

Welcome Dinner Hosted by Lajna Ima'illah Oshkosh

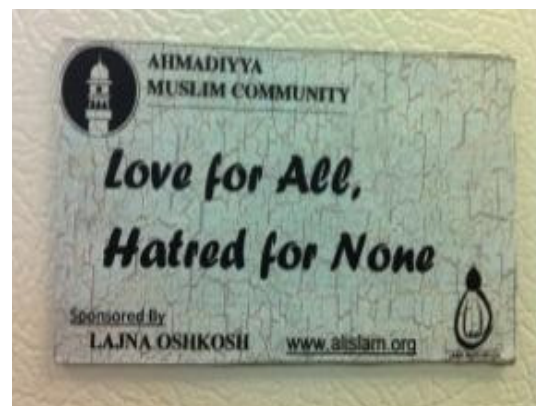
In celebration of the new mosque acquired the by Oshkosh Chapter of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community by the grace of Allah, and to acknowledge the tremendous support received by the majority of the community, Lajna Ima'illah Oshkosh hosted a ladies only social dinner event on April 1st, 2011. We received a very positive response from the community as invitations were sent out to our contacts and beyond.



The event was held in the basement level of our mosque which by the grace of Allah had already been set up as a Ziafat room by the previous owner. However, the Lajna Oshkosh worked hard in setting it up to portray a more welcoming feeling.



Individual gift packets were prepared and placed on the dining tables to be taken by the guests with each packet consisting of a Ahmadiyya Muslim Community logo pen, Muslim for Peace or Loyalty brochures, Lajna Ima'illah brochure, Why Islam brochures, customized "Love For All Hatred For None" magnets or pins and a copy of Review Of Religions.



The guests started arriving around 5:30. Lajna had set up a welcome center at the entrance of the mosque, for the guests to register and take name tags, and where a lajna member was present at all times to guide them or show them around if they preferred. This event was very blessed by the grace of Allah as many people came not only from Oshkosh but also from surrounding cities. This allowed to add on to our tabligh contacts list. Over all attendance added up to about 37 Non-Ahmadi guests. We kicked off the event by recitation of Holy Quran, and a welcome note by our Local Sadr.



From our previous hosting events we have found out that our guests prefer and enjoy Pakistani food in the menu, as it is different from what they are used to. However, we are careful to keep the spice level down. We have also found that it is an added incentive for people to continue attending our events. This time the menu was decided to consist of Pakistani style Bar-B-Q item including Chicken Tandoori Tikkas and Shami Kababs. Items were distributed among Lajna who marinated and prepped everything, while the local Ansar and Khuddam pitched in to help with the grilling of items.





Overall our dinner event and our menu was a big success Alhamdulillah. We made sure that each table has at least one Lajna member. It was a good platform for making new contacts through light conversation and sharing a meal together. As people started leaving, we got to hear lots of positive remarks about the mosque, the event, and of course the food. Some people also showed interest in attending our future interfaith events as well. May Allah always bless our efforts in holding similar events that open our hearts towards all communities, and let others see the true message we come with. Ameen.