



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

Welcome to another exciting edition of Newsletter # 45 of Memon Welfare Society (MWS) for the month of March 2013. Hope it will be interesting & informative to the community.

May be majority of our community does not know that the first gathering of Current Society was held exactly 5 years ago in April 2008 at La'Sani Restaurant which was attended by almost 60 community members. But unfortunately, it started suffering from various challenges and difficulties in few months after coming into existence which jolted the smooth operation of the Society.

However, credit goes to some sincere and serious enthusiast social workers who took over and revived it's operation with full spirit of dedication. Thanks God, we are now going to observe **5th Anniversary of the Society** during next month. Newsletter Committee has the pleasure to express its gratitude to the entire community, particularly to its regular readers for their kind support, cooperation and guidance from time to time.

An Exclusive event was held last month on 21st Feb. 2013 wherein incoming **Consul General Pakistan Jeddah His Excellency Aftab A Khokher** was invited as Chief Guest. An introduction of MWS Board Members and key post holders of all social and welfare forums of Jeddah with C.G. was made in order to be familiar with each other and could interact with all without any hesitation in the future.

Indeed, the newsletter has been a great source of updating and providing our community with valuable and interesting information regularly. The Newsletter Committee is doing its best to keep you updated with what's happening around you and in the community. We will welcome your suggestion & ideas identifying the welfare programs that can be executed by MWS to benefit our community. We kindly request our community to send us your valuable advices and constructive criticism, if any, without hesitation which may help us to improve our activities.

Sincerely,
Newsletter Committee

Newly Appointed Consul General Pakistan Jeddah H.E. Aftab A Khokher attended a Reception with pleasure organized in his honor by Memon Welfare Society (MASA)



President of MWS Arif Memon Welcoming & Thanking the Consul General at the Reception.



Consul General expressing his valuable views.



Plaque of Gratitude presented to the Consul General by Patron of MWS Mr. M. Iqbal Advani at Reception where MWS Board Members and all Forums were introduced with Consul General. A gift also given to CG by another Patron of MWS Dr. Hamid Abdul Khader.

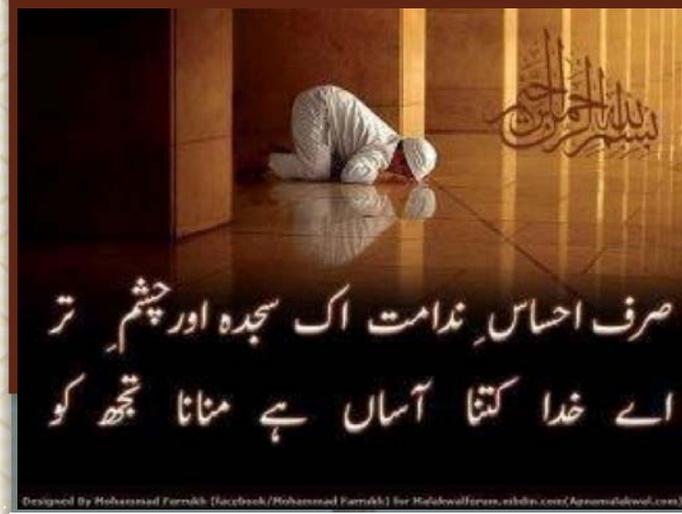
Brief Report of the Event

“Warm Reception to the incoming Consul General Pakistan and all Welfare Forums of Jeddah hosted by Memon Welfare Society KSA”

A Warm Reception in the honor of incoming Consul General Pakistan His Excellency Mr. Aftab A Khokher hosted by Memon Welfare Society (MWS) held at a local restaurant of Jeddah. The event was also attended by the Key Post Holders of all social and welfare forums of the community that are as follows:

1. Memon Welfare Society KSA
2. PAKISTAN WELFARE SOCIETY
3. PAKISTAN REPATRIATION COUNCIL
4. PAKISTAN WRITERS FORUM
5. ENGINEER WELFARE FORUM
6. PAKISTAN JOURNALISTS FORUM
7. PAKISTAN ACCOUNTANTS FORUM
8. PAKISTAN INVESTOR'S FORUM
9. PAKISTAN NATIONAL CIRCLE
10. AALMI URDU MARKEZ
11. HALQA DANISHWARAN JEDDAH
12. PAKISTAN EXECUTIVE FORUM

The event begun with recitation from holy Quran, then, the President of MWS Mr. Arif Memon in his inaugural speech welcomed the Consul General and the office bearers of all Forums of Jeddah. He expressed the objective of the event. The Secretary General of MWS Mr. Tayyab Moosani briefed the participants on the welfare activities of MWS and also introduced the office bearers of MWS as well as all forums of Jeddah with His Excellency Consul General Pakistan. The Consul General addressed the guests and applauded the social and welfare activities & services of MWS being rendered since last 5 years and emphasized to keep such activities continued. During question and answer session, the consul general informed the audience that the proposal of online services of Pakistan Embassy Riyadh and Consulate General Jeddah, to the Pak community is under study and will be implemented once it is found convenient and feasible. He advised all forums to maintain unity and frequent interaction among them in order to serve the community as much as possible. Finally MWS thanked the consul general and his colleagues and all forums who attended the event and made it great success. MWS also thanked to Mr. M. Iqbal Advani, a businessman and Patron who sponsored the entire event.



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وفا کی امید

ہم زندگی سے وفا کی امید کیوں رکھتے ہیں جبکہ ہم جانتے ہیں کہ اس دنیا میں سب سے زیادہ بے وفا شے ”زندگی“ ہے، جو بنجانے کب، کیسے، کس موڑ پر آپ کا ساتھ چھوڑ جائے۔ بنا کچھ کہے آپ کو موت کے حوالے کر دے، آپ کی سانسیں، آپ کی دھڑکنیں آپ سے چھین لے۔

اگر زندگی بے وفا ہے تو وفادار کون ہے؟ میرے خیال میں تو سب سے زیادہ وفادار شے اس دنیا میں ”موت“ ہے جو ہمیشہ وفا کرتی ہے، اپنے وقت پر آتی ہے، کوئی آپ کا ساتھ دے یا نہ دے موت آپ کا ہمیشہ ساتھ دیتی ہے اور کبھی بے وفائی نہیں کرتی۔

میمن ویلفیئر سوسائٹی کی فلاحی خدمات

- تعلیم اور مدرسے کی فیس کے لئے غریب طالب علموں کی مدد
- ان لوگوں کو جو طبی علاج کے اخراجات کا متحمل نہیں ہو سکتے کی مدد
- کمیونٹی کے رکن کے انتقال کے بعد تدفین میں مدد
- روزگار کی تلاش میں بے روزگار کی رہنمائی و مدد
- بچوں کے لئے رشتے کی تلاش میں مدد
- اس کے علاوہ اپنی کمیونٹی کے لئے اکثر دیگر سماجی اور فلاحی سرگرمیوں کا اہتمام
- مختلف موضوعات پر سیمینار کا انتظام
- خاندانی اجتماع
- مستقبل کے کیریئر کے لئے طالب علموں کو مشورہ
- مشہور عالم شخصیات کے ساتھ شام
- ہم پرانے لباس جمع کر رہے ہیں
- ہم بھی مفت طبی کیمپ کے لئے غیر استعمال شدہ ادویات جمع کر رہے ہیں
- کوئی شک نہیں، میمن ویلفیئر سوسائٹی - مختلف خاندانوں کو ملاقات کرنے - سلام و دعا کرنے
- ایک ساتھ کھانا کھانے کے مواقع فراہم کر کے کمیونٹی میں اہم کردار ادا کر رہی۔
- اس کے علاوہ ہم نے اپنی اپنی ذمہ داریوں اور فرائض کو انجام دینے کے لئے مختلف کمیٹیاں تشکیل دی ہیں۔
- مختصراً میمن ویلفیئر سوسائٹی خالصتاً سماجی اور برادری کی فلاح و بہبود اور انسانیت کی خدمت کرنے کے لئے ایک فورم ہے۔ جسکی پوری کمیونٹی کو حمایت کرنی چاہئے

The Welfare Services of Memon Welfare Society

- ✓ Helping poor students for education fee
- ✓ Helping Community members for health care for those who cannot afford
- ✓ Helping in Coffin & Burial Services
- ✓ Helping & guiding unemployed in seeking employment
- ✓ Voluntarily Matrimonial services
- ✓ Beside above we are assisting some Madrassa by paying fees of needy students and school where the students will receive free education who cannot afford even the nominal fee.
- ✓ We also hold other social & welfare activities for our community such as Seminar, Families get to gather together, Career guidance sessions, evening with scholar, and also help financially and materially the victims of natural disaster such as flood in Pakistan and Earth quake etc.
- ✓ During last 2-3 months We sent two shipments one to Pakistan and other one India of used clothes for poor people in Pakistan & India.
- ✓ We also collect unused medicines for free medical camps organized by Pakistan welfare Society in Consulate General of Pakistan Jeddah.

No doubt, Memon Welfare Society is playing a significant role by providing an opportunity to the community families to meet, greet and eat together from time to time, which is a piece of good fortune. It is worth mentioning that we have formed various committees to undertake their respective responsibilities and assignments.

In brief MWS is purely social and welfare forum to serve the community and humanity.

Up to date Summary of activities of Current Body during year 2012

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>Source of funds</u>
1.	Family gathering with gifts to all attendees children	Jan 19, 2012	500	La'Sani Restaurant Madina Rd. Jeddah	Card Charges were SR.25/each only + Sponsors
2.	Board Members Families Picnic	March 2012	60 100	North Sea Coast of Jeddah	Personal Contribution
3.	Prize Distribution to Hafiz-e-Quran and gifts to all students of Madrassa, supported Madrassa with required assistance	May 23, 2012		Madrassa Abu Baker Bin Hafas Al Rehab Dist.	Sponsors
4.	MWS's participation in 9th and 10th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of WMO through it's patron Dr. Hamid A.Khader who attended and interacted with almost 700 VIPs	June 2012	700 VIPs	WMO Office London UK	Patron by himself
5.	Family gathering	July 12, 2012	225	Al Shallal Park Jeddah	Discounted entry tickets
6.	Iftar Party for Male Members of the Community	Aug 1, 2012	225	La'SaniRestaurJeddah	Sponsored by 4 Businessmen of our community
7.	Iftar Party for families of Board Members and Reception to Haji Anis Arfa, Well known Social Worker from Pakistan	August 2012	70	Rahamaa Restaurant, Faisalia, Jeddah	Members Contribution

8..	Prize Distribution to meritorious student and Back to School event and family gathering	Sept 28, 2012	700	Joharatul Firdous Wedding Hall Jed	Card Charges were SR.20/each only + Sponsors
9.	Family Gathering	Dec.28, 2012	460	Fine Grill Restaurant Azizia, Jeddah	Card Charges were SR.30/each only + Sponsors
10.	Introductory Session with all social and welfare groups of community in Jeddah	Feb.21, 2012	70	La Sani Restaurant, Madina Rd.Jeddah	Sponsors
11.	5th Anniversary Celebration of MWS	April/May 2013	1000	Wedding Hall	To be decided

- ✓ **Four Shipments of used clothes to Pakistan and India for poor & needy through welfare forum located there.**
- ✓ **Unused medicine collection and time to time delivery to Pakistan Welfare Society for their free medical camp**
- ✓ **Provided assistance of education fee to needy & poor students**
- ✓ **Provided assistance of Medical care to needy & poor members of the community**
- ✓ **Helped out families to resolve their family disputes and some are being settled.**

Beside above mentioned activities Memon Welfare Society is engaged with

- **Matrimonial services**
- **Helping families for education fee**
- **Helping families for health care**
- **Helping in Coffin & Burial Services**
- **Helping & guiding unemployed in seeking employment**
- **Undertaking social & welfare activities in the interest of the community**

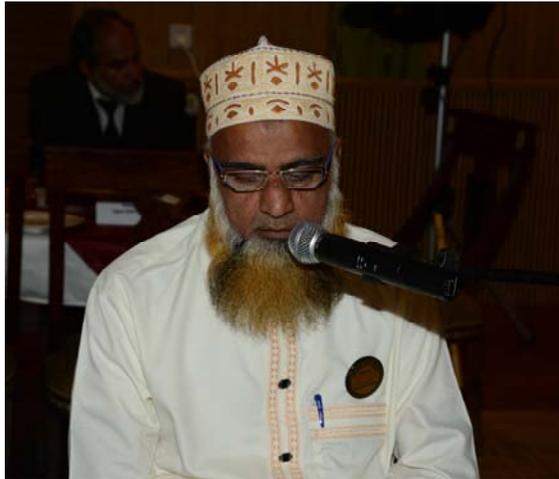
Pictorial View of Reception to incoming Consul General Pakistan His Excellency Aftab A Khokher And introductory Session of all social and welfare forums of Jeddah Hosted by Memon Welfare Society, Jeddah, KSA.

Guests are being received, welcomed by MWS and getting together.



Consul General availing opportunity to intermingle with guests of the event.

Event started with recitation from holy Quran. President of Memon welfare Society Mr. Arif Memon welcoming and thanking the guests while Secretary General Mr. Tayyab Moosani presenting a report about social and welfare activities of MWS.



Key post holders of various social and welfare forum of Jeddah and other invitees of the event keenly listening to the President and Secretary General of Memon Welfare Society.



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His Excellency Consul General Mr. Aftab A. Khokher expressing his views on the event and unity and interation of all forums of the community.





**Managing Board of Memon Welfare Society
With Consul General Pakistan, Jeddah.**



Sitting (L-R) Younus Habib VP, Mohammed I Badi Patron, M. Iqbal Advani Patron, H.E. Mr. Aftab A Khokher, Consul General Pakistan, Arif Memon, President, Tayyab Moosani, Secretary General, Shoaib Sikander, Treasurer, Dr. Hamid Abdulkhader Patron, Mansoor Shivani Vice President,

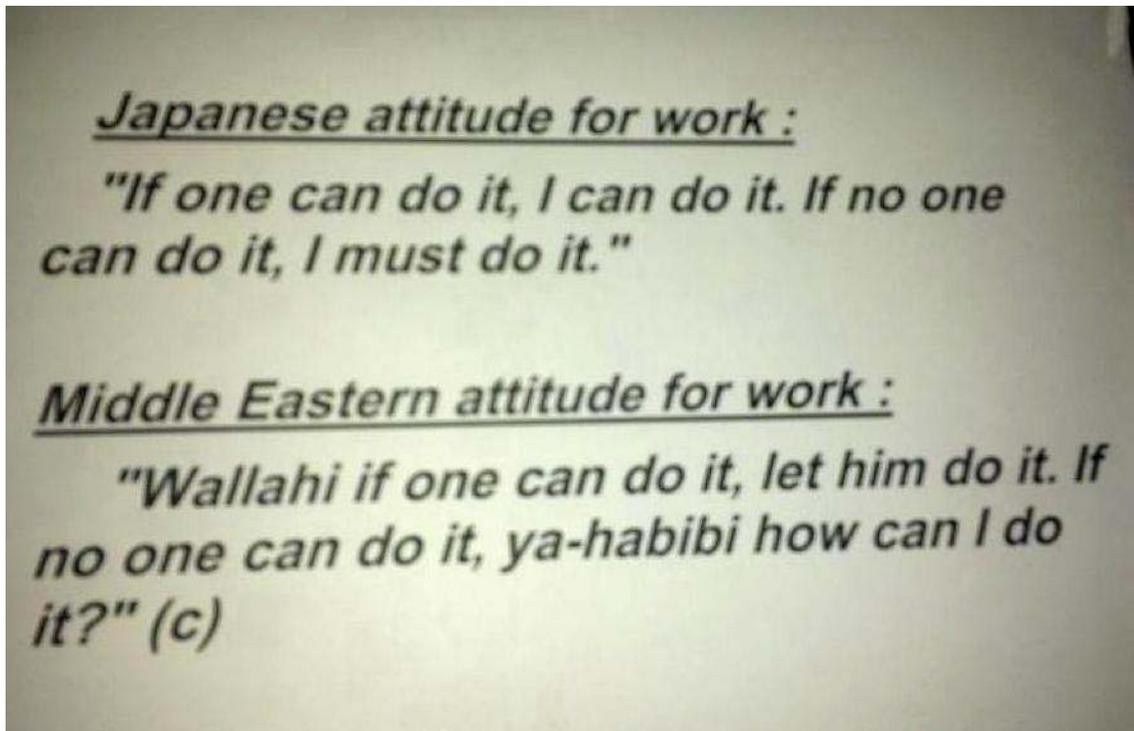
Standing (L-R) Salim Habib, Yousuf Tai, Asif Lala, Munaf A.Sattar Patron, Kaleem Ahmed Patron, Nasir Ibrahim, Wasim Tai, Younus A.Sattar, Shaker A.Aziz, Tariq Madani, Irfan Kolsawala, Ahmed Kamal Makki, A.Rashid Kasmani Joint Secretary.

Important Announcement about Matrimonial Services ◦ خدمات برائے ضرورت رشتہ

After family gatherings organized by memon Forum during the year, several families have become active in searching match for their grown up children from among the community. Al Hamdo Lillah in this connection a good progress is going on, in fact proposals among various families for their children are being exchanged with the help of families of some office bearers under **strict confidentiality**.

Since the Memon Matrimonial Website is under construction which might take time, we kindly request all those memon families whose children are grown up and they intend to look for OR waiting for match now or after some time, to submit very brief particulars about their children. We can help them in finding match for their children. All information provided to us will remain **confidential** and all communications between two families will also be under **strict confidence**. Needless to mention that some families are already in contact with us and we are extending help to them for finding match for their children. Serious families may kindly fill out the following blanks and forward to us on masa@memonassociation.com OR female family members can contact a responsible lady of Forum on 0569905776 and let her know the details about searching a match. Good Luck.

Name of Head of Family _____ Nationality _____
 Home Phone No. _____ Mobile _____ Email _____
 Children: Sons : (1) Age ____ Education ____ Earning Yes or No (2) Age ____ Education ____ Earning Yes or No
 Daughter : (1) Age ____ Education _____ (2) Age ____ Education _____



Forwarded by: A.Rashid Kasmani, Joint Secretary MWS

Education is accorded top priority in all countries.

In western countries a lot of money is spent on its practical application. Unfortunately, we Muslims lag behind. All historic facts and teachings have reached us through education – first the Torah and the Bible and then the Holy Quran, the word of Almighty Allah. Through these sources we have learnt what our duties are to the Almighty and to our fellow human beings. Islam has emphasized the importance of acquiring knowledge and our Holy Prophet (pbuh), advised us to seek it, even if this meant travelling to a far-off place like China.

While the Moghal Emperor Akbar was spending huge amounts on building a town at **Fatehpur Sikri**, the west was investing in such institutions as **Oxford, Leiden and Leuven Universities**. Moghal rulers were mostly interested in building **palaces, forts, parks, mausoleums, etc, thus laying the foundation for their decadence.**

At one time, Muslim scientists were famous for their excellent, innovative research and work. Who has not heard of Bu Alicenna, Ibn Hasham, Khwarzmi, Omar Khayyam, etc? Western scholars used to learn from their work. As soon as Muslims lost interest in intrinsic learning, they lost their edge and became backward nations. Meanwhile, in the west, knowledge was not only acquired but also used in practical applications such as shipbuilding, industries, military forces, inventions and innovative technology in each and every field etc. Thus they became the masters of the world, while we had to accept slavery.

Centuries ago, India/Pakistan were the hub of education and knowledge. Taxila and Nalanda Universities functioned even before the Christian era. At that time it was mainly the **Hindu Brahmans** who excelled. They advised the rulers and commanded great respect. Raja Chandragupta Maurya had a world-famous minister, Chanakya, and Sher Shah Suri had Raja Todar Mal as minister for revenue, who later did an excellent job for Emperor Akbar.

During the Abbasid Caliphate, Muslims made great strides in acquiring and disseminating knowledge. Universities in Muslim Spain were attracting European scholars at about the same time. Right from the time of the great Caliphs, Quranic verses and their explanations and the sayings of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) were meticulously preserved, thus reaching us unchanged. Translations of many invaluable works made it possible for non-Arabs to acquire knowledge from them.

Baghdad was another cradle of education and knowledge, but the Mongol hordes not only murdered all learned people, but also destroyed many precious libraries, thus depriving the world of treasures of knowledge. At that time people excelled not only in religious knowledge, but also in its practical application, which made religion a formidable force.

During the British rule, Hindus realized the importance of education, made rapid progress and secured important posts. Their leaders stressed the fact that education meant progress. Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, influenced by the teachings of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, established Banaras Hindu University and Sir Hari Singh Gaur established Sagar University. **It took almost a hundred years before Muslims were able to produce a genius, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, to beg and borrow in order to set up Aligarh Muslim University.** In the recent past, Muslim Nawabs, Rajas etc spent most of their time hunting, drinking, listening to music, kite flying and in animal fights.

Slowly but surely their wealth drained away. After the War of 1857, Muslims realized their mistake and Muslim rulers hired British and British-trained officers to run state affairs. Notable educationists, engineers, police, customs and administrative officers were either British or British-trained. There was no corruption, no maladministration and no lame excuses. No criminal could escape accountability and punishment.

Today we see the old Moghul era trend of decadence. Money earned by any and all means is being squandered by the young generation. Educational degrees are often obtained, not through hard work, but by cheating and paying people off. The results are obvious. Many so-called "educated" people are good-for-nothing in practical terms.

The rich spoil the young generation by giving them everything they desire and sending them to expensive English-medium institutions. The poor and middle class, on the other hand, are hardly able to afford a university education. We are creating a generation of rote learners, incapable of delivering anything. These evils can be eradicated without any additional expenses. But for that honesty and good intentions are required, which are scarce commodities here.

We should realize that education encompasses not only subject-related knowledge, but also learning about the world in general, about other civilizations, technologies and inventions, etc. Even more important is the practical training it imparts in using the acquired knowledge to everyday applications and to becoming a better human being. However, manners are learnt by guidance and following the examples set by elders. It helps in character building and it is this ability that makes each of us someone unique. Long ago the late US President, Calvin Coolidge, said: "If you want to buy an expensive building, you can. You can buy an expensive car or get a degree from the best university, but what you cannot buy is good manners". Manners are acquired only through what we inherit, guidance and training.

Our decadence is due to neglecting our rich cultural heritage and disenchantment with our religious values. There are many educated people who have ruined their future on account of their ignorance of religion. Their knowledge did not prove of any avail to them. Our young generation should be taught about our rich cultural heritage and pure, golden religious knowledge, but it should be remembered that education alone does not turn one into a good, exemplary person. **Education together with good manners are equally important.**

Wow- very interesting....Everyone should read :)

ONIONS! I had never heard this!!!
PLEASE READ TO THE END: IMPORTANT



In 1919 when the flu killed 40 million people there was this Doctor that visited the many farmers to see if he could help... them combat the flu...
Many of the farmers and their families had contracted it and many died.

The doctor came upon this one farmer and to his surprise, everyone was very healthy. When the doctor asked what the farmer was doing that was different the wife replied that she had placed an unpeeled onion in a dish in the rooms of the home, (probably only two rooms back then). The doctor couldn't believe it and asked if he could have one of the onions and place it under the microscope. She gave him one and when he did this, he did find the flu virus in the onion. It obviously absorbed the bacteria, therefore, keeping the family healthy.

Now, I heard this story from my hairdresser. She said that several years ago, many of her employees were coming down with the flu, and so were many of her customers. The next year she placed several bowls with onions around in her shop. To her surprise, none of her staff got sick. It must work. Try it and see what happens. We did it last year and we never got the flu.

Now there is a P. S. to this for I sent it to a friend in Oregon who regularly contributes material to me on health issues. She replied with this most interesting experience about onions:

Thanks for the reminder. I don't know about the farmer's story...but, I do know that I contacted pneumonia, and, needless to say, I was very ill... I came across an article that said to cut both ends off an onion put it into an empty jar, and place the jar next to the sick patient at night. It said the onion would be black in the morning from the germs...sure enough it happened just like that...the onion was a mess and I began to feel better.

Another thing I read in the article was that onions and garlic placed around the room saved many from the black plague years ago. They have powerful antibacterial, antiseptic properties.

This is the other note. Lots of times when we have stomach problems we don't know what to blame. Maybe it's the onions that are to blame. Onions absorb bacteria is the reason they are so good at preventing us from getting colds and flu and is the very reason we shouldn't eat an onion that has been sitting for a time after it has been cut open.

LEFT OVER ONIONS ARE POISONOUS

I had the wonderful privilege of touring Mullins Food Products, Makers of mayonnaise. Questions about food poisoning came up, and I wanted to share what I learned from a chemist.

Ed, who was our tour guide, is a food chemistry whiz. During the tour, someone asked if we really needed to worry about mayonnaise. People are always worried that mayonnaise will spoil. Ed's answer will surprise you. Ed said that all commercially-made mayo is completely safe.

"It doesn't even have to be refrigerated. No harm in refrigerating it, but it's not really necessary." He explained that the pH in mayonnaise is set at a point that bacteria could not survive in that environment. He then talked about the summer picnic, with the bowl of potato salad sitting on the table, and how everyone blames the mayonnaise when someone gets sick.

Ed says that, when food poisoning is reported, the first thing the officials look for is when the 'victim' last ate ONIONS and where those onions came from (in the potato salad?). Ed says it's not the mayonnaise (as long as it's not homemade mayo) that spoils in the outdoors. It's probably the ONIONS, and if not the onions, it's the POTATOES.

He explained onions are a huge magnet for bacteria, especially uncooked onions. You should never plan to keep a portion of a sliced onion.. He says it's not even safe if you put it in a zip-lock bag and put it in your refrigerator.

It's already contaminated enough just by being cut open and out for a bit, that it can be a danger to you (and doubly watch out for those onions you put in your hotdogs at the baseball park!). Ed says if you take the leftover onion and cook it like crazy you'll probably be okay, but if you slice that leftover onion and put on your sandwich, you're asking for trouble. Both the onions and the moist potato in a potato salad, will attract and grow bacteria faster than any commercial mayonnaise will even begin to break down.

Also, dogs should never eat onions. Their stomachs cannot metabolize onions.

Please remember it is dangerous to cut an onion and try to use it to cook the next day, it becomes highly poisonous for even a single night and creates toxic bacteria which may cause adverse stomach infections because of excess bile secretions and even food poisoning.

*Thank you for your time and
attention,,,,,,,,,Newsletter Ends Here*