

News Alert from People to People International – Delaware Chapter

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Cultural Insights- Afghanistan and Pakistan- A Panel Discussion

Who: Hina Haq, prosecutor and author, from Pakistan
Nasim Hassan, consulting chemical engineer and commentator, from Pakistan
Saleem Khan, child psychiatrist and culture specialist, from Pakistan
Nazim Nisar, software consultant and community builder, from Afghanistan
Allan Loudell, WDEL news anchor

What: People to People International- Delaware Chapter

Where: Cokesbury Village (high rise building)
726 Loveville Road
Hockessin, Delaware 19707
Parking in the Visitor section is available.

When: Thursday evening, September 16, 2010
7:00 pm
This Program is Free and Open to the Public.

The Delaware Chapter of People to People International (PTPDE) presents a moderated panel discussion followed by a Question and Answer period about the culture and traditions of the people of Afghanistan and Pakistan. The panel consists of engaged and knowledgeable leaders in our community, who come from the highly contentious areas and continue to have connections there that allow them to share special insights about the people in that region.

PTPDE is sponsoring this event in conjunction with Cokesbury Village, a not-for-profit affiliate of ACTS Retirement-Life Communities.

Panelists

Hina Haq is a Deputy Attorney General with the Delaware Department of Justice in the Domestic Violence Unit. She prosecutes crimes pertaining to domestic violence in the Family Court. Hina was born in Jhelum, Pakistan, where she spent the first eighteen years of her life. She earned a B.A. in Economics and Statistics at the Federal Government College for Women in Islamabad and achieved further education in the United States. Hina is also an author. *Sadika's Way*, Hina's first novel, was selected as a 2005 Kiriyama Prize Notable Book.

Nasim Hassan, a consulting chemical engineer, was born in Shimla, India but moved to Lahore in Pakistan after partition in 1947. Currently living in Delaware, he has served the Pakistani American community in the tri-state area as a director and president of Pakistan American Society of Delaware Valley. His areas of interest include South Asia and Middle East. He has firsthand experience of Pakistan, India and Afghanistan and maintains contact with people and affairs in the region. Nasim has written a number of articles for Pakistani newspapers covering the experiences of first generation immigrants in the USA.

Dr. Saleem Khan is a Medical Doctor focusing in Child Psychiatry. He was born and raised in Pakistan where he received his basic medical training at the King Edward Medical College, Lahore. After practicing general medicine, he moved to Iran and worked with the Royal Ministry of Health. He later came to the US for higher training in Psychiatry. He has many family and friends in Pakistan with whom he maintains contact in addition to regularly watching Pakistani Television programs. He is very involved in the social and cultural activities of local Pakistani community of Delaware community.

Nazir Nisar is a Software Consultant, with a degree from the University of Delaware, who has been working in this field for fifteen years. He was born in Afghanistan, maintains close ties with family and friends in Afghanistan and has visited there three times in the past ten years, the first of which immediately followed the fall of the Taliban regime. Very notably, Nazir has been involved in the Afghanistan Delaware Community Together (AFDECT) school projects. AFDECT just completed its second school for girls and boy and plans to break ground soon for a health clinic.

Moderator

Allan Loudell is a News Anchor / Interviewer host on 1150 AM WDEL where he anchors several noon and evening news and international interview programs. From time to time, Allan has taught broadcast news writing at The University of Delaware. He is VP Programs of the Delaware Press Association; a Board member of The Society of Professional Journalists, Philadelphia chapter; Past President of the Corporate Board, The Delaware Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership; and a member of the PTPDE Advisory Board. Allan has been on the air in the Wilmington market since 1987, and joined WDEL in September 2005. Before his arrival in Delaware, he spent ten years on the air in Memphis, Tennessee, including as morning news-anchor for the nation's first urban (Black)-formatted station, WDIA. Allan has won many awards over the years, including the 2009 annual "People Helping People" Award -- People to People International, Delaware Chapter

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