actually started in 1987 as a university. This year it has 7000 students that belong to seven faculties, namely Architecture, Art and Design, Humanities, Business Administration and Economics, Engineering, Political Science, Public Administration and Diplomacy, Nursing and Health Sciences, Natural and Applied Sciences. The computer lab at the University is very advanced and up to date and they give lectures to teachers in other places. The University has two other branches besides the main Campus in Zouk Mosbeh: one in Barsa, Koura, North Lebanon, and the other in Deir El-Kamar.

After being shown around and invited for coffee, we headed to Byblos to visit a newly erected park there and then to the sea resort of Edde Sands to have a very delicious lunch by the sea. We arrived in Beirut at 7.00 p.m. having enjoyed a pleasant day.

We look forward to having another nice trip in April.

Lamia Kawar

Super Mom  
Mom, you're a wonderful mother,  
So gentle, yet so strong.  
The many ways you show you care  
Always make me feel I belong.  
You're patient when I'm foolish;  
You give guidance when I ask;  
It seems you can do most anything;  
You're the master of every task.  
You're a dependable source of comfort;  
You're my cushion when I fall.  
You help in times of trouble;  
You support me whenever I call.  
I love you more than you know;  
You have my total respect.  
If I had my choice of mothers,  
You'd be the one I'd select!

*By Joanna Fuchs*

## Announcements

On the occasion of International Women's Day the committee for the rights of women invites you to a celebration at the UNESCO Palace at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 6, 2012. All are welcome.

Mother's Day lunch at the Gefinor Rotana at 1:00 p.m. on Monday 19 March 2012 organized by the Women's League. Ticket at \$50.

General meeting of the Women's League in West Hall at 3:30 p.m. on Monday April 2, 2012.

General meeting of the Women's League in West Hall at 3:30 p.m. on Monday May 7, 2012.

Annual garden party of the Women's League at Marquand House at 5:30 p.m. on Monday 4 June 2012.

## Condolences

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Georgette Hourani Khoury sister of Nuha Wehbe who is a member of the Women's League. May her soul rest in peace.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Nabil Selim Firzli, son of Nabila Melki Firzli of the Women's Auxiliary. May his soul rest in peace.

Iris Rizk, President of the Women's Auxiliary, lost her mother. Our heartfelt condolences to her on the loss of her mother.