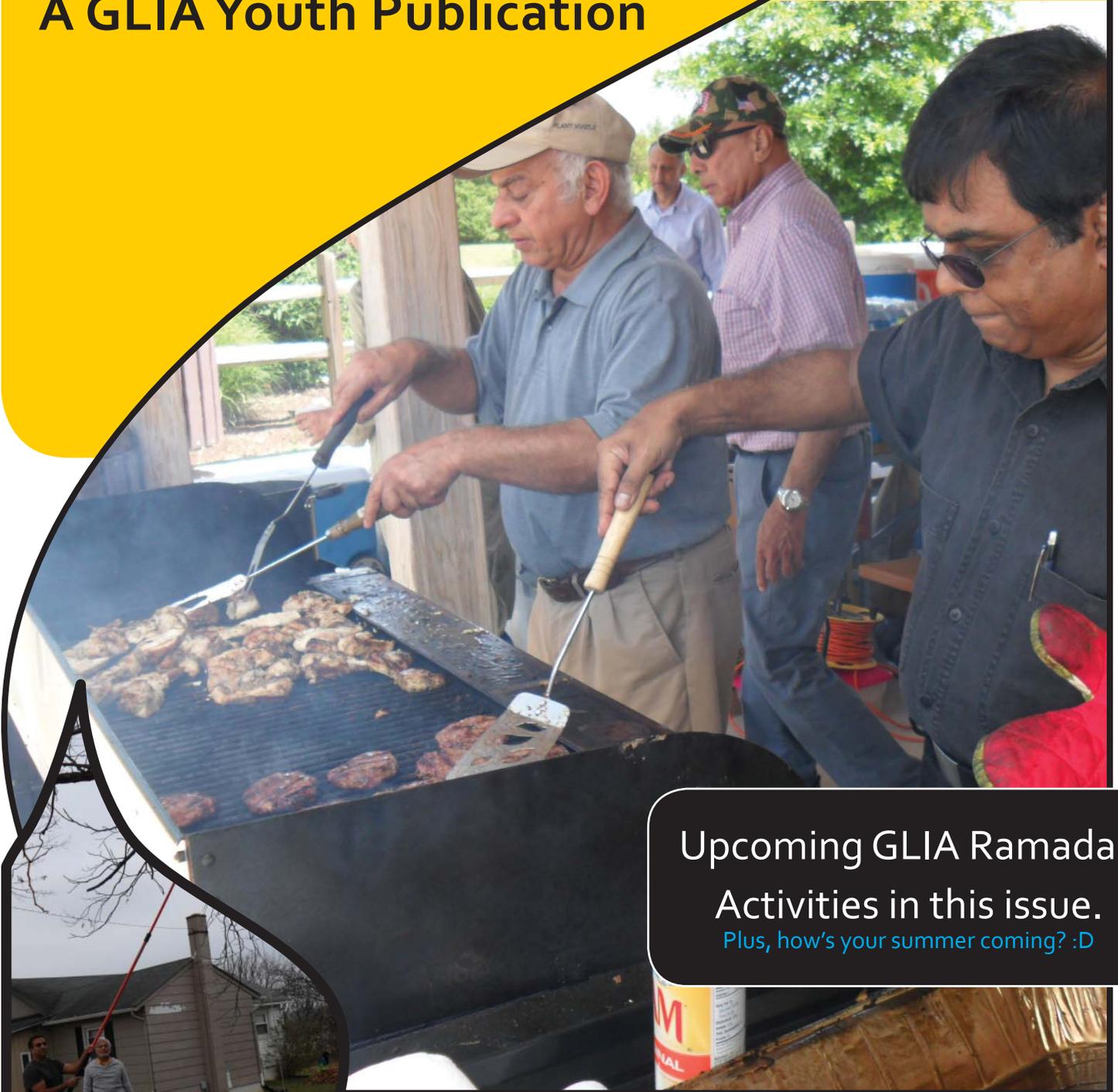


G.L.I.A. Newsletter

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Upcoming GLIA Ramadan
Activities in this issue.

Plus, how's your summer coming? :D

Our Top Stories

Muslim Athletes

A look into some of those that participated in the Olympics

Travel

Here's an idea on where to go on vacation

Front Article

Summer time!



The intense game of musical chair rages on in the final round!

by Roxana Hasanat

Last year, I wrote an article that was entirely too long to clearly illustrate the situation. This year, I'll let you decide from the pictures at how much fun we had at our annual community picnic.

This year's picnic was held in a park shed that had a lot of space both inside the shed and around. A playground was conveniently placed just up the path. The weather was sunny, and the smell of barbeque lofted in the air. It was a perfect day to be outside with the family.

Inshallah we will have another picnic next year as well. If you have any fun events you would like to lead (ex: face painting, sports teams, mendhi, water balloon fight, etc) we can try and work something out. After all, these type of gatherings do not happen more than a couple times a year. Please see the contact information at the back page if interested.

See you next year!



Ramadan 1434

Iftar Dinner will be held on these Saturdays. All food items, beverages, and paper products are provided by GLIA. There will be Tariweh at each Iftar.

July 13 8:15 - 11:00 PM

@ Thomas Jefferson Elem. School
1255 Patriot Place,
Forest VA 24551

July 20 8:15 - 11:00 PM

FUNDRAISING NIGHT!!

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Forest VA 24551

July 27 8:15 - 11:00 PM

@ Brookville Middle School
320 Bee Drive,
Lynchburg VA 24502

Aug 3 8:15 - 11:00 PM

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If you have questions, please refer to the contact information on page 4 of this issue.

Stories from the Community

Did you Know?



by Nuha Reza

Islam in Germany dates back to the reign of Harun al Rashid in modern Iraq. He was acquaintances with Charlemagne, founder of the Carolingian Empire, and al Rashid gave him various tokens of friendship.

Travel Section

La Mezquita de Córdoba

by Nuha Reza

This mosque is a monument of the different cultures/religions that have passed through Córdoba, Andalucía. Emir Abd ar Rahman I was the founder of this mosque. The architectural influence dates back the 8th Century. The columns are made of jasper, marble, onyx, and granite making the construction of the mosque lasted over 200 years. Probably the most interesting feature is the mihrab, a domed sanctuary of Byzantine mosaics built by Al Hakam II. It used to have an original copy of the Quran and the arm bone of the prophet Muhammad, making it a popular visiting site for Muslims.



Sports Section: Muslim Athletes

By Sarah Rauf
and Nubaha Islam

Every four years, there is a worldwide summer games. It started in Rome in honor of the Roman God Zeus, and the games are called The Olympics. It is the biggest sports competition in the world. This year, it had been held in London, United Kingdom. People from all over the world train very hard to participate in these sports. Each sport has many countries fighting for the gold, silver, and bronze medals. At the end of the games, most countries see which country has the most medals.

Here are some of the Muslims that participated.



Anum Bandey

Nationality: Pakistan

Age: 15

Anum is a Pakistani swimmer. She competed in Women's 400m Individual Medley. She may have not have won any medals she still made her mark at the pool in London.



Quazi Syque Caesar

Nationality: Bangladesh

Age: 22

Syque is a 22 year old gymnast. He is an American citizen who lives in Michigan, but had chosen to represent his parent's country, Bangladesh. He had been training hard.



Alaaeldin Abouelkassem

Nationality: Egypt

Age: 20

Alaaeldin is one of Egypt's fencers and participated in men's individual foil, and men's team foil. He received the silver medal in individual. As soon as he won, he had put his hands up and started to pray.



Sarah Attar

Nationality: Saudi Arabia

Age: 20

Sarah is the first Muslim women to run in track. She had made Olympic history. She had worn her hijab throughout her entire run. She makes us Muslims proud.

Side Note: Unfortunately, the religious headwear for the women -the hijab- prevented Muslim women from attending a sport. The referees thought the women might get hot or the hijab might choke the women. After an agreement with the referees, these women were allowed to play in the Olympics.

Cleaning Up...

The Mosque will only last as long as the community maintains it.

Thanks to all our volunteers.



Editor Position Open!

Due to living in Michigan for 3/4 of the year, I can no longer gather information to create this newsletter.

If you are a willing individual who would be interested in keeping the community updated with the GLIA news, please contact Parvez Salim.

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