



# SENIOR CITIZENS FORUM

(Registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860)

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## News Letter - March 2009

### LADIES MAJLIS

The female managing committee members of Senior Citizens Forum arranged Muharram Majlis on 3rd February 2009 at the residence of Mrs. Masooma Electricwala. The Majlis was recited by Maulana Taqi Hidayati (from Qom) who

delivered informative lecture on duties of house wife. He also deliberated on the ways how to keep the family happy specially training of children. About hundred ladies attended the Majlis.



Maulana Taqi Hidayati

### JHAMPIR AZADARI



Mr. Ali Raza T. Lakhani explaining generation of electricity to the seniors

As per past practice Senior Citizens Forum arranged visit to Jhampir to participate in Azadari on Sunday the 22nd February 2009. About seventy male and female members participated. The transport was arranged from Bhojani Hall in Soldier Bazaar and Mehfil-e-Murtaza in P.E.C.H.S. the bus left Karachi at 8:30 a.m. the seniors were first taken to wind power project being set up by Zorlu Enerji Pakistan Ltd., (a Turkish company) at Jhampir. The General Manager of the company and engineers at the site gave warm welcome to the seniors. Mr. Ali Raza T. Lakhani addressed the seniors explaining how electricity is generated. He traced the history of invention and work of the scientists on the subject. He also informed various methods of generating electricity. The participants then asked

questions to the engineers about working of wind power plant. After having refreshments hosted by the company the seniors were taken to the power generating plant.. At present four wind mills are ready for operation and others are being installed. We are thankful to Mr. Ali Hassan Bhojani for arranging the visit to the wind power plant. Our gratitude is also to the Company particularly its Administration Manager Shah Jawad for showing the working of plant.

The seniors then reached Imambargah of Jhampir to attend traditional Majlis there. Renowned poet Syed Sibte-Jafar Zaidi and his companions rendered Marsiakhwani. Majlis was recited by Syed Muzaffar Husnain Zaidi (from India). At the conclusion of Majlis an imaginary scene of poet Bashir was presented announcing the

return of Ahlul Bait (S.A) to Madina. An old man (acting as Bashir) emerged from rear end of the gathering carrying Alam (Standard) and shouted "O people of Madina, this city is not worth living because Imam Hussain (A.S) and his companions were martyred at Karbala and his family, who was tortured and humiliated, has returned to Madina. Some boys asked Bashir what happened to Aun, Muhammed, Ali Asghar and other children who had gone with Imam Hussain (A.S) but are not back with the returned group. Bashir narrated all the tragic events of

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Karbala particularly relating to misery of children in reply to the questions put up by the boys. Thereafter the participants of Majlis started beating their chests (Matam) to mourn the atrocities inflicted on Ahlul Bait (A.S).

In the evening a procession was taken out with Tazia and Alam which passed through the streets of the village. After taking Niyaz specially arranged by the management, Mr. Ali Raza T. Lakhani addressed the seniors. He said Azadari was first commenced here in the year 1948 when Syed Murtaza Zaidi and Syed Mustafa Zaidi (cousins) settled in Jhampir after migrating from India. They bought acres of land and built Imambargah complex for the purpose of Azadari. The descendents of these two Syeds have now



settled in big cities of Pakistan but have maintained the building complex and tradition of arranging religious programs during the months of Muharram, Safar, Rajab, Shaban, and Ramazan. He also appealed seniors to contribute towards the Niyaz which is fed to more than one thousand people gathered here. The

collection of Rs. 10,000 from the seniors was presented by Mr. Ali Raza T. Lakhani to Syed Ijtiba Zaidi (grandson of Syed Mustafa Zaidi).

The seniors were also taken to Kalari Lake adjoining the village to enjoy the scenic beauty and also to see the tomb of a Pir (Muslim saint) and temple of Jham (a Hindu Saint) Mr. Ali Raza T. Lakhani explained that the name of the city was probably coined from both these names i.e. Jham+Pir.

On their return to Karachi the seniors had stop over at a restaurant on the highway to offer prayers and have tea. They reached Karachi at 9:00 p.m.

## VISIT TO IMAM BARGAHS



Male seniors at replica of Moula Ali's (A.S)

The Senior Citizens Forum arranged a visit to local Imam Bargahs where replicas of holy shrines in Iraq are constructed. Transport was arranged on 25th January 2009 to carry the seniors from Bhojani Hall and Mehfil-e-Murtaza. The first visit was made to Imam Bargah Shah Najaf on Martin Road where Rowza of Hazrat Ali (A.S) is constructed. The seniors recited ziarat (salutation) at the zareeh. Mr. Ali Raza T. Lakhani explained the history of construction of shrine of Maula Ali (A.S)

at Najaf and the events related to that shrine.

The next visit was to Imam Bargah of Rizviah Society where replica of Bibi Fatima's tomb is constructed. The seniors listened to Nauhakhwani and had Matam. Here also Mr. Ali Raza T. Lakhani narrated the history of the graves in Jannatul Baqi in Madina and the events related to the same. The seniors prayed for reconstruction of tombs which were destroyed by the local government.

The seniors then proceeded to Imam Bargah Babul Ilm in North Nazimabad where the replica of Hazrat Abbas' shrine in Karbala is constructed. Here also the seniors attended Nauhakhwani. Niyaz was also served.

Lastly, the seniors reached Imam Bargah in Ancholi Society to visit the replica shrine of Imam Hussain (A.S). The male seniors offered Namaz-e-Zoharain in congregation at Majlis Khairul Amal while female seniors offered prayers in shrine

building. After completing the Namaz, the seniors had Nauhakhwani and Matam. The Ziarat Waritha was recited by Mr. Shiraz Onali.

The seniors were then carried to the



Female seniors in front of the Zareeh of Bibi Fatima (SA) at Rizviah Society

residence of Mr. Mohammad Ali Rawjani who had invited them to attend a Majlis and Niyaz at his home in P.E.C.H Society.

## LECTURE BY AYATULLAH AQEEL AL-GHARWI

As per tradition for last three years, Arts Council of Pakistan arranged a seminar on Monday the 9th February 2009 at 8:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Forum arranged

transport for seniors to attend this seminar. Ayatullah Aqeel Al-Gharwi gave lecture on Philosophy of human nature and the religion. His lecture was highly

appreciated by the audience. Ayatullah also replied to the questions put forth by the audience.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of KSI Senior Citizens Forum was held on Sunday 8th February 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at SCF Centre Karachi..54 members attended. Mr. Haiderali Allibhai, president of SCF chaired the meeting.



The minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 18th November 2007 were read by the Secretary Mr. Ali Raza T. Lakhani. Thereafter the Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 2008 was read and confirmed.. Mr. Shiraz Onali the Treasurer presented the annual accounts for the year ended 30th June 2008 audited by M/s.

Namdar & Co. Chartered Accountants. He also gave satisfactory explanation to the queries raised by the members on accounts.

Mr. Ali Raza T. Lakhani said the Senior Citizens Forum is now registered under the Societies Act 1860. He produced Certificate of Registration which was recorded.

M/s. Namdar & Co. Chartered Accountants were appointed as auditors for the year ending 30th June 2009. The meeting also recorded thanks to Mr. Ali Raza Namdar for auditing the accounts of Senior Citizens Forum without charging any audit fee.

Mr. Ali Raza T. Lakhani informed the members that Managing Committee has appointed Mr. Naushad Datarina as Election Commissioner. He invited Mr. Naushad to conduct the election. Following persons were elected for term of two years. President: Mr. Haiderali Allibhai. Hon. Secretary: Mr. Ali Raza T. Lakhani. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Shiraz Onali. For three male members of managing Committee: Mr. Mohammad Ali Jassani, Mr. Mohammad Ali Patel, Mr. Saghir Abbas Bhoajni. Three female

members of Managing Committee: Mrs. Khurshid Ali Hussain, Mrs. Masooma Electricwala, Mrs. Shehnaz Mohammad Ali.

Mr. Ali Raza T. Lakhani thanked Mr. Naushad for conducting the election.

Concluding the meeting Mr. Ali Raza T. Lakhani requested the members to propagate the projects of Senior Citizens Forum amongst their friends and family circle. They should take pride in informing the people how these projects benefit the deserving old age persons. He said more than 60 persons are provided daily free meals at their door steps.

He also explained that Senior Citizens Forum has a program of visiting lonely seniors and for that purpose he appealed the members to volunteer their services. He said the Senior Citizens Forum has planned to set up Seniors Day Care Centre in Soldier Bazaar and this project will be launched as soon as the suitable accommodation is available.

The members were also requested to participate in outing programs and other activities of Senior Citizens Forum.

## PROGRAMS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2009

### SEA CRUISE

A sea cruise program is arranged for seniors on Saturday the 21st March 2009. Transport is arranged from Bhojani Hall Britto Road at 3:00 p.m. and from Mehfil-e-Murtaza at 3:30 p.m. which will take the seniors to Keamari port. Boat ride will be available from the port for sea cruising and visit to Yacht Club on Manora island. Among other recreation facilities, the club

has swimming pool also. The program is strictly for members and only first forty registered members will be taken for the program. The participation fee is Rs. 300 to cover the cost of transportation, dinner and refreshments. The male and female members desiring to participate are requested to pay participation fee in advance to Mr. Mohammad Ali Patel

(0300-8228288) or Mr. Mohammad Yaseen Merchant (0300-92755634) and collect the pass for participation which must be shown while boarding the bus. The seniors desiring to use swimming pool should bring their swimming costume.

### MILADUN NABI (S.A)

The Senior Citizens Forum has arranged Mehfil-e-Milad to celebrate Birth Anniversary of holy Prophet (S.A) at Senior Citizens Forum Centre, (Mehfil-e-

Murtaza) on Friday the 13th March 2009 at 7.30 p.m. the Milad will be followed by dinner. The members desiring to participate should register their names with

Mr. Mohammad Ali Patel (0300-8228288) or Mrs. Shehnaz (0333-2164689).

## PILGRIMAGE TOUR

The Senior Citizens Forum intends to take its members for Ziarat of holy places in Mashad, Tehran and Qom in the month of April 2009. Mr. Mohammad Ali Jassani

has agreed to lead the group. He will also take seniors to tourist places in Iran after performing Ziarat. The members desiring to participate are requested to please

contact Mr. Mohammad Ali Jassani (0300-2738118) or Mrs. Shehnaz (0333-21664689).

## JASHAN-E-MILADUN NABI (S.A)

Mehfil-e-Murtaza is organizing Jashan-e-Miladun Nabi (S.A) and Ittehad Bainul Muslimeen every year. The 16th such celebration will be held on 12th and 17th

nights of Rabiul Awwal corresponding to 9th and 14th March 2009 at 9:00 p.m. at Mehfil-e-Murtaza. Prominent speakers and Natkhwan from all sects will give their

presentation in praise of holy Prophet (S.A). The members of Senior Citizens Forum are advised to take part in both these programs.

## REQUEST BY TREASURER

The members desiring to pay their annual membership subscription or any other contribution are requested to obtain official receipt immediately upon making

payment. The members who have not paid the subscription for the year 2008/09 as well as for earlier years are reminded to pay the same without further delay. The

Senior Citizens Forum is your own organization and runs with the finances provided by you. Please cooperate with us and clear your outstanding dues.

## DELLIVERY OF NEWSLETTER

The management has decided to send newsletters to members through hand delivery at their homes. Mr. Tauqir of Senior Citizens Forum will deliver this

newsletter (March) within first week of March. We expect that a liaison will be established between members through this link. The members desiring to make

suggestions or complaints should inform Mr. Tauqir who will pass the same to the management.

## OBITUARY

Following seniors of our community expired during the month of January, 2009. We request the readers to recite Sura-e-Fateha for the departed souls of these seniors.

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE	DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE
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3rd Jan	Zahera Chandoo D/o. Rajib Ali P. Ebrahim W/o. Ghulam Abbas Chandoo	81 Years
8th Jan	Akber Ali S/o. Wali Muhammad Pajwani	73 Years
8th Jan	Mohamad Hussain S/o. Kasam Ali Sopariwala	65 Years
14th Jan	Sadiq Ali S/o. Sikandar Ali Lakhani	55 Years
17th Jan	Hussain Ali S/o. Ahmad Karim Nensey	87 Years
17th Jan	Shirin Bai D/o. Ibrahim Rajan W/o. Noor Mohammad Ismail Jagani	74 Years
18th Jan	Roshan Bai D/o. Ghulam Ali Bhojani W/o. Rajib Ali Vijpadiwala	73 Years
21st Jan	Masoom Ali S/o. Hassan Ali Devjani	80 Years

23rd Jan	Akber Ali S/o. Sultan Ali Sayani	68 Years
24th Jan	Ali Hussain S/o. Allauddin Dodhiya	67 Years
24th Jan	Nargis Bai D/o. Hussain Bachoo Sewani W/o. Anwer Ali Molidina	65 Years
27th Jan	Zaibunnisa Bai D/o. Mohsin Ali Mistary W/o. Nazim Mawjee	65 Years
28th Jan	Amir Ali S/o. Raza Hussain Kapasi	60 Years
29th Jan	Ghulam Abbas S/o. Safar Ali Tejani	83 Years
30th Jan	Noor Bano D/o. Sher Ali Bhojani	60 Years
31st Jan	Sultan Ali S/o. Yousuf Ali Bhojani	72 Years