



# Women's League

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## From the President

*Giving isn't giving- unless the gift is tied with a ribbon- bows of gladness, what good the gift inside- though it be made of silver- What good the stars above if hearts know naught of laughter, if hearts are void of love?*

*Bernard Shaw*

Dear members and guests,

Welcome to the month of April!

Lend a hand; it is profoundly true that the shuttle of life is loom lies back and forth, and that, therefore it's movement are always reciprocal. You give a child a treat and make enjoyment for yourself. You deny yourself a pleasure because of your love for a friend and by that very denial your own life becomes happier you comfort a sorrowing heart, and your own heart is strangely warmed. This is a principle of human life, a principle which never fails. Happy the man who knows it and puts it into daily practice. Life is full of opportunities for helping people through. Have we done all we could have done? A glance at the Women's League a look at its past points out the wide range of activities the league has sponsored in past years. Now most of these activities have been taken over by other groups which are doing wonderful work in these different fields for they have tried successfully to further develops the ideas set by the League. We are still looking by selecting and cultivating new activities until they blossom and bear fruits that the league keeps her high profile throughout the time.

Bless you all!

*Christel Bikhazi*

# Congratulations and Invitation from WCI to WL

Following is a letter I received via e-mail from WCI President Padmini Durr:

## Quote

[Dear Rihab,

How lovely to hear from you. What is happening in your life? How are your club members, are they active? I see that your Web Site has been updated. Congratulations. We are in the process of catching up. Most of all I would like to say that I am very pleased to hear from you. You are going to receive an e-mail about our recent WCI Executive meeting in Orlando.

I hope that we will have a representative from Lebanon to Washington in June. I can understand it is tough during this economic situation. I wish there was something we could do, but unfortunately there is not much we can do financially, since we all are volunteers.

Rihab, how is your work coming along, please let me know.

Sincerely

Padmini ]

Unquote

The Nomination and the Elected Members

The WL Nomination Committee met on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. In the said committee there were two members from the board; namely, Souad Khoury and Leila Alameddine and three old members namely, Marcelle Salibi, Salam Ouase and Saada Kurunful and following were elected as 2009 – 2011 board members:

Leila Ghantous	09 – 216 052	President
Salwa Damiani	01 – 803 373	Vice President & Public Relation Officer
Rajiha Saghir	01 – 315 331	Recording Secretary
Dina Solh	01 – 787 377	Treasurer
Rihab Ouri	01 – 803 854	Editor of the Bulletin
Jaqueline Kassis	05 – 457 788	Trip Chairperson
Khulud Karaky	01 – 860 951	Membership Chairperson
		Project Activity
Lamia Kawar	01 – 740 235	Program Chairperson
Samia Bydoun	01 - 371909	Hospitality Chairperson
Suad Hoss	01 – 340649	Women's Council
Lilo Maasry	01 - 740833	Parliamentarian Consulting Chairperson

## Announcements

- To all members who did not pay their membership fee for the year 2008-2009 please settle your account as soon as possible. According to Article X in the bylaws, the aim of WL is to give any remaining funds, at the yearly closing meeting, to *a needy and deserving handicapped student studying at AUB.*
- There will be a trip to Duma on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. Join us and have fun.

Rihab Ouri

# The Month of March Has Five Great Events

- Mother's Day: [ *We are all Children on Mother's Day* ]

Mom, I look back on yesterday; you were always there to help me with my homework, make my dinner, and fix my hair. You taught me how to use nice words such as please and thank you, and to do what's right. You helped me with bedtime prayers and you tucked me in at night. There is so much I can thank you for through all my growing years.

- International Women's Day:

To all women who are making the world go round, thanks for sharing your life.

- Teacher's Day:

Behind every famous face there is an educator. What you teach today may someday lighten the world.

- \* Children's Day:

**Children are one third of our population and all of our future. Children make you want to start life over again.**

- The Start of Spring Season :

**Spring is recognized more by plants than by men. Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn. April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go.**

## Activities of the WL for the month of March:

*Mothers are never forgotten, but this is a day to celebrate their great event!*

\* On March 11, on the 21<sup>st</sup> floor of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, lunch was served to 75 ladies, followed by two speeches. Mrs. Nazek Yared spoke about Mothers. Mrs. Mona Takla read two very interesting poems about families and grandchildren.

\* On Thursday March 19 at 3:30 P.M., under the auspices of the Lebanese Republic President Michael Sulleiman, WL members attended Mother's Day held at Beirut UNESCO Palace. WL members were invited by the Mothers Committee in Lebanon founded in 1960.

### Obituary:

We offer our sincere condolences to our colleague members Salwa, Lamia and Elsie Kawar, for the death of their beloved Elias Kawar on March 11, 2009. May God bless his soul and give him eternal rest.

Rihab Ouri

# Greetings From the Oldest President of the League

## Ms. Bushra Al – Hoss

Boushra was born in Beirut in 1911...just three years before the start of World War I. Thanks God, she is in good health and doing well...well enough to play piano before her visitors.

Actually, Mrs. Hasna Barakat and I were honored to pay her a visit at her Verdun home on Saturday, the 4th. of April to learn a lot about her. She finished her education at the American School for Girls which was known as ASG and taught at Al-Makassed School for 12 consecutive years.

During the second World War II, Bushra joined the Women's League and Child Welfare organization as a member and could maintain her membership for 50 years. Also, she was a member of AUB Village Welfare. They used to camp during summer in AKKAR to teach the illiterates how to read and write. In the said three entities, Bushra rendered her best services in the volunteer work. During the war they used to help in hospitals and taking care of needy people. Bushra still remembers Mrs. Dodge who was the president of the League at that period; particularly her famous statement: [Ladies, you are "BUSY BEES"]].

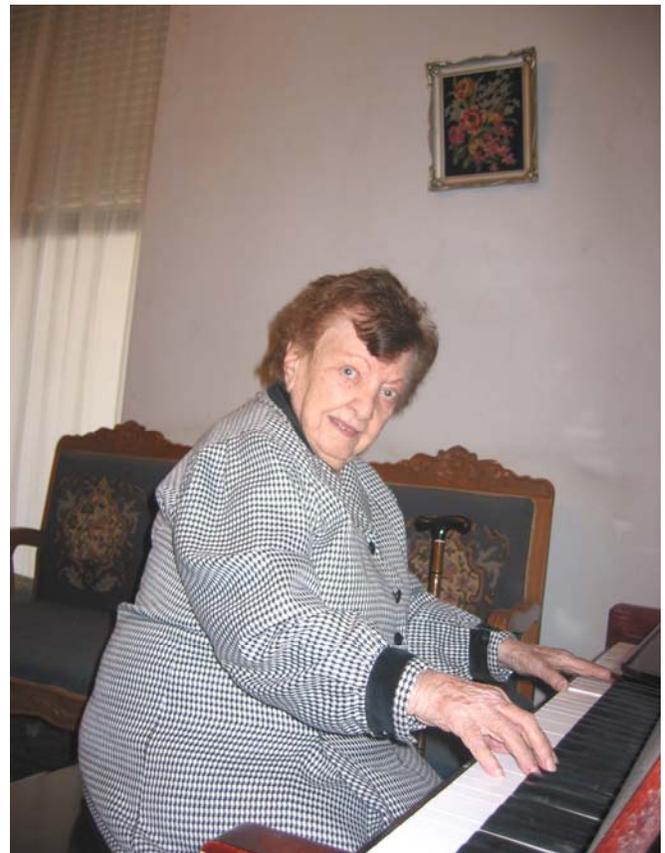
In short, Bushra is a rare person with a unique character who still remembers how to play piano depending on her musical ear; not using musical notes. She played for us Compersita, Ah-Ya-Zain, Addoukal-Mayyas Ya 'Aomri...which we enjoyed listening.

Editor of the Bulletin and Liaison

Rihab Ouri



Bushra's face says "I do miss the League"



With pride she plays the piano.