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ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD

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Committee Updates

The ISOGS committees have held many meetings and organized many programs this month. Below is a summary of the recent work they have completed:

- ☑ The **Sisters' Committee** has successfully sold food each Jumma, raising up to \$700 per month. All funds collected are donated to the masjid. The committee members are Sisters **Ghaliah, Jabeen, Sabiha, and Sadeqa**.
- ☑ The **Musjid Construction Committee** held a meeting to consider an offer by a Brother to provide a prefabricated shell to expand the masjid. It decided to obtain further details to confirm his level of commitment. It also discussed various locations for the expansion, such as building across the masjid to separate the social area from the prayer area. However, the Committee chose the area next to the masjid for the expansion. The committee members are Brothers **Abbas, Abdullah, Aziz, Enayat, Hameed, Iqbal, Luqman, Mohsin, Mujeeb, Saleem, and Shakoor**.
- ☑ The **Public Relations Committee** helped sponsor a speech by Ms. Magali Rheault of the Gallup Center for Muslim Studies. Ms. Rheault is a regular speaker at conferences covering topics such as Muslim-West relations, public diplomacy, and issues affecting Muslim populations. The speech was a huge success and the auditorium was full. The committee members are Brothers **Ashraf, Baker, Driss, and Usman** and Sister **Nia**.
- ☑ The **Youth Committee** organized a basketball game and is now planning more events. The committee members are Brothers **Ali, Driss, Imran, Javed, Lonnie, Mujtaba, Mustafaa, Rohban, and Sohaib**.
- ☑ The **Telecom/Website Committee** met last month to establish its goals, objectives, scope, and activities. They listed areas for improvement and made assignments. The committee members are Brothers **Arshad, Driss, Faizal, Imran, Javed, Rehan, Saad, and Saleh**.

- ☑ The **Events/Programs Organizing Committee** has begun discussing programs for the masjid. The committee members are Brothers **Ali, Arshad, Lonnie, Majdi, and Tony** and Sisters **Linda, Maryam, and Nia**.
- ☑ The **Building Maintenance Committee** plans to formulate a maintenance plan for the masjid, including developing a checklist of items to check periodically, such as air conditioning, filters, touch-up painting, etc. The committee members are Brothers **Ali, Faizal, Imran, Ishmael, Luqman, Majdi, and Owais**.
- ☑ The **Outreach/Da'wah Committee** is helping organize the Muslim Action Day this month. The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago is organizing a statewide day for the Muslim community to visit Springfield. On Thursday, May 21, 2009, Muslims from all over Illinois will drive to Springfield to meet with Governor Quinn and legislators. They hope to have 500 Muslims attend, open the General Assembly's session, hold a breakfast, and have a noon rally. Please contact **Sr. Nia** for more information about participating. The committee members are Brothers **Ali, Driss, Junaid, Qasim, and Tayyab** and Sisters **Maryam and Nia**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Final exams will be May 17, 2009.
- No Sunday school will be held on May 24, 2009.
- End of school year will be May 31.
- Picnic will be held at Lake Area Park (near the zoo) on May 31st (noon). There will be an awards ceremony, recognition, and games also. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a side dish and drink.

President **Usman** is requesting each committee to submit the minutes of any meetings not yet submitted, and inform him of any planned activities for inclusion in the next newsletter so that we are all informed.

Sunday School Registration

The ISOGS Sunday School is now accepting registrations for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Registration is open for children six and older (forms are available at the masjid).

Registration fees are \$130 for the first child and \$60 for each additional child. If you register by May 31, 2009, fees will be discounted \$10. Fees do not include books.

For more information, contact Sr. **Fauziah** at sattley537@sbcglobal.net or Sr. **Beth** at bethahmed@gmail.com.

Volunteer!

Some members of the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield volunteered at the St. John's Breadline on Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The volunteers included Brothers **Ali, Driss, Enayat, Junaid, Nathan, Usman** and Sisters **Beth and Nia**. President **Usman** would like to encourage all Muslims to volunteer for such activities.

Bloomington Masjid Construction

The Muslims in Bloomington are also in the process of constructing/renovating their masjid. They have received an interest free loan that needs to be repaid by September 2009. They are doing their best to raise the money locally but also must ask for your help to raise \$200,000. Please contribute!

Emails

Electronic communication has made it easy for us to email anyone we think may be interested in our information. However, given the volume of emails that we receive at work and home, fewer emails may be better. Some emails might also not contain complete or accurate information. Therefore, since people no longer read much, as can be seen by the popularity of Twitter which allows only 140 characters, you may want to summarize in your email the main points of a forwarded email.

Recipe for Samosas

Do you want to enjoy some samosas but aren't sure how they are made? If you would like to cook samosas, you can try the following recipe:

- 1 Potato finely diced (5 to 10 mill cubes)
- 1 Carrot finely diced
- 2 Cloves of crushed garlic.
- 1 Onion finely chopped
- 1 Cup of frozen peas
- 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 Teaspoon curry powder – or your own spices to taste
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- 100 ml of vegetable stock.

Heat oil in a frying pan and add onion, garlic, and spices. Fry until soft. Add the vegetables and seasoning and stir well until coated. Add the stock; cover and simmer for 30 minutes until cooked.

You don't have to make your own pastry but can simply buy ready-made pastry from the shop. To fry samosas, use Filo Pastry. To cook in the oven, use Puff Pastry.

NOTE: *The newsletter is written and formatted one week before publishing to allow sufficient time for review by the ISOGS President, approval by the Board, photocopying, and emailing. Information that is received after formatting may be printed in the next newsletter.*

H1N1 Flu

H1N1 flu may cause fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, and fatigue. People with this flu can also have vomiting and diarrhea. Like the seasonal flu, this flu in humans can vary in severity from mild to severe.

The main way that influenza viruses are thought to spread is from person to person in respiratory droplets of coughs and sneezes. The flu can spread when cough or sneeze droplets of an infected person touches the mouth or nose of another person.

Check with your healthcare provider or pharmacist for the correct for medications, such as Tylenol, Advil, Motrin, Nuprin, or nonsteroid anti-inflammatory drugs.

You should stay home for 7 days after the start of illness so that the fever is gone. Get plenty of rest, drink clear fluids (such as water, broth, sports drinks, electrolyte beverages for infants) to keep from being dehydrated, and cover coughs and sneezes. Clean your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub often, especially after using tissues, coughing, or sneezing into hands. Avoid close contact with others.

Garage Sale

Please contact the masjid if you can help donate or sell items for a garage sale.

World Religions Class

Professor Marty Morris of Lincoln Land Community College plans to have a class on World Religions this summer. Sr. **Maryam** has agreed to be a speaker for his class and can provide you more information about participating.

ISOGS Masjid Expansion PLEDGE FORM

Submit to any ISOGS Board Member

- **TO:** ISOGS President Usman Ali Khan
- **FROM:** _____
- **PHONE:** _____
- **DATE:** _____

I pledge to support the masjid expansion and will donate the following amount (in **addition** to ISOGS membership fees) by December 31, 2009:

- _____ \$10,000
- _____ \$5,000
- _____ \$2,500
- _____ \$1,000
- _____ Other – specify: \$ _____