

United Sri Lankan Muslim Association of Australia

USMAA
25th
Anniversary
1990 - 2015

Message from our President



Miqsan Mohinudeen

USMAA President

2015-16

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

Assalaamu Alaikum (peace be upon you) and Welcome.

It is my tremendous pleasure to welcome you all to the 25th Anniversary celebration of the United Sri Lankan Muslim Association of Australia (USMAA).

Tonight we will look back at USMAA's milestones since its inception in 1990 and mark the occasion with entertainment from our talented youngsters who will no doubt form a critical part of USMAA's landscape over the next 25 years.

USMAA was founded in 1990 by a small group of families and individuals with a view to establish a social and a spiritual platform for the local Sri Lankan Muslim community and new migrants. Over the years, USMAA's membership has flourished and its purpose expanded to service the various needs of its community members.

Special purpose sub-committees now exist to cater for the needs of our senior citizens and to establish a vibrant and energetic platform for our youth to engage in community building and other peer support activities.

USMAA now provides invaluable support in facilitating Janaza (Muslim burial) processes and promotes community bonding particularly through its spiritual events during the holy month of Ramadan.

USMAA has also been at the forefront of fundraising efforts to support victims of the 2004 Tsunami disaster and the recent Syrian refugee crisis, women's welfare and educational programs in Sri Lanka, charities such as the Breast Cancer Council, Red Kite and Alzheimer's Australia amongst other local and international humanitarian causes.

USMAA has come a long way since it was founded when I was just a young child. I am confident and look forward to seeing USMAA build on its strengths and continue making a remarkable impact on the Australian society over the years to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our founder members, past presidents, trustees and other community members who have tirelessly served this great association over the last 25 years.

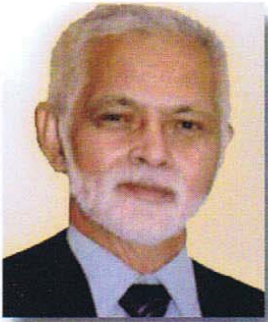
I also thank you all for your continued support of USMAA over the years.

Lastly I thank Almighty Allah without whom none of this is possible.

Yours Sincerely

Miqsan Mohinudeen

Message from Our Chairperson



Eddie Dole

*Chair of 25th Anniversary Committee
& USMAA Trustee*

In the name of Allah, the most beneficent and the most merciful

It gives me great pleasure as the Chairperson of USMAA's 25th Anniversary Celebration committee, the first President and also one of the Trustees of this Association, to welcome you all to join us in the celebration tonight of this young and dynamic organisation.

USMAA has not only served her members well but also non-members and others further afield namely, Sri Lanka. USMAA has stood shoulder to shoulder with those needing our help and assistance in the most critical of times. The recognition USMAA has received from the Victorian Government (as cited in Hansard) the Ethnic Council of Vic. and presentations made by the Governors of Vic to our members through the years, bear testimony of the dedicated and humble service of USMAA members to the community.

I wish USMAA all the very best and continued success in all her endeavours with the loyal support of friends and well-wishers like you, in the years ahead, by the Grace of God - Insha Allah Ameen.

Yours Sincerely

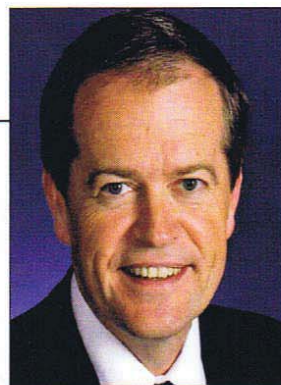
Eddie Dole



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Message from the Leader of the Opposition

The Hon Bill Shorten MP



**THE HON BILL SHORTEN MP
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
MEMBER FOR MARIBYRNONG**

MESSAGE

UNITED SRI LANKAN MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (USMAA INC) 25TH ANNIVERSARY

It gives me great pleasure to send my best wishes to the United Sri Lankan Muslim Association of Australia (USMAA) on the auspicious occasion of their 25th Anniversary.

For a quarter of a century the United Sri Lankan Association of Australia has been a leader in promoting Australia's rich multiculturalism, while also fostering harmony and understanding in the community.

By harnessing the vitality and creativity of the people of the world we build a stronger Australian economy. By drawing on the strength of their cultural traditions we build a confident, dynamic and wonderfully diverse Australia.

The Australian Labor Party has always recognised the extraordinary contribution that migrants make to our country. I firmly believe that migration has transformed Australia into an incredibly vibrant and prosperous country.

Modern Australia would be unrecognisable without the extraordinary contribution made by Sri Lankan migrants.

On behalf of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party, I wish you all the best for a successful evening.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bill Shorten'.

**Bill Shorten
Leader of the Opposition**



Message from the Premier of Victoria

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP



The Hon Daniel Andrews MP

Premier of Victoria



MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

It gives me great pleasure to extend my best wishes to the United Sri Lankan Muslim Association of Australia as you celebrate your 25th Anniversary.

This significant milestone is testament to the commitment and dedication of your Association to your community for more than two decades.

The Victorian Government believes that our diverse multicultural and multifaith communities are one of the State's greatest assets.

The Victorian Government is proud of the relationship we have developed with the Sri Lankan Islamic community, which has contributed significantly to the State's social, cultural and economic prosperity.

On behalf of the Victorian Government, I extend to your Association my great thanks and heartfelt congratulations on this auspicious occasion.

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier



Message from the Chief Guest for Tonight

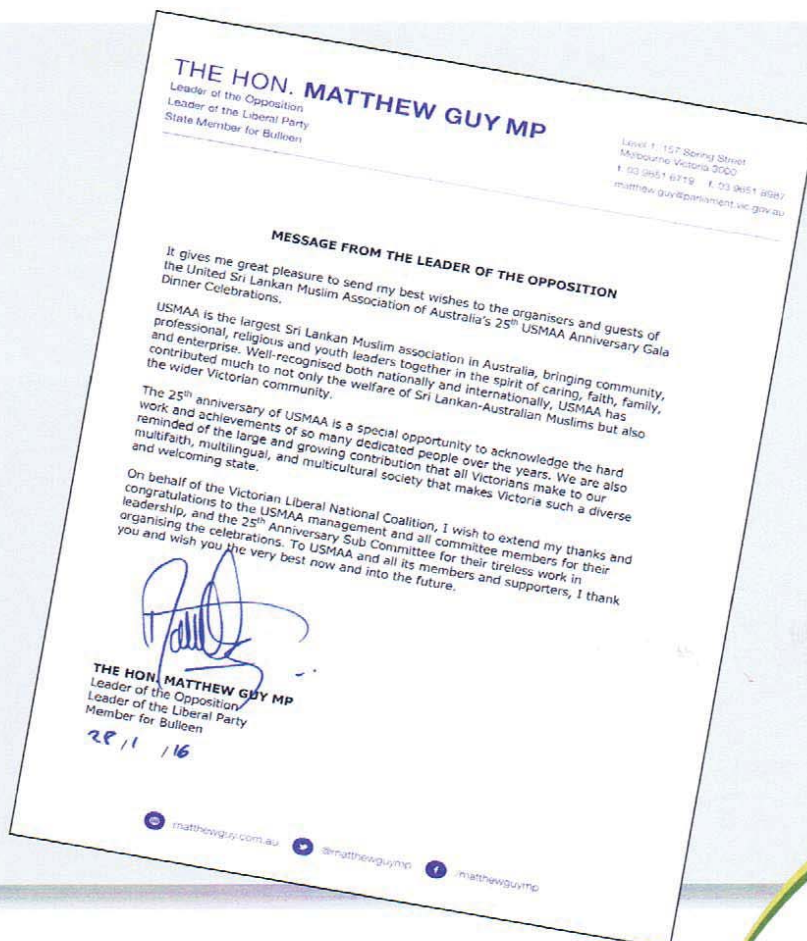
The Hon Robin Scott MP

Minister for Multicultural Affairs



Message from the Leader of the Opposition

The Hon Matthew Guy MP

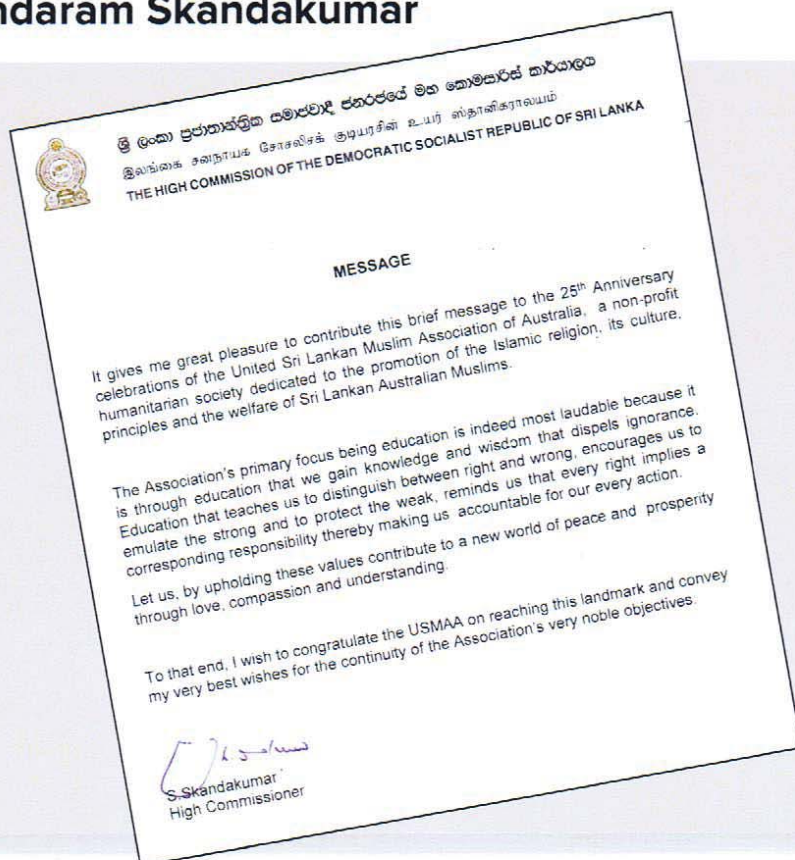


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Message from the High Commissioner

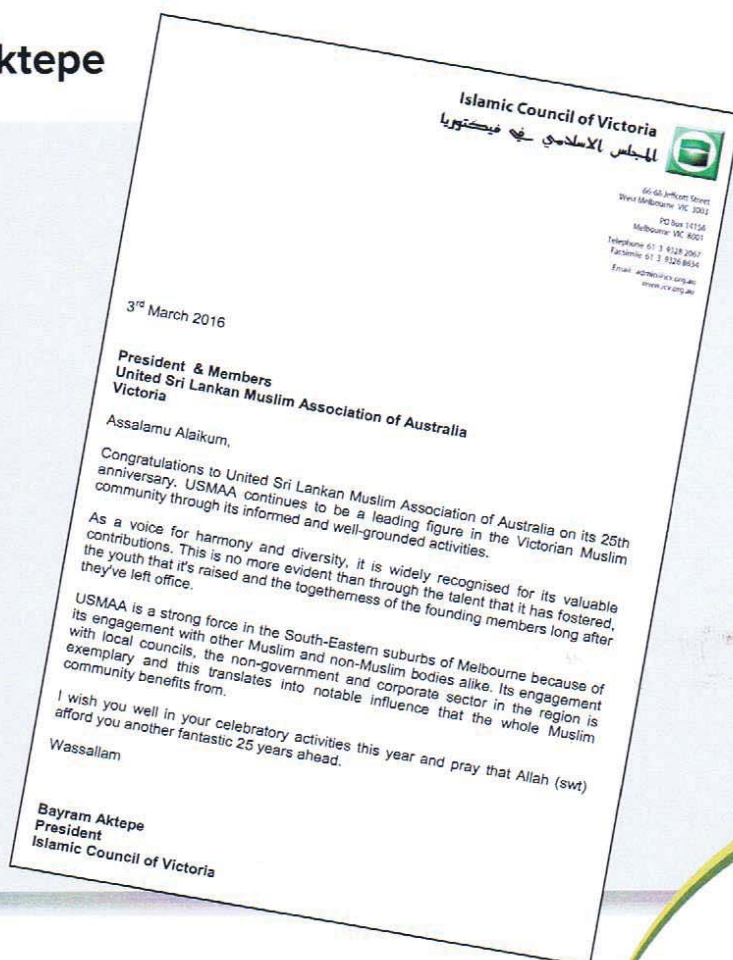
His Excellency

Somasundaram Skandakumar



Message from the President of the Islamic Council of Victoria

Mr. Bayram Aktepe



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Programme

Arrival of Guests

Ziraath, Br. Ali Haniffa

Welcome by hosts, Sis. Shazma Gaffoor & Br. Hanif Mohamed

Australian & Sri Lankan National Anthems

Cultural Program by the Children of USMAA

Address by USMAA 25th Anniversary Committee Chairperson, Br. Eddie Dole

Address by President of USMAA, Br. Miqsan Mohinudeen

Sounds of the Children of USMAA

Entree & break for Maghrib



Address by Consul General of Sri Lanka, Mr. Prasanna Gamage

A Trip Down Memory Lane - 25 Years of USMAA, Dr. Fahmi Haniffa

Who is the Ultimate USMAA Expert?

Acknowledgement of USMAA's Past Presidents, Br. Miqsan Mohinudeen

Address by the Chief Guest, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Hon. Robin Scott MP

Address by Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Mrs. Inga Peulich MP

The Great Debate: Life in Australia v Life in Sri Lanka

Vote of Thanks, Sis. Sithy Marikar

Dinner

Dessert & Coffee to follow



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Menu

Entrée

Thai Beef Salad

(aromatic beef salad with lemon flavoured coriander leaves refreshing cucumber and crunchy Asian greens)

Sechuzan Pepper Crusted Calamari

(salt and pepper calamari with tomato nahm-jim, crispy rocket and seasonal greens)

Mains buffet

Vegetable Biryani

Tamarind rice

Roti

Chicken & Okra Curry

Prawn and Calamari devilled

Zodiac beef

Eggplant and Inala pahi

Potato and dry fish

Mushroom and cashew curry

Malay pickle

Cucumber raita

Pappadums with curd chilli

Lime pickle with chopped onions

Beetroot and onion salad

Tuna pasta salad

Egg and celery salad

Dessert

Chocolate pot

Walnut and fig pudding

About USMAA

The United Sri Lankan Muslim Association of Australia (USMAA) has been in existence for 25 years since its inception on 22 December 1990. USMAA is a not-for-profit cultural, social, religious and humanitarian organisation, dedicated to the promotion of harmonisation, the Islamic religion, the Sri-Lankan culture and the welfare of Sri Lankan Muslims across Australia.

The organisation is run entirely by volunteers within the community who are elected annually by USMAA members. All legal persons who belong to the Sri Lankan Muslim community and reside in Australia are eligible for Membership with the Association.

The major purpose of USMAA is to offer a cultural, social and religious space for the Sri Lankan Muslim community in Victoria to connect with each other and with the wider Australian community also.

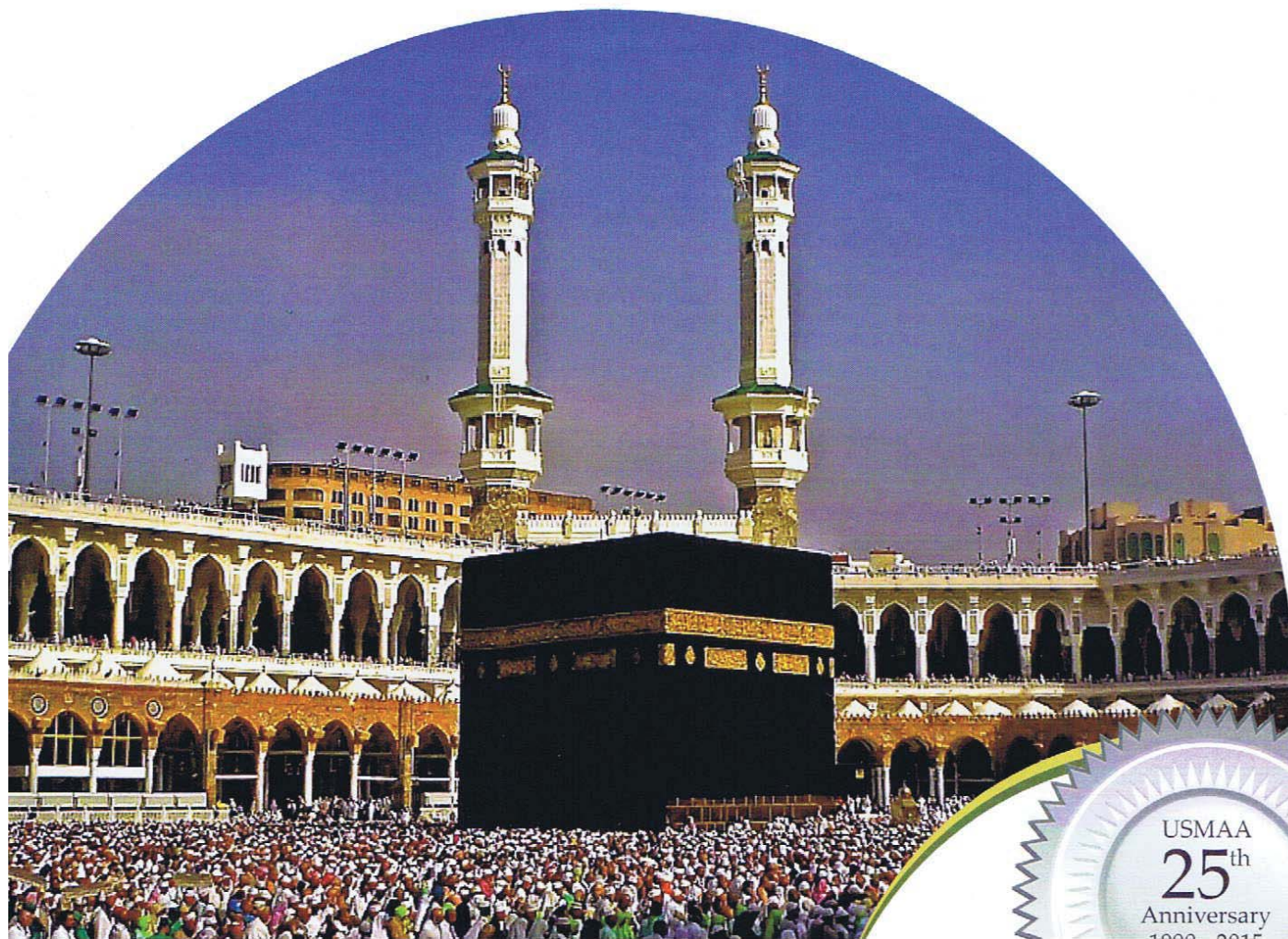
To this end, USMAA has organised many Sports Days, Ladies' Nights, Trivia Nights, specific youth-targeted events, religious events, etc. Importantly, USMAA provides funeral services for Muslims in Victoria,

supporting families who require significant financial assistance in their time of need.

Organising various fundraising events and supporting many charities across Australia have remained a major focus for the organisation throughout its existence. Such charities include Alzheimer's Australia, the Breast Cancer Foundation, the Tsunami Appeal, the Redkite Appeal and many more. Furthermore, USMAA makes an active effort to participate in various multicultural events across Victoria in an effort to connect with the Australian community at large.

Moving into the next era, USMAA's priorities involve the construction of a community centre for youth and adults alike, in addition to increased collaboration with various organisations across Victoria to support community-focused fundraising initiatives.

USMAA now has a membership of over 400 people. With the continued support of USMAA members and the wider Australian community, the organisation will continue to grow and reach new heights.



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Establishment of a Community Centre

The United Sri Lankan Muslim Association of Australia Inc (USMAA) is a non-profit making religious and humanitarian society dedicated to the promotion of the Islamic religion, culture, principles and the welfare of Sri Lankan-Australian Muslims.

Since 1990 USMAA has been successful in providing and supporting local community services, religious activities, youth activities, educational programs, ladies programs, local and international relief programs, Janaza (funeral) support services and much more.

Since these services have been provided to the community for the last 25 years without a permanent base, there has been a long felt need for the establishment of a community centre. This centre will act as a hub for most

of USMAA community services, especially the youth, children and new arrivals and senior citizens.

This centre will provide a forum for interaction with the wider community.

We are excited to announce that the USMAA Community Centre Launch night has been scheduled for Saturday 7th May 2016. We kindly request members and well-wishers to attend this landmark event and support this worthy cause for the benefit of yourself and your future generations!

Inshallah, we look forward to seeing you all on 7th May 2016.

***USMAA Community Centre Project
Management Team***



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Presidents

YEAR	PRESIDENT	
1991/1992	Br. Eddie Dole	
1992/1993	Dr. Yoosuf Cader/Dr. Fahmi Haniffa	 
1993/1994	Br. Nisthar Buhary	
1994/1995	Br. Jiffrey Marikar	
1995/1996	Br. Sherajh Rahim	
1996/1997	Br. Eddie Dole	
1997/1998	Br. Mohamed Salahudeen	
1998/1999	Br. Jeno Azoor	
1999/2000	Br. Mohamed Najeeb	
2000/2001	Br. Nuwaiz Amirdeen	
2001/2002	Dr. Fahmi Haniffa	
2002/2003	Br. Mohamed Mohideen	
2003/2004	Dr. Ahamed Amirudin/Br. Mohamed Mohideen	 

Presidents



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2004/2005	Br. Imtiaz Mohamed		
2005/2006	Br. Mohamed Mohideen		
2006/2007	Br. Hamid Farouque		
2007/2008	Br. Mohamed Mohideen		
2008/2009	Dr. Aqa Tokhi		
2009/2010	Br. Fahme Abulhasan		
2010/2011	Dr. Fahmi Haniffa		
2011/2012	Br. Nazeem Yakoob		
2012/2013	Br. Mohamed Mohideen		
2013/2014	Br. Faizal Izzedeem		
2014/2015	Br. Faizal Izzedeem		
2015/2016	Br. Miqsan Mohinudeen		



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2013/2014	Br. Faizal Izzedeem		
2014/2015	Br. Faizal Izzedeem		
2015/2016	Br. Miqsan Mohinudeen		



USMAA Management Committee 2015/16

President: Br. Miqsan Mohinudeen



Vice President: Br. Sadir Mohiyadeen



Treasurer: Br. Ziad Singhawansa



Assistant Treasurer: Br. Haneef Mohinudeen



Secretary: Sr. Shazia Faleel



Assistant Secretary: Br. Omar Haniffa



Editor: Br. Jazeer Nijamudeen



Committee Member: Sr. Shazrina Imtiaz



Committee Member: Sr. Sithy Marikar



Committee Member: Br. Nizar Haniffa



Committee Member: Br. Ishrath Batcha



Immediate Past President - Br. Faizal Izzedeen



Trustees 2014/17

Dr. Fahmi Haniffa



Br. Eddie Dole



Sr. Sithy Marikar



25th Anniversary Committee

Br. Eddie Dole (Chairperson)
Dr. Fahmi Haniffa
Br. Imtiaz Mohamed
Br. Haneef Mohinudeen
Br. Mohamed Salahudeen
Br. Mohamed Mohideen
Br. Mohamed Najeeb
Br. Sadir Mohiyadeen

Br. Faizal Izzedeen
Br. Bawa Razack
Sr. Sithy Marikar
Sr. Shazia Faleel
Sr. Farah Dole
Sr. Nazreen Dole
Sr. Shameera Salahudeen
Sr. Shazrina Imtiaz

Sr. Lamiya Marikar
Sr. Zeenath Singhawansa
Sr. Sheroza Imtiaz
Br. Hanif Mohamed
Sr. Shazma Gaffoor

Founding Members - 22nd December 1990

Abbas, M Anes
Alawi, Almaz & Imrana
Alaudeen, Hyder-ali
Amirdeen, Nuhaime & Zahra
Amirdeen, Nuwaiz & Fara
Asraff, A H M & Pam
Aslam, Shahul Hameed & Shireen
Azoor, Jamaldeen (Jeno) & Sherine
Azoor, Sharir & Fathima
Buhary, Nisthar & Rizni
Cader, Yoosuf & Razana
Dole, Eddie & Farah
Eshaarc, Mohamed & Manna
Fahim, Ahamed
Fauzee, Mohamed & Evelyn Joy

Hafeel, Husain & Sabrina
Haniffa, Fahmi & Shirin
Haris, Fazlun & Sabreena
Hassan, Mohamed H
Hassen, Athena & Yousoof
Hilmy, Mohamed
Ismail, Imtiaz & Mariam
Issadeen, Imtiaz and Kimie
Kamar, Mohamed & Hareesa
Kamoor, Tuan & Rameeza
Mahroof, Hadji Marikkar & Safira
Marikkar, Jiffry & Sithy
Marikkar, M Bazeer
Meerapillai, M Naufan
Mehrudeen, Haneef & Salma

Mohamed, Sultan Mohideen
Mohideen, Aunty Ayesha
Mohideen, Haja & Fareeda
Mohinadeen, Ikram & Shantha
Mohinudeen, Haneef (Chota) & Sherina
Pierez-Mohamed & Ramzani
Razack, Bawa
Razack, Shakeel
Salahudeen, Mohamed (Ungi) & Naufara
Segumohamed, M Niyaz
Shafeek, A Iqbal
Shariffdeen, Naufal & Rahuma
Tokhi, Aqa & Ganeema (Ziada)
Wahab (nee Ibrahim), Shamshad
Zarook, Salih & Rizana

Heart Felt Congratulations

To USMAA on 25 years

From a well wisher

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USMAA Events from the Past



USMAA Red Kite Event 2013



USMAA EID Festivals 2015



Clips from USMAA Amazing Race



USMAA EID Festivals 2015



Eid-ul-Adha celebrations event in 2014



USMAA Ladies Events

