



ROTARY CLUB BEIRUT CEDARS

## INSPIRING YOUTH!

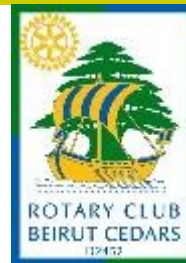
RI P. Barry Rassin

DG Michel Jazzar

ADG. Asaad Salhab

P. Rami Sarkis

S. Antoine Kaldany



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### Special points of interest:

- November attendance was 51 %.
- A club assembly was held on 7 November 2018 to continue the preparations for the DG official visit.
- We celebrated:

### Birthdays:

Ramzi Abou Samah

Grace Abi Rizk

Zareh Abadjian

### Wedding Anniversary:

Nadine & Majed Demashkieh

- Incoming events:

**05.12.18**

Kfarshima public library inauguration

**08.12.18**

Christmas Dinner

**11.12.18**

NDU library inauguration

**12.12.18**

Old folks and orphanage annual visit

**19.12.18**

GA - Elections

## AMAN - Create Golden Parents / fighting cyber addiction



On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018; P. Rami Sarkis invited all the presidents of the Rotary clubs in Lebanon to a meeting at Smallville Hotel to discuss with Oum El Nour and LARAA representatives the details of AMAN - Create Golden Parents / fighting cyber addiction project.

Mrs. Mireille Khoury from Oum El Nour gave a glance about the project's objectives and its implementation.

Oum el Nour will provide the awareness intervention in partnership with LARAA on the technical level and in coordination with Rotary clubs for the session implementation.

As well as, Oum el Nour will provide free counselling and guidance sessions for the whole year, if a child or young adult is identified at risk.

Oum el Nour has authority from the Ministry of Education to visit all public schools across Lebanon and perform studies and hold seminars and interventions. Moreover, Oum el Nour has a large database of schools for its prevention activities for more than 18 years.

The cost of the session is \$500

## Eye care project with Optique et Vision



On November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018; Rotary Club Beirut Cedars partnered with Optique et Vision to examine eyesight of 25 kids residing Dar El Awlad in Ain-Saadeh, and offer prescription glasses to those who need. We thank **Dr. Naji Bassil** for his initiative, and our member Jean Pierre Saghbini for the gifts he offered to the children.



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## DG Michel Jazzar official club visit - November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Rotary Club Beirut Cedars welcomed DG Michel Jazzar and ADG Assaad Salhab on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018; for the annual official District Governor visit.

All committees presented their work plans and updated DG Michel on their achievements in the passing first quarter of the Rotary year.

DG Michel and ADG Assaad were presented with a document including all the sheets requested in the District Governor official visit checklist.

The meeting was followed by a dinner, during which we officially welcomed and pinned our 2 newest members to the club: Consul Jean Francois Parmentier and Mr. Jean Pierre Saghbini, in the presence of family and friends.



PP Ghassan H, Admin Chair



Margaret J, PR & Media Chair



Khaled B, Project Chair



PP Rima K, TRF Chair



PP Ronald F, Trainer & PP Rami M,  
Membership Chair



Mr. Jean Pierre Saghbini, P Rami Sarkis,  
DG Michel Jazzar and Consul Jean  
Francois Parmentier



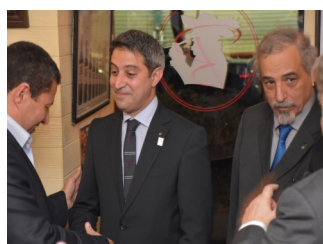
During the dinner at Bergerac, Ashrafieh



PP Elie Melkane - previous member of RCBC



Pinning Consul Jean Francois Parmentier



Pinning Mr. Jean Pierre Saghbini



Bernard Roesch - Previous  
member of RCBC



## Civic Education for Peace Building - District Pilot Project



On November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018; Rotary Club Beirut Cedars signed an MOU with Carmel St. Joseph College at Meshrif, for the District 2452 pilot project "Civic Education for Peace Building"; the project mainly focuses on preparing and holding awareness sessions about peace for children between 11 and 14 years of age.

We thank our club's friend Mr. Bernard Roesch, who helped the club establish that collaboration, we also thank 'Mere Mariam Em El Nour' the school director for believing in the importance of our project and adopting it.



## The Reality of the Lebanese Monetary Situation: Separating Fact from Fiction



Rotary Club Beirut Cedars held a joint meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018; with Rotary Clubs Metn Gate, Metn and Aley West; we welcomed Dr. Saad Andary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor of BDL, to talk about the reality of the Lebanese Monetary Situation.

He started by confirming that Lebanon is a stable country and has been for the past years; therefore, no need to worry about its currency.

Lebanon is safer than the United States and the example relies in its selection to host the training of many elite bankers in the training facility affiliated to BDL, instead of Los Angeles.

The threats that the country is under and are effecting its economy are:

The Syrian refugees and the increasing rate of unemployment: We have to cater for the basic needs of the Syrian refugees as long as they reside our territory; their original number and high birth rate makes them a burden on our community because our market cannot generate enough to cater all.

Latest studies related to unemployment shows that we have between 22 and 24% unemployment amongst youth, and a lot of Lebanese families are below poverty line.

Real Estate market: has been highly effected by the housing loans situation after the confirmation of the public sector salaries adjustment.



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## The Reality of the Lebanese Monetary Situation: Separating Fact from Fiction

Public deficit and debt: BDL is an economic and financial advisor to the Lebanese government, it advised in its report that the adjustment of public sector salaries, without the reorganization of all public sector jobs and establishing a clear hiring procedure will very negatively affect the country's economy, especially that the liquidity is low in the market.

There were many solutions presented to reduce the budget but none was taken into consideration.

Public debt crowding out private debt: When the bulk amount is injected into the public sector, the supply will decrease to the private sector

Political impasse

International compliance laws

Charts were presented to explain the numbers presented.

### Where BDL stands?

BDL encourages annual increase in prices because investors will be reluctant to invest when prices go down, we always need to create positive expectations to encourage investments. The BDL reserve in gold and external currencies preserves the lira, still people need to trust this currency and not ask to replace it, than things will be fine.

We can support our lira and maintain it up to 4 times; our banks are growing beyond the capacity of the market, so no worries, but we need still to focus on exporting, we are a country with high importing rates.

The opportunities BDL sees that can improve our economy:

Oil and gas – laws are being drafted to regulate the work with what we have as resources in the area.

Knowledge economy – we are structuring this economy, we are financing and promoting the work in fields that can create jobs and introduce novelty to the market.

Industry exports – we support now industries that export

Medical hub – working to develop this field to become the most important in the area

Financial inclusion

At the end of the lecture, Dr. Andary was presented with a Certificate of appreciation from Rotary Club Beirut Cedars and a special souvenir was offered from Rotary Club Metn Gate, in recognition for being our speaker on this Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, also PP Rima K exchanged flags with the other Rotary Clubs joining on for this lecture.



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Project Committee Chairperson PP Rima K and Khaled B meeting with Mr. Bernard Roesch to prepare the steps to implement our "Civic Education for Peace Building" project at Carmel St. Joseph college.


## At RC Male, Challenges of a President with PP Christine Sabieh



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■ ROTARIAN  
■ EVERY  
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Franklin D. Roosevelt

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