

# 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

It was three years ago on November 1, 2013 when the Anjuman lost its founder. We are thankful for him to have left an eternally useful resource for the community as his legacy in the form of the Anjuman. Education of the youth was his foremost priority in his efforts for building a strong community. His guidance and foresight is sorely missed, yet the Anjuman marches forward by adhering to the principles laid down by the founders. We request the readers to recite a Sura e Fateha for the late Syed Wajahat Husain Rizvi.

## OBITUARY

The Anjuman extends most sincere condolences to Mr. Ahmad Musanna, Mr. Ahmed Mumtaz and Mr. Abid Mumtaz of Bridgewater, NJ on the demise of their wife/mother marhooma Hasan Bano d/o Syed Riaz Hussain who died in New Jersey on October 15. Mr Musanna and both the sons are long standing members and supporters of the Anjuman. We request you to kindly recite a Sura e Fateha for late Mrs. Hasan Bano. May Allah grant her the highest abode in heaven.

## LOAN APPLICATIONS INVITED

Loan Applications are invited for the Spring 2017 semester. The deadline for submission of the applications is **November 30, 2016**.

The borrowers are reminded that they have to complete the online application and also have to submit the documents duly completed and signed by applicant and the guarantors. *On-line application only is not sufficient and will not be considered.* Like every application cycle, we emphasize again the Anjuman must receive the full application by the deadline, complete in all respects for consideration.

At the same time, we remind the guarantors to make sure that their membership dues for the Anjuman are paid in full for 2105 and 2016 before signing any promissory notes to stand surety for any applicant for A loan from the Anjuman.

## REMINDER

We are in the eleventh 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.

**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 Mr. Ali N. Zaidi and Mrs. Ambareen Zaidi of East Meadow, NY for adding another \$1,500 to the Yadgar Funds instituted by them in the memory of late Murtaza

Hussain Zaidi, and late Intekhab Fatima Zaidi and for late Nayyab Husain Rizvi and late Razia Nayab.

We thank the donors for their generosity and support to the Anjuman and request the readers to offer a Sure-e-Fateha for the marhomeen mentioned above.

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*This month we are reproducing an excerpt from an article written by late Wajahat Rizvi for the guidance of the community.*

I am trying to address the community on matter of great importance and request you all to please read the full text, think over it, draw your own honest conclusions and act accordingly. Whatever I am writing is based on my observations and experience.

Our community seems to be badly fragmented. There is an urgent need for unity among us all. No doubt it is our basic right to have our own opinions about community matters, but howsoever different views we may have from others, we have no right to fight and create disruption in the community. Anger and losing temper dulls the intellect and we are rendered incapable of thinking clearly and dispassionately. So avoid losing temper. Secondly obstinacy on our part renders logic ineffective. When we are obstinate, we do not listen to reason and logic. Mostly obstinacy is the result of 'Self' projection. Why should we always want to think that whatever opinion we have on certain matters is right and what others carry is wrong. This attitude leads to self-complacency and signals disputes and disruption. My humble request is to avoid such attitude which adversely affects the unity of the community. Please understand very clearly that a unified community is the symbol of strength. We as a community can achieve more if we all speak one voice and demonstrate unified stand on various matters concerning the collective good of the community. I know some of my friends would say that 'all this has been said before and scholars have dealt upon these issues in great detail and in a much better manner, why then it being repeated.' True, but then repetition is necessary to refresh our memories so that we may be guided (though momentarily) to take stocks of our situation and to act in the interest of the community and not entirely in our personal interest. Please understand that if community is healthy, strong and unified, you being a part of the community, also stand to benefit.

Selfishness would not get you the status that you deserve as the highest creation that Allah created on this earth (Ashraf ul Makhlooqat). Selfishness manifests itself in trying to impose our opinions on

others, in walking out of the meetings if your suggestions are not accepted, in creating splinter groups, in doing good deeds not for the pleasure of Allah but in competition with the organization left behind in protest. When you want to prove your superiority in doing good deeds, you are being selfish. Those who do things for seeking pleasure of Allah, they never wish for the credit from the fellow companions. Please ponder over it, arrive at conclusion and then act accordingly. Every one of us knows all that has been said above, but then what is it that blocks unity and thwarts our attempts at uniting the community? It is nothing else but our ego. Subdue the ego and make it subservient to the needs of the community. May Allah grant you the wisdom and courage to follow in the footsteps of the Masoomeen whom we all profess to be our leaders and guides.

**Establish Priorities:** When you have forged unity in the community and you start talking in one voice, take stocks of your resources and spell out the priorities for the community building activities. An intelligent community is that which makes best possible use of its available resources and does not indulge in wasteful or duplication of activity. Now that you have sufficient Centers where you are offering prayers and holding Majalis and Milad, think of preparing the young generation who should be able to understand the importance of these functions and who should be trained to carry on the responsibilities which presently you are performing. Motivate the young people to get involved and this can only be possible by education. The need of the hour is education and for this purpose please think very seriously, plan effectively to establish full time Islamic Schools. If you do not act now, you will lose the full generation and Allah will question us all as to why we did not provide effective Islamic education and guidance to young ones for whom it was our responsibility. *Do not think that merely crying for Imam Husain (A.S) or simply reciting Qur'an and offering endless prayers, you will be absolved of your responsibilities towards the younger generation.* Think and think again. Do not just shrug away these humble submissions as something which has been said many a times before and that it does not occupy a place on your priority list.

**Be Supportive:** You are requested to be supportive of each other in matters of community building activities. No matter where people are involved in constructive work, all of us must encourage them by kind words, honest suggestions and if possible by financial assistance. Even token financial assistance is significant as it gives a sense of participation. One should not be shy of financial contribution even if it is very nominal. You do not realize even small amounts add up to big sums of money. Those who collect only pennies have ended up counting several thousand dollars for the charity.