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Editorial



Welcome to the first issue of Rotary Club Baabda Reporter. The club is proud to announce the launching of its monthly bulletin that will be distributed to each and every Rotarian in Lebanon, free of charge, directly to his / her address. It is intended to all Rotarians with news, events and projects from Rotary Clubs all over Lebanon, district 2450 and the world. Planned to be launched last July, war on Lebanon decided differently. It

is our way to fight war, by spreading hope, aid, humanitarian activities, peace and friendliness. It is our means to provide optimism, help, dedication and motivation. However, do remember: This bulletin is yours, it reflects your spirit of being a "Rotarian", so share your news, blow your own horn so to speak, brag about your activities in a spirit of positive competition, and let us all make the best use of it as a tribune to make your voice heard.

Once more, we wish you the best for 2007 and happy reading!

[André Gholam - President]

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The Power of Words

By IDG Farid Gebran



Rotary is service above one's self

Entails reaching out to those in need

Providing chances to others, from Ambassadorial Scholarships, Study Exchange or Humanitarian Grants

Overlooking yesterday...working for today... and aspiring for brighter days

Rebuild shattered dreams and lost childhood

Takes the lead in raising awareness all over the communities

Enhance fellowship between members

Rotary is... a concept we live by... a message we believe in... a hope of a better community!!

To the "REPORTER", Congratulations on the first issue. A magazine that will gather all the Rotary Clubs activities closely on paper, and will serve as a lamp to highlight all our actions to each other, to our District and the world for Words are, of course, the most powerful tool ever used by mankind.

I thank each and every Rotarian who has put his time and effort towards the birth of this magazine.

And here, my friends, I leave you with a quote for PRIP Dr. Crawford C. McCullough, that has profoundly touched me upon reading it; he says: "There is nothing intangible about Rotary: It is reality itself. To give is to receive; to lose oneself is to find oneself; to be happy is to serve. These are old truths... for the individual... and the mass, whether application be in the exchange of goods, toil, knowledge, or love." The Rotarian- November 1921.



BAABDA DIARY

News from Rotary Club

Jan 9, 07

Donation to Fr. A. Osseirane Foundation

RCBaabda President Andre Gholam visited Father Afif Osseirane Foundation and remitted food and medicine to the Association. The gift is a donation (worth \$2,000) from Rotary Club Fair Lakes, Va/USA.



Jan. 6, 07

Epiphany Dinner at l'Os

Club President Andre Gholam and his spouse Soumaya, perpetuating a club tradition, invited the members of Rotary Club of Baabda and their spouses to the Epiphany gathering at Restaurant l'Os. IDG Farid Gebran and his spouse Rita were guests of the President. Rotarian Henri Aoun and Claude Dahan, spouse of IP Gerard Dahan, were 'sacred' 'King' and 'Queen' of the evening.



Dec. 27, 06

Club Sponsors Kids

Four kids were sponsored by the club again this year. The club, represented by PP Georges Hage and P. André Gholam, remitted a check for LBP 2,000,000 to the 'Voix de la Femme Libanaise' which takes care of the kids' education. \$1,000 came through Bill Haring's RC Forest Lakes MN and LBP 500,000 from PP George Hage. An ultrasound machine worth \$15,000 (photo below) was donated by RC Baabda through Club's funds.



Dec. 23, 06

Christmas Day for Orphans

Three hundred and twenty five orphans from different orphanages in Lebanon were invited by the Rotary Club of Baabda for a day of events at the Geant Casino Mall. This is the ninth consecutive year that the Club holds such an event. Theater, lunch at McDonald's, then a distribution of gifts ended this day of magic for the kids. The event was sponsored by the Club, with a personal donation from Rotarian on leave-of-absence Kamel Ghammachi and by the Lebanese Canadian Bank. The gifts were a donation from Farra Design Center.

Orphanages involved: AFEL, Mar Roukoz (Hazmieh), Mar Semaan, Mar Mansour, Foyer Cardinal Agagianian (Anjar), N.D de l'Annonciation des Syriaques Catholiques, WTH Mulford and Caritas.



Dec. 15, 06

Christmas Dinner at the Daniel's

The traditional Christmas Dinner of the Rotary Club of Baabda members and spouses was held at the newly opened Restaurant Daniel's in Achrafieh. Each Rotarian was asked to bring a small gift to be exchanged with someone else. Fifty persons were present.

Dec. 13, 06

Trees 4 Lebanon

A meeting was held between P. André Gholam, PP. Philippe Naassan and PP Ronald Farra (RC Baabda) and Tony Matar, Grants & Relief Coordinator, Jacqueline Makhoul and Wajdi Khater, Agriculture Coordinator (World Vision) to study how World Vision can prepare a concept paper for the planting of one million trees in Lebanon. A check of \$1,000 was remitted to World Vision for planting trees in Bourj Hammoud. The amount is a donation from Banca Di Roma, Beirut.

www.trees4lebanon.org (under construction).

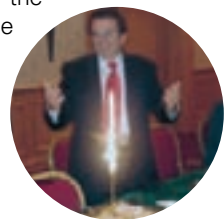
Dec .11, 06

RC Baabda Registers for 2008 Conference



On December 11, IDG Farid Gebran visited the Rotary Club of Baabda and held a conference about the year 2007-08 in the District. It is to mention that PP Mario Nasard is the Vice Chairman of the Conference 2007-08, PP Ronald Farra is the District Secretary for 2007-08, while P Andre Gholam is helping with the web development. On this occasion, the club gave the IDG a check for \$6250 for the registration of all of its 25 members. This was the first payment received by the District Conference.

Members also celebrated Rotarian Alexi Nassan's birthday.



Dec. 4, 06

Conference on Stress

Jeremy Alford, Ph.D and PE Philippe Skaff's son-in-law, gave a presentation on the stress, its causes and ways to remedy it.

www.choicespsi.com

Nov. 30, 06

RC Baabda First Concert Fundraising

A first at the Rotary Club of Baabda! 'Bach et son Epoque' concert was held in the College N. D. de Jamhour church. The Baroque Ensemble was conducted by Paul Emile Safa. Over two hundred music lovers attended it. This fundraising event brought \$2,500 to the club and some \$5,000 to the Jamhour school (to go towards kids' tuitions). The scouts of the troupe 10° Beyrouth helped with the order.



Nov. 27, 06

Philippe Skaff President for 2008-2009

Elected for 2008-2009: Rotarian Philippe Skaff. PE Philippe chose PP Ronald Farra to serve as Honorary Secretary.



Nov. 20, 06

Diana Veress Visits Club

Rotarian Diana Veress from the Rotary Club of Thonon-Genevois International (Switzerland D 1780) visited the Rotary Club of Baabda on November 21. Diana informed the Club members that her club was chartered on June 6 and that the club's first action was providing Euro 300,000 worth of medicine



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of Baabda

to Lebanon. Being located on the border with France, the club meets alternatively in France and Switzerland. Diane will be visiting Lebanon 4 times a year on business trips and promised to visit our Club again in the future. www.sosenfants.org

Nov. 13, 06

Conference on Chinese Ceramics



A conference on his years dealing with China ceramics was held by Mr. Charles Mazloum at the Rotary Club of Baabda, followed by a dinner at the Venezia Restaurant where Rotarian Nicole Rassi-Abdallah offered a sample of her repertoire of singing.

Nov. 13, 06

Dr. Cosma Visits Club

Dr. Hiam Cosma from RC Chatillon (France D 1660) visited our Club. Dr. Cosma is of Lebanese origin and has been living in France since 1973.



Nov. 11, 06

Scouts Entertain Orphans



Two hundred orphans from various orphanages of Lebanon were invited by the Rotary Club of Baabda to spend a day with the 'troupe 3° Beyrouth, Scouts du Liban', at the College N. D. de Jamhour. The event

was sponsored with \$3,500 from HSBC bank.

Orphanages involved: Beit Al Yateem, Makassed and Afel.

Oct. 30, 06

Environment Conference at Joint Meeting

The Rotary Clubs of Baabda and Beirut held a joint dinner meeting at the Hotel Bristol. Guest speaker was Environment Minister Yaacoub Sarraf who gave a gloomy picture of Lebanon during and after the 33 day war on Lebanon in summer of 2006.

L to R: Henri Aoun, Sarkis Khawaja, PP George Hage, PP Ronald Farra, PP John Edde ▼



Oct. 21, 06

Poolside Fundraising Dinner

Rotarian Philippe Skaff invited Rotarians and their friends to a fundraising dinner at his home. 100 persons attended the event. Philippe's daughter offered a necklace that was sold at a tombola, and he himself offered a painting that was sold at an auction held by Ronald Farra. The event brought over \$7,600 to the club.



▲ **L to R: PE Philippe Skaff, PP Wadih Feghali, PP Ronald Farra, PP John Edde and Dr Rafi Saadjian**

Oct. 16, 06

Conference on "Being a Rotarian"

IPP Pierre Geara from RC Beirut-Metropolitan was the guest lecturer at Rotary Club Baabda. His lecture was about 'being a Rotarian'.

Oct. 9, 06

Conference on Creative Industries, the Future of Lebanon

Mr. Sen Walegren spoke about his experience in the cinema and about the exceptional quality of the Lebanese in the creativity.

Oct. 9, 06

Michael Saneh Visits Club



Michael Saneh from Rotary Club of Saintes (France D 1690) visited our Club. Michael is of Lebanese origin, established in France since 20 years. He is offering to send to the club 10 cubic meters of books for public libraries.

Sep. 1, 06

Chinese Dinner

The members of the Rotary Club of Baabda and their spouses held a dinner at the Jardin de Chine restaurant.



ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

Why I Am a Rotarian



I joined Rotaract in 1974 while I was in Bordeaux - France for my university studies in the field of dentistry. I was elected President of the Rotaract Club of Bordeaux for 1976-1977.

When I returned back to Lebanon in 1981, I joined the Rotary.

Since 25 years I am enjoying this wonderful "way of life": Love others, Help others and Respect others.

Rotary gave me a lot:

Rotary has given me this big chance to discover, to feel and to share the human philosophy and vision of the Rotary early years when Paul Harris and his friends founded our organization in 1905.

Rotary has given me this great opportunity to live my citizenship not only within my country but also by acting with others to respond to community needs all over the world. I understand that the best way to build a real world of happiness is to follow the paths of peace with great conviction.

Rotary has respected not only my ego but also my will. Rotary has shown me how to put my ego into teams' service.

Rotary has crossed with my personal vision of consensus, respect, democracy, hope, motion, empathy, volunteerism and altruism.

At any level of service within my Rotary responsibilities, Club's President, Assistant Governor, District or International tasks, I am convinced that fellowship and unity between Rotarians are the secret of success of the Rotary International.

When I was appointed by my club of Zgharta-Zawié to be the primary contact for the first 3H Project in the District 2450, I was very proud to be given the opportunity to show how a volunteer is doing to respond to more than 600000 inhabitants needs. The "Blood Bank of Zgharta-Zawié" is running since 2000 and has initiated a bond between Christian and Muslim Lebanese communities in North Lebanon.

When I was appointed chairman of the Humanitarian Grants Cadre - Health, I had the chance to act as technical advisor for a Dental project in Uganda. This project is well running now in Kampala.

Presently I am RI Representative to the United Nations -ESCWA, the international level in serving Rotary and its mission.

Rotary is still giving me a lot. Everyday, I still give Rotary a lot. Benefits go to all communities in needs. This is why I am still a Rotarian.

My "Rotary virus", transmitted to me by my late father Paul, was passed to my wife Diah and to my son Paul, both of them Rotarians.

We were born Rotarian and we still are Rotarian.

Michel P. JAZZAR - DDS

RC Zgharta-Zawie - Lebanon [RI D.2450]

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ROTARY LEBANON NEWS

Dec. 17, 06

Rotary Helps Saida School

Attended by President Francoise Jawhari of RC Saida Past President Tony Asfour of RC Beirut Cosmopolitan (see photo) and Rotarians from RC Saida and RC Beirut Cosmopolitan, as well as Sisters and teachers of the Rosary Nuns School in Maamariéh, an official handover ceremony took place at the Rosary Nuns School in Maamariéh, Saida in South Lebanon. The total project was valued at \$24,380 for laboratory equipment and playground for preschoolers.



Dec. 7, 06

District Committee 0708 Meeting

On December 7 the District Committee for 0708 held a meeting at the Metropolitan Palace Hotel, Sin-el-fil, in order to review the preparations for the year 0708.



Nov. 25, 06

RoLEC Issues Recommendations for Grants

The Rotary Lebanon Emergency Committee in charge of receiving and distributing donations to the Clubs in Lebanon after the 33 days summer



▲ IDG Farid Gebran and PDG Ignace Mouawad

▼ Clockwise from L: PP Michel Jazzar, PP Riad Saade, PP Mario Nazard, PP Nicolas Choueiry



war held a meeting in the offices of DGE Farid Gebran and issued recommendations and guidelines to the clubs in order to receive a grant from RoLEC. All the projects in need of sponsoring can be viewed at www.rotary-lebanon.org

Nov. 15, 06

Free Medical Equipment

DGE Farid Gebran, PDG Ignace Mouawad and PP Ronald Farra met on November 15 with Tom Keefe, IMEC President, George Essef, Sr., Board Member and François Istambuli (with IMEC).

Tom Keefe explained the object of IMEC which is free distribution of surplus medical equipment.

www.imecamerica.org International Medical Equipment Collaborative: Healthcare for our World's Poor.



▲ L to R: PP Ronald Farra, Tom Keefe, George Assef

Nov. 11, 06

Rotary Awareness Seminar

RAS was held at the Holiday Inn Dunes, Beirut. Members of the Rotary Club of Baabda had a choice that day of entertaining orphans at the College N. D. de Jamhour or attending the Seminar.

RLI-LD Chairman Jamil Mouawad gave the "Welcoming address", while DG Hassan Abbas Helmi gave the "Introduction". In the first session, about the Rotary Foundation, District Trainer Mohamed Delawar spoke about the "Share System, World and District Statistics", Deputy Governor PDG Ignace Mouawad spoke about "Humanitarian & Educational Programs", while PDG Doros Jeropoulos spoke about the "Stewardship". After the Coffee Break, PP Michel Jazzar spoke of "Rotary and International Organizations" and DGE Farid Gebran spoke about "Membership Development". The third session was about the District Affairs. PP Mohamed Abdel Mohsen spoke about the "District Administration", PP Assem Abdel Razek spoke about the "District Conference". DG Hassan Abbas Helmi tackled the "Q & A and Closing address". A dinner with DG Hassan Abbas Hemi was later held at the same venue.

Oct. 19, 06

Egyptian Ambassador Darrar Honored



On October 19 the District Committee for 0708 held a meeting at the Habtoor Grand Hotel, Sin-el-fil, in order to review the preparations for the year 2007-08. The DGE Farid Gebran conveyed to an Iftar during which HE the Ambassador of Egypt, Mr. Hussein Darrar was honored with a Paul Harris Fellow Medal offered by the Rotary Club of Metn in which he is an honorary member.

Feb. 2, 06

RCMetn 20th Anniversary 1 year ago

PP and member of Parliament Dr. Pierre Daccache, surrounded by RC Metn members and Charter members, honoring the club's 20th anniversary.



WHERE CLUBS MEET

Aley	Mon	1900	Highland Hotel
Baabda	Mon	1930	Metropolitan Palace Hotel, Sin el Fil
Batroun	Tue	1800	San Stephano Resort
Beirut Cosmopolitan	Tue	1900	Le Vendome Intercontinental Hotel, Ain Mreisseh
Beirut Metropolitan	Wed	1930	Hotel Holiday Inn Dunes, Verdun
Beyrouth	Mon	1330	Hôtel Le Bristol, Beirut
Byblos-Jbeil	Wed	1900	Byblos sur Mer Hotel
Chouf	Tue	1830	Hotel Cavalier, Beirut
Hammana-Upper Metn	Fri	1930	Valley View Hotel, Hammana (19:00 winter)
Kesrouan	Thu	1900	Century Park Hotel Kaslik, Jounieh
Koura	Thu	1830	Chateau de Liban, Kousba
Metn	Wed	1900	Hotel Al Bustan, Beit Mery
Sahel Aley	Tue	1900	Mariott Hotel, Beirut
Sahel Metn	Mon	1900	Hotel La Cigale, Zalka
Saida	Wed	1900	Saida Resthouse
Tripoli	Tue	1800	Union Sportive, Tripoli
Tripoli Elmina	Wed	1900	Quality Inn Hotel, Elmina
Tripoli Maarad	Mon	1900	Quality inn Hotel, Tripoli
Zahle-Bekaa	Mon	2000	Grand Hotel Kadri, Zahle
Zgharta-Zawié	Fri	1800	Zhagarta Technical School



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Dec. 22, 06

RAC Metn Christmas Dinner at the Bocalino

Rotaract Metn held on December 22 a Christmas dinner, attended by over 50 young 'potential rotaractors' as well as the members of Rotary Club of Metn, at the Bocalino (Burj el Hamam) Brummana. They unveiled during the dinner a list of projects in the pipeline...



Nov. 5, 06

"Smile" Kermes

RC and RAC Beirut-Metropolitan held with municipalities of Hasbaya and Marjeyoun and Scouts of Lebanon the "Smile" Kermes at the Sacred Heart School in Marjeyoun. 1300 kids aged 7-14 from 26 villages participated in the event and enjoyed games, a comedy by Mimi Farah troop (about personal hygiene) and by Family Care International. Toys were distributed at the end of the day. ROLEC donated \$1,500 towards this event. **[Hala Franjeh]**



Oct. 06.06

Vocational Month with Injaz Lebanon



If a person cares for youth, believes in them, and works for their betterment then he/she is definitely going to love the concept of INJAZ LEBANON. During the beginning of October 2006, which marks the Rotary International Theme – Vocational Month, BCRAC was invited to partake in an executive board meeting of INJAZ LEBANON (member of Junior Achievement Worldwide) by P. Christine Arzoumanian, who is also an executive board member.

Meetings took place every Tuesday and at the end of the month, thanks to their attentiveness and efficiency, four BCRACers, Johnny El Hajj, Mathilda Haddad, Nayef Mecharrافية, and Sahar Assaf were welcomed into the InJaz Executive board as well. Currently they are forming the InJaz Program Committee and focusing on how to deliver them all over Lebanon through volunteers or "goodwill consultants" BCRAC also helped INJAZ LEBANON with organizing and office work.

Currently P. Christine is training the youth whom she once gave the InJaz two programs, "personal Economics" and "Success Skills" for them to give these sessions in their schools under her supervision. One of these students is an orphan and now is ready to give the sessions to her orphanage!

www.injaz-lebanon.org InJaz Lebanon
www.beirutcosmo.org Rotaract Beirut Cosmopolitan

Oct. 12,06

RCRAC Helps Needy

For the Holy Month of Ramadan BCRAC members and guests volunteered with Cedars Association to serve & pack food during Iftar to needy families.

"It was very rewarding experience" P. Christine explains, "Two weeks ago I was sitting with Royalties in UAE with my father, now I'm serving food to the workers of Sukleen, who I always wanted to repay in gratitude for their services in keeping our country as clean as possible".

Oct. 12,06

RCRAC & RAC Aley

BCRAC joy of service doubled when Rotaract Aley members joined forces on Oct. 12, 2006 and the two clubs enjoyed an hour a half of fellowship while serving. This was "Service above Self" said Club Secretary, Sahar Assaf.



Oct. 12,06

BCRAC with Orphans

BCRAC also took part in Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan's Iftar for 75 orphans from St. Elie Orphanage at Hard Rock café, where magician Dany & the Family Care clowns lighted up the faces of these children.

Oct. 28, 06

"Management Skills" at BCRAC

BCRAC took part in two free sessions with the Lebanese Management Association(LMA) on October 28, 2006. Mr. Atef Jubayli, President of the Association gave presentations about "Conducting Productive Meetings" and "Presentation Skills" followed by video taped examples. Founded in 1959 in Beirut by a group of professional managers, LMA is a nonprofit, non-political association bringing together representatives from all sectors of society in a constructive atmosphere. It is very active in the field of management training and development in Lebanon. BCRAC is hoping to continue with LMA sessions, throughout the year with different topics. Thanks to the kind invitation from LMA all Rotaractors in Lebanon will be given the opportunity to participate in these presentations free of charge.

Oct. 28, 06

Halloween Party

BCRAC members had a wonderful time at RAC Baabda Annual Halloween Party on October 28, 2006 in Mute - Monot. As per BCRAC tradition, First prize as best costume was awarded to another BCRAC member. Grace Arzoumanian or shall we say, "Princess Jasmine" and her date, Aladin, were the stars of the night.

Oct. 5, 06

"Rajeen Sawa" in Nabatiyeh

Four Presidents and Club members visited Nabatiyeh on October 5th, 2006 to donate their stationary contributions to RAC Aley's "Rajeen Sawa" Project in the South. P. Maya Shehayeb RAC Aley, P. Maya Hassan RAC Beirut, P. Belal Ayoubi RAC Tripoli El Mina and P. Christine Arzoumanian BCRAC, had a memorable road trip and on the way, more Rotaract activities and projects were discussed.

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BCRAC October Issue ▲



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DISTRICT 2450 NEWS

RC Dubai (U.A.E)



Summer 06

Help to the Lebanese Army

The Rotary Club of Dubai donated, in favor of the Lebanon Appeal, five generators of 220kva each to the Lebanese Army to assist its deployment in South Lebanon as part of UNIFIL, in addition to one generator granted to the Internal Security Force and one to a Lebanese Charity Organization providing health service.

www.dubairotary.com



Oct. 15, 06

Suhoor

The Rotary Club of Dubai hosted "Rotary Suhoor" during the holy month of Ramadan with the presence of the Club's Patron, H.H Shaikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum. During this event, 48 members were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows with a commemorative certificate, a Paul Harris Fellow pin and a medallion. Also Certificates of Recognition were distributed to five donors to the Lebanon Appeal.



RC Tahreer (Egypt)

Dec .16, 06

Opening of Hiteya Youth Center



The opening of Hiteya Youth Center, one of RC Taheer /Egypt Main projects in Hiteya (suburb area) took place on Dec. 16 where the Club members renovated the whole place to start serving the community around it. The club already had a medical eye convoy (300 patients), cloth exhibit, literacy classes, sewing and knitting classes for women to help them face life obligations and raising their children.

RC Nicosia-Aspelia (Cyprus)

Dec. 2, 06

Public Speaking and Confidence Building Seminar



Organized by the Rotary Clubs of Nicosia-Aspelia, three hour seminars of public speech were given to students aged 14-18 at the Rainbow School. This will enable them to stand up at any time to talk with confidence on any topic to any audience. The program continues through Jan 27, 07.

Nov. 11, 06

Caring for Orphans in Egypt

Yioula Papakyriacou SP Director of RC Nicosia visited the 6th of October Day Care Center, and one of the Orphan Houses in the area. Working for orphans was her dream which came true through Rotary.



Both of these places are run by Rotarian Abeer, a member of the 6th of October Rotary Club. Rotarian Yioula was happy to deliver to the children school bags, pens, pencils, books, chocolate and sweets sent by RC Nicosia.

Nov. 8, 06

Alzheimer Day Care Center

Many Rotarians and friends attended the Ceremony for the Center housed at the Archangelos Michael Old People House, in Kaimakli. Present were Mrs. Photini Papadopoulou, Mayor M. Zambelas, representative from the Ministry of Labor, Presidents of other association and companies who support this effort. George Petrou, Andreas Georgiou, Aristos Papadopoulos, Biland Sadek, Yioula Papakyriakou and Maria Christopoulou were representing RCNicosia. PP George Petrou announced the formation of Friends of the Center. Special thanks to George Petrou and his team who worked extremely hard to bring project to life!



RC Nicosia • Projects •

1. Prevention Programs for children under 12 years old

In collaboration with the department of the School Psychological Services (SPS) of the Ministry of Education and the Family Planning Bureau, a platform under the auspices of RCNicosia will develop a new nationwide prevention plan for children under 12 years old that will include teacher training, specialized student prevention programs, and develop "Emotional Intelligent Schools". The aim of this program is to help children develop life skills and healthy life styles which will keep them away from drugs and help prevent sexual abuse.



2. The Infections Diseases Research Project

The aim of this project is to finance the scientific research of four highly qualified scientists of The Makarios Hospital, towards serious infections diseases which attack the population in Cyprus.

3. For Your Eyes Only

During delegates from RCNicosia last visit to Egypt, they realized how many people are longsighted and cannot afford to buy glasses. The club made a proposal to El Ourouba RClub in Heliopolis and both clubs shall start the project in train stations, where doctors will check the sight of all the employees and will provide them with the right glasses. The target is to send 1000 glasses and enable 1000 people to see and be more efficient and happier.

4. Makarios Hospital Play Centre

RCNicosia will continue supporting the Play Center with:

- Weekly visits by Intectors and the English School Team
- Monthly supply of toys and books
- Christmas and Easter Parties
- Supply of Coffee and Drinks for the parents
- Continuous awareness about Rotary

5. Pregnancy Care Center Project

The aim of this project is to give support to the Pregnancy Center, both financial and in goods needed for mums to be. The pregnancy Care Center offers

- FREE pregnancy tests
- Counseling
- Information about pregnancy options
- Educational and support services
- Referrals of adoption

Project will start with an informative speech for awareness and continue with fund raising and collection of babies' clothes, items and toys.

6. Alkyonides Project

The aim of this project is to support one of the most efficient charity organizations, by offering:

- Used clothes for their second hand shop in Nicosia
- Some financial support

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CONFERENCE NEWS

- Baskets with food to be distributed to families in need
 - Designer clothes for their auctions
- Alkyonides are supporting hundreds of families, offering baskets of food, paying bills, even covering travel expenses for people who can not afford it and they need a medical treatment abroad. They act fast and work close to the families with confidentiality and a smile.

Fundraising Project- Chair Covers

Chair covers with the Rotary Logo were produced as a part of an event for raising funds for Rotary Club of Nicosia. They are available for hire and all proceeds go to the Community Fund for the Club scholarship and Prevention Programs.



RC Limassol (Cyprus)

Community Project

Life-Guard Towers

These towers were donated by the RC of Limassol to the Limassol Municipality and placed along the sea-front beach.



Clock-Temperature Meter

The clock-temperature meter was donated by the RC of Limassol and placed in a central square of Limassol, outside the District Offices. [Info submitted by RC Limassol President Chritarkis Tillyris tillyris@cytanet.com.cy]



CYPRriot CLUBS WEBSITE:
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RC Salmaniya (Bahrain)

in The Media



A talk about understanding the secrets of healing stress without using medication was held in Manama. Dr. Mustafa Zakaria, who works as a medical doctor in Saudi Arabia, gave a speech to members of the Rotary Club of Salmaniya at its weekly meeting. More than 50 people attended the event, held in Garden Tump Hotel, above, club secretary/actress Rukayyah Maki, third from left, Dr. Zakaria, fourth from left, and club president Hani Al-Samangi, fourth from right.

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Dear Rotarians,

It gives me great pleasure to address you in this first issue of the Reporter of the

Rotary Club of Baabda, wishing you a prosperous new year while trying to promote our 72nd District Conference to be held 1st of May 2008.

The 72nd District Conference is the crowning of the mandate of our dear governor Farid and we need to share this event with as many Rotarians and Guests as possible to spread and expose our Rotarian movement ideals and to introduce our country to others.

To ensure a high attendance rate at the 72nd District Conference, I am urging all Lebanese Rotarians and their families to accompany Governor Farid to the 71st District Conference in Alexandria on May 17th 2007 and be part of his team. It is you, through your participation in Alexandria, who will invite our fellow district Rotarians to come to Lebanon in 2008.

We all rely on your presence in Alexandria.

Best Regards from the 72nd District Conference Organizing Committee.

[Bachir Zaouk]

AGENDA

Tuesday February 6, 2007

6:00pm at the Union Sportive Club, Azmi Street, Tripoli
The Rotary Clubs of Tripoli, Tripoli-El-Mina and Tripoli-Al-Maarad

Lecture by: Dr. Michel Jazzar RI.Rep.UN-ESCWA 2006-2007

Subject: Rotary and International Organisations.

Monday February 12, 2007

9:00pm at El Paladar Restaurant, Sodeco Street, Beirut
The Rotary Club Sahel Metn

Annual St. Valentine Fees: 45\$/ person
Confirmation is needed before Monday, February 5th, 2007. For your reservations, please call P Nadim Torbey on 01/480840 or 03/780840 - or Eliana Effara on 01/217232 or 03/271425

Saturday February 17, 2007

3:00pm to 7:00pm, venue to be announced
Rotary Leadership Institute, Lebanon

Pre-President Elect Training Seminar for incoming Rotary Clubs Leaders for the Rotary year 2007-2008 (part 1). The detailed programs and the venue will be sent to all RCs later on.

All Incoming Presidents (OBLIGATORY), Secretaries (OBLIGATORY), Treasurers, Committee Chairpersons and whoever wants to attend from the Clubs' members are urged to attend this event.

Wednesday February 21, 2007

8:30pm dinner meeting at Le Bristol Hotel
Rotary Club of Beirut and the Rotary Club of Beirut Cosmopolitan

Guest speaker: Governor of the Central Bank, Mr. Riad Salameh.

Please make reservations by Thu. Feb. 15, 2007 with club's assistant on 01-614701, 03-771487 or bccr@cyberia.net.lb No cancellation after Monday, February 19, 2007. Dinner price to be announced.

February 22-25, 2007

Zahle, Lebanon
District team Training Seminar

The forthcoming DTTS will be held in Lebanon on February 22-25, 2007.

Sunday March 11, 2007

10:00am to 3:00pm, venue to be announced
Rotary Leadership Institute, Lebanon

President Elect Training Seminar for incoming Rotary Clubs Leaders for the Rotary year 2007-2008 (part 2). The detailed programs and the venue will be sent to all RCs later on.

Friday March 16, 2007

RC Alexandria-West, Egypt
D2450 Career Development

RC Alexandria-West (Egypt) in cooperation with the Career Development District 2450 Committee and with Pharco Corporation (the largest pharmaceutical company in Egypt) is inviting candidates to attend a Career Development Program on March 16-24, 2007 in Alexandria, Egypt.

For more information please contact:

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Saturday March 17, 2007

Glendale, California USA
Garbis Der Yegian Honored

The Armenian American community will honor Dr. Garbis Der Yeghian on March 17, 2007 at a special celebration in Glendale, California on the joyous occasion of his 30 years of unprecedented visionary leadership and dedicated service to higher education in the United States as a distinguished college president and multi-talented professor of management. Garbis is also an outstanding Rotarian D 5300 USA and an energetic peacemaker. Through his boundless enthusiasm, tireless efforts and

unwavering commitments to Rotary's ideals, he has touched and enriched the lives of count less individuals in the United Sates and in other parts of the world.

Lebanese Rotarians who have known Garbis (who visits Lebanon regularly) can e-mail him a letter of congratulations for his tireless efforts for the love he holds to our country by writing him to mashdots@aol.com

May 17-20, 2007

Alexandria, Egypt

Rotary International 71st District 2450 Conference
www.rotary2450.org

June 17-20, 2007

Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

Rotary International Conference
www.rotary.org

Do you have a comment or a suggestion?
E-mail us at secretary@rotary.org.lb

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Rotary Club Baabda
ID 51457, Founded : 1998

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3	Dahan Gérard	Printing
4	Eddé John	Business Consulting
5	El Rassi A. Nicole	Transportation
6	Farra Ronald	Furniture
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22	Skaff Philippe	Fabrics
23	Tabet Fouad	Construction Materials
24	Tabet Anis	Construction
25	Tawileh Simon	Inspection, Verification, Analysis

FINAL EDIT

[Ronald Farra]

We announced it in June, we started working on it in July when the new board was in place, we shelved it on July 10 when the war started, we replaced it with more urgent matters such as helping with the flow of a million refugees in a 4 million persons country (imagine 25 % of the US population suddenly has to move -within hours- to a different state), getting them mattresses, blankets, food, water, improving their sanitary

conditions, installing showers in public schools (no one ever thought schools would become temporary hotels), but we finally did it.

We look forward for your news in the next issue of Reporter, as well as the addresses of rotarians who wish to receive their own free copy. Sponsors are always welcome, this will allow us to publish more pages. For space availability and rates, please enquire at secretary@rotary.org.lb

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