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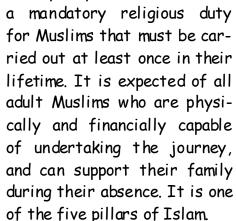
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## UNDERSTANDING AMERICAN MUSLIMS

Tony James introduced today's speaker, Maha Elgenaida, President of Islamic Networks Group.

- Maha began by telling us the correct way to pronounce her religion. It should be "is-lamb", and not "is-lom".
- Islam would be more important in this country if it had not been suppressed during early colonial life.
   One-third of slaves were originally Muslim, but all were pretty much forced to convert to Christianity.
- Islamic life is very much full of compassion.
- Modesty is an extremely important virtue.
   Thus proper dress for a woman in public is to allow only the face and hands to be seen.
   And so we see Maja dresses as we see her now.
- The charitable standard Muslims go by in giving to the poor is to give 2.5% of extra wealth.

 When we see the word "Hajj", they are speaking of an annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, the most holy city for Muslims. It is



- Islam is a feminist religion, contrary to the common western perception.
- Shia ia a denomination of Islam, just as Catholicism is a

denomination of Christianity.

- Shia has a religious hierarchy, just as in Catholicism
- About 15% of Muslims are Shia.
- Sunni, the other denomination of Islam, has NO hierarchy — similar to Protestantism.
- About 20% of Muslim women dress as Maha dresses.



Today's speaker Maja Elgenaida





Even though Tony James looks a bit fearful in this photo, his introduction of the speaker of the day showed no fear whatsoever.

He was pleased to introduce Maja Elgenaida, who proceeded to give us a nice summary of Islamic customs.



Here we see President Suzanne presenting a commemoration of the gift of a wheelchair to a citizen of Mexico.

It is given in honor of today's speaker.



Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Meeting

Presiding

President Tony James

Pledge

Ron Cassel



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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

## Tuesday, September 12

Speaker will be Brad Boardman, Morgan Center, "Autism-Past, Present, Future". The mission of the Morgan Center is to help children and adults with autism or other developmental disabilities, and maximize their potential in a dignified, positive and loving environment. This promises to be another excellent program.

#### Tuesday, September 19

Two of our Red Badgers, Michelle Nelson and Victoria DuPuy, will be giving their New Member Bio.

## Tuesday, September 26

Sead Eminovic will be the speaker representing the International Rescue Committee.

#### Tuesday, October 3

Lissa Kreisler's talk is called "Decades of Sunny Mornings" as that is what she and her listeners had for nearly 40 years. It's her story of landing a radio job in her hometown, the laughs, the tears and the tale of starting over!

See electronic page 5 for sister Rotary club meeting places/times. See page 6-8 for new member photos.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our September Rotarians