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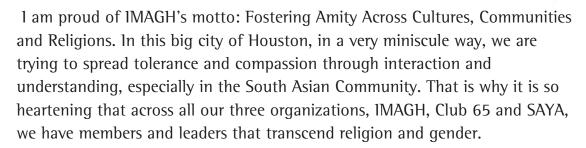
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Aadab and Eid Mubarak!!

When I look around the world and see the horrible violence and unnecessary loss of lives, mostly in the name of religion, I feel so very angry, because NO religion espouses violence or killing.



I am equally proud that on this 6th Annual Eid Milan, our special guests are Hindus of Greater Houston and the great humanitarian, Sunny Sharma is the Grand Patron of this event. This event is also the first Muslim function for our Chief Guest, the esteemed District Attorney, Devon Anderson.

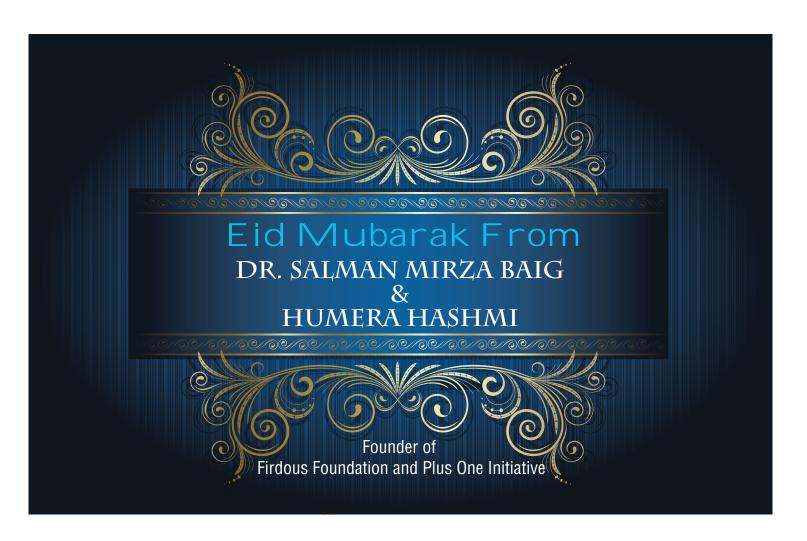
Our grand vision is to create a Seniors Village for the South Asian Community in or around Houston. Such communities already exist in Florida and California. Now we have to create one in our background. Fortunately, our Board members are great community leaders with huge footprints, and with their experience and support, this too will become a reality. Insha'Allah. As our membership grows, so will our strength and the desire to fulfill this unsatiated need of our community.

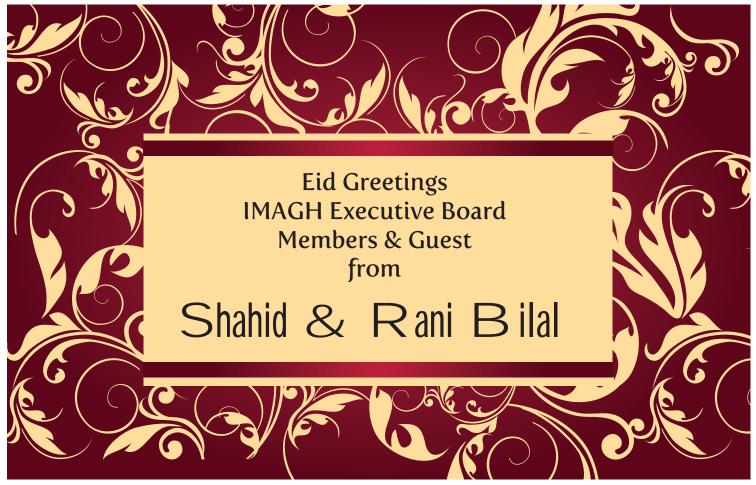
That is why we are dedicating 2015 to increase the value proposition to all our members. Come become a member and enjoy meeting people from similar background. And if you would like to serve your community, we will create opportunities to fulfill your passion.

Thank you all for sharing your evening with us. We are always grateful for your encouragement and support. We have planned a great evening for you: fabulous food, and great entertainment. Sit back and enjoy.

With Warmest Regards

Latafath Hussain











HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEVON ANDERSON

Greetings,

I would like to extend my warm greetings to all of you attending the 6th Annual Eid Milan. I am honored to be your Chief Guest. This memorable event brings together an array of people living in our unique city and I am blessed to be a part of this night.

At the Harris County District Attorney's Office, we embrace our city's diversity and applaud the Indian Muslims Association of Great Houston (IMAGH) for their ongoing efforts to break down barriers between cultures, communities, and religions. Eliminating these barriers is a challenge we are taking on as well.

As your elected District Attorney, I want you to know we are hiring exceptional prosecutors and translators from diverse backgrounds, in order to better represent and serve all citizens of Harris County. I have also made it a priority to regularly meet with different ethnic and religious groups in an effort to open the lines of communication. We want all of our citizens to feel safe and we want to erase any divides that may separate some citizens from law enforcement.

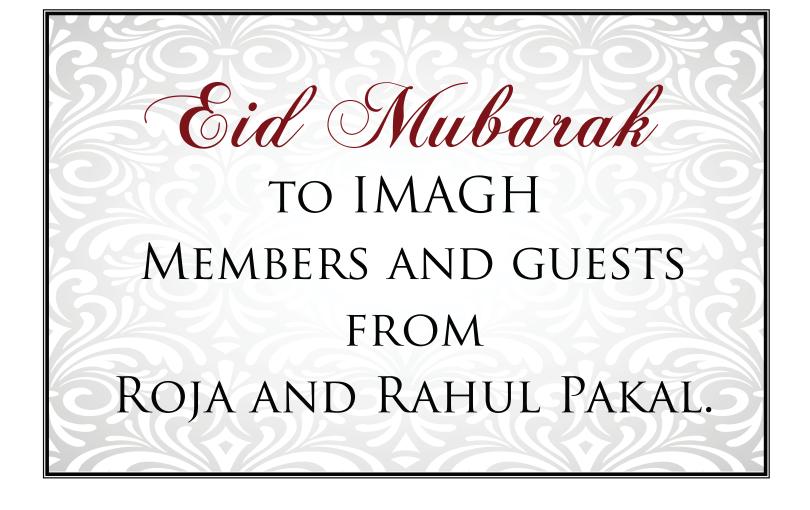
The IMAGH is doing its part by promoting civic responsibility through education. It realizes the power of our city's uniqueness. At the same time, IMAGH is keeping its own religion and culture thriving. It founded Club 65 for senior citizens and the South Asian Youth Alliance (SAYA) for young adults and by partnering these two groups, the old is teaching the new, educating its next generation.

Again, thank you for inviting me to be a part of this celebration. I wish all of you the best!

Sincerely,

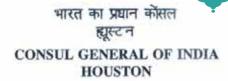
Devon Anderson

FROM Dr. Rukhshan Azhar & Dr. Syed Azhar









Eid Mubarak

I convey my warm greetings and best wishes to everyone on the festive occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. I heartily congratulate Indian Muslims Association of Greater Houston (IMAGH) for enthusiastically organizing the 6th Annual Eid Milan on 1 August, 2015 in Houston.

Eid-ul-Fitr marks the end of the holy month of Ramzan. Fasting during Ramzan and the Eid celebrations remind us of the importance of the values of sacrifice, piety, sharing with others and highlights the bonds of fraternity and brotherhood that bind us all.

This is an important occasion to celebrate the secular and plural ethos of India with its linguistic, cultural and religious diversity. Let us pray for peace, prosperity and happiness for everyone!

(P. Harish)

Eid Mubarak From

M. M. HAQ, MD, F.A.C.P.

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Message from Chair, Board of Directors Dr. Maqbool Haq



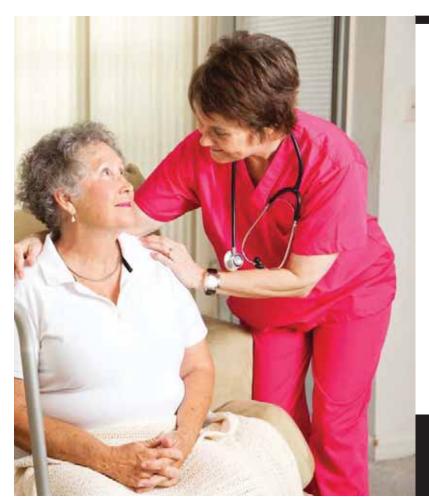
I, on behalf of IMAGH wish all of you peace, health, prosperity and happiness on this joyous occasion of Eid Ul Fitr. This is a festival observed by Muslims all over the world with great enthusiasm and felicity. It is a unique festival among the various religions and cultures of the world, unrelated to any historical event, passing of the season, harvest time etc. Eid Ul Fitr is a purely spiritual event unrelated to any worldly phenomenon. It is a celebration marking the end of a month long boot camp of spiritual revival. The month of Ramadan is spent in dawn to dusk fasting, intense praying, recitation of the holy book, giving charity, being on our best behavior, avoiding hurtful speech and evil deeds.

The word Eid comes from the root "awd" meaning return or reoccur. It is meant to signify a return of the soul after this intense purification to its pristine state of innocence and piety. It is a day of thanksgiving to the Lord Almighty for giving us the strength and conviction to complete the commandment and learning to discipline our worldly desires. Traditionally the day starts with a sumptuous meal, followed by a congregational thanksgiving prayer. the rest of the day is spent in visiting and greeting family and friends.

I welcome you all to our annual Eid Milan gathering to share in our joy.

Best Wishes

Maqbool Haq







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Message from Chair, Board of Advisors Abeezar Shk. Saleh Tyebji



Welcome Welcome!! At the outset let me wish you all a hearty Eid Mubarak. I pray that you and your families prosper in health and happiness as the year unfolds. This signature event of 'Eid Milan' has become a fixture of the Houston social calendar and in the last months many have told me how they look forward to this joyous gathering. This annual gala reflects the spirit of Eid, the IMAGH organization, as well as our shared values and heritage of USA and India; in that we come together to have fun and fellowship in a spirit of giving and other-centeredness. Over the last years as IMAGH has grown, I have marveled at the giving nature of our members and my sense is that this comes from the IMAGH charter, our leadership, and mainly the members who choose to spend time with each other to share a laugh and share a meal....no more no less!

And yet this yearning to share a meal over stories of India and America has spawned two very vital and vibrant sister organizations. SAYA is focused on development of our young adults and Club 65 which organizes social and cultural activities for our seniors. In fact the camaraderie and frolic of Club 65 is so infectious that our younger members love to participate in their events in the 'guise' of volunteers, chaperones, and transportation coordinators. This in turn has inspired us to capture this magic of Club 65 in building a permanent venue for the seniors to get together on a daily basis!! If there

are any ideas of resources to bring this dream to fruition we would love to hear from you.

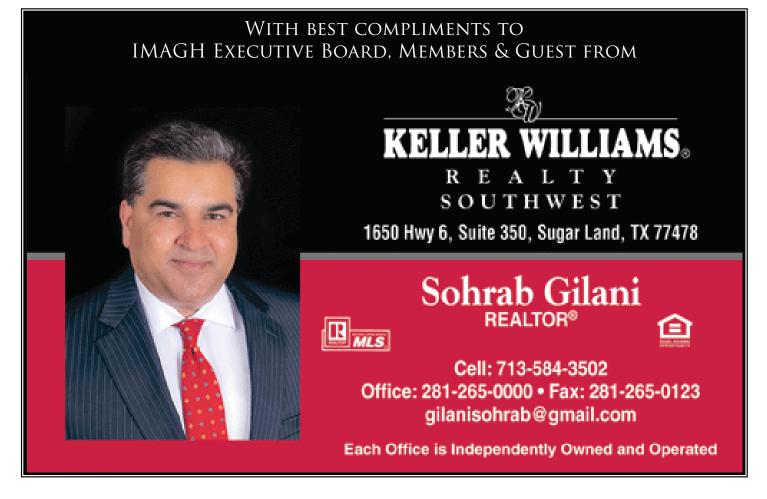
My best to you and your families and I thank you all for taking the time to grace this Eid Milan function. Sincerely,

A beezar Shk. Saleh Tyebji



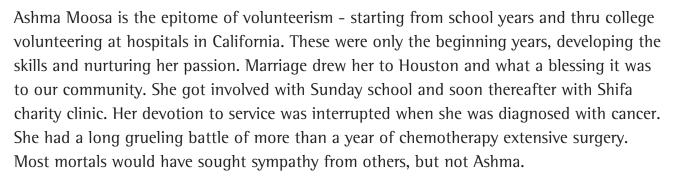
Mr. & Mrs. Tyebji with Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India





Ashma Moosa

IMAGH's 2015 Community Service Award Recipient



She rose like a phoenix from the ashes with renewed vigor devoting herself to helping patients and survivors of cancer. She became a volunteer at the M.D Anderson Cancer Center. Fueled by her passion, devotion and skills honed in over the years, she quickly rose in the ranks, serving on various committees, logging > 700 hours as volunteer to become the chairperson for the National Cancer Survivors Conference. She has hosted the likes of Pulitzer prize winner Sidharta Mukherjee and this year she will play host to Good Morning America's Robin Roberts at the M.D Anderson Annual Cancer Survivors Conference.

She has organized free or low cost mobile mammography camps in various locations targeting especially indigent women, for early detection, which has resulted in some of them getting early help. She has also been on the catwalk as a volunteer fashion model for cancer funding. She has helped countless people by connecting with them either via phone, texting, e-mail, personal touch, when they get the diagnosis of cancer. Local oncologist, plastic surgeons have used her to help educate and relieve fear when someone is given the diagnosis.

She also is also on the volunteer board, coordinating various seminars at the Clear Lake Islamic Center. She has volunteered in cancer walks for Avon and American Cancer Society, raising over \$20,000 so far. She has started cancer support group at local hospital.

She has done this while working nearly full time and raising 2 adorable kids who are following in her footsteps admirably supported by her husband Dr. Moosa who is also an active volunteer, having traveled as far as Gaza as a volunteer physician.



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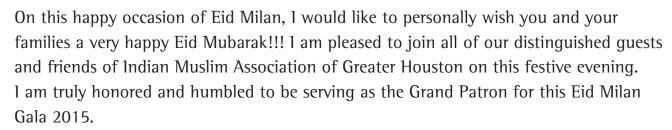
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Greetings and As-salam alaykum,



Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Be the change you want to see in the world". IMAGH wanted to see the people of two largest democracies, India and USA, unite together in celebrating their diverse cultures, social, and religious values and further enhance their business and trade relationships. Over the years IMAGH has been that change and steadily working towards uniting and serving all Houstonians irrespective of their religion, race, or ethnic background.

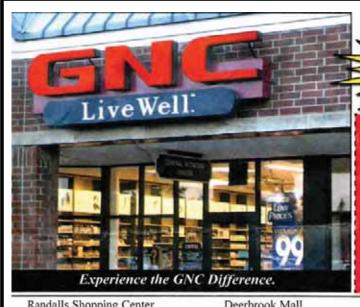
I applaud IMAGH and its' members to play a dynamic role in our communities for continuing to serve our youth, adults and seniors alike to maintain and foster a balance between Eastern and Western cultures. You are a beacon of hope for all organizations to bring about peace, goodwill, and a united world for generations to come.

I wish you all the success in coming years and once again, a happy and joyous Eid Mubarak.

Best Wishes

Sunny Sharma

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Message from
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Eid Mubarak to all at IMAGH!

How quickly Ramadan has passed, showering on us its countless blessings, and bringing at its end the gift of Eidul Fitr.

The message of Islam and the message of His Holiness, Aali Qadr Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, the 53rd Dai al-Mutlaq, is the message of harmony, peace, and love. There is no better time to demonstrate this message than Eid when Muslims from all walks of life and all parts of the world come together to rejoice and thank Allah for all He has bestowed on us.

Dawoodi Bohras are also honoring our memories of the 52nd Dai al-Mutlaq, Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin, with whom we observed Eidul Fitr for five decades, and who departed from this world last year at the age of 102.

I am reminded of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin's message at the Muslim Association of Mombasa conference in 1980 and one that seems especially relevant today:

The Islamic society is the source from which flows the means for the welfare and wellbeing of mankind, irrespective of faith and creed. For Allah has decreed that every Muslim shall strive to benefit Allah's creation as a whole. Islamic society, as Allah willed, should be perfect, strong, and successful by benefiting the entirety of mankind.

On this Eidul Fitr let us pray to Allah to give us the strength to benefit our neighbors, our city, our state, and our country, and indeed the whole of mankind!

And as we also celebrate Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin's acceptance of the Chancellorship of Aligarh Muslim University, I pray to Allah to give His Holiness a long and healthy life to lead us.

Ameen!

Shaikh Fakhruddin Bhanpurawala



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Mr. Latafath Hussain President IMAGH 523 Crestwood Drive Seabrook, TX 77586



Dear President Hussain,

As Salaam-o-Alaikum. I would like to wish Eid Mubarak and offer my heartiest congratulations to the directors, advisory board, members and partners of the Indian Muslims Association of Greater Houston (IMAGH) for their annual Eid Milan gathering that brings diverse communities together in celebration of Eid. In its 6th year of Eid celebrations, our community has witnessed the growth of IMAGH and its vision of tolerance and respect for members of all communities that binds us all together. IMAGH's goal to foster peace and brotherhood across communities, cultures, and religions is a worthy cause, especially in light of the diversity within Houston. The diverse culture of our city, and the interactions, exchange of ideas, and partnerships this promotes, holds tremendous appeal for people of all faiths and cultures, and brings us all together in a city that we call home. Efforts such as yours must be encouraged, as they help promote and celebrate our city and make it a stronger and compassionate community for ourselves and our future generations.

As members of the Ismaili community, we are keenly aware of the value that organizations like the IMAGH bring to the City of Houston. The Ismaili Muslim community is a diverse community that resides across 25 countries around the world while enjoying a plurality of cultural traditions. We applaud the efforts of the Indian Muslims Association of Greater Houston in promoting this plurality for members of all communities. I wish you the best of luck for the future and hope for the continual success of IMAGH in the promotion of its pluralistic values for the benefit of the City of Houston and in spreading the message of tolerance and respect beyond Houston on a national and global level.

Sincerely,

Murad Ajani President

Eid Mubarak

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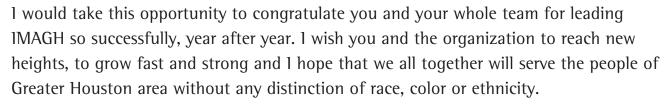
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Message from Mubasher Ahmad Imam, Baitul Samee Mosque

My dear Mr. Latafath Hussain Sahib:

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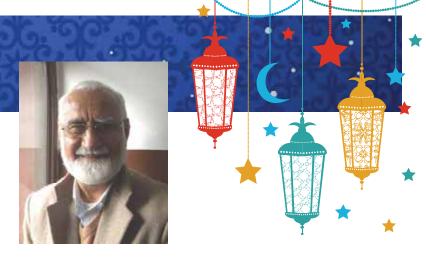


As a partner with IMAGH, let me very briefly introduce the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. It is a dynamic, fast growing International revival movement within Islam. Presently, it spans over 206 countries, with tens of millions of its followers. It was founded in India in 1889 in Qadian, District Gurdaspur, the Punjab.

The Ahmadi Muslims are actively engaged to reinstitute the high moral and spiritual standards of Islam. We promote peace and inter-religious harmony and advocates for separation of Mosque and State. We strongly advocate the Universal Human Rights, and spread the message of peace and non-violence. We condemn bloodshed in the name of religion. For these objectives, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has built over 15000 mosques, 500 schools and 30 hospitals the world over. It has translated holy Qur'an in over 70 languages. Through its International disaster relief organization "Humanity First" the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has been in the forefront to provide relief to the disaster hit areas anywhere in the world. Humanity first is also uplifting the lives of the poor people of the continent of Africa by providing water wells, solar energy and means of transportation.

Wassalam,

Mubasher A hmad Imam, Baitul Samee Mosque



Indian Muslims Association of Greater Houston Executive Team 2015



Latafath Hussain (President)

Latafath worked with Mother Teresa in Varanasi before she won the Nobel Prize and he finished his Senior Cambridge! At AMU, he won the Students Union elections and had the privilege of meeting five Prime Ministers. After a brief stint with the Oberoi Hotels in Saudi Arabia, he came to study Hotel Management in the US in 1980. He was Editor of College Newspaper, VP of Sophomore Class, Resident Assistant and on the Dean's List of Academic Excellence.

He worked for Marriott and Hyatt Hotels in various cities, including a long stint at Hotel Yak N Yeti in Kathmandu, Nepal. After returning to US, he bought his own hotel near New Orleans. In 2000 he decided to do something different: he sold the hotel and moved to Houston to start a career in Financial Services. He is a Financial Adviser and a Registered Investment Adviser with MetLife.

He has worked with Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Quan, State Representative Hubert Vo and Congressman Nick Lampson. He is also an Election Judge and Chair of the Democratic Party Precinct 90.



Karim Maknojia (Vice-President)

Karim Maknojia has lived in Houston for the past thirty years. He moved here after obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Bombay University. In business for 27 yrs, he specializes in owning and operating multiple gas stations. He believes it is very important to give back to the community. He has served on First Information Respond Committee for Sheriff's dept.; he is a graduate of FBI Citizens Academy; has served as Senior VP of Greater Houston Retailer's Association (GHRA); has been a Founding Member and Director of Greater Houston Retailer's Charitable Foundation (GHRCF); and is a Founding Member of IMAGH. He is very passionate about his golf.

Indian Muslims Association of Greater Houston Executive Team 2015



Ismet Warsi (Secretary)

Ismet Warsi has always had a passion for teaching and serving the community. After obtaining a degree in education and psychology, she worked as a special education teacher both abroad and in the US for 25 years. Her hobbies include gardening, writing, and watercolor.

Shaheen Vora (Jt. Secretary)



Shaheen has been in the travel trade business since 1992 and owns her own travel agency since 2004. She got into the business because traveling is her passion and has visited many places around the world. Her other passion is helping people-as a bone marrow donor, she has donated for a 30 yr old cancer patient already. She is also involved with Amnesty International and Indian American Cancer Network, as well as, other non-profits. She has a Masters in Commerce from Bombay University and Bachelors in Business Administration from University of Houston. She loves Yoga and reading.



Parvin Saiyed (Treasurer)

Parvin Saiyed, before migrating to the U.S. was a practicing dentist in India. However, to be able to practice in Texas, she has to get her DDS degree again. Never to be deterred by challenges, she has buried herself in books, determined to start helping her community soon.

She still finds time to volunteer for Club 65 and IMAGH. She says that her source of inspiration is her family-especially her dad and her hubby...

Indian Muslims Association of Greater Houston Board of Directors 2015



Dr. Maqbool Haq (Chairman)

Dr. Haq has been a Houstonian since 1978, serving the community as a physician specializing in Medical Oncology. He devotes a significant amount of time in community service, including coordinating the Shifa Charity Clinic and serving the Rose, a non-profit organization dedicated to breast cancer detection for women irrespective of their financial status.

He is actively involved in various other community organizations, such as the Hyderabad Association. Happily married with three children, two of whom are married, Dr. Haq loves spending time with his family.



Munir Ibrahim (Vice Chairman)

Being displaced from Uganda and living life as a refugee in Italy, Mr. Munir Ibrahim is a self-made real estate maven and an active and dedicated Houstonian. He currently leads a real estate investment company. Mr. Ibrahim holds a Bachelors in economics from the University of Houston and Masters in Finance from the University of St. Thomas as well as an honorary degree from Houston Community College.

Mr. Ibrahim is a tenacious individual with a strong entrepreneurial spirit who also holds a deep appreciation for family and hard work. He has dedicated much of his adult life serving Houston community through various outreach vehicles. He has held many community titles. Mr. Ibrahim has made his home in the Memorial area where he lives with his two sons.



Dr. Saleha Khumawala

Dr. Saleha Khumawala is the Robert Grinaker Professor of Accounting and the Founding Director of the "SURE" (Stimulating Urban Renewal through Entrepreneurship) Microfinance program at Bauer College of Business, University of Houston. Her passion for education led her to establish a nonprofit entity Pennies for Education and Health (PEH) in 2003 that has a sponsorship program to fund the educational needs of needy children in the developing world. She is also involved in Interfaith activities relief work for the refugees and evacuees.



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Dr. Tahir Hussain

Tahir Hussain, Ph.D. is a Professor and Department Vice-Chair of Pharmacology and member of the University of Houston Faulty Senate Executive Committee. In addition to his teaching of Biochemistry and Pharmacology courses, Dr. Hussain has active research in obesity associated hypertension and kidney diseases. Dr. Hussain has been a resident of Houston since 1995. Outside of his professional responsibilities, Dr. Hussain has been active with ISGH Sunday School and alumni associations of his alma mater, the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU, India).



Dr. Salman Mirza Baig

Founder of Firdous Foundation and Plus One Initiative, Dr. Baig is a respected and well recognized neurosurgeon, scientist, inventor and community leader from Houston, Texas. He has been active in humanitarian causes throughout his career, beginning in college.

Dr. Baig was born in Hyderabad, India and grew up in the east coast. His medical education was completed at Howard University and his graduate research for his PhD work was completed at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. He and his wife, Humera Hashmi, along with his four children, reside in Woodlands, where he currently practices.



Fateh Ali Chatur

Fatehali Chatur is Chairman for Club65. He is associated with Senior citizens in Ismaili community for many years. He is writer, director and stage performer in drama, poems and literature. He is member of International Hindi Association, Houston chapter and Gujarati Sahitya Sarita.

Indian Muslims Association of Greater Houston Advisory Board 2015



Abeezar Tyebji (Chairman)

Born in Mumbai and grown up in Hyderabad, Abeezar has lived in Houston for the last 29 years and is passionate about entrepreneurship and community engagement. He started Shipcom Wireless a provider of Inventory Control and RFID software, whose clients include Fortune 100 companies as well as the US Government. Abeezar's hobbies include Ham Radio and playing tennis.



Col. Raj Bhalla

Col. Raj Bhalla is former Vice Chairman of Gurdwara Sahib of Southwest Houston; former Director, Indo American Charity Foundation and former Director Indo American Political Action Committee. He is currently on the boards of India House, India Culture Center and Foundation for India Studies, Samskrit Performing Arts Houston, Indian Muslims Association of Greater Houston and a new start up entity Whodini.



Swapan Dhairyawan, CPA

Mr. Dhairyawan moved to Houston in 1999. He received his CPA from the Texas State Board in 2004 and started his own Practice as a Certified Public Accountant called MD & Associates LLP, which expanded to Dallas and Spring. He has served as the Director with the India Culture Center and later became Vice President and then President in 2010. He is a passionate community worker and involved in various Non Profit organizations.

Angeli Arjunani

Ms. Arjunani is a partner with Arjunani, Hasan & Co., P.C., CPAs and a member of its Executive Committee. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Houston CPA Society and Houston Business and Estate Planning Council. Ms. Arjunani is involved in a number of charitable, civic and religious organizations including: Board Member, President, and Treasurer of Edu4All Inc., Board Member and Finance Committee Chair of Pennies for Education and Health.



Rahul Pakal

Rahul is a Civil Engineer in the oil and gas industry for over fifteen years. He has a PhD from Carnegie Mellon University and Bachelor of Technology from Indian Institute of Technology, Madras. Rahul was born in the city of Hyderabad. Rahul, his wife and three children reside in The Woodlands, Texas. Rahul enjoys reading books particularly, non-fiction and history.



Paru McGuire

A Mother, Grandmother, Retired Clinical Counselor, Paru is currently serving as President of Club 65. Born in Mumbai, India she moved to Cleveland, Ohio in 1977. She received her Master Of Arts Degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Bombay and worked as a Clinical Psychologist in the Mental Health Department of KEM Hospital, prior to her migrating to the USA. With an ability to relate well with diverse groups of people she has been able to engender the trust and confidence of the members. Her high energy and commitment to excellence, Club 65 has grown to 152 members in less than a year.



Rajneesh Chaudhary

An attorney licensed in New York and India, Rajneesh Chaudhary mainly deals with immigration matters both of India and U.S.A. He also handles cross border legal work between India and USA and helps individuals and companies that have to deal with the legal system of both the countries.

Highlights of Eid Milan 2014





















































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Houstonian Seniors' Club 65 By Jaseem Pasha MD





The Club 65 has finally made its name. Launched by IMAGH in 2013, It's already being talked about as the most active and fastest growing Senior's Club in the Greater Houston Area.

Houston being a large cosmopolitan city explains amply why it attracts multi-ethnicity, particularly the South Asians above 60 to the club. Another charm about this club is its secular and pluralistic approach of love and tolerance that attract seniors of different faith. What is most alluring about this group is that it bewitches seniors from all walks of life with varied vast experiences, skills and interests. It is, indeed, a "boutique" organization, where everyone feels part of one large family, regardless of religion, place of origin or language. Assuredly, it is an organization "by and for" the members and individual attention is given to one and all by the Club 65 leadership.

The membership cost is nominal. There is a token fee of only \$ 25 per person per year, \$45 per couple per year, with only \$ 25 as one-time initiation fee to join.

The club meets on the first Saturday of the month for 'Lunch and Learn' at the Bayland Community Center in Houston. The events comprise of educational seminars on nutrition, Alzheimer's disease, health issues, exercises, musical entertainment, shairi, qawwalis, antakshari, jokes and games. Of course, there are always sumptuous hamburgers, snacks, sandwiches, biryani and lots of dessert. Vegetarian fare is also served at every meeting. Not forgetting that lots of pictures are taken.





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The club has traditionally engaged high turnouts of membership every time there were celebration activities, such as Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Diwali, Easter, Christmas and Eid Milan.

Besides the wide variety of festivities, the Club organizes outdoor activities, such as picnics at beautiful locations, field trips and full day outings in a bus, at least 4 times a year. Also cruise trips as additional activity are in the offing, and may become reality by October of this year.

The great thing about the Club programs is that the members happily socialize with smile on their faces, complimenting each other, and taking pictures with their spouses and friends.

At times, members of SAYA –the South Asian Youth Initiative (also an IMAGH organization) participate as guests. The goal is to connect the younger generation with the seniors to build bridges and create a way to have the seniors impart their life experiences and knowledge to keep the youth informed of their culture and traditions.

Certainly, these milestones that club 65 achieved couldn't have been possible without mentioning the names of the hard work and long hours spent by the luminaries of the Club 65. They are: Paru McGuire, President of Club 65; Rahat Sultana Kalle and Hatim Kanorwala Vice Presidents; Noorjahan Upadhya, Secretary, Farida Jinnah, Treasurer and Fateh Ali Chatur, Chair of CLUB 65.

The Star volunteers are Rozina Jafferali, Rosemin Premji, Parveen Shaikh, Farida Abjani, Dr. Mustafa Gomberawala, Latafath Hussain, and Karim Maknojia.

Best regards,

Jaseem Pasha MD

To find out more about Club 65 or to become a member, please visit, www.imagh.org or call Paru Mcquire at 440-390-1763.







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A Year in Review





It was just about a year ago when the South Asian Youth Alliance (SAYA) was launched by a team of young, bright-minded individuals. Months prior to its inauguration, this team came together to brainstorm and cultivate ideas on how to reach out to local South Asian youth. With guidance from advisors, Latafath Hussain and Dr. Moyeen Haque, SAYA was born with the following mission: "To engage South Asian youth by exploring their heritage, promoting the South Asian identity, networking and developing leadership."

A major goal of SAYA is to encourage youth to be cognizant of the unique cultures within the South Asian region, so that they can learn more about their own heritage as well as about others. One way this important facet is addressed is through community outreach and volunteerism. This includes volunteering for and attending events hosted by the Nepalese, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Indian, and Sri Lankan communities, among others. By doing so, SAYA members will not only be able lend a helping hand, but also in the process explore their own heritage or learn about a new one.

SAYA hopes to launch a new initiative this summer, called "The Video Story Project", in conjunction with Foundation for India Studies. This project entails pairing up a SAYA member with a South Asian senior citizen and interviewing them about their life's journey and worldviews. The SAYA member will have the opportunity to listen to, learn about, and appreciate the incredible lives these individuals have led. SAYA is excited to announce that these interviews will be conducted in both Houston Community College and the Houston Public Library studios and will be archived for future access.

SAYA also aims to provide leadership development opportunities for the South Asian youth. To address this SAYA initiated the Leadership Lecture Series (LLS) in the fall of 2014. LLS is an ongoing speaker series in which SAYA invites successful professionals in the Greater Houston area to come speak about their fields. The objective of LLS is for SAYA members to learn about professions they are not familiar with and about careers they may be planning to pursue. LLS also provides the opportunity for youth to network with the speakers and likeminded peers. SAYA is also proud to state that several members have gained internships and jobs as a result of LLS.





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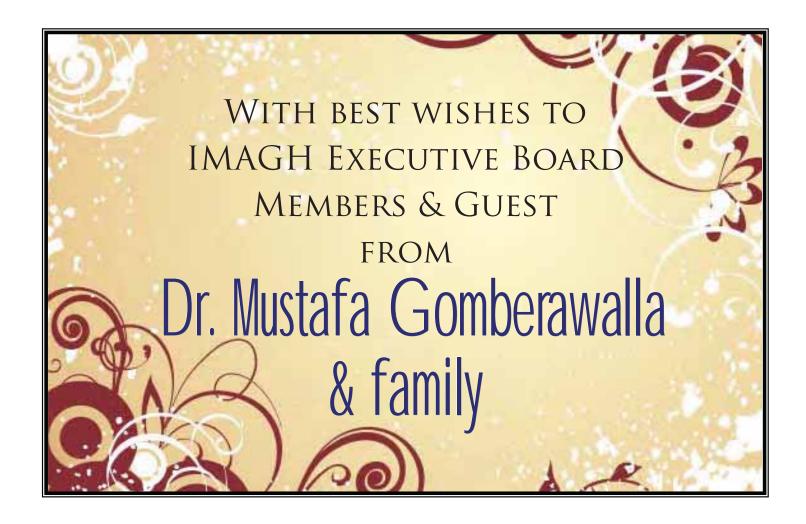




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LLS speakers thus far have included Mr. Safeer Hassan and Mr. Sohail Hassan, Executives at Square Melons, Inc., Ms. Yani Keo, Executive Director at Alliance for Multicultural Community Services, Ms. Devon Anderson, the Harris County District Attorney, and Mr. P.J. Patel, Global Vice President of Stellium, Inc.

As a growing organization, SAYA welcomes new ideas and opportunities to promote South Asian heritage amongst its members and connect SAYA members with professionals in Greater Houston.

Although our target audience is high school and college students, as well as, recent graduates, we encourage individuals of any age to be a part of SAYA-as a member, mentor, or advisor. If you or someone you know is interested in joining SAYA and being added to our listsery, feel free to reach out via email at mohamed.khan320@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page at facebook.com SAYouthalliance.

We look forward to a great year and hope to have your encouragement along the way!

Best regards,

Mohammed Khan

President, South Asian Youth Alliance



Hafeeza Shaik, Mohammed Khan, P.J. Patel during the discussion at the Coffee with the CEO event.



SAYA members with Guests of Honor Mr. Safeer Hassan and Mr. Sohail Hassan



SAYA members with Guest of Honor – Ms. Yani Keo, Executive Director at Alliance for Multicultural Community Services



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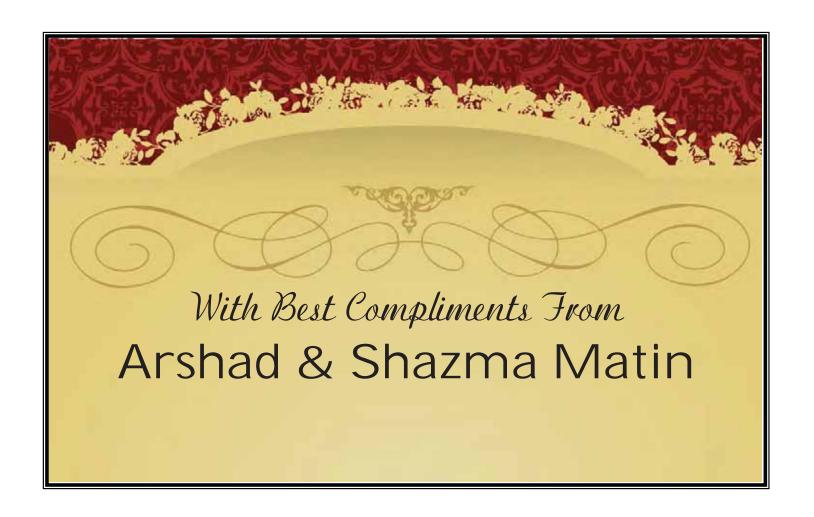
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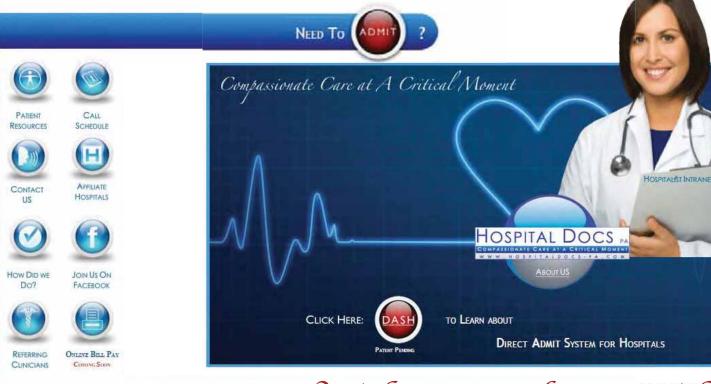
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With India being a model for 'Unity in Diversity' with its diverse culture, languages and religions, traditional communal celebrations have taken deep roots, and are now carried out in all walks of life. For Muslims, the root of harmony is the Creator Himself. His Attributes are uttered by all Muslims dozens of times each day at the start of all activities. One of the many attributes of the Creator – "Ar-Rahman" – represents the Creator's beneficence towards all of His creations, irrespective of religion, color, cast or nationality. Such attributes bring us all together to focus on His Mercy.

Not many other countries have captured this sense of Ummah (togetherness) better than India and its Milan. Indeed, a sense of community is woven into its fabric, with its diverse languages, cultures, and religions coexisting peacefully.

Our Eid Milan in Houston is unique from its inception. Cooperation, involvement, sponsorship and patronage of this event by all segments of our community at large exhibit the vivid communal harmony – the stated goal of IMAGH.

Let us continue working together and enjoy the spirit of 'Harmony.'

Zafar Taqvi, Ph.D.

Past Coordinator, Hospitality International, IIE Houston protocol Office Founding Secretary, India Students Association, UH Founding Vice Chair, India Culture Center, Houston Founding Chief Editor, Voice of Islam, ISGH

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An event of this magnitude is not possible without great team work. We are very grateful to the Chairman of Board of Directors, Dr. Maqbool Haq and Chairman of Board of Advisors, Abeezar Tyebji, for their leadership, vision and constant encouragement.

The following Chairs also went above and beyond to help organize:

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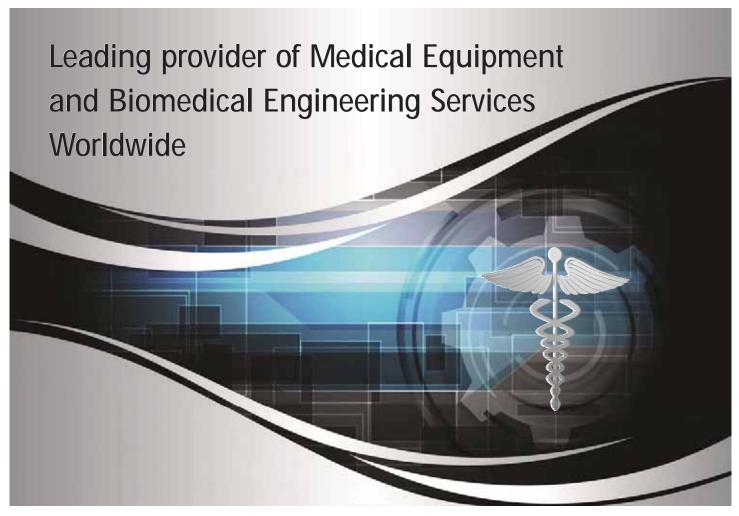
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