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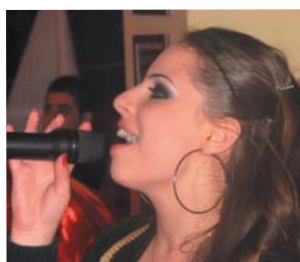


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CAPS LOCK

The Rotaract Club of Beirut launched its third fundraising event for this year in celebration of Valentine's Day in a brand new concept. For the first time in Lebanon, Valentine's Day wasn't only a candle light dinner, it was much more than that. Valentine with The Rotaract Club of Beirut was a matchmaking celebration having as a concept "Can I Be Your Valentine?" Rotaractors from all clubs along with friends and family applied and filled out application forms that included five pages questions about their personal information, how do they picture their perfect match, their interests, likes

and dislikes. These details helped the jury in matching the applicants and arrange their seating on the day of the event where they had absolutely no clue whatsoever about their date. Radio One, Lebanon 1st FM Radio displayed 18 ad spots per day during two weeks prior to the event about Rakentine being the new Love innovation in the country; and with Rakentine launch on Facebook, the applicants record reached 100 love seekers. Thursday, February 8th was the big day. Everyone was so excited to meet his/her match predicting disappointment or satisfaction. The Rotaract Club of Beirut fundraising dinner started at 8:30 p.m at

its love destination: Bob's Easy Diner all decorated in red and pink balloons sponsored by Sparks Balloons. Before gentlemen meet their dates, passing by Rac Beirut stand to buy red roses was a must for them to start on the right foot. Just after everyone was seated and dinner was about to be served, the soft music was turned off and a saxophone player started playing famous love songs while circulating between tables. Later on, people started requesting karaoke songs for romantic duets. The dinner featured prizes for the best karaoke singer, the best couple, Mr and Ms. Elegance sponsored by St Designers, Bob's easy diner and pink flirt

accessories. To end the dinner with a romantic touch, heart-shaped desert strawberry and chocolate flavor was served to each Rakentine participant upon completing the main dish. Later at night, couples started dancing and ended its night in its own unique way. Rakentine was more than a night for everyone, it was a door for a better future: Not only because of the funds earned to serve our community for a better future but also because it gave each and every love seeker the opportunity to find its perfect match and have a better future with Rakentine as a start and "They lived happily ever after" as an end.

Youth Discover and Act



In partnership with the Lebanese Group for Conflict Prevention and Transformation, The Rotaract Club of Beirut conducted "Youth Discover and Act" a three-day training workshop financed by The UNDP and The World Bank from 23rd till 25th February, 2007 in Ramadyeh, South Lebanon

Our trainees were chosen from marginalized backgrounds in the South where people suffered from lack of development and absence of basic needs in areas devastated by the recent war of July 2006.

In the training workshop, Mr. Rabih, UNDP professional trainer with Rotaract Beirut assistance trained 32 teenagers between the age 15

to 20 on various skills including: Communication skills, Group Dynamics, Team Building, Leadership skills, and decision making in order to motivate them to social work. On the third day, our participants were ready to come up with their own development project for their village, after a proper training on how to plan and implement a project for local development.

The participants benefited a lot from this enriching experience and thanked The Rotaract Club of Beirut for the huge efforts done to make this project a success. As for those who didn't have an idea about what is Rotaract, after witnessing the club devotion to serving the community, they embraced The Rotaract Club of Beirut and even asked how they could participate in our club's activities and become members.

All participants received a certification for attending the training seminar along with a Sweatshirt from The Rotaract Club of Beirut as a souvenir.



"Eastern Psychology and Chakras"

by Mrs. Hala Taher



During a joint meeting with Rotaract Baabda, Miss Hala Taher teacher at the Houna Holistic Center gave us an interesting lecture on Eastern Psychology and Chakras, during which the

following issues were discussed:

- Difference between eastern and western psychology.
- Definition of Chakra
- The effect of chakras in our daily lives
- How to find our chakras
- How to heal and clean our chakras
- Chakras and physical illness.

The lecture was so interesting that many members asked so many general and personal questions to Miss Taher who just couldn't leave the room at the end of the lecture. Just like any other Professional Development lecture initiated by the Rotaract Club of Beirut, the attendance was remarkably high and it included other clubs members and guests as well as new guests.

"Couples: Success or Failure"

by Dr. Raed Mohsen



In the month of February known as the month of Love with Valentine's Day on February 14, The Rotaract Club of Beirut professional committee invited Dr. Raed Mohsen, specialized in couple therapy to guide our fellow rotaractors in their emotional life and family planning. Dr. Raed started the session by pinpointing the severe immigration of men and the sex ratio: 1 man / 5 women in Lebanon which explains why most women feel obliged to maintain long distance relationship or put up with unethical behaviors of their partners just to fulfill their dream: White dress, Family and kids. He continued by sharing with members how to keep a healthy couple relationship and assisting club members with questions related to their current status whether these questions were about how to initiate a 1st/2nd date, the symptoms for men/women who ends up alone and don't get married and how to deal with men/women cheating with reference to real life experiences. He shared with us so many advises highly credible that we all needed to know and apply but in the same time it sadden us to hear and face all these issues that our hectic life doesn't allow us to think deeply about. All Rotaractors learned in this session various issues that could be important enough to change a whole destiny.

Joint meeting with RAC ALEY



On February 21, 2007, Rotaract Aley and Rotaract Beirut held a joint meeting in Hamra Plaza Hotel to bridge down the gap between both clubs. Various rotaractors from other clubs attended this meeting, whether from BCRAC, Baabda, Meten or Sahel El Meten. Both clubs shared with each other announcements about upcoming club projects and assisted to a brief presentation by VDRR nominee Roger Kerbaeb about his nomination.

Moreover, this joint meeting featured a session by RAC Aley Incoming President Amal Alemeh about "Depression". This nice get-together was very interesting since it allowed club members and guests from both clubs to mingle with each other which strengthen the fellowship between both clubs

invited Mr. Bassam El Halabi, a Lebanese Lawyer to share with us Women's Rights from a legal point of view." Discrimination of Women in The Lebanese Law" was not only a topic to be mentioned, it was a debate that featured various points of view that sometimes conflicted with each other. This session featured the attendance of a Sylvana, a guest of Rotaract Beirut who couldn't get the Lebanese Passport from her mother because her dad is Syrian. The discussion forum tackled many interesting aspects of The Discrimination of Women from the marital, religious, political, social, and legal point of view. Rotaractors enjoyed a lot this debate because it taught us all many new issues we didn't know before and helped us know each other more.

“Discrimination of Women in the Lebanese Law” by Maitre Bassam El Halabi

On the occasion of The International Women's Day and The United Nation Day for Women Rights, The Rotaract Club of Beirut

SNAP SHOTS



SARTEEN



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Rac Beirut Girls!!



SASOUB, always dancing

Rotaract Club of Colombo

CLUB HISTORY

Thirty Five years back in the memorable year of 1969, the Rotaract Club of Colombo was founded by Rtn. Ruzli Hussain. The Rotaract movement is a registered non-profit generating social service organization under Rotary International. Thus the Rotaract Club of Colombo falls under the guardianship of the Rotary Club of Colombo. The Club has produced some of the finest businessmen/women, professionals and academics Sri Lanka has ever seen. The Club has been able to mould individual characters into fine and outstanding men and women, and yet continues to do so

The Club over the years have successfully orchestrated and staged numerous outstanding projects and events, which have earned the Club deep respect and admiration in both Rotaract and Rotary, not to mention the greater public. The Club has also earned District Citations in the past 4 consecutive years from the Rotaract District for balanced activities and projects during the Rotaract year. The Club has paved the way in Rotaract and set standards which are still to be matched. The Club meets every first and third Tuesday of every month, at 6:30pm at the Rotary Centre, Colombo 2



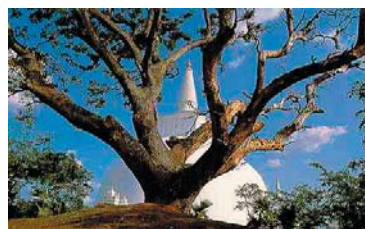
HATS PARTY

Date and Time:

9th September 2006 – 8pm at the Tabu Restaurant.

Objectives of the Project:

Celebrate the 37th Birthday Celebration of the Rotaract Club of Colombo and the 37th year of Rotaract in Sri Lanka.



O u r m e e t i n g t i m e

Every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m
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