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***As of December 2016, the Anjuman has loaned out approximately US\$ 1.82 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.***

## **EID MUBARAK**

The Anjuman extends felicitations to the community on the joyous occasion of Eid ul Fitr. May He bring us true happiness and accept our efforts and ibadaat for the month of Ramazan. May He instill the true spirit of sacrifice and concern for others in our hearts and make us think, speak and act as true followers of the Ahle ul Bait (A.S.). On this occasion we reaffirm our solidarity with all the oppressed people of the world and especially with those minorities globally who are subject to state sponsored ethnic cleansing. May Allah grant the oppressed victory over the oppressors. We request the readers to offer a sure –e fatheha for the innocent martyrs or Parachinar who lost their lives at the hands of the takfiri terrorists in the holy month of Ramazan.

## **OBITUARY**

The Anjuman extends our sincere condolence to the family of the late Syed Irshad Ali Rizvi of Sayerville, New Jersey whos breathed his last on June 25, 2017. Mr. Irshad Rizvi was a long standing member and a very strong supporter of the Anjuman. He was a strong advocate for higher education for the youth of the community and supported the Anjuman in this cause through his generous donations. We pray to Allah Almighty to grant Mr. Irshad Rizvi, the highest place in janat with the intercession of the Masoomeen (A.S.) and request the readers to kindly offer a sura e fateha for the soul of Syed Irshad Ali Rizvi s/o Syed Ebad Rizvi.

## **LOAN APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Loan applications for the fall 2017 semester have been received and are being reviewed. The committee will meet in the third week of July for the finalizing the loans and checks will be mailed to the successful candidates by the end of this month.

As we have mentioned very clearly on our website and in the monthly newsletter on repeatedly, applicants who applied electronically and failed to submit the paper portion of the application and vice versa, their applications will be considered incomplete and will be rejected.

While the Anjuman tires to accommodate all the applicants, we have a very objective method for the review of the applications that ensures impartiality and fairness.

## **SUCCESS STORIES**

*The Anjuman has been in service of the community in North America since mid 1990's and has, to date, benefited over 350 beneficiaries. We are very proud to say that 99% of our borrowers have achieved academic and professional excellence and have become highly productive members of the society. They have not only attained their dreams but have also fulfilled their religious and social obligations and have ensured a better future for themselves, their families and the community in general. We are beginning a series of small write ups on the successes of the Anjman's beneficiaries where the borrowers high light their accomplishments with the view of inspiring other youth in the community to attain higher education. The first story follows:*

### **Kanizeh Fatima Visram – PharmD**

Anjuman Wazifa is an excellent organization that is focused on the education and professional growth of our community. Anjuman supported me financially through 9 years of undergraduate, graduate school and then residency. I achieved my BS in Biochemistry at Moravian College followed by my PharmD at University of California –

San Francisco and then completed my post graduate residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

As an international student in the U.S., financial support is one of many challenges students will encounter as they pursue their career goals. Anjuman alleviated the financial burden for me by providing an interest free student loan. **At that time I did not understand just how vital ‘the interest free’ aspect of student loans is but now that I am paying multiple loans I cannot thank Anjuman enough for providing this option for students in need.** Anjuman also works with graduates to set up a payment plan that fits their budget. This is another blessing for newly graduates who are struggling to find a job, pay their loans and also start their lives. Anjuman not only provides the opportunity for education but also ensures that the only person benefiting is the student.

As a student and now working professional, I encourage students to pursue unique opportunities to differentiate themselves as they prepare for a higher education. Evaluate the career path you have chosen, work diligently from the start, think 5 steps into the future and go above and beyond what is expected and you will prosper.

## **LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT HUMILITY**

The qualities that make a great leader is a topic that is discussed all over the world. We believe, the Prophet SAWW is a leadership role model. His humility and tenderness as well his steadfastness are known to all! The Quran exhorts the Holy Prophet SAWW in verse 15:88 “lower thy wing for the believers” and in verse 26:215 “And lower thy wing unto those believers who follow thee”. The metaphor “lower thy wing” means to be tender and humble.

When it comes to choosing leaders today, we consider other criteria. **We look for personalities with huge egos, superficial oratory skills, mere looks and wealth. We forget to search for humility and fall for their “celebrity status”.** Just being a great orator does not mean a person is fit for leadership. Ali ibn Abi Talib AS is known for his oratory – but he is also known for his piety!

The topic of what makes a great leader is a raging debate in the corporate world. A famous book on this topic is “Good to Great”<sup>1</sup> by Jim Collins at Stanford Business School. This book, published in 2001, is a best seller. It explores why certain companies became great companies? The companies studied, initially had 15-year cumulative stock returns below the stock market. Then after a certain point, their returns

beat the competition significantly over the next fifteen years. Each company went from being good to being great, independent of the industry. They were compared to similar companies that did not sustain growth. The book studies what the “good to great” companies did differently?

The book outlines multiple success factors for the companies. The first and foremost was the leadership style of their leaders. One might think they are led by a high-profile leader who has a big personality and who makes headlines. On the contrary, the leadership trait that stood out for these great companies was the personal humility of their leaders! They shunned the public attention and focused on results. Gillette is one of these great companies lead by Colman Mocker from 1975 to 1991. He was a quiet and humble person with a steely resolve. He increased the value of Gillette fifty-fold<sup>1</sup>. He shunned publicity and gave no interviews to media! Forbes celebrated his success in 1991 and placed him on the front cover. They sent his office an advanced copy of the magazine. With his staff applauding, Colman walked down the hall, stepped into his office, shut the door, and crumpled to the floor. He died of a massive heart attack, still clutching the Forbes magazine that featured him on the cover!

The key trait for great leaders is their “humility”. Traditions as vastly diverse as the religious world and the corporate world agree on this leadership quality. They maintain that great leaders shun self-projection and fame. They are polite and courteous; and of course, they are determined. The question remains: how do we develop such leaders? It is so easy to get trapped into desire for recognition! How does an organization or society identify a training plan for “great leaders” who shun that desire and focus on their goal with discipline and patience?

**As Muslims, we bow down in prostration several times every day. We constantly practice humility. Can we take this daily training and develop leaders who are humble and perseverant?**

<sup>1</sup><https://www.amazon.com/Good-Great-Some-Companies-Others-ebook/dp/Boo58DRUV6>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.mikefleischmann.net/?p=2594>

## **YADGAR FUND**

Mr. Ali Hasan Naqvi of Ontario, California initiated a Yadgaar Fund with \$1,000 in the memory of Syed Misbahul Hasan Naqvi s/o Ali Raza Naqvi, Syeda Atika Khatoon d/o Alay Ahmad Naqvi and Syeda Kaneez e Syeda d/o Mohammad Naqvi. We thank Mr. Naqvi for his generosity and request the readers to offer a sura e fateha for the above mentioned marhoomeen.

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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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM**

**CARDHOLDER INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_  
E Mail Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION**

Credit Card Type     MasterCard    Visa    American Express    Discover  
Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION INFORMATION**

I authorize a one- time charge on my credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize a recurring charge on my credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
once every \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year) beginning on \_\_\_\_\_  
and ending on \_\_\_\_\_ or indefinitely.

The Purpose of my contribution is:

- Annual Membership Dues
- Lifetime Membership Dues
- Khums
- Contribution to Yadgar Fund in the memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- Donation
- Repayment of my student loan from the Anjuman