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THE HOLY QURAN

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنْ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ
إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ۚ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا ﴿٦٠﴾

O ye who believe! obey Allah, and obey His Messenger and those who are in authority among you. And if you differ in anything among yourselves, refer it to Allah and His Messenger if you are believers in Allah and the Last Day. That is best and most commendable in the end.

(Chapter 4, Verse 60)

HADITH

“To keep awake in the border to protect the homeland in Allah’s way is better than all the treasures between the heavens and the Earth.” (Tirmidhi)

SAYINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH (AS)

“...The confrontation of subjects against a just ruler is termed rebellion and not Jihad and one who violates covenants and commits evil instead of doing a good deed, and kills the innocent, is called a tyrant and not a conqueror against disbelievers.”

[Tohfa-i-Qaisariya]

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FINANCE

This year, the crux of the Department of Finance's efforts has been fixated towards three fundamental objectives:

1. **Structure:** Efforts were made to reconstruct and standardize the structure of the finance department in terms of its system. Through a collaboration of constitution guidelines + targets, new system was reconstructed. This was followed by the reformation of documentation and forms.
2. **Training:** In order to attain our targets with the new system, efforts were made to polish the training of all secretaries. This was done through:
 - ◇ **Refresher Courses:**
 - ⇒ **For Sydney Majalis:** For a heightened understanding of how to use the new system, the refresher course reviewed all the details of responsibility; instructions and targets. For further clarification, video demonstrations and tutorials were forwarded.
 - ⇒ **For Interstate Majalis:** Verbal refresher courses via phone call were conducted for personal and direct communication; thus, mutual understanding on the use of the new system was ensured.
 - ◇ **Supervision & Administration:** Furthermore, in order to rectify and enlighten any complications, any errors and mistakes was pursued with persistent devotion and focus through direct communication with Presidents and Secretaries. Complete administration and regulation were sustained within headquarters in regard to the balance between income and deposit.
3. **At Headquarter Base:**
 - A complete documented updated record was maintained in regards of Income/Deposit, Departmental and Majalis expenses, Petty cash and Direct debit.
 - A Complete data of Receipts; In use and in stock was gathered and recorded.

Next Target:

The Finance team is currently working on a brief summary and feedback of the 1st quarter based on the income VS budget % and deposit. This is to be circulated to Majlis Presidents in the coming week. Inshallah.

UMOOR-E-TALIBAAT

As per Huzoor e Anwar's (atba) instructions, Department Umoore Talibaat is currently being established in Lajna Imaillah Australia. While this department has existed in our Constitution, it is a new department in our Auxiliary in Australia and relates to the education of Lajna members.

Its goals are to:

- Make arrangements for the education of female students who are illiterate.
- Bring back into education those female students who leave education after secondary school.

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- Provide guidance to female students in every country from school level to higher education level and try to resolve their general issues.
- Be influential in organising seminars in educational institutions on topics related to Tabligh and Social Issues and provide guidance to female students in their efforts to advance the cause of service to mankind.
- Keep a complete record of all the female students under the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Student Association.

The Department's first task was to compile a National Database to get a snapshot of the education and qualifications of Lajna members. A total of 685 Lajna members across 17 Majalis responded to the survey. The results indicate that Lajna are qualified in a wide variety of fields, with many Lajna members currently undertaking studies or qualified in Medicine, Nursing, Health Science and Allied Health, closely followed by Education.

WAQF-E-JADID

The following is a brief summary of the participation, achievements and efforts of Lajna and Nasirat during the Waqf-e-Jadid year.

1. Participation in Waqf-e-Jadid in the year 2019

Auxiliary	Number of members	Participation	Percentage
Lajna	1453	1227	83%
Nasirat	379	349	92%
Under 7 Girls	231	209	91%
Under 7 Boys	232	219	94%

2. Efforts made to achieve Waqf-e-Jadid targets

Every possible effort was made to achieve the given target including contacting Lajna members via phone calls and in person where available.

Ashras were held in the month of Ramadhan and twice in December. Materials received from headquarters was forwarded to all Majalis. Yom-e-Waqf-e-Jadid was held which consisted of some quite comprehensive presentation and an interesting quiz competition held by Nasirat.

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RISHTA NAATA

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَجَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا لِيَسْكُنَ إِلَيْهَا فَلَمَّا تَغَشَّاهَا حَمَلَتْ حَمْلًا خَفِيًّا فَمَرَّتْ بِهِ
فَلَمَّا أَثْقَلَتْ دَعَا اللَّهُ رَبَّهُمَا لَئِنْ آتَيْتَنَا صَالِحًا لَنُكُونَنَّ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿١٩٠﴾

(Chapter 7, Verse 190)

“He it is Who has created you from a single soul, and made therefrom its mate, that he might find comfort in her. And when he knows her, she bears a light burden, and goes about with it. And when she grows heavy, they both pray to Allah, their Lord, saying: ‘If Thou give us a good child, we will surely be of the thankful.’”

From the aforementioned verse we may conclude the beautiful teachings of Islam, in that, we are assured Allah has created a mate for us, for the purposes of prosperity and propagation that is essential for the continuation of our species. It is through the sanctity of a marital bond, partners are afforded the peace of their minds that they will be cared for and loved by each other. The prayers of the partners are answered by Allah Almighty by their offspring which ensures families are able to live peacefully and harmoniously. We must be ever thankful and grateful to our Lord and conscientiously pray for peace and love amongst families. Ameen.

MAJLIS ACTIVITIES

DEPARTMENT OF TARBIIYAT

SEERAT-UN-NABI BOOK EXHIBITION - ACT

By the grace of Allah Almighty Lajna Imaillah ACT organised a Jalsa Seerat-un-Nabi in which external guests were invited. A book exhibition was set up which attracted the attention of the guests and they showed a great interest in a variety of literature.

Copies of the Holy Quran with translations in Persian, Napalese, Tamil, Turkish and Japanese were also displayed.

In addition to the above, the following Jamaat book were also displayed in the exhibition:

- World Crises and the Pathway to Peace
- Life of Muhammad
- Islam’s Response to Contemporary Issues
- Absolute Justice, Kindness and Kinship
- The Philosophy of Teachings of Islam
- The Essence of Islam Vol. V

Lajna presented a set of books (which included Life of Muhammad (SAWS) and Sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAWS)) to the invited guests.

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TALEEMI/TARBIYYATI CLASS - LOGAN, QUEENSLAND

The Women's Auxiliary, Lajna Imaillah Logan arranged their first educational and reformatory class for the new Lajna year. The class was arranged to enlighten members on the status of mothers in Islam. Speeches were arranged on various topics including a detailed overview of the exemplary life of Hazrat Zainab (may God be pleased with her), daughter of the Holy Prophet of Islam (peace be upon him). The class was also an opportunity for both departments to provide training to all members present on the correct observance of Prayers/Salat and to educate members about common errors. After the main class events, Secretary for Sports and Nasirat arranged some fun and enjoyable sport activities and games in which all members participated enthusiastically.

DEPARTMENT OF TABLIGH

TABLIGH ACTIVITIES - MARSDEN PARK

Lajna and Nasirat of Majlis Marsden Park took part in the Tabligh Ashra, held between 12th and 22nd of December 2018. During the Ashra, letters of Christmas and New Years' greetings to MPs and Councillors were written and 2 rakaat nawafil were offered.

On the 16th of December, Majlis Marsden Park celebrated Tabligh Day, where a presentation on Atheism was presented. The presentation explored the topic of why atheism may be on the rise and how we can be sensitive when broaching the concept of religion to someone who lacks belief in God.

Art Competition 'love for all, hatred for none' at Glendenning Public School

Last month, we helped out with Multicultural Day at Glendenning Public School, where we held an art competition (themed 'Love for all, Hatred for none') and a henna stall. This month, the school invited us back for a Morning Tea, on the 18th of December, to thank us for our services to the school, and presented us with a certificate in appreciation of our service to the school.

Visit to Mayor of Blacktown City Council, Hon. Stephen Bali

On the 20th of December, a few Nasirat visited Hon. Stephen Bali, the Mayor of Blacktown City Council. He gave the Nasirat a tour of his office, and we had the opportunity to discuss our charity programs and humanity services with him. The Nasirat gifted him with a shield in recognition of his services to the community.

Visit to Mingyue Lay Buddhist Temple

On the 28th of December, Lajna and Nasirat visited the Mingyue Lay Buddhist Temple at Bonnyrigg. We were given a tour of the temple and the volunteer lady told us about the Buddhist beliefs and the teachings of Buddha. We had many discussions regarding various aspects of our respective religions, including consumption of meat, our belief in Prophets and rest of all religions. We provided her with various Jamaat literature, including the books: Life of Holy Prophet (SAWS), World's Crises and Pathway to Peace, and Selected Verses of the Holy Qur'an.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER - PENRITH

Majlis Penrith Lajna were invited to a Christmas dinner on the 8th of December by a members of the St Andrew's Anglican Church. 8 Lajna members went to attend the Christmas Dinner.

The Lajna members had an opportunity to have discussions with different people, which included discussion about the Jamaat, its structure, its departments (specifically those created for the youth) and how these departments work. We explained to them how the Ahmadiyya community is distinct from other sects and gave them a brief introduction to Islamic beliefs.

It was a very enjoyable dinner, as there were different activities such as storytelling and quizzes which we enjoyed a lot and lots of friendly discussions. It was a wonderful experience and was enjoyed by everyone.

We gifted them a cake which had "love for all and hatred for none" written across it, along with 10 pens that have "love for all – Hatred for none" printed on them along with the URL of our alislam website.

DEPARTMENT OF ISHAAT

MUSHAIRA - BERWICK, VICTORIA
SARA SALMAN

By the grace of Allah Almighty Majlis Berwick was successful in organising a Mushaira Mehfil on 18th of December 2018. The theme of the Mushaira was "Maa", Motherhood.

The program started on time. There were five presenters who took part in presenting their poetry. Some of them presented their own poetry that was highly appreciated by the audience for the depiction of their own talent with confidence and dedication. Others presenters recited Kalaam written by other poets beautifully. The poetry was presented in two languages, in Urdu & Punjabi.

Ice-Cream was served in the end. The program concluded with silent prayer followed by Namaz-e-Maghrib.

DEPARTMENT OF NASIRAT

ACTIVITIES - LOGAN

During the month of November and December, Secretary Nasirat arranged special classes for Nasirat every Friday between Maghrib and Isha'a prayers. The classes were arranged to educate and help Nasirat on their essay assignment's writing structure and to answer any relevant questions; cover parts of their annual syllabus; and to bring together members for some fun activities like board games and making cupcakes. These classes were arranged separate to regular Nasirat Ijlas meetings and Masroor Academy classes. The Nasirat enjoyed them and are looking forward to more educational and engaging events, InshAllah.

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DEPARTMENT OF KHIDMAT-E-KHALQ CHURCH DONATIONS - ADELAIDE SOUTH

On the 13th of December 2018, Lajna Adelaide South donated grocery bags as part of Aberfoyle Seeds Uniting Church's Christmas initiative, 'Sown in Love'. This initiative is carried out annually at the church, and with the grace of Allah, this year we were able to take part in this wonderful program. Donations were collected from both Lajna and Nasirat, and with their generosity a total of \$400 were raised from which \$200 was used for the grocery bag shopping while the rest of the donations were donated to other charity events that were to be held throughout the month of December. These grocery bags will be distributed to those in need, including hospitals and shelters in the days leading up to Christmas.

Allhumdulillah, the aim of Tabligh for building connections with other religious groups was a success. May Allah continue to bless our Tabligh and Khidmat-e-Khalq efforts. Ameen.

VISIT TO SHELTER HOUSE - ADELAIDE SOUTH

On the 17th of December 2018, Lajna Adelaide South attended a Kids Christmas party held by Coolock House, a shelter for young mothers and their children. From the donations collected during the month of December, a gift basket which included various necessities for children and mothers, was put together and donated. Furthermore, Christmas cookies decorated by Nasirat-ul-Ahmadiyya, Adelaide South were given out to the kids.

May Allah show us more opportunities to branch out and help communities in need. Ameen.

KHIDMAT-E-KHALQ ACTIVITIES - BERWICK, VICTORIA DURR-E-SHAHWAR ZAHID

This month Lajna Berwick visited community centers, hospitals, churches, kindergarten, schools, libraries and aged care centers and presented baskets full of goodies and lolly bags to them. The greeting letter from Ameer Sahib was also presented with the gifts. Some Lajna volunteered in henna application for children and elders at community center's and kindergartens. We also took part in an appeal "Food For Families" and gathered food items with donations from Lajna members. These were distributed to the needy by an organization called Uniting.

FOOD BANK DONATION - PLUMPTON

By the blessings of Allah, Lajna from Majlis Plumpton was able to collect food for Food Bank Donation. Lajna collected canned foods for donation such as canned beans, beet root, fish, noodles, biscuit and etc. Once food was collected 3 Lajna packed 6 boxes for donation. On 14th December 2018, 4 Lajna visited Food Bank to make the donations. The 6 boxes weighted 50 kg all together.

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VISIT TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - MARSDEN PARK

Lajna members visited the Children's Hospital at Westmead on the 12th of December, to give the children toys, chocolates and stationary to help the children smile. The Public Relations Coordinator of the Hospital gave us a tour of the hospital. We gave the staff and volunteers an introduction of our Jamaat and the charity work we do within the community and provided them with Jamaat pamphlets.

ACTIVITIES - MOUNT DRUITT

On the 18th of December, Lajna Mount Druitt visited Residential Gardens for Spanish Speaking Frail Aged . with Christmas gifts for the staff and the residents. Lajna had the opportunity to interact with residents by exchanging greetings and good wishes. It was a great and thought-provoking visit which would Inshallah result in building a long-lasting relationship with the community. The effort was very much appreciated by the staff and the residents.

On 20th December 2018, Nasirat Mount Druitt visited the Mount Druitt Hospital accompanied by Secretary Khidmat-e-Khaliq and Secretary Nasirat. They distributed Christmas gifts to the children in the hospital to bring smiles to their faces. They also introduced the Jamaat and spread the message of peace and love. The hospital staff was very much pleased and they welcomed the Nasirat warmly.

NURSING HOME VISIT - PENRITH

On Thursday 20th December 2018, Lajna Imalliah Penrith together with our young Nasirat went on their annual trip to our local Nursing Aged care centre. There were 10 Lajna and 2 Nasirat present on this trip to Minchinbury Manor. Each year on behalf of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Lajna and Nasirat take the opportunity to partake in this incredible involvement in the hopes of bringing joy to the residents of the aged care.

We distributed pens which were labelled with our motto "Love for all hatred for none" along with the URL of our website, alislam.org.

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DEPARTMENT OF SEHAT-E-JISMANI

SPORTS DAY AND PICNIC - BERWICK

ASIFA QADEER

On 30 Dec Majlis Berwick organised a picnic and sports day for Lajna at Lysterfield Lake Park. The weather was quite pleasant and a total of 53 Lajna and Nasirat attended the event. We started the event with some stretching exercises and jumps on the spot to warm up the members. Nasirat and Lajna then participated in a brisk walk which was followed by various races and matches of cricket and badminton matches.

We ended the event by serving the Lajna and Nasirat with food and mangoes for dessert. Lajna enjoyed the activities a lot and really appreciated the organization of a healthy activity .May Allah enable us to organize such events for the betterment of women health. Ameen.

PICNIC - PERTH

With the grace of Allah Almighty, Lajna Imaillah Department of Sehat-e-jismani Perth organized a picnic at Woodman Point Coogee beach. Alhamdolillah all Lajna and Nasirat greatly enjoyed the food and swim at the beach. A very interesting discussion also took places regarding the usage of home remedies for small ailments with all Lajna sharing quite useful remedies.

Alhamdolillah it was a very nice event organized by our Secetary Sehat-e-Jismani, Faiza Mutahir Sahiba.

SPORTS DAY - LANGWARRIN

AROOJ INAM

By the grace of Allah Almighty, Majlis Langwarrin organized sports day for Waqf-e-Nau and under 7 kids on the 2nd of December. Alhamdulillah, 25 children participated in the event. The games played were race, musical chair and ball in the bucket. The purpose of Waqf-e-Nau and under 7 sports day and classes is to allow opportunity for children and Waqfeen to establish a strong relationship with the Jamaat and its members and gradually understand the importance and significance of maintain that relationship.

At the end, all Waqfeen and children were given lolly bags.

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NEWS AND REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

Sister Subana Kanwal of Majlis Langwarrin has requested prayers for her injured knee. She twisted her knee during sports. MRI results show acute high-grade ACL tear, acute lateral sprain and meniscocapsular sprain and doctors have suggested surgery. She humbly request prayers for her speedy recovery. She has also requested prayers for success for the Waqf-e-Nau exam which is soon to be held. Jazakallah

Aisha Shahbaz Sahiba of Majlis Langwarrin has requested prayers for her studies. She is currently completing a Bachelor of Nursing and is about to sit examinations. May Allah Almighty grant her success in all her endeavors.

Tabana Tahir Sahiba of Majlis Langwarrin request for prayers for her son Luqman Mehmood who has completed his reading challenge at school Allhumdolillah. May Allah the Almighty grant him the opportunity and ability to continue achieving exceptional success in his education.

By the grace of Allah Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad and Mrs. Nimra Arif of Langwarrin Jammata have been blessed with a son Behzad Ahmed Randhawa, Alhamdollillah. He was born on 07 November 2018. Jama'at Members are humbly requested to pray for the new baby's long healthy life. May Allah the Almighty lead him with true guidance and give him the opportunity and ability to become a great servant and contributor to Islam and Ahmadiyah.



EDITOR'S DESK

Asalamulaikum,

The next Newsletter will be published in February, Inshallah.

Members are encouraged to send in any reports or news/announcements that might be relevant to the next issue of the newsletter. This can include reports of Majlis, Regional and National activities, news of achievements by Lajna or Nasirat, announcements regarding birth and/or exceptional results/achievements, and requests for prayers.

Please ensure that any material sent for the newsletter is in .doc (Word document) format, includes the Halqa/Majlis/Region name and the report writer's name. Submissions may include images. Please ensure any images to be included are attached in the report document without any borders or effects. Please ensure such images are not inconsistent with the teachings of purdah and modesty.

The next issue of Al-Meezan and Ad-Duha will be available during Jalsa Salana, 2019. Members are encouraged to submit articles, poems, recipes, jokes and/or any material that may be appropriate for the respective magazines. Please keep in mind that submissions for Al-Meezan and Ad-Duha must comply with the respective magazine's submission rules.

To make your submissions, please contact your Majlis Secretary Publications (Isha'at). Jazakallah.

Wassalam,

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