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Rotaractor of the month

Adib Mounla



I have to admit its not the first time that I have been voted as such, but every time the feeling is as intense. It is nice to be appreciated by members who believe in what you are doing and work hand in hand for one common cause. I want to dedicate this title to Dana Hassan (Head of Professional Development) because without her I couldn't have faced all the obstacles and challenges of life; and to Hussein (Head of IT and website maintenance) for all the good work and efforts he is giving to our club. Hussein: I still believe you should have held the title this time.

## From the land of the Cedars to the land of the Pyramids



### CAPS LOCK

It took a right click of a button, a fast internet connection, a camera and a microphone to fly back in history to the ancient times searching for eternal pharaohs, of today and tomorrow, Rac Tahrir. The little screen was not enough to convey all the excitement Rac Beirut had for meeting finally Rac Tahrir through a videoconference

led by President Maya from Beirut and President Fahmy from Tahrir. Rac Tahrir surprised Rotaract Club of Beirut members with an oriental Ramadan juice offered to each one live on the spot. The biggest surprise came later on when Maya asked Rac Tahrir to visit the following address : [www.RacTahrir.org](http://www.RacTahrir.org). Rac Tahrir showed not only joy but such a big happiness when they knew that Rotaract Club of Beirut has offered them a club website. Later on, Rac Tahrir prepared a birthday surprise for Rotaract Club of Beirut vice-president Adib Mounla and so did Rotaract Club of Beirut for IDRR Moataz Sharmy and Karim. The videoconference concluded with the launching of OLFA( ONE LEBANON FOR ALL) and the program details.

## Rotaract weekend in Ehdin



We all met at Pink Flirt and left to Ehdin where we arrived early in the evening and met with the Rotaract Zgharta members. After a brief introduction of the present members; we all went for dinner by the fire place at Panplinus . Once we had our dinner we left to the highest point in Ehdin, El Saydeh Church, where we saw shooting stars and we spent some interesting time. Then we went back to the house and some stayed awake till 5 in the morning enjoying their time and telling jokes while the others went straight away to bed. In the morning we had breakfast and went to the Ehdin Country Club. We concluded our weekend by joining the Rotaract Zgharta in their cedar planting service.

## BOWLING CHALLENGE

RAC BEIRUT V/S RAC SAHEL METN

On the 13th of December we had a joint meeting with Rotaract Club of Sahel Metn. We were about 16 Rotaractors to meet at Safir heliopolitan Hotel. In the beginning of the meeting each one of us introduce his or herself. Then both clubs presented their respective activities and projects. After the meeting we all went to Dune where we played Bowling. Two team were competing: the OLFA team against the Sahel metn's one.

RAC Sahel Metn	RAC Beirut
Hagop	Maya
Elie	Ahmed
Samer	Nadine
Aline	Nader
Sarine	Hussein
Lamis	Tarek

Rotaract Sahel Metn won this game. They played a very nice game with a lot of Spears and Strikes. After the Bowling we all went to Hardee's / KFC Raoucheh to have a diner. It was a memorable Club Service. We all enjoyed it. And we hope that very soon we will take our revenge...

## Tripoli Industries with Rac Tripoli Mina



In order to strengthen the fellowship between Rotaract Beirut and Rotaract Mina, rotaractors from both clubs came together in Tripoli to tour around the city and learn more about various traditional Tripoli industries. After visiting the soap factory (khan el saboun), the Turkish bath, the art of clay, Rotaractors headed to The Sweet Castle, Abdel Rahman Al Hallab for lunch, during which, Rotaract Beirut introduced OLFA to Rotaract Mina and answered many questions. This club service was not only fun but also very fruitful especially because introducing both clubs to each other motivated many rotaractors from Rotaract Mina to participate in OLFA and that's the Rac spirit, when clubs participate in each others projects.

## RAC CLUBS of Lebanon in the marathon village



The Beirut marathon experience was such particular, knowing that the marathon was postponed because of the Lebanese situation. Nevertheless we the Rotaractor's of Lebanon had our stand open in the Village Marathon from the 29th of November

till the 2nd of December .The Village Marathon was not only a registration center, it was also an exhibition which lasted for 4 days during which many NGOs, retail companies, and others sold their products and addressed the youth through stands. It was a very good exposure for all of us. We, the Lebanese Rotaract Family were there to meet people, and to let people know more about Rotaract and about our activities. Ten clubs joined Rac Beirut in this Rac Mission. Among them: Rac Beirut Metropolitan, Rac Aley, Rac Byblos, Rac Batroun, Rac Zgharta, Rac Sahel El Meten, Rac Keserouan, Rac Baabda, Rac Mina and Rac Maarad. Rotaract Clubs of Lebanon stand was available from Wednesday November 29th till Saturday December 2nd from 12:30 till 9:00 .All club members took shifts to assist the curiosities of visitors who never heard about



Rotaract before. Moreover we had a white board set on the stand on which each visitor wrote something positive (not religious or political), and we distributed 2000 Brochures about Rotaract including a list of All Rac Clubs in Lebanon. It was a beautiful experience rich in human contact. Our tand attracted a lot of people; they listened to our explanations and watch our activities photos. We hope to see them again in our incoming projects.

## Joint Meeting and Club Service with Rac Keserouan



On December 6, 2006, Rotaract Keserouan and Rotaract Beirut held a joint meeting in Century Park Hotel in Kaslik. During this meeting, P. Maya (Beirut) and P.Rita

(Keserouan) made fast announcements on all upcoming projects and decided to test the presentation skills of Rac Beirut & Keserouan members by giving each 3 min to make a presentation on any subject upon preference and competing on the Best Speaker Certificate. Rac Keserouan VP. Shady was

awarded by a certificate for his outstanding performance. Following this public speaking exercise, both clubs headed to Saniour to grab a bite to eat and strengthen the relationships between members. The meeting and 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.



### SNAP SHOTS



TOO COOL TO BE TRUE

*Bruce Lee was so fast  
that they actually had to  
slow film down so you  
could see his moves.*

N O C O M M E N T



LOUD SPEAKER

**Where did you go Lebanon?**

To where it all began  
To a battle field where you are a soldier  
Fighting against your ego  
A self centered self  
What about your children  
Did you forget about them?  
Running in the streets  
Throwing stones at each other  
Brothers are divided  
The smell of anger is in the air  
Where did you go Lebanon?  
To an endless journey where death awaits you  
Along a long tunnel on fire  
Walking hopelessly  
Hands wide open  
But this wise man won't be there  
To take you high above the sky  
Your time hasn't come  
To end this journey of yours  
You have got more years to live  
Did you get used to violence?  
The smell of death  
And the bitter taste of pain  
Go back to where you came from  
Close your eyes  
Think about all the good moments  
You have had  
Remember your loved ones  
And the nostalgic moments of the past  
Heal this wicked self  
Take a deep breath  
Fill your lungs with a wind of change  
Cry your first cry  
And rise again  
For tomorrow is a new day



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

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