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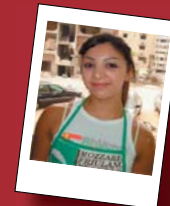
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## Rotaractor of the month

Nora Mokdad

I still recall going to a rotaract meeting at Safir hotel one day in February 2004. Certainly, it was a decisive day that has changed my life forever.

When my best friend Nader took me to "His Club's" meeting to chill out a little bit after the hard work of the day, I didn't know that this particular meeting will open a new horizon for me, a totally new world full of opportunities and experiences. That day, I didn't know that some of my best friends in the near future will be Rotaractors, that some of my greatest experiences will be with the Rotaract Club of Beirut and that lots of the sweetest moments in my life will be shared with members of the lovely family, the Rotaract club of Beirut.

I have learnt a lot, yes! I have grown a lot, yes indeed. And yes of course I became more responsible and more capable on both the individual and professional levels. To summarize what the club is in three words: a Capacity Building Factory. But that's not all Rotaract Beirut is all about and that's not all I want to say.

What makes our club so special is the "Spirit" that we all have, the spirit of friendship, commitment, devotion, understanding, service and support that each and every member has.

## Smiles on their faces, Happiness in our hearts



### CAPS LOCK

How beautiful is it to contribute to feed an orphan or a hungry child? How beautiful is it to be the source of a warm smile on a child's face? It was that beautiful feeling of thinking of others and serving beyond self that The Rotaract Club of Beirut members insisted to have through fully sponsoring on their personal expense the Iftar of 100 kids in Hardees- Raouche and offering gifts to each child so they always remember them with. One of the contributions was offered by Cecile

Pellegrine, from a big funky pen, a note book and an eraser. The gifts were specially chosen to assist the students in their back to school stationary material. After the gift distribution, children ran to the playground to enjoy the attractions tailored just for them with the supervision of rotaractors. Children returned to their center with a big smile on their faces, great memories in their minds, and a bag of souvenirs to remind them of Us all through their school year where Rotaractors returned to their homes all filled with joy and happiness from making the day of a child in need.

## Ba7ibbak ya Lubnan



In the heart of the Beirut suburbs, encircled by tragedy, surrounded by destroyed buildings, Al Ashbal School was still in position greeting its old and new students. The Rotaract Club of Beirut and The Rotaract Club of Maadi El Gedida, in their usual community action, discovered the school and started planning to lend a hand in renovating one of its rooms. The mission started on a Saturday morning with the peeling of the walls of an art room to remove the old paint replacing it with new, bright, fancy colors. Windows were repaired, old tables, desks, and closets will soon be replaced, and with our magic touches we will be able to renovate the whole room into a room that will bring happiness and joy into the children's life giving them

## Rajeen Sawa (returning together)

After the severe consequences of the July-August 2006 war, Lebanon started to regain its life by ringing the school bells to welcome its young generation back to classes. In order to support parents who were unable to buy the necessary stationary for their kids in the beginning of the school year, The Rotaract Club of Beirut answered the call of Rotaract Aley to join efforts with Rotaract Mina, BCRAC, Rotaract Alex San Stefano from Egypt and a Rotaract Club from Cyprus in the "Rajeen Sawa" campaign. As the word "Rajeen Sawa" implies, our campaign seeks to reassure each student that the Rotaract Family is coming back with You to school and is making sure You've got all what you need to excel this year.



## Joint Meeting and Club Service with Rac Byblos



On October 4, 2006, Rotaract Byblos and Rotaract Beirut held a joint meeting in Safir Heliopolitan Hotel in Raouche, Beirut. During this meeting, P. Maya (Beirut) and P. Diana (Byblos) announced all upcoming projects and requested each member to introduce himself. Following this fast introduction, both clubs decided to have dinner at Leila, ABC Achrafieh as a club service in order for members and guests to get to know more each other and interact. The meeting and the club service were both very fruitful since we managed to let all club members and guests from both clubs not only see each other but memorize names and share mutual interests and intellectual conversations.

## One Lebanon For All (OLFA)

*Definitely, the project of the year.*

Adib Mounla  
Vice President/OLFA Coordinator

In order to decrease costs, our club has revised the OLFA program that has been shortened by 2 days going from December 27th 2006 till the 1st of January 2007; on the other hand the excitement and thrill are now doubled. The club has taken care of most of the key components that are necessary to the success of such a big scale project. The final program and registration form are now available at: "http://www.rotaractbeirut.org/olfa"

**Hurry up and registersince the places to this unique adventure are limited.**



**ARE YOU READY !!!**

**PASSION FOR ACTION**

REGISTER BEFORE NOV. 30 2006 AT  
[www.rotaractbeirut.org/olfa](http://www.rotaractbeirut.org/olfa)

**Peak to the Future**

**Rotaract Beirut leading the Beirut International Marathon!**

*Nader Houella  
Seargent At Arms*

The Beirut International Marathon is an annual event that gathers tens of thousands of Lebanese in the heart of their capital, under one common slogan: "For the Love of Lebanon". This year, upto 7 Rotaract Clubs around Lebanon will be participating in the event as runners, volunteers and part of the Marathon Village. The participation the Rotaractors will be lead and organized by Nader Houella of the Rotaract Club of Beirut, who is also the Communication Officer in the Beirut Marathon Association and Nora



Mekdad, the head of Club Servicein Rotaract Beirut. Through this annual national event, the Rotaract clubs aim to promote the mission and message of Rotaract to the Lebanese public, in addition to informing them about the latest upcoming projects, with OLFA being the most important.

**Let's run for Rotaract!**

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**SNAP SHOTS**



*FARAH In ACTION*



*RAMADAN KARIM*



*OR ELSE ....*



*El mezaLima*

Quote of the month

*How beautiful it is to do nothing,  
and then rest afterward.*  
- Spanish Proverb

TOO COOL TO BE TRUE

*China has more English speakers  
than the United States*

N O C O M M E N T



LOUD SPEAKER

**A Rhythm Playing in my head**

By Safa Salem

A week ago, I had this really nice dream where I saw myself getting married. The perfect white dress with little red flowers spread on it... the perfect hair colouring with the exact perfect shades that fit my skin pigment. I was even able to feel the sweet breath of air while I was riding my white horse to the ceremony venue. But then, it all went down to the imperfection phase. I woke up Freaking out! I DIDN'T HAVE A WEDDING LOVE SONG!! Oh, and I didn't have a groom as well! but who wants to talk about guys anyway? Let's talk about songs.

A song reminds you of that lovely vacation you spent with your college friends after graduation... And you instantly draw this silly smile on your face that you can not erase, than you wonder what happened to those friends? A song that you're late Grandpa used to hum all the time, it used to drive you crazy. Now it only reminds you of the candies he used to save especially for you. A song that your best friend used to go crazy on. Now you pick up the phone and agree to go for coffee since it's been over a month you haven't talked because of the overload of responsibilities you're both carrying A song that you mom used to sing for you when you had fever or just couldn't sleep... Now you can only turn to her arms to hear that song again.. or simply fake sickness and ask for it.

- A song you just chill on while driving..
- A song you dance your heart out to,
- A song for you and your gang
- A song you memorized really well,
- A song that gets stuck in your head
- A song that makes you feel the Blues
- A song that makes you feel cool
- A song only dedicated to you
- A song for a broken heart
- A song that hits your mind when you get out of bed
- A song that reminds you of an old love...that had to end..
- A song that keeps your morals up
- A song when you flunk a test
- A song for that special someone you can't forget
- A song when you want to make fun of yourself
- A song for a lasting love that secretly rhymes in your head
- A song that rings a bell that this article has to end
- And this song can definitely not repeat itself...

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