



# ICJC Newsletter

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## ICJC Women's Committee

The Islamic Center of Johnson County Women's Committee (ICJWC) was established to meet the social and spiritual needs of our growing community. Since our initial launch on September 27, 2014, we've brought multiple educational and fun events and activities to the community. Our committee's foundation lies in "Empowering, Educating, Helping". Together we can continue to deliver on that commitment.

ICJWC kick off was an interactive resume writing workshop that was held on October 10<sup>th</sup>. This was followed by our fun-filled family Ice Cream Social on October

24<sup>th</sup>. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, a women-only self-defense workshop was conducted by Karate Master Kim. It was



followed up with another family fun-filled night at Incred-A-Bowl on November 21<sup>st</sup>. ICJWC wrapped up 2014 with an Interview Skills

workshop on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

ICJWC kicked off 2015 by launching the first annual weight loss challenge. We made a commitment to provide one health related tip every day during the weight-loss challenge duration. To encourage healthy living, we also held a yoga class on January 9<sup>th</sup>, an event that was focused on learning the Yoga Basics and its benefits.

Sister Eman Shahin conducts a women's-only Quran class that is held every Thursday at 11:30 AM.

Women in our community can join by sending a request to [icjcw@gmail.com](mailto:icjcw@gmail.com). Don't forget to 'Like' us on Facebook.

## Construction Update

Finally the weather has given us a reprieve! And that means construction activity is underway on all six cylinders.

The excavation and site preparation work was completed by mid-fall of 2014, opening the site for foundation work. Foundation footings were completed by early

December when the cold spell brought all activity to a screeching halt. Construction work resumed on December 16<sup>th</sup> which has resulted in the pouring of the east and west foundation walls.

The "Mihrab" with its unique shape has been the most challenging. Having

failed to find a form anything remotely similar to the "D" shaped structure the construction crew resorted to ingenuity. Built entirely of wood, the structure tells the story of improvisation at its best.

# Tree Planting

A tree was planted at the Somali Center of Kansas City dedicated to the memory of 15 year old Abdisamad Sheikh-Hussein.

Anas reported that the Prophet (PBUH) said, "If a Muslim plants a tree or sows seeds, and then a bird, or a person or an animal eats from it, it is regarded as a chari-

table gift (*sadaqah*) for him." (Bukhari)



## NEWSLETTER NAMING CHALLENGE

*Suggest a name for ICJC Newsletter by sending an e-mail to [icjwc@gmail.com](mailto:icjwc@gmail.com)*

*The winning entry will receive an ICJC T-shirt.*

# Sunday School Status

The Sunday School is almost half way through the 2014-2015 academic year. Alhamdulillah, there are 100 students enrolled currently. The classes are divided according to the age and/or capability of the student. There are 18 dedicated volunteer teachers teaching Islamic studies, Arabic Studies and Quranic Studies. We have 16 teaching assistants helping with various tasks at the Sunday school, which includes helping the teacher in the classroom, monitoring the students at the playground, assisting with breaks, get-

ting preparation work done for the class, to name a few.

During the first half of this academic year, the Sunday school students have had some exceptional experiences. They attended the Hajj workshop, had an opportunity to learn about the Hijrah of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in a very interactive way and participated in a non-perishable food drive for the less fortunate in the greater Kansas city area.

With the help of a few committed parents, this

past January, Sunday School launched a food/bake sale program. After Sunday school dismissal, there is a food/bake sale, where the food is donated by parents and all the proceeds collected goes toward the construction of the new masjid.

Parents will meet the teachers on February 15<sup>th</sup>, and get a report on the progress of their students.

# Construction Site



# Quran Academy

Alhamdulillah, ICJC Quran School continues to grow. We have 175 students enrolled in 22 different groups. We continue to deliver to our commitment of smaller class sizes despite enrollment demand pressures.

We are very pleased to announce that ICJC Quran Academy has graduated a new Hafiz in January 2015. Adam Temam, a 13 year old middle schooler, who has been attending ICJC Quran School for several years. He was enrolled in our Hafiz

program 18 months ago and Alhamdulillah he became the 6<sup>th</sup> Hafiz to graduate from our academy, with many more on the same path InshaAllah.