

IN THE NAME OF GOD, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.



CAIR

The Council on American-Islamic Relations 12th Annual Banquet

EXPLORE THE LIFE OF MUHAMMAD

MUSLIMS CARE

EXPLORE THE QUR'AN

AMERICAN
MUSLIMS

Connecting & Sharing

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2006

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A Message from CAIR's Board Chairman

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends:
As-salaam Alaikum

On behalf of the entire CAIR family, I thank you for your continued support. Your support has been critical to our efforts to empower the American Muslim community, enhance understanding of Islam and promote justice.

This year CAIR completes 12 years of service to the American Muslim community. This is an important milestone that we commemorate this evening by renewing our pledge to support your interests and aspirations.

This year also marks the launch of our new brand as reflected in our new logo. Developing a new brand is not just applying a fresh coat of paint but rather reorienting and reforming the organization to make its policies, attitudes and actions consistent with the new brand identity. Our new CAIR brand identity stands for:

- Islam - Values informed by Islam are reflected in everything CAIR does.
- America - CAIR promotes pluralism in America.
- Justice - CAIR promotes equal rights for all Americans.
- Integrity - CAIR says what it does and does what it says.
- Excellence - CAIR excels by being persistent and innovative.
- Education - CAIR increases knowledge about Islam and the American political system.
- Inclusive - CAIR celebrates diversity and promotes dialogue.
- Balanced - CAIR is balanced in its viewpoints and advocates moderation.

President John F. Kennedy once said, "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." We do not want to miss out on making CAIR's future even better than our past.

As we go forward, we pledge to work harder and smarter to fulfill your aspirations and to permanently ensure your position as empowered and enlightened citizens of America. Insha'Allah, we hope that you walk alongside us in the future, just as you have for the last 12 years.

We can only accomplish that goal with your continued support and prayers.

Parvez Ahmed, Ph.D.
CAIR Board Chairman

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That Sheikh who attended - al-humayy

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

That Baited woman who is a journalist (Gill Conway?)

Give generously -

I have to go on all the night wing show - Hooper

Ahmed Akhbar - 3 Tables Vice Chair

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Multiple cameras 2 giant screens

Program for the evening

5:00 p.m. Registration/Maghrib Prayer

6:30 p.m. Program Begins
MC - Julia Shearson, Executive Director CAIR-Cleveland

Quran Recitation

Opening Remarks

Awards - Rosa Parks Scholarship & Community Service Awards
Presented by: Dr. Ahmad Al-Akhras, CAIR Board Vice-Chairman;
Dr. Ihsan Bagby, CAIR Board Member; Hon. Larry Shaw, CAIR Board Member;
and Hadia Mubarak, CAIR Board Member

Colonel David M. Rohrer, Fairfax County Chief of Police;

Joseph Persichini, FBI Washington Field Office

Congressman Albert Wynn, (D-MD)

Congressman Elijah Cummings, (D-MD)

Congressman Mike Honda, (D-CA)

Dr. Jeremy Henzell-Thomas, The Book Foundation

Parvez Ahmed, CAIR National Board Chairman

CAIR Video Presentation

Nihad Awad, CAIR Executive Director

Fundraising - Rodwan Saleh, President, Islamic Society of Greater Houston

Amy Goodman, Democracy Now

Keith Ellison, First Muslim Member of Congress (D-MN)

9:30 p.m. Closing Duaa - Dr. Nabil Sadoun, CAIR Board Member

Proclamations



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
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October 30, 2006

The Washington Field Office of the FBI praises CAIR's dedication in representing the heart of the Muslim America community. We look forward to continued dialogue and open communication with CAIR in the future.

Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator

November 18, 2006

Mr. Parvez Ahmed, Chairman
Council on American-Islamic Relations
453 New Jersey Avenue Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20003-4034

Dear Mr. Ahmed & Friends:

Greetings to the members and guests of the Council on American-Islamic Relations on the occasion of your 12th Annual Banquet Dinner with the theme of *American Muslims: Connecting and Sharing*. Since its inception in 1994, CAIR has been at the forefront of enhancing understanding and building coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

Muslim Americans have contributed much and in many ways to our community. Like other immigrant groups, you have come to the United States for economic opportunity and political freedom. Your veterans have served in our nation's armed forces with valor. Your educational, cultural and religious institutions have enriched all of our lives. Your businesses are important contributors to the economic engine of the State of Maryland. You work hard every day to provide a home for your family and good jobs for your employees.

As your United States Senator, I am fighting for jobs that stay in this country, healthcare at any age, a pension that you can count on, access to higher education to follow the American dream, public schools that families can depend on, energy you can afford and a fiscally responsible, competent government. And while we have the responsibility to make sure that Americans are safe and secure within our borders, that security can never compromise the individual rights and the personal freedoms that are the basis of our democracy.

American is one nation: unified by our patriotism, yet comprised of different races, faiths and cultures. We celebrate our individual cultures and maintain our own ethnic and religious identities. But our nation is a mosaic, held together by values that we all share: honor, family and community.

Thank you for all you do everyday for your community and the nation.

Sincerely,


Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator

PAUL S. SARBANES
MARYLAND



United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

November 18, 2006

Council on American-Islamic Relations
453 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Friends:

I am most pleased to extend warm greetings to all gathered for the 12th Annual Banquet sponsored by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).

We in Maryland have an active American-Islamic community that has contributed to the enrichment and diversity of our State. I applaud CAIR's mission to enhance understanding and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding. This evening's banquet theme, "**American Muslims: Connecting and Sharing**," promises to expand on these important goals.

On this special occasion, please accept my very best wishes for a productive gathering and continued progress.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Sarbanes".

Paul Sarbanes
United States Senator

JOHN W. WARNER
VIRGINIA



United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 18, 2006

Council on American-Islamic Relations
453 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends:

Thank you for extending me an invitation to join your 12th Annual Banquet. This outstanding event offers an opportunity to gather and recognize the true value of the contributions CAIR provides to its members and the entire community.

I commend your organization for its dedication to the interests and values of the American-Muslim community. I offer my best wishes for a great event and for success in all your future endeavors.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Warner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John Warner

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October 17, 2006

CAIR
453 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Friends:

I am writing to congratulate you on CAIR's 12th annual banquet.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations plays a vitally important role in Washington and around the country in its advocacy for civil liberties and its fight against bigotry and discrimination.

I commend you for these efforts, and want to offer my words of welcome to the many CAIR members who will gather in the nation's capital for this wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois Capps". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LOIS CAPPS
Member of Congress

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JOHN CONYERS, JR.
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

November 7, 2006

CAIR
Arsalan T. Iftikhar
National Legal Director
Council on Islamic Relations
453 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. Iftikhar:

It is with great pleasure that I wish you a very successful evening as you enjoy the celebration, with others, at the CAIR Annual Banquet. The CAIR organization has a long and distinguished, history of consistent efforts that reflect a strong support for civil rights and social programs that promote the understanding and cultural heritage of the rapidly growing Arab American community.

The recent events that have taken place in this country should inspire the members of CAIR, and others who work with you, to continue to reach out and combine your efforts toward the realization of common goals, of combating discrimination and the continued protection of constitutional civil rights in this county. CAIR has continued to take the lead in the Voter Registration Drive, which is critical to allow individuals to exercise, their right to vote in elections.

I am extending my sincere congratulations to you on this occasion and offer you "All Best Wishes" for continued success in future endeavors, as you address the challenges and changes, that are taking place that will inevitably have an impact on the lives of all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Conyers, Jr." in a cursive style.

John Conyers, Jr.
Member of Congress



*Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515*

*Anna G. Eshoo
Fourteenth District
California*

November 18, 2006

Dear friends,

You have my very best wishes as you gather for CAIR's 12th annual banquet dinner entitled "American Muslims: Connecting and Sharing."

Thank you for your good work to foster a better environment for justice and mutual understanding. Your advocacy helps make America better.

Sincerely,

Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress