

# Newsletter

## Memon Association Of South Africa

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## The President's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*Bismillah-hirrahma-nirahim*  
*AssalaamoAlaikum*

Another year has gone and the Holy Month of Ramadan is once again with us. May Almighty Allah (SWT) shower his choicest blessing on you and your family.

By the Grace and Mercy of ALLAH (SWT) the **MEMON ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA** continuously strives to enrich and assist the Memon community. We provide funds to students to further their ambitions.

From our humble beginnings 51 years ago (in 1965), we have grown from strength to strength through the generous support of the community and the commitment of our administrators to ensure the continuity of our organization.

### **COMPLETED STUDIES**

To date, **998 students** have completed their studies with the assistance from our Association.

We have seen graduates in many diverse fields which range from Arts to Engineering.

### **OUR DONORS**

Our donors constitute the broader Memon community.

It is the combination of large and small donations that ensure the continuity of our organization and the achievement of our objectives.

Remember every cent collected counts. It is not the value of the

donation but the intention with which it is given that makes all the difference.

### **WE CELEBRATED 50 YEARS**

The Memon Association of South Africa celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on **12 SEPTEMBER 2015**, at the Unisa Conference Centre.

All members of our community were invited to buy a ticket for this function. The tickets were sold by our Regional representatives and our Executive Committee Members. It was a huge success with a fantastic attendance.

**PROFESSOR ADAM HABIB**, Vice-Chancellor of The University of Witwatersrand (WITS) was the Keynote Speaker. He informed us of the challenges facing higher education in South Africa.



Awards were presented to the following Executive Committee members who have served the Association for over 30 years.

- Abdool Kadir Kalla
- Late Noor Mohamed Essa (Mohamed Shabir Noor collected the award on behalf of his Late father)
- Salim Mottiar
- Ebrahim Moosa (Bhamlie)
- Moosa Carrim
- Sayed Mia
- Nizam Gani
- Moosa Gani
- Ebrahim AC Tayob (who was presented the award at his home)



### **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE**

We have also printed a **50th Anniversary Magazine** to be distributed to as many Memon homes as possible during Ramadaan this year, Insha-Allah.

We believe this will be a collector's item because we have included lots of photos of people who attended various Memon Association functions including members and guests.

If you have not received a copy of this magazine, please contact your regional representative listed at the back of this newsletter.

Previous magazines have in the past been distributed to other Memon organisations including those in India, Pakistan, United Kingdom, America, Canada, etc.

### **CALL TO GRADUATES**

We urge all Memon graduates to support the organization with their time and donations.

Your efforts and donations will ensure that the next 50 years will inspire and enrich the lives of many more students.

### **COMMUNITY ORGANISATION**

The Memon Association is an organization:

- funded by the Memon community,
- run by the Memon

- community and
- for the benefits of both our community and all South Africans, directly or indirectly.

We believe that education not only benefits our community but also the broader South African community.

### OUR VISION

Our vision is to see young South Africans equipped with the skills, qualifications, values and motivation necessary to effectively lead and serve their communities.

### OUR MISSION

Our mission is:

- to offer talented and motivated young South Africans from underprivileged homes the chance to study at high quality tertiary institutions
- to provide them with the support and guidance they need to graduate and
- to help them become the leaders of tomorrow.

### RAMADAAN COLLECTION

We thank you, our generous donors for your assistance in this cause.

Summarized below are the results for our collection last year.

	2015/16	2014/15
<b>Zakāt</b>	R6,313,000	R5,241,000
<b>Lillah</b>	R102,410	R77,930

The Memon Association of South Africa is a **registered Non-Profit Organisation (NPO)**.

### TAX DEDUCTION

Donations to the Association are tax deductible up to a certain amount.

At your request, we can issue you with a **SECTION 18A TAX RECEIPT** for the amount of your donation to enable you to claim the deduction from your taxable income.

### DIRECT DEPOSIT

Traditionally, our Executive members go out during Ramadan to collect contributions from our members.

To assist members to contribute directly and also reduce the risk of carrying cash, we encourage members to pay their contributions by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), if possible.

Our Executive members will, however, continue to make collections and visits during Ramadan as before.

### BANK DETAILS:

<b>Bank</b>	First National Bank (FNB)
<b>Branch</b>	Fordsburg 25-25-05
<b>Acc No</b>	503-111-88-251
<b>Acc Name</b>	Memon Association of SA
<b>Reference</b>	Name or cell number

### FAX OR EMAIL DEPOSIT SLIPS

To assist us in reconciling bank accounts and correctly allocating deposits made directly to our FNB account, please fax or email us a copy of the deposit slip.

**Email:** memonsa786@gmail.com

### GRADUATES

Alhamdulillah, 48 students completed their studies at the end of 2015 in the following faculties:

- Law 1
- Commerce 17
- Health Sciences 4
- Humanities 6
- Science 7
- Civil Engineering 1
- Education 8
- National Diploma 4

### SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED

The Association is currently providing financial assistance to 218 students for the 2016 academic year at various technikons and universities in South Africa.

More than **R6 300 000** has been disbursed or committed this year for education.

In this climate of uncertainty, our children have been helped by our donors' generous contributions and good wishes to attain great academic achievements.



### APPLICATION FORMS

We had been inundated with many applications last year. Some of the difficulties faced by the Bursary Committee last year:

- Many applications were not properly and fully completed
- Most forms were submitted well after the deadline advertised.
- Forms were given by students to individual Associations members or other persons instead of being sent directly to the Secretary, as instructed on the form.

As a result this delayed the processing of the applications forms. The Bursary Committee (which is made up of mostly volunteers) had to convene several times to attend to these late applications.

We ask students to please follow the rules set out in the application form to assist in the timeous processing of applications.

If you do not apply for a renewal bursary each year, we will assume that you no longer need a bursary. Bursaries are not automatically granted each year. You have to apply.

Students must please submit their **WRITTEN** requests for an application form for a **NEW** or a **RENEWAL** bursary to:

**EMAIL:** memonsa.786@gmail.com

Completed forms for **NEW** and **RENEWAL** applications **must be signed** by the student, the parent and a Regional Member and must reach us by no later than 10 January 2017.

### REGIONAL MEMBERS

Regional Members assist the Association by:

- Collecting census information,
- Going out with our collectors during Ramadan and
- Assisting the Bursary Committee with information about students in their region who qualify for Zakāt.

We would really appreciate it if you can volunteer to assist us in any way.

We would like to welcome the following new Regional Member to the Association:

- OMAR LADHA** - Pretoria

There is a great interest in the Association after the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Function. We invite newer and

younger members who will eventually be able to continue our efforts, Insha-Allah, when the time arises to do so.

## **EDUCATION**

Please continue your support of the Association by increasing your contribution during Ramadan, Insha-Allah.

We pray to the Almighty Allah (SWT) that we may continue to help and support our youth, who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

## **IN MEMORY**

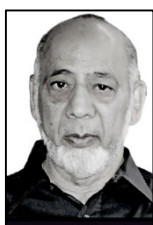
We remember our Executive and Regional members who passed on this year.



### **EBRAHIM AC TAYOB**

from Pretoria. He was an Exco member for over 30 years. He played a huge role in getting the Association registered for a Fund

Raising Number and the Section 18A tax deduction. He also helped to amend the Association's constitution to meet with State requirements. He was always available to guide and advise the Association. He will be greatly missed.



**OMAR DHAMBA** from Potchefstroom. He was our Regional Member for many years. He helped us with our collections and assisted us with student applications.

On behalf of the members of the Memon Association of South Africa, our heartfelt condolences go to the family and friends of the departed. May Almighty Allah Grant them and all other departed Jannat-al-Firdous

## **Footprints of the Memon Association of South Africa**

**By Rishda Omar**

Like many necessary non-profit organisations, The Memon Association of South Africa, referred to as The Association, was established out of great necessity by the community.

The first seed was planted when a young man from Brits, was in pursuit of medical studies.

However, this was not possible

without funding. As instructed, he approached an organisation for financial aid but his plea was rejected because he was not part of their community and he was told "to ask his own people for help."

A Memon businessman acted swiftly and began a community collection to fund the young man's studies.

This process led to a startling discovery: many other Memon students had the same need for tertiary education funding. This need was kept under covers in the Memon community.

This touched the hearts of a group of Memon brothers who felt that no child should be deprived of an education.

This group met in September 1965 at the Avalon Cinema and the Memon Association of Transvaal was born.

Abdul Habib Abdul Carrim was elected dedicated cabinet members. This all took place during the Group Areas Act, during the height of oppression and ethnic exclusivity that characterised apartheid.

The First Executive Meeting was held a month after inception in October 1965 with The Constitution drafted by Hajee Moosa Cassim. The following year, 1966, already four students were granted financial assistance from the Association.

The first few years were very challenging to the Executive Members because of two major stumbling blocks.

Firstly, the families of the youth that required funds for studies were under the belief that accepting a bursary meant falling into the fold of being a beggar.

Secondly, those that were approached to contribute and join as members were resistant, as they were oblivious of the need that existed and they believed that Memon families had sufficient wealth for their offspring.

The annual membership fee in 1965 was R12. We collected a total of R400 that year and we were able to assist three boys and one girl in their studies.

During the first few years the Association struggled with recruiting

members and it was said by members of the community that the Association would not last for more than three years.

As time progressed so too did the number of students, who were in need of financial aid for further education. It was then at this time of difficulty that a generous donation of R500 was made by Mr Joosub M.C. Ghoor of Vryburg. This acted as a catalyst for the growth of the organisation by changing community perceptions.

Collections grew from R400 in 1965 to R365 000 in 1991.

Mr Ebrahim A C Tayob assisted the Association in registering as a welfare organisation, reaping additional benefits. The Association obtained a fund raising number alongside certain tax exempt concessions.

At the 2015, 50th Year Anniversary, the Vice-Chancellor of The University of Witwatersrand, Professor Adam Habib, spoke about the importance of embracing diverse identities in an interconnected world. This gathering celebrated an important milestone of having funded 950 students towards their tertiary education, ranging from Engineering to the Arts. Since its humble beginnings, the Association has made every effort to assist any Memon student in need of funds and has expanded its financial aid to the broader South African community.

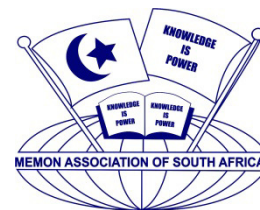
## **CONCLUSION**

I sincerely wish to thank all the Donors, the Regional Members, the Executive Committee members and the Office Bearers who have over the years shown an extraordinary level of commitment and loyalty to the Association. Keep well over the fasting period and may the Blessings and Mercy of Allah (SWT) always be with you and May He reward you abundantly.

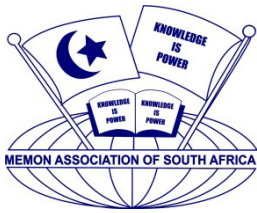
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## OFFICE BEARERS

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<b>Secretary</b>	Abdool Kadir Kalla
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Aneez Amod
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mohamed Junaid N Gani
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Khalid Osman and Farid Ismail (ABI)

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Abdus Sattar Mohamed	Nizamuddin AB Gani	Masood Tar Mohamed
Abdool Razak Hassim	Moosa N M Gani	Joosub N M Gani
Faizel Mahomed	Abdul Samad Gutta	Shaukat Osman
Sayed H Mia	Yoosuf Joosub	Suhail Akbar Ghoor
Mohamed Iqbal Gani	Shafique Tayob	Ameer Amod
Imtiaz Ahmed	Mohamed Farouk Kalla	Moosa Carrim
Mohseen Moosa	Ashraf Mohamed	Aslam Bava
Mohamed Shabier Noor	Ebrahim Moosa (Bamley)	Goolam Abdullah
Salim AB Gani	Qasim Kalla	

## REGIONAL MEMBERS

<b>BALFOUR/ HEIDELBURG</b>	Abdul Aziz Mohamed	<b>LYDENBURG</b>	M. Ridwaan Cassim
<b>BRITS</b>	Ameer Soomar Khalid O Ghoor	<b>BETHAL</b>	Sikander Hassim
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<b>BURGERSFORT</b>	Akber Hassim (Akel)	<b>VEREENIGING</b>	Anver Alli Amod
		<b>VRYBURG</b>	Ashraf Gani Haroon Joosub Ghoor Suliman Ghoor Akbar Joosub Ghoor

## STUDENT LIAISON OFFICERS

<b>POTCHEFSTROOM</b>	Tasleem Hassim	<b>RUSTENBURG</b>	Halima Aboo
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