



PSA Night at Northeastern Illinois University attracts Pakistani youth and their families

■ By Dr. Mujahid Ghazi

MCC Full Time School Annual Fundraising Dinner Muslim Education Center (MEC) in Morton Grove, Illinois has come a long way to present itself as a successful Muslim Educational model in USA. Started with two classes and 25 students, it now houses 40 faculty members and 408 students. It is growing fast and progressing in academic achievements. This year it was their 21st Annual Fundraising Dinner and first time it was held in the newly constructed banquet facility in the school building itself. Unlike the norm there was no outside speaker and the entire program was well designed and well coordinated in the shortest time in the history of fundraisers in the windy city. There was no emcee. Principal

Habib Quadri came on the stage to invite Hafiz Faiz Biabani to recite the verses from the Holy Qur'an. Hafiz Faiz who happens to chair the Hifdh department then continued with Secular Studies teacher Salma Pathan to give a report on both these departments followed by a presentation of Early Childhood Department by its chair Ghazna Siddiqi. Deba Malik, Department Head of Elementary education then presented her report with Mrs. Aisha Qazi. These presentations with the help of pictorial slides informed the audience of various activities the children are involved in and their educational progress. Nasheed Club Director Mrs. Silvat Sheikh presented a very well rehearsed group of children who performed impressively. Sadiya Barkat informed the audience about the academic and extracurricular ac-

tivities of her Middle School Department. Abdulfattah Muniruzzaman, Head of Arabic and Islamic Studies Department told the audience that MEC prepares the student to be a good Muslim by making them study Quran and other aspects of Islam before they graduate. Mohammed Ahmed, Technology Team Leader gave a brief presentation on the IT needs of the institution and its future projection. He also talked about various partnerships the school is involved in to keep up with the latest technology in the market. Ali Tai, Athletic Department Director gave a report on the Physical Education and Sports activities. He talked about the after school programs as well. Habib Quadri, the young dashing principal of MEC kept his talk brief and recognized his faculty members and supporters. Rizwan Kadir, School Coun-

cil Chairman did all the magic in his detailed presentation giving the history and progress of the school and informing about the new arrangement with St. Martha's Church to shift Early Childhood Department to that facility. No pushing and pulling was done to raise the funds except that Mr. Majid introduced a Plaque which will be having names of big donors and will be displayed at some prominent place in the school administrative office. Among the audience were representatives of District 219, Morton Grove village officials including the President Dan Staackmann and his wife. Speaking to the audience President Staackmann commended the school administration for the excellent work they are doing. He drew the attention of the audience towards involvement in the mainstream events and festivities by

requesting them to participate in the 4th of July parade in Morton Grove. The event ended with Dua by Muallana Abdulfattah Muniruzzaman.

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Chicago: Last weekend the auditorium in NEIU was packed with audience to watch the presentation of Pakistani Students' Association. Although the program started a little late but the content showed the great effort put into it by the students of the university. The show started with a music presentation of Shamim Aquil and Mohammad Mithun on Harmonium and Tabla. Followed by a live band Kafila. A dance group Yeh Cheez led by Noman Khan mesmerized the audience with their

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Muslim Support Network Holds Literary Event for Seniors



Glimpses of the event organized by Muslim Support Network at the Senior Citizen Center of Fremont

■ By Abdus Sattar Ghazali

Muslim Support Network (MSN) held a literary event for seniors on February 28, at the Senior Citizen Center of Fremont, CA.

Fifteen people participated in the event with the presentation of popular

poetry of prominent poets.

Among those who participated in the hour-long session were: Abdul Razzak Adenwala, Abdus Sattar Ghazali, Dr. Ghazala Ansari, Firdus Kamran, Hatem Rani, Ibrahim Khatri, Ibrahim Sharif, Khalil Ansari, Major Ashraf Naeem, Meraj Sultana Ghazali, Shahid Iqbal and Tasadduq Attari.

Poet Haider Shabih spoke about Sir Syed Ahmad Khan's great contribution to the education of the Muslims of the sub-continent. He also amused the audience with the recitation of a ghazal.

Poet Shahid Barni thrilled the audience with his humorous poems.

Elderly Firoza Khalil stole the

show with her presentation of a Naat.

Abdul Razzak Adenwala was the MC of the program. He also presented a ghazal in his melodious voice.

At the end, Zeya Mohsin (popularly known as Zeby), co-founder of the MSN and a prominent social activist of the Bay Area, thanked the participants and audience for making the

program successful.

The MSM was founded in November 2005 to provide an opportunity to Muslim senior citizens to socialize. Needs of Muslim elders/seniors are not being met by our community at large as many of the elders were homebound and encountered

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