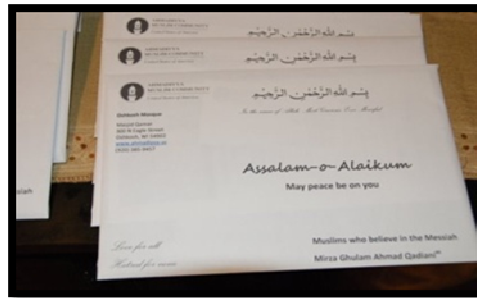


LAJNA OSHKOSH COMMUNITY AFTARI

On Friday, August 26th 2011 Lajna Ima'illah Oshkosh hosted a women's only Aftar dinner open to community. The following preparations were made ahead of time for the Aftar event:

- Invitations were created and distributed to our growing contact list.
- A registration booth was set up to allow guests to sign up and add their information for our contact list
- Informational packets were prepared to be handed out to guests. These packets included Muslims for peace and loyalty flyers, Lajna Oshkosh and President Oshkosh contact business cards, and informational brochures on Islam, Ahmadiyyat, Jihad etc.
- The Ziafat hall in the mosque was beautified with Ramadan and Eid theme items that member provided.
- A Pakistani style menu was developed for the dinner, as we have found out that our guest particularly enjoy Pakistani food which is an added incentive for attending our events.



About 27 guests attended the event including a large number of new contacts. The event started with the recitation and translation of verses 2:184-186 from the Holy Quran followed by a PowerPoint presentation on the significance of fasting during Ramadan and an explanation of celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr after Ramadan. During the Q&A session we found the guests to be very curious about a variety of topics including fasting practices, segregation of genders, individual and congregational prayers, different between Ahmadi and non-Ahmadi Muslims etc. The Q&A session continued till aftari time when dinner was served. Over all, by grace of Allah, the event was a great success with guests leaving positive feedback and showing eagerness to attend future events.

Towards the end of the event an announcement was made to acknowledge the guests of the National Muslim for Peace campaign and encourage them to take part in the blood drive to save lives.

