



# GOODWOOD ISLAMIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE MIMBAR TO YOUR HOME

### Post Ramadaan... Taking Initiative

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All praises are due to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the universe. Peace and salutations upon the Prophet Muhammad (SAW), his family, his companions and all those who follow him. After the blessings of having witnessed yet another Ramadaan, alhamdulillah, it is upon each individual to take the initiative and build on that which we have achieved during this auspicious month. We have observed fast for 30 days and it is for us to consequently take the initiative to continue whilst the body and soul are accustomed to it.

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## Get up and go out !

**We've passed the halfway mark of this year, but how much has changed?**



Initiative. What does it mean? Don't worry... I *Googled* the word for you. *Initiative* means the power to take charge before others do. *But why all the fuss?* For starters, alhamdulillah we have witnessed another Ramadaan...

## Live in the present, for the Future

In this quick passing life of the dunyah, where every action is just a reaction - it is difficult to



take a moment to breathe and look further than what you are currently experiencing. However, constant improvement in yourself and your environment is overlooked, despite its importance in Islam. Instead of trying to solve a problem, make a paradigm shift when you encounter a problem. Take initiative in your life, family and community.

**Faatimah Abrahams**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**8 JULY 2017: Holiday Knitting Fun**

10am - 11am @ Quloobul Moe'mieneen Masjied. Females aged 6 upwards

Whatsapp 082 530 0033

**22 JULY 2017: Back to school**

Madrassah re-opens and classes are back to normal

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The Prophet (pbuh) said: "Whoever fasts Ramadaan and follows it with six days from Shawwal it is as if they fasted the entire year." (Sahih Muslim)

In a similar manner, we continue to take the initiative to read prayer on time and in congregation, continue with a khatm-ul-Quraan, pray Tahajjud and give charity. This helps us to be in a constant state of Taqwa as we have realized the value of time during the month of Ramadaan. Allah Almighty says: "Therefore hasten to do good deeds" (Q:2 V148).

### *What's new on the website...?*

**Zahraa Kaskar**

shares her "*Experience of Ramadaan as a Muslim Teenager*" with us. She recalls her ups and downs, her highs and lows and lessons learnt during this wonderful and blessed month.

Visit the Goodwood Islamic Society webpage to read all about it.



[www.goodwoodmosque.org.za](http://www.goodwoodmosque.org.za)

## Get up and go out (...continued)

... we've seen more than half the year fly by - but how many of our New Year's resolutions have we kept to? How is that diet holding up and have you cleaned out that garage yet?

My point being, we wait for major events like New Year's or Ramadaan or Mandela Day to rev us in actually do something - why not take the initiative and just do it. Everyone seems to be into Nike these days, and what's their motto ... "Just do It" . Kids these day aspire to become millionaires, to take over the world and become famous. They aspire to be classy socialites and sign autographs - but the people who are already there didn't get there overnight and they didn't wait for

others to tell them to work for their dreams - they took the initiative and put themselves out there. And that is the point of my rant for this month's newsletter. Be yourself, because if you wait around for the crowd you'll never get where you want to go, you'll never achieve what you want and that future will remain the unknown. Be yourself and take initiative to do so - go study, take up a hobby, go on an adventure. Do what is good for your soul - read Quraan, memorise a new surah, join a nasheed group - take the initiative to do good and to feel good. And that should be the mantra for the rest of the year - take the initiative to do good, to feel good. **Zahraa Schroeder**

## TAKE RISKS!

**Ismaeel Hamdulay**



Say something or stay silent? Do something or just carry on merrily? This is a dilemma which I and many other youth find ourselves facing on a daily basis. We face many challenges that require us to take risks. Risks, that we often contemplate out of fear because it's stepping out of our comfort zone. Sometimes we need to step out of our comfort zones and into possibility. That one step may be what it takes for us to achieve that goal or dream, it may be that one step that brings us

closer to Allah. So let us strive to step up boldly out of our comfort zone and conquer our fears in order to become the best version of ourselves.

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