Change in Society Happens with the Participation of the People

Jean Augustine speaking with Arrahman Arraheem Network

The Fairness Commissioner of Ontario Hon. Jean Augustine PC, CM said that change in a society only happens when the people participate and stand up for their rights for improvements. She was describing her experience as a new immigrant from Grenada to Canada in 1960 while speaking in an exclusive interview with Arrahman Arraheem Television Network.

Recollecting her initial days in this country, Ms Augustine said that Canada in those days was a very different place to what it is today. Canada was in the process of 'nation-building' and 'identifying who we were'. As a black woman she had to experience many forms of discriminations but her childhood lessons of commitment, dedication and perseverance kept her focussed to overcome all the hurdles and obstacles in striving for an all-inclusive Canadian society. She described this period as 'very exciting times' and felt privileged to be par of it it. Ms Augustine become the first Afro-Canadian woman to be elected to the House of Commons from the riding of Etobicoke-Lakeshore in 1993 and sat in the parliament till 2006.

Sharing the true spirit of Islam the team of Arrahman Arraheem pointed out that Chapter 49 Verse 13 of the Quran addresses all mankind and says "O mankind! We created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, so that you may know and recognise each other. Verily the most honoured of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you…" Hence considering oneself superior on the basis of colour, gender or religion is completely against the teachings of Islam. A Muslim is one who lives in peace, respects and gives rights of all people around him without any discrimination. ■

Virtues & Fiqh of Dhul Hijjah, Udhiyyah & Eid Al Adha

Are you aware of the virtues of the month of Dhul Hijjah? Are you confused on how to perform your Udhiyyah?

Would you like to learn the formal procedures and necessary requirements for the sacred ritual sacrifice of animals during Eid Al Adha?

What does Eid Al Adha really mean to a Muslim?

Attend the special program and presentation conducted by Imam of Islamic Foundation of Toronto, Shaykh Yusuf Badat to get the answers to these important questions. See details below:

When & Where?

DATE: Sunday, Oct. 30th, 2011

TIME: 2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.

PLACE: Islamic Foundation of Toronto (Map & Address: http://www.islamicfoundation. ca/contact.aspx) FREE ADMISSION. EVERYONE WELCOME. ■

11th International Diaspora Film Festival

The 11 th Annual International Diaspora Film Festival (IDFF) will be held in downtown Toronto from 1 to 6 November, 2011. The theme of the IDFF for 2011 isWAVE OF CHANGE , with films reflecting the political, social, and cultural changes the world has witnessed over the past year. The film program contains an exciting mix of genres, including comedy, drama, and documentary. Film screening locations are Innis Town Hall (2 Sussex Ave. at St. George St.) and Carlton Cinemas (20 Carlton St. at Yonge St.). Please check the IDFF website for more information: http://diasporafilmfest.com/. ■

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Laugh it up with Music Theatre Mississauga as it presents the hilarious musical, the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. The show is the unlikeliest of hit musicals about the unlikeliest of heroes. The comedey features a quirky yet charming cast of outsiders for whom a spelling bee is the only place where they can stand out and fit in at the same time! Don't miss the show presented at the Meadowvale Theatre located at 6315 Montevideo Rd. Shows will run from October 21 to 30 with performances at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Please call 905-615-4720 ext. 2588 for additional details. www.mtix.ca. ■

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QUAID-E-AZAM AWARDS 2011 CEREMONY

Top 3 students from each grade with committee members, sponsors, supporters, and volunteers.

Pakistan Academy of Quaid-E-Azam Awards Ontario's 33rd Annual Academic and Community Service Awards ceremony was held on Sunday October 9th, 2011 at Ontario Institute for studies in Education Auditorium, Tororntto. Special Community Service awards were also given to 23 students. Parents & students were present there. Awards always given to only those students who attend the ceremony not to their parents & who achieve 75% or over marks from Grade 9 to Grade 12.

Deputy Consul General of Pakistan Mr. Imran Ali was chief guest & Guest Speaker was Sumaira Hussain.

Programme was started with Tilawat-e-Qur'an by by Aizaz Alwi and Usman Farooq then. National Anthems of Pakistan and Canada and a very famous Poem of Allama Iqbalwere read by Sofia Alwi. Photos were taken by Ahmed Hussain. Lizna Bukhari , Bashir Khan & Taha Bukhari were Master of Ceremony. Awards ceremony was Organized by Nighat Hasan Bukhari, Lizna, Hanaa & Taha Bukhari with the help of many Volunteers: Sumaira and Maaz Hussain, Nirmeen Khalid, Sofia Alwi, Faaria Khan, Mohammad Abubak, Umar Faroo, Ali Ahmed, Sadaf and Nailish Javaid Fareha Hussai.

Sponsors & Supporters of the programme were :,Consulate General of Pakistan Tororntto, Muslim Welfare Centre, Sabihuddin Mansoor of Pakeeza International, Dil Muhammad, Syed Sajjad Hyder of Shawn Graphics, Hamid Raja of North Scarborough X-ray & Ultrasound, Syed Ahmed Hussain, Photograghy, Bashir Khan, Arshad Bhatti of Radio Pakistan,Mushkoor-ul Hasan & Talat Muinuddin The Quaid-E-Azam Awards committee would also like to thank everyone for participating and a special thank to all our supporters, sponsors, volunteers and special guest speakers.

QUAID-E-AZAM AWARDS 2011

GRADE 9 AWARD WINNERS (17 STUDENTS)

Names	Average
Hammad Kamal	75.88
Maheen Khan	78.13
Mohammad Farooq	79.13
Saad Ali	81.63
Hamdan Farooq	81.75
Maliha Asad	82.13
Nubair Shahkar	82.38
Rubab Ali	83.5
Dure-e-Sameen Zahoor	83.75
Junaid Arif	84.38
Rayyan Yahya Khan	84.88
Ahmed Bakhtiar Syed	85.38
Zainab Mian	85.63
Syed Osama Nasir	86.88
Yusra Ameen Jangda	88.25
Afifa Saleem	93.25
Hisan Shafaque	93.63

GRADE 10 AWARD WINNERS (8 STUDENTS)

Names	Average
Aliya Ali	86.19
Shaista Shahbaz	89.63
Rida Zahrah	90.75
Farhana Khan	91.63
Leena Saeed	92.06
Farah Khan	92.13
Schiza Ashraf	94.5
Nimrah Khan	95.94

GRADE 11 AWARD WINNERS (10 STUDENTS)

Names	Average
Rida Kamal	83.14
Abubakr Mohammad	85.57
Aatir Gul Khan	87.57
Mushiyyda Amjad Iqbal	87.71
Maaz Hussain	87.86
Nida Shamsi	88.29
Kosan Shafaque	90.86
Kalsoom Zahrah	92.43
Momina Zainab Dar	92.86
Arif Mohammad Siddiqui	96.86

GRADE 12 AWARD WINNERS (18 STUDENTS)

Names	Average
Hiba Syed	75.5
Mehwish Khan	78
Umer Zahoor	81.83
Zohra Anwar Ahsan	82.67
Shazmeera Qadri	85.33
Rehaan Khan	86.83
Maida Amjad Iqbal	86.83
Yusra Urooj Qazi	90.17
Qasim Muhammad	90.17
Zohaib Iqbal Paracha	90.17
Zoya Sajjad	90.83
Tajwer Syed	92
Irfan Khan	92.5
Faiza Ali	92.83
Syed Saad Husainie	94.33
Ali Malik	95
Asharib Ali Syed	96.67
Ismail Ameen Jangda	97.67

Recipients of Hasan-Bukhari and Muinuddin Community Service Awards 2011

Leena Saeed
Schiza Ashraf
Nubair Shahkar
Maheen Khan
Yusra Ameen Jangda
Farah Khan
Kosan Shafaque
Hisan Shafaque
Maliha Asad
Rehaan Khan
Afifa Saleem
Ali Malik
Hamdan Farooq
Qasim Muhammad
Syed Saad Husainie
Zohra Anwar Ahsan
Mehwish Khan
Aliya Ali
Ahmed Bakhtiar Syed
Nida Shamsi
Rubab Ali
Asharib Ali Syed * TOP BOY
Faiza Ali * TOP GIRL. ■

Glow Stick safety bliz a halloween tradition for Peel Paramedics

Halloween is a really fun night for children, parents and paramedics that take part in the annual Peel Regional Paramedic Services (PRPS) glow stick safety blitz.

"Peel Regional Paramedic Services wants to put as much safety into Halloween as there is fun and candy," says Brad Bowie, Community Relations Specialist for PRPS.

On Halloween paramedic crews will be driving throughout Peel neighbourhoods and reminding trick-or-treaters to be safe while out collecting treats.

PRPS was the first paramedic service to initiate a Halloween Safety Program and distribute glow sticks. Other services have since followed suit developing similar programs based on Peel's success.

Here are some safety tips to help prepare for Halloween:

Ensure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so baggy or long that trick-or-treaters can trip on their costumes.

Choose brightly-coloured costumes that are clearly visible to motorists. For greater visibility, add reflective tape to costumes.

Makeup and face paint are safer than masks; if using a mask, choose one that allows your child to see and breathe easily.

Examine the goodies collected by your trick-or-treaters before he or she eats any.

Ensure your child knows not to take shortcuts through backyards, alleys or parks.

Peel Paramedics respond to more than 84,000 emergency medical calls every year. For more information about Peel Regional Paramedic Services, visit peelems.ca or call 905-791-7800, ext. 3956. ■

New exhibit featuring the work of the Mississauga Art Society

Ingnite your creative spark with a visit to Visual Arts Mississauga. Until October 30, all are welcome to come and enjoy a new exhibit featuring the work of the Mississauga Art Society. Visual Arts Mississauga is located at 4170 Riverwood Park Lane. Please call 905-277-8256 for more details. www.visualartsmississauga.com. ■