



Rotary Club of Los Gatos Cat Tale

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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.



Today's speaker Maja Elgenaida

- When we see the word "Hajj", they are speaking of an annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, the most holy city for Muslims. It is a mandatory religious duty for Muslims that must be carried out at least once in their lifetime. It is expected of all adult Muslims who are physically and financially capable of undertaking the journey, and can support their family during their absence. It is one of the five pillars of Islam.
- Islam is a feminist religion, contrary to the common western perception.
- Shia is 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.



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!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to our September Rotarians