

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK, INC.

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ZAGNY NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2001

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| • MAY 6 TH | GUJARATI CLASS - 1:00 PM
RELIGION CLASS - 2:00 PM
<u>At the new Darbe Mehr in Pomona</u> |
| • MAY 20 TH | DMZT ELECTION - 2:00 PM (at old Darbe Mehr) |
| • JUNE 3 RD | GUJARATI CLASS - 1:00 PM
RELIGION CLASS - 2:00 PM – followed by a BBQ
<u>NEXT CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2001</u> |
| • JUNE 17 TH | FAREWELL JASHAN AT NEW ROCHELLE - 10:30 AM
OPENING CEREMONY AT POMONA - 1:00 PM |
| • JUNE 24 TH | PARSI GENERAL FUND RAISER LUNCHEON |
| • JULY 12 TH TO 17 TH | IVY GANDHI YOUNG ZOROASTRIAN CAMP (At Pomona Darbe Mehr) |
| • AUGUST 18 TH | MUKTAD PRAYERS |
| • AUGUST 25 TH | PATETI FUNCTION |

JAMSHEDI NAVROZ FUNCTION:

The Jamshedi Navroz function held at the Greek Church, in Tenafly, NJ, was attended by 300+ members. The function began with a humbandagi led by our young mobed Poruz Khambatta who was introduced by Ervad Pervez Patel. Our president Gev Nentin then welcomed everyone and gave an account of the latest development of the new Darbe Mehr.

In the absence of the Secretary, Sheroo Kanga, the Secretary's report was then read by Gev Nentin. Her report gave an outline of all the events that took place during the year. On behalf of the Board she congratulated and thanked everyone involved in the success of these events, extended condolences to the families who lost their loved ones and wished everyone happiness in life and harmony within the Zoroastrian community.

The Treasurer, Jasmin Kotwal then gave an account of the financial statements for the years 1999 and 2000. A motion was made for approval of the financial statements and was passed. The financial statements are attached with this newsletter. Following are the salient items we would draw your attention to:

Significant increase in the Building Fund account which reflects the fund raising efforts for the new Pomona property as of 12/31/00.

A surplus for the year primarily as a result of higher interest income, membership fees and increase in the value of investments.

ARBAB RUSTOM GUIV DARBE MEHR
249 Weyman Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10805. Tel: (914) 636-8816

JAMSHEDI NAVROZ FUNCTION (Contd.)

The Balance Sheet is expected to shrink significantly as the monies raised have been used to buy the Pomona property; which property, has become the asset of the DMZT Trustees. Consequently also, interest income will accordingly reduce in 2001, because of the reduction in cash and near cash assets.

Mrs. Shirin Kiamanez of IZA then wished everyone Happy Jamshedi Navroz. The Haftsin table was set by IZA which looked beautiful.

Many people worked towards the success of this function and we extend our thanks and recognition to each and every one of them.

DONATIONS: DONATION IN KIND:

Aban Chavda	-	1 kilo Sukhad	Mr. Sachinwala	-	Wall Clock
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CRITICAL ASSISTANCE FUND:

Parvez Bamji	-	\$ 221	Paul Dottino	-	\$25
Farokh and Pouru Hirjibehedin		\$ 251	Soli and Naju Tavadia		\$45
Kandy and Kayo Mama	-		Mrs. Kandawala	- in	
in memory of Mrs. Aloomai Billimoria		\$ 25	memory of Mrs. Aloomai Billimoria		\$25

NEW BUILDING FUND:

Anonymous		\$ 500	Anonymous	-	\$100
Rakesh and Percis Bansal (New York Life)		\$ 312	Darayes and Roshni Bharda		\$ 50
Dinshaw and Hutoxi Bardoliwalla	-	\$ 41	Khurshed and Meher Dastur		\$ 100
James Sagar	-	\$1,000	Rusi and Shernaz Sethna		\$ 50
Navroz Gandhi		\$ 25	Rohinton and Navaz Dadina		\$ 100
Villy Gandhi memorial project	Anonymous	\$ 50	Penny jar donations-		\$ 102.50
Furrokh Irani for the New bldg		\$ 50			
Rustom and Farangis Bhopti		\$ 100 (on-going payment of pledged amt.)			

GENERAL FUND:

Marazban and Parwana Chhor	\$100.00	Paul and Tricia Johnson	-	\$ 50
Homi and Gul Sarkary -	\$ 100	Xerxes and Jerilyn Sarkary	-	\$ 51
Allstate Giving Campaign through Rohinton Katrak	\$121.20			

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Poruz Khambatta	\$101	Thritee Baxter	-	\$100
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CONGRATULATIONS: TO

Nina and Adil Mistry on the birth of their beautiful baby girl "Adina" born on 21st March, 2001 on Jamshedi Navroz day.

Cyrus and Liley Mehta on their wedding in New York City

Rusi Gandhi who has been named to the RE/MAX 100% Club for 2000. The award was presented to him at the 15th Annual RE/MAX Awards ceremony in Atlantic City.

Edul Daver who received the "Distinguished Alumini Award 2001" from IIT, Bombay in March 2001. Each year the institution bestows this honor on 10 graduates who have reached positions of eminence and have excelled in their field of work.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. Berjis Y. Patel, 206 Spring Street, Apt. 5, Naugatuck, T 06770
Burgise and Khursheed Palkhiwala, 15 Overton Road, East Windsor, NJ 08520
Rohinton and Navaz (Katki) Dadina, 43 Landing Drive, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Farhad and Dinaz Subjally, 10 Crestwood Drive, Chatham, NJ 07928
Sarosh Nentin, 29, Swarthmore Lane, Dix Hills, NY 11746
Marazban and Parwana Chhor, 30 Hibiscus Lane, Robbinsville, NJ 08691
Farzana Darbari MD, 44 Brittain Farms Road Apt 210, New Britain, CT 06053

ELECTION OF DMZT TRUSTEES:

The election to the Board of Trustees of the Darbe Mehr Zoroastrian Temple will be held at the Darbe Mehr Zoroastrian Temple, 249 Weyman Avenue, New Rochelle, on May 20th, 2001 at 2:00 PM. The ballots for voting by mail, have already been mailed. The Trustees of the DMZT request your presence at the meeting on May 20th, 2001 to cast your vote in person. If you cannot attend, the Trustees urge you to cast your vote by mail. The deadline for mailing in the ballots is May 10th, 2001. If you are casting your ballots by mail, please be sure to put on the mailing envelope, the full names of ALL the members in your family whose ballots are enclosed in the envelope.

NEXT RELIGION CLASS AND GUJARATI CLASSES ON MAY 6TH:

PLEASE NOTE THAT STARTING MAY 2001, ALL GUJARATI AND RELIGION CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW DARBE MEHR AT 106 POMONA ROAD, POMONA, NY 10901. THE CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE HOUSE AND THE PARENTS AND OTHER MEMBERS CAN GET TOGETHER IN THE MAIN HALL. 'OVERFLOW' PARKING COULD BE DONE IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT ACROSS THE STREET.

DIRECTIONS TO THE NEW DARBE MEHR:

Exit 12 on Palisades Parkway North - Left at end of the ramp - Left at T-junction, Route 45 South
Pass Palisades South entrance sign, make a right at the next light, Pomona Road
Go straight for about a mile, you will see Minisiengo Country Club on the right
The new darbe mehr is after that block, opposite the school - Building is at the end of the driveway, not visible from the road.

CLOSING AND OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE DARBE MEHRS:

On June 17th, 2001 there will be a farewell Jashan at the New Rochelle Darbe Mehr at 10:30 AM. After the Jashan everyone will proceed to the new Darbe Mehr in Pomona where there will be another prayer followed by a lunch. Everyone is invited to attend this important occasion. To help facilitate the activities and prepare the food please be kind enough to let us know if you are coming. You may call Sheroo Kanga at 201-227-1890 or email vkanga@msn.com.

WORLD ZARATHUSTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE- Greater New York Chapter:

The second meeting of the WZCC is scheduled for Sunday May 6th, 2001 at 2:00 PM at new Darbe Mehr in Pomona. All individuals who have become members and others who are contemplating membership are welcome to attend. If anyone has any questions please call Edul Daver, Fali Shroff or Rusi Gandhi.

A WORD OF THANKS:

On behalf of my whole family, I would like to express a very warm and sincere Thank You to the ZAGNY Board for giving me the new Navar award from the Sohrabji Hormuji Kutar Fund, at the Jamshedi Navroz function on March 24th and to the entire community for all their help, support and encouragement. It was a very kind and thoughtful gesture and it touched me greatly. Also, I am very grateful for being given the opportunity to participate in the jashan ceremony on the following day, which was a very special experience for me.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage many other young Zoroastrians, like me, to become "navars", so that, with the blessings of Ahura Mazda, we can all serve our community and continue to maintain our religious heritage for future generations. As a token of my appreciation for all the recognition, I would like to make a donation of \$101 to the ZAGNY "Scholarship Fund".

Respectfully, Poruz K. Khambatta

WHITE HOUSE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) seeks motivated undergraduate and graduate students to undertake internships in the office. Interns will have the opportunity to work on a wide variety of projects that range from policy development and research to public relations and event planning. Applicants must be eighteen years of age or older and live in the D.C. metropolitan area during the period of the internship. The internship runs from May 29 – August 31, 2001, though the dates are flexible. The position is unpaid, but stipend/fellowship opportunities from other D.C. internship programs may be available. Possible positions include Communications intern, Commission intern, Interagency Intern, and Research/Projects Intern. For more details, call Mr. Parag Mehta at (301) 443-2492 or via e-mail at pmehta@hrsa.gov.

FRIENDLY CATS LOOKING FOR A LOVING HOME :

Aban Chavda is looking to find a family to adopt her two loving and friendly two-year old cats, Zeus and Hera. Please contact her at (201) 445-3293 or (212) 407-1304. Thank you.

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The India Center of Art & Culture & SAJA (South Asian Journalists Association) invite you to...

AN EVENING WITH SOONI TARAPOREVALA

Taraporevala, author of the hit photo *book PARSIS: the Zoroastrians of India – A Photographic Journey*, will present slides from her photo book, spanning 20 years of work. Discussing her personal journey producing the book – from her Parsi upbringing, to her work as a photographer and internationally-known screenwriter, to the personal stories within the book, she will touch on Parsi history, religion, and identity.

***Tuesday, May 15**

***reception: 6:30pm**

***presentation: 7:00pm**

*India Center of Art & Culture

530 W. 25th Street (bet 10th & 11th Ave), Manhattan

\$10 donation requested

*For more information, contact Tamina Davar: 718-622-8302 taminadavar@yahoo.com
book website (almost sold out!!): <http://www.parsijourney.com>*