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A Kind Word is like a Spring Day

Russian Proverb

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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. at AUB.

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Letter from the President

Hello everyone

Welcome April, welcome spring, welcome warmer sun rays, welcome renewed energy. Let us get out of the lazy cold winter days and spring foreword with positive intentions. Spring to the season of new beginnings when fresh buds bloom, animals awaken and the earth seems to come to life again.
My dear board and me have tried for the past two years to be alert in choosing our distinguished speakers in different fields of interest. We tried to be very choosy in planning our trips and different activities and festivities. We tried to make changes for the better as promised and I believe we delivered with starting the mini meetings and the concert to replace Mother's Day Lunch.
The best of all these two years in service is meeting you all and making good friends. Here is a good description of friends:
If you're alone, I'll be your shadow.
If you want to cry, I'll be your shoulder.
If you want a hug, I'll be your pillow.
If you need to be happy, I'll be your smile.
But any time you need a friend, it'll just be me.
We wish the new board a good jump start leading to continuous successes and achievements with your support dear members.
As this the last General Meeting, I will soon leave you in the capable hands of the new board. I will always be around.

Nina Habayeb.

Mr. George Khabbaz was our Speaker

<u>On Monday, March 7, 2017</u>

It was such an enjoyable afternoon, when Mr. George Khabbaz, the Actor, Script Writer, Director of Comical Plays on Stage and Movies, has entertained a big number of ladies who were very keen on meeting the Stage Master.

He talked about his early days on stage as early as at the age of four years. His acting at that age was not a surprise for his parents and uncles as they were already acting these days.

He stressed the point of stage interaction with the audience as a humanitarian point. He pleaded the people to accept others as they are without trying to change them as we all are God's Creation.

The room was so vibrant with laughter, questions and answers. They also asked him to sing a famous song of his called "كبرت البنوتة كبرت ست الكل". Most of the members were there on that date because they wanted to see him and enjoyed his presence a lot. After which they enjoyed the generous tea table.

Written by Miriam Ghubril, Secretary

Spring Concert

The Traditional Mother's Day Lunch which is usually planned in March, was replaced this year by a Spring Concert which took place on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

The President, Mrs. Nina Habayeb, along with the board members liked to make a special change to this tradition and instead of the lunch, a Concert was organized by the help of our long time dear friend, Soprano Maria Mattar who volunteered to give us this concert with the assistance of her four friends professional pianists, namely Ahmad Fallah, Dima Mneimneh, Mohammad Mneimneh, and Ghina Yamani. who are all graduates of the Lebanese Conservatoire. AUB was also very kind with us and offered to make us use the Assembly Hall for our Event. Mrs. Mattar Who graduated from (UZEK) University of Saint Esprit at Kaslik, later continued her studies in Italy and Germany. Simce 2010 she has been regularly working in Strasbourg Opera and Italy Teatro Verdi.

Her first engagement took her to (Kehl) Germany where she has been performing the role of Carmen (Bizet) and many concerts in Europe. Successful guest appearances took her to important European Opera.

She has also volunteered to sing for us several times before in many of our activities as for other societies. She comes specially from Germany whenever we ask her to sing for us which she does whole heartedly.

Tickets were sold for a minimal price of LL. 30,000 as it was not a fundraising event and some invitations were offered.

All the Audience were enchanted by the beautiful voice of Mrs. Mattar and the lovely piano performances by all four professional pianists.

Written by Lamia Kawar

Spring

Spring has arrived. Birds welcome it with their happy songs. And Flowing brooks murmur sweetly touched by the breath of gentle breezes. Dark clouds blanket the sky. Thunder and lightning announce a storm. When they die away, the little birds return to fill the air with their sweet songs. In a meadow full of flowers with leaves rustling overhead, the goatherd sleeps his faithful do by his side To the festive sounds of the bagpipe, nymphs and shepherds dance in their favorite spot as spring appears in all its brilliance.

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Did you know Quotes

Did you know that April's Fool is recorded as a custom since the middle of the 14th Century and has become popular since the 19th Century? The habit of the pranks of the fist of April has become a standard in the last 100 years.

Did you know that Dancing has been scientifically proven to make you healthier and smarter?

Did you know that Avocados, raspberries, almonds, broccoli, spinach, salmon are among the healthiest foods on the planet?

Did you know that Daytime naps improve your memory and also cut the risk of heart disease?

Did you know when you see a halo around the sun or moon it means a storm is coming.

Did you know that people who regularly help others are significantly happier and less likely to become depressed as they get older?

Did you know that the reason why the wedding ring is placed on the fourth finger of your left hand is because it's the only finger that has a vein connecting directly to your heart?

Did you know that this April Meeting is the last one of the General Meetings?

Did you know that on Monday, May 8, 2017, we are having our Garden Party at the Marquand House Gardens?

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April Mini Meetings

Call Nada Maktabi for coffee out @ No. 03/979621

Call Nina Habayeb for card game @ No. 03/745172

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The April Trip will be on April 26, 2017 to the Sir Daniyeh to visit the Palace of Dreams and Zahlan Grotto with lunch at Abou Nawas Restaurant. For registration, please call Mrs. Rawaa Baltagi at No. 03/241066. Have a nice trip.

Wish you all a happy spring time and a Happy Easter.

Lamia Kawar,

Editor of the Bulletin