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## **Asmah Tareen receives 40-under-40 Award**

### **Juggles career, family and volunteer work around the globe**

Asmah Tareen, attorney at the Minneapolis firm of Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., was recently awarded the Minneapolis/St. Paul Biz Journal's 40-under-40

Award in recognition of her professional and volunteer accomplishments, including pro bono legal work and contributions to disaster relief and sustainable development projects in Southeast Asia.



Asmah Tareen

Tareen's family immigrated to the United States from Pakistan, via Canada, in 1974 and settled in Cavalier, North Dakota a

small community of approximately 1,500 people, 20 miles south of the Canadian border. When they arrived in Cavalier, her mother, Rehana Tareen, recalls that it was "pretty and green, there were children playing outside and everyone was very friendly;" so they decided to stay for a while. Last year, 30 years later, Dr. Jamil Tareen retired from his medical practice in Cavalier and Jamil and Rehana moved to Eagan, Minn.

"Holding onto our religious and cultural traditions was very important to my parents. We only spoke Urdu at home," Tareen remembers, "and took frequent trips to Pakistan to visit family and friends, and to stay connected to our cultural heritage. Even after living in the United States for over 30 years, my mother still says, in Urdu, things like 'Over here,' they call it this and 'back home' they call it that," laughs Tareen.

In 1992, Tareen moved to Moorhead, Minn., where she attended Concordia College on a Faculty Scholarship. Here she studied Political Science and Philosophy and spent a semester at American University in Washington D.C. studying foreign policy. Her research and study in Washington D.C., became the basis of her receiving a Fulbright Scholarship from the U.S.

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**Council of Trustees Report**

*by Dr. Irfan Khan Sandozi Chairman, Council of Trustees*



Assalamalaikum,

The first quarter of 2006 started with brainstorming meetings by both the ICM Council and Board. Several key issues were discussed and implemented. The issues that the Council has worked on are addressed here.

It was felt that the ICM as a non-profit organization should retain an attorney to review and advise on matters which have legal implications. The needs of ICM need to be addressed by an expert in non-profit law and the Board and Council have therefore identified and agreed to hire Alycia Zens from Dorsey and Whitney Law Firm to provide non-profit related legal services to ICM. Since there are plans to proceed with the ICM expansion this year, we also identified a need for an expert in real estate law to help with legal services relating to leasing the premises and address the construction of the new building and parking extension. In this regard, we are obtaining legal representation from the same firm with real estate attorney Roseanne Hope.

The Council has been actively negotiating with Al Amal School to develop a lease agreement for the upcoming expansion. We have almost finalized our negotiations and will soon have in place a lease that will be mutually beneficial to both ICM and Al Amal School. In regards to the expansion, there was a ceremonial ground-breaking event on April 28, 2006 that was represented by both ICM and AlAmal School and invited guests that included several dignitaries such as Minnesota Senator Satveer Chaudhry, Fridley Mayor Scott Lund, Sheikh Farooq As-Samarai, several Fridley city officials, President of Independent School's Forum and the President of Totino Grace High School, among others.

The Council and the Board were also successful in formalizing a committee to oversee financial aid to Muslim students. We hope to start the scholarships in the fall of this year and we encourage you to refer deserving candidates to ICM.

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## Religious Director's Report

by Dr. Saoudy Ahmed Saoudy

**Assalamo alaikum Brothers and Sisters.**

Since January, the Religious Committee has been busy with the following:

- 1- Organizing Friday *Khutbah* (two prayers at 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.)
- 2- Dispensing *Zakat*
- 3- Answering *Fiqh* questions
- 4- Doing *Dawah* (welcoming visiting groups and speaking at churches)

Our religious committee includes Br. Owais Bayunus, Br. Nezam Husain, Br. Shah Khan, Sr. Nazneen Khatoon, and Sr. Souzy Abou Hiba. We sincerely thank IRG who helped us when the need arose. We look forward to their future fruitful collaborations for the sake of Allah.

Presently we invite high-caliber *khateeb*s once a month to enrich

our Friday prayers with various topics. Our Sunday *halaqa* has been restored in two forms:

- 1- 10:30-11:30 - Tafseer of Qur'an by Br. Owais Bayounis
- 2- 12:30-1:30 P.M. - A round table *halaqa* moderated by myself.

We have put a purchase order to buy 1000 copies of the Qur'an to distribute to visiting schools and churches. We ask our brothers and sisters in Islam to support us in donating towards *Dawah* and *Zakat*.



As for Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr dates, the present ICM bylaws state that we follow the ISNA calendar. Please note that if ISNA decides to change its calendar, we will follow the change. Since we are preparing for Ramadan activities from now, volunteers are sought to make this month a great religious festivity.

## Questions that are yet to be answered

by Noor Badr Mudaliar

What have I more that's worth the knowing?  
 What have I done that's worth the doing?  
 What have I sought that I should shun  
 What duty have I left undone  
 What I have learnt wherever I have been  
 From all I have heard, from all I have seen  
 What is this life full of misery  
 Though the world being a big family  
 There's not a day that goes by  
 Without happiness and worry.



The scene of action through the day  
 Where have my feet chose out their way  
 Why is it harder day by day  
 To get to know people in a better way  
 Why is this world that we meet outside  
 End up with wars hatred and crime.

Oh! When will this all end  
 And my thoughts which is at it's extend  
 When will this world stop to pretend  
 And when will the nations understand  
 That the lord's love to the world has NO END.

*Noor Badr is a convert to Islam. Noor wrote this poem when she was 15 years old. At that time her name was Geetha.*

## JRLC



**Greetings,**

JRLC is the largest, most inclusive interfaith public policy body in Minnesota - people of diverse faiths bringing vision and wisdom to the public realm for the well-being of all Minnesotans.

It's time to think about the upcoming elections. The primary election is on **September 12** and the general election, **November 7**. We urge you to find ways to be involved.

The entire legislature and the state's constitutional officers are all up for election. Research the candidates' positions carefully. Ask them questions at candidate forums. Help register new voters and encourage everyone to participate.

Congregations Concerned for Children is recommending that faith communities throughout Minnesota come together and observe **Children's Sabbath** the weekend of **Oct 13-15th**.

God's Peace,  
 Brian Rusche, Executive Director, JRLC

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government. After graduating from college in 1996, Tareen deferred law school and spent 10 months in Pakistan on her Fulbright scholarship studying Islamization and its effects on Pakistan's legal and political system. She returned to Minnesota to pursue a Juris Doctorate degree from the Law School at the University of Minnesota where she graduated cum laude in 2000.

Tareen began working at the law firm of Fredrikson & Byron, in 1999 as a summer associate while in law school and has been there ever since.

Fredrikson & Byron is a full-service law firm of 190 attorneys with offices in London and Mexico. As a senior associate in the firm's Technology and International practice groups, Tareen advises her clients on strategies for protecting intellectual property and complying with various types of regulations. She represents clients before government agencies and drafts and negotiates many types of contracts. Tareen also serves on Fredrikson & Byron's diversity committee and represents the firm on the Associate Advisory Committee of Twin Cities Diversity in Practice, an organization formed in 2005 by local law firms and corporations to attract, recruit, advance and retain attorneys of color in the metro area. "We'd like to change the fact that there is little diversity in the legal field in Minnesota and across the country," says Tareen.

Beyond her daily work for business clients, Tareen has dedicated hundreds of hours to pro bono legal work, including work for a Guantanamo Bay detainee, and to sustainable development projects in Southeast Asia through involvement in various non-profit entities. Tareen actively serves on the board of Partnership for the Education of Children of Afghanistan, a Minnesota-based non-profit organization that is currently building a girls' school in Khost Province in Afghanistan.

### **Tareen family creates nonprofit to assist earthquake victims**

Tareen and her parents have dedicated countless hours of volunteer work, as well as money, to assist during the aftermath of last year's earthquakes in Southeast Asia. Tareen and her parents, along with Tareen's friend, Anila Daulatzai, an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University, started a non-profit organization called OMEED to carry on disaster relief and sustainable development projects in Southeast Asia. OMEED, which means "hope" in Urdu, is short for Organization for Medical, Education and Economic Development. OMEED recently received a grant for \$140,000 from Operation USA, a Los Angeles-based disaster relief agency, to set up and fund the operation of two health-care clinics in remote areas of Pakistan that were hit hardest by the earthquake. The grant will help cover costs of construction, salaries of physicians and staff, medical supplies and an ambulance for one year. "My parents had recently retired when the earthquakes hit; they decided they wanted to go to Pakistan and be of service,"

says Tareen. Her father volunteered as a medical doctor in hospital camps in Azad, Kashmir and Rawalpindi, Pakistan and her mother assisted in distributing good, clothing, washing women's hair and listening to people speak of their losses.

While there, Rehana and Jamil witnessed that much long-term medical care such as physiotherapy as well as economic/education support would be needed by earthquake survivors in the years to come. Tareen and her parents conducted a feasibility study to determine the best sites for the clinics and began planning work for the clinic.



Jamil and Rehana Tareen are currently in Pakistan setting up the first clinic in

Azad Kashmir, which should be up and running by early June of 2006. The second clinic will be located in the Northwest Frontier Province (NWFP) in Pakistan and will be set up after the first clinic is fully established and running. OMEED's future projects include vocational training and micro-financing projects to help individuals in South Asia, including widows who lost their husbands in the earthquake, gain economic independence.

Tareen is thankful for the opportunities for success and happiness in her life. "I feel that being the child of first-generation immigrants makes me always be acutely aware that I am very privileged to have the comforts and opportunities I have had in my life, and I feel a great sense of obligation to give something back to the world."

"(Asmah) does an impressive job of honoring her past while building a strong future for herself, her family and her community."

Tareen is married to Amber Raza Naqvi and has twins, Zakir and Akeela, who turned three this July. Tareen, like many working mothers, finds it challenging at times to hold a full-time, professional career, commit time to sustainable development and humanitarian projects and balance that with raising her twins. Many working mothers struggle to find the right balance between work and family life. "I remember as young girl, when we'd arrive home after school, my mother would always have a homemade snack waiting for us on the table. I may not be able to do that for my children in the same way. Yet, I feel it is very important to go out and really engage in the world every day and do things for people (outside of one-self and one's immediate family) and I hope that by doing that, I can be a good role model and teacher to my kids."


"Asmah is very much in touch with her heritage," says Ann Ladd, one of Tareen's supervisors and a member of the Executive Committee at Fredrikson & Byron. "She does an impressive job of honoring her past while building a strong future for herself, her family and her community."

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## Letters to the Editor

### Should the ICM introduce a dress-code for students and staff?


by Asma and Afrah Mohammed

 As students we believe that imposing the dress code at the ICM is not the right thing to do. People should be given the privilege to choose what they wish to wear, but along with privilege comes responsibility. The ICM is a place where we gather to hang out, learn, and pray. All people are allowed there, but we should respect the teachings of the Qur'an. Showing up in tight jeans and sheer shirts isn't the greatest way to do that. I'm pretty sure that most of us don't have our mothers choosing outfits for us anymore, hopefully. As teenagers we're capable of choosing for ourselves, but try and choose wisely. So with that little bit, respect Allah, respect the people around you, respect yourself, and wear something modest.



### Lessons not learned

by Sister Ferial Abraham

 As I sat through several ICM general assembly meetings, I reflected upon past lessons about organizations. In 1969 and 1970, a U of MN graduate presided over MSA meetings. Then Robert's Rules of Order prevailed. The Egyptian brother, Mohammad Ezzat Abd-el-Mawgood, with a 1969 doctorate in education taught us how to be leaders and followers.

The lessons and role model are here but the torch has not been carried as I have observed by the conduct of some members. We must be good leaders and good followers.

To me, there appears to be a need to revive these lessons in our ICM organization. But who will do this teaching? Someone qualified, please step forward.




















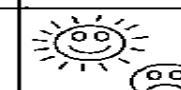















Concerned,  
Sister Ferial Abraham



## Kids Corner

Copy the following timetable of the five daily Salawat and hang it in your room. Color the happy face if you said your Salah and color the sad face for the times you did not say your Salah. Let us Pray to Allah (SWT) that He helps us to offer our prayers on time every day, Amin.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

	Fajr	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
<b>Monday</b>					
<b>Tuesday</b>					
<b>Wednesday</b>					
<b>Thursday</b>					
<b>Friday</b>					
<b>Saturday</b>					
<b>Sunday</b>					

## Practicing Hijab: There is No Easy Answer to the Question of Right and Wrong

by Nancy Karner, ICM Newsletter Editor

I was intrigued by a recent conversation between my mother and her dinner guests. Both guests, who wore hijabs, argued that it is not only important as a Muslim woman to wear the hijab, but it is a religious directive.

My mother, who doesn't cover her hair and may never do so, argued that it is not a religious directive, but a woman can wear a hijab if she chooses.

I felt the need to further research this topic, so my quest began. I grew up as a Muslim, studying Islam each Sunday, but the issue of the veil was never stressed. Maybe 10 percent of the women who attended the Islamic Center wore a veil outside of prayer. Twenty years later, the ratio has switched. The same transformation has occurred in much of the Muslim world.



Many Muslims view America and some European countries as biased against Muslims. France bans Muslim girls from wearing the hijab in public schools. This law not only forces segregation, but it also says loud and clear: "We do not accept outwardly practicing Muslims here." Many think: "We Americans are at war with terrorists, but what everyone sees is that we are at war with Muslim countries." So when Muslims are attacked politically and physically, it forces us to take sides and propels us to seek guidance in our faith, observing all of its practices, especially outwardly showing practices.

Photos of my mother growing up in Egypt show her and her friends wearing contemporary '50s-style clothing. None of them covered their hair. What caused the social climate back then? I found that one of the major influences was Huda Shaarawi.

Shaarawi (1879-1947) was an Egyptian philanthropist who was considered a central figure in early 20th-century Egyptian feminism. She grew up in the harem system, where she was secluded from men and veiled when she went out. In her book

"Harem Years," she described the system that was intended to confer respect upon women and separate women and children from men to be, in practice, a system that oppresses women. In 1923, she argued that women in Egypt historically had equal status to men, and only under foreign domination had women lost those rights. She also argued that Islam granted women equal rights to men, but that those in power had misinterpreted the Qur'an. Shaarawi then performed an act that became a central symbol of her life: She removed her veil in public at a Cairo train station, which inspired many women in Egypt to do the same.

Religious scholar Reza Aslan, author of "No God but God," asserts, "Although long seen as the most distinctive

emblem of Islam, the veil is, surprisingly, not enjoined upon Muslim women anywhere in the Qur'an." In the Ummah, or community of believers, there was no tradition of veiling until around 627 A.D., when the so-called "verse of hijab" suddenly descended. That verse, however, was addressed not to women in general, but exclusively to Mohammed's wives.



Some Muslims believe the practice of wearing a hijab is meant for all Muslim women, and because the prophet's wives observed hijab, shouldn't we all? It is definitely easier to find arguments for observing the hijab in today's social climate, but there is no easy answer to the question of right and wrong. This doesn't mean that observing hijab is not important because to many people, it is extremely important and also a right. I believe the most important thing that we as Muslims must remember is to be accepting and respectful of one another in our quest for spiritual guidance and have the strength to be united as Muslims.

*Nancy Karner is a freelance writer from Minneapolis.*

## Weekend School Teacher Appreciation Dinner

by Sumaiya Mamdani

On May 6, 2006, the Saturday and Sunday School Administration held an appreciation dinner for teachers and staff and a ceremony for all volunteers of the Saturday and Sunday School. The event was organized by Sr. Sumaiya Mamdani, a former teacher and current volunteer. More than 100 teachers and their families attended masha'Allah. The program included a discussion of plans for next year, words of appreciation given by Educational Director Sr. Onaiza and members of the Board, dinner and cake, and the presentation of plaques to the volunteers. This year, four "Best Teacher" awards were given from each the Saturday and Sunday

Schools. Alhamdulillah, all the teachers and their families seem to have enjoyed the event.

On behalf of ICM, we'd like to thank all the teachers and their families for their continued support and dedication! May Allah (SWT) reward you all with the best. Ameen.



## Muslim Youth of Minnesota Summer Camp

by Hurmah Zaheer Khan, MYM Member

MYM Summer Camp was the first camp I had ever joined, and it was a wonderful experience. It was a week long camp in which we did many moral activities. All the campers were divided in groups which were each accompanied by a counselor. Every group was assigned different duties for each day to be carried out after meals. Some of these duties were like cleaning the dishes and tables, taking out the trash, sweeping the floor, etc. At first, these duties sounded really boring, but as a group activity, it really turned into fun.



We used to offer all the five prayers as a jama'at. Every morning when we were done with the breakfast and our clean-up duties, we used to recite/memorize the Holy Quran. After the recitation/memorization, we had an hour long session of Seerah, in which we discussed Islamic issues on various topics. Later we had further discussions, for example about Leadership, Helping the poor, or Being true to yourself, along which we did activities related to them.

Everyday we had Team Building Exercises in which we played games or did stuff like event planning, puzzles, scenarios and skits, etc., which were quite entertaining for everyone. We also had an 'Activity of the Day', in which we learned American Sign Language. Other activities included Tae Kwon

Do, Decoration of Charity Boxes, Scavenger Hunt, and so on. There were around two and a half hours for games and sports every day. During that time we could play any game, or sport we wanted to play. There was a lake near the campsite where we did swimming, canoeing and kayaking. We also played basketball, soccer, badminton, lacrosse, etc.

Every night we had campfire. I really cherish those moments. We listened to scary stories and Nasheeds, and discussed Islamic questions/answers. These sessions were very informative as we openly asked any question regarding Islam.

In the last few days we had ping-pong, soccer and basketball tournaments for both boys and girls; the events were very exciting. On the last day there was an Awards Ceremony in which we received medals and certificates for active participation and those who won the tournaments were given trophies. In the camp importance was given to time management, which was quite beneficial in accomplishing the goals within the time frame.

Overall, the MYM camp was not limited to prayers only, rather all routine activities of fun and learning were performed within the religious boundaries defined by Islam and we all enjoyed it.



## Ramadan Fund Raising Dinner "Building a Masjid for Allah"



*"Whoever building for Allah a masjid, seeking by it Allah's grace, Allah will building for him a house in paradise."*  
(al-Bukhari and Muslim)

On Saturday, October 21, 2006, Masjid An Nur will hold its Ramadan Fund Raising Dinner "Building a Masjid for Allah" at **Hall Elementary School, 1601**

**Aldrich Ave. No., Minneapolis, MN. 55411**, immediately following maghrib prayer.

Masjid An Nur has broken ground on a \$1 million dollar Expansion and Renovation of its masjid. Designed by Muslim architect Aly El Nagdy, the new construction will feature the first masjid in Minnesota with a dome and minaret, along with an expanded musallah, completely new wudu stations for brothers and sisters, an expanded community room and new offices.

Every Muslim is invited to attend this event, and be a part of history in Minnesota.

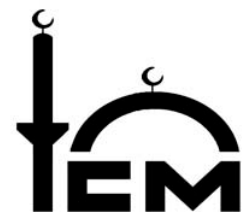
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Sumbal Mahmud

Editor-In-Chief,

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## ICM Raises Funds for the Victims of Lebanon

by Zarina Baber, ICM Social Director

The Islamic Center of MN organized a fund-raising dinner on Saturday, August 26th for the victims in Lebanon. The event started off with a peace vigil and prayers for the victims. Representatives from several churches and synagogues participated in the prayer ceremony.

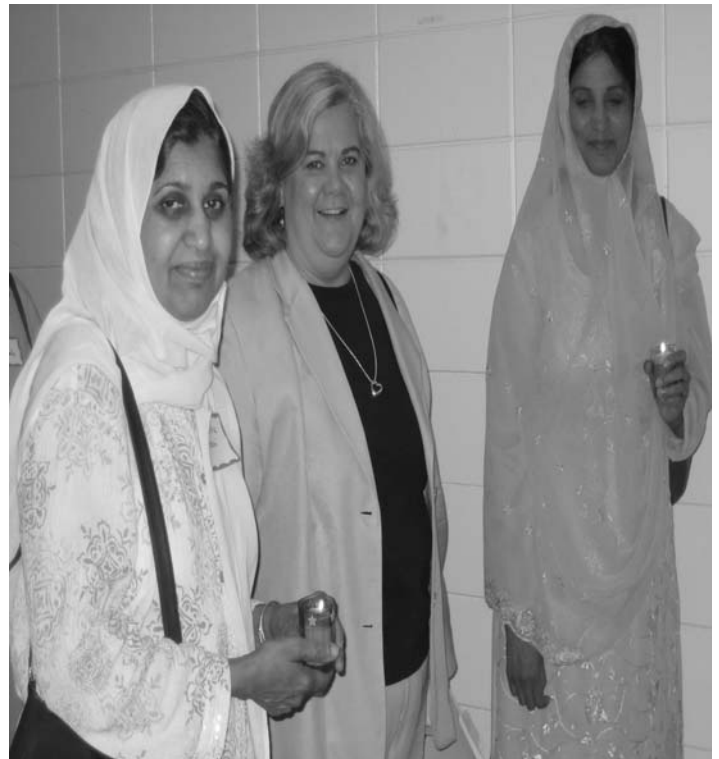
Dr. Abdul Karim Kaissi was one of the key-note speakers and narrated his and his family's experience of being in Lebanon during the conflict. The audience was spellbound by the presentation and the pictures that were shown. Robin Phillips, Executive Director of Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights spoke on the human cost of war around the globe. Keith Ellison, member of MN House of Representative addressed the

audience on peace as the basic principle of humanity while Dr. Hyder Khan presented the historical generosity of the ICM community in helping victims.



Representatives of the Muslim, Christian and Jewish faiths participate in a peace vigil.

Special thanks to Seema and Arif Altaf for their dedicated efforts in making this event successful. The community raised \$5,600 at the dinner and \$3,600 at jummah (Friday) prayers.





# Ground Breaking News...

by Zafar Siddiqui

Ma'Shallah! The official ground breaking for phase I of the ICM/Al-Amal School expansion took place on April 28, 2006. This historical event was attended by Mayor Scott Lund, City Manager Bill Burns, Congressman Satveer Choudhry, ICM Council Chair Dr. Irfan Sandozi, ICM President Anwar AbdelKarim, Al-Amal Chairman Dr. Onder Uluyol, Al-Amal board member Br. Abdisalam Adam, ICM Council member Br. Owais Bayunus, Sh. Farooq Assamarai, and Fridley Police Chief Dan Abbot.

expansion of Al-Shaifa Clinic and the Library/Bookstore.

A fundraising dinner hosted by Al-Amal School took place on June 18, 2006 at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Brooklyn Center . The guest lecturer for the evening was renowned speaker Dr. Jamal Badawi.

Construction Manager, William Meinhardt was hired on June 1, 2006 and digging started on June 19, 2006. Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed in December 2006, insha'Allah.

Phase 1 will expand Al-Amal School to include nine additional classrooms, a computer lab, a physics lab, a chemistry lab, and the school's main office.

Phase 2 will include a multipurpose room that will be used for Prayer, banquets and a gymnasium. Phase 2 will also include an



## Prayer Times - Month of October

## Prayer Times - Month of November


Day	October	Hijri	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Sun	1	8/9	5:51	7:09	1:03	4:18	6:56	8:16
Mon	2	9/9	5:53	7:12	1:03	4:15	6:52	8:12
Tue	3	10/9	5:55	7:13	1:03	4:14	6:50	8:11
Wed	4	11/9	5:56	7:14	1:02	4:13	6:48	8:09
Thu	5	12/9	5:57	7:16	1:02	4:11	6:47	8:07
Fri	6	13/9	5:58	7:17	1:02	4:10	6:45	8:05
Sat	7	14/9	6:00	7:18	1:01	4:08	6:43	8:03
Sun	8	15/9	6:00	7:18	1:01	4:08	6:43	8:03
Mon	9	16/9	6:02	7:21	1:01	4:06	6:39	7:59
Tue	10	17/9	6:03	7:22	1:00	4:04	6:37	7:58
Wed	11	18/9	6:05	7:23	1:00	4:03	6:36	7:56
Thu	12	19/9	6:06	7:24	1:00	4:02	6:34	7:54
Fri	13	20/9	6:07	7:26	1:00	4:00	6:32	7:52
Sat	14	21/9	6:08	7:27	12:59	3:59	6:30	7:51
Sun	15	22/9	6:08	7:27	12:59	3:59	6:30	7:51
Mon	16	23/9	6:10	7:28	12:59	3:57	6:29	7:49
Tue	17	24/9	6:12	7:31	12:59	3:55	6:25	7:46
Wed	18	25/9	6:13	7:32	12:59	3:53	6:23	7:44
Thu	19	26/9	6:15	7:34	12:58	3:52	6:22	7:42
Fri	20	27/9	6:16	7:35	12:58	3:51	6:20	7:41
Sat	21	28/9	6:17	7:36	12:58	3:50	6:18	7:39
Sun	22	29/9	6:18	7:38	12:58	3:48	6:17	7:38
Mon	23	1/10	6:18	7:38	12:58	3:48	6:17	7:38
Tue	24	2/10	6:21	7:40	12:58	3:46	6:14	7:35
Wed	25	3/10	6:22	7:42	12:58	3:44	6:12	7:33
Thu	26	4/10	6:23	7:43	12:57	3:43	6:10	7:32
Fri	27	5/10	6:24	7:44	12:57	3:42	6:09	7:30
Sat	28	6/10	6:26	7:46	12:57	3:41	6:07	7:29
Sun	29	7/10	5:27	6:47	11:57	2:40	5:06	6:28
Mon	30	8/10	5:28	6:48	11:57	2:38	5:04	6:26
Tue	31	9/10	5:29	6:50	11:57	2:37	5:03	6:25

Day	November	Hijri	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Wed	1	10/10	5:31	6:51	11:57	2:36	5:01	6:24
Thu	2	11/10	5:32	6:53	11:57	2:35	5:00	6:22
Fri	3	12/10	5:33	6:54	11:57	2:34	4:59	6:21
Sat	4	13/10	5:34	6:55	11:57	2:33	4:57	6:20
Sun	5	14/10	5:35	6:57	11:57	2:32	4:56	6:19
Mon	6	15/10	5:37	6:58	11:57	2:31	4:55	6:18
Tue	7	16/10	5:38	6:59	11:57	2:30	4:53	6:17
Wed	8	17/10	5:39	7:01	11:57	2:29	4:52	6:16
Thu	9	18/10	5:40	7:02	11:57	2:28	4:51	6:15
Fri	10	19/10	5:41	7:04	11:57	2:27	4:50	6:14
Sat	11	20/10	5:41	7:04	11:57	2:27	4:50	6:14
Sun	12	21/10	5:44	7:06	11:58	2:25	4:48	6:12
Mon	13	22/10	5:45	7:08	11:58	2:24	4:46	6:11
Tue	14	23/10	5:46	7:09	11:58	2:23	4:45	6:10
Wed	15	24/10	5:47	7:10	11:58	2:22	4:44	6:09
Thu	16	25/10	5:48	7:12	11:58	2:22	4:43	6:08
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Wed	22	1/11	5:55	7:20	12:00	2:18	4:38	6:04
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Wed	29	8/11	6:03	7:29	12:02	2:15	4:34	6:01
Thu	30	9/11	6:04	7:30	12:02	2:14	4:34	6:01



## News



- \* Dr. Onaza Ansar resigned as the Education Director. She will be missed.
- \* Nancy (Ahmed) Karner and Jeff Karner are happy to introduce their 2nd baby girl Eva Mae Karner born 8/8/06. 
- \* Indian Muslim Relief Charities (IMRC) and Supporters of Human Rights in India (SHRI) arranged a House Party/Fundraiser at the home of Hyder Khan and Nazneen Khatoon on May 21, 2006. The goal was to raise awareness and funds to benefit legal justice in Gujrat. The guest speaker was Harsh Mander, an advocate for the riot victims of the 2002 genocide in Gujrat.

*To learn more or to donate to this cause, contact:  
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*3008 University Ave. SE  
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## ICM Staff and Volunteers

Parents, help your children make "Thank You" cards for an ICM staff member or volunteer. Your children will learn the importance of recognizing those who help them, and the staff members/volunteers will feel appreciated.

## Modern Muslim Manners

### **E-mail Etiquette**

Use of all capital letters in composing an e-mail is considered "yelling" and is rude. Refrain from using "ALL CAPS" when sending an e-mail.

### **When Entering the Islamic Center**

Greet fellow members, visitors, staff and volunteers with *Assalaam Alaykum* (greeting of 'peace') and with a smile (Prophet Muhammad, may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him, said that smiling is considered an act of charity). Use the same professional manners you would employ with your staff and co-workers. Say "please" and "thank you" and use a polite indoor-voice to converse with one another.

## Recent ICM Events - 2006



**April 15: Milad (Qur'an reading, Zikar ~ Remembrance of Allah)**

**April 23: Spring Bazaar**

**May 6: ICM Weekend School Teacher Appreciation Dinner**

**May 13: ICM Weekend School Field Trip to the Minnesota Zoo**

**May 21: ICM Weekend School Graduation & ICM Picnic**



**August 5: MYM Summer Camp**

**August 13: Milad-Serat al Nabi & ICM Weekend School Field Trip to the Minnesota Science Museum**

**August 20: ICM Weekend School & MYM Field Trip to the Twins/White Sox game**

**August 26: Lebanon Peace Vigil, Dinner, and Fundraiser**



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## Muslims Silent in the Anti-War Movement: An Explanation

by *Sumbal Mahmud*

To those of you protesting the war on Iraq, on behalf of the Muslim-Americans, I offer my sincere thanks and a humble explanation for our silence.

*“Silence is the true friend that never betrays”*—Confucius.

Indeed, many Muslim-Americans find that silence is our best friend in times like these. We Muslim-Americans are not afraid to protest the war on Iraq. We are afraid of having our intentions misjudged. There is no doubt that many will view a vocal Muslim protest to the war with suspicion. Most Muslim-Americans are immigrants - patriotic American immigrants, might I add. Immigrants who are helping to build this country that we all call home. However, many Muslims fear that being at the forefront of protests will lead them to be labeled as immigrants who do not deserve to be in this country.

This is surely not a case of paranoia amongst the Muslim-American community. Muhammad Ali, one of the greatest Americans of our times, was accused of being unpatriotic for protesting and refusing to serve in the war in Vietnam. We ask ourselves, If Muhammad Ali was vilified in this way, what will happen to us? In fact, the public's reaction to mass Muslim



protests against the war may have the unwanted effect of diverting attention from the great work other antiwar activists are doing.

Like all immigrant communities before us, we Muslim-Americans (most of whom are first- or second-generation immigrants) are trying to weave our way into the fabric of American society. Many still feel that we have to prove our Americanism, prove our loyalty to the U.S., and prove that we too abhor terrorism. We feel that to demonstrate against the wars on Iraq and Afghanistan may be perceived, wrongly, as an allegiance to “them”—the enemy. We do not want to increase the mistrust and misunderstanding many people have about our religion and our people.

We all know the mantra “You are either with us or against us.” Post-9/11 Muslim-Americans are struggling to be accepted as the “us” in that equation. We appreciate the work you are doing in protesting the war. It is because of you that we can afford to remain silent. If you look carefully, you will see that we are not merely sitting on the sidelines, we are nodding our heads, silently cheering and giving thanks.

*Sumbal Mahmud is the communications director for the Islamic Center of Minnesota, where she serves as a member of the board of directors and has taught Islamic studies for the past twelve years.*

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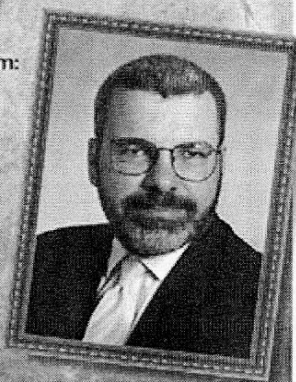
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A Minnesota chapter of the national civil rights organization, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, is in its final stages of becoming an affiliated chapter. This is a great volunteer opportunity for those who stand for civil rights and want to see an end to the discrimination and other injustices committed against Muslims right here in Minnesota.

CAIR National is the strongest Muslim civil rights organization in the United States. To learn more about the important work CAIR National does and to subscribe to their email list, please visit:

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The Women's Society at the Islamic Center has established an account to collect, and distribute, money earmarked *sadaqa jaria* (continuous charity). Money donated into this fund will be used to promote Qur'an studies and Islamic education for those in need.

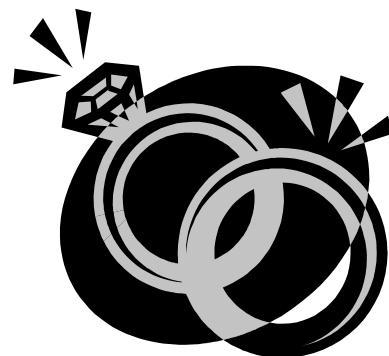


For more information please contact:  
 Sister Lubna at: 763-557-0255 or Sr. Saeeda  
 at 651-633-4848.

Salima Currimbhoy, daughter of Naheed and Farid Currimbhoy, married Hanif Nu'man on September 16, 2006 in the Currimbhoy family home.



A lovely reception took place the next day. We congratulate Naheed, Farid and the bride's brother Shakir on this joyous occasion. Salima and Hanif will be residing in Madison, Wisconsin. Please remember the new couple in your *Duw'as* (prayers).



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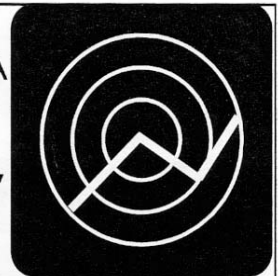
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