



MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

At Michigan Technological University

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MSA ACTIVITIES 2009-2010

1. Seminars and Presentations

In order to create awareness about the Islamic culture and traditions among the campus community, many MSA members made presentations / seminars in ‘World religion classes’ and in "Student Life student staff".

2. Rehabilitation activities at IOWA:

MSA volunteered in rehabilitation activities at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in the area that has been hit hard by flooding, along with the MTU’s Lutheran Student Movement and students from Finlandia University in Hancock.

3. Flower bulb plantation at Daniell Heights.

MSA participated in the “Flower Bulb Plantation” in Daniell Heights on Saturday, 17th October 2009.

4. Airport Pick-up and temporary accommodation for new international students:

MSA tries hard to settle the new international Muslim students by providing them airport pick-up and temporary accommodation. This is done with volunteer support from MSA members.

5. Halal Meat:

An important achievement of MSA in last year is to make the availability of Halal meat in Houghton. Due to religious obligation Muslims cannot eat every type of meat and no shop in the local area has the Halal food for Muslims. Therefore we ship the Halal meat from other cities (Chicago, Minneapolis, Cedar Rapids etc) and store in a freezer. Muslim members of the community take the meat as per their requirement. All this is done as a volunteer community service (on no profit no loss basis).

The additional cost incurred due to shipping and freezer charges make the Halal meat significantly costlier than what is available in local market.

6. Arrangement of prayers in congregation:

One of the important missions for MSA is to arrange the five daily obligatory prayers for Muslim community at MTU. An arrangement was made with Wadsworth hall administration and we are really grateful to MTU administration and DHRC for providing us space to pray in congregation.



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7. Eid Celebrations:

We celebrated two Islamic religious festivals “Eid” (one on 26th September 2009 and second on 28th November 2009) with traditional spirit. We, at MSA, tried to invite other communities to our religious festival but could not do so due to insufficient funds. Expenses incurred were overcome by the donations given by MSA members.

8. Potlucks:

In order to build a close relationship between the members of MSA, four Potlucks (other than eid celebration) were arranged last year. As MSA did not have funds to overcome the charges, MSA members volunteered in cooking and arrangements at their own expenses. All important issues pertaining to organization and its members are usually discussed in these potlucks.

For details please visit: <http://msa.students.mtu.edu/services/>