

President's Message

The Little Things That Aren't Little

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LCN President

I have been honored to serve as your LCN president for 2010-2011. In true fashion, LCN has pushed me to expect more of myself, to give more and accept more of what those around me have to offer. It has been a unique and fulfilling journey with a team that shares the same pride in the quality of work, in the impact of the LCN programs and in the little changes we have aspired to achieve.

Yes, LCN has had a great year. Three professional mixers in three states, two awareness luncheons in LA and DC, thousands of dollars in awards to talented students and committed university clubs, numerous workshops and a successful convention with a newly added Alumni track. You can read about these great successes in our official newsletter reCap and online at www.mylcn.org.

Yet, the true measure of the success is in the little things that aren't really little. The successes that I recall are when our members and those who witness our events see the hidden benefit. "Can I have several more copies of the Robert's Rules of Order? I think it's really important that we [UCB Lebanese Club] run meetings well before we can plan on growing and achieving all that we hope to," stated UC Berkeley Lebanese Club officer Andrew EIKhoury at the LCN11 convention. The realization that we all want to do great and that we all want to help Lebanon start with very small steps and a defined process, is the success that is often overlooked.

Another 'little' example I would like to share with you is the benefit of a collective effort to achieve a certain goal. In order to complete several of our programs, LCN had the honor to partner with a host of organizations such as LA Cedars Rotary (CA), LAHC (MI), NAAP (LA/DC), House of Lebanon (CA) and LebNet (CA). Combining the strengths of these organizations and having them work hand together has done marvels for our membership. We have enhanced our workshops, increased networking events and promoted more of the Lebanese organizations out there. We are indeed capable of coming together for a common good, and every time I see it happen, I note it as another success for our community.

As a final thought, I want to stress on the fact that LCN is your organization. Founders and past board members have no more claim to it than you do. It is our belief that the success of LCN can only be sustained if the vision and mission of LCN are shared amongst our members and adopted by them. So I call on to you to make LCN a part of your college and professional experience. Your involvement is vital for the continued work that we are all proud of.

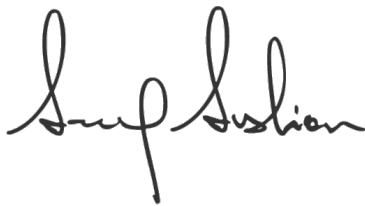
I would like to thank my team Judith Farah, Myrna Ghorayeb, Rami Haddad, Lara Saikali and Ferdos Kassir for their efforts and sacrifice for the benefit of our membership and the success of LCN. I am blessed and privileged to have had them on my team. Together, we have been fortunate

to have active past board members and over twenty-five volunteers to help us deliver on our promises and put together all of our events across the nation.

As I step down from the office of President, I am thrilled to pass on the torch to our next president Judith Farah. I have no doubt that she will lead LCN to even greater heights with your involvement and support. I am excited to witness the creativity and passion that she and her board will bring to LCN!

LCN has been a big part of my life. I only need to look around me to realize that my closest friends and my mentors have all somehow come from LCN or eventually joined to contribute to it. That is a lot to be grateful for and I look forward to my continued involvement in LCN through the several committees available.

Thank you for sharing LCN with me!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sevag Garen Sislian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'S' at the beginning.

Sevag Garen Sislian
LCN President
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