

AWSOM NEWS

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As of July 2016, the Anjuman has loaned out approximately US\$ 1.78 million to 300 students pursuing undergraduate, graduate and post graduate degrees in educational institutions in the United States. We are neither able to thank Allah enough for His mercy nor you for the continued patronage. Thanks.

FOREWARD

The Anjuman extends greetings to the community on the occasions of Eid e Zehra and Eid e Milad un Nabi (S.A.W.W). As we commemorate the birth anniversary of our Holy Prophet (S.A.W.W.), it would only be appropriate for us to do some introspection and examine our conduct. Are we only celebrating the birth anniversary of the Sadiq and the Ameen in words only or have we also inculcated the teachings of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.W.) in deed as well? Have we really made him our example for our day to day dealings with fellow human beings? Have we improved our characters to reflect the Khuluq Al Azeem and the patience, kindness and forgiveness that our Holy Prophet preached?

OBITUARY

The Anjuman extends most sincere condolences to:

1. Mr. Raees Zaidi of New Jersey on the demise of his mother, Bilquees Fatima Zaidi, d/o Badshah Husain Zaidi who passed away in Karachi on November, 27.
2. Mrs. Nuzhat Abbas of New Jersey on the demise of her maternal uncle, Mr. Syed Ali Raza, son of Syed Qasim Raza, who passed away in Karachi on November 26.

Kindly recite a Sura e Feteha for the marhomeen mentioned above and for late Farzana d/o Mohibe Ali Abidi, the mother of Mr. Shiraz Husain of New

York (member of the Executive Committee of the Anjuman) whose barsi was observed recently.

We pray to Allah Almighty for the maghfirat of the marhomeen and for rewarding them with the highest abodes in Janat.

LOAN APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Anjuman has received loan applications for the Spring 2017 semester. These applications are being reviewed and we expect to conclude the review of the application and make final decision for sanctioning the interest free loans to the deserving students of the community from this application pool by the third week of this month.

REMINDER

We are in the final month of the year 2016 and wish to remind the members to kindly bring their dues up to date. The regular annual membership is \$120 which can be paid either through checks mailed the Anjuman or through either credit card or PayPal on the Anjuman's website.

We also urge the members to consider becoming a **lifetime member** by making a one-time payment of \$2,500. This will eliminate the need to remember to make the annual payments while enjoying the same rights and privileges as any other member and playing a vital role in the up lift of the community.

Per suggestions from some readers, we are attaching membership form of the Anjuman with this newsletter. Completed forms can be mailed to the Anjuman's address along with the check for membership dues or it can be sent back to us by e-mail and the payment can be made on-line.

The Anjuman has, registered its presence on social media with the launch of our Facebook page. We request you to kindly visit the page. <https://www.facebook.com/anjumanwazifa/>

YADGAR FUNDS

The Anjuman is grateful to Dr. Nazia Rizvi for instituting two new Yadgar Funds in the amount of \$500 each in the memory late Agha Ali Abbas and late Latif Fatima and late Tahir Husnain and Nuzhat Husnain.

The family of late Wajahat Rizvi added another \$1,000 for the yadgar fund instituted in his memory.

Kindly recite a sura e fateha for marhomeen mentioned above.

REFLECTION

The month of Rabiul-Awal is here. We celebrate birthdays of Prophet Mohammad (SAW) and Imam Jafar Sadiq (AS) in this month. Although all of the Masoomeen (AS) are known for their knowledge but specifically among the Fourteen Infallibles (AS), Prophet Mohammad (SAW) and Imam Jafar Sadiq (AS) are associated with propagating knowledge, to those who tried to seek it. For that same reason, the great thinkers and scientists of the time were indebted and proud to have been the students of Imam Jafar Sadiq (AS).

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It is therefore highly recommended for all Muslims to associate themselves with the learned. The Quranic verses encourage us to observe nature, moon, stars, animals, vastness of earth, oceans, rivers, mountains and many other creations of Allah (SWT), while challenging humanity to explore the unknown. Seeking knowledge from cradle to grave and travelling to the far off lands for learning are just two among the many well-known traditions of the Holy Prophet (SAW).

It is therefore ironic, Muslims have fallen on bad times as far as learning and excelling in sciences, humanities, literature and other activities associated with progress and sophistication are concerned.

The backwardness that we see today, in a lot of Muslim countries, compounded by lack of proper

understanding and interpretation of Islam is a direct result of abandoning learning of both religious and secular knowledge. The ancient Muslim societies ruled the world over due to their excellence in both these domains and were the super powers of the time. Muslim societies ruled the world over due to their excellence in both these domains and were the super powers of the time.

The question is not about convincing anyone about the obvious virtues of learning and seeking knowledge but to emphasize the importance of the subject. In this, our adopted homeland, we are blessed to have the freedom to practice our religion and express our religious believes in a positive way, while having the opportunity to avail ourselves with some of the best educational institutions in the world. Our future generations have the best of both religious and secular opportunities that makes this country so great.

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Anjuman is such a forum and deserves our support financially and morally to provide stability to our youth while they endeavor to become the leaders of tomorrow. The generosity of many today will bring that stability to our communities of the future.

Imam Ali, (A.S.), says: "O people! Remember that the excellence of your faith lies in acquiring knowledge and acting upon it. It is more essential for you to crave for knowledge than for riches". (Usulul Kafi, p.15)

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Membership Form

(Tax Exempt under IRS 13-3588100)

Dear Sir,

I wish to become a member of the Anjuman Wazifa Sadaat o Momineen and enclose herewith my check/ cash/ online payment for US\$_____being the subscription for the year _____ or for Life time Membeship. I hereby undertake to abide by the Anjuman's Constitution, Rules and Regulations as approved by the Board of Directors.

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Telephone No. _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Introduced By: _____

I am donating a sum of US\$ _____
to support educational programs of the Anjuman.

I am contributing US\$__ from my Khums money. (*Anjuman has obtained 'Ijaza' from Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Al- Seestani*)

I am donating a sum of US\$ _____ to establish an "Endowment Fund" in the memory of my late _____, the income from which will be utilized by the Anjuman for supporting its aims and objectives.

Name and contact information of person(s) who may be interested in Anjuman's membership:

Name _____

Address and Tel #: _____

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