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1. President's Report - Daljit Singh Dhillon

Dear Members

Sat Siri Akal.

With the blessing of Waheguru and your help and co-operation, the present Executive Committee has completed its one year term and notice for AGM, where a new committee will be elected, is already in your hands. Let us reflect on some of the highlights of last year.

Religious services

All the Gurpurbs including *Bandishorh Diwas* (Diwali) were celebrated with deep religious fervour. I would like to thank our Giani ji for conducting all the religious services with Gur-maryada. A number of Kirtani Jathas and a couple of Kathakars visited the Gurdwara Sahib.

Many developmental works in the Gurudwara premises have been in hand over the year. The construction of boundary wall has been completed. Motorised entrance gate on the Shreeve Road has been commissioned. The levelling of area around the temple has been completed and next committee may take up the paving of this area.

Constitution review

The constitution review committee led by S. Mahesh Inder Singh has spent a lot of time in reviewing and updating the constitution. During the EGM held to consider the proposed amendments, there was lot of input from some of our senior members. Some of the proposed amendments were approved by the house but other amendments will be considered during the AGM or another EGM depending upon the members' wishes.

Radio program

Congratulations to Amritpal Singh for holding the fort singlehandedly and serving the community selflessly.

Vaisakhi Sports

With the help of PCSC Vaisakhi sports were organised for the first time. Amazingly there was huge response from every age group of males and females. So many members suggested making it annual event permanently. Congratulations to the organising committee led by PCSC.

Health camp

With the help of several medical professionals, a medical camp at the Gurudwara premises produced some significant facts for the community and individuals. Almost 200 members made use of this facility. Congratulations to the organising committee.

Anual Vaisakhi Dinner dance

Again this event was celebrated with gusto. There was large representation from the government and opposition. This event definitely promoted a positive image of community. Congratulations to the organising committee.

I would like to convey my personal thanks to all the Committee members for their dedication to the tasks in hand and serving the community.

The whole Sangat including the international student community deserves congratulations for maintaining very peaceful and harmonious atmosphere in the temple and doing all types of Sewa.

Waheguru ji ka khalsa Waheguruji ki fateh

2. SAWA NEWS:

The months from May to July have been pretty busy both socially and religiously. We are thankful to Jaginder Singh (Jo) who organized the visit of Bhai Amandeep Singh ji and his two companions from Mata Kaulan Bhalai Kainder in Amritsar, Punjab, India. Every one who attended the Gudwara during their visit enjoyed the holy Kirtan and Gurbani Vichar.

Socially and culturally, we were looked after very well by the PCSC with their variety of functions and we wholeheartedly thank the PCSC for their efforts in keeping our community in touch with our culture, traditional values, fairs and festivals.

• PCSC REPORT – Gurdarshan Singh Kailley

Another year has gone by in a glimpse, during the past 12 months, Punjabi Cultural & Sports Club has achieved remarkable mile stones in club's history. A lot of effort has been contributed by the club members, their families and sponsors. The Club has overwhelming support of the Punjabi community behind all the successful events. PCSC has supported SAWA in catering for Seniors Trip to Bindoon, organising Vaisakhi games and Dinner Dance. In an effort to keep the kids connected to our cultural background, PCSC has started celebrating Lohri and Teeyan since the last two years. The Lohri dinner dance and Teyaan both have been a major success. The essence of organising such events is to revive our traditions and provide the youngster to learn folk dances (Bhangra & Gidha), while enjoying the rich and colourful aspects of our Virsa. The club has also paved the path for Punjabi Cultural Concerts in Perth as well, firstly by Harbhajan Maan concert, then supporting Bhangraolgy for Jazzy B concert. We will have more exciting concerts in coming months; don't miss the beat on PCSC news.



Punjabi Cultural & Sports Club is organising a colourful evening (for the ladies only) to celebrate **TEEYAN 09** on Saturday, the 8th of August 2009 at **Casa Siciliani** (Lot51 Fortune Street, Balcatta) The function will start at 3pm sharp and the main attractions are talent competition, best traditional dress, Gidha & Boliyan with quantum of attractive prizes to win while you are enjoying delicious food and chaat. The tickets can be purchased from Ravinder Kaur (0434676214), PritPal Kaur or Barjinder Kaur (0408955377), for more information visit www.pcscperth.com.

ਜਾਂਦਾਂ ਦੇ ਝਰੋਖੇ In September 2009, the club has organised a dinner dance to revisit the sweet memories of the 70s-80s era, when there were only a few Punjabis in Perth. There will be a power point presentation of photos from that era and videos of cultural performance and achievements of the youngsters of that

time. The venue and other details will be finalised shortly. This night is the one not to be missed, so please pencil mark Sunday, the 27th September (long weekend) on your diaries.

The prime objective of the club is to maintain and promote the Punjabi language, kids are encouraged to learn and speak Punjabi. The parents are requested to bring their kids for Bhangra classes, which are conducted in preparation of these cultural functions. The PCSC Bhangra team (Nachda Punjab) has been representing the community for more than 7 years on different multicultural and SAWA platforms. Our club is a stalwart supporter of traditional values and appreciate any step forward to serve the community better. Please keep supporting the club in the forthcoming events and making it stronger.

“ਬੋਲੀ ਜਿਉਂਦੀ ਰਹੀ ਤਾਂ
ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਜਿਉਂਦੇ ਰਹਿਣਗੇ”

• **SAWA's PUNJABI RADIO PROGRAM- Amritpal Singh**



SAWA's Punjabi RADIO is running very well. Listener base is getting bigger and bigger. Thanks to all the support, given to us by SAWA Committee. Our Presenters team is also growing slowly. We need more volunteers to present the program. I would like to thank my team for their hard work. The Team includes Dr Gurdeep Kaur, Dr Ajit Singh, Jaskirat Singh and Amandeep Kaur. We welcome our new team member Mrs Santbir Kaur. Please help us to find new

Sponsors. Your Suggestions are always most welcome. Requests for your favourite songs or dedications can be made in advance to Amrit Pal Singh : 0471911803. Any other feedback positive/negative/constructive can be made to the Secretary of SAWA. In the end, thanks for listening SAWA's PUNJABI SANGEET on 95.3 FM 6EBA on Thursday 7.am-8am.

• **BREAKFAST & LUNCH LANGER SEWA:**

| DATE | BREAKFAST SEWA By | LANGAR SEWA By |
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| 03-05-09 | Romil Arjun and family | Romil Arjun and family |
| 10-05-09 | Kanwaljit Singh & family | Bahadur Singh Mann and family |
| 15-05-09 | Evening Prog . 6:30-8:30 (Sangrand Diwan) | Paramjit Singh Nagra & family |
| 17-05-09 | Harjinderpal Singh, KamalSingh & Shiv Singh | Harjinderpal Singh, KamalSingh & Shiv Singh |
| 24-05-09 | Dr. Partap Singh family | Dr Malkit Singh and family |
| 31-05-09 | Minder Singh, Paramjit singh, Jagtar singh & Surjit singh families | Minder Singh, Paramjit singh, Jagtar singh & Surjit singh families |
| 07-06-09 | Sarabjit S. Pannu, Arunjit Singh Ratan and Dr. Sanjay Patole families | Sarabjit S. Pannu, Arunjit Singh Ratan and Dr. Sanjay Patole families |
| 14-06-09 | Harmit SinghKailley family | Harmit SinghKailley family |
| 15-06-09 | Evening Prog. Sangrand Diwan | Sukhwant K Pannu & Piara S. Narin families |
| 16-06-09 | Evening Prog. Guru Arjan Dev ji's Shahidi Diwas | Jatinderpal Singh Virk |
| 19-06-09 | Akhand Path: Guru Arjan dev Ji's Shahidi Diwas | By a few families; Deg Sewa during Akhand Path by Jagdish Singh Gill and family |
| 20-06-09 | By Ladies | By Ladies |
| 21-06-09 | Dapinder Singh and other students | Dapinder Singh and other students |
| 28-06-09 | Jasdeep Singh family | Jasdeep Singh family |
| 05-07-09 | Didar S. Cheema, Bakhtawar s punia & Surjit Singh Punia families | Didar S. Cheema, Bakhtawar s punia & Surjit Singh Punia families |

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| 12-07-09 | Bibi Niranjan Kaur Sidhu family | Rajinder Singh Bassi and family |
| 16-07-09 | Evening Prog . 6:30-8:30 pm(Sangrand Diwan) | Sukhdev Singh Pandher and family |
| 19-7-09 | Satinder Singh Samra, Rajpal Singh Bagga & Baldev S. Bagga families | Satinder Singh Samra, Rajpal Singh Bagga & Baldev Singh. Bagga families |
| 24-07-09 | Evening Prog . 6:00-8:00pm- Kirtan by Bhai Amandeep Singh Ji's Jatha | By Sangat |
| 25-07-09 | Evening Prog . 6:00-8:00- Kirtan by Bhai Amandeep Singh Ji's Jatha | Dr Amarjit Singh Bajaj and family |
| 26-07-09 | Dalbir Singh Sandhu & Dalbir Singh Gill families | Harjinderpal singh and other student friends |

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 first or second Saturday of the month at Gurdwara Saheb from 2.00 – 4.30 pm. Thanks to Gurmeet K Sidhu, Jaswinder K Bhail; Inderjit Kaur & Dalbir K (Rani),; and Pritpal Kaur & Kamaljit K Gill for co-ordinating the May, June and July satsangs respectively. The bookings for August & September 2009 have been done. For future bookings, contact Juginder Kaur, Tel : 9276 3923.

- **Condolences :**

SAWA expresses sincere condolences to:

- * Mr Raghu Tah and his family on the death of his brothet-in-law(Jija Ji), Mr Arundev Sharma in England.
- * S. Ranjit Singh Sandhu and his family on the demise of his nephew S. Jatinder Singh Sandhu in Malaysia.

- **Births Birthdays! Engagements! Wedding anniversaries!**

Congratuatiions are due from SAWA and Sadh Sangat to

- * Mr & Mrs Dalbir Singh Gill on the 17th Birthday of their daughter Nareem.
- * Mr & Mrs Dalbir Singh Sandhu on the birthday of their grand-son Keldeep Singh and the 50th birthday of their brother S Iqbal Singh.
- * Mr and Mrs Satinder Singh Samra on the 27th birthday of their daughter Poonam Samra.
- * Mr & Mrs Amitpal Singh on the 8th Birthday of their son Guntas.
- * Mona & Satpal Singh on their 1st wedding anniversary.

Please, note that the condolences and congratulations section is based on the information made available. We apologise for any omissions.

Last but not least, I would like to thank sincerely all those, who contributed to this newsletter. I am also extremely grateful to all those members of the Sikh Community and Sangat, who always showered generous compliments throughout the year and encouraged us to do Sewa at our level best with their constructive feedback and suggestions. Thank you once again for all your support and co-operation throughout the year.

WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA WAHEGURU JI KI FATEH.

Juginder Kaur

Assistant Secretary, SAWA.