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Women's League Bulletin

"To Cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas"- Calvin Coolidge

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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.

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A letter from the president

Dear Honorary President of the Women's League; Dr. Lamya Khoury,

Dear Members of the Women's League,

The most festive month of the year has finally arrived! With its snow-capped Mountains, and its majestic cedars sparkling under the winter sun, our beloved Lebanon, during the month of December, is rich with wonderful and magical happenings. Concerts, chants and jolly caroling, Christmas parties and Secrets Santa, are organized in churches and halls, in schools and at work. End-of-Year events are planned at home, in restaurants and hotels, all to welcome the New Year. This is the description of a pictureperfect month of December. Lurking behind it, this year, is the ongoing war in Gaza, and the fighting in South Lebanon. When will it ever stop? When shall we have finally a long-lasting Peace?

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a peaceful and flourishing New Year.

Best regards, Zeina Salibi, President

November Lecture by Mr. Tarek Kawa

Women’s League General meeting featuring a presentation with Mr. Tarek Kawa, a modern day “Hakawati” who delighted the members with a bouquet of Beirut Stories. A proud graduate of the International College (IC), he studied in England before working in Lebanon and the Gulf. He is the creative force behind the captivating ‘Beirut’s Collective Memory’ he has since found his calling in capturing the soul of Beirut through the art of storytelling. The lecture was very interesting discovering the Memories of Beirut.



Trip to Koura North Lebanon

Our trip organizer Mrs Arbaa Raad planned a successful trip to Koura. 30 Ladies participated to this amazing cultural trip. They had breakfast at al Kalamoun, then went to Dahr El Ain , Wahet El Farah Bkafteen , it's an association for people with disability. They visited their handcraft shop, and their farm, walked among the olive trees and pass by the olive presser station and watch the process of olive oil, then they visited the old Monastery and the 1st law school in Lebanon. Everybody was satisfied and happy.



Mini Meeting

On the 29th of November Mrs Jessy Dalal Tobassi, organized A very interesting informative gathering with guest speakers Mrs Aya Fattouh and Mrs Cherine Basbous, representing Abaad NGO, the resource center for Gender Equality is a UN ECOSOC accredited organization that aims to achieve gender equality. The dynamic team is comprised of dedicated activists, lawyer, consultants, social workers, and researchers, who creatively test new approaches as part of a larger effort to achieve an equitable society, free of hegemonic masculinities and violence against women. Abaad stands for zero tolerance to sexual Exploitation and Abuse.



It's hard when Christmas comes during a difficult time. It's the last month of the year, and for very evident reasons, everyone loves it! It's the time for year-end celebrations, vacations, family-time, exchanging gifts and the time for new promises and embarking on new journeys!

As always, for any questions or suggestions don't hesitate to reach out to me on amalekerbaj@gmail.com or via WhatsApp on 03-293030.