



The Bond

Keeping the Kingston Muslim Community Together

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of Kingston (ISK)

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And who is more unjust than one who is reminded of the verses of his Lord but turns away from them and forgets what his hands have put forth? Indeed, We have placed over their hearts coverings, lest they understand it, and in their ears deafness. And if you invite them to guidance - they will never be guided, then - ever. And your Lord is the Forgiving, full of mercy. If He were to impose blame upon them for what they earned, He would have hastened for them the punishment. Rather, for them is an appointment from which they will never find an escape. (Qur'an Al-Kahf 18:57-58)

President's Message

Brothers and Sisters in Islam,

Recently Islamic Society of Kingston held its annual general meeting, and elected some new members of the executive committee including myself. It is a responsibility which can only be fulfilled with the blessings of Allah SWT, and your contribution in the form of guidance, support and assistance. It is essential for the ISK executive members to consult with you and administer the affairs of the Islamic Society of Kingston with justice. Some time your suggestions are executed, others time they are deferred, and at times they are not realized because of a variety of reasons. Under any circumstances this mutual consultation process should not cease. Prophetic Hadith maintains:

Wisdom is the avowed request of the Muslim where he finds it, he is the most deserving of it (to benefit himself and the society).

Currently Islamic Society, and we as a community, are confronting a number of challenges; the most prevalent one is the lack of funds. In the last couple of years ISK has accomplished a number of projects, such as new roofing of ICK building, new dome, purchase of a house, and the ongoing construction for the reconfiguration of the women prayer area. This has resulted in the paucity of the funds in ISK accounts. ISK executive has taken initiative to manage its resources prudently, and at the same time I am soliciting for help. Our community rarely indulge in normally practiced weekly collection at Juma prayers. The reason being the affirmative response of the community members at the time of the need of funds. We would like to keep it this way. Once again ISK needs funds and I

make a call on you for donations for the sake of Allah SWT. Many members of this community donate incognito, other donate through collection boxes placed in the ICK area, while some show their generosity at the fund raising dinner to please Allah SWT. We have also introduced an easy way of donation through "PAYPAL" I urge you to respond to this call by donating in any way which is convenient for you. Please, also remember that the fund raising dinner is on 12 May 2012. In many fund raising dinners, donations from women have been terrific. My personal prayer to Allah SWT, and hope is, that we reach a collection **target of \$100,000 by 31 May 2012.**

Insha'Allah, periodically I will be approaching you through these columns and other means, and will certainly appreciate your input and feedback on all matters related to ISK. You may write to me at president@kingstonmuslims.net.

May Allah SWT bless our community and the Muslim Ummah.

Mohammad Saleem, President ISK

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Imam's Message

We're not just a pit stop with cool faucets!

It was known as the masjid with the cool, automatic faucets – one of the few masajid, if not the first, to feature such technology in the 1990s.

That's how my friends and family would refer to the Islamic Centre of Kingston while I was studying just up the 401 in Cornwall, Ontario.

Like the many travelers who continue to stop at the ICK for a prayer break, we too would stop when traveling up or down the 401. We didn't know anything about the community and we rarely found anyone there. Sometimes, the doors would be locked and we knew hop over to the house across the street to fetch the keys.

That was then.

The automatic faucets are still there and the ICK is still the pit stop of choice for many Muslim travelers. But a lot has changed in the 16 years since the centre was built.

The community it serves is vibrant and is growing. The centre is now open from Fajr to Isha, 365 days a year. Close to a hundred students pass through its doors weekly to learn Quran and Islamic studies, while approximately 30 youth gather every other Friday night to learn, play and socialize. Attendance at functions is on the rise and they are occurring more frequently. Youth and children enjoy the use of swings, the basketball net, and ping pong tables. Visitors can now purchase snacks from a convenient vending machine. Audio from educational programs and khutbahs is posted online, listened by hundreds around the world. Recently, work began to expand the sisters' prayer area. Finally, as an experienced observer of masjid annual general body meetings who would accompany my father to such events, I am very happy to say that I attended one of the best Annual General Meetings that I have ever witnessed on March 25 at the ICK.

All praise is for Allah who has brought us to this stage. Verily, nothing can be achieved without His permission and help

As the only full-time employee of the centre, I often find myself thinking about the future of our community and our centre. What can we do better? How can we better serve the needs of our community and our city? Where should our priorities lie?

I continue to search for answers to these questions. Yet, one thing is abundantly clear: For us to sustain the centre and its growing activities, each individual

in the community needs to support the centre by offering financial, physical and intellectual support.

The current financial situation of the centre is not sustainable. The fact that a few volunteers have been carrying the bulk of the load for a long time is not only unsustainable, it is also unfair. Recent interest in executive positions and in volunteering at events and other activities is a good sign, but there certainly needs to be greater community engagement as the scope of activities grows at the ICK.

Allah says in the Qur'an:

The Mosques of Allah shall be built/maintained/visited only by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day; perform salat, and give Zakat and fear none but Allah. It is they who are on true guidance. [Qur'an; 9:18]

Participation in the masjid is among the signs of a believer. Thus, it is the responsibility of each Muslim in Kingston to visit the masjid and offer whatever support possible.

Here are some ways we can all contribute:

- **Volunteer:** Do you see something that can be done better or feel that you have something to offer? Contact the ISK executive (exec@kingstonmuslims.net) or the Imam (imam@kingstonmuslims.net) with some details about your credentials and experience, and how you think you could help.
- **Collect:** Build a coin collection bank with the kids and put all extra change into the bank. Ask the children to bring donations to the ICK on a monthly basis. You'd be surprised at how quickly it adds up!
- **Cook:** The food sale on Fridays is always looking for sisters and brothers who can cook a dish and bring it to sell and raise funds for the ICK. If you think you can help occasionally, please email Sr. Ulfat at jalals@kos.net.
- **Buy Food & Snacks:** Try to purchase food on Fridays and snacks from the vending machine whenever possible. All proceeds go to support the ICK.
- **Donate:** Every month, many households spend over \$100 on "necessities" such as cell phones, satellite TV, internet, coffees, and restaurant/cafeteria meals. Contributing \$10, \$20 or more (per family member) to the only masjid in town should also be considered a necessity, if possible. Signing up with your credit card is simple – just visit: www.kingstonmuslims.net/donations.php. Please do it now!
- **Share:** Please pass this message on to at least two other people and ask them to join this campaign.

Every single contribution counts and is extremely valuable! By coming together to pitch in, not only can we continue to build a community that is a model for others across Canada, we can also build something

great and positive that will benefit us while we're here and continue to do so after we're gone, insha'Allah.

Imam Sikander Ziad Hashmi can be reached by email at imam@kingstonmuslims.net or through his website at www.sikander.ca.

Islamic Society of Kingston's
 Annual Fundraising Dinner
*"Building a Community of
 Strength, Compassion & Wisdom"*

Saturday, May 12, 2012 @ 5:30 p.m.
 Zorbas Banquet Hall

Buy your Tickets at Jumm'ah
 Family: \$60 ♦ Individual: \$25
 Student: \$20 ♦ Student Family: \$50

Tickets can also be purchased from:

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Br. Walid Barakat (613-384-4894)	Imam Sikander (613-572-4252)
Br. Ahmad Nawaz (613-634-7158)	Sis. Yousra Benazzouz (613) 549-5441

More Information on Guest Speaker Coming Soon....

Education Outlook

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Our Children & Youth: Excellence @ FLASF

Over 250 students competed at the Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Science Fair (FLASF) - an annual event that provides an opportunity for Grades 5 to 12 students to showcase their knowledge, talents and ingenuity in science, engineering and technology. Event was held at McArthur Hall, Queen's University, in Kingston, Ontario-April 30th 2012. **See our winners at the Fair.**

Computing and Engineering Division Award - Primary Age Category

Gold Medal

project: Light it up for less

Student: Abdelrahman Nouredin

School: J.E. Horton Public School

Life & Earth Sciences-Non-Human Division Award - Senior Age Category

Bronze Medal

Project: Saltin' it Up!

Students: Hassan Saleem, Laraib Kazmi

School: Kingston Collegiate & Vocational Institute

Physical and Mathematical Sciences Division Award - Junior Age Category

Honorable Mention

Project: Cheating in Baseball. Does it work?

Student: Bilal Islam

School: King's Town School

Sandra Davison Award

\$100 Cash Prize (\$100 cash)

Project: The Beeping Cup 2.5

Student: Omar Marai

School: Bayridge Public School

Human Health Science Division Award - Primary Age Category

Silver Medal

Project: Have you checked your water?

Student: Lydia Elbatarny

School: Polson Park Public School



Adult Arabic Language Course at ICK

Arabic Language Course for Adults



Condensed 6 months course with clear objectives and reasonable expectations

Qualified instructors with strong oral and written Arabic skills

Interactive 1.5h/week

\$15/ week

Separate female and male classes

Registration and details will be announced shortly

From our Archives

Search words...Find meanings

Something from a day in Muslim's life

When you get up early in the morning you need to say: *Alhamdu lillahi Allathi ahyana ba'da ma amatana wa ilaihinnushur. [Al-Bukhari].*

It means: Thanks and praises to Allah who brought us to life after having given us death and to him we shall have to return. **And don't forget pray Fajr !**

Here are some tips to help you:



- Alarm clock !!
- Go to bed early
- Get someone to wake you up
- Make Du'aa before sleep
- Set your intention (Niyah)
- Keep trying

- ALLAH
- BAZAAR
- HAJJ
- HEGIRA
- IDOL
- ISLAM
- JIHAD
- KAABA
- MOSQUE
- MUHAMMAD
- MUSLIM
- PILGRIMAGE
- QURAN
- SALAT
- SHAHADAH
- SHARIAH
- SIYAM
- SUNNAH
- ZAKAT

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ISK- Qira'at Challenge 2012

Alhamdulillah, our 2nd annual Qira'at Challenge Qur'an reciting competition was successfully held at the ICK on April 14, 2012. There were almost 3 hours of lovely Qur'an recitation from over 60 contestants in JK/SK and Grades 1 to 7 with great attendance and delicious food. The competition was not easy and scoring was tough for our panel of visiting judges. All contestants received medals and a prize. Special prizes and trophies were awarded to those who scored highest in each of the five categories:

- Category 1: **Mariah Hashmi**
- Category 2: **Inayah Kamran**
- Category 3: **Khadeeja Ahmad**
- Category 4: **Zahraa Hossenbaccus**
- Category 5: **Mayy Mounib**



Congratulations to all! In Qira'at Challenge, everyone is a winner!

Construction at ICK- Update



Construction for expansion of women's space prayer area has begun and is currently going on. Few classes were cancelled last week.

We are now resuming our normal schedule for the evening school and weekend classes.

Nominations for "Star of the month"

The education outlook acknowledges and tracks special contributions that made a difference to the ISK and would like to publish this in our newsletter. Please email

name (s) and reasons for nomination to the Education Coordinator.

Prayer Times at ICK

Dates	Fajr	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Apr 16-22	5:25	1:25	6:10	Sunset+5	9:40
Apr 23-29	5:15	1:25	6:10		9:50
Apr 30- May 6	5:05	1:25	6:15		10:00
May 7-13	4:55	1:25	6:20		10:15
May 14-20	4:50	1:25	6:25		10:25
May 21-27	445	1:25	6:30		10:35
May 28- Jun 3	44	1:25	6:35		10:45

Notes:

- **Jum'a khutba starts at 1:25.**
- Times shown are for **Iqamah**, *Adhan will be called 10 minutes earlier.*
- During community events, Asr may be prayed earlier according to the time published on the Monthly calendar

Important Dates

The Bond's next submission deadline:

Friday, 18 May, 2012

The Bond's next publication date (Insha Allah):

Friday, 25 May, 2012

Please send your submission(s) to:
thebond@kingstonmuslims.net

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**Some of these may change as committees are reorganized*

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