

Educational Class

The Women's Auxiliary of NSW held a Religious Educational and Craft Class on 11th January 2009.

The sessions started with a recitation from the Holy Quran. Traditionally, as is the case, after the recitation of the Holy Quran, a Hadith (saying of the Holy Prophet of Islam) was presented, which outlined the negative effects of arrogance.

During the course of the day, three scholarly speeches were presented. The first being about the "Religious Education of Women and the Responsibility of Mothers". The main points presented were that the education of the child starts at birth, they may not understand what you say but they observe everything that you do, and this impacts the way they develop. The speaker also talked about how a child emulates social responsibilities through its mother and the relationship they have with their mother. Indeed a great tribute should be given to Mothers for the vital role they play in the lives of their children.

Subsequently, the hall fell silent as a melodiously poem was presented, after which the second speech of the day was delivered. The speaker talked about effective methods of preaching and stated the most important things to remember are that one must always practice what they preach, and respect for other faiths must always be maintained. It is the responsibility of every member to preach the message of Islam.

The third speech addressed the Significance of Social Work (Khidmat-e-Khalq). The speaker stressed that God has stated that if you have neglected the needy, you have in fact neglected me and earned my displeasure. In today's world, Islam is seen viewed with such hatred and in order to break this negative outlook on such a beautiful religion, we should carry out more social work to help those in need. Currently the Women's Auxiliary of Australia undertake a vast range of social work such as Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Red Cross Appeal, Blood Donations, Visits to Retirement Homes and phone calls are also made to the elderly and sick.

Melody once again wafted through the hall as an emotion filled Nazm (poem) was recited by Nasirat (young girls). Following this a presentation was given on Healthy Living. The speaker talked about healthy eating, the importance of breakfast, the importance of sleep and relaxation techniques. After a brief tea break, a craft class was undertaken in which flower making and arrangement techniques were taught.

The program was then ended with a Dua (silent prayer) and as all good things do, the day came to a close. By the Grace of God, the educational class was a great success and proved to be a source of educational enhancement for many Lajna members.

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