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## Women's League Bulletin

"Happiness is a voyage, not a destination. There is no better time to be happy than now. Live and enjoy the moment."

Author, unknown

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### WL Mission Statement

The WL is an organization of women of different nationalities. Its purpose is to promote a broad acquaintances to socialize, learn and support one another, in establishing social network.

I believe that the above statement applies firmly to our work at the Women's League, as it involves social work which by definition brings relief and happiness to other people. Let me start by thanking each and every one of The Women's League Executive Board and members who made pledges to serve the aims of the League. For that, I am very grateful.

The Women's League grows stronger every day, thanks to the stability in Lebanon.

Using social, cultural and academic media have provided us with a great opportunity to reach a wide scope of people who are opting to receive our news. Highlighting a number of activities, spotlights gave many ladies a chance to join The Women's League.

Emphasis is placed on listening to suggestions and improving the site to make it more useful to everyone.

The Women's League has come a long way, but there is still a long way to go.

In my opinion, The Women's League seems to be eternal and a survivor. The Women's League lives on with each and every generation in Lebanon.

The Women's League 2010-2011 abounds with wishes to sustain its message of friendship, determination, continuity and peace.

Last but not least, great thanks to the founders, who have incepted The Women's League which we are sustaining it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Leila Ghantous

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**Women's League Annual Garden Party at Marquand House**  
**Monday, June 7, 2010 at 5:30 PM**  
**Women's League donates for AUB scholarships**

**A word from President Dorman:**

Welcome to the members of the Women's League, friends, and distinguished guests. It is a distinct pleasure and honor for me to welcome Mrs. Wafaa Sleiman, the First Lady of Lebanon, as well as our good friends from the Spanish Embassy.

As AUB approaches its 150<sup>th</sup> year, we have the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to those essential values the university has always held dear. One of these is fostering a vibrant campus community that engages in a productive way with the people and institutions outside our walls. Promoting and supporting civic groups like the Women's League is an important part of this commitment.

With a long and proud history in Lebanon, this dynamic club has served as a venue for women of all nationalities, backgrounds, and affiliations to meet other women committed to social causes and mutual enlightenment. Over the years, the activities of the Women's League have ranged from the social to the political, but always with a strong component of civic service. Through its series of monthly educational lectures, cultural excursions, and special events, the Women's League contributes to the vivacity of our community, both on- and off-campus.

Since it was founded in 1866, AUB has served as a crossroads for people of differing cultures and outlooks. For over ninety years, the Women's League has helped us maintain this critical role, and I am proud to think that one of its founders was my grandmother, Mary Dale Dorman. I wish to express a debt of gratitude to all the members—and particularly the Executive Board led by Leila Ghantous, for their contributions to the success of the League, and for the generous donation that will support the education of AUB students with special needs.

In addition, our grateful thanks go to the Spanish Embassy for sponsoring the music and dance program today, and for contributing in this way to broadening our own cultural horizons. I am especially pleased to have this opportunity to thank the First Lady, Mrs. Sleiman, for her ongoing leadership in supporting education, ensuring the welfare of women and children, and promoting Lebanon's rich natural and cultural heritage.

**Mrs. Suleiman, the Dormans and the Ambassadors**



**First Lady Mrs. Sleiman was given the league emblem**



## ***A word from the Editor***

In my capacity as the editor of the WL Bulletin, it is my pleasure to resume my duties; particularly after a long summer. I hope our professional performance and coordination among our WL members should strongly manifest during the year 2011. In this new year, we should intensify our activities hand-in-hand based on genuine friendship and cooperation, leaving behind us the unforgettable humidity and the scorching sun of 2010 summer.

Our objective is to maintain the WL's purposeful body of active social welfare and provide amusement and fun for our meetings.

I am looking forward with great expectations for a very happy and useful 2011 since the number of our members is being multiplied and everyone is eagerly waiting for the great events to come.

***Rihab Ouri***

### **Our Thoughts And Hearts Are With You And Deeply Sorry For Your Loss**

**With sorrow WL is sorry to announce the death of the following members:**

- 1. Mary Khoury** passed away in the early summer of 2010. A long time member of our WL she was an active member since 1960.
- 2. Fortuneh Saadeh** joined the Women's League in the late 80's and remained as an active member until recently. She was also a member of the Women's Auxiliary and YWCA and served as a volunteer in the Bargain Box. She was a known painter and had hobbies of flower arrangements and sculptures. She is survived by her husband Elias, her daughter Joyce and grandson Georges.
- 3. Rose Kayaleh** passed away in August 2010. She joined the Women's League in the late 1990s. She was a happy member of the League and very friendly with its members. She was very sociable and was keen to join the members on all the monthly trips that WL planned and executed. She had 8 children.

### **2010– 2011 Planned Trips**

1. Wednesday October 13, 2010 a trip to West Beqa'-Kafriah-Maqam Sit Sha'awani and AUB Farm.
2. Wednesday November 10, 2010 a trip to North Lebanon, Deir Bsoura, Anfeh-Betroun.

Interested members and their guests are advised to contact Mrs. Jacqueline Kassis at:

**[05-457788 and or 03-689357]**

## ***Calendar 2010-2011***

**Monthly General Meetings at Bathish Auditorium, West Hall, AUB. The first Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. unless it coincides with a national holiday.**

**Monday      October 04    2010**

**Monday      November 08   2010**

**Wednesday   December 01   2010**

**Monday      January 03      2011**

**Monday      February 07     2011**

**Monday      March 07        2011**

**Monday      April 04         2011**

**Monday      May 02          2011**

**Monday      June 06         2011              at 5:30 pm June Party at Marquand House.**

**Monthly meeting of The Executive Board Members of the Women's League at West Hall, room 310, at 10:30 a.m.**

**Monday      September 06   2010**

**Monday      October 11      2010**

**Monday      November 15    2010**

**Monday      December 13    2010**

**Monday      January 10      2011**

**Monday      February 14     2011**

**Monday      March 14        2011**

**Monday      April 11         2011**

**Monday      May 09          2011**

**Monday      June 13**

**Editor of the Bulletin**

**Rihab Ouri**