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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa
Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

It has been a while since the last Newsletter was issued and I would personally like to apologise for not communicating with our members. I am pleased to inform you the Management Committee (MC) has been actively working to meet your needs.

As always, I once again request all of you to come forward and contribute to the Society in whatever way you can. Of late, I have noticed that more members are coming forward and offer their services. This is a very encouraging sign and I applaud their efforts.

A few notable events took place during the last few months and the details are listed further down in this Newsletter. Also please be advised of the forthcoming events of the Society and greatly encourage all of you to participate in the various activities.

The Diwali function at the Gurdwara held in conjunction with our Sikh religious function was great success and we hope to hold more such functions.

As we gradually approach the end of the financial year and also the end of the term of the MC, I would encourage members to come forward and serve the Society by taking up a position on the MC. The Society is always looking for new blood and new ideas to take the Society further. My best wishes to you and your families and look forward to hearing from you at all times.

Gurdip Singh Padde
President of SSSA

DARBAR SAHIB

Since the last newsletter, we have been fortunate in having Bhai Ram Singh, Kathavachak; Bhai Bhalwinder Singh and students from the Gurbani Foundation come and share their knowledge on Gurbaani with the sangat. Bhai Bhalwinder Singh and his Jatha came twice to give their services here for a period of two weeks.

In the meantime, Hardev Singh, the resident caretaker presently is carrying on his duties ably in the Darbar Sahib. He is ably assisted by Dalwar Singh. It's good to have the locals participating in the Kirtan as well. We thank all of them for giving their time towards the running of the Gurdwara Sahib.

The two Akhand Paaths that have taken place have been successful and thanks go to all those who participate in them, whether it is in the langar side or the Path side or the cleaning of the Gurdwara. Every bit helps in the smooth running of the Gurdwara Sahib.

The next Akhand Path of course will be the Vaisakhi Akhand Path and everyone's help is again required.

The Gurbaani Class is still continuing with Ajmer Singh at the helm. There has been an addition to that. Baldev S Dhaliwal has been kind enough to start a dialogue on what it means to be a Sikh in Adelaide. He has given two talks, mainly aimed at the youth.

The Darbar Sahib is functioning very well, but the Committee is always looking at improving the way it functions. So please come forward with your suggestions for any improvements that can be made. It would be appreciated if more members of the Sangat could come forward and help with any form of sewa in the Darbar Hall, be it kirtan, the screens, or any other paath that may be necessary. Help is needed at the time of Akhand Paaths. Please come forward with your sewa in

whatever manner you see fit, as each one contributes towards the running of the Gurdwara. It is not run by one person or the Committee only. It is a collective effort.

GRANTHI APPOINTMENT

At the last AGM in August 2009, Giani Kuldeep Singh from Malaysia was overwhelmingly accepted and the necessary process was started. As advised by our appointed Migration agent, we have lodged all the necessary paperwork required for the approval of a Religious worker. It would not be much longer before it is approved

Giani Kuldeep Singh has consented to fulfilling the position and a contract was drawn up between the Society and Giani Kuldeep Singh which has been signed. We will advise you of any further developments.

In the interim, our own Hardev Singh is filling the role of Giani/Caretaker very well and the Sangat is quite please with his services. Complementing Hardev Singh, the services of Giani Dilwar Singh is also greatly appreciated.

GURPURAB 16TH – 18TH APRIL 2010

Akhand Path has been organised for Vaisakhi at the Gurdwara Sahib Adelaide.

Please bring all your family members and friends for this auspicious occasion.

Sevadaars for the 2 days are required especially for the night duties. We will provide transport for anyone needing such for the night.

Paath will commence at 6.00am Friday the 16th and Bhog will be at 9.30am on the 18th of April 2010, followed by kirtan until 12.00pm.

Donations for the Vaisakhi Akhand Paath will be welcomed.

LANGAR AND KITCHEN RESPONSIBILITY

The kitchen is being ably run by Harpal K Dhanoa, but she would appreciate more help in any manner that can be given, be it cleaning, cooking, buying ingredients.

GURDWARA REDEVELOPMENT

The house is almost completed and we should be getting the keys to it shortly. To fund the building of the house, the MC had to get a loan of AUD100, 000.00 and we expect to market the property for approximately AUD330, 000.00 to AUD345, 000.00. This would then reduce our overall loan significantly and we would be left with a loan of around AUD200, 000.00.

The property would be on the market in the next couple of weeks and if any member of the Society wishes to purchase it, please contact the MC.

TREASURER UPDATE

Subscriptions are now due and the MC would greatly appreciate if you could update your membership. Please be aware that only financial members can stand for positions available on the MC or be able to vote. So make your vote count by being financial.

As you are all aware, there are all sorts of ongoing maintenance work at the Gurdwara and funds are always needed. So kindly continue with your generous donations.

WELFARE CLUB

It has been a while since the Club sent out a Newsletter. At the AGM held last year on 23rd August, 2009, there were very few members present. Since there was hardly a quorum for the meeting, the members present felt that the previous committee should continue for another year.

The Club had received a grant of \$5000.00 in the 2008/2009 *Grants for Seniors Program*. Recording equipment is being bought with the grant. We hope to record the history of the seniors plus any other recording that needs to be done in the Darbar Hall will be done with that as well.

The club's yoga classes are continuing with a break in the school holidays on a fortnightly basis.

The Club is also organising a trip to Monarto Zoo plus either a BBQ or a lunch incorporated with that in May. Keep a look out for the date on the notice board and come and support the outing and the Club.

The Committee members for the Club are:

Chairperson: Balbir Kaur, **Secretary:** Pauline Dhillon; **Treasurer:** Amar K Padde; **Committee Members:** Ravinder Kaur; Sarjit K Khera, Harpal K Gill, & Harpal K Dhanoa

DONATIONS

The Committee would like to thank the individuals who got together and raised funds to have the water feature/fountain installed at the entrance of the Gurdwara Sahib. They are working towards having the whole front landscaped eventually. Of course this is going to take some time, as other things within the Gurdwara need looking at before the whole of the outside will be done. But in the meantime the water fountain has been paid by them at no cost to the Society.

They hope to raise some funds to complete landscaping around the fountain in the future. Again this will be their cost and not at the detriment of anything that needs to be done inside the Gurdwara, especially the kitchen. The Committee would like to thank them for their donations.

WORKING BEE



On Saturday, 17th April between 9.00am & noon, volunteers are required to help tidy up the Gurdwara. For more information, contact any members of the Management Committee.

Get Involved! Your community needs you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PUNJABI MELA

The Society is going to hold a Mela in November 2010. The final date is yet to be fixed, but since this is the first time that the Society is going into this venture, it is looking for support from all of you. Please come forward and give your time, support in whatever manner you can to make this a success for the society.

This is a fundraiser, so with everyone's support, the Society would like to make it a success and raise some funds for the Gurdwara.

KIRTANI JATHA

Last year some of our new and younger Sangat members took the initiative of organising a Rehan Sabahi Kirtan at our Gurdwara which was great

success. It was well accepted by the Sangat with a few minor concerns.

They are again planning for a similar programme this June. We would encourage members and sewadaars to come forward and contribute significantly towards hosting this function.

ANNUAL VAISAKHI DINNER & DANCE

The Sikh Society of South Australia endeavour to hold a number of community functions through the year and we encourage new families to attend in the hope that they make new friends and new bonding with others within the community.

The Vaisakhi Dinner and Dance is one such function that we hold annually. It's an evening where we like to showcase the Sikh Society and let other communities know who the Sikhs are what our culture is all about. As in the previous years, dignitaries from the Labor and Liberal Parties, the Multicultural society and a large number of non Sikhs will be attending our annual Vaisakhi function.

The evening will be punctuated with performances, exquisite Punjabi food, Bhangra music and raffle prize draws. There is a ticket to India for the taking that has generously been donated by Malaysian Airlines.

Tickets are limited so please book early to avoid any disappointment and they are available from any of the committee members.

Hope to see you all there.

When: Saturday 22nd May 2010

**Where: San Giorgio La Molara Community Centre,
11 Henry St, Payneham.**

**Cost: \$50.00 per person for Adults and
\$40.00 per person for full time students.**

This year, Vaisakhi falls on Wednesday, 14th April 2010. The SSSA will be holding a function on Wednesday evening. The SSSA would like the sangat come along and join in the celebration on Wednesday.

Happy Vaisakhi

SIKH SOCIETY GOLF SECTION



Captain's Report

The Golf Section AGM was held in January 9th and the following were elected to hold office for 2010.

Captain: Gurcharan Dhillon; **Treasurer:** Parvin Dhillon; **Secretary:** Narinder Singh;
Committee Members: Felix Paul; Ramesh Dhillon, Jassy Singh and Tony Meadows. The Golf committee has also opted Kiranjit Singh to the golf committee.

At start of 2010 we have 57 members and we look forward to some new members to join us. Up to end of March we have played 6 games. All games are well attended and we a trip to Clare in May and will be going to Port Augusta in June.

List of winner's up to March 2010:

Xmas Game

Allan Tan 43 points.

AGM Game

Chan Chen Lim 41 points

Ong Ying Chong Trophy

Suki Sangedha 41 points

Chinese New Year Trophy

Davinder Gill 33 points

Kathleen Snell Trophy

Tony Meadows 40 points

Current Leader board 2010

1. Conrad Conway	on	33 points
2. James Arok	on	29 points
3. Rene Dumont	on	23 points

Current nearest the Pin Leaders

Ramesh Dhillon	4
Renè Dumont	3

There are about 14 more games for year 2010. There will be some changes to the Leaderboard and nearest the pin competitions.

The Golf Club is progressing well and is financially sound. Thanks must go to the sponsors and their families for the support and also to the committee who works hard to keep the club going. Not forgetting the members who come out to play

Gurcharan Dhillon

UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

Have your personal detail (i.e. Name, Address, phone number or email address) changed in the past year or so or have we misspelt your name? If yes, then please provide the treasurer or the assistant treasurer with your updated details so we can keep the membership database up to date.

If you want your future newsletters via email please send an email to sssamembers-subscribe@sikhssa.com.au

For everyone else without an email address it will be sent to you via post.

Some Basic Sikh Beliefs (which can be forgotten in one's daily routine)

(Unknown source)

- 1. There is only ONE Akaal Purukh (God)**
- 2. Akaal Purukh's power, love, essence is called NAAM.**
- 3. Human being's are the most intelligent and highest form of creation. Akaal Purukh has given human's a will of their own and thus they can decide how to live.**
- 4. Human beings can exercise this will to make decisions that can be harmful/wrong. To help live harmoniously with all, with the Will of the Akaal Purukh, the Shabad Guru is there to guide him.**
- 5. The ten Patshahian are One in spirit. The spirit jyot now resides in the Guru Granth Sahib Ji.**
- 6. To live an active life of service, an order of the saint soldiers, called the Khalsa Panth has been created. Sikhs are advised to join the Khalsa Panth through Amrit Sanchar.**
- 7. The Sikhs have four ceremonies: naam karan; amrit sanchar; anand karaj; & antim ardaas.**
- 8. The soul of the Sikh attains union with Akaal Purukh while he is still living(jeevan mukt). This is attained through the Grace of Akaal Purukh and not through any rites of rituals.**
- 9. To live as Akaal Purukh wishes, a Sikh reads Gurbaani, discusses it, understands it and then follows it in his daily life.**