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1. Message from the President (Daljit Singh Dhillon)

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

SAWA committee is as usual working hard to meet with the aspirations of the community.

I would like to thank the organisers, doctors, nurses and other staff for organising the medical camp. It was really a great success. Credit also goes to Sangat to support and avail the services, brought right to their door step. I would also like to thank Dr Amarjit Singh for organising a very educative and entertaining trip to Bindoon and New Norcia. Well PCSC as usual deserves special thanks for providing a very 'yummy' and mouthwatering lunch for the participants.

Bushfires in Victoria has been real tragedy for the victims and the whole nation. SAWA committee has obtained special permission from Red Cross for raising bushfire relief fund from the public and within the community. I request all the Sangat to donate liberally for this noble cause. The donations are Tax refundable and proper receipts will be organised from Red Cross. Thanks to the members who have already made their donations.

Vaisakhi Sports and Vaisakhi dinner dance are organised on 12th April and 26th April respectively. I appeal to Sangat to make note of these dates and keep these days free for these events.

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

2. SAWA NEWS:

We are living in an age of Technology and Internet. We can save a lot of postage and stationery expenses by emailing the newsletter to our members and also by posting it on our website which would be ready soon. For those, who don't have access to the computer, hard copies would be made available. If for any reason, you don't receive the newsletter, please let us know and we will make sure that you get it.

We started the New Year with Prayers at the Gurdwara Saheb. A few days after the New Year celebration, on the 5th January, Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Avtar Diwas was celebrated. This was followed by the Akhand Path on Friday. Sangat, as usual has demonstrated a lot of spirit and enthusiasm for Asa Di Vaar Progs in the mornings, followed by normal Sunday Diwans.

• TABLA & KIRTAN CLASSES:

Tabla & Kirtan classes are in full swing. Any one interested in learning this divine art is welcome. Classes are held every Sunday after Langar. Special thanks to Harjit Singh Shah and Giani Balbir Singh Ji for doing this wonderful sewa.

- **BOUNDARY WALL:**

As you would have noticed, the Boundary wall is coming up very well. Thanks to Kanwal Jit Singh and Joginder Singh (Joe) who are looking after this project.

- **CONSTITUTION REVIEW NEWS:**

Our Constitution Review Project team, consisting of Mahesh Inder Singh (chair-person), Daljit Singh Dhillon, Dr. Amarjit Singh, Kanwaljit Singh, Navdeep K Cheema and Sawaranjit Singh Ludhar is working hard and drafting the changes for review. For any suggestions or input, contact Mahesh Inder Singh.

- **SAWA MEMBERSHIP:**

Just a friendly reminder that membership renewal for ordinary members was due on 1st January, 2009. If you have not renewed the membership as yet, please do so and get your right to vote at the AGM and EGM in making important decisions for the community.

- **PCSC REPORT – Gurdarshan Singh Kailley**

Punjabi Cultural & Sports Club has been pro active as usual. A magnificent family function was organised by the club in the wake of Lohri at Morley Recreation Centre on 11th of Jan. A crowd of more than 250 enjoyed this traditional Lohri function, a colourful evening of Cultural Events, Punjabi Music and delicious food.

The main objective of PCSC is to encourage sports and cultural activities by providing a healthy platform for our kids and youth so they can learn, appreciate and live Punjabi values and culture.

The Club is organising SAWA Vaisakhi Mela 09 in Perth as well. This Vaisakhi Mela will be held on 12th of April. The venue and details will be announced in Gurdwara Sahib. There will be games and fun rides for the kids along with hockey, volleyball, tug of war, soccer and athletics for the adults. Please contact any SAWA committee member or PCSC member if you are interested in participating in Vaisakhi Mela.

Exciting news from the club for Punjabi Music fans, Harbhajan Mann is performing live in Perth on 21st of March at Perth Convention Centre. The tickets are on sale now. This event has been organised by PCSC in collaboration with Perth International Education Centre, Mann Electricals and Sizzlin Events. Harbhajan Mann is touring Australia along with Rana Ranbir and promoting his new Punjabi Movie, *Jag Jeondeyan De Mele*. Don't be the one to miss the opportunity to watch this show.

SAWA's PUNJABI RADIO PROGRAM- Amrit Pal Singh



We would like to thank Dr Ajit Singh for the presentation of News Service and Dr Gurdeep Kaur and Jaskirat Singh for their healthy contribution to the SAWA SANGEET Program. Their contribution has made this program very popular. Apart from them, we need more volunteers for the program.

We would also like to thank all the listeners who contribute by ringing and giving us suggestions.
RADIO SIKH SANGEET, World Radio 6EB, 95.3 FM Every Thursday 7.00am- 8.00am

- **SAWA Seniors & Families Bus Trip - Dr Amarjit Singh**

On Saturday, the 14th February, 106 members of Sikh community went on a bus tour in two coaches, departing at about 9:00am and returning at 5:00pm. Lawry Humphreys, an ex-resident of Bindoon Catholic Agriculture College accompanied the members & gave a brief history of his stay there as a 13 year old English child migrant, which was quite interesting and revealing. It is a very beautiful building, consisting of educational, residential and administrative sections surrounded by vast areas of agriculture land & Australian bush.

At New Norcia, we were received by a staff member, who gave us a brief overview of the history of Benedictine Monks' arrival in 18th century, their settlement and establishment of monastery. Apparently, the monks played a significant role in the education and welfare of aboriginal and white children. All buildings have a Spanish style and are well preserved. After visiting various buildings, we were served very sumptuous hot lunch, delicious desserts and tea, prepared by members of PCSC. We are very grateful to PCSC for their marvelous contribution. All the members were very co-operative and thoroughly enjoyed the bus trip.

- **SAWA Punjabi School**

The school commenced its classes on 8th Feb. and will finish the term on 12th April. The classes are held every Sunday from 10.30am-11.30am. The Parents & Children's Day is on 29th March. For more information, contact Harminder Kaur. Thanks to all the teachers for organising the Sewa day on 8th March by the Punjabi School Children.

● **BREAKFAST & LUNCH LANGER SEWA:**

DATE	BREAKFAST SEWA By	LANGAR SEWA By
04-01-09	Balwinder Singh & Satwinder Singh	Harjinder Singh Kahlon
05-01-09	Evening Prog. : Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Avtar Diwas	Students (Ravinder Singh & friends)
09-01-09	Akhand Path	Harbir Singh
10-01-09	Ladies & Khalsa Club Members	Ladies & Khalsa Club Members
11-01-09	Jaspal Singh Mann	Sudents (Mahi & friends)
13-01-09	Evening Prog. : Sangrand	Paramjit Singh Nagra, Bahadur Singh Mann & Giani Balbir Singh Ji & families
18-01-09	Avtar Singh Tari & Bhagwan Kaur	Sadh Sangat
25-01-09	Harbhajan Singh Sandhu	Harbhajan Singh Sandhu
01-02-09	Sangat	Harjit singh, Sumandeep Kaur
08-02-09	Inderjit Singh Sekhon & Gurdev Kaur Sekhon	Inderjit Singh Sekhon & Gurdev Kaur Sekhon
12-02-09	Evening Prog. : Sangrand	Sadh Sangat
15-02-09	Amritdeep Singh Bal and Harmit Kaur	Students (Ankush, Ashu & friends)
22-02-09	Ranjit Singh & Mohinder Singh	Ranjit Singh & Mohinder Singh
27-02-09	Evening Prog. : Raag Basant Kirtan Darbar by Naujawan Satsang	Davinder Singh & Balwinder singh
28-02-09	Sukhmani Saheb Path for the peace of the departed soul of Bibi Charanjit Kaur Khera	Bibi Jaskiran Kaur Cheema & Bibi Manjit Kaur Sidhu

Our sincere thanks to all the families for their generosity and Sewa to the Sadh Sangat.. For Langer bookings, contact Giani Ji on 9455 7220 or Sarabjit Singh Pannu on 9455 1075.

3. **Community News:**

● **Gurbani Vichaar:**

Gurbani Vichaar Programme is held on Sundays fortnightly in the Canningvale Gurdwara Library after Langar, at about 1.00p.m. For more information contact Dr. Amarjit Singh on 9386 6379.

● **Istri Satsang:**

Istri Satsang is held every second Saturday of the month at Gurdwara Saheb from 2.00 – 4.30 pm. Thanks to Bibi Manjit Kaur Sunner for organising the January Satsang and all the ladies who co-ordinated the February Satsang. The bookings for March, April & May 2009 have been done. For future bookings, contact Juginder Kaur, Tel : 9276 3923.

Special thanks to Jaskiran Kaur Cheema & Manjit Kaur Sidhu for organising Sukhmani Saheb Path on the 27th Feb, for the peace of the departed soul of Bibi Charanjit Kaur Khaira, who unexpectedly passed away in Malaysia. She will be sadly, but affectionately missed by everyone known to her. Thanks also to Giani Balbir Singh Ji, Mr & Mrs Hardial Singh Khaira and Darshan Kaur Sidhu for their Kirtan and Shardhanjalies.

• **Condolences :**

SAWA expresses sincere condolences to:

- * S. Shingara Singh & family on the death of his dear brother in Sydney.
- * Mrs Gurdev Kaur Swaddi on the death of her cousin brother S.Harchand Singh Johl in London.
- * S Phakeer Singh & family on the unexpected and untimely, sudden death of his loving wife Bibi Charanjit Kaur Khaira in Malaysia.

• **Births Birthdays! Engagements! Wedding anniversaries!**

Congratuatiions from SAWA and Sadh Sangat to

- Mr & Mrs Harjit Singh Dhanoa on the 1st Birth Day of their son Jasjit Singh.
- Mr & Mrs Jaginder Singh (Joe) on the 1st Birth Day of their grand daughter.
- Mr & Mrs Jaspal Singh Mann on the 21st birthday of their son.
- Komalpreet Kaur & Ratinder Singh on the birth of their daughter and to Mr & Mrs Devraj Singh for being blessed with a grand daughter.
- Mr & Mrs Pawanjit Singh Gill on the birth of their twins-Sahib Gill and Sukhman Gill.
- Mr & Mrs Rakesh Bhardwaj on the birth of their son Shane Singh.
- Mr & Mrs Ranbir Singh on the engagement of their daughter Simeran and Mr and Mrs Didar Singh Cheema on the engagement of their son, Harpreet (Sonu).
- Mr & Mrs Jagdish Singh Gill on the engagement of their daughter Soni and to Mr Ranjit Singh Jessy on the engagement of his son Jasveer.
- Mr & Mrs Balvir Singh Dhillon on the engagement of their son Darshan.
- Mr & Mrs Inderjit Singh Sekhon on their 50th wedding anniversary.
- Mr & Mrs Avtar Singh on the wedding of their daughter Nisha in India
- Mr & Mrs Sarabjit Singh Pannu on the wedding of their daughter Poonam in India

Please, note that the condolences and congratulations section is based on the information made available. We apologise for any omissions. If you would like any info to be published in the next newsletter, please, contact Juginder Kaur, the editor of SAWA Newsletter on 9276 3923 or email : psjkrajpal@yahoo.com.au

4. Forthcoming Events:

FOR YOUR DIARY: Please make a note of these days so that you don't miss any of these important events.

Date	Day	Event
14-03-09	Saturday : From 2:00 – 4:30 pm.	Istri Satsang
14-03-09	Saturday : From 6.30 – 8.30 pm.	Sangrand - Chet
14-04-09	Saturday : From 6.30 – 8.30 pm.	Sangrand : Vaisakhi Programme
17-04-09 to 19-04-09	Friday to Sunday	Akhand Path to celebrate the birth of Khalsa (Vaisakhi)

As it is the 1st newsletter for 2009, I would like to wish all the readers, SAWA members and the overall Sikh Community a very Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year and pray that Waheguru blesses us all with Nam Dan and Sadh Sangat Sewa.

I would also like to thank sincerely all those who did contribute to the publication of this newsletter. Last but not least, I am also grateful to the Sadh Sangat for their co-operation, support and encouraging comments.

WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA WAHEGURU JI KI FATEH.

