



## Women’s League Bulletin

“November’s sky is chill and drear,  
November’s leaf is red and sear.” – Sir Walter Scott

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### WL Mission Statement

*The Women’s League 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 at AUB.*

### A Letter from the President

I would like to congratulate all the members of the League on the occasion of two major celebrations in November namely:

The Lebanese Independence Day on November 22nd and the 103rd Anniversary of the Women’s League on November 3rd.

The League is still going strong with the help of each one of the board members who are working hard to prepare interesting and educational lectures, trips, luncheons etc. as well as for all the members who are joining these activities.

I came across these nice quotes about November and wanted to share them with you:

“New month, new chapter, new page and new wishes. May the month give you courage, strength, confidence, patience, self-love and inner peace.”

“May every day in November fill your days with hope, love, sunshine and energy. Let there be joy, fun and laughter.”

With my very best wishes for the two occasions.

Lamia Kawar  
President

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## *For the Love of Art and the Joy it Brings*

The monthly meeting was held on October 17<sup>th</sup> in the presence of the minister of cultural affairs, Mr. Mohammad Murtada, accompanied by his wife. The president, Ms. Lamia Kawar, had the opening remarks where she paid tribute to the Women's League founders as the league turns 103 years in November 2022. Hala Farah, the program coordinator, followed with an introduction of Mrs. Majd Ramadan, the mural artist and painter who decorated with her paintbrush the walls of churches and contributed to the deepening of dialogue between religions. She holds a diploma from the Academy of Michael Angelo for fine arts. She is a member of the Qatar Society of Artists and has participated in several exhibitions in Lebanon and abroad. She received many certificates of appreciation and honor as well as gold medals for her work.

Her presentation focused on the artistic activity of a group of ladies, who are also Women's League members, under the title "Seniors and the art of joy, from the living room to the red carpet". Many of the ladies started painting under Majd's supervision and guidance and they also received support from the Senior's Program in the American University of Beirut.

The ladies, with Mrs. Ramadan, participated in the Qatar International Art Festival, QIAF. Their paintings were displayed and they received a lot of appreciation and success.

The lecture concluded with the artist Majd Ramadan presenting a commemorative plaque to the minister for his support to the initiative. The minister gave a short speech praising the spirit of the ladies that comes from the spirit of the country that is undying despite the difficult circumstances. The minister then announced that he will offer a permanent wing in the National Library to the artist ladies for their use all year round.



## *A Trip to the North*

The monthly trip for October took place on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Our member, Arbaa Kabbara Raad, took it upon herself to show us the area since it is her birthplace and childhood playground. She took care of the itinerary down to the last detail. The ladies were very well looked after at every stop. We visited Hadath El Jebbeh, Hasroun, Bqerqasha, Bshare and the iconic Cedars reserve. Along the way we had several stops where we enjoyed a hot sahlab drink and visited the historic church of St. Daniel. This was followed by a stop at Gebran Khalil Gebran museum. Next stop was near the Cedars reserve to enjoy a cup of coffee and some freshly picked apples at the Mon Refuge Hotel followed by a short walk under the majestic cedar trees. The trip concluded with a sumptuous lunch in Ghraqia restaurant. We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Arbaa, the “hostess with the mostess”.



The trip coincided with Rasha’s birthday, so of course the ladies took the opportunity to celebrate with song and dance and plenty of food. Many happy returns to our dear Rasha.

## *A Love Story*

On Monday October 24<sup>th</sup> our member, Dr. Jinan Abdulaziz Majed, released her book “A Painting with the Brush of Love”. The event took place in the National Library and was attended by a representative of the minister of culture and the author’s friends. The book is dedicated to the loving memory of her late husband, the artist, Hassan Alam Eldinne. It shows her love to both her country of origin, Iraq and to her second home, Lebanon. The book will soon be available in local bookshops.



## *The Lebanese Film Week*

Last week MC Distribution, in partnership with Metropolis, organized the Lebanese Film Week at VOX cinemas in City Center Beirut. For the whole week, they showed handpicked Lebanese films produced in the past three years. Most of these movies have traveled the world and were shown in different movie festivals and won awards. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, the mini meeting coordinator, Maha Hajjar, participated with a group of ladies in this event and attended a documentary by the title of “Kashkash” that has won the Copenhagen 2022 Next Wave Award.

