

Hot Spots



International Women's Day

6 March, 2015

Since 2010, YWCA-Beirut celebrated the International Women's Day by organizing an event to promote and honor achievements of outstanding Lebanese Women. This year, the honoring went to Mrs. Linda Matar.

Linda Matar has taken the issue of women's rights upon herself. She struggled for more than 60 years to amend the laws discriminating against Women and for the Lebanese democratic civil state. Mrs. Matar pushed to establish a civil personal status law, and a women's quota of 30% in the Lebanese Parliament in order to do justice to women and recognize their valuable and equal qualities and capabilities.



NGO Fair

April 29-30th 2015

The YWCA-Beirut participated in the "AUB 2015: NGO Conference and Exhibition". It was an opportunity to market our programs and activities and enroll new members and volunteers.

Run to End Violence Against Women!

June 7th

The National YWCA of Lebanon and its Member Associations participated in the Beirut Marathon Women's 5Km Race organized by the Beirut Marathon Association. On Sunday June 7th, in the historic and scenic seaport city of Byblos, Jbeil, 170 participants from YWCA ran to End Violence Against Women.

Technical College Graduation

June 16th

More than one hundred years in the field of technical education. The YWCA Technical College continues to offer vocational training programs with government diplomas BT/TS as well as special diplomas accredited

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by the Ministry of Education. These programs include Accounting and Computer, Hotel Management, Preschool Education, hairdressing, make-up and administrative assistant. Scholarships by the Ministry of Social Affairs are available. On June 16th, 2015 the Technical College graduated 30 students in the different fields.

Programs & Activities



Membership Day



Every first Wednesday of the month, Membership meetings are among the many opportunities through which members of YWCA-Beirut enhance their knowledge, acquire new interests and develop new friendships.

The year 2014-2015 was launched with the "Ya Hala" brunch at the YWCA center. Several interesting and empowering presentations followed during the

year including:

- "Etiquette of Hospitality and Reception" presented by Nadine Daher
- A play in the spirit of Christmas by YWCA Technical College students.
- "Ups and Downs of Plastic Surgery" by Dr. Tony Nassar.
- Dialogue of Culture. A Spanish Cultural Event in collaboration with the Spanish Embassy.
- Presentation on Feng Shui by Jessica Khudeida.

End of year activities culminated in a trip to Jezzine on June 4th. Over forty members enjoyed sightseeing and lunch in the biggest pine forest in the Middle East at "Maison de la Forêt".

Fundraising

The YWCA-Beirut organized its Annual Christmas Lunch at Phoenicia Hotel on December 11th, 2014, where more than 200 guests enjoyed this festive lunch and season spirit. Proceeds and donations during the event, were allotted to scholarships for the Technical and Vocational training students.

Programs & Activities



"Hobbies & Skills" is a program full of creativity and fun where beginners and amateurs can enroll. It includes: Painting Classes, Sewing Classes, Collage / Decoupage workshop, Arm Knitting and Crochet, one day Workshop in Skin Care and Floral Tips and Tricks.



"In our turbulent world of work and duties, the YWCA Beirut Art class is my 'Private Garden' of rest relaxation, meditation, and development of my creative potentials. I Love it!"

~ L.M

'Be Inspired' Program



In 2013, the Leadership Committee initiated the "Be Inspired", a monthly informal gathering, which hosts an outstanding woman who achieved her dream and

vision, from various walks of life. This program is a unique opportunity to learn the driving force behind their success, share and learn their ideas, dreams, stories and obstacles encountered during their laborious journey.

In 2014-2015 the YWCA hosted the following women achievers:

- Mrs. Sawzan Wazzan, founder of Diet Center
- Mrs. Amale Abi Khalil, founder and manager of Drain Aid
- Mrs Yvonne Abdel Baki, artist, diplomat, peace negotiator, humanist, and politician: a multifaceted woman who has always been driven by her ideals
- Mrs. Youmna Ghourayeb, co-founder of Mymouneh
- Mrs. Antoinette Chahine, Human Rights activist

Training & Workshops



NLP Training



The Leadership Committee, organized a four day workshop on NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Programming), conducted by Mr. Anthony Rizk, the only trainer in Lebanon to give NLP certification from the National Federation of NLP, USA.

The NLP is the science of modeling excellence, the most advanced methodology available for maximizing human potential and communication skills. There were ten

participants, and as a result, every lady individually had a different light, angle, and perspective of the course.

Home Care Training

In 2010 the Vocational Training Committee launched the Home Care Training Program that aims to empower women and girls to ensure their economic sustainability. The training is given by a certified nurse and consists of a three months extensive course that allows the participants to provide home care for the elderly,

"60 trainees have so far graduated from the Home Care Training program and successfully joined the job market".

patients and infants. So far, five training sessions have been implemented graduating 60 trainees who successfully joined the job market.

European Commission Erasmus+ Program

The Erasmus+ program aims to boost skills and employability, as well as modernizing Education, Training, and Youth work. In January 2015, YWCA-Beirut has been accredited as a Receiving and Sending Organization within the European Commission's Erasmus+ program. Furthermore, the YWCA partnered and participated in several non-formal education Training Courses in Venice Italy, Tukums Latvia, Budapest Hungary and Manchester UK.



Advocacy



Women In Parliament

Lebanese women have been largely excluded from active participation in the country's political life. YWCA along with 150 NGO and activists initiated the Women In Parliament coalition with the objective of advancing the full participation of Lebanese women in political life. The coalition calls for passing a new election law that includes temporary 30% quotas guaranteeing that women are nominated and elected. The YWCA-Beirut has been appointed as the coordinator of this coalition.