



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Mahjabeen Islam
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Assalamoalaikum!

GOOD NEWS

• Youth Club: Under the able leadership of Youth Committee Chair Cherrefe Kadri, Co-chair Hoda Tawil and Youth Club coordinators Faiza Husain and Shazli Khan the Youth Club organized their kick-off social event on Saturday, January 21, and it was a major success! Everyone had great fun with a pizza making competition, playing Taboo and then down to business with a meeting planning the year's activities.

• Ladies Auxiliary: A reorganizing meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was held on Sunday January 22, 2012. The meeting was well attended and facilitated by the Executive Committee of the ICGT. Concerns of community ladies present were addressed. The Ladies Auxiliary was assured of the commitment of the ICGT Council, and the President in particular, toward ensuring support, transparency and respect with regard to its interactions with the Ladies Auxiliary. The Ladies Auxiliary was also reminded that it is considered the backbone of the ICGT and besides reorganizing the Youth Club, increasing membership and activities within the ICGT; the Ladies Auxiliary has been named as the primary focus of the current President. Elections were held. President: Rabha Saie, Vice-President: Lisa Alcodray, Secretary: Reema Andrabi and Treasurer: Faye Sugheir. Congratulations ladies-here's to loads of fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Mawlid-al-Nabi: This will be held Saturday January 28 at 3:30 pm in the Social Hall. Several talented reciters and speakers from our community will be on stage. All material will be translated into English and projected on the screen so no one feels left out. The program is free of charge. Dinner will be a mix of Pakistani, (Mrs. Islam's biryani!), Egyptian, and Lebanese food, and is \$25/family and \$10/single. The RSVP date has been extended to Wednesday January 25-if you have RSVPd, great, if not, please do so as soon as possible. Chair Religion & Education: Nabeela Hamdan cell: 419-690-2004 nabhamdan@gmail.com or Chair Social Services: Shabana Farooq cell: 419-356-4723 shabanafarooq01@hotmail.com

• ICGT Birthday bash: Your ICGT family wants to celebrate your birthday with high tea and cake at the ICGT, with family and friends! All ages, from babies to seniors are invited! Please sign in (on the bulletin boards in the ICGT) the date in January and February that your family member or friend was born on, and check off whether you'll bring a cake for them or not. For those unable to bring cake, just let us know and we would love to! And birthday or not, come on down to the ICGT on February 4 at 3pm and let's party!

• Visiting Scholars Lecture Series: Renowned and very popular North-American scholar Dr. Jamal Badawi will be presenting "Sharia: Between Reality and Myth" on Saturday February 11 at the ICGT with dinner at 6pm ticketed at \$10/person and the program at 7pm which will be free of charge. Please RSVP for the dinner. The next day, Sunday February 12 at 12:30 pm Dr. Badawi will be presenting "Misconceptions about Islam". He is a great and very engaging speaker who you will not want to miss!