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Tehrik-e-Jadid

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The blessed scheme of Tehrik-i-Jadid was launched by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II in 1934 to facilitate propagation of the message of Ahmadiyyat . Under the 25 demands of the scheme , the Ahmadiyya community was urged to lead a simple life , to make sacrifices in the cause of Islam , and to volunteer their lives for missionary work. Through this important scheme , many Ahmadiyya Muslim missions were and are being established in the world.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II explained: “All demands of Tehrik-i-Jadid have been introduced for the reason that you could become manifestation of Allah’s attributes”.



Hazrat Khalifa-tul-Masih II

Huzoor also said: “We need manpower to reach the entire world population. We need money to attain this noble goal. We need determination & steadfastness to accomplish this great task. We need desperate prayers to attain this purpose which could attract God’s special favors. A composition of all these things is known as Tehrik-i-Jadid”.

The scheme was initially established for 3 years but in 1953, Huzoor made it a permanent scheme. Currently the suggested contribution is one fifth of one’s monthly income paid over a year.

Since the financial year of Tehrik-i-Jadid will end on October 31, I request all jamaat members to meet their pledges in a timely manner and contribute generously by exceeding their pledges to make it a great success & earn the blessings of Allah.❖

Events Calendar

October 2007

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| 10/6/07 | 11:00 AM | Volunteer at Foodlife line |
| 10/6/07 | 5:00 PM | Highway Cleanup |
| 10/6/07 | 7:00 PM | Iftar dinner |
| 10/7/07 | 7:00 PM | Iftar dinner |
| 10/13/07 | 10:00AM | Eid-ul-Fitr |
| 10/21/07 | 12:00PM | Auxiliary Meetings |

Iftars at Lynnwood Center

Farhat Shafqat

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) said: “My people will adhere to good as long as they do not delay in breaking the fast” and “Break your fast with a date or else with water for it is pure.”

This is how we break our fast at the mosque. On Saturdays and Sundays during the month of Ramadhan, we break our fast together at the Mosque. As soon as the Muezzin starts the call for prayer we break our fast with dates and juice. Then we offer Maghrib prayers in congregation. The blessed responsibility of preparing food for the iftaris has been given to the Lajna members. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw): “He who makes arrangements for breaking of the fast of another believer is granted the reward of observing a fast, without diminishing the reward of the other”.

Forty active Lajna members have volunteered to prepare the food for iftaris. Each Lajna member is assigned one dish per week. Thus, twenty women are responsible for each iftari. The menu includes a meat dish, a vegetarian dish, yogurt, salad, rice, naan and desert. Although not a simple menu, it is aimed at catering for the liking of the different jamaat members.

This balanced diet has been put together by our Lajna Ziafat Secretary. Sister Faryal has evenly distributed cooking assignments among the

volunteers, taken time to email and call everybody to remind them of their ziafat assignments, and of course she oversees the whole task of serving food - starting from the breaking of the fast till the end of dinner when the leftovers are taken care of. Of course this cannot be accomplished without the helping hands of other Lajna members who also work hard to strengthen this bond of sisterhood. May Allah bless every Lajna for her sacrifice.

In addition to having the opportunity to socialize with each other, these iftaris help us to follow the instructions given by our beloved Khalifat-ul Masih IV about “Kulun Jameea”, meaning that all the members of the Jamaat should gather together as often as possible bringing food and eating together in such a way that there remains no difference between the rich and poor. This will in turn promote equality among members and strengthen the bond of brotherhood. May Allah help us, through these iftaris, to achieve our ultimate goal of advancement in religious, moral and spiritual ways. Ameen.❖



Handicraft Activities

Nudrat Mir



The Handicraft Department teaches Lajna skills such as knitting, sewing, crochet etc. and holds exhibitions of the items they make. The primary objective of this is to build the skills of Ahmadi ladies and to create a cottage industry to help needy sisters.

Every year Seattle Lajna works on various handicraft projects for the Jalsa Salana USA. The different categories for competition are: sewing, embroidery, knitting, and handicraft. This year the items we made for the exhibition included burqas, tube scarves, shawls, sweaters, wall hangings, handbags, floor cushions and prayer caps.

Handicraft activities are also arranged for the Nasirat camps. This year the Nasirat learnt how to make book marks, button yoyos, calendars, and hand fans. During the last lajna Ijtema, participants of the handicrafts competition were given the task

of making items costing less than \$10. These included origami, stuffed toys, Minar tul Masih (made with daal), scrapbook pages, drawings, hand bags, pen holders and wall hangings.

Also in our monthly meetings, we are given handicraft lessons such as making tube scarves, decorating salads and setting dinner tables.

Currently the Lajna are working with 'Warm for the Winter' organization to help them reach their goal of knitting/crocheting 1000 Hats & Scarves for the Local Homeless before 11/11/07. Each scarf will represent an individual or family in need of a home. The organization needs to create 1000 low income affordable homes each year in King County according to the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. Our goal is to make 50 hats and scarves for this organization, which can be made from fleece, wool or crochet.

For more information on this project contact mir_amira@yahoo.com or call 'Warm for Winter' Founder: Sister Janice Tufte at 206.675.2672 ❖



The Mentor-Protégé Program

Amyr Haq

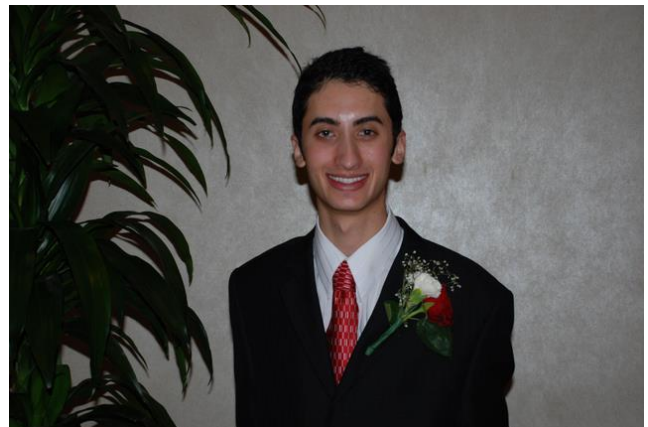
The Mentor-Protégé program was initiated by the Department of Sanat-O-Tijarat, Majlis Khuddam Ahmadiyya USA, to provide guidance to members of the younger generation from elder Khuddam who have achieved a certain degree of success in their respective professions by utilizing the resources available within our community.

Under this program, a younger Khadim (Protégé) is introduced to an experienced Khadim (Mentor) who is working in Protégé's general area of interest or intended career choice. The Mentor will monitor the Protégé for an initial commitment period of six months. An example is the following:

Ahmad has developed a mentor relationship with a young Khadim called Atif, who is pursuing an under-graduate double major in computer sciences and economics. Ahmad has an MBA and is working at a Hi-Tech firm as a product manager. When Atif was a sophomore in college, he consulted with Ahmad about which courses to take. Ahmad not only helped him evaluate several courses and suggested two of them; he also helped Atif apply for an internship at another Hi-Tech company where he had some professional contacts. After finishing his degree, Atif ended up working at the same company as a technical marketing engineer. They still stay in touch to

discuss various career milestones for Atif.

By regularly communicating with the Protégé through phone calls, emails, and occasional meetings in person through the commitment period, the Mentor will help his Protégé discover his strengths and achieve his potential.



Amyr Haq was the winner of the Outstanding Mentor Award given at the National Majlis Khuddam ul Ahmadiyya Ijtema USA 2007.