



Message from the Chairman



Dear friends, and respected guests,

I seek refuge in the Almighty and His unlimited sphere of blessings. It is my distinct pleasure to welcome the Pakistani American Community of Long Island to celebrate this heritage night organized by PACOLI (Pakistani American Community of Long Island). I thank THE ALMIGHTY that Pacoli has entered into its 2nd year as a viable, genuine and unified organization and your attendance to day in such great numbers testifies to that

I, as chairman of this prestigious body have endeavored to the best of my abilities to carry out the mandate, which I have been given. I am grateful to all the members of the board and the executive for their dedication and commitment to serve this community. We are vigorously pursuing our mandate of preserving our heritage, communicating our concerns to the elected officials, promoting understanding between other Americans, participating in political, social, welfare activities like Muslim against hunger, food collection drives and medical and educational help to school and clinic in Pakistan. We will appreciate and commend you for your active participation in our projects. To day we welcome you all to this 65th. independence day of Pakistan. While celebrating this remarkable day, we must not forget that this is not only the time to rejoice but also to ponder and reflect on the tremendous sacrifices that are being made every day by our heroic brothers and sisters in Pakistan. We are all aware that Pakistan is facing unimaginable challenges and dangers, in the form of terrorism, ethnic violence, intra religious discords, poverty, unscrupulous and corrupt politicians.

If I borrow the lyrics from the American and Pakistani anthems, I can say "blessed be the sacred land, symbol of high resolve and inspiration of our future. The land of the free and home of the brave, where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes. Praise The Power that has made and preserved us as part of this great nation and we can all say "In God we trust." Though some politicians are trying to deprive us of this blessing. We assure them that we are as committed as any other fellow American to preserve and protect this country of ours.

More than ever, in these tumultuous and challenging times, Pacoli intends to preserve and promote both the interests of the United States, Pakistan and the Pakistani Americans living in L.I. I want to reiterate that Our aim is to improve the lot of our community with humbleness and service. Through the good offices of our Nassau County Executive we meet various commissioner s like police, social services and health department etc, so we can provide every useful information to our community.

For Example.

Town of North Hempstead supervisor, Hon. Jon Kaiman, in one of the meeting with him informed us that the town of North Hempstead provides for its residents a taxi service. This taxi service will cost the resident only eleven dollars both ways for a visit to the doctor or hospital.

I urge you please give us a helping hand and become part of this vibrant organization and enrich us with your valuable thoughts and suggestions.

God bless America and God bless Pakistan

Regards and Best wishes.

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Chairman
PACOLI