



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK, INC.

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ZAGNY NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2001

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| • OCT. 7 TH | RELIGION CLASS - 12:00 PM
GAHAMBAR JASHAN - 2:30 PM
(GUJARATI CLASS IS CANCELLED) |
| • OCT. 21 ST | CRITICAL ASSISTANCE FUND RAISER LUNCHEON |
| • OCT. 27 TH | HALLOWEEN PARTY - 6:00 PM |
| • NOV. 4 TH | GUJARATI CLASS - 1:30 PM
RELIGION CLASS - 2:00 PM |

MUKTAD PRAYERS:

Sixty members attended the muktad prayers held on 18th of August. Thanks to our priests, Darius Antia, Rohinton Madon, Rohinton Dadina and Zerxes Antia for performing the prayers and to all the members of the boards and the volunteers for their help in organizing this important event. After the prayers traditional food and chasni was served.

THE PATETI FUNCTION:

The Pateti function was attended by 300 people and was a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to the priests, Rohinton Madon, Zerxes Antia and Rohinton Dadina for performing the Jashan. After the Jashan, president Gev Nentin thanked everyone for their efforts in setting up the new place and organizing this function. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the jashan, flowers, registration, bar, raffle and clean up. Food was catered by Palace of Asia and after dinner everyone danced to the music of DJ Cisco and had a good time.

GAHAMBAR JASHAN:

A Jashan – thanksgiving to Ahura Mazda – will be held on October 7th, at 2:30 PM after the religion classes. The prayers for this Jashan will also include prayers for the peace and safety of our country and New York State, the home of our Darbe Mehr. A lunch of traditional Gahambar menu will be served after the Jashan. **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.** Those who wish to attend please call Sheroo Kanga at 201-227-1890 by September 24th, 2001. Donations in cash or check will be gladly accepted, which will go towards the catastrophe of the World Trade Center.

ARBAB RUSTOM GUIV DARBE MEHR
106 Pomona Road, Suffern, NY 10901. Tel: 845-362-2104

DONATIONS:

DONATION IN KIND:

Phiroza Irani - Wall hanging

GENERAL FUND:

Lovji and Mehru Cama	-	\$101
Aban and Eric Chavda	-	\$101
Minu and Behroz Dutia	-	\$ 35
Sarosh and Nergish Hodiwalla	-	\$101
Dr. Daraius and Freny Panveliwalla	-	\$ 50
Ashodad received at Muktaf function	-	\$ 86.50
Ashodad received at Papeti function	-	\$ 76.50

NEW BUILDING FUND:

The Incorporated Trustees of the Zoroastrian Charity funds of Hong Kong, Canton and Macao	-	\$50,000
Rustom and Farangis Bhojti	-	\$ 100 (payment towards amount pledged)
Marazban and Parwana Chhor	-	\$ 1,000
Ava Daruvala	-	\$ 501
Tamina Daruvala	-	\$ 501
Darayes and Goher Mobed	-	\$ 5,000 (payment towards amount pledged)
Perin Surti	-	\$ 1,001
Zubin Taraporevala	-	\$ 200 (payment towards amount pledged)
Anonymous donation (in memory of Sorab Hommie Mehta)	-	\$ 2,990 (payment towards amount pledged)
A group of friends	-	\$ 101
United Way of NY city	-	\$ 22.57

CRITICAL ASSISTANCE FUND:

Behram Buhariwalla - - \$ 51

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Armaan Shaviri, 131 Buckingham Court, Pomona, NY 10970
Bomi and Nina Dinshaw, 130 Fallow Street, #11, Norwalk, CT 06850
Zahra Sethna and Stephen Mostad, 160 West End Avenue, Apt 8H, New York, NY
Zubin Dastur, 25-75 36th Street, Apt 1-RF, Astoria, NY 11103
Rohinton Dadina and Navaz Katki, 43 Landing Drive, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
Spenta Bharda, 35-19 Quail Ridge Drive, Plainsboro, NJ 08536

CONDOLENCES:

To Khursheed and Kersi Bellihomji on the death of Khursheed's mother Freny Irani in California

To Toni and Viraf Ghadijally on the death of Toni's brother Walter H. Creutz in Indiana.

To Jamsheed and Arnaz Marker on the tragic and untimely death of their daughter Feroza Marker in a car accident.

To Pervez and Katie Patel on the death of Pervez's sister-in-law Villy Piroj Patel in Mumbai, India.

DMZT NEWS:

The Board of Trustees of Darbe Mehr Zoroastrian Trust [DMZT] wish to announce the election of the following office bearers for the period June 2001 to May 2002.

Chairperson: Viraf Commissariat
Secretary: Noshir Baria
Treasurer: Yasmin Ghadiali

The other Trustees are Cyrus Cama, Noshir Langrana and Kiomars Sorooshyari

The Election of Officers of the DMZT was held by the Trustees on August 5, 2001. This was the first time in the history of the DMZT that two candidates, namely, Viraf Commissariat and Noshir Langrana, contested for the position of Chairperson. The Trustees were split 3/3 for each of the candidates and were not able to break the deadlock. Since there is no provision in the DMZT By-Laws outlining the procedure to be followed in such a case, the Trustees opted on requesting the candidates that one of them consider stepping down. Both candidates were approached by Kiomars Sorooshyari, the Trustee nominated for this task, and Noshir Langrana graciously agreed to step down, thus avoiding a lengthy and cumbersome election process. In the coming months the Trustees will review and modify the By-Laws, so that in the future a mechanism is available to avoid a similar deadlock.

The Board of Trustees have fixed the Rental Charges for Pomona DMZT as given below:

Free for all IZA and ZAGNY meetings, functions etc.

Free for functions sponsored for Zoroastrian Charities

A minimum donation of \$100.00 for Prayer ceremonies for deceased persons.

A charge of \$400.00 for IZA and ZAGNY members.

A charge of \$500.00 for all others.

All the above charges are on a per day basis.

WORLD ZARATHUSTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

The fourth meeting of the World Zarathusti Chamber of Commerce-the Greater NY Chapter is scheduled for September 22nd, 2001, at new Darbe Mehr in Pomona. Lunch will be served first at 1:00 PM followed by the meeting at 1:45 PM. The Board of Directors of WZCC will be attending our meeting and will discuss the plan, goals and aspiration for this organization to be a dynamic, energetic group of businesses and individuals working towards a common goal- to achieve excellence in whatever path we choose for our businesses or ourselves. All individuals who have become members and everyone from our community are invited to attend this important meeting.

To help facilitate the meeting and catered lunch by Kamal Davar, please call Rusi Gandhi - 973-263-9619, Edul Daver - 732-469-1866, Fali Shroff - 201-670-6762.

CRITICAL ASSISTANCE FUND RAISER LUNCHEON:

There will be a critical assistance fundraiser luncheon get-together on October 21st, 2001 at the Darbe Mehr in Pomona, N.Y. The function will begin at 11:30 AM. **All are welcome to attend.** In order to facilitate the catering service, please call Erach Munshi at (212) 865-6683 or Mehru and Lovji Cama at (201) 569-7359.

In case you cannot attend, kindly send your donation for this noble cause to Erach Munshi. Please make your donation checks payable to ZAGNY - Critical Assistance Fund.

MESSAGE FROM ZOROASTRIAN WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

(ZWIN):

THE VACATION VOLUNTEERS - (18-25 years of age) project for 3-4 weeks in January 2002. The airfare and visa will be the responsibility of the visiting youth from the west, but home-stay and hospitality will be provided by host families in India. ZWIN coordinator Zarin Karani Araoz informs that "There will be a very stimulating educational program planned, as well as opportunities to serve Zoroastrians in India and to visit some of our interesting heritage sites in Gujarat and elsewhere, as well as an opportunity to have fun with young Zoroastrians in Bombay, and share their daily lives. Many of these details need to be finalized, but Mr. Tamboly and his team (including Mr. Sarosh Bana, Mrs. Silloo Kavarana, Zubin Mistry and others) have thought of many things. Mr. Tamboly suggested:

* The first 10 to 12 days would be at Mumbai, essentially getting a feel of the community, visiting community institutions, mixing with community youth, exchanging ideas and so on.

* Thereafter, a visit to Gujarat would be organized, starting with a visit to the Memorial column at Sanjan, a hike to the Bahrot caves near Bordi, visit to the Atashbehrams at Udvada, Navsari, Surat; visit a few villages of Gujarat where Parsi farmers live. This will give them a feel of the community living in rural areas and semi urban areas of India. The Gujarat trip would be of around three nights four days or maybe four nights five days.

* Back to Mumbai, unwind, compare notes, shop, sightsee and fly back home."

Those interested in joining this project, please let Zareen (<zareen@managingcultures.com>) and Farhad Billimoria (<billimor@alphalink.com.au>) know as soon as possible if you, your friends or family might be interested in this exciting opportunity, so we can see whether we should pursue this further. There will be a selection process, but opportunities will also be considered in order of interest received.

ANOTHER ZWIN MESSAGE:

ZWIN coordinator, Zarin Karani Araoz informs that at the 12th North American Congress to be held in Chicago July 4-7, 2002, the Health and Wellness Committee will be presenting two 2-hour lecture sessions. It also will be holding small group poster sessions, demonstrations and more at exhibit areas throughout the Congress proceedings.

Dr. Mehru Patel will be chairing the committee and is in search of the following individuals:

1. All willing, eager and able.
2. Health care professionals, physicians, nurses, etc. in all specialties, allied health professionals and students planning on a career in health care.
3. Social sciences professionals.
4. Alternative, integrated medicine professionals.
5. Those with a keen interest in physical, mental and spiritual enhancement
6. Enthusiasts who are interested in early childhood and intergenerational development.

CONTACT MEHRU DIRECTLY at 708-409-9361.

GUJARATI CLASSES:

At the September religious class, a suggestion was made to reduce the Gujarati classes from one hour to a half-hour. Because of the gahambar and earlier religious classes in October, **there will be no Gujarati class on October 7.** The Gujarati classes will resume in November and begin a half-hour before the scheduled religious classes. Please show up on time – our teachers travel a great distance and make a concerted effort to provide lessons to those who are interested.

HALLOWEEN PARTY:

ZAGNY is planning to have a Halloween party on October 27th, 2001 at the Darbe Mehr at 6:00 PM. The cost for the dinner and fun and games will be \$10.00 per person. Those interested in attending this fun event, please call Temilyn Ghadially at 732-972-6527 by the 15th of October.

Please note that if the response received is for less than 50 people we will have to cancel the party. Therefore, please call and let us know your interest by the due date given above. Thanks

MESSAGE FROM SHIRAZ ANTIA:

I would like to acknowledge and thank the first and second ZAGNY religious classes that participated in the English version of the Tan Dorosti at the June 17 Opening Ceremonies of the new Darbe Mehr.

Many thanks to: Zarina Bamji, Sanaya and Ava Daruvala, Amy and Anahita Katrak, Zarah Kavarana, Ava Mehta, Rukhshana Sethna and Zal and Kaivan Shroff.

We just had a few hours to practice the recitation a few weeks prior to the event and they worked very hard that day. They did a splendid job when it came to the actual performance and I am very proud of the great job they did. Bravo!!!

Sincerely, Shiraz Antia

ADULT ZOROASTRIAN CAMP AT THE NEW DARBE MEHR:

The 2001 Zoroastrian Young Adult Camp was a great success this year! Between August 3th and 5th the New Darbe Mehr was home to 15 - 20 Zoroastrian camp attendees (ages 16 to 39) traveling from as far as Philadelphia and Boston. It was a great opportunity for fellow Zoroastrians to meet outside of the larger community activities.

In between the time spent catching up with old friends and meeting new ones we had the first annual Zoroastrian Olympics, a short hike in Bear Mountain Park, a delicious biryani and kabob dinner (thanks to Pashang and Gustad) and series of short and hilarious after-dinner plays.

We also had an organized but open discussion of issues that we felt effected or challenges us as a Zoroastrian community and as Zoroastrian individuals. In second session we had an excellent and very interesting lecture/discussion on Persian history (thanks to Daulat Kotval). In the end it was sad to leave one another but comforting to know that we had made new friends, grown a little stronger as a community and as individuals.

Zoroastrian camps for kids and young adults are held each summer. If you are interested keep an eye out for registration info in the summer months editions of this bulletin.

IVY GANDHI YOUNG ZOROASTRIAN:

This camp was also held at the new Darbe Mehr and was a great success. From July 12th to 16th some 18+ children along with many parents attended this camp. Amongst other activities, one day the children and the parents went hiking in Bear Mountain Park.. They played games of volleyball, soccer and even cricket. Some of the talents came up with short comedy skits. On the whole everyone had a great fun time, were very happy and looked forward to meeting again next year.

ZAGNY thanks the organizers, volunteers and parents for all their help with the above two camps.

ADVERTISE IN YOUR ZAGNY NEWSLETTER:

Expand your market by advertising in the ZAGNY newsletter and at the same time help us defray a part of the cost of printing and mailing. Our newsletter covers the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and is also mailed to other associations within the US and abroad. You may even sponsor a newsletter. The subscriptions for the advertisements are as follows:

	<u>Quarter Page</u>	<u>Half Page</u>	<u>Full Page</u>
Single Issue	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
Yearly subscription	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00

Those interested, please contact Sheroo Kanga at 201-227-1890.

ATTENTION MUSICIANS --- PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES:

Based on the success of the Zoroastrian Symphony Orchestra at the Seventh World Zoroastrian Congress in Houston, December 2000, we invite you to be part of the ZSO that will perform at the North American Zoroastrian Congress in Chicago from July 4 - 7, 2002. Professionals as well as amateur musicians of all ages who have attained a sufficient level of proficiency to perform in a symphonic setting are invited to apply. The Orchestra will perform on opening night, the fourth of July, and participating musicians must be in Chicago on the morning of July 3rd for a full day of intensive rehearsals. The repertoire will be chosen by our artistic director, and the music will be sent several months in advance. All participants are expected to have become proficient with the repertoire prior to the conference. If there is a concentration of musicians in a particular metropolitan area, they will be encouraged to have their own sectional rehearsals in advance of the main rehearsals in Chicago.

We invite those who performed in the last concert, and other musicians, to participate in the orchestra as well as perform as soloists. Composers who wish to have their works showcased are also invited to apply; ditto for conductors. Please e-mail your request for an application to cyrusmehta@aol.com. If you have already participated as a member of the ZSO in Houston, sent an application previously, or spoken to one of us about your interest, there is no need to complete another application but please do confirm your intent. The orchestral effort in Houston was very well received and got wonderful reviews in the press. We hope to continue to enhance the standards of the orchestra and enlarge it. Please pass this note on to others who might be wishing to participate.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely,

Cyrus Mehta, Administrative Director
Farobag Homi Cooper, Artistic Director

(Application is on the next page)

Zoroastrian Symphony Orchestra

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone / E-mail: (____) _____ / _____

Instrument(s): _____

Please answer the following on your personal performance history

How many years have you been playing your instrument?

List at least three major works in your repertoire?

Have you played in orchestras or other ensemble settings?

Are you currently performing with an ensemble?

How often do you currently practice?

What is your sight-reading ability?

Any additional information you would like to offer?

Please forward your application to Cyrus Mehta at cyrusmehta@aol.com or by mail to 160 Claremont Avenue, Apartment 2 I, New York, NY 10027. For further information, contact Cyrus Mehta at 212-686-1581 (W) or 212-662-0932 (H).

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 WILL BE A
DAY THAT WILL REMAIN IN INFAMY FOR
YEARS TO COME**

ZAGNY IS REQUESTING URGENTLY NEEDED DONATIONS

**PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT THE FAMILIES OF THE
VICTIMS AND THE FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN
FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS OF
N.Y. WHO LOST THEIR LIVES SAVING LIVES OF OTHERS**

**Please Send Checks Payable to:
ZAGNY Critical Assistance Fund
(Memo: WTC Disaster)**

Checks should be mailed to:

**Jasmin Kotwal
12 Park Hill Terrace
Princeton Junction, NJ 08550**

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