



Amroha International Society

This quarterly newsletter provides information about the latest activities of the Amroha International Society and shares the stories and news of its members.

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Meeting AIS friends in the United States and Canada

On 8 June 2009, I set off for the United States and Canada to meet many AIS friends and to meet new supporters.

During my recent visit to USA and Canada I had the pleasure of meeting Amrohivis in Arlington, Houston, Mt Laurel, Woodbridge, Boston, Springfield and Toronto.

I presented a power point presentation on the activities of the AIS in the home of Mr. Askari Naqvi in Houston and in Toronto, in the home of Mr. Hasan Hadi, who had both invited interested people to come and learn about the organisation.

The responses to the presentations were excellent and resulted in both



Presenting the power point presentation in Houston in June 2009

recruitment of new members and new donors.

I was also very pleased by the reaction of many young Amrohivis to the website, which explains now the high number of hits every month!

I would like to warmly thank Mr. Askari Naqvi and Mr. Hasan Hadi for their generosity, enthusiasm and hospitality in hosting and facilitating these productive meetings.

Story by Ikram Naqvi



Amrohivis in Houston attend meeting

EDITOR'S NOTE

This newsletter is being written in The Hague, where I am visiting my daughter and son in law, during my worldwide tour. I have mostly been based in London with my son and his family, but previously I was privileged to stay with many friends and AIS members living in the USA and Canada. Thank you for your warmth and hospitality.

During this trip, I presented a power point presentation on the AIS and its projects to groups in both countries. The response to these presentations was very encouraging and many new donors have chosen to help Amrohivis with eye operations for US\$50. I am also delighted by the response of our previous donors who have paid for this year. This allows us to prepare the budget for our charity work.

It is good to see that people like Javed Asghar and Shajee Siddiqui have honored their fathers by initiating scholarships in their names by paying US\$250.

Our scholarships are promoted by the Aligarh Muslim University and Jamia Millia Islamia at present. We are looking forward to receiving new applications for next academic year 2010-2011.

The third AIS Cataract Camp took place 13 July 2009. Again, it was a great success. More news about the camp and photos of the camp and of patients after their operations will feature in the next newsletter and will be posted on the website.

It is great to see so many children graduating high school with honors in the USA. Well done and good luck for the future!

Ikram Naqvi



Photos from the Toronto Meeting

AIS presentation in Toronto on 11 June 2009



Amrohivis attending the Toronto meeting



AIS Scholarship Program

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Facebook Amrohvis

There are many Amrohivis on Facebook. We will try to encourage them to visit www.amrohainternationalsociety.com/ and hopefully register as members on line.

Please visit Facebook on the following address: <http://apps.facebook.com/causes/217801?m=3f1cca43>

AIS Website

The number of monthly hits on the AIS website continues to be over 6000. In June 2009, there were 6180 hits and so far in July, 5842 hits. Most hits were in Australia, India, UK, Canada and the US. Thanks for visiting. We are in the process of making some exciting changes in the website to make it easier to navigate and more enjoyable.

Donations

Thanks to all our previous donors for paying their 2009 donation. Many members are supporting Amrohivis who require eye surgery. Javed Asghar Naqvi of Springfield, MA of USA has honored his father by naming a scholarship in the name of Mr. Ibne Asghar Naqvi. Shaji Siddiqui of California has done the same for his father, Professor Dilnawaz Siddiqui.

Thank you in particular to the following new donors who responded positively to my recent Power Point presentations in USA and Canada:

Haider Naqvi, Salman Naqvi, Hasnain Naqvi, Naeem Haider Naqvi, Ali Goher Naqvi, Zulfiqar Hasnain Naqvi, Raza Naqvi, Abad Naqvi, Javed Naqvi, Safia Sultana, Muhammad Naqvi and Vijay Singh Dasour.

Membership

Our membership has now grown to 380 people representing 20 countries. It is also good to see an increase in the online registration.

Third Cataract Camp

The third AIS Cataract Camp took place in Amroha on 13 July 2009. It was again a big success with 135 registered patients. A full story with pictures will be presented in the next newsletter.



Trip to Zambia

Recently, Sheeraz Naqvi, of London, United Kingdom, travelled to Zambia with his college classmates to take part in voluntary work helping those in need.

I recently went to Zambia with a group of students from my college which lasted 17 days in which I had the most exhilarating, amazing and spectacular time abroad.

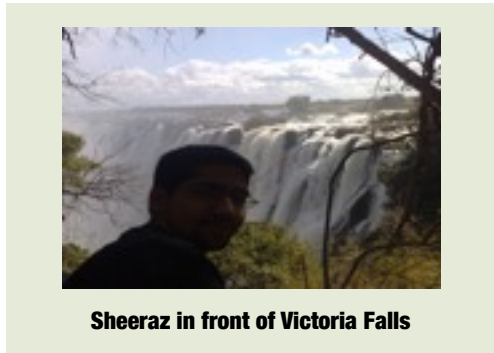
The main aim of my trip was to gain first hand experience of how poor people live in Zambia and to also take part in voluntary work. This was partly achieved with us staying under conditions that the poor usually stay in.

We were provided the basic means of living such as basic showers and staple food. Zambia showed a bit of both worlds with both the rich and poor living together. This has allowed me to gather a greater understanding of what life actually is and how sometimes we take things for granted.

Although I did not stay in Zambia for a long period of time, I sure did make the most of the time we had. My way of helping the poor in Zambia was to take

solar products from the UK and distribute them to those I felt most needed them. To young children I also gave colouring books and pencils.

My trip to Zambia was



Sheeraz in front of Victoria Falls

sponsored by various companies around the world as well as individual donors.

We visited a school for disabled children called 'Donata' then visited HIV/AIDS patients where we helped patients' in house chores. The group was split up into teams of four when we went to Miloso School. All

the teams had to teach a specific grades various subjects, including English and Maths, for the whole day. We also helped out painting a classroom and

building an adventure

playground. A local school from Chengelo also took part in various initiative tests (fun games).

Although Zambia is a beautiful country with some impressive scenery, poverty is what dominates many regions. One is taken aback when you notice children walking miles to school

or mothers carrying their children whilst also balancing a bucket of water over their heads. This is the every day picture of a Zambian's life.

During our stay, we learnt a lot about Zambian culture and the respect they show towards one another. We took part in various traditional songs of praise, dances and performances which symbolised the bond within society. It also proved that people are more than happy with the most minimal of goods. The local language of 'Bemba' which is commonly used by Zambians was fun to learn.

I would recommend everyone to go to Zambia, but remember to take at least two memory cards for your camera, because you will definitely take hundreds of photos!

Story by Sheeraz Naqvi



Tera Rajab

Tera Rajab, which celebrates Hazrat Ali's birthday was celebrated around the world in July 2009, often by the reciting of poetry. This colourful photo depicts one celebration in Houston, United States. A wonderful evening of poetry was also enjoyed in London.

News from AIS members

The latest news in the last quarter

Wedding in Houston

Congratulations to Salman and Najma Naqvi of Houston on the wedding on 14 June in Houston of their daughter Syeda Kehkashan Fatima to Farman Naqvi of Agra.



Academic honours

Congratulations are due to Naima and Reja, daughters of Javed and

Tasleem Naqvi of Springfield, USA for honors award for excellence at school.



Congratulations to Wajiha Raza Naqvi, daughter of Raza and

Zehra Naqvi of Houston on the High School graduation with Honors.

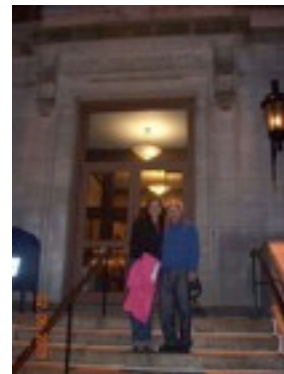


Graduations

Congratulations to Batool and family who graduated from Hofstra University, New York with a degree in Political Science and Religion few days ago. She is now an Alumna of Hofstra.

Zainab Khan at Harvard University

Ikram Naqvi had the pleasure of visiting his niece Zainab in Boston and saw her Dental school at Harvard University. They enjoyed Rogan Josh in her apartment after sightseeing in Boston.



If you have news you wish to share with the AIS community, let us know so we can include it in our next newsletter.

Happy Birthday Fizza

Happy 8th Birthday Fizza, daughter of Shahab and Sadaf in Toronto on 23rd June. [Editors Note: I also enjoyed the cake!]



Happy Birthday Zain and Amaan

Congratulations to Kamal and Sabiha Naqvi of London, UK, for their son's birthdays on 1 and 19 July respectively. Zain turned one and his older brother Amaan eight.



News from Sadequain Foundation

Collection of Rubaiyyat by Sadequain

SADEQUAIN Foundation will publish a limited edition of the "Collection of Rubaiyyat by Sadequain" in the summer of 2009. Sadequain privately published the collection in 1970s, but it was never commercially available. The National Book Academy bestowed first prize for that year. The book, sized 12 x 12 inch, is a hard cover coffee table version, composed, inscribed, and illustrated with exquisite drawings by Sadequain. A rare collection for a connoisseur of poetry and art.

Sadequain Painting to be displayed in United States House of Congress

July 18 - Sadequain, who was responsible for the renaissance of Islamic calligraphy in Pakistan and was one of the most widely recognized artists in the country, will now be displayed in the United States House of Congress.

Sadequain's grand son Junaid Ali Naqvi recently presented Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (D-MD) from the 4th District of Maryland a giclee oil on canvas replica of Sadequain's famous 1971 3-ships piece.

The original piece was presented by then Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi at the Shimla convention after the 1971 war between the two neighboring countries.



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