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## **Newsletter : September-October 2008**

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

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh

Blessed and Honoured Sangat ji,  
SAWA at its Annual General Body meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2008, as per tradition, elected a new team of Sewadars (Executive committee) unanimously, to serve the community during 2008-2009.

We feel humbled and blessed that you have reposed faith and confidence in us for the job. I, on behalf of the members of the committee assure you all that the best interests of the community and the Sikh religion will be foremost in managing the affairs of SAWA.

The outgoing committee has done a wonderful job in the past year. They organised several social and religious events to meet the expectations of the community in general and also to promote the interests of Sikh community in multicultural environment in Australia. The start of the construction of a boundary wall around the SAWA property is one of the major steps. Congratulations are also due to the Sikh Sports **Carnival Committee** for organising this special memorable event in a very professional and yet friendly manner.

The role of Sikh Naujawan Satsang and PCSC cannot be underplayed. In reality, they are the main pillars of our religious and cultural edifice. Similarly we humbly acknowledge the services of our Giani ji, Bhai Balbir Singh Ji for looking after Gurdwara Sahib and also spreading the message of love of God and the humanity. We also welcome international students and their services in the Gurdwara Sahib.

I, on behalf of the committee, humbly request for the support and input from the community at large. Please, do provide us a direction in our endeavours to serve you effectively and to your expectations. I would also like to take the opportunity of reminding that a large section of the sangat has not yet taken up formal membership of the Association and thus we do miss their input during our AGM and any other special meetings for deciding important issues. We request them to take up the membership immediately.

## **2. Contact Details of SAWA Committee Members 2008-2009:**

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**NB:** The Duty Roster and the names of members, responsible for the Sub-Committees are displayed on the Gurdwara Notice board.

### **3. SAWA NEWS:**

In the last few months, we have observed a wave of activities at the Gurdwara Sahib, ranging from normal Sunday prayers to informative movie, quiz, Pizza night and Boat Cruise under the starry night. It is pleasing to see our community growing by leaps and bounds. We are really proud of our budding youth who are not only doing the Langer Sewa, but also raising funds to help those who have been badly affected by the natural disasters.

- **BOUNDARY WALL:**

The Boundary wall is well under its way and hopefully, by the blessings of Waheguru Ji should be completed as planned. Joginder Singh (Joe) is providing consultancy service for this project and Prem Kumar Singh has been managing it in the last year. Both of them have kindly offered assistance in the future as well. Kanwaljit Singh will be looking after the project this year.

- **CONSTITUTION REVIEW NEWS:**

Our Constitution Review Project team (sub-committee) is nearly complete and will soon start drafting the changes for review under the chairmanship of Mahesh Inder Singh.

- **SAWA MEMBERSHIP:**

At the AGM it was decided to set the membership subscription for Ordinary Member (family) at \$30.00. Membership renewal for ordinary members is due on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009.



*XXI Australian Sikh Games*

- **ASG COMMITTEE REPORT**

As we all are aware, the 21<sup>st</sup> Australian Sikh Games were held in Perth in March 2008. SAWA is proud of the Games Committee which was led by Satinder Singh Samra. The Committee has done a magnificent job in raising the profile of our community. We are thankful to the whole Punjabi Community in Perth, all the ASG Committee members and volunteers who made this special event a grand success.

Special thanks go to Dr Manjit Singh Mudhar and Jagdev Singh Dhillon, who along with the whole Committee raised a surplus fund of \$26,000.

- **PCSC REPORT:**

**Teeyan 08** : PCSC (Punjabi Cultural and Sports Club) organized yet another successful function being Teeyan 2008. The event was completely sold out. The crowd was entertained by cultural performances, Gidha and DJ. There were plenty of activities such as Mehndi stall, mini manicures, face painting and best dressed competition. With mouth watering food available for sale, all the ladies enjoyed the traditional atmosphere. Next year's event will be bigger and better, so make your suggestions early. PCSC would like to thank all sponsors and participants.

Please contact Gurdarshan Singh Kailey on 0408 001 053 to enquire about PCSC membership.

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

The Sikh Association of Western Australia brings the Sikh Sangeet Program to you in collaboration with Multicultural Radio and Television Association of WA INC every Thursday 7am -8am on World Radio 6EBA 95.3 FM .



To keep the program relevant to our community, we need your ideas and input, please contact Radio Coordinator and Production Manager **Amrit Pal Singh**, Ph 0417 911 803 Email [jgeet24@hotmail.com](mailto:jgeet24@hotmail.com) Studio Ph 08 9227 5953 or SAWA Secretary to give your valuable suggestions. We are in constant need of presenters, panel operators and volunteers and your participation can make a huge difference to the community. The Business community can use the media to market their products at very low price.

**RADIO SIKH SANGEET**

**World Radio 6EB, 95.3 FM**

**EveryThursday7.00am – 8.00am**

- **PUNJABI SCHOOL REPORT:**

Punjabi classes are held every Sunday from 10.30 to 11.30am at the Gurdwara premises. The year is divided into four terms for the ease of teaching a different subject in each term such as reading, writing, speaking and listening. Every term, prizes are given to children who excel in their area of study. We have extremely committed teachers who are very keen to teach your children. All we need is commitment from the parents. If you need more information or wish to enroll your child to learn Punjabi, contact Harminder Kaur on 0403 306 819 (M)/61618845 (H) or Harbir Singh, the Punjabi School Manager on 9455 3537.

- **LANGER SEWA:**

DATE	SEWA by
3/8/08	Bakhshish Singh & family
10/8/08	Devraj Singh & family
15/8/08	Bibi Shinder kaur Sekhon & family
17/8/08	Charanjit Singh Chhabra & family
24/8/08	Sarabjit Singh Pannu & family
31/8/08	Dr. Abheraj Singh & family
7/9/08	Inderpreet Singh & family
14/9/08	Bibi Manmohan Kaur & family
15/9/08	Students & friends
21/9/08	Rajinder Singh Bassi & family
28/9/08	Gurdarshan singh Kailley & family
5/10/08	Amit Kumar Walia
12/10/08	Manpreet Singh & Manjinder Singh
15/10/08	Khalsa Taxi Operators
19/10/08	Inderjit Singh
26/10/08	Available

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.

#### **4. Community News:**

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

Sikh women's care group has been active, now for more than a year. A group of about 10 ladies voluntarily help families/individuals in need. No job is too small or too great. It's all Sewa, based on the philosophy of Sikh religion that we must help those less fortunate than us. The ladies in this group provide all the help in a very discrete way and confidentiality is observed by all the members. The activities range from home visits to inspirational and motivational talks to relieve some of the pain of the stressed families. We would like more members to join as we have no formal funds and increase in membership would mean more assistance to our brothers and sisters. Nevertheless, all the ladies in this group are very generous and provide all sorts of help with broad-mindedness.

Looking towards the future, we plan to register our group and try to apply for grants to help our community. With funding, we will be able to run more programmes and help our community in different ways. 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 has been in operation since last year. It 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. The programme starts with Sukhmani Saheb Path, followed by Kirtan, Ardas and Guru Ka Langar. Thanks to Bibi Harmit Kaur for organising the August Satsang and all the ladies who co-ordinated the September Satsang.

- **Diwali Mela:**

Diwali Mela will be held at Graham Herb recreation Centre, Mirrabooka on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> October. There will be food stalls, entertainment and lot of fun activities for every one. This Mela, again like the previous years, is being jointly organised by the four organisations. i.e. ISWA, SAWA, Gujrati Samaj and Anglo Indian Society. For more information, contact Mahesh Inder Singh on 0419 809 062 or Kanwaljit Singh on 0427 081 805. **SAWA wishes all the community members a Very Happy and Prosperous Diwali!**

- **Condolences :**

SAWA expresses sincere condolences to:

- \* Dr. Abhey Raj Singh and his family on the unexpected and sudden demise of his beloved mother.
- \* Sukhdev Singh Pandher and his family on the death of his respected mother, Gurbachan Kaur Ji in Malaysia.
- \* Shinder Kaur Sekhon on the death of her mother in India.

• **Congrats! Congrats! Congrats!**

Congratuations are due from SAWA to

- \* Eshreen (daughter of Dalbir Kaur) on her 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- \* Jasvir Singh on his 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday
- \* Khesrin and Manraj Singh Ludher on the birth of a daughter and to Mr & Mrs Sucha Singh Khaira and Mr & Mrs Swarnjit Singh Ludher for being blessed with a grand-daughter, Simran Kaur.
- \* Jaskiran Kaur & Sukhjinder singh on the birth of their son and to Mr & Mrs Rajinder Singh Bassi for being blessed with a grand son, Rohan Singh.
- \* Mr & Mrs Ramnik Singh Bhabra on the wedding of their son in Kenya.
- \* Mr & Mrs Lakhbir Singh Sidhu on the wedding of their daughter Marni.
- \* Mr & Mrs Didar Singh Cheema on the wedding of their daughter Navdeep (Mona).
- \* Mr & Mrs Sarwan Singh Vagel on the wedding of their son Avinjeet Singh
- \* Mrs Manmohan Kaur on the weddings of her sons, Manpreet Singh (Goldy) and Gurpreet Singh (Rinku) 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, advise the EXCO.**

**5. 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>
15 Oct 08	Wednesday, Evening Prog From 6.30 – 8.30 pm.	Sangrand (Katik): Langar Sewa by Punjabi Taxi Operators. Contact Satinder Singh Samra on 0407 472 865 or email satinder.samra@gmail.com
20 Oct 08	Monday	300 yrs Gurgaddi Diwas Siri Guru Granth Saheb Ji
26 Oct 08	Sunday Evening	Diwali Mela at Mirrabooka
28 Oct 08	Tuesday Evening	Diwali & Bandi Chhor Diwas
14–16 Nov 08	Friday - Sunday	Guru Nanak Dev ji's Avtar Diwas Akhand Path
24 Nov 08	Monday	Shahidi Diwas guru Teg Bahadur Saheb Ji

**In conclusion, the SAWA Executive Committee would like to thank all the Sewadaars and the Sikh Community for their co-operation and support. Please keep supporting your association in fundraising for the Boundary Wall and future building improvements.**

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

