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We dedicate this issue of our newsletter
for the language martyrs of 1952.



*Many Hands, Many Minds, One Goal
Bangladesh- American Center*

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A message from the Chairperson

As we begin our journey from Jan 1st 2011 per your verdict of the election 2010, we the Bangladesh Association, Houston (BAH) Board of Directors (BoD) have made certain pledges and promises that we would like to fulfill within the period of 2-years.

BAH Board is focused on two primary goals for next two years are:

1. Culture of Excellence
2. Build Bangladesh American Center by the end of 2012.

First of all we would like to thank you for being a member and a patron of our beloved organization. As most of you know the regular membership has elapsed on December 31st 2010, except for the Life Membership. On behalf of the BoD, I am requesting

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**Bangladesh Association
wishes the Bangladesh Cricket
Team a great victory in the
2011 Cricket World Cup .**



Chairperson's message (contd.)

you to become a Life Member or at least a 3-years membership with one-year membership free. Our goal is to reach over 1500 members by this year and subsequently we wish to approach every Bangladeshi American in Houston to become a member of BAH.

BAH yearlong calendar for 2011 has been completed and will be posted on the website soon. BAH BoD is working on yearly BAH budget and the budget will be available on our website. We will be posting monthly financial on BAH website as well.

BoD reviewed all the business advertisements on the BAH website and decided to raise the current yearly contract from \$120 to \$150.

BAH automated Phone message system has been transferred to new board and is fully functional.

Hope to see you all at the Probbat Ferri on February 20th at 8:00 am at Bangladesh-American Center.

Sincerely,

Arun Roy, Chairperson
Bangladesh Association, Houston

Your Page - coming soon...

We will have a new section called "Your Page" in the future newsletter. Please use this page to wish your children Birth Day wish, match making, express your messages for your loved one, wish your spouse Happy Anniversary, place eulogy for the loved one who left us or simply wish Bangladesh Association a great success.

Inserts will cost a token donation. Please send an e-mail to newsletter@bangladesh-association.com if you are interested to place a wish in the "Your Page".

We always appreciate your support for our beloved organization.

Bangladesh-American Center Update

As your Chairperson I can assure you that since you become a member of BAH and also a donor member of the Bangladesh-American Center (BAC) in helping us to shape the Association to move forward we will be doing our share to build a Center for all. I will be working with the BAC Executive Board members in providing the vision & scope to build the Center. There are few steps involved before we can start the construction. I hope you can help and witness the transparency toward the completion of the first building of the Center. Our focus is to build an auditorium first then the other items as per the approved master plan. Here are the few steps:

- 1) Appointment of the BAC Advisory Board (aka Board of Trustees) members
- 2) May 1, Donor Conference to raise fund for BAC
- 3) Formation of a RFQ Review Board from the BAH members
- 4) Coordinate with Metal Building manufacturers to find a prefab layout for BAC
- 5) Solicit bids (at least 5 bids) for a metal building construction permit from the city
- 6) Have the RFQ review Board make the selection of the bids within 30 days.
- 7) Award a bid to get the City Permit for the construction
- 8) Award a bid for construction
- 9) Ground Breaking Ceremony
- 10) Completion of the auditorium
- 11) Grand Opening

As the BAC executive board in session with our vision & scope we start organizing other BAH community projects. The following projects require commitment from you in helping the community in volunteering services. Every hour you put in the BAH project will be recorded as your potential contribution to get US Federal Government volunteering hours credit. Within the first 3-months we will automate the BAH membership procedure and be able to submit and view status over the BAH website. We will post the donor-members and their contribution online; we will also honor the BAC Founding Members as per the promise during 2001 land purchase.



Coming Attractions!
Matchmaking, Recipe Corner





Membership Drive update

As of Feb 6, 2011 we have made following members:

1. Family 3 years membership application 38 X 2=76 members:
38 X 30 = \$1140.00
2. Single membership application 5 X 1 = 5 Members:
5 X 10 = \$50.00
3. Life membership application for family 12 X 2=24 Members:1
2 X 150 = \$1800.00
4. Life membership application for Wife adding with husband 1:
1 X 50 = \$50.00
5. Family 1 year membership application 1 X 2 = 2 members:
1 X 15 = \$15.00
6. Individual 1 year application 2 X 2 = 2 Members:
2 X 10 = \$20.00

In January, we have added 110 new members with the revenue of \$3075.00.

Currently BAH is running a three years membership package. Basically, pay for two years and get three years membership. Board has unanimously passed the resolution. This offer will expire on December 31, 2011.

The board of directors decided on a resolution to waive the late charge of \$2.00 from delinquent members. Delinquent members will be allowed to renew their membership without penalty.

Members will be able to check membership status on BAH website soon. Resolution was taken by BoD to add the membership status on the website.

Membership receipt and a welcome package will be sent to all new members. Welcome package will include receipts for the payment, BAH yearly calendar, welcome letter, BAH profile and BAC master plan.

Ekush February 2011 Program

BoD decided to organize this year's IMLD on Sunday, Feb 20th, 2011 at the Bangladesh American Center with Bangladesh Society of Greater Houston as a co-host. This is a bold and historic move by this new board that has created resounding sense of unity and harmony across the community. We are expecting more than 500 people on that day at BAC.

The program will begin at 8:00 am on Sunday, 20th February, 2011. Bangladesh Association, Houston and Bangladesh-American Society of Greater Houston will jointly observe the program with one voice, sing the songs of Ekush and will recite the poetries of Ekush together. Like every year, hot breakfast will be served. There is no entry fee or tickets required to attend this program.

A brochure will be published to commemorate the event. We are accepting advertisements and write-ups (such as poem, essay and article), advertisements for the brochure and booth rentals. Please contact one of us as soon as possible. Time is running out and spaces are limited.

BAH Inauguration on February 6, 2011

BoD made history and reached another milestone by taking initiatives to inaugurate the seven new board of directors, farewell the previous board & recognize the Election Committee for their hard work and dedication on Feb 6, 2011 at Maharajah Restaurant. Bangladesh Association only paid \$1000.00 for the inauguration event. BAH board members volunteered to raise or to pay \$4000.00 out of their pocket to conduct this event.

Formation of Committees

In forming the BAH advisory committee BAH board of directors decided to invite all the current Advisory Board members in the advisory committee. The board also agreed to add a Physician, a successful business man, an attorney, a young generation representative, and an Accountant to the existing advisory committee.

Following standing committees will be formed very soon:

- Membership Committee
- Budget and Finance Committee
- Public Relation Committee
- Cultural Activity Committee
- Literary Committee



*Wishing everyone a
Happy Valentines Day!*



These are images of BAC master plan. You may have seen these many times, but we will continue to display them to keep our DREAM alive and in front of us! If you are not yet a donor member of BAC, please consider becoming a donor member TODAY!

For more info, please visit: www.bachouston.org



Annual Calendar of Events 2011

For more updated events date and time please visit our website

www.bangladesh-association.com

<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>
Sunday, 02/20/2011	International Mother Language Day at BAC - Co-host BASGH
Sunday, 03/20/2011	General Members' Meeting and "All Houston Talent Search"
Saturday, 03/26/2011	Tennis Tournament Doubles at University of Houston
Sunday, 03/27/2011	Table Tennis Tournament- Singles at BAC
Saturday, 04/30/2011	Bangladesh-American Center Donor Conference
Saturday, 05/07/2011	Bridge Tournament at BAC
Friday, 05/13/2011	Bangla Natok at Houston Durga Bari
Saturday, 05/14/2011	BAC door to door Fundraising Drive
Sunday, 05/15/2011	Spring Picnic and Boishakhi Mela at Bush Park
05/28-05/29, 2011	BAH participate in Tagore Society's Rabindranahat 150 birthday
May, 2011	Bangladesh Mobile Consular at BAC
Saturday, 06/25/2011	BAC Fundraising- Concert
June, 2011	Basketball Tournament (Venue TBD)
Saturday, 06/25/2011	General Body Meeting and "All Houston Talent Search"
Saturday, 06/25/2011	Graduates Reception Class of 2011
July 2-4, 2011	Participation in FOBANA 2010 Convention
Sunday, 07/24/2011	Table Tennis Tournament- Doubles at BAC
Sunday, 08/21/2011	Iftari at BAC
Saturday, 09/17/2011	General Members' Meeting
Saturday, 09/24/2011	BAC Fundraising
October, 2011	Ground breaking ceremony of BAC
October, 2011	Sports Month
Sunday, 10/30/2011	Fall Picnic and Pitha Utahsob at Bush Park
November, 2011	Bridge Tournament at BAC
November, 2011	Tennis Tournament -Singles at Univ. of Houston Tennis Ground
Saturday, 12/17/2011	Magazine "Connection"
Saturday, 12/17/2011	Victory Day/EID Reunion
Saturday, 12/17/2011	Victory day - Annual fun raising gala



Photos of BAH Activities

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Here are some potential categories for goods:

Used Car, appliances (TV, Washing Machine, refrigerator etc.), Electronics goods (camera, computers etc.), Furniture, household items.

Listing cost only a nominal token donation.

Please send e-mail to newsletter@bangladesh-association.com to advertise or listing.

Sample Listings

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Selling a gently used Nikon D70s digital camera with kit lens. Very good condition. Asking \$500.00 or best offer. Please call in the evening.
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