



1932-2007

Rotary Club de Beyrouth

نادي روتاري بيروت

**First Rotary
Club in Lebanon**

**Founded 1931
Chartered 1932**



Indépendance
du Liban

إستقلال لبنان

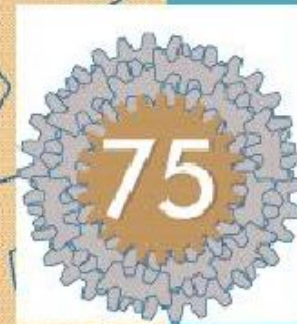


50ème
anniversaire

خمسون سنة



75ème
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EN HONNEUR DE 75 ANNÉES

AU SEIN DU ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

au Rotary club de

Beyrouth, Lebanon

admis le 2 février 1932

**et en reconnaissance de son engagement en faveur du But du Rotary
et de l'idéal de Servir d'abord.**

13 avril 2007
Date


William B. Boyd
Président, Rotary International



MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

13 April 2007

To the Members of the
Rotary Club of Beyrouth, Lebanon

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

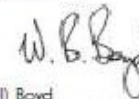
Congratulations to you on your club's 75th anniversary.

75 years ago, your club's charter members felt that Rotary's ideal of service to the community was worthy and credible, and for this reason they laid the foundation for a Rotary club in Beyrouth. As you look forward to the next 75 years, I ask you to focus on three things that will strengthen your club. I ask you to make sure there is strong and effective club administration, the cost of membership gives good value, and your club runs a variety of productive local and international service projects.

Building strong, active clubs will allow Rotary to continue to Lead the Way in showing the world how challenges, needs and intolerance can be overcome through good sense and goodwill.

Please join me this year and **Lead the Way** to a better future through Rotary.

Kinds regards,



W.B. (Bill) Boyd
President RI, 2006-07

April 18, 2007

To Malek Mahmassani, President, RC Beyrouth, Lebanon

Dear President Malek,

On behalf of all fellow Rotarians in District 2450, I would like to congratulate you along with all colleagues of the Rotary Club of Beyrouth on the occasion of celebrating your 75th anniversary. Being the third club in our unique district, you have come a very long way that qualifies your club to be one of the main pillars in the history of our district. The Rotary Club of Beyrouth has been always setting an ideal example of the true meaning of service above self along all avenues of service. This year you are celebrating seventy five years of hard work and excellence. This is quite an achievement that you should be proud of, which obviously has laid a strong foundation for many generations to come.

On this occasion, I urge you to continue excelling with the same enthusiastic pace and high spirit. I encourage you to add and build more bricks to your great establishment. Carry on your vastly appreciated efforts in demonstrating our high ethical standards. Please join me to Lead the Way to a brighter future through fostering the noble object of Rotary.

Happy 75th anniversary!

Yours in Rotary,

District Governor
Hassan Abbas Halmy

Beyrouth, May 4th 2007

Dear Rotarian Friends,

A Rotary club's President is its first workman having to deal with the small details as well as the big decisions.

However, the honor to head the celebration of a jubilee arrives only each 25 years, and I am very proud to address my warmest congratulations to all my fellow friends of the Club de Beyrouth and to all Past Presidents and fellow Rotarians who, for a reason or another, are no more part of the club.

A club which could survive a world war, three regional wars, several coup d'etat to its doom and the long civil war, deserves to be proud of and to do everything to maintain its pioneer role.

This souvenir book between you hands commemorates our 75th Anniversary and the continuity of our engagement to Service above Self.

With great confidence, let us Lead the Way for the 25 coming years, with all our fellow Friends of Lebanon, the District 2450 and the World, towards a glorious Centennial.

Malek Mahmassani
President, 2004-2007

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

"OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO:

1. IS IT THE **TRUTH**?
2. IS IT **FAIR** TO ALL CONCERNED?
3. WILL IT BUILD **GOODWILL**
AND **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. WILL IT BE **BENEFICIAL** TO ALL CONCERNED?"



The Rotary

On peace
"I have no hesitation in saying that world peace could be achieved and made permanent if rooted on Rotary's firm foundation of friendliness, tolerance, and usefulness."
Paul Harris

The Rotary International: A desire for worldwide peace

The Rotary International, formed on 23 February 1905, is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders, businessmen and women, who "put their skills and their heart in the service of others aiming to strengthen the relationship between populations for a better future".

Rotarians provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary club members are part of a diverse group of professional leaders working to address various communities and international service needs. The main objective of Rotary is service - in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development. The Rotary motto is Service Above Self.

The Rotary is the first service club to be implemented worldwide. In more than 180 countries worldwide, approximately 1.5 million Rotarians belong to more than 35,000 Rotary clubs.

The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. During these meetings, all planned projects are discussed and fixed objectives for the current year are followed up. Besides, speakers are invited regularly in order to confer on critical themes in the professional, the economical and the social sectors.

Often a person being considered for membership is invited by a member/sponsor to attend one or more club meetings to learn more about Rotary. The system is based on the founders' paradigm of choosing cross-representation of each business, profession, and institution within a community.

Currently, Rotary Foundation is financing yearly:

- "PolioPlus" eradication campaigns
- Around 1300 scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies.
- More than 200 Group Study Exchanges
- Around 1200 International humanitarian activities aiming to assure district simplified grants, revolving loan funds and Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) Grants.
- Humanitarian Grants Centre of Technical Advisors
- Volunteer Service Grants. Around 250 Volunteers Rotarians are sent in mission abroad.
- Meetings under the main subject Rotary Programs for Peace.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

About The Rotary Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than US\$117.9 million contributed in 2004-05. Its event-filled history is a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity.

The Foundation's Humanitarian Programs fund international Rotary club and district projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world. One of the major Humanitarian Programs is PolioPlus, which seeks to eradicate the poliovirus worldwide. Through its Educational Programs, the Foundation provides funding for some 1,200 students to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people. Former participants in the Foundation's programs have the opportunity to continue their affiliation with Rotary as Foundation Alumni.

The District 2450

Changing Designations

Originally, the district was called the District of "the eastern Mediterranean". However, on July 1, 1935, it became District "D", then District "83" in 1936, "89" in 1949 and "195" in 1957. On July 1, 1977, it was renamed District "245". Finally, in 1991 it became District "2450".

Variable Geometry

In 1929, Egypt was the first country in the region to join Rotary International, followed by Palestine. Lebanon entered Rotary International in 1932, followed by Syria in 1937 and Sudan and Cyprus in 1938.

The year 1951 witnessed the withdrawal of "Israel-Palestine", a founding country of the District. Jordan joined the District in 1956; Bahrain in 1965; and Syria withdrew in 1962.

In 2004, District 2450 gathered the nine following countries: Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan, Dubai, Georgia and Armenia. Our District represents the second largest Rotary International district in the world. It is also unique in its kind as it groups nine countries from three continents: Africa, Asia and Europe.

Six languages are spoken in the District: Arabic, English, French, Greek, Russian and Armenian. This proves that our region is a living example of the Rotarian action in its international dimension, its strength, its expansion and its rejection of all kinds of racial, national, religious and sexist discrimination.

Country	Club	Rotarians	Dean Club	Date
Egypt	74	2260	Cairo	March 1929
Lebanon	20	550	Beirut	February 1932
Sudan	1	30	Khartoum	June 1938
Cyprus	18	820	Nicosia	August 1938
Jordan	9	240	Amman	April 1956
Bahrain	3	170	Muscat	September 1965
Armenia	2	50	Yerevan	November 1996
Georgia	1	16	Tbilisi	December 1997
UAE	1	134	Dubai	March 2002



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1932-1947

Membres cooptés durant la période

Ahlab Ibrahim 1946
 Ammoun Fouad 1945
 Andreas Michel 1937
 Anghelopoulos Georges 1935
 Arbena Harold 1941
 Arone Benoit 1946
 Aslman R.L. 1941
 Audi Ibrahim 1947
 Babbacar Roger 1931
 Baillet Etienne 1945
 Bayhum Mohamad-Ali 1936
 Biltzer John 1939
 Bourguignon Pierre 1945
 Bouzouss Louis 1945
 Briens François 1936
 Burnier Georges 1933
 Castle H. 1932
 Cotoni Augustin 1931
 Covo Lucien 1937
 Cesari Antoine 1939
 Chaumat Georges 1936
 Chehab Kamal 1939
 Chehab Maurice 1946
 Chehayeb Mohamad 1936
 Chiba Michel 1935
 Clakler H. 1931
 Clavel Raymond 1945
 Corm Charles 1931
 Cortelezzi Pierre 1932
 Cosmides Millicia 1937
 Costa Egona 1936
 Crawford Archie 1941
 Cruttschenk W.D. 1932
 Dazouk Ahmad 1939
 Dabonné Jean 1936

Da Fraja Moussa 1945
 Da Lessus Pierre 1933
 Delanda Antoine 1932
 De L'Hermite 1936
 Demongny Marcel 1935
 Dicarlo Antoine 1932
 Diconsiglio G. 1936
 Dornay Jean 1939
 Durand André 1935
 Erera Jacques 1940
 Escher Daniel 1935
 Fabia Charles 1931
 Fattal Jean 1941
 Fauvelle Axel 1931
 Fitzgerald John 1938
 Froge P. 1931
 Geoffroy Armand 1931
 Gilmer Camilla 1947
 Gras Pierre 1931
 Guillemin Ernest 1931
 Hamemoglou Marcel 1937
 Harbert Jean 1931
 Hamma Hans 1935
 Inghold Harold 1933
 Ioannides Constantine 1934
 Jolly Kenneth 1938
 Jumbilat Kamal 1945
 Juanga Giacomo 1933
 Kattanah Alfred 1937
 Kattanah Francis 1935
 Khattar Michel 1937
 Khalilallah Amine 1939
 Khoury Fouad 1937
 Magrin Jacques 1934
 Marleaux Pierre 1931

Martin Leon 1937
 Masso Barnet Osborn 1939
 Masteller Wilfred 1931
 Mayler Jacques 1937
 Misk Jean 1945
 Moron Leon 1939
 Nacocche Alfred 1932
 Najjar Joseph 1936
 Nam Bey Omar 1945
 Nizeler Louis 1931
 Noun Etouard 1936
 Pharaon Michel 1941
 Ploard C. 1931
 Privet Aubouard 1931
 Rabibeth Edmond 1946
 Richard Georges 1939
 Roussat P. 1933
 Rowler Jean 1937
 Royat Maurice 1941
 Saadi Fouad 1941
 Sahmarani A-Rahim 1937
 Salem Joseph 1936
 Savada Philippe 1946
 Sarkis Ramez 1937
 Schlumberger Daniel 1945
 Schoeffler Ernest 1935
 Seyna Henry 1933
 Soubriet Edouard 1934
 Sultan Georges 1940
 Tournilles Eugène 1931
 Touni Gabriel 1941
 Turati Umberto 1940
 Wignar Adolph 1939
 Wise M. 1931
 Yafi Abdrallah 1945

Membre du Conseil Central

Francis Kattanah 1941-1943

Gouverneur

Francis Kattanah 1939-1940 (District 83)

Présidents

Eugène Tournilles 1931-1932
 Armand Geoffroy 1932-1933
 Axel Fauvelle 1933-1934
 Ernest Guillon 1934-1935
 Charles Fabia 1935-1936
 Augustin Cotoni 1936-1937
 Charles Fabia 1937-1938
 Francis Kattanah 1938-1939
 Mohamad-Ali Beyhum 1939-1940
 Daniel Escher 1940-1941
 Joseph Salam 1941-1942
 Roger Babbacar 1942-1943
 Joseph Najjar 1943-1944
 Milhad Cosmides 1944-1945
 Alfred Kattanah 1945-1946
 Fouad El Khoury 1946-1947



Nouveau drapeau Libanais, dessiné par le député Saadi el Mounis avec des crayons de couleurs, contresigné par les députés: Saadi el Mounis, Hanni Pharaon, Saïb Salam, Rehid Beydoun, Mohamad el Fadl et Mirooun Kanaan.

العلم اللبناني الجديد، رسمه النائب سعدى المونى بأقلام ملونة، وقع عليه كل من سعدى المنلا، وهادي قرقون وسميث سلام، ويثنيده بيحسون، ومحمد الفضل، وهادي كنان.

أخذ هذا القرار في 11 تشرين الثاني 1943 إثر توقيع رئيس الجمهورية وأعضاء الحكومة في قلعة راشيا.

يعدّ اليوم خروجهم في 11 تشرين الثاني 1943، تكرياً للاحتفال بعيد الاستقلال.

Cette décision fut prise le 11 novembre 1943 alors que le gouvernement et le président de la république étaient déjà arrêtés dans la forteresse de Richaya.

La date de leur sortie, le 22 novembre 1943, fut choisie pour la Fête de l'indépendance.

THE CLUB IS BORN

With a very simple start, the great adventure began. Launched by the friends of the Rotary Club of Cairo, the idea of a Rotary Club in Beirut gained ground and the first preparatory meetings were held in 1931.

On January 27, 1931, the director of Shell Company in Beirut, Axel Fauvallo, sent his messenger to deliver a ticket to ten Beirut personalities. The message says that they have to dine together the next day at the Royal Hotel. This is how the Rotary Club of Beirut (RCB) was born.

The Beirutis got used to meet regularly for supper in line with the traditions of Rotary International, which was founded 27 years earlier by Paul Harris.

On April 22, 1931, the official inauguration of the RCB was held, in the presence of Rotarians from Cairo and Jerusalem. On this occasion, a new meeting place was adopted - Naggjar Restaurant in Canon's Square - instead of the Royal Hotel. It was the time when a gala dinner with unlimited wines, liquors and champagne cost 350 Lebanese piasters.

In appreciation of the progress achieved by its "godson", the Club of Cairo, which is the first Rotary Club in the Orient, offered the RCB for the Christmas of 1931 a bell in bronze surmounted by a Rotarian wheel. Each year, the names of colleagues elected to lead the activities of the Club are engraved on the bell, which today still carry the RCB's collective memory.



Governor Gardot and a group of Rotarians at the famous temples of Baalbeck.

في قلعة بعلبك، مجموعة من
الروتاريين، من بينهم المحامي
اندريه غارنو لمناسبة تسليم
نقدي بيروت برونزا العتيق.

The Charter of RI handed over to the RCB

The Charter of Rotary International was signed on February 3, 1932. Thus the RCB joined the family of RI. On April 21 of the same year, the Charter was handed over to the RCB by the Governor of the French District, Andre Gardot, during a gala dinner.

On October 12, 1932, the RCB threw its first winter dinner reserved for men at the Saint George Hotel. But soon the wives would be invited to join the Rotarians for grand ceremonies and events.

In 1934-1935, meetings of the RCB were held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the Saint George Hotel, which welcomed the Rotarians for more than 40 years. From 18 members in 1931, the RCB grew to 34 in 1935.

In 1938, the District's third conference held in Beirut

The conference was characterized by an excellent organization and the unique and warm welcome of the Beirutis.

The visit of Rotary International's president to Lebanon in November 1946

RI President, Richard Hodke, accompanied by his wife, arrived in Beirut on November 8, 1946. A gala dinner was held on the occasion, during which President Bachara al-Khoury became the RCB's honorary president.

Georges Duhamel in an RCB event in January 1947

The RCB was honored by the presence of French Academician Georges Duhamel at a gala dinner held in January 1947 and gathering politicians and intellectuals.

The District's eleventh conference

The eleventh conference of the 83rd District was held in Beirut on April 24, 25 and 26, 1947. During the conference, President Bachara al-Khoury and his government decorated the District's Governor, F. Douglas Scott, with the National Order of the Cedar.

1947-1962

Membres cooptés durant la période

Abdel-Ali Ibrahim 1950
 Abelo Charles 1947
 Abichahia Habib 1948
 Abou Jacoubé Jean 1956
 Abroyan Abro 1954
 Ahdab Fayez 1952
 Algrin Maurice 1949
 Ando Carlo 1959
 Anghelopoulou Kyriaki 1950
 Anout Jamil 1957
 Ballot Paul 1956
 Barbato Carlo 1960
 Baroffo Charles 1956
 Basbous Malek 1959
 Bastiou Basile 1961
 Baz Antoine 1955
 Beard Hughes 1952
 Baydoun Issam 1949
 Bizzi Fouad 1961
 Blouet Maurice 1956
 Bouhatry Zami 1950
 Boustany Fouad Ephraïm 1958
 Caporal Maurice 1956
 Carreaux André 1954
 Catani Charles 1949
 Champakour François 1950
 Chapelain Pierre 1962
 Chavanne Albert 1957
 Chevalier Jean 1950
 Chevrier Jean 1956
 Chouart Georges 1949
 Colvin Reginald 1960
 Cosmidis Ferdinand 1949
 Dahan Béchara 1952
 Dalmas André J.M. 1950
 Dazouk Mohamed Omar 1950
 Daraboud Gabriel 1960
 De Bourgoing Dants 1958

De Mira Roland 1952
 Doumit Michel Elie 1952
 Duphénieux Paul 1947
 El Ahdab Ibrahim 1961
 Eleftheriades Eleuthère 1960
 El Mikouli Jamil 1956
 Fernand Jean 1958
 Fusco Sertimo 1955
 Gannaga Elias 1959
 Garnier Maurice 1952
 Gomyal Maurice 1957
 Gervais André 1962
 Gervais Jean 1953
 Ghantous Moussa 1952
 Ghosn Raymond 1959
 Guérin Pierre 1950
 Guentier de Dumast M. 1947
 Habachi René 1959
 Hadland John K.R. 1953
 Hamadé Abdel-Kader 1949
 Hattoum Chafiq 1956
 Houssein Michel 1960
 Jallad Rafik Erzat 1960
 Jalil Jean 1954
 Jants Albert 1953
 Jolly Norman 1959
 Kabalan Hassan 1947
 Kaege Georges 1950
 Kahlil Nabil 1953
 Karom Georges 1950
 Kattouneh Charles 1950
 Khatat Georges 1950
 Khoury Elie 1948
 Langhate Ernest 1950
 La Lay Harva 1961
 Leonard Paul 1958
 Manuglan Anthonig 1959
 Marchal Charles 1950

Melli Loufella 1961
 Mirab Antoine 1958
 Mugaritch Basile 1950
 Mugaritchian Popkian 1952
 Naccaccho Henry 1958
 Nasser Jacques 1956
 Naoufal Sulaiman 1948
 Nma Philippe 1959
 Naculi Hassan 1957
 Naculi Mohiedine 1953
 Ouairi Hussain 1948
 Oughourlian Joseph 1950
 Penrose Stephen 1949
 Perrin Jean 1959
 Ponthus Paul 1953
 Riggo Anthony 1953
 Rzaallah Nicolas 1959
 Rzaik Antoine 1954
 Salamah Charles 1955
 Salamah John 1953
 Sarkis Kheili Ramaz 1960
 Schwabenthan Rudi 1961
 Sehnouci Antoine 1949
 Semoun Skandar 1952
 Serravallo Michel 1959
 Souid Samir 1962
 Tabat Emilia 1961
 Tahmi Edmond 1952
 Thomas Philippe 1954
 Trad Basile 1960
 Trad Fouad 1947
 Trad Gabriel G. 1949
 Van Lannep Cyril 1961
 Wintergast Philippe 1953
 Ziaia Luis 1952
 Zouain Simon 1954
 Zreik Constantin 1949

Membre du Conseil Central

Augustin Caroni 1956-1958

Gouverneurs

Joseph Salem 1948-1949 (District 83)
 Augustin Caroni 1951-1952 (District 89)
 Fouad Saade 1955-1956 (District 89)
 Edmond Rababath 1960-1961 (District 95)
 Ants Chabat 1963-1964 (District 95)

Présidents

Jean Rouvier 1947-1948
 Fouad Saade 1948-1949
 Jean Fattal 1949-1950
 Maxima De Dumast 1950-1951
 Fouad Ammoun 1951-1952
 Elie Khoury 1952-1953
 Edmond Rababath 1953-1954
 Umberto Turati 1954-1955
 Sulaiman Naoufal 1955-1956
 Luis Ziaia 1956-1957
 Pierre Guérin 1957-1958
 Omar Mami Bay 1958-1959
 John Salamah 1959-1960
 Paul Ponthus 1960-1961
 Jean Dabbane 1961-1962



Sur l'initiative du RCB, deux timbres-poste libanais sont émis en 1955 pour commémorer le cinquantième anniversaire de la création du mouvement rotarien.

بشارة من نادي وفاق بيروت
 تم إصدار طابعين لبنانيين عام
 ١٩٥٥ للاحتفال بالذكرى الخمسين
 لإنشاء الحركة الوبائيه.

* Médaille d'or du Mérite Libanais

* ميدالية الاستحقاق الذهبية
 اللبنانية

* 5ème Assemblée Générale de l'UNESCO tenu à Beyrouth

* الجمعية العمومية الثالثة
 للأونيسكو التي عقدت في بيروت

* Premier Festival International de Baalbeck

* مهرجان بعلبك الدولي الأول
 * إهداء كازينو لبنان

* Construction du Casino du Liban

* إهداء المطار الدولي في طرابلس

* Construction de l'Aéroport International de Khaldé

SHINY DAYS

The RCB contributes to the success of the UNESCO month in Beirut

The gala dinner thrown by the RCB on the occasion of the annual UNESCO conference, which was held in the Lebanese capital in November 1949, was presided over by President Sheikh Bechara al Khoury.

Among the attendees were UNESCO directors, Lebanese ministers, the Speaker of the House and other prominent figures.

The RCB establishes Rotary Clubs in Tripoli and Saïda

The RCB was, during 17 years, the only Rotary Club in Lebanon. Thanks to the efforts of former RCB President Fattal, the Rotary Club of Tripoli was established in 1950. It was followed by the Rotary Club of Saïda, founded in 1954.

The RCB and the successive anniversaries of Rotary International

The anniversary of Rotary International is celebrated every year by the RCB by the holding of a traditional gala dinner in the presence of prominent political figures, including the President of the Republic. The RI's 44th anniversary coincided with the meeting of the Districts assembly in Beirut in January 1949. Representatives of Syria and Jaffa Rotary Clubs were also present at the dinner.

The visit of Rotary International's president to Beirut

During a visit to the Middle East in April 1950, Percy Hodgson was decorated with the National Order of the Cedar of Commander rank by President Bechara al-Khoury.

In January 1951, the RCB obeyed by the instructions of Chicago which asked all Rotary Clubs to start holding weekly meetings.

"Would you show me a sheep?"

In April 1951, the RCB received an amusing letter from the Rotary Club of Campinas in Brazil. One of the Club's members of Lebanese origin, Mr. Jean Salamah, gave a talk about the sheep with a big tail. The Club was surprised by the existence of such an animal and wrote a letter to the RCB, asking if for further information about the sheep. The RCB thought about the possibility to send a small living sheep to Brazil.

*from right to left:
President Camille Chamoun,
Mrs Henriette Saïde,
President Abdallah Yafi,
the delegate of RI President
Joan Dusausoy, P.G. Yahya
al Alayli, General S. Nowfal, at
Hotel St. Georges for the District
conference, 1955.*

*من اليمين الى اليسار الرئيس
كاميل شمعون، والسيدة هاريت
سعيدة الرئيس عبدالله اليافي، ممثل
رئيس الرابطة الدولية جان دوساوي،
بني الحلايلي، الجنرال سليمان
نوفل في فندق سان جورج للضيافة
سنة 1955*

An RCB member receives a grant from the Rotary Foundation

Mr. André Misk received a scholarship from the Rotary Foundation and spent a year in the United States (1952/53) to pursue his studies at the prestigious M.I.T., the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The twentieth conference of the 89th district held in Beirut

In addition to President Camille Chamoun and Mr. Joan Dusausoy from the Rotary Club of Paris, many Rotarians coming from Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Cyprus and Sudan attended this event.

At the end of the conference, the participants called for the integration of Iraq and Jordan in the District and the adoption of a unified Arab Rotarian terminology for the Districts clubs.

The RCB, the promoter of the National Institute for blind people

In December 1952, a report prepared by the president of the Rotarian commission for the disabled showed that blindness was the most dominant infirmity. Consequently, the association of the friends of the blind was created and financed by the RCB.

As an expression of gratitude, the Lebanese President granted the RCB the gold medal of the National Order of Merit.

In 1955, two stamps were issued in Lebanon to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Rotarian movement.



1962-1977

Membres cooptés durant la période

Abalo Jo-Charles 1974
 Abouhemad de Tarazi Nadim 1971
 Abousseoum Camille 1963
 Aggoury René 1963
 Agopian Armand 1967
 Aïd Jean 1966
 Alameddine Néjib 1962
 Alameddine Makram 1973
 Alexander Mikhaël 1968
 Aïgnin René 1973
 Antaki Fathi 1974
 Arab Robert 1970
 Awdi Raymond 1970
 Babikian Khatchik 1965
 Badourou Antoine 1974
 Bassoul Louis 1968
 Baycloun Zouheir 1964
 Bihari Bachir 1968
 Bizri Amine 1967
 Broggi Angel 1975
 Caffa Abdo 1965
 Chami Ezzat 1975
 Chaya Elie 1967
 Chebat Anis 1964
 Chémal Antoine 1968
 Chélaç Jean 1975
 Congia Luciano 1970
 Cosmich Alexis 1969
 Craxiosi Ernest 1968
 Dalabani François 1967
 Decocq André 1968
 Delapina Charles 1964
 Dib Boutros 1969
 El Akhrab Walid 1971
 El Khoury Michel 1964

Ellor Ernest 1966
 Fattal Georges 1967
 Fawaz Mohamed 1968
 Gaddoum Charles 1972
 Gaddoum Raymond 1975
 Ghandour Fawzi 1973
 Ghali Jean 1970
 Hatik Fargessalch 1965
 Jahaï Selim 1973
 Jambart Michel 1966
 Jaulin Jacques 1965
 Jdeïton Yované 1965
 Joly John 1970
 Karim Antoine 1963
 Kattounah Henry 1974
 Khoury Abdallah 1963
 Khoury Robert 1972
 Lalangua Pierre 1969
 Lambert René 1963
 Lamié Kendall 1964
 Mahmassani Ghaleb 1973
 Madewar Antoine 1973
 Massawer Alexandre 1967
 Massawer Maurice 1974
 Naffich Joseph 1968
 Nasim Edmond 1969
 Naoufal Antoine 1973
 Naouli Zakaria 1972
 Cassatran Jawad 1963
 Paquet Roger 1970
 Prassinos Niklas 1970
 Prayre Roger 1964
 Rivacton Yves 1964
 Rizk Assaad 1969
 Rizk Charles 1967

Soub Hasan 1966
 Soad Salim 1974
 Soada Riad 1969
 Sabbagh Henry 1967
 Sara Albert 1966
 Sehrouf Elie 1972
 Sharif Amine 1965
 Shoucair Fouad 1971
 Silly Aldo 1964
 Slim Mohsen 1974
 Stephan Edouard 1968
 Tabbarah Bahigo 1968
 Tabbarah Wafic 1972
 Taki Yousef 1975
 Tamer Jean 1974
 Tabet Samir 1974
 Trad Dimitri 1972
 Trad Sami 1966
 Wafid Rado 1966
 Wintergest Philippe 1970
 Yafé Talat 1973
 Zaourou Joseph 1969

Gouverneurs

Fouad Ammour 1965-1966 (District 195)
 Joseph Najjar 1970-1971 (District 195)

Présidents

Antoine Sehnaoui 1962-1963
 Hassan Kabalan 1963-1964
 Ernest Langhade 1964-1965
 Noël Kahlo 1965-1966
 Jamil El Mikhaoui 1966-1967
 Nicolas Rizcallah 1967-1968
 Antoine Baz 1968-1969
 Khatchik Babikian 1969-1970
 Raymond Ghosn 1970-1971
 Loufella Mollé 1971-1972
 Amna Bazzi 1972-1973
 Papikian Mijraditchian 1973-1974
 Fouad Ephrem Boustanty 1974-1975
 Bahigo Tabbarah 1975-1977

* Beyrouth Centre Financier
 du Proche et Moyen-Orient
 * Beyrouth plaque tournante du
 dialogue culturel mondial
 * Des chaînes hôtelières
 internationales s'établissent
 au Liban
 * En fin de période, la guerre
 des hôtels

* بيروت مركز مالي للشرق الأوسط
 والأوسمة
 * بيروت مركز حوار ثقافي عالمي
 * سلسلة فنادق عالمية تفتح
 في لبنان
 * في نهاية الحقبة حرب الفنادق

MATURITY

In February 1963, the annual conference of the district, held at the Saint Georges Hotel, gathered the delegates of the 23 Rotary Clubs. Rotary International's president was represented by Wolfgang Wick.

Anis Chbat, an interim governor

Anis Chbat, from the Damascus Club, was elected governor in 1963. He settled in Beirut on the first of January, 1964 where he assumed his duties as a member of the RCB due to the administrative situation of the Rotary Club in Syria.

Fouad Ammoun, who was elected a district governor for the years 1965 and 1966, was appointed to the International Court of Justice in The Hague. Consequently the RCB suggested the appointment of Mr. Chbat as an interim governor.

May 1966: Twinning agreement in Beirut between the districts of Paris and the Middle East

107 Rotarians from Paris made a visit to Lebanon on the occasion of the signing of a twinning agreement between the two Districts of Paris and the Middle East. The 195th District, formed of the Clubs of Beirut, Cyprus, Jordan, UAE, and Sudan held a grand dinner at the Phoenicia Hotel in the presence of more than 300 guests. More than 400 people participated in the Conference of the District in April 1969.

A fast ambulance and a campaign against poliomyelitis

The RCB offered to the Ministry of Health in May 1969, a fast ambulance to be driven on international highways. The RCB president at the time (1969/1970), Khatchig Babikian, highlighted the importance of the large campaign launched by the Government against the poliomyelitis and urged all Rotarians to support it.

In 1970, artist Antoine Berberi was granted the RCB prize for his sculpture of Queen Elyssa, the founder of Carthage.

Rotary International President Ernst Breitholtz in a visit to Lebanon

Breitholtz, accompanied by his wife, made a visit to Beirut in February 1972. The Rotarians of Beirut, Tripoli and Saida, organized a series of events in his honor, including a gala dinner at the Saint George Hotel.

Beirut organizes the 37th conference of the 195th District on behalf of Cyprus

The RCB took in charge the organization of the Districts Conference in April 1973, upon the request and on behalf of Cypriot Governor Michael Theodosiou of the Lamaca Club. This annual regional conference of Rotary International was held at the Phoenicia Hotel and was attended by around 600 Rotarians.

Within its attempts to develop Rotary Lebanon, the RCB deployed big efforts to establish the RC of Kesrouan.

In 1975, civil war ravaged the country, leading to the destruction of the Saint Georges Hotel... and many of the RCB's memories. Only the legendary bell survived.

Deprived of their Saint Georges Hotel, the Beirut Rotarians organized their weekly meetings at the Carlton Hotel as of the first of March, 1976.

Rotarian Bell in 1963.
We recognize President
A. Kattaneh.
مجلس روتاري بالقسم عام ١٩٦٣
ويبدو الرئيس المؤقت كاتناح.



1977-1992

Membres cooptés durant la période

Abillama Fayak 1984
 Abillama Raif 1985
 Ajloui Riad 1978
 Arida Raja 1991
 Atri Georges 1991
 Assaf Walid 1991
 Assaly Georges 1978
 Audi Wadith 1988
 Bassile Antoine 1984
 Bassoul Aziz 1978
 Baz Samir 1981
 Barber Nassim 1982
 Boustary Antoine 1986
 Boustary Fouad Nagib 1978
 Boustary Nadim 1978
 Calvert Maurice 1985
 Cassir Victor 1978
 Catefago Jean-Pierre 1985
 Chatbi André 1985
 Chouari Nicolas 1985
 Contanto Mircoello 1978
 Dabbous Ahmad 1991
 Darghawth Kamal 1985
 El Hat Sabbar 1985
 El Hindi Mostapha 1988
 Ezzadimo Wissam 1991
 Farah Pierre 1986
 Fayad Habib 1985
 Fayad Halim B. 1983
 Fawaz Fawaz 1982

Felmayr Wolfgang 1981
 Geogea Emile 1978
 Genadry François 1983
 Haidar Hayyan 1982
 Haidar Issam 1978
 Hajjar Elias 1986
 Honeimoglos Maurice 1978
 Hamoud Samir 1987
 Hobeika Louis 1986
 Hochar Serge 1978
 Jabre François 1978
 Jabre Raymond 1984
 Jabre Victor 1992
 Jambart Selim 1986
 Jaroudi Hisham 1985
 Kanaan Hussein 1985
 Kanaan Pierre 1985
 Kammanmann Roger 1981
 Kattanah Nabii 1984
 Khorassandjian Pierre 1985
 Kiwan Nabii 1987
 Kwint Eric 1979
 Lafrane Jacques 1986
 Macnary John 1978
 Maklawi Tarak 1985
 Manassa Camille 1985
 Micasilian Victor 1984
 Mohamed Bay Alja 1990
 Moharram Chafic 1978

Marcos Nicolas 1978
 Nasrallah Pierre 1978
 Obagi Bachara 1983
 Rababy Sami 1982
 Rigo Pierre 1978
 Salha Marwan 1986
 Sawaya Assad 1985
 Sayo G. Maurice 1992
 Tamarit Ghassan 1985
 Tamer Gaby 1981
 Touma Grégory 1984
 Tyan Henri 1986
 Yared Bachara 1986
 Zouain Georges 1982

Présidents

Camille Aboussouan 1977-1978
 Joseph Naffah 1978-1979
 Zakarie Nassif 1979-1980
 Samir Tabet 1980-1981
 Mohamed Fawaz 1981-1982
 Michel Jambart 1982-1983
 Bechar Bilal 1983-1984
 Jo-Charles Abela 1984-1985
 Elias Gannago 1985-1986
 Maurice Massawa 1986-1987
 Riad Soadé 1987-1988
 Hayyan Haidar 1988-1989
 Robert Khouri 1989-1990
 Anthony Rigo 1990-1991
 Assad Sawaya 1991-1992



* Troubles et destruction
 * Accords de Taëf, Arabie
 Saoudite en 1989

* شعار جناب
 * اتحاد المثاليين في الملكة
 العربية السعودية عام 1989

STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE

The RCB took in charge the establishment of a Rotarad Club (18-30 years old) as of September 30, 1984. Unfortunately, the project was put on hold due to the war.

An Inter-Club to guarantee Rotary's continuity

Following the Israeli invasion of June 1982, RCB President Bachir Bilani called for a meeting that gathered RC Tripoli President Wahib Nini, RC Kasrouan President Gedsion Mahassab as well as Riad Saada, the RCB secretary, and Nicolas Nini and Hazem Finja of the Tripoli Club. The meeting was aimed at establishing a network between all Lebanese Rotarians. This is how the Inter-Club was born. It was formed of the Presidents of the Rotary Clubs in Lebanon and a Secretary General, Riad Saadeh. Between 1982 and 1990, the Inter-Club could maintain a continuous communication between the different regions in Lebanon and abroad.

SOS Lebanon: Rotary International launches a campaign in support of Lebanon

The Rotary SOS Lebanon Program was launched in 1983. The money raised to support the country amounted to \$100,000. Initially raised to finance reconstruction projects, the money was finally used to support war-stricken and disabled citizens. Around 50 projects supervised by SOS Lebanon were implemented.

Maintaining the Club's unity at any price

In light of the war and the partition of Beirut in eastern and western districts, some members proposed to split the Club into two units. However, this proposal met strong rejection from the Club's former presidents.

In line with the majority's position, President Gannage decided to hold meetings in east and west Beirut alternately. His decision was applauded by Mr. Eugene Barakat, the director of Rotary International bureau in Zurich for Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

PolioPlus... for a better life!

PolioPlus is the leading project of the biggest NGO in the world, Rotary International. In 1987, the RCB launched the Rotary International PolioPlus Program in Lebanon.

In a surprise visit to the country, the president of Istanbul Club, Umal Ural, asked the RCB to sign the convention and introduce this program to the war-stricken country. RCB President in 1987/88, Riad Saadé countersigned the Health Ministry's approval of the anti-polio vaccination project.

Eight consecutive campaigns were organized on the Lebanese territories; with three of them held in very difficult conditions. The network of Lebanon Rotary Clubs provided the teams in charge of the vaccination campaign with all logistic assistance needed. Due to the great success of the project, the RCB received the "Regional Service Award" for 1999/2000.

The 60th anniversary of RCB's establishment

It is finally the period of the Taef Accord.

The RCB is on a roll and preparing for its 60th anniversary. On this occasion, a wonderful dinner is held in the presence of the First Lady, M. Mona Hraoui. Ministers, deputies, ambassadors and prominent figures joined the RCB in this event. Bitter memories were forgotten...at least for a while...

1992-2007

Membres cooptés durant la période

Abdalmalek Nabli 2003
Abi Fouad Makram 1993
Abouchacir Jean 1997
Antas Toufic 2007
Bassim Sayed 1998
Basilas Antoine 1997
Choucair Walid 1996
Cadi Rame 1995
Dabehy Pierre 2005
Eid Fady 1998
El Solh Abdal Salam 1995
Gargour Toufic 1994
Ghannouch Mikahil 1994
Gharrouat Gabriel 2007
Ghazi Habib 1998
Hafez Antoine 1998
Hakim Yahya 2007
Hamada Ziad 1993
Habakik Louis 1996
Kaldany Samir 2001
Micalouf Clavis 1998
Mehmassani Matak 1995
Milek Fayçal 2000
Miqaribano Jean-Marie 1996
Mouawad Ignace 1993
Nalbardan Serge 2002
Nase Elias 2005
Rachi Jean 1995
Rihana Sami 2003
Schoucair Nagi 2002
Tabbarah Ahmia 1996
Tabet Nadim 2003
Touzaï Roger 1996
Thomas Gabriel 1993
Touf Fouad 1996
Wakim Wami 2001

Gouverneur

Ignace Mouawad 1999-2000 (District
2430)

Présidents

Abdelfateh Jabre 1992-1993
Haim B. Fayad 1993-1994
Kamal Darghawith 1994-1995
Raif Aballama 1995-1996
Henry Kattaneh 1996-1997
Camille Menassa 1997-1998
Mustapha El Hmel 1998-1999
Nicolas Choucri 1999-2000
Salim Catafago 2000-2001
Ziad Mamode 2001-2002
Pierre Kamoun 2002-2003
Walid Choucair 2003-2004
Roger Touzaï 2004-2005
Samir Hammous 2005-2006
Matak Mahmassari 2006-2007



En 2004, un timbre-poste libanais est émis pour commémorer le centième anniversaire de la création du mouvement rotarien.

علم لا يورث إيماناً
يريدو إيماناً
ذكرى مؤسسها
تأسيس الحركة الروتارية

* Reconstruction sous castrats

* إيمانة الإعمار

1992-2007

BORN AGAIN...

In a peaceful Lebanon, the RCB enjoyed its second spring. In light of a situation of political and security stability, the Rotary Club of Beirut reinforced its traditional image of the first Club in the country.

An active role in the Lebanese society

Aware of Lebanon's social problems and the necessity to resolve them, the RCB is deploying tremendous efforts to support institutions and associations which deal with drug addicts, elderly and disabled people.

The Annual Exhibition of Handicrafts made by Disabled People
The RCB organized an exhibition to help disabled people sell their products and handicrafts. The first edition took place at the Carlton Hotel on February 12, 1993. The exhibition was so successful that it was organized for eight consecutive years.

The Rotary and the sound of music

Since music eases the sufferings and promotes dialogue, the RCB chose to support the National Conservatory of Music during the two consecutive Rotarian years. In an effort to raise the public awareness on the importance of music, the Club helped the Conservatory in including the culture of music in the Lebanese school programs.

The RCB, the promoter of two new Clubs

Since 1993, the RCB abided by the wishes of Rotary International and engaged in the establishment of two new Clubs: a second Club in Beirut called the Beirut Cosmopolitan Rotary Club and another one, covering a multi-confessional region par excellence: the Rotary Club of Chouf.

Professional orientation and formation: one of the RCB's missions
The RCB worked on the production and the distribution of a document comprising all tourism and hotel management schools and institutes on the Lebanese territories. The document was distributed to Brevet students all over Lebanon.

Moreover, the Club gave the opportunity to many Lebanese students to participate in the Group Study Exchange Program and the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) in different countries such as France, the United States and Egypt. In addition to tackling the issue of child abuse and mistreatment in Lebanon, the RCB granted special attention to environment problems, in particular to air and water pollution. It has also contributed to the first phase of the National Library restoration project.

The RCB: A twinning agreement with the Rotary Club of Paris

Beirut and Lebanon: a platform for a universal francophone culture.

The RCB: A look toward the future

Today, all the RCB pioneers are satisfied with the efforts deployed during the past few years to boost its role in the country and co-opt women members.

The RCB remained loyal to its original path

In its continuous efforts to promote the Rotary in Beirut and across Lebanon, the Club is cultivating and nurturing mutual understanding. It has also maintained a strategy focused on the youth by merging the wisdom of the "old" with the drive of the "eternal youth".



Concert of 17.2.06.
The National Conservatory of Music at USJ church in Beirut.

حفل موسيقي في 17-2-06
فرقة المعهد العالي للموسيقى في
كنيسة الجامعة اليسوعية في
بيروت.

Traditional photograph taken
on the Carlton terrace, of the
Governor's visit to the Club.

صورة تذكارية خلال زيارة المحافظ
لفدي بيوت على شرفة فندق
كارلتون.



ROTARACT CLUB OF BEIRUT

The Rotaract Club of Beirut was founded in 1985. It was put on hold for a few years because of the civil war in Lebanon but resumed its activities in 1994 with the help of the Rotary Club of Beirut.

Since then, the Club has been undertaking community actions and forged a local and international reputation of an active club proud to bear the name of Beirut.

In fact, the Club received many Rotaract prizes over the last year. Moreover, the first electronic monthly bulletin of the District was recently launched and it is accessible to all the clubs around the world.

The most important projects achieved to date are:

1 Fashion ShowMe: Fashion Show under the patronage of The Ministry of Tourism to encourage young designers.

2 Green Expressions: exposition through which 250 handicapped from various associations expressed their vision about the environment. This project was under the high patronage of The Ministry of The Environment and the sponsorship of The Rotary Club of Beirut.

3 OLFA (One Lebanon For All): community project with an international touch that took place in the areas severely damaged by the war with the partial sponsorship of The Rotary Club of Beirut.

4 Bahebak Ya Lebanon: Partial renovation of a school destroyed during the July 2006 attacks in collaboration with The Rotaract Club of Now Maadi, Egypt.

5 UNDP/World Bank Youth Discover & Act: Community Project that aims to train teenagers to plan and execute short and midterm community projects. This workshop was financed by The World bank and the UNDP.

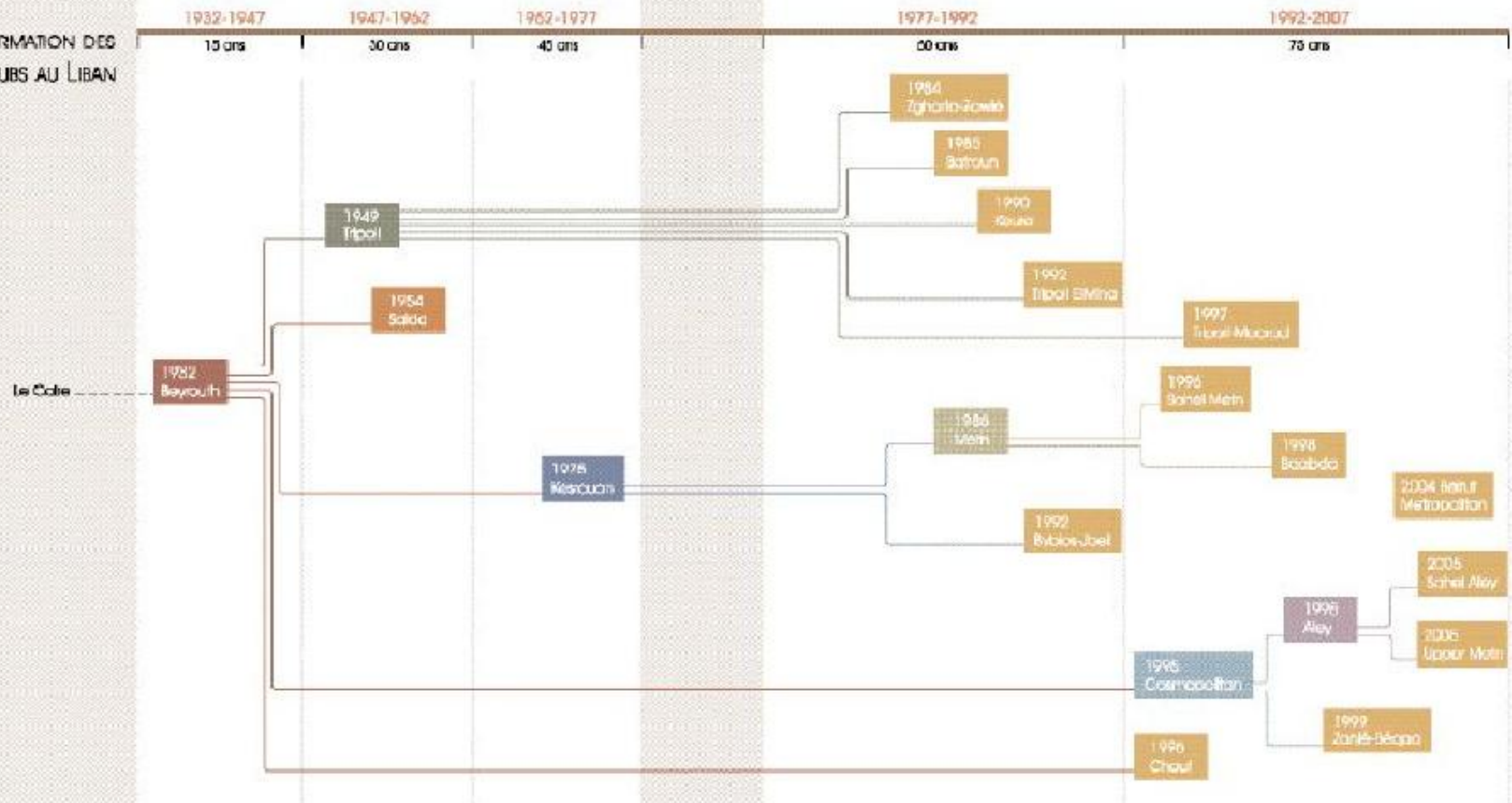


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FORMATION DES CLUBS AU LIBAN





Rotarians français aux Cèdres entourant les Gouverneurs Habert et Finge.

روتاريون فرنسيون في الأرز يحيطون بالمصطفيين حابر وهنج.

French Rotarians at the Cedars of Lebanon, surrounding Governors Habert and Finge.

THE ACTIONS

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INTER-COUNTRIES COMMITTEE (CIP)

The concept of the CIP appeared in 1937 and the first CIP was achieved in 1950. In 2002, there were more than 140 CIPs in the world.

The actions of the CIP aim to:

- ◆ Hold gatherings between clubs;
- ◆ Promote friendly, professional and cultural exchange, mainly between the youth;
- ◆ Participate with clubs and districts in actions of world public interest to consolidate friendships among them;
- ◆ Moreover, contribute to the expansion of Rotary International by sponsoring new clubs and to the training of young Rotarians in countries recently introduced to the Rotary.

CIP France – Lebanon

It was officially founded on May 6, 1994 under the auspices of Governors Hazem Finge and Philippe Habert.

- ◆ Assistance in the reforestation of the forest of the Cedars, the symbol of Lebanon;
- ◆ Restoration and development of various Lebanese municipal libraries;
- ◆ Language training courses for Lebanese female teachers;
- ◆ Exchange programs for the youth and participation of young Lebanese people in RYLA organized in France;
- ◆ Sponsoring of Lebanese orphans in order to ensure their schooling;
- ◆ Participation in the financing of a blood bank and an ambulance in Lebanon;
- ◆ Donation by the French clubs of a tipper truck;
- ◆ Twinning agreements between various French and Lebanese clubs.

CIP USA – Lebanon

It was founded on November 13, 1997 between 18 Lebanese clubs representing 600 Rotarians and 45 American clubs representing 2000 Rotarians.

- ◆ Donation of 28 machines of dialysis to the Ministry of Health;
- ◆ Assistance to handicapped by a donation of 240 wheelchairs;
- ◆ Eye tests and donation of 600 pairs of glasses to the prisoners;
- ◆ Invitation of 3 Lebanese Mayors to the Mayors' Convention of New York.



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