
The Illustrious Luminaries of Dedicated Volunteerism

ABDUL KHALIQ

Haji Abdul Razzak.

Highly distinguished welfare worker and social reformer, relentlessly strived for the eradication of community evils. Took a pioneering lead for the economic and social rehabilitation and housing resettlement of the distressed incoming refugees from Delhi and beyond. Founded the 'Dehli Colony', and the 'Jamiyat-e-Panjabi Saudagaranne-Dehli' (President) along-with its manifold welfare educational, health projects, including two general hospitals. Also sponsored the Jamiyat's mouth-piece the monthly Saudagar. An ardent social reformer prepared and effectively enforced the code of the Jamiyat against lavish spending on wedding occasions, including display of dowries, reducing all unnecessary ceremonies and their early closing timings.

A prominent personality of Karachi, actively associated in multifarious public services.

General: A leading businessman

* Dehli ** Karachi.

ABDULLAH,

Dr. Mohammad &

Begum Dr.

Zainab Abdullah

This ever-active and popular couple devoted considerable attention and time in the welfare services of the tuberculosis patients. Dr. Abdullah remained the HGS of the KTBPWA for many of years. Both of them were spiritedly associated with multifarious welfare activities and likewise held membership of leading Voluntary Organizations and served on the National TB Assn.

Both MBBS. Practicing Radiologist and

Gyanocolist respectively.

ABDUL SATTAR,

Haji Wali Mohammad.

The first Barrister of the vast Memon community was closely associated with its welfare and youth activities in pre-partitioned India. For highlighting its socio-economic problems and for a prospective future and establishing a common national platform / Conference for the purpose he brought out the community's first-ever journal - the Memon Sudharak (1929). Strongly advocated the importance and need of education amongst the Mulsims successfully undertook a wide-spread mass awareness campaign for the purpose throughout Kathewar.

Initiated scholarships to the promising students - again the first of its kind in the community. Also a popular national youth leader and Vice President of the All India Youth League (1928). After migration (1953) resumed his activities and remained closely associated with several NGO's of Karachi and Hyderabad.

Alas ! '...the last days of his life were difficult rather miserable...

He breathed his last in a charitable hospital...' [Extract: 'Memon - III' - 2002]

CV: Bar-at-Law. Wide spread legal practice.

* **Hyderabad - 1979

ABIDI, Agha Hassan

"Foresight is a talent. Foresight with Vision is leadership".

Leadership falls short of prophecy, yet exercise this exquisite art of observing, feeling, knowing and

doing about the needs of the people surrounding

them.

It is only you add humility to this visionary leadership, that you get Agha Hassan Abidi. Agha Saheb was all that a soul in flesh can offer to fellow mankind. In his life he touched and permanently changed the lives of millions, and though he is no longer with us, his vision and godly talents continue to reach out and make their presence felt.

"His vision extended beyond the grasp of foreseeable time, but it was the magnitude of his desires to transform that vision into a pragmatic reality, to be put to use for the betterment of the deprived, that called for more than a lifetime His routine was to dream his schedule to achieve them. His desire was to change the way we think. His passion was to have us standing with our heads high. His commitment was to give us health, education, science & technology and self-reliance.

His achievements - he did all of the above. He was no ordinary man."

In Memoriam - inserted by his family members in the Daily Dawn, Karachi-01.01.2006 - with compliments. - Ed.

CV: A top ranking banking authority
*Birth:1922 **expired :Karachi 1999

ABRO Allama Ali Khan.

"..An ever - shining luminous Jewel of Sindh... a teacher with a mission..."

Allama Abro remained a most faithful missionary in the field education.

Despite the high qualification he attained with prospects of entering the most prestigious Indian Civil Service or to settle down in the posh Bombay metropolis but he preferred his home-village, Sangi to serve as a simple teacher Hence "a teacher with a mission' starting his motivational campaign from his own village and ,traveled far and wide usually on camel-back '..to spread the message of learning amongst the masses..' He beckoned parents to send their out-of-school

children to schools, while the students were advised for harder efforts His efforts received much attention and acclaim and he was a guiding star to many for establishing educational institutions.

His another equally important mission was against social evils, and extensively utilized every available platform for the purpose including the media.

A multi-linguist scholar "...par excellence..." his most illustrious contribution to his fellowmen was the splendid translation of the Holy Quran with Tafseer and Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) along-with other books on Islam in the most readable Sindhi language.

He also produced text books on almost all the school subjects in Sindhi, "...which he got them published without any royalty with a view to keep their prices within the reach of the poor students.....".

CV; M.A.

*Village Sanli, Dt. Dadu **Larkana 1954

ABRO, Taj Mohammad.

A well-known worker for the welfare of the masses. Strived for the establishment of schools and adult literacy centres, construction of wells, roads and related essential services in the remote rural areas.

*Shahdakt 1924 **Larkana 1986

ADAMJEE,

Abdul Waheed.

Illustrious son of the great Sir Adamjee Haji Dawood, devoted much attention to the cause of education and welfare.

Expanded the programmes of the Adamjee Foundation and established the Adamjee College of Science, Karachi and several other prestigious institutions besides

supporting numerous essential services and nation-building activities. a spirited member of the PME&WS and leading Voluntary organizations.

*National Honor/Title: 'Hilal-e-Pakistan',
CV/General : A pioneer industrialist of the
new-born country..*

ADAMJEE,
Haji (Sir,) Dawood.

A much-trusted lieutenant of Quaid-e-Azam, always remained on the standby with every possible services besides un-limited funds - in fact presentation of innumerable 'Blank

Cheques' in the cause of the Pakistan Movement and thereafter.

A distinguished social worker, relentlessly strived for the overall welfare and socio-economic progress of the Memon community throughout the sub-continent and beyond. Sponsored the Memon Education & Welfare Society (India - 1933) which soon thereafter, undertook huge relief operations for the 'quake-victims of Bihar (1934) and of Quetta (1935). Founded several schools in his home-town Jetpur and Rangoon. Prior of his untimely death laid the blue-prints for the establishment of the Adamjee Foundation for the continuance of his multifarious humanitarian mission.

On his sudden death (27.02.1948), the Quaid-e-Azam in his very sad tribute said:

"He was a very loyal Muslim and rendered great service in our struggle and fight for Pakistan. His loss will be felt all the more now when having achieved our goal we need his services for building up of Pakistan.

His death will leave a gap in the Muslim business community which will be difficult to fill. His death is really a national loss to Pakistan."

CV/General : A illustrious Muslim industrialist in the then un-divided India and of Burma. Famed for his immense foresight, drive unique leadership and constructive nation-building activities.

*Jetpur 1880 ** Karachi -1948

ADVANI, Durgadass.

Actively associated in various welfare and educational causes in Hyderabad. A popular public figure, strongly advocated social reforms and communal harmony and education and was hailed as a leading spokesman of the depressed classes and essential public needs. Generously supported the promising students and served on different governmental bodies.

ADVANI, Diwan Doulatram Bulchand.

He became a Municipal Councillor of Hyderabad Municipality in 1919 and the Chief Officer of the same Municipality in 1922 and retired from that post in 1940. He again became a Municipal Councillor in 1941 and later on the President. He was the President G.D. National College Board, President Hyderabad Education Society, Hon: Principal N. H. Academy, Hyderabad Sindh, President Hindu Social Reforms Association, President Hindustan Scout Association, member Governing Council Kundanmal Girls' High School, local Director Sindh Provincial Cooperative Bank, Chairman Sindh Provincial Cooperative Institute.

AGA KHAN, H.R.H.

Prince, Sir, Sultan Mohammad Shah.

".....under his leadership the first half of the 20th Century was a period of significant development for the Ismailia Community..."

One of the highly illustrious personalities on the international scene actively associated in all leading issues and Movements more especially relating to the vast Muslim community . A very top ranking leader, social reformer with unique foresight, made tremendous contributions for economic and social development. His magnificent and tremendous contributions to many of the under-developed and neglected countries are unforgettable, so also his ever-continuing magnanimous support to the educational institutions of Muslims in his home-country India, particularly to the Mohammadan

Anglo Oriental College later the Aligarh Muslim University.

With tremendous drive he saw his wide-spread Ismaili followers to become a highly progressive community. Likewise, was his urge for social service and volunteerism and to-day there is perhaps none amongst the Ismailies who is not a spirited social worker from his very young age. Likewise, was his clarion call for the timely education and more especially of the females with the strong and immortal dictum: *"to educate a girl is to educate the whole family"*.

A versatile personality - a far-sighted leader, social reformer and top-ranking philanthropist. *CV & General*: One of the key-Founder of the All India Muslim League (1906), and a strong ally of the Quaid-e-Azam and his most trusted 'Ambassador-at-Large', for advocating world-over the genuine cause of the Indian Muslims and later the Pakistan Movement. He happened to be the only Muslim to become a President of the then League of Nations.

*Karachi 1877 ** Geneva 1957

AGHA, Begum Tahira, Aijaz Hussain. A well-known and unassuming activist in the cause of women, Begum Agha was a zealous volunteer of Hyderabad. Rendered valuable relief services more especially during unforeseen calamities and was closely connected with several Voluntary Organizations of Sindh.

*1918 ** Hyderabad.

AHMED,
Al-Haj Abdul Latif

A popular social figure readily available for genuine social causes. Strongly advocated timely education of both boys and girls, besides proper professional and technical training, and for their active participation in national-building and welfare services.

Membership : Dhoraji Memon Assn.; United Memon Jamat and leading Voluntary Organizations.

AHMED, Begum G.

A highly constructive worker of the APWA and in its formative years widely propagated its mission and undertook membership drives besides represented it in numerous national and international forums.

Membership: Adult Blind Centre . Pakistan Council of the World Assembly of Youth; Pakistan Conference of Social Work (headed all the three above-named). Led the Pakistan delegation at the Tenth 4-Yearly Assembly of the International Conference of Social Work, (Rome 1960)

* **K'chi

AHMED, Begum H. I.

A dedicated and unassuming social worker deeply attached to the rural welfare work of APWA. Established several first-ever girls primary schools and ladies handicraft centers in some of the remote villages of Malir, Undertook highly enlightening social education drives amongst the rural women, besides useful guidance in general health, nutrition and child care.

AHMED,
Syed Azfaruddin.

A highly far-sighted constructive social worker of the Bihar Colony Lyari Quarters / Town. Quite dedicatedly established the Makhzane-Adab Library, (1952) along with a group of like-minded young colligates. Initiated with a dozen old books and magazines, it made rapid all-round development with vast collections and its splendid progress became the talk of the town. About to be further expanded with more rooms along with a ladies handicraft center, when Alas! this rich library was totally destroyed over-night all of a sudden in the heavily hazardous monsoon-floods, that broke the embankments of the nearby River Lyari thus entirely submerging this refugee colony along with vast areas of the Lyari Town (1958).

Deeply anguished and heart-broken for years, he later dedicated himself till his untimely death in

the service of the incoming distressed refugees from Bangla Desh from 1973 onwards.
CV: B.Com. Accountant by Profession. Retired Finance Director of a British company in Karachi.
*Patna ** Karachi 2002

AKRAM,
Begum Mujeebun Nisa.
Spiritedly participated in many welfare activities especially for the disabled people and strived for the emancipation of women and their socio-economic uplift. Established several educational institutions, including a Girls College in New Karachi and associated with numerous cultural and welfare bodies..

ALAVI, Hatim T.
A highly trusted lieutenant of the Quaid-e-Azam, and a very active worker in the genuine cause of the Muslims and later the Pakistan Movement, Hatim Alavi was a well-known for his strong commitments to humanitarian services and social reforms.

Membership : PRCS - Sindh Branch.(a Past President);IDRPWA (Founder-Member at quite a young age and later its long-time President); KTS; and numerous cultural and welfare organizations.

*CV & General :*Leading business man. Actively associated with the freedom Movement and was the 2nd Muslim Mayor of Karachi
*Karachi 1898 **Karachi 1976

ALVI
Tayab Ali Seth

Lover of education. He had a craze for the spread of education. Rendered valuable and commendable services in the field of education. Author of many books in Gujrati. Established many schools and struggled for the promotion of education at all levels. In recognition of his services he was nominated member Karachi Municipal Corporation in 1922 and Chairman

Board of Karachi Municipal School in 1930. In 1932 formed Muslim Housing Society and established Mercantile Cooperative Bank in 1927.

ALI
Bhai Karim G. Alvi
He established Madressa Hussaini in 1896 under the banner of Hussaini Association, to impart primary education to children. He rendered commendable services in the field of education and struggled for the spread of education among the masses particularly the poor children.
**Karachi 1901

ALI, Syed Akbar.
A dynamic driving force in the cooperative movement. Sponsored essential welfare services, besides numerous cultural, recreational, sports and youth activities in the newly established Karachi Cooperative Housing Societies Union of which he was one of the pioneer founder-members.

ALI, Begum Munawar.
An outstanding constructive worker of the APWA, and served as HGS of its Karachi Branch. Pioneered the establishment of its health and educational institutions. Was highly popular amongst the thousands of distressed inhabitants of the sprawling and refugees colonies or other equally much-neglected settlements for zealously championing their genuine causes and for rendering extensive relief services.
[* Hyderabad Deccan **Karachi}

ALI, Syed Haziq.
A prominent social worker and educationist of Hyderabad. Soon after migration founded several schools and colleges to ensure immediate continuance of the education of the incoming refugee children, - many of them were provided free admission and other available facilities.

As HGS of the Hyderabad District Red Crescent Branch, sponsored the establishment of several essential medical centers-one of which is now progressed into a full-fledged Red Crescent General Hospital -Latifabad . Besides scores of other essential services he instantly organized emergency relief services including those for hundreds of distressed victims of the heavy rain-river floods and other calamities. Initiated the full-time Ambulance Services; frequent medical camps in the remote rural areas; free weekly consultation services by specialists; gifts of ceiling fans to schools and secured several suitable plots for prospective projects of the Society.

A keen sportsman in his rights, he sponsored numerous out-door activities for children and youth.

*CV:*M.A. Educationist
*..Agra...**Hyderabad

ALLANA, G.A.

A distinguished scholar, poet, and social figure of the country, Ghulam Ali strongly advocated the urgency of change in the outdated outlook, besides wide-spread educational development for the essential national progress and proper place in the comity of nations. Strongly supported various social causes, and his wise guidance was eagerly sought by many enlightened citizens and groups. Extended in-depth guidance and assistance to the educated youth for their proper placement in life. Actively associated with a number of leading NGO's where also he provided essential guidance and support in their progressive development and functioning.

CV/General : A leading businessman.

ALLY BHOY, Ebrahim.

Leading social worker and philanthropist of Karachi in ever-readiness to extend liberal support to genuine welfare causes. Took keen interest in educational activities himself being totally illiterate.

Constructed under his direct supervision scores of purpose-built primary and lower secondary schools in the under-privileged areas of the city and beyond which were later presented to the KMC and other local authorities. Likewise he also liberally financed the construction of several health and welfare projects of Provincial Government and the Voluntary Organizations. (These include the Sindh Government's Darul Aman, and KCCW's Nashiman). Provided liberal donations to essential welfare causes and genuine Voluntary Organizations.

Founded his *Ebrahim AllyBhoy Foundation* along with the spacious '*Ebrahim Allybhoy Auditorium* (Nishtar Rd.) with attached educational institutions.

General: Business

ALIMCHANDANI, Lilaram Jhetmal
He was born in 1865. He joined D.J.Sindh College as the first batch of senior student. He did B. A in 1890 and L.L.B in 1893. He practised Law for two years. He was taken up on the Provincial Civil Service (Judicial) in 1896 and appointed as Sub-ordinate (Second class) Judge in the second grade. In 1914 promoted to be Joint Judge and Sessions Judge. He was an outstanding Social Reformer interested in female education. He was President of Kundanmal Girls School Association. He took great pain in the foundation and establishment of the D.G. National College Hyderabad. He did noble work for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He was a sportsman and Physical Culturist.

ALAVI G. Qurban Hussain.

He is a partner in the famous firm of Vusaf ali Alibhoy Karimjee & Co. and a Land Lord and a Merchant. He was a member of the Managing Committee of the Buyer's & Shipper's Chamber of Karachi. He was the acting Hon. Secy. of Muslim Chamber of Commerce, Karachi and also a Director of Food grain Syndicate of Karachi. He was a fine sports man, a member of Muslim Gymkhana, Karachi and was the Hon.

Secretary of Karachi Academy Sport Committee. As the Hon. Secretary of Karachi Academy Sport Committee he along with M.U. Abbasi the then Principal of Karachi Academy brought a revolution in the field of Sports. The Karachi Academy became the Champion of Inter School Hockey Tournament and also Inter School Cricket Tournament. It was during his and Mr. Abbasi days that the Scouts and students of Karachi Academy were sent to Quetta by the Commissioner-in-Sindh to render help in Quetta Earth-quake, in 1935. He was a great social figure of Karachi. Besides Karachi Club, he was a member of many clubs and societies.

ALAVI, Tayabali Alibhoy.

He was born on 17th November 1894 at Karachi; Educated upto Standard VII in Sindh Madressah; Joined his father's business carried on under the name of M/s. Yusuf ali Alibhoy Karimji & Co., Joined Congress in 1904 and later Khilafat party. He tried to make Primary Education universal and free in the Karachi Municipality and after a defeat at a previous election he succeeded in getting it passed in 1921. He was elected Chairman of the the School Board in 1923 and by 1924 the number of Municipal Schools increased from 28 in 1922 to 67 in 1924 and number of pupils from 4265 to 6920. The Compulsory Primary Education Act of 1923 came into operation in 1925 and he was elected Vice Chairman of the School Board. By 1928 when his term was over the number of Primary Schools rose to 116 with 7910 Boys & 5028 Girls total 12,938. He continued as a member of the School Board up to 1933 when the number of Municipal Schools had gone upto 135. In 1927 he along with Durgdas B. Advani and Shivram Chavan brought into existence Mercantile Co-operative Bank, Ltd., which was shifted to its own beautiful building on Bunder Road in 1937. He was its Chairman from its inception. He was a member of various institutions in Karachi and done a lot for Muslims education by starting the Karachi Academy and the Girls Academy, two leading

high Schools for Muslim Boys and Girls in Karachi. (Source: 'Colourful Personalities of Sindh', by M.U. Abbasi).. Remained Member of Karachi District Local Board; Hon. Treasurer of Sindh Muslim Educational Conference; Chairman Karachi Academy High School; Municipal Councillor [1921-1924] and Chairman Municipal School Board

ALVI, Dr. Illahi

A popular personality of Karachi, actively associated in social and civic causes. A strong advocate of social reforms and campaigned against street crimes especially targeting the fair sex. A leading Dentist, widely propagated the importance of dental hygiene especially amongst the student community, besides providing free consultation and treatment to the indigent and disabled persons.

CV: MBDS. A leading Dentist

**Karachi

AMRAT RAI,

Dewan "Sam".

A highly dedicated social worker, reformer and staunch worker of communal unity. Established the Akbar Ashram (Karachi -1930) for fostering maximum harmony amongst all communities. Established a girls school in his own residence for free education besides providing text books and school stationery to the orphaned and deserving students. For furthering this mission created the Sarl Bhone Trust with 3000 acres of agricultural land, which unfortunately could not see the light of the day due to many unwanted obstacles by vested interests and beaurocratic red tape the valuable property was thus totally lost.

*Ratedero. Dt. Larkana 1903

**Larkana 1988

ANKALSARIA, Dr. Burjor.

"...one of the oldest practicing physicians with the long period of service..."

Dr. Burjor was a very noble and popular personality of the city. Unreservedly rendered free treatment to the indigent patients. Later converted his highly lucrative 'Ankelsaria Nursing Home', into a charitable Trust for the greater benefit of patients, especially from the lower-income groups. Ever-generous readily provided liberal stipends to deserving and promising students for higher studies in the country and abroad as well and also created an educational trust for the purpose. Donated lacs of rupees for constructing flats for the deserving members of his Parsee community and their other genuine needs.

CV: MBBS

[*Karachi **Karachi 1982]

ANKALSARIA, S. D

A highly popular Eye-Specialist, Dr. Ankalsaria was ever-readily available for important social causes. Actively associated with numerous NGO's, liberally supported their welfare services. Readily accorded free treatment to scores of indigent eye-patients year after year including cataract operations.

CV: MBBS. Headed the Spencer's Eye Hospital for many years.

[*Karachi **Karachi]

ANSARI,

Mohammad Aamer.

A dedicated worker of the Pakistan Movement and earlier of the Khilafat Movement. Settling in Liaquatabad, soon after migration actively undertook welfare services in this vast refugee-hutment colony and served as its spokesman. Provided guidance to many displaced persons in their resettlement and economic activities. Quite out-spoken in respect of the out-dated customs and practices and strongly advocated economy in wedding rituals.

CV: B.A. Trained social worker

*Bhopal **K'chi-1985

ARAB, Mohammad.

An active social worker of the Lyari Quarters. Deeply concerned with illiteracy, un-employment of the youth and the widely prevalent evils of narcotics. Associated with child welfare and one of the founder-members of the KCCW. [*Karachi **Karachi]

ASGHAR, Dr. G.

A leading Psychiatrist vigorously campaigned on the importance of mental health and the need for requisite legislation and the establishment of institutions. Extensively lectured to popularize the subject particularly amongst the educationists and welfare workers. Readily provided free consultation and treatment to the poor patients. Membership : PMA (Founding Member); Pakistan Mental Health Assn (Founding Member and a past President). Actively associated with leading Voluntary Organizations.

CV: MBBS. FRCS. Founder of the Asghar Hospital, K'chi

**Karachi

ASMA Begum.

Actively headed the Nursing Volunteers Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Conducted and vigorously popularized Home Nursing and First Aid training in the scores of girls' schools, community centers and VOs year after year till her untimely death.

**Karachi

ASWANI, Tahilram Bassarmal.

He was Managing Director of Sindh National Bank Ltd., was born on 1st September 1883 in Hyderabad. From 1910 to 1941 and he continued to be a Municipal Councillor. He became President of the Municipality four times. From 1928 to 1933 he took keen interest in the Girl's education of the Bhaibund community in

particular and as President of Bhaibund Vidya Mandal he helped the establishment of Tolaram Girl's School considerably in securing the plot of the Municipality and saw the construction of its building through to the last. He was honorary manager of Tikamdas Nanikram Girl's School and Chairman of Bhai Bassarmal Chandiram Boy's Primary School. He was Secretary of the Hindu Massan Committee. He helped the formation of Sri Krishin Gaushala Association and remained its Secretary for years. He was President of Bhaibund Sabha some time back and Vice-President of Bhaibund Gachri Panchayat. In the Political sphere, he was associated with the Congress ever since 1906 from the days of Surat Congress. He was the President of Harijan Sang Sabha for some time past. He started Bhaibund Co-operative Bank in 1909 with his own furniture and fittings and in 1935 he retired from that Bank and started the Sindh National Bank. He was made Chairman of the Sind Hindu Conference under the Presidentship of Mr. Jayakar and he has been President of sub-Mandal religious congregation under the auspices of Swami Bodhraj a well-known religious-minded and saintly personality of Hyderabad

ATIQR-RAHMAN, Begum Sakina. A leading woman-activist from Lukhnow, settled in Larkana after Partition. Her enlightening views on the emancipation of women and other essential problems affecting their gender considerably benefited quite a large number of them. Was also amongst the leading sponsors of the popular annual Meena Bazaars attracting thousands of women from the Larkana District and beyond. *Membership:* APWA (President of the local Branch) and the Larkana Ladies Club (President *Lukhnow **Larkana

AVARI, D. B. He started his life as an Assistant in the Bombay Administrative Office of The Sun Life Assurance

Co., of Canada. He came to Karachi in 1929 as the Unit Organizer for Sindh and Baluchistan for the Sun Life Assurance Co. He soon established himself in Karachi as the best organizer of the life Assurance Co. He was the past President in 1940-41 of Rotary Club of Karachi and was a Member on the Managing Committee of S.P.C.A. of Karachi, a member of the Jail Committee and the Sindh Defence Loan Committee appointed by Sind Government. He was the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of Karachi Branch of the Overseas League of London and Tobacco Fund for Soldiers at the Front since the beginning of War. He was a member of the Karachi Club, Honorary Secretary of Y.M.L.A. He was one of the founders of Lodge Conclave -- Secret Monitor, Karachi. Avari was the only Indian from India, Burma and Ceylon who passed the difficult examinations of Chartered Life Underwriter of America. He was an Insurance Expert in Sindh having delivered a number of most interesting and instructive lectures on Life Insurance, Principles and Practices. He was Justice of Peace also.

BABU, Mohammad Sulaiman.

One of the earliest journalists of Sukkur who regularly highlighted the manifold social problems and sufferings of the poor masses in his enlightening columns. Played a leading role in the establishment of the local 'Anjuman-e-Islam'; the 'Madrassah-tul-Islam', the District Boarding House and the 'Gulshan Eidgah' of Sukkur. During the wide-spread disastrous Plague epidemic of 1895-96 affecting the whole town and far beyond regularly visited the affected families with essential rations and other needs. Unmindful of the grave risks involved, often handled scores of abandoned disease-affected dead-bodies and performed their last rites and burial according to their religion.

[*Sukkur **Sukkur-1908]

BALUCH, Ismail.

A prominent social worker and leading spokesman of the now Lyari Town. The very first Advocate of the aforesaid area, rendered free legal services to the poor litigants. An active sportsman as well, was associated in sponsoring scores of Football and Boxing Tournaments.

Membership : Lyari Labour Welfare Center (President); KCCW (HGS) besides several other cultural and welfare VOs

CV: B.A.; LLB. A practicing advocate.
[*Karachi **Karachi]

BALUCH, Ms. Mah Bibi.

First-ever Girl Guide of the Lyari Town, rose to the rank of the Asst. Commissioner of the Movement. Spiritedly championed the cause of social reforms, emancipation of women and their active role in nation-building activities; female education and reproductive health. A leading founder of the Lyari Community Development Project and established and headed its Ladies Section
[*Karachi 1932 **Karachi 1965]

BAWANI Abdul Latif Ebrahim
'Kaka Bawani'

A highly popular leader of the Memon community and is well remembered for his multifarious services to the humanity as a whole from the pre-Partition days. A very generous philanthropist, liberally contributed to various institutions including the Aligarh Muslim University, the Anjuman Hayat-ul-Islam, Lahore. Dedicatedly sponsored the establishment of the APMF and brought different Memon Jamats and groups on one platform. Likewise was his role in the timely formation of the Memon Relief Committee for rendering essential services to the incoming refugees. Also took an effective leading in the establishment of the equally useful Pakistan Memon Educational & Welfare Society, and the housing settlement - the Memon Colony in Federal 'B' Area, Karachi.

[*Gujrat-India **Karachi]

BAWANI,
Abdul Majeed Sulaiman.

A spirited young worker of the Pakistan Movement, Abdul Majeed Sulaiman was a popular volunteer. Established the Jetpur Youth League in his home-town Jetpur long before the Partition. Vigorously continued his activities in Karachi and formed the Jetpur Memon Assn. along with its educational institutions and welfare services..

*Jetpur, **Karachi

BAWANI,
Ebrahim Ahmed.

An active volunteer and generous philanthropist, established the Aisha Bawani Wakf and its educational academies. Served and liberally supported numerous religious other voluntary bodies in the country and abroad. Headed the APMF for several years..

* ..**Karachi

BEGRAJ,
Mahasy Vermal.

Prominent social worker, freedom-fighter and journalist of Sukkur. Encouraged the labour-class families for the education of their girls and established schools for them. Also established an exclusive factory for the widows under his organization Sudhar-Sabha. Liberally donated in times of hard-hitting calamities and more especially during the notorious Plague epidemic of 1895-96

*Sukkur 1874 **Sukkur 1956

BHIMJEE, Roshan Ali.

"Unassuming, Charming, Compassionate, Generous, Kind-hearted Gifted.

"Many are the words that come to the mind when thinking of Mr.Roshan Ali Bhimjee, but none of them does full justice to this many-faceted man."

"He was one of the nation's most outstanding businessman and its foremost practitioner in insurance. As a family man, philanthropist, a human being, he showed a rare compassion and understanding for the needs of others and fulfilled them with kindness and generosity. He has left us a legacy we are proud to follow.

His memories will always be with us".

CV/General: Insurance magnate. Founder of the Eastern Federal Union Insurance Co.Ltd *1917 ** Karachi 1998

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BHURA,
Sulaiman Ebrahim

A very active figure of the Bantva Memons. Commenced his public career during 1916 and took active part in the establishment of the local Muslim Orphanage, Bantva and was as its HGS for 42 years. Widely hailed for his leading role in the organization of the '1st All India Memon Conference' and his dedicated services to the then Memon Relief Committee (India). Continued his commitments and very ably served the Pakistan Memon Relief Committee and several other Voluntary Organizations of Karachi. *Bantva **Karachi

BHURGURI,

Rais-e-Azam, Ghulam Mohammad Khan. A prominent and influential personality of Hyderabad, immensely interested in the overall welfare of the people of Sindh, and more especially of the Muslims. He was the first to clamor for the compulsory free education and in this connection moved the 'Muslim Education Cess Bill' (to recover just one 'pie' per rupee for this purpose) in the then Bombay Legislative Assembly (This move was strenuously opposed and defeated by the Zamindars and other vested interests who feared the possible dangers of spreading education, especially amongst the Haris and landless -labourers).

His relentless efforts brought in more grants to the Local Boards, besides more facilities to the cultivators and drastic improvements in the conditions of irrigation canals and roads Also clamored for many other welfare causes and liberally helped the needy more especially the poor litigants and the students.

A dedicated worker of the Khilafat Movement, and a Freedom-fighter he was loved and highly respected and had a large followers from almost every community. A highly principled man, with immense love for mankind and the country.

CV: Bar-at-Law, A leading Advocate of Sindh. *Jamseabad, Hyderabad... **Hyderabad 1924

BHUTTO,
Sardar Wahid Bux.

A prominent Zamindar of Nao Dero, Larkana took interest in education and health of the communities around him. Keenly encouraged students for undertaking higher studies and provided them with stipends and other facilities. Established a much needed maternity home in his Nao Dero. A leading parliamentarian championed the genuine cause of the much-neglected people of the Sindh region.

CV/General: Member of the Indian Central Assembly (1926) and later of the Bombay Council of State (930)

[*Nao Dero..**Larkana 1931]

BOZDAR, Sardar Bahadur Qaiser Khan. Worked for the betterment of masses especially in the educational field. Donated 6 acres of his land for establishing Govt. High School, Mathello. Readily helped the deserving families. *Mirpur Mathelo 1890 **1952

BUTT, M. Y.

A highly committed organizer of the disabled persons for fostering their talents, personality development and self respect. Much concerned with the problems of the deaf and dumb young men and for their suitable employment founded the Adult Deaf and Dumb Centre along with its

unique Sheltered Workshop, -the 'ADD Tailoring Enterprise along with a recreation club *CV/General*; Service in the Govt. of India and Pakistan. Retired as Deputy Secretary. **Karachi

BHAGAT KANWER RAM

Born in a Hindu religious family of Mirpur Mathelo District Sukkur. He was a renowned saint and religious singer, very kind hearted and sympathetic toward poor and people in distress from his childhood. He was ever ready to help the poor financially and also in trouble. His mission was to minimize the miseries of the have-nots. He throughout his life advocated and struggled for the Hindu Muslim unity. His message for the humanity was love for each and equality without discrimination of cast, creed and religion. He had a murderous attack by a religious extremist at "RUK" Railway Station and breathed his last at "Bagerji" Railway Station. * 1885 ** 1939

BHOJANI,
Shaheed Hamid Ali

To be long remembered for his immense services and dynamic driving force, the late Hamid Ali is an illustrious son of his community, the Bhojanis. Commencing his welfare and related activities from quite a young age he was instrumental in the re-awakening and mobilizing the community.

Pains-takingly, he presented a strategic action plan to make the community vibrant with considerable focus on education, progress of female-members socio-economic development and establishment of essential projects. As the President of his Khoja (Pirhai) Shia Ashnasari Jamaat he gained all-round confidence of the cross-section of the community and all his progressive proposals received tremendous response and support.

Initiated establishment a chain of 'Fatimiyah Hospitals', besides the 'Fatimiyah School' and other essential projects for which huge donations

and landed property were readily made available. This highly spirited leader met his tragic death at quite of about 50 years causing an irreparable loss to his faithful community and to volunteerism.

BIRCH, George

He was born on 30 June 1880. He was one of the founders of the Y. M. C. A. in Karachi. Became Assistant to the Commissioner in Sindh. He was Controller of Prices and Rents in war time. Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax for Sindh. Worked on several committees, and was a leading member of the Domiciled European and Anglo Indian Association, Sindh Branch. Secretary Karachi Auxiliary Force Club. Birch Club named after him. He was active worker in social and philanthropic activities

CALCUTTAWALLA, Rotarian Ghulam Mohammad

Spiritedly campaigned for the constructive participation of youth in nation-building activities. Was well-known for generating huge funds for the construction of the purpose-built imposing building of the Adult Blind Center (behind the Zoological Garden.)

Membership : K'chi Rotary Club; Adult Blind Center (Hon. Treasurer), SSCC and numerous NGOs

CV & General : Businessman

*Hyderabad Deccan **Karachi

CHABRIA, Rai Bahadur Odhavandass. Popular social worker of Shikarpur took much interest in public activities. Established the "Odharam Hospital", for providing cost-free treatment, and costly medicines to one and all at the same time successfully secured liberal donations from the well-to-do patients. Readily extended generous assistance to the deserving people and more especially the hard-pressed farmers.

National Honor / Tittle : Rai Bahadur social welfare
*Shikarpur-1870 **abroad 1943

CHANDIO,
Prof. Abdul Mannan
An active social worker and educationist of Larkana. A highly dedicated worker of the Red Crescent Society. Of the District and its long time HGS. Founder of several educational institutions including the local Law College. *CV:* B.A.LLB. Practising advocate and founder-Principal of the Larkana Law College
*Larkana **Larkana

CHAPRA,
Kassim Ebrahim
A well-known social figure actively associated with various welfare and civic causes of the megapolis. keenly participated in welfare, literary and cultural activities. Readily patronized youth and the student(non-political) bodies and likewise assisted the promising students.
Membership Bombay Memon Brotherhood; Adult Blind Center besides numerous welfare and cultural organizations.
General : Businessman and industrialist
*Bombay **Karachi 2005

CHAGLA, Ghulam Ali.
Born in 1871 in Karachi. Did matricin 1892 from Sindh Maderssah and got enrolled in D.J.Sindh College but left the college without continuing further education. He was outstanding Social worker ,Political worker & Freedom fighter and was closely associated with Rais G.M. Bhurgri and Seth Harchadrai. He remained Municipal Councilor and President of the Karachi Municipal Corporation. Joined Cogress in 1913 and participated in its Annual Sessions. Breathed his last on 26.06.1950. In D.J.Sindh College records his information is recorded that: Joined College in 1892- 1892. Landlord and Merchant. President of the Karachi Municipality 1921-1922. Keenly interested in Hindu Muslim unity, and

CHOTTANI,
Abdul Qadeer.
Hailed as the 'Baba-e-Halar', for his tremendous services in the re-settlement in Karachi and economic rehabilitation of thousands incoming refugees from Halar and its many neighbouring areas. Played the pioneering role in sponsoring the 'Halar Memon General Jamat', along with its essential services projects.
* Halar **Karachi

CHOUDHRY,
Begum Mohammad Ali.
A highly committed worker for the emancipation of women and timely education of girls. An active founding member of the APWA, and spiritedly associated with its multifarious welfare services especially the establishment of schools for girls. Extended guidance on self-employment projects besides liberal assistance to deserving women.
*..**Karachi

CHOUDHRY,
Begum Rafia Siddiq
Pioneered the establishment of many Naval family welfare institutions during the early days of Pakistan. Rendered commendable services to the distressed civilian population of the border areas seriously affected by the Indo-Pakistan wars of 1965 and 1971. Was actively associated with numerous welfare cultural and social activities. One of the founding members of the APWA took keen interest in its socio-economic rehabilitation services for the incoming refugees. *CV & General:* One of the earliest Muslim graduates of the Madras University. Life consort of Admiral. (R) Mohammad Siddiq Choudhry. - the 1st C-in-C of the Pakistan Navy Madras....Lahore

Post-script: The 'Rafia Choudhry Memorial Auditorium', Sidco Center, Karachi was established in her memory.

CHOUDHRY,
Rotarian Rafique Ahmed.
Introduced the Rotarian Movement in Mirpurkhas District besides establishing several educational institutions and welfare centres. In a quiet and unassuming manner made a very significant contribution to the introduction and growth of citizens' activism and was well-known for his generosity and welfare services.

Membership: PRCS- (Dt. Br.); Baanhn Beli (Dt. Br.); Local Rotary Club; T.B Assn. and other VO's.

CONSTANTINE,
Lady Nannitte.

Hailing from a well-to-do family, this Switzerland-born lady settled in Karachi after her marriage with Sir George Constantine, (formerly the Chief Justice of the Sindh Chief Court). A humanitarian to the core, devoted her full time to the animal welfare and for a long time headed the SPCA established under an Act of the British Parliament around 1800. Paid special attention to the harsh and inhumane treatment of the transport- animals with unusually heavy loads, despite their infirmity and sickness, and quite often got their owners duly prosecuted under the provisions of the aforesaid Act.

Regularly observed the annual World Animal Day, (October 4th), with great enthusiasm and fervor touring the city the whole Day with gifts of fodder and other feeds to her animal-friends - transport animals, stray dogs, cats, birds etc. where-ever found all along her route. Strangely enough, many people from all walks of life gazed quite amazingly at her almost 'One-Person Show', but none perhaps volunteered to join her mission. Leading a quite and simple life she gave liberal funds to various charities and the needy and poor families [* Switzerland **Karachi] '

Post-Script: Alas ! After the death of Her ladyship, a few years back, and also a little earlier of her equally dedicated office-worker and volunteer Yacoob Khan Foxy, SPCA Office in the City Courts and its specious Animal Hospital behind the National Stadium have just vanished. Now no more are the prosecutions under the SPCA Act nor the annual Observance of the World Animal Day ! - amm

CONTRACTOR,
Khan Bahadur S.D.

Greatly attached to social services, was dedicatedly associated with the prestigious NGO's. Pioneered the formation of the St. John Ambulance Brigade (1943)- the first of its kind in Western India.. Meritoriously served the Parsee General Hospital for several decades as HGS and other capacities.

Membership: IDR PWA (HGS for many years); St. John Ambulance Assn. (HGS and the very first Commissioner of its Brigade); The Parsee Gymkhana Club; the Young Men Zorashtrian Assn. the Red Cross Society, the KTS; Poor Patients Relief Society, the Karachi Children Welfare Society and others.
National Honor /Title
(Pre-partitioned India): *Khan Bahadur* International Awards: Knight of the St. John (Kt. SJ). St. John Ambulance Assn. International H Q London.

CV: B.A.; B.T. Retired Senior Education Officer, Govt. of Sindh

*Karachi 1878 **Karachi 1972

CONTRACTOR, Zal.

In the footsteps of his worthy father (above-named), Zal Contractor was an active official of the St. John Ambulance Brigade since its establishment -1943. Initiated the formation of the Blind Scouts Troop at the IDR PWA's Blind School.

The first of its kind in this part of the sub-continent. Was actively associated in the management of the Parsee General Hospital and other institutions and organizations of the

Parsee community.

Membership: IDR PWA; Boy Scouts Assn.; Zoroastrian Young Men's Assn., the Parsee Gymkhana Club the St. John Ambulance Assn / Brigade and numerous prestigious NGOs. National Honor / *Title:* Tamgah-e-Pakistan
CV: Actively associated with the Insurance field and held high position in the Federal Government.
*Karachi **Karachi

COWASJE,

Dr. Nancy Ardhesher

Hailing from the illustrious Dinshaw family of Bombay, Dr. Nancy was a highly popular and magnificent worker of the APWA. Very ably headed APWA's Medical Relief Committee and volunteered her services at its medical center in Golimar daily for over a decade. Also headed the Bomanshaw Minocher Homjee Parsee Hospital. Well-known for immense generosity, unhesitatingly supported essential welfare causes and the deserving people.

CV: MBBS (Bombay). Medical Practitioner
*Bombay 1925 **Karachi 1992

CHETOMAL, Seth Sobhraj.

Born in 1879 at Shikarpur. He was outstanding social worker, political leader & businessman of his times. He made handsome donations for social work in Sindh such as Rs 40,000 for Women's dispensary & Kishin Devi Sobhraj Maternity Home in Karachi, Rs 20,000 to Sukkur Municipality for establishment of Maternity Home and Rs 7,500 for promotion of Scout movement in Sindh. He remained Councillor of Karachi for 20 years. He remained President of the "Social Service League" and "Karachi Indian Merchants Association" for years. He was also Vice President of "Kanya Maha Vidyala". Keeping in view his social stand & contribution, Government honoured him as First class Honourary Magistrate. In capacity of the Vice president of the "Sindh Hindu Association". He took part in the freedom movement. He breathed his last on 20.11.1928.

DADA

Rotarian Hussain Kasim

A well-known personality of Karachi and distinguished supporter of the Pakistan Movement. Actively associated with public causes and established several educational institutions and welfare centers. Presented a spacious office room to K'chi Rotary Club in his prestigious building- the Mohammadi House for free life-time use. Generously contributed to many social causes as well as the deserving families.

Membership: APMF; PRCS-K'chi Br. (Hon. Treasurer); St. John Ambulance Assn.; K'chi Rotary Club and numerous NGOs.
National Honor / Title : Sitara-e- Khidmat
*.. ** Karachi

DAROOWALLA, Freny.

A very hard-working volunteer, tailored thousands of garments for presentation to the Defence Forces during World War II and to the incoming refugees (1947-48) Served as Work Secretary of the KZBM, for 35 years (1944-'79) during which period trained hundreds of interested ladies in the attractive 'Boutique-industry', for developing the art as well as for their own self-support.

DASS,

George Washington.

A spirited volunteer in numerous welfare activities. Co-sponsored along with a leading volunteer Zaka Rahmatullah the unique 'Motor-cyclists -Messenger Service for assisting the Civil Defence authorities during the Indo-Pakistan War of 1965. Was also the co-sponsor of the first-ever handicraft exhibition of welfare agencies of Karachi. (then organized by the SSCC(1956-57). and likewise similar shows; Melas and Meena Bazaars of the other NGO's from time to time. Devoted full time to voluntary services after retirement from the service of the K'chi YMCA.

CV: B.A. Specialized training in the YMCA service; trained social worker....Gen. Secretary