

Pride of Memon



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Ladies Wing World Memon
Organization Pakistan Chapter,

organized a program on 24th OCTOBER 2014, PRIDE OF MEMON, Achievers. The idea behind organizing this event was

to honour, Memon Women, who have achieved recognition in various fields.

The program started with Tilawat-e-Quran by member Ladies Wing Mrs Abida Punjwani. The opening speech was given by Vice Chairperson Ladies Wing, Miss Aisha Anwar. The Program was hosted by Sumrin Imran.

The Chief guest of the occasion was Bilquis Edhi.

The awards were given in three categories, namely Recognition, tributes and Achievers. The award winners of different categories are as follows.

Hajiani Khadija, Mariam Faruqi, SherBano Katchi, Laila Shahzada, Aamena Ghani, Bilquis Bano Edhi, Tabassum A Qadir, Dr. Zaitun Shah Matcheswala, Mariam Issa, Sabina Khatri, Mariam Saeedullah Khan, Sidra Iqbal, Shireen Anwar, Rabia Garib, Tara Uzra Dawood, Dr. Farzana Poonawala, Kulsoom Rafiq, Sherbano Karim, Farhat Rasheed, Hafiza Javeria Saleem, Munzalin Munaf, Farzana Munaf, Abida Memon, Zarina Fazal, Dr. Lubna Kamani, Mariam Arif, Frida Ghaffar, Naqsh Hamdani, Midra Hamdani, Farseen Hamdani

In the end vote of thanks was given by Mrs Hameeda Iqbal. The Program was greatly appreciated by the audience.







Pride of Memon Achievers Awards 2014



The Compilation of profiles was done by Sumrin Kalia

Post humous Tributes Pride of Memon Achievers Awards 2014 by WMO Ladies Wing Pakistan Chapter

Hajiani Khadija Ma

Born in Bantva, Kathiawar in 1900 she came from a modest family. Despite having no formal education she undertook the mission of providing educational opportunities to Memon Girls.

Following the management of the madrassa at Akuli Mosque in Bantva, she formed a ladies forum by the name of 'Zanana Council' under which she started a madrassa 'Ziant ul Islam' Eventually it became the alma mater of 635 girls where they acquired religious education in Urdu and Gujrati and also learnt sewing.

After partition, with support from Ms. Fatima Jinnah, she started a girls' school in



Nankwada, Karachi called the 'Memon Girls School'. She also formed a Ladies Organization

in the name of 'Pakistan Memon Women Educational Society' which was forerunner of 'Raunaq-e-Islam Girls' Primary School'. Later she started another school in Federal B Area Karachi, and upgraded her schools to Secondary Level. She started a Girl's College in thickly populated area Mithadar-Kharadar.

Her efforts were acknowledged by Bantva Memon Jamat in 1978 when she was awarded a 10 tola Gold Medal, seventy five thousand rupees cash and many gifts in a grand ceremony. The gracious lady donated all this to the Jamat for the cause of female education and went home only with her Holy Quran, Tasbeeh and the prayer mat. She will be remembered as a pioneer of Memon Girls Education.



Marium Faruqi

Born in Pune in 1924, Marium, daughter of Sir Ibrahim, a well-known businessman, who also launched an Urdu weekly 'Muslim' and established a primary school in Haroon Hall in India before partition.

She studied Persian at college and did her undergraduate in Urdu and Persian. In Pakistan Maryam worked with Mrs Qazi Issa on the National Guard Movement in preparing young women for emergencies. She also worked with the Women's Muslim League.

Her passion for teaching started from the veranda of her home; with six tables and a few

chairs and led to the establishment of Happy Home School. Her spirit and enthusiasm is clearly reflected by the fact that despite her old age and failing health, she continued to lead the institution, vigorously climbing stairs and moving across corridors, only to make sure the school is functioning proper.

She was awarded Gold Medal from the University of Bombay for acquiring First Merit Position 1945, Award of Fulbright Hayes Scholarship for Educational Administration and Supervision in the USA in 1960 - 6, President's Award for Literacy 1987, Award by Hamdard Naunehal Assembly 1988, Pakistan National Unity Award for her success in education by Pakistan

National Unity Council, Award for outstanding services for youth cause by Galaxy of Youth Pakistan 1997, Star Woman Award 1998 by Star Girls & Women Foundation, Prime Minister's Madar-e-Millat Award 2003, Lifetime Achievement Award by KFC 2007,

Fatimat-uz-Zohra Award 'For the Struggle she Initiated and her Commitment' by Working Women, Organization (Trust) Pakistan – 2007, Third Senior Citizen Award by Mera Ghar Welfare Association – 2008, Life time Achievement Award by the Directorate of Private School

Education 2009, Woman Educator of the Year Award by Pakistan Excellence Awards Foundation, Islamabad 2009, Life time Achievement Award by the Hamdard Foundation 2009, Lifetime Achievement Award by the Board of Intermediate Education Karachi 2010.

SherBano Katchi

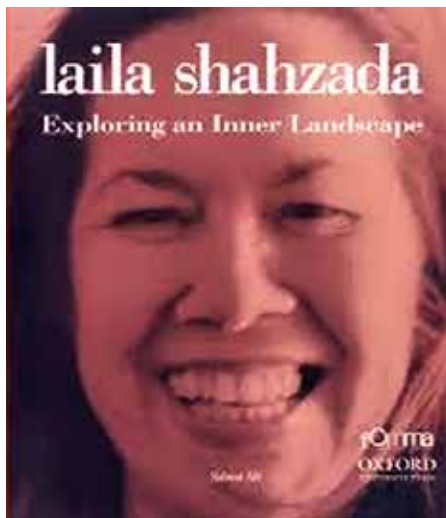
Coming from a philanthropic family, SherBano was educated in fine arts and was encouraged to be a compassionate lady for the needy. During the 1980's she became the founder Vice President of Ladies Wing of the World Memon Foundation. She devoted her time and energy to the cause of uplift of Memon women in her role. Later when World Memon Organization was formed under the visionary leadership of ARY, she joined WMO and served as First Chairperson of Ladies Wing in Pakistan



She organized health campaigns, for making women aware of good nutrition and safety measures to avoid diseases. These campaigns also addressed medical problems faced by the children, and the elderly. She has also been promoting youth of the community through events, promoting employment and entrepreneurial opportunities.

She was honored by the Okhai Memon Jamaat. All Pakistan Memon foundation and WMO who have presented her shields in recognition of her endeavors.

She was an extraordinary entrepreneur besides, her family business she successfully ran her own silver jewelry business.



Laila Shahzada

Laila Shehzada amongst Pakistan's most internationally renowned artists. She studied with the Royal Drawing Society, London and was the first women painters in Pakistan to gain international recognition, with exhibitions around the world including Pakistan, London, Paris, Tokyo, Monte Carlo and New York. She was the first artist to draw inspiration from the archeological sites of the Indus valley and Taxila region. Laila played an important role in initiating and popularizing the ancient history of Pakistan by producing series of paintings which depicted the long lost civilization using its surviving artifacts.

Laila was honored in Pakistan by the President's Award, the Tamgha-e-Imtiaz in 1986

and the Pride of Performance in 1995, when she participated in a group show at the Shorouks International Gallery, Regent Street, London. She was the only Pakistani to be honored with the Key to the city of New York.

In the 1980s, she was selected to participate in an international display at the Westminster Gallery, London and her work was shown in an exhibition at the Barbican Gallery. On 14th August 2006, the Pakistan Post issued a Rs. 40 sheetlet of stamps to posthumously honor 10 Pakistani painters. Laila Shahzada is among those 10 painters.

Salwat Ali wrote a book on her by the name Laila Shehzada: Exploring an Inner Landscape produced by FOMMA- Foundation for Museum of Modern Art aimed at introducing outstanding contemporary artists and architects.

Aamena Ghani

Aamena was among the few Memon women who were lucky to receive higher education. Aamena got her higher education from Aligarh Muslim University. This university was founded by Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, who recognized the role of education in the empowerment of the poor and backward Muslim community.

Aamena was born in Bombay in the famous Mitha family. Her leadership qualities were evident from the very



beginning. During her education at the Aligarh University she remained very active and was the General Secretary of the Muslim Girls College Students Union. After her arrival to Pakistan she keenly participated in social service. Her contributions were noticed by the United Nations and she was sponsored to attend several conferences and seminars. In 1965 she was appointed as Director of Social Welfare Department by the Government of Pakistan. She was awarded a prestigious scholarship by the United Nations and went to New York for Community Development Training.

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Bilquis Bano Edhi

Bilquis Bano Edhi is wife of Abdul Sattar Edhi, a humanitarian, a social worker

and one of the most active philanthropists in Pakistan. She was born in Karachi, where she joined the nurses training course at the Edhi Nurses Training Centre when she was in the 8th grade. Bilquis was one of the few Muslim girls there, because, at the time, nursing was not considered a suitable profession for a Muslim women. Nevertheless she was determined to become a nurse so she studied diligently, was passionate about her work and quickly became a first rank nurse.

She has been working with the Edhi Foundation – A Foundation which was started by Abdul Sattar Edhi with the mission to provide aid to Pakistan's poor and down-trodden, and has become Pakistan's major relief organization under the leadership of the husband and wife - team of Abdul Sattar and Bilquis Edhi. She heads the Bilquis Edhi

Foundation, holds the honor of being awarded the prestigious 'Hilal-e-Intiaz', and with her husband received the '1986 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service'. She is also the recipient of the 'Lenin Peace Prize'.

Her charity runs many services in Pakistan including a hospital and emergency service in Karachi. Edhi foundation is a major resource for assisting victims of disaster internationally. With all of the love and attention Bilquis gives the thousands of children rescued by the Edhi Foundation, this is why she is often called, 'The Mother of Pakistan'. She regularly visits Edhi Homes all over Pakistan to monitor their activities and give suggestions and recommendations on how she feels the work should be done. She is also instrumental in making Edhi Homes 'Centers of Excellence' – in the true sense of the word.

Dr. Zaitun Matcheswala

Dr. Zaitun Shah is the daughter of famous leader Haji Umar Ahmed Matcheswala, a close political associate of Quaid-e-Azam. She is a woman with immense brilliance and academic achievement that is unparalleled. She completed her PhD from St. Anthony's College, Oxford University. She was the only Asian lady who enjoyed the privilege of being the fellow of the Wolfson College at Oxford University and when the Islamic Culture Foundation was established in Oxford in 1971, she was appointed its Executive Director. It was dedicated towards promoting intercultural understanding by the publication of classical texts from Arabic, Persian, Turkish and Urdu. She worked as the General Editor of the series in which 76 authors and scholars worldwide participated.

She has written a book 'Life and Times of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan' which was published by Oxford University Press and a collection of her



poems titled '99 Poems' has been published by Foundation for Islamic Culture.

She served as Professor and Advisor in Kuwait University, and also worked as the

advisor to Director of De-Colonization at the UN Institute of Training and Research Unit.

She returned to Pakistan at the invitation of Government of Pakistan and was appointed as the advisor to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs Division. She simultaneously supervised the University Grants Commission, now HEC. She has also served as the advisor on Environmental Conservation and Education to Chamber of Commerce and has been the advisor in the committee for development of Educational Curriculum for Post Graduate Degrees in Baqai University.

She has organized the Karachi Stock Exchange Institute for Training and Research. She speaks on the Development of Women, Higher Education, Pollution and Environment and has been key note speaker at House of Lords for the Millennium Group on 'Empowering Women for Peace and Democracy' hosted by Women's Federation for World Peace. For aspiring young ladies of our community Dr. Zaitun is a role model.



Mariam Issa

A humanitarian and socialworker Mariam is a woman who has devoted most of her life to community service both in USA and Pakistan. She has served on several boards, Asian Pacific American Heritage as President, Asian American Coalition, Pakistan-Association of Greater Houston as President, Pakistan Association's Board of Trustee, Ancestral Film Festival, Blaffer Gallery, Express Theatre, Asia Society, Advisory board of UNICEF, Census 2000, Asia World Expo, as President of South Asian Chamber of Commerce and many more.

She founded the Pakistan-American

Volunteers Association to educate the American people about the rich heritage of Pakistan. The projects like March of Dimes, The Rehab Mission, the Asian Arts Festival and the Houston International Festival were among the achievements of this organization under the visionary leadership of Ms. Mariam Issa. She also raised funds for Red Cross Relief fund for September 11 and for the documentary movie ; 'Muhammad; The Legacy of a Prophet'. This movie served immensely to diffuse the antagonistic views about Muslims in USA after 9/11 incidents. It was shown in 52 States of USA by PBS television stations.

She served as Vice President of Houston Mayoral Advisory Board for International-

Affairs and Development Asia and also Pakistani American Women's Association. Houston's Channel 11 honored her in Asia's selected program called 'Making History Today'.

She worked with Rotary Club

International installing 500 hand pumps in Sindh and Balochistan and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award for this commendable achievement.

She was featured in the directory of

'Who's Who of Asian Americans' because of her accomplishments in the city of Houston. An avid political activist she campaigned for many political leaders out of which President Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama etc.



Tara Uzra Dawood

Tara Uzra Dawood is a Canadian-Pakistani entrepreneur, money manager and freelance journalist. As CEO of Dawood Capital Management Ltd., she provides financial advice for individuals and corporate sector in Pakistan, and with her team she

facilitates financial security for women through her brainchild LADIES FUND and of children BABY FUND and CHILD FUND.

She is Editor-in-Chief of LADIES FUND Magazine, Pakistan's first magazine for women professionals and entrepreneurs. Tara is a strong advocate of educational opportunities and recently spearheaded the LADIES FUND Fellowships and Scholarships Programs. She founded, Dawood Global Foundation which is comprised of five wings: Investors and Supporters, Management, Brand Ambassadors, an Advisory Council, and a Student Advisory Board and Volunteers.

Tara was selected as Canada's Youth News Representative, which is the youth wing of the Associated Press. With her entrepreneurial savvy as a young journalist, Tara established a network of links with cosmetic labels, record labels and movie studios in Canada, the United States, and Europe. Tara has studied at Cornell

University, Oxford University, and Harvard Law School with distinctions, and became a member of the New York Bar. Tara relocated to Pakistan, where she revamped the venture capital company, Pakistan Venture Capital Ltd. and followed this with the creation of her namesake company, Dawood Capital Management Ltd.

She lectures internationally on the role of Women Entrepreneurship and has spoken as a keynote speaker at conferences in Turkey, Sweden, Chile, UAE, Malaysia, North America, Pakistan and Europe. She has contributed greatly to the role of women in the economic realm of Asian and developing countries.

Being on the board of a number of high profile organizations. Tara is a columnist and freelance writer for magazines and online media, such as 85 BROADS, the Toronto Sun, and the Girl Friday column for The Friday Times of Pakistan.

Dr. Farzana Poonawala

Dr. Farzana is Pakistan's first visually impaired woman to acquire a Ph.D in Islamic Studies. Being a woman of immense moral strength, courage and determination she never let her blindness become her weakness.

After obtaining her B.A from St. Joseph's College in 1979, she completed her M.A in Philosophy Travelling to University of Karachi was a greater challenge, yet she continued her passion for education. In 1999 she did her Ph.D in Islamic Studies studying scholars like Shibli Nomani, Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Ghulam Ahmed Pervez and others. She is deeply impressed by Abul Ala Maududi and was fascinated by his writings since her childhood. Dr. Farzana



has done a certificate course in Arabic-Tadreesul Quran.

She has been teaching at the PECHS college for the past 20 years and imparting knowledge of Holy Quran to children. She

reads the Quran in Braille and has memorized many of its chapters. Further she converted the Syllabi, course materials and various Dictionaries into Braille so that blind students can be benefited. So far, she has converted more than 200 such material into Braille.

Dr. Farzana's achievements have been recognized and honored by the Rotary club, the All Pakistan Memon Federation, Aero Asia, Fanus (Narcotics) and many individuals. She has also been awarded Tamgha-e-Husn-e-Karkardagi by the Government of Pakistan.

Dr. Farzana is the President of Pakistan Braille Society and an active member of the Pakistan Association of Blind. She has presented many papers on Social Integration, Blind Women in Society etc..



Tabassum A Qadir

A woman with 'never-say-die' spirit, Tabassum A.Qadir, is presently the Managing Director of Pak Africa Aviation and currently pursuing her career in South Africa.

She started a textile exporting business at age of 22 from home under the guidance of her father in law. She then expanded the business in Africa and can be called the only woman entrepreneur of Pakistan who has travelled African countries like Uganda, Sudan, Angola, Zambia and Nigeria amongst other African countries.

This dynamic lady is amongst few women of Pakistan selected by United States for a leadership program. Her textile company provided a boost to Pakistan's exports and she won an award in Expo 2010 for Textile Exports.

With her travelling experience in Africa, she has now dared to enter the Aviation world and is currently busy launching an Airline in South Africa with a mission to connect Africa!

The stories of her success do not end here. She has made immense contributions to the WMO Ladies Wing, in projects like White Elephant Sale, Mere Angnay Main etc.



Farhat Rasheed

Farhat is a strong and determined girl with a passion for doing something different and unique in life. She was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy at the time of her birth, which limited her physical abilities and restricted her to wheel-chair. However, she has never allowed her disabilities to prevail over her abilities. Farhat is a Gold Medalist in MBA Marketing from IoBM, has worked in Unilever Pakistan Limited as Assistant Brand Manager and is now helping in her family business. She runs her own rice brand "Shahenshah".

Farhat initiated the group 'SHOW YOU CARE' (SYC) which is a voice for all

physically challenged individuals to rise and live independently and to make Pakistan a wheelchair friendly country. SYC has successfully organized plays, seminars and talks targeting top architects, builders, government officials, private owners and general public. SYC successfully convinced some private owners to make ramps at their restaurants; some of which include Chen One, Pizza Hut at Muhammad Ali Society, Gelato Affairs etc.

Pakistan, though is a signatory to UN Convention On The Rights Of Persons With Disabilities, the disabled here are confined to their homes or go to special schools. Special people are not "Disable", they are "Differently Able" emphasizes Farhat.

Shireen Anwar

Chef Shireen Anwer, famous cooking expert in Pakistani culinary field is a Memon to be celebrated by the community.

Shireen Anwar had an interest in cooking and she pursued her passion in the culinary arts and worked as a teacher in "Western Food Institute New York". Returning to Pakistan she resumed her profession. She has 27 years of culinary experience and has 2 cookbooks to her name. She has got several award from Pakistan, UAE, America, and London. She additionally started giving cookery classes by name of Triple 'S' Kitchenette that clothed to be an outstanding success over the years.



Her unwavering passion to create amazing recipes, her warmth and charisma has all lead to the huge success of the cooking show Masala Mornings on Masala TV. The show has completed more than 700 episodes. She is the author of best-selling cookbooks. The World on Your table, An Invention to Pakistani cooking & Beijing Bangkok. She focuses in a large range of food ranging from oriental to continental but prefers desserts and baking. Her simple homemade 30 minute recipes guide women and men around the world to create delicious and healthy family meals. At present she has an unconditional fan following from all over the world especially in Pakistan and America.



Sidra Iqbal

Sidra Iqbal is a TV host, Pakistani drama actress, director, columnist, model, anchor person and runs an organization as well. After graduating from Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad, she completed her Masters from Cambridge University. Sidra Iqbal is the first and the only Pakistani to win the prestigious English Speaking Union's International Public Speaking Championship in London, UK. She emerged a winner among 58 participants from 28 different countries, and was awarded the Winner's Certificate by HRH Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh. Subsequently, Sidra became the First Pakistani to be invited as a

Judge to the same esteemed international pavilion, with co-judges like Lucy Hockings (Presenter, BBC World).

Sidra is a prominent television broadcaster in Pakistan and has a number of signature shows, productions and momentous media appearances to her credit. Sidra became The First Pakistani Anchorperson to host the official digital platforms of the International Indian Film Awards 2012 (IIFA), the mega Bollywood extravaganza of immense global popularity in Singapore, a project that expanded Sidra's fans base across borders.

She is an entrepreneur and founder of Statuspro 360, one of Pakistan's foremost Integrated Brand Communications firms.

Rabia Garib

Rabia Garib is the Chief Wrapper at ToffeeTV.com, a digital initiative that produces songs, stories and activities for children primarily in the Urdu. Some content items have also been translated and published in Memoni. She combines her experience in digital and mainstream media to produce fun content that can hold the attention of young children, while delivering educationally rich learning.

ToffeeTV, a company co-founded with Talea Zafar, won an award in the Best eLearning category at the PASHA ICT Awards in 2011. It has been a recipient of the



Social Innovation Fund and more recently, has won as the Best Entertainment App in India's Billionth Awards.

Rabia previously headed the local edition

of CIO magazine in Pakistan and has been involved in the tech media space. She has worked on, scripting, producing and anchoring some of the first technology programs for television and radio across various channels. In 2012 she was named as part of a group of 100 Women Who Matter by Newsweek Pakistan. She has written for and been published by countless journals and magazine. She was selected as an Eisenhower Fellow and represented Pakistan in the 2-month Multi Nation Program amongst 24 other countries. She presently coordinates her batch of Fellows and is also the country coordinator for Pakistan.

Mariam Saeedullah Khan

An artist of international repute Mariam, her art work displays her wide experience of Italy, Germany, China and Japan as well as her initial introduction to her discipline in Lahore. In her studio one discovers art of the Moghul emperors on a larger scale.

Mariam was the first foreign artist to have received an award from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Tokyo. Her work has been exhibited in Christies, acquired for the permanent collection of the Rockefeller Foundation and presented to America's President Ford. The



Pakistan Government chose Mariam's work to present to the late Shah of Iran. Her work has been exhibited in prestigious galleries and museums internationally.

In Pakistan Mariam became the Karachi Consultant for Sheraton, and most of the big hotels commissioned her paintings. She inducted some of the Japanese techniques into Mughal paintings. She now shows her work at the Momart Gallery, Karachi, where, the singular beauty of her work continues to fascinate the viewer. There is a timeless quality to her work which explains the Japanese title given to her: Tranquility.



Sabina Khatri

Sabina is an example of women who despite unfavorable circumstances managed to achieve a lot in their lives. With an immense desire to bridge the social gap between the poor and rich, Sabina ventured into a project called the 'Kiran Foundation'. setting up government schools in Layari, under the Government of Pakistan's 'Adopt a School Program'. Sabina through this school system started training young children and their parents to make them presentable, polished and groomed enough to pass on merits in schools where children from higher middle class were admitted. Kiran Foundations children now have secured admissions to prestigious schools like St.Micheal, Happy Home, Army Public School,

Habib Public, Nasra and Aga Khan. From the platform of NEED they found donors, to promote educational equality in the society

Today Kiran School has 60 students studying in different schools and 23 kids preparing for the next year portraying Sabina's dream of a better Pakistan

Under the NEED forum, Sabina was instrumental in collecting funds for 2010 floods. They collaborated with HANDS, and adopted a camp in Thatta working for the rehabilitation of these families. Currently NEED camps hold 63 families. Under immensely scarce resource, negligence from government and challenges of money shortage it is the people like Sabina who make us feel that we still have a better future for Pakistan.

Kulsoom Rafiq

Kulsoom Rafiq, is a poet, a social worker and an academican and has been working in social service for the last 35 years. She extended advisory services to Karachi Metropolitan Corporation and later became the First Memon Lady to become the Councilor twice. She has also been the Member of Sindh Assembly and has been nominated for several conferences and trainings by Government of Pakistan. She received various awards, 6 Gold Medals and 100 prizes for her contributions in academia and



public sector.

In her contribution to the Memon Community, she has served as the Chairperson of All Pakistan Memon Federation, has been associate editor of Monthly Memon Times, and advisor to AMWA. She is a member of WMO, APWA, SWO and various other organizations.

She is a poet of Urdu and Gujrati and has attended over 45 Mushairas and has published several ghazals and essays in Akka-s-Nov, Roop, Mshriq, Aghaz, Jung and Hurriyat.

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Sherbano Karim

Sherbano Karim belongs to a profession not many Memon women venture into. In 1992

she was appointed as Civil Judge on the basis of her knowledge of law, practice and procedure and basic understanding of how to carry out function in and out of the court room. She was posted in interior Sindh which was a challenge living alone without family members.

She is the first lady judge of the Memon community. Due to her integrity, hard work and good reputation she was promoted timely as Senior Civil Judge and then as Additional District Judge. Currently she is a District and Sessions Judge.

Being a judge her primary function is administration of justice and responsibility is to interpret and apply rule of law to ensure

constitutionality. Besides routine work and cases she also dealt and decided heinous cases like murder, Hudood cases, criminal, and civil, rent, family, guardianship, labour and banking cases. During her service she attended various courses, seminars, symposium, conferences, workshops. She was also nominated for colloquium for judges on the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in Singapore.

She is also doing Ph.D. from University of Karachi and has taught law in Islamic Mission Women University Karachi. Her whole tenure shows that she played an active role in managing cases to ensure they proceed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Hafiza Javeria Saleem

Javeria Saleem is famous for reciting Naat, as an anchor person and for her melodious Qariya-e-Quran in Pakistan. She was eight years old when she performed first time on Television on ARY QTV. She has performed on many national and international channels like PTV, Geo TV, ARY Digital, ARY QTV, Metro One, Hum TV, Shifa TV (USA), Noor TV (UK) and has been interviewed in many national and international Newspapers and Magazines.

She has been acknowledged throughout the Islamic world for her melodic and spell-



binding recitations that poetically praise Allah and his beloved Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W). She won 'All Pakistan Naat Competition' in 2004 organized by QTV. She was awarded the 'Best female Qariya in Pakistan'. She was awarded 'Youngest Qariya of Pakistan' award and cash prize of Rupees 2,25,000 from the Government of Pakistan. She got "Best Female Naat Khuwan in Pakistan" from PTV.

She has released 3 albums and has performed in many countries such as India, South Africa, Mauritius, Dubai and Bahrain. She was the first lady who performed in Bahrain.



Munzalin Munaf

As the First Lady Pilot in Memon community Munzalin graduated with a Commercial Pilot License with Instrument Rating (CPL/IR). She has flown 200 hours on Cessna-172, while

doing 200 hours she cleared her Solo Flight, Passengers Rating and Instrument rating score. On the basis of CPL/IR she can apply at any international airline. Many young girls are not aware that it is a career option for them and this perception needs to be changed.

Farzana Munaf

Farzana Munaf is a Woman of Action who became Chief Financial Officer in an Investment Committees and has served in the Board of Directors with an overall responsibility of Finance Department in Pakistan Reinsurance Company Limited.

She was awarded with a Gold Medal for her position in ICAP as the First Female student in Pakistan to secure this position. She has been associated with renowned firms like Ford, Rhodes, Robson, Morrow (FRRM), Pakland Group, National Invest Trust Limited, First Women Bank Limited and House Building Finance Corporation



and has almost 24 years of experience. She was a part of IBA as Director Finance and

has delivered lectures to students of Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Program (BBSYDP). She has presented technical papers in ICAP seminars and has conducted lectures for many years on auditing and accounting for ICAP students. She conducted trainings for FRRM trainees and represented FRRM in a workshop by M/s. Coopers and Lybrand, London.

She is keen to continue promoting Chartered Accountancy among the new generation of business talent. She believes that Chartered Accountancy is one qualification where you train to turn theory into actionable opportunity – and that's what sets it apart.

Abida Memon



Abida Memon has achieved great success in Government Service. She has been Assistant Director, Deputy Director, and Director at various Government agencies,

like, Sindh Small Industries Corporation, Minorities Affairs Department, Coastal Development Authority, Environmental Protection Agency etc.

Apart from her contribution to Public Service she has been a part of community service to Memons in her role as Governor, at Kutchi Memon Students Federation, and also has been a part of the United Memon Women Organization. Her desire to serve also made her work for women in places like Women Development Association and she served as the Vice President of Business and Professional Women.

She has won many awards and shields for her service to Pakistan Railway, Sindh Rural Women Association, Mehran International Press, World Biographical

Society, and All Pakistan Memon Federation.

She has conducted training sessions at Sindh Board of Technical Education, National Centre for Rural Development, Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Conference, and Academy for Rural Development in Peshawar.

Her one of the greatest achievement is her Life Time Achievement Award that she was given by Al Umeed Rehabilitation Association.

Working in Government Sector for Memons is a difficult task, and being a woman it becomes tougher. Abida has proved to be a resilient lady and has managed to not only survive but succeed in this male dominated profession.



Zarina Fazal

Zarina is a Pharmacist by Profession and a Social Worker by passion. She is the founder member and General Secretary of United Memon Women Organization. Through this platform she served the community by distributing medicines and arranging numerous free medical camps in nearly 100 slum areas of Karachi.

It was one of such camps when she came across the misery and problems of special children. The kind of pain the parents of such children go through compelled her to start exploring this more. After achieving Masters in Special Education she continued to work at the Rehabilitation Centre by the name AURA for

special children. During this time she conducted several training sessions, workshops and seminars. She started her own Rehab Center for Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation (IRC) which is now operating successfully according to international Standards. At this center all basic needs of the patients are met by providing services like Physio, Occupational and Speech Therapy. Through her efforts she is trying to help the special children overcome their disabilities and be able to lead a better life. Her Center has one of the rarest, state of the art equipment SNOEZELEN, which was only made possible because of her continuous collaboration with experts at the Bloorview Kids Rehab in Toronto Canada.

Dr. Lubna Kamani

Dr. Lubna Kamani is one of the few very accomplished gastroenterologists in Memon community. She has completed her FRCP (London) and FCPS (Pakistan) in Gastroenterology.

She has been a high achiever since the beginning of her educational life,. She won a Gold Medal from Baqai Medical College, a Gold Medal for Best Graduate in Ophthalmology from Karachi University and a Silver Medal in Arts from Tokyo, Japan. Her series of achievements did not stop here and after achieving multiple postgraduate qualifications to her credit she ventured into



teaching medicine and research. She won Best Poster Prize at annual research interest in 2007 from Aga Khan University Hospital, prize for Best Poster at Postgraduate Medical Education Conference and also won the prize for Best Oral Presentation at Pakistan Society For Liver Disease Conference (PSSLD). She has 13 Research Publications to her credit in International and National reputed research journals. She also managed to secure a research grant from Aga Khan University Hospital.

Dr. Kamani has been publishing public awareness articles in Newspapers and Magazines to create an understanding of various diseases in the society.



Maqboola Dojki

Ms Maqboola Dojki has B.S from Central Michigan University, USA and is a Registered Medical Technologist from American Society of Clinical Pathologist and Registered Biosafety Professional from American Society of Biological Safety Association.

She is currently working as Manager, Microbiology and is responsible for technical supervision and administration of Microbiology section of Clinical laboratories She has facilitated and coordinated Clinical Trials, drug trials and research projects with organizations like Marie Adelaide

Leprosy Center, Masoomen Hospital, OJHA Institute of Chest Diseases, Indus Hospital, London School of Hygiene and tropical medicine UK and Karolinska Institute Sweden. She has several national and international posters and publications and is Treasurer of Pakistan Biological Safety Association. She was selected as Master Trainer by US State Department for developing Biorisk management system at Aga Khan University .She also served on committee "Biosafety Professionals Accreditation Working Group" formed by International Federation of Biosafety Associations (IFBA).

Mariam Arif

Mariam Arif is No.1 Female World Youth Scrabble Champion 2014. She is an International scrabble player and represented Pakistan in 9th World Youth International femal Scrabble Championship 2014 which was held in Colombo, Srilanka and achieved 3rd position being the first Memon girl who achieved this rank. She won First Prize Of Team Unity at 28th Brand's Thailand International Crossword Game King's Cup 2013 representing Pakistan at the World Youth Scrabble Championship



– 2012, held at Birmingham, UK and her team secured Third Position all over the world. She also secured 11th position at Malaysia, Penang Scrabble Championship 2013 and represented Pakistan at the World Youth Scrabble Championship – 2013 held at Dubai – U.A.E. and achieved 8th position all over the world.

She has participated in co-curricular activities in her school including debates, quiz competitions, spelling contest. She is a regular speaker at Radio FM 101 and every Sunday appears on children's 'live program' of radio Pakistan under the title 'Bachuu Ki Dunya'.

Farida Ghaffar

Farida Abdul Ghaffar studied architecture and planning at Dawood College of Engineering & Technology (DCET) and NED University in Karachi. Graduated in 1993, Farida has worked as project architect, feature editor (ARCHI TIMES and A+I), architectural photographer, trainer (RDI, Islamabad) and faculty member at DCET, UET Peshawar (then NWFP UET) at its Abbottabad campus and Department of Architecture & Planning at NED University, Karachi. She is currently enrolled in a Masters Studies course in Urban and Regional Planning at NED and simultaneously engaged as faculty at the same department where she has also been entrusted upon the responsibility of heading Heritage Cell since past 3 years.



Parallel to running her own practice as an architect, she has undertaken various portfolios voluntarily to serve professional bodies of Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners and In-

stitute of Architects Pakistan. She writes for local architectural magazines and assists the Editorial Board of the peer reviewed 'Journal of Research in Architecture & Planning' being published by the department of Architecture and Planning, NED University biannually.

Currently she holds the honorary posts of Executive Committee Member, Pakistan Council of Architects & Town Planners, (2013-2015) Treasurer, KBA CARE Group, (2014-2016). Member Strategic Advisory Board (SAB), Member Professional Forum (2014 onwards) Member Working Committee, The Pakistan Memon Educational and Welfare Society Chairperson - Ladies Wing, Junagadh (Dhorajiwala) Memon Association, Karachi.

Trustee and Honorary Director, Rabia Moon Institute of Neurosciences (Trust), Karachi.



Anjum Khamisani

Anjum is a professional in Health Management Information Systems. She has worked as Manager Health Information Management Services Systems in Aga Khan Hospital, and Ziauddin Hospital. She has managed a team of 125 employees along with

storage, retrieval, archiving and timely purging of all medical records. She was also trained at the Washington Adventist Hospital, MD, USA. She has done her Masters in Health Informatics from University of Victoria in Canada. She is probably the first and only Memon Lady holding this degree.

Midra Hamdani

Midra is an energetic, dynamic speaker and debater. She has won top positions in more than five Declamation contests and has brought home Trophies and Awards to make her parents proud.



She has also been actively participating in National Games like Throw Ball, Basket Ball and Taekwondo etc. and has won Silver Medals in National Level Taekwondo Championships. She writes articles for various newspapers and has an interest in Media. She secured 2nd Position in All Karachi Theater Competition.



Farseen Hamdani

Farseen Hamdani, the Taekwondo Champion, another proud name of Memon Community. She was awarded a Silver Medal at Sona National Solidarity Taekwondo Championship. She got Gold Medals in Sindh Games From Karachi Division, and at Twentieth Quaid-e-Azam

Championship. She also won a Gold Medal from Pakistan Railway in National Taekwondo Champion Ship.

Farseen has won three Bronze Medals in various National Level Taekwondo Championships and was awarded one at Korean Ambassador National Championship. She also won a Silver Medal in Intercity Karachi Championship

Naqsh Hamdani

Naqsh Hamdani is a young emerging Taekwondo star. She has made Memon community proud by her achievements in Taekwondo championships. At the age of only 13 years she has won the Gold medals; in the National Taekwondo Championship, Sindh Olympics Games, Twentieth Quaid-



e-Azam Championship, Intercity Karachi Championship and was the Youngest Gold Medalist at National Games in 2012.

She has won three Silver Medals in National Games, one in Sindh game and a Bronze Medal in Korean Ambassador National Championship. She also won two Bronze Medals in National and Provincial games.