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UMMA NEWS

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Assalamualaikum and Eid Mubarak to all.

Eid ul Fitr

The history reveals that the Ummahs of other prophets also used to celebrate Eid in one form or another. The followers of Hadhrat Adam (Alaihis Salam) celebrated a happiness the day when the penitence of Hadhrat Adam (AS) was accepted. The day when Hadhrat Ibrahim (AS) was saved from Namrood's pyre (lighted in a bid to burn Hadhrat Ibrahim (AS)) was celebrated by his Ummah as an Eid day. The Eid of Hadhrat Musa's (AS) followers was the day when he got Bani Isra'il freed from Pharaoh (Firaun). When Hadhrat Yunus (AS) came out of the stomach of the fish, that day was celebrated as an Eid by his followers.

When the Holy Prophet (SAW) came to Madinah, he saw that the inhabitants of Madinah had fixed two days in a year which they spent in merry-making and un-Islamic activities. In place of these two days of the period of ignorance, the Holy Prophet (SAW) fixed two other days of happiness, one is Eid-ul-Fitr and the other is Eid-ul-Adha.

Hadhrat Abu Ammama (RA) narrates that the Holy Prophet (SAW) said, "One who worships in the nights of both Eids (Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha), his heart will not die the day when hearts of others die."

In this Hadith of Holy Prophet (SAW), "worship in the nights" means to keep oneself busy in offering prayers, reciting Holy Qur'aan, invoking and glorification of Allah and "dying of heart" means that there would be a terror, fear and menace on the dreadful and horrible Domsday everywhere and the people would be nervous and panicked but one who worships in this night, would be free from all these afflictions.

A companion of Hadhrat Mohammed (SAW), Hadhrat Anas bin Maalik (RA) says that a Mo'min (Believer) has five Eids: the day when he abstains himself from committing a sin, the day when he takes his Eiman (faith) safe and his faith remains protected from the evil tricks of devil, the day when he crosses the bridge of Sirat (leading to heaven) peacefully and successfully, the day when he enters the heaven preventing himself from the hell and the day when he gets an opportunity of having a sight of Allah and gets His pleasure.

The delightful festival of Eid gives us the lesson of equality and brotherhood (fraternity) on the large scale.

On Eid day, the Holy Prophet (SAW) used to invoke the following prayers:

"O Allah! we ask You for a pious life and a same death. O Allah! our going back must not be that of notoriety and indignity. O Allah! do not kill us all of a sudden and do not grasp us without giving an opportunity of performing our right and obligations and drawing up our will. O Allah, we request You to prevent us from indulging in prohibited and unlawful acts and bestow us with the welfare of this world and the world hereafter. O Allah! unite us and restrain us from resorting to an ostentation in the worship and other religious assignments. O Allah! do not bend our hearts from Your correct guidance and confer wealth on us from Yourself only. No doubt, you give a lot."

Cooking Corner



Sheer Khurma	Beef Chilli
<p>Ingredients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 liter of Whole Milk (or 2 cups of Powder Milk dissolved in 12 cups of water) • 4 tbsp. of Sugar • Seeds from 6 Small Cardamoms (Choti Ilaichi) • ¼ cup of Pistachios (Pistay) (chopped) • ½ cup of Coconut (Khopra) (dried) (chopped) • ½ cup of Almonds (Baadaam) (chopped) • ¼ cup of Raisins (Kishmish) • ¼ cup of Dried Dates (chopped) • 1 handful of Vermicelli Noodles (sivaiyan) • 1 tsp. of Rose Water Essence (Kewra) <p>Directions</p> <p>1) Wash the dry fruit and soak in a little milk for 3-4 hours. In a heavy based pot add milk, sugar and cardamom seeds. Simmer on low heat until it starts to thicken.</p> <p>2) Add the vermicelli and continue cooking until the vermicelli softens. Add the presoaked dry fruit and cook for 5 minutes. Just before removing from heat add the rose water essence (Source DAWAN Pak.)</p>	<p>Ingredients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ½ kg boneless beef undercut, thinly sliced • 1 tbsp Soya sauce • 1 egg • 1 tsp cornflour • 1 onion, sliced • 2-tsp garlic, chopped • 2 green chillies • 1 spring onion, sliced • ½ cup beef stock • 2 tbsp vinegar • Salt to taste • White pepper to taste • Sugar to taste • Oil for frying <p>Directions</p> <p>Marinate beef with half teaspoon Soya sauce, egg, cornflour, salt and pepper for an hour. Heat oil in a wok and deep fry the beef till golden brown. Drain the pieces and keep aside. In another pan, fry onion and garlic. Add green chillies, vinegar, half tsp Soya sauce and stock.</p> <p>After 10 minutes add the fried beef, salt, pepper and sugar and cook till it is done. Add spring onion and remove from flame. Serve hot.</p>

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UMMA EID LUNCH & GET TOGETHER

Sunday 5th October 2008, 2.00 PM
Ajani Centre
284 Thompson Rd, Lower Templestowe
Melways Ref 32 K7

Prizes, lots of fun & delicious food.

Cost: Adults \$15, Kids under 12 \$10

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Wasalam Aleykum Warahmat Allah - UMMA Editorial Board

Jazakom Allah (May Allah reward you) for taking the time to read this Newsletter. If you have any comments or feedback please let us know - send us an email.(hayatqureshi@hotmail.com)

Please don't forget us in your Dua. Any mistakes are from us - anything right was with the guidance from Allah SWT.

UMMA Membership Reminder

UMMA membership for year 2008-2009 is now due. Please send your subscription to "The Treasurer, UMMA, 72 George St Doncaster East VIC 3108". The subscription amount is \$80 per family (with children under 18) and \$40 for individuals. Please make your cheques payable to: 'UMMA' or direct deposit to UMMA account at: ANZ Bank, Doncaster Branch BSB# 013-284 A/C # 2540-52169. Please notify Br Wasi Qureshi by telephone or fax @ 9466 9756 for any deposits made into this account. Please forward new memberships request to Br Farooq Javed at fhjaved@gmail.com or 0414726786

Kids Corner

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Parking at the Centre

UMMA Centre is fortunate enough to have a large number of allocated parking spaces. However it is impossible to provide parking space for every attendee. Parking gets allocated on a first come first serve basis. There are a number of parking spaces available in the surroundings. Just as important as our prayers is the need to park responsibly in designated areas. Please refrain from parking illegally in front of neighbouring driveways, blocking other cars, etc. Please take extra care on Fridays 26th September on Khutm-Quran and on day of Eid. Please also note that Eid is going to be on a working day so please don't block neighbours driveways and cause unnecessary problems.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ZAKAH

Some of the importances of Zakah are as follows; it cleans away the sins, it brings spiritual closeness to Allah (swt), it is a way of winning the affection of the poor by lessening their poverty/necessity. It is a way of being able to gain an increase in wealth and possessions; it helps free the heart from selfishness and fondness of the world. As a result one will gain affection and compassion against other creatures and mankind.

Zakah is the gratefulness shown for the belongings one has obtained. As it is said in Surah of Ibrahim (Ayah 7): **"And when your Lord made it known: If you are grateful, I would certainly give to you more, and if you are ungrateful, my chastisement is truly severe."**

Our Prophet (saw) has said in one of his Hadith "One who gives Zakah of their possessions, will be free of the harm of those possessions," When a Muslim gives Zakah of their possessions they will be free of this responsibility and would be the cause of their possessions to be free of the world's damage and for them to increase. Those who do not give Zakah will be sinful, and would not be paying the gratitude of their belongings. Therefore would rather see harm from them than good.

HADITH

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "Feed the hungry, visit the sick and set free the captives." Sahih Al-Bukhari, Volume 7, Hadith 552

UMMA Khatamul-Quran

Traveeh Kahtam-ul-Quran at UMMA will be held on Friday 26th September. Please bring some sweet or savoury to share

HADITH

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: "Whoever wishes to (enter Paradise)...should treat people as he wishes to be treated by them." Sahih Muslim, Hadith 852

Please Note: This year's cost of fitrana is 10 dollars for each person.

UMMA Eid Prayers

Salat-ul-Eid will be held at UMMA CENTRE on **Wednesday, 1st October 2008 @ 8.00 AM** sharp InshaAllah. Parking is also available at Rieschiecks Reserve (Melway Ref 33 J11) on George Street . ***Please park sensibly and observe the parking rules.*** Please bring prayer mat with you to pray comfortably.

Recent Events at UMMA

2008 UMMA Table Tennis Tournament

The Annual tournament was held at Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Center, Greensborough, on the 24th of August.

Professor A.K. Kazi was the Chief Guest and presented trophies to the winners and runner-ups. The Chief Guest also highlighted the contributions to UMMA by Late Abdul Rauf

Siddiqui and Late Ghazanfar Nazir, under whom the Rolling Trophies of the tournament are named.

Also in attendance were UMMA Chairman Mohammed Hanif, other guests, friends and families of our UMMA community. The tournament was supported by several local Muslim businesses and personal donations, for which the organising committee, on behalf of UMMA, is very thankful.

<i>The Results</i>	
<p><u>Ghazanfar Nazir Achievers Trophy</u></p> <p>GRADE 'A'</p> <p><u>WINNER: Rafiq Punjwani</u> RUNNER-UP: Waheed Kazi</p> <p>GRADE 'B'</p> <p>WINNER: Mudassar Dhedhi RUNNER-UP: Rafiq Memon</p>	<p><u>Abdul Rauf Siddiqui Champions Trophy</u></p> <p>GRADE 'A'</p> <p><u>WINNER: Mirza Kaunain Beg</u> RUNNER-UP: Syed Maqsood Quadri</p> <p>GRADE 'B'</p> <p><u>WINNER: Kamran Shamsi</u> RUNNER-UP: Bilal Hansrod</p>

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