

JANUARY 2024

BAYCC Community Newsletter



As we bid farewell to December, BAYCC reflects on a month brimming with community-driven events that brought us together in celebration and community bonding. From thought-provoking discussions to the unforgettable moments at our winter retreat events, the diversity of experiences showcased the strength and unity of our community. As the New Year dawns, BAYCC extends heartfelt wishes for success and prosperity to all our members. May the coming year be filled with opportunities for personal and collective growth, fostering stronger bonds and shared achievements within our dynamic community.

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Newsletter Highlights

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Did You Know?

The California Grizzly Bear, which is the mascot animal of the state, is an extinct species.





Friday

Sohbet Event - 03

The Sohbet Event on December 1st, 2023, proved to be a spiritually enriching and informative occasion. Imam Abdus-Selim's insights into the importance of daily Prescribed Prayers resonated with the audience, encouraging a renewed commitment to this fundamental practice within the Islamic faith. The event successfully brought the community together to reflect on and strengthen their spiritual journey through prayer.

SOHBET EVENT

"Sohbet" is a word that means 'to talk, converse, discuss and engage with one another in a friendly, caring, warm and informal manner'.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

6:45 pm: Refreshments will be provided

7:15 pm: Isha Prayer & Qur'an Recitation

7:35 pm: Tasbeeh & Supplication

7:45 pm: Lecture by:

Imam Abdus-Salaam
from Masjid Al-Iman - Oakland
(Naqshbandi Sufi Center)

So glorify God when you enter the evening and when you enter the morning; and (proclaim that) all praise and gratitude in the heavens and on the earth are for Him - and in the afternoon and when you enter the noon time. (30:17-18)

Subject: The truth and importance of the Prescribed Prayers



SALAAM
Islamic Center



**REGISTER
NOW!**

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DECEMBER

**EVERY FRIDAY
AT THIS
ADDRESS:**

4701 PATRICK HENRY DR.
BLDG 18, SANTA CLARA





Friday

Çağlayan Okumaları

Aylık İlim ve Kültür Dergisi Çağlayan ın Kasım ve Aralık sayılarının özetlerinin gönüllülerimiz tarafından hazırlanıp community mizin istifadesine sunduğu online programlarımız 1 Aralık ve 22 Aralık tarihlerinde gerçekleştirildi. 20'ye yakın katılımcının olduğu programlarda okunan özetler derlenerek pdf haline getirildi ve hizmet community'sinin istifadesine sunuldu. Posterini tıklayarak özete ulaşabilirsiniz.

ÇAĞLAYAN OKUMALARI



Her yer karanlık olsa da bir güneş doğuyor,
Az dahi olsa ılık hüzümleri yağıyor;
Şimdilerde her yanı karartanlara inat,
Ziyası ötelerden her taraf ağarıyor...

12.01.2023
CUMA
9 PM

ÇAĞLAYAN DERGİSİ
KASIM SAYISINDA
YAYIMLANAN YAZILARIN
ÖZETLERİNİN
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DE BEKLİYORUZ

ÇAĞLAYAN OKUMALARI

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Sen hep densiz duyguları peyledin,
İnsana en olmazları eyledin;
Ne serv-i revânları meta yaptın,
Her şekle girdiler ne ki diledin...

12.22.2023
CUMA
9 PM

ÇAĞLAYAN DERGİSİ
ARALIK SAYISINDA
YAYIMLANAN YAZILARIN
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"Light over Darkness" Multifaith Festival

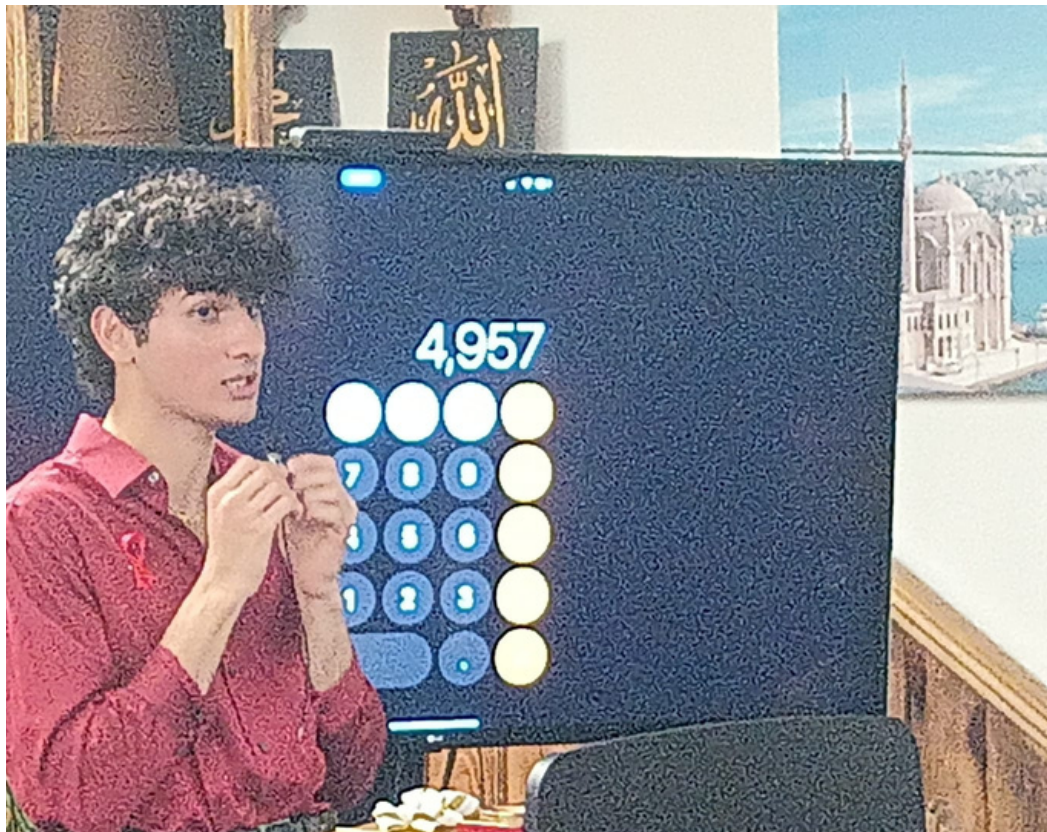
The "Light over Darkness Festival" was held on December 2nd, 2023, at Sanatan Mandir in San Bruno, California. This interfaith event was organized by Sanatan Mandir in collaboration with several interfaith organizations and faith houses including BAYCC and Pacifica Institute, and is a testament to the power of partnership and community spirit transcending religious boundaries to celebrate each others' festivals. The event served as a platform for interfaith dialogue and understanding. Representatives from Hindu, Christian, Jewish, Muslim communities and other faith traditions shared their perspectives on light over darkness, fostering a deeper appreciation for diverse spiritual paths.





Fundraising Night: Art Gala

Embellished in chair bows, balloon garlands, and the good-will of Bay Area's people, the 2023 Kids for Kids Fundraiser Art Gala - organized and hosted by Embrace Relief NorCal - was the first event of its kind, setting the bar for all future fundraisers at the BAYCC. The gala event, running from 7 to 10 PM on the evening of Saturday 9th, featured a groundbreaking approach to fundraising, which then proved to be a tremendous success as the night unfolded: an auction. Embrace Relief NorCal was able to gather over \$5,000- nearly twice the original goal of \$3000. Over forty artworks were auctioned over three hours.





Monday

BAYCC Winter Retreat

From December 25th to December 30th, BAYCC successfully organized a family winter retreat which brought more than 300 attendees. Distinguished guests were invited to deliver insightful talks, contributing to the overall success of the retreat. The event provided a platform for individuals to connect, share experiences, and deepen their understanding of faith principles.





Neorama Winter Retreat

Winter means hot chocolate, fairy lights and sweaters, but for youth group RISE, the winter season signals the coming of an event much more exciting: Neorama. This 4-5 day winter retreat, sponsored by BAYCC, takes place in the Concord Hotel Plaza, and is a productive, diverse platform for a reflective and spiritual experience as the year comes to a close.

The annual Neorama - in 2023- functioned in a similar fashion, featuring interactive lectures, reading sessions, entertainment and much more. The event ran in correspondence with the BAYCC Winter Retreat: each day in Neorama featured one Cay, Cekirdek & Chat open discussion session, one informative lecture, one entertainment activity, one creative activity, two meals, and a lot of fun breaks.





Saturday

Enes Kanter Söyleşisi

Ortaokul ve lise öğrencileriyle bir araya gelen Enes Kanter öğrencilerimize Hizmet ve Hocaefendi konulu söyleşide bulundu.

**OGRENCILERIMIZ
MUJDEMIZ VAR :)**

**KIS KAMPLARINDA
ENES KANTER
OGRENCILERIMIZI
ZIYARETE GELIYOR!**

**TOP GETIRIP IMZALATMAK
ISTEYEN OGRENCILERIMIZ
DUYURULUR**

**TUM OGRENCILERIMIZI KIS
KAMPLARINA BEKLIYORUZ**

BAYCC





Thursday

Emine abla ile “İslami Şuur” konulu sohbet

Emine Eroglu abla liseli öğrencilerimize İslami Şuur konulu sohbette bulundu.

DECEMBER 28

1:30-3PM ARASI

**EMİNE EROGLU
ABLA İLE LİSELİ
GENÇLER
BULUSUYOR**

**LİSELİ ÖĞRENCİLERİMİZİ
KİS KAMPLARIMIZA DORT
GOZLE BEKLİYORUZZ**

DETAYLI BİLGİ İÇİN FLYER'İ
İNCELEYİNİZ!





Saturday

Tanzania Trip for Students

For High School & College Students

**Tanzania Trip
June 15-30**

Included Services:

- ✓ Trips
- ✓ Volunteer Activities
- ✓ Reading Retreat
- ✓ Fun Activities and much more!
- ✓ Domestic Transportation
- ✓ Safari Park Admission
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Food and Meals

**Price
\$1000+
Flight**

Note: Round Trip Flight is about \$1,500



Saturday

Tanzania Trip for Students

Tentative Program

Thursday, June 15: Arrival / Rest

Friday, June 16: Darussalam City Tour Reading Program

Saturday, June 17: Feast of Sacrifice Program

Sunday, June 18: Sacrifice Distribution

Monday, June 19: Mikumi Safari

Tuesday, June 20: Mikumi Safari

Wednesday, June 21: Reading Program

Thursday, June 22: Reading Program

Friday, June 23: Orphanage Visit/Volunteer Activity/Home Visit

Saturday, June 24: Water Well Opening Program /

Shamsiya School Visit

Sunday, June 25: Book Reading Program / Picnic

Monday, June 26: Zanzibar Island / Blue Safari

Tuesday, June 27: Zanzibar Island (Tortoise Island, Spice Garden)

Wednesday, June 28: Reading Program

Thursday, June 29: Reading Program

Friday, June 30: Gift Exchange and Return



Bay Area Clubs

Sports enthusiasts have initiated several sports clubs: Soccer, Volleyball, Hiking, Basketball, Diving, Pickleball, Stargazing, Tennis, Table Tennis, Fishing, Community Emergency Response Team, Fitness & Bodybuilding, "Art, Science & Culture Club", Winter Sports, Cyclist, Camping, Life on Wheels, Swimming, Life on 2 Wheel, and Surfing! Everyone is welcome to join any sports club they are interested to be part of. Kindly click the links below to join the **WhatsApp** community and choose the club you want to participate in. You can also initiate a new sports, culture, and arts club, kindly fill up the form with your brilliant ideas.



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