

***Rotarian Jawad Mouawad calls upon LERC***

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The Lebanese Emigration Research Center at Notre Dame University welcomed to its premises Mr. Jawad Mouawad, who is a member of the Rotary Club, Sahel El Metn chapter in Lebanon.

Rotary International is a global organization of 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries whose members comprise business and community leaders, known as Rotarians. Rotarians assert that they “strive to provide humanitarian aid and to ensure the highest ethical standards for all professions, while at the same time helping to build and promote peace and goodwill throughout the world.”

Mr. Mouawad visited the Center to explore the possibility of cooperating with LERC regarding the International Congress of Lebanese and Lebanese Descendants in the World who are Rotarians. The Congress is expected to take place in Lebanon in October 2010. To consider this issue, LERC Director Ms. Guita Hourani met with Mr. Mouawad for intense discussions on how to cooperate for this event.

Mr. Mouawad was accompanied by Mr. Roberto Khatlab, LERC’s Latin American Liaison Officer, and was introduced to LERC’s infrastructure, its electronic archives and its databases, as well as to its nucleus museum on migration.



Mr. J. Mouawad (left) with Mr. R. Khatlab at the Lebanon and Migration Museum at NDU (Dec 2009).