



Anjuman-e-Saifee, Chicago's 2nd annual Eid gathering

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Anjuman-e-Saifee Chicago hosted their second annual Eid get together on October 17th, 2007 at the Willowbrook Masjid.



Just like last year they had



invited many Consul Generals, local, federal and state representatives, religious leaders from many communities and media friends. This event is a

true get together of many different cultures, beliefs and religions. This event was attended by the heads of many religious organizations all with a common goal of celebrating EID with the members of the



Consul General of Pakistan, Dr. Aman Rashid



Mr. Robert Grant, FBI, Special agent

Dawoodi Bohra Community in Chicago and to learn more about this community of over 1000 members. Amongst the guests who attended were Dr. Aman Rashid, the Consul General of Pakistan in Chicago, Mr. Robert Grant, FBI, Special Agent In Charge, Chicago, Mr. Eric Salcedo, representing Attorney General Lisa Madigan office, Sana Hussain representing Senator and Presidential Candidate Barack Obama, Gideon Blustein representing 8th district congresswoman Melissa Bean, religious heads from other Muslim and non Muslim Communities, local businessman, Mr. Khariwala represent-



Letters of Felicitation

The program MC was Aamir bhai Chalisa. The program started with a video from last year's event, followed by recitation of Quran-e-Masjid. Then Shaikh Zohair bhai Tyebjee, Vice President of the Jamaat read informa-

tion about the community and the significance of Eid celebrations. After that, children from the community read many messages from various governmental leaders who were not present including, Mayors, Governors, Illinois Secre-

tary of State, Senator Richard Durbin, State Treasurer and others. This was followed by presentations by Mr. Robert Grant, Dr. Aman Rashid, Pakistani Consul General.



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The program M.C. Aamir bhai Chalisa



Vice president Shk Zohair bhai Tyebjee

Janab Ubai bhai saheb gave the keynote speech

The Congregational Minister Janab Ubai Bhai Saheb Nooruddin gave the Keynote speech highlighting the community. During the program, the MC Aamir Chalisa introduced every guest that was present at this event. The program ended with group pictures followed by a delicious dinner and the community members then gave gifts to each guest personally. The entire Masjid had been decorated with lights and as guests entered, a band wel-



Janab Ubai bhai saheb Nooruddin ,
Aamil Saheb Chicago

comed them. The Masjid was decorated colorfully inside as well. An informative exhibition highlighting the activities and extensive travels of the head of the Dawoodi Bohra Community, His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin Saheb (TUS) was beautifully dis-

played. There were about 300 people including members of the Anjuman-e-Saifee at this event. After dinner, members of the community mingled with their guests and this gave the guests an opportunity to learn more about the community. Many guests stayed till late at this event spending time with community members and getting a tour of the Masjid



Dinner was served in the traditional manner

Before dinner was served, the guests learned a tradition of the community: to wash the hands of their guests, which was an interesting experience for the guests. The dinner menu was very extensive and was served to each guest by members of the community. There were many dishes, and refills were brought right to the guest's tables along with drinks and dessert. A traditional utensil called THAL

was used to serve guests and every table was beautifully decorated with flowers and candles.



Mumineen known for their hospitality

The Dawoodi Bohras are very well known for their hospitality and at this event as well you could see the warmth and loving nature of this community in all its actions. Anjuman-e-Saifee, under the esteemed leadership of its Aamil Saheb Janab Ubai Nooruddin, has a distinction of being a well-rounded community with its members representing many professions and its history of participating in many events throughout the Chicago land

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area. This organization also holds the distinction of being the largest in North America. From this evenings event it was

apparent that guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves and really appreciated the warm hospitality of this community. Many made remarks that they have been to many events, but by all means this was one of the best Eid celebrations they have attended.