

MINNESOTA SAMACHAR

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Message from Our President ...



As we establish our Executive Committee to run the affairs of the Jamaat for the next two years, we would like to reach out and ask you where you can help and assist in volunteering. There are literally hundreds of tasks to be performed in a given year to run the affairs of the Jamaat. Whether you can provide monetary contribution or volunteer your time in performing these tasks, we urge you to come forward and be part of the community. That is what makes a community successful, vibrant and it will fulfill your spiritual needs too.

Please see any of the EC members to find out where you can help. The Jamaat Handbook has the details of all committees and the various tasks they perform. Please help us help fulfill the needs of the community and earn the blessings from Allah (SWA).

Sincerely,

Shabir Yusufali



JSM Corner...Recap of Events

Family Skiing/Tubing Event

To kick-off the year, Jaffery Sports organized a skiing/tubing event on March 22nd at the Trollhaugen ski slopes. All the kids and parents enjoyed skiing, snow boarding and tubing.

Men's Soccer Tournament

Jaffery Sports held a men's indoor soccer tournament on March 29th. The games were fun and competitive. There were six teams with 39 players of varying ages. After a total of 20 games that lasted 4 hours, the winning team was:

Winning Team: Ali Rehan Rattansi, Amir Khimji, Hussein Zhan, Mohammed Walji, Mohammed Musani and Waleed.



Ladies Basketball Tournament

A girls 3-on-3 basketball tournament was held on April 4th. The games were exciting and closely contested. 25 girls between the ages of 13yrs and 20yrs participated and competed in this half court event. However, one team outshined the rest. Congratulations to the winning team

Winning Team: Sarah Ghoneim, Amena Karim, Dina Ghoneim and Sepeedeh Niknam



Men's Golf Tournament

On a windy Sunday morning, 20 avid golfers came out to take on the Pheasant Acres golf course in teams of two. After four hours of intense competition, two teams tied for first place.

Winners: Fayaz Jaffer and Kazim Lalji / Kamil Roowala and Kumail Walji
Closest to the pin: Ahmad Roowala. Longest drive: Kamil Roowala

Family Biking Event

This event was held on Saturday, June 13th. Jaffery Islamic Center via Elm Creek Park Reserve biking trail. two trails - an 8 mile geared towards younger kids and an 18 mile trail for the rest.

Upcoming Events

Kid's Tennis Classes

Jaffery Sports has organized kid's tennis classes for the summer which will be conducted by a professional tennis coach who currently coaches tennis at The Blake School in Hopkins. There will be a total of 8 tennis sessions at the Champlin High School facility. This is a perfect opportunity for your kids to learn the basic techniques – So don't miss this opportunity!



A New Sheriff in Town:

At the AGM on February 29, the people of our Jamaat selected the new president to serve for the next two years. It is no other than Shabirbhai Yusufali, one of Jamaat's pioneers. Shabirbhai has served in this leadership position in the past and has come back to serve when the Jamaat called out.

Br. Shabir's team is made up of the following:

Vice President – Mohsin Kassam
Secretary – Imtiaz Salemohamed
Treasurer – Naushad Karim
Building Admin. – Shabir Walji
Committee Member – Mahdiya Walji
Committee Member – Imran Lakha
Chairlady – Zehrabai Ahmed
Asst. Chairlady – Sakinabai Salemohamed



The Jamaat would like to thank the outgoing team: Br. Shabir Karim, Br. Mohamed Remtula, Br. Muntazar Hirji, Br. Hussain Dharsi, Sis. Batul Walji, and Sis. Kaniz Walji, for their dedicated commitments to the community. May Allah accept their amaals and fulfill all their Hajaats, ameen.

Welcome A New Youth Committee

On June 6th, the Youth Organization elected a new team. This new team is comprised of Mohamed Walji, Ibrahim Mehdi, Sepeedeh Niknam, and Amena Karim. This team will be working on various projects that will include activities that will be learning and fun for all ages in the community. The organization passed a resolution to include four members to the committee from six.

The Jamaat thanks the outgoing committee comprised of Komail Lakha, Ahmed Jaffer, Salman Somji, Mahdiya Walji, Zulekha Karim, and Maliha Remtula for all the hard work and dedication for the community.

NASIMCO Meeting – Huge Success!

The NASIMCO meeting was held here June 20 & 21 was attended by representatives of almost all the Jamaats in North America. It was a wonderful experience for all who attended as it was educational and it provided an opportunity to meet representatives of the various Jamaats. In the elections for the new Executive of NASIMCO Br. Shabir Karim was elected as Vice President for the next term.

There was a lot of work during the conference that included food, preparations and meeting coordination. Mashallah, it turned out to be very well done primarily due to the hard work and good team effort executed by the volunteers of the Jamaat. Special thanks to Augustana Care Center for coordinating and providing breakfast and lunch.

Br. Hussein Walji was also recognized with an honorary award, by our Jamaat, for his visionary leadership in bringing our community to the level it is today and paving the path for the future. Br. Hussein did a fundraiser for the MPC and raised approx. \$35,000!!



Welcome Zahra Sabur

Zahra is married to Mohamed Sabur and just moved here from Texas. Zahra graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. in Applied Learning and Development in May 2009. Born and raised in Dubai, Zahra moved to Austin, Texas, in the late-1990s with her family, including twin sister. Zahra will be playing a key role in running the Summer Fun Program this year.

Congratulations Class of 2009!

The Madressah presented the Class of 2009 on June 6, 2009. The following students graduated from the madressah:

Qu'ran: Maythum Mehdi, Mikayeel Mulla, Salmaan Mulla, Ali Raza Walji, Mazaher Shivji, and Suhail Kassam.

Pre-School: Ahmed Mohamed, Ali Raza Jaffer, Ibrahim Khan, Madi Albatushi, Mariam Alfahed, Safeer Haider, Sophia Zafari, Sumaiya Mulla, Adam Voerding, Odeh Noerding, Saba Dabbagh, Mohamed Hussein, and Mahek Hemani.

In addition, the following community grads were also recognized:

Sepeedeh Niknam, Champlin Park High School
 Batul Mohamedali, Park Center High School
 Mudathir Shivji, Maple Grove High School
 Sukaina Ali, Coon Rapids High School
 Chandni Parmar, Assoc. Business, NHCC
 Zahra Sabur, Applied Learning & Devel, UT, Austin
 Ahmed Jaffer, BS Engineering, St. Thomas
 Shamema Abidzadeh, Religion, Temple
 Aamna Ali, Biology & Psychology, Minnesota
 Fatima Jaffer, MS Nursing, Minnesota
 Fareena Jaffer, Doc., Physical Therapy, Minnesota
 Jaffer Karim, Pharmacy, Minnesota
 Mohamed Rashid, Operational System, St. Thomas
 Sameer Parmar, MBA, Bethel
 Brad Rajek, Law, Hamline
 Ansar Ahmed, Fship. Neurophysiology, Minnesota
 Congratulations to all the graduates!!

Engagement:

On June 14, 2009 the engagement of Salman Somji, son of Shabbir and Fatema Somji was announced to Salehah, daughter of Hasnain and Kulsum Karim or Orlando, Florida.

New Arrival

Zaynab Iman, daughter of Aliasghar and Sukaina Najfi was born 06/4/2009 in Chicago. Zaynab was 8lbs at birth.

Naseera, daughter of Muzafer and Fozia Najfi was born 06/11/2009. Naseera was 6lbs 7oz at birth.

News You Can Use Flood Insurance by Rizwan Mulla, State Farm Agent

As the summer months come in, one of the most important actions you can take to prepare for a flood is to purchase a flood insurance policy. A flood insurance policy normally takes 30 days from the date of purchase to go into effect. So, don't wait until a flood is imminent to buy a policy and Flood is NOT covered under your home owners policy!

Madressah Corner...

Message from the Madressah Principal, Sis. Batul Mehdi

Mashallah the 2008-2009 year of Madressah has come to a fruitful end. It is a bittersweet moment for the staff and teachers to say good bye to the students for the summer. The Children have worked hard all year and are looking forward to some summer fun.

A warm thanks to all who attended the end of year celebration on June 6th. It was a fun day and a memorable one. A big congrats to the six Qu'ran graduates who also recited Surah Fath for us. Keep up the good work.

I have to thank the Madressah teachers who put in countless hours of preparation for this day. It is a difficult event to put together and alhamdulillah we always fine reliable volunteers to help. Our celebration day would not have been as successful as it was without the help of the PO. They did a wonderful job with the carnival and raffles. One of the kids said " It felt like an early Eid!". May Allah reward everyone for all their hard work. Having such a helpful and understanding parent organization is a true blessing.

Kudos to the Class of 1994 who honored Marhooma Sakina Bai Karim. She was a true servant of Allah. The class collected \$350.00 themselves and a plaque was made in her name and donated \$300.00 to a charity for her thawab.

Thanks to Br. Ali Reza Mokhtarzadeh for his time and services of many years, is taking a break next year. Sis. Zahra Khorasani has accepted to head the academy.

I end with a thanks to the Board for all their help and support and I thank the EC and our community for giving me this opportunity to be the principal of our madressah. It has been a wonderful year alhamdulillah.

Changes for 2009-2010 Year

Uniform Change for Boys – This fall, the boys will have a new uniform; they will be light blue shirts and navy blue pants.

Classes – The Madressah will start after the Holy month of Ramadhan as the board felt it was for the good of the students and staff.

Message from the PO (Parent Organization):

The Madressah Graduation ceremony ended with a big celebration for the kids this year. Thanks to the help and support of the parents, the rain did not stop play! There was lots of fun for the kids, with the highlights being the dunk tank and the raffle. Thanks to all the dunk tank victims and congratulations to all the winners of the raffle. And not to forget, thank you to all the donors and food preparers!

The PO has come to the end of its two year term and needs other parents to volunteer. If you are interested in being a part of the PO for the next Madressah Year, please contact Sister Zillehuma Hudda

Summer Fun Program...start your engines...

This years program started June 16 and will go through July 30 at the Madressah Center. The program is very similar to last year, i.e., it will run three days of the week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 9:00AM to 4:00PM for a total of seven weeks.

There are lots of fun activities planned for the kids including field trips, recitation of Qu'ran on an individual basis, and other fun projects. If you would like to enroll for the program or support the program via volunteering and/or financially, please contact Imran Lakha or Mahdiya Walji.

Augustana Care Center Visit

On Thursday, June 11th, 32 seniors and social workers from Augustana Senior Center visited our center and engaged in a discussion and question/answer session with Mawlana Rizwani to understand Islamic faith.

Thanks to Br. Shabir Walji for organizing this event.