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## **Newsletter No.2: November - December 2008**

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### **1. Message from the President (Daljit Singh Dhillon)**

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

I, on behalf the SAWA Executive committee wish a Happy New Year to the Sangat. May the Almighty shower His Grace on all of us! Exco is thankful to the members for their support in running the affairs of the association and meet with the expectations of the community.

The association completes another successful year. We celebrated the Diwali in big way in collaboration with three other associations at Herb Graham Recreation centre and then subsequently at the Gurdwara Sahib. Similarly we also celebrated Guru Nanak Dev ji's Avtar Divas in a big way.

I have represented the Sikh community at several forums, to project and promote the image of our community. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the community enjoys a very positive image and is well regarded for its hard work and promotion of harmony, understanding and respect for different cultures and religions on the multicultural tapestry of Australia.

However, I apologise for any shortcomings (real or perceived) on the part of the committee.

I will continue to seek community's support and guidance in the new year.

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

### **2. SAWA NEWS:**

To keep the Sangat in touch with the religious and cultural activities of the Sikh community, SAWA has decided to publish its newsletter every two months. It is pleasing to see so many new members and students in our community and we are grateful to them for doing all types of Sewa with a lot of devotion. We also thank the Naujawan Satsang members, who not only organize the prayers every Last Sunday of the month but also encourage other children to actively participate in the Gurdwara activities. Thanks are also due to Harminder Kaur for organizing the end of year fancy dress function for the Punjabi School children.

#### **• TABLA & KIRTAN CLASSES:**

As you might be aware by now, Bhai Joginder Singh has been in Perth from Delhi to fill in for Giani Balbir Singh Ji who is in India on annual leave. Bhai Joginder Singh learnt tabla and Kirtan at a very young age. He learnt tabla for 15 years under the guidance of the world famous late Ustad Alla Rakha Khan (Zakir Hussain's father) and also sings melodious Kirtan. Bhai Sahib Ji has kindly offered to teach tabla and Kirtan at Canningvale Gurdwara Sahib. The classes run from 6.00pm to 7.00 pm from Monday to Friday. We sincerely thank Amarjit Singh Shah and his family for providing him the accommodation and transportation to GURDWARA SAHEB. We are also grateful to Bhai Joginder Singh Ji for the morning and evening prayers every day and Kirtan Sewa on Sundays in the Gurdwara Sahib.

- **BOUNDARY WALL:**

The work on the Boundary wall will start again in the new year. The loan has already been approved. Kanwal Jit Singh and Joginder Singh (Joe) are working on this project and hopefully, by the blessings of Waheguru Ji, it would be completed soon. Thanks to all those members who lent money (interest free) for this purpose.

- **SAWA WEBSITE:**

SAWA web site is up and running and its URL has been registered. Thanks to S. Ajmer Singh for developing the site and creating email addresses for the President and secretary of SAWA. We hope to use the website more for communication and cut down on paper and postage expenses. More in our next newsletter.

- **CONSTITUTION REVIEW NEWS:**

Our Constitution Review Project team (sub-committee) is now complete and is drafting the changes for review. For any suggestions or input, contact SAWA's secretary, Mahesh Inder Singh who is also the co-ordinator of this project.

- **AUDITORS FOR 2008-2009 :**

We are pleased to inform the Sangat that Mr. Harvir Singh Dhaliwal and Mr. Gurdit Singh Sekhon will be the auditors for the 2008/09 financial year. We thank them for their voluntary Sewa and wish them all the best.

- **SAWA MEMBERSHIP:**

Just a friendly reminder that membership renewal for ordinary members is due on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009. All members of the Sangat are encouraged to renew the membership or become the members as it gives them the right to vote at the AGM and EGM in making important decisions for our community.

- **PCSC REPORT:**

**Lohri 2009 :** After a great success of Teeyan and the Boat Trip in 2008, PCSC (Punjabi Cultural and Sports Club) is organising another cultural evening to celebrate **LOHRI**. This function will be held at the **Morley Recreation Centre**, on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2009 from 4:30 pm onwards. PCSC promises this to be an evening that would stay in your memory for the whole of year 2009, so buy your tickets asap to avoid disappointment. Tickets are available from Sunny Punia, Amritpal Singh and Gurdarshan Singh Kailley at Canningvale Gurdwara Sahib Langar Hall. For more information contact Mr. Kailey on 0408 001 053.

Also, please, stay tuned for the forthcoming colourful and cultural activities being planned by the PCSC.

- **SAWA's PUNJABI RADIO PROGRAM:**



SAWA would like to thank Jaskeerat Singh (Jasky) and Dr Gurdeep Kaur for helping out with Radio Programmes, while Amrit Pal was away. They both did a wonderful job in presenting the programmes. We are pleased that that both of them have volunteered again to take charge during school holidays. Well done, Jesky and Mum Team! Keep up the good work!

**RADIO SIKH SANGEET**  
**World Radio 6EB, 95.3 FM**

**EveryThursday7.00am – 8.00am**

- **BREAKFAST & LUNCH LANGER SEWA:**

DATE	BREAKFAST SEWA By	LANGAR SEWA By
26-10-08	S. Kamaljit Singh Kharbanda	Bikram Singh Sandhu & family
28-10-08	<b>Evening Prog. Diwali Celebration</b>	Bhupinder Singh Grewal (Maya Masala Wale)
02-11-08	Sangat	Amar Deep Singh Pannu
09-11-08	Ranbir Singh Riar & Navnit K Riar	Dr. Parshotam Gera & Mala Gera
13-11-08	<b>Evening Prog . Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Avtar Diwas</b>	Giani Balbir Singh Ji & Bahadur Singh Mann family
14-11-08	<b>Akhand Path</b> - Devraj Singh & family	Sukhwant Kaur Pannu & Dalbir Kaur (Rani)
15-11-08	Sangat	Sangat
16-11-08	Kirandeep Singh; Harnaam Singh Pathania, Anil Kumar & Gobind Singh	Kirandeep Singh; Harnaam Singh Pathania, Anil Kumar & Gobind Singh
30-11-08	Sarabjit Singh Pannu	Darshan Singh Sidhu & family
07-12-08	Kulwinder Singh Sidhu & family	Kulwinder Singh Sidhu & family
14-12-08	Dr. Gurdarshan Singh Hans	Students from Hanuman Garh
21-12-08	Dalbir Singh Sandhu, Darshan Singh Sidhu & Surjit Singh Gill	Dalbir Singh Sandhu, Darshan Singh Sidhu & Surjit Singh Gill
27-12-08	<b>Kirtan Prog. 10.00-12.00</b>	Major Balwant Singh Sidhu & family
28-12-08	Bibi Harcharan Kaur	Satvir Singh & family
31-12-08	<b>Evening Prog from 7.00 pm - New Year Eve Kirtan by Mohinder Singh Khalsa Ji &amp; Giani Sukhdev Singh Gurburi from Malaysia from 10-11.30 pm.</b>	Balwinder Singh

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:**

- **Sikh Women's Care Group:**

We are pleased that two more members have joined the care group. We welcome and thank Manjit Kaur Dhani and Harmeet Kaur for joining this group. The more members we have, the more service we can provide to our brothers and sisters who are in need of help. For more information or if you would like to join the group, contact Ranjit Kaur Brar on 9450 2777 or Juginder Kaur on 9276 3923.

- **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 Gurmeet Kaur and Bibi Harvans Kaur for organising the November Satsang and Bibi Manjjit Kaur Sunner who co-ordinated the December Satsang. The bookings for January and May 2009 have also been done. For future bookings, contact Juginder Kaur, Tel : 9276 3923.

• **Condolences :**

SAWA expresses sincere condolences to:

- \* Kuldeep Kaur and her family on the death of her elder sister Manjit Kaur Ji.
- \* Abtar Singh Kaler & his family on the demise of his respected mother, Bibi Gurdave Kaur Ji in Malaysia.

• **Congrats! Congrats! Congrats!**

**Congratuatiions are due from SAWA to**

- \* Jasdeep Singh Samra on his Birthday.
- \* Gurshish and Asis (son and daughter of Kulwinder Singh Sidhu) on their birthdays.
- \* Harsharan Kaur Mann on her 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- \* S. Sukhdev Singh Pandher on his Birthday.
- \* S. Dalbir Singh Sandhu, Darshan Singh Sidhu and S. Surjit Singh Gill on their 60th Birthdays
- \* Rakesh and Manjoo on the birth of their son.
- \* Jagjit Singh Sidhu and Malkeet Kaur on the birth of their son and to Mrs Niranjan Kaur for being blessed with a grandson, Karantaj Singh.
- \* Mr & Mrs Jagdev Singh Dhillon on the birth of their grandson.
- \* Mr & Mrs Ranbir Singh on the wedding of their daughter and Sarabjit Kaur & Dr Charan Singh on the wedding of their son.

**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.**

**4. Forthcoming Events:**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>
5th Jan. 2009	Monday, Evening Prog From 6.30 – 8.30 pm.	Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Avtar Diwas
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan- 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.2009	Friday - Sunday	Guru Gobind Singh ji's Avtar Diwas Akhand Path
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2009	Saturday from 6.30 – 8.30 pm.	Taal Parkaash "The awakening of the Indian Drums" concert by Joginder Singh at Octagon Theatre, UWA. For more info, contact Manjit Kaur on 93326102 / 043333 4260 or SAWA Secretary.

**As it is the last newsletter for 2008, I would like to thank all those who did contribute to the publication of this newsletter. I am also grateful to the Sadh Sangat for their co-operation, support and encouraging comments. We wish you a very Happy New Year and pray that Waheguru blesses us all with Nam Dan and Sadh Sangat Sewa.**

**WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA WAHEGURU JI KI FATEH.**

