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General Update - May 2021





Aak dear USMAA Family,

Just a general update about a few great and positive observations from the Eid Dinner, etc.

Alhamdulillah, USMAA celebrated a fantastic Eid event and as a Management Committee, we would like to thank all the attendees who helped us clean at the conclusion of the event. As an MC, we were ecstatic given that we are not professionals, meaning we do not get paid to do this and are only volunteers.

We started with our Vice President taking command as the Master of Ceremonies and did a fabulous job guiding us through the entire event.

A special thank you to the Secretary who prepared a very informative speech for me to deliver on all the community service that the USMAA Family has done for the last two years under USMAA 2.0, highlighting our community's generosity. We sure managed to impress the dignitaries.

Sis Fathima A and Sis Aisha S came in early to decorate and brought their personal deco. We enjoyed a delicious Buriyani dinner prepared by Sis Laneeza from Pilawoos Catering. Bro Anas S and Sis Minhaja H from Synergy Professional Services topped up the nibbles with their own funds and Bro Fayaz Z graciously

agreed to play the mystery USMAA member. So thank you to all. The children were taken care of by an entertainer to help the parents enjoy the event.

USMAA invited the following honourable guests to celebrate the Eid dinner with us :

- Hon Jason Wood and Chief of Staff, Raj Perera (proposed by Naushad Usoof)
- Hon Julian Hill (proposed by Sithy Marikar)
- Hon Clare O'Neil (proposed by Sithy Marikar) - Could not attend
- Mayor of Monash - Hon Brian Little (proposed by Sithy Marikar)
- Mayor of Dandenong - Hon Angela Long (proposed by Sithy Marikar) - Could not attend
- Consular General for Sri Lanka - Hon Kapila Fonseka
- Consul for Sri Lanka - Mrs Diana Perera
- President of ICV - Bro Adel Salman
- Vice President of ICV - Dr Ritzvi Mohideen
- Dr & Mrs Lionel Bopage from AAGGSL

USMAA has had good relationships with all political parties since its inception back in the early nineties. USMAA is an apolitical organisation. It has been so up to now and IA it will remain so. We, as a community, have to be strategic and invest time and effort with junior politicians from all political parties. This will ensure that when these politicians get into senior leadership positions they will remember Muslims to be generous, kind, family-oriented, honest, loyal, patriotic and most importantly non-extremist. We cannot compete with other nationalities in the world stage overnight without a vision on how we want the Australian politicians to perceive us.

Of course, we will also need Muslim politicians to be in parliament to 'balance off' any biased views as well, IA.

We Care Victoria (headed by Ranj Perera) Ifthar to the Muslims

The USMAA MC and some USMAA Family members helped out with the preparation and running of this event. I was impressed with Bro Anas S and Sis Minhaja

H's Faluda. Sis Mariam D and Sis Rushana U also rolled up their sleeves and helped out and Sis Mumtaz H provided the dates. USMAA also donated some paper plates and forks (that were on their way to the recycle bin). So well done to USMAA as Ranj was very grateful.

Again, this is about investing time and effort on potential junior politicians as a strategic move from USMAA for the long term.

Mystery of the missing Bain-Marie inner-trays

As you know USMAA holds a certain amount of small assets, usually purchased with member subscription funds and/or Grant income. We have eight (8) chafing dishes, but only one can be used as some of the inner and outer trays are missing. I am sure this is at some member's garage gathering dust. So please contact the MC if they are with you.

Below is a related policy from the USMAA website:

Borrowing USMAA Assets

- Generally, USMAA equipment or assets are not to be lent to members as these assets have been purchased with member subscriptions and donations. This policy applies to all including the MC, Trustees, sub-committee members, volunteers and general members
- On special circumstances the MC reserves the right to lend equipment to non-USMAA events to boost USMAA's image (e.g. Harmony Day, Independence Day)
- General members are encouraged to contribute to the community by lending personal assets to USMAA as this is not benefiting any singular member exclusively, but the community as a whole

Given that the MC will not have another event (due to current restrictions) for this financial year and as I am stepping down having accomplished the targets that I had set for myself, this is probably my last general update (although I may be required to write for official purposes - AGM, USMAA Centre, etc).

Overall, I am happy with the culture that I leave behind where attendees to events stay back and help to clean up, members volunteer to help with hall/kitchen duties, where even Presidents can be challenged and Presidents also clean bins. None of this could have been achieved without the support of the USMAA Family and my dear Committee Members from 2019-20 and 2020-21.

May Allah bless us all,
Jzk,..Shums Lebbe Marikar, Falih



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