



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK, INC.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1999 – 2002

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ZAGNY NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2002

- DEC 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE FUNCTION AT SUFFERN DARBE MEHR
- JAN 6th, 2002 RELIGION CLASS - 2:00 PM
- FEB 3rd RELIGION CLASS - 2:00 PM
- MARCH 23rd JAMSHEDI NAVROZE FUNCTION
- JULY 4 – 7, 2002 12TH NORTH AMERICAN ZOROASTRIAN CONGRESS, CHICAGO

****ZAGNY WISHES ALL ITS MEMBERS A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 2002****

A REMINDER: We are once again giving the information for the ZAGNY BOARD ELECTION that was published in the last newsletter.

ZAGNY BOARD ELECTIONS: (three-year term - 2002 to 2005)

In March 2002, the three-year term of the current ZAGNY board will end and a new board will be elected. Through this notice, nominations are hereby invited for the elections for various offices of the Board of Directors of the Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York, Inc., (ZAGNY). The ten positions to serve for the three-year term starting April 2002, for which nominations are being sought, are:

President	Vice President	Treasurer
Secretary	Joint Secretary	Members at Large (5 positions)

Persons nominating and the nominees must be duly paid members in good standing at the time of the nomination and election. Election will be held at the Annual General Body Meeting at the Navroze function on or about March 21, 2002. Voting will be by mail-ballot if you are not planning to attend, or in person at the meeting. Agenda for the meeting and the mail ballot will be mailed with the next newsletter.

Please have your nominations listed and seconded and mail the enclosed nomination form to the Secretary, Sheroo Kanga, at 147, 12th Street, Cresskill, NJ 07626. The nominations should be mailed no later than February 7, 2002. All nominations mailed after February 7, 2002 will not be valid and will not be accepted. The proof of mailing shall be determined by the post office date-stamp. Please write "nomination form" in the lower left corner of the envelope.

We encourage everyone, young and old to come forward and make a commitment to serve your community and contribute your ideas and talents.

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

12TH NORTH AMERICAN ZOROASTRIAN CONGRESS, CHICAGO:

The 12th North American Zoroastrian Congress will be held in Chicago from Thursday, July 4 to Sunday July 7, 2002. The main registration form and some information were sent in our last newsletter. For hotel and program information and online registration please visit their Congress 2002 website at www.zac-chicago.org

RAFFLE TICKETS - NORTH AMERICAN CONGRESS, CHICAGO:

We have received some raffle tickets from the sponsors of the 12th North American Congress to be held in Chicago from July 4 – 7, 2002. There are six fabulous prizes as follows: If anyone is interested in buying these tickets please contact Mahrukh Cama at 732-494-7566 or Sheroo Kanga at 201-227-1890. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket.

1st Prize (1): Ladies accutron Watch 2ND Prizes: TWO Hyatt Regency Hotel Rooms for Congress (1 room per winner)
1st Prize (2): Men's accutron Watch 3RD Prizes: TWO Free Registrations to the Congress (1 registration per winner)

The lucky winners will be announced during the Navroze celebration on March 21, 2002, at the Chicago Darb-e-Meher, and duly contacted. Questions or concerns regarding the Raffle, please e-mail Vera M. Dinshaw at: www.zac-chicago.org.

DONATIONS: NEW BUILDING FUND:

Hutoxi and Dinshaw Bardoliwalla	-	\$ 51		
Rustom and Farangis Bhopti	-	\$100 (towards pledged amount)		
Farokh and Dominique Patel	-	\$ 60	United Way of NYC	- \$ 19.31
Rusi and Shernaz Sethna	-	\$ 30	Rusi Gandhi	- \$111

GENERAL FUND:

United Way (Rustom Bhopti)	-	\$600	United Way (Pfizer employees)	- \$619.77
Merwan and Dolat Bamji	-	\$ 40	Edu and Tehnaz Bamji	- \$ 50
Rohinton and Zarina Bhandari	-	\$ 55	Darayes and Roshni Bharda	- \$100
Khurshed Mehta	-	\$ 51	Kobad Malesra	- \$ 61
Farokh and Dominique Patel	-	\$ 35	Roshen Patell	- \$ 25
Ashodad collected:	-	\$ 86		

CRITICAL ASSISTANCE FUND:

Xerxes and Smita Antia	-	\$ 51	Behram Buhariwalla	- \$ 50
Rohinton and Mahrukh Cama	-	\$100	Sarosh and Nergish Hodiwalla	- \$ 51
Arnaz Maneckshana	-	\$ 50	Farokh and Dominique Patel	- \$ 35

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Eruch Nowrojee - - \$25

LIBRARY FUND:

Eruch Nowrojee - - \$26

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Ushtavaity Davar, 634 New Durham Road, Metuchen, NJ 08840
Jay and Jeannie Kenkare, 725 Brandywine Way, Stewartsville, NJ 08886
Ferzeen Patel, 41 Meadow Lane, Lawrence, NY 11559-1827
Fershid and Dilnavaz Hushmendy, 12 Lynnwood Drive, Londonville, NY 12211

CONGRATULATIONS: TO

Zahra Sethna (daughter of Rohinton & Pheroza Sethna) and Stephan Mostad on their wedding on September 15th 2001. (We apologize for the error in printing the name as Mahrukh Sethna instead of Pheroza Sethna in our last newsletter)

CONDOLENCES: TO

Firdosh and Mahrukh Mehta and Ruyinton and Monica Mehta on the death of their dear mother Mrs. Mehroo Mehta.

DMZT NEWS:

STATUS OF THE SALE OF NEW ROCHELLE DARBE MEHR:

The Attorney General's office had requested that the Trustees call a Special Meeting of the congregation to discuss and vote on the specifics of the sale of the New Rochelle Darbe Mehr. Specifically, the Attorney General's office required that Trustees obtain the permission of the congregation via a majority vote to sell the New Rochelle Darbe Mehr for the sale price of \$610,000 to the New Rochelle Chapter of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

A special meeting of the congregation was therefore called on December 16, 2001 to adopt the required resolutions.

The results of the voting as declared by the Ballot Committee conducting the voting was as follows:

Total number of votes exercised either in person or by mail	364
Number of votes cast in favor of the resolutions	362
Number of votes cast against the resolutions	2

Additionally, 22 valid votes, post marked before December 15, 2001, in favor of the resolutions were received in the mail. This brings the total number of votes in favor of the resolutions to 384.

Our attorney has submitted to the Attorney General's office, the requisite documents describing the resolutions and the results of the vote. The Trustees are now awaiting the permission of the Attorney General's office to apply to the Superior Court of the State of New York for an order granting authority to sell the New Rochelle Darbe Mehr.

REVISION OF BY LAW FOR QUORUM REQUIREMENTS:

At their regular meeting on December 2, 2001, the Board of Trustees of the DMZT, by the powers vested them per the By Laws, revised the By Law for Quorum requirements for special meetings of the congregation to vote on specific resolutions, to 100 or 10% of the Congregation, whichever is lower.

This revision was required to be in compliance with New York State Laws involving the sale of tangible assets of a Non-Profit Organization registered with the State of New York.

DANCE FLOOR:

Good news for the dancers in our congregations! The DMZT has successfully procured a portable dance floor. This was done to reduce the expense of renting a dance floor at ZAGNY and IZA functions.

DMZT AND Z-HOUSE CLEAN-UP:

On November 18, 2001, the Trustees had called for volunteers to help in cleaning and making presentable the DMZT and the Z-House (formerly known as the Rabbi's house). Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers the DMZT and Z-House have a cleaner and nicer look. The Trustees are very grateful for the help of the following volunteers for making this happen: Mehru and Lovji Cama, Homi Gandhi, Jamshed Ghadiali, Toni and Viraf Ghadially, Rustom Italia, Sheroo and Vispi Kanga, Zahra and Stephan Mostad, Pashang Patel, and Rohinton and Pheroza Sethna. Special thanks to Usheen Davar for posting the call for volunteers on the Web, and to Yasmin Ghadiali for the tasty lunch.

RENTAL OF Z-HOUSE:

The Board of Trustees has signed a contract with Prudential Rand Realty to find a renter for the Z-House for a monthly rental of \$2450. The expense for the finder's fee will be borne by the renter. Our contract with Prudential Rand Realty terminates on Feb 1, 2002. Members interested in renting the Z-House or recommending it to friends for rental may contact one of the Trustees.

BALLOT COMMITTEE:

The Trustees thank the members of the Ballot Committee, Noshir Dutia, Eruch Munshi and Iraj Yektashenas for rendering their services once again at the request of the Board, for conducting the voting formalities at the special meeting on December 16, 2001.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FUNCTION:

New Year's eve function, December 31, 2001, was held at the Suffern Darbe Mehr and was attended by 120+ members. Everyone had a good time dancing to the music of DJ Cisco and food catered by Kamal Davar. Many thanks to all the organizers for doing a wonderful job.

CALLING ALL CATERERS:

In an effort to establish an "equal opportunity" and equitable procedure for the catering of the two major ZAGNY functions, the ZAGNY board will once again open up the upcoming Jamshedi Navroze function to bids.

We encourage all interested in catering for the 350+ person affair to contact Temilyn Ghadially at (732) 972-6527, for further information and to receive the bid package which contains the suggested menu and additional requirements.

The deadline for all completed bids is February 25th, 2002.

WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER FUNDS:

The WTC disaster fund campaign raised \$8,000 and the money will be donated to the Windows of Hope Charity. Many thanks to all the donors for this overwhelming response.

MEMBERSHIP FORM AND DIRECTORY PRINTING:

It is once again time to renew your membership for the coming year. This year a new directory will be printed, to be given out at the Narvon function in March. For the correct/updated information to appear in the new directory, the forms, along with the renewal check, must be received by January 15th, 2002. We have a printing deadline and this date needs to be adhered to. In the event that the forms are not received by the deadline, the old information will appear in the new directory. Please help us in this gigantic task, by being prompt with your renewals and by filling out the attached membership form and mail it to Jasmin Kotwal.

WZCC THE GREATER NY CHAPTER MEETING:

The fifth meeting of the Greater NY Chapter was held at Darbe Mehr in Pomona. The Board of Directors of WZCC- Rohinton Rivetna, Sarosh Collector, Kobad Zarolia, Edul Daver, Homi Davier and Fali Shroff were present. The Greater NY Chapter President, Rusi Gandhi gave brief introduction of WZCC Directors and around 20 NY Chapter members introduced themselves. Rohinton Rivetna, President of WZCC presented the background and history of WZCC. It was a very positive and constructive meeting. There were suggestions that WZCC should address the needs of professionals, helping women in businesses, take part on International level to bring immigrants from India, Pakistan and Iran to the US.

The next NY Chapter meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2002 at 2:00 PM, Darbe Mehr in Pomona. The speakers will be Mr. Framroze Patel, the subject- Business Valuation and Tax Tips, Rusi Gandhi, the subject- Is Real Estate Recession Proof? And What Is Sleeping Equity?

The future meeting dates are March 17 and May 19. All individuals who have become members and others who are contemplating membership are welcome to attend. If anyone has any questions please call Rusi Gandhi at 973-575-6005, Ext. 117 (day) & 973-263-9619 (evenings), Edul Daver at 732-469-1866, Fali Shroff at 201--670-6762.

A GREAT OFFER FOR YOUR NEXT REAL ESTATE DEAL:

Rusi Gandhi has offered the following proposal for any real estate transaction you may have such that one can help Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York. Members of any Zoroastrian organization and/or their families, neighbors and friends who wish to either purchase, sell or rent a commercial or residential property in the US, Canada or in any other 52 countries listed, are encouraged to contact Rusi Gandhi at 1-800-575-6005, Ext.117. Relevant information can be faxed to Mr. Gandhi at 973-575-8514 or E-mail to rusi@garden.net.

Upon receipt of all relevant information, Mr. Gandhi will put you in direct contact with a competent local Re/Max agent in your area who will offer valuable professional expertise in assisting you with all aspects of the deal. At the time of closing, Mr. Gandhi will send your association a check of 10% of the fees he receives. In the absence of local Zoroastrian organization, if you prefer a check will be mailed to FEZANA, on your behalf. In the last four years ZAGNY acknowledges the receipt of \$2,512 from Rusi Gandhi.

RIDE SHARE & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO THE SUFERN DARBE MEHR:

1. PATH train to Hoboken, then NJ Transit train to Suffern (Bergen County Line, <http://www.njtransit.com/pdf/rail/r0020.pdf>), then by local taxi (Brothers Taxi Service, (845) 357-4988). Cost approximately \$10 - \$15 for taxi to Darbe Mehr.
2. Red and Tan bus service from the NYC Port Authority to Nanuet Mall <http://www.redandtanlines.com>, (845) 356-0877 (for information and schedules), approximately 8 miles by taxi to Darbe Mehr.
3. Ride Share for people in New York City: Some New York City and North Jersey ZAGNY members with cars have indicated their willingness to give rides to those in New York City without a car who would like to attend community functions or events. For those in New York City who may need rides, please contact Tamina Davar at (718) 622-8302, taminadavar@yahoo.com or Usheen Davar at (917) 432-5214, usheen.davar@dowjones.com in sufficient advance of the event to permit a ride share match to be made.

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

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NOMINATION FORM

ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ZAGNY FROM APRIL 2002 TO MARCH 2005

1. NAME OF PERSON BEING NOMINATED:

2. FOR THE POSITION OF (CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING):

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER	SECRETARY
JOINT SECRETARY	MEMBER AT LARGE

3. SIGNATURE OF THE NOMINATOR AND DATE:

4. SIGNATURE OF THE PERSON SECONDING THE NOMINATION AND DATE:

5. I HEREBY ACCEPT THE NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION INDICATED ABOVE.
IF ELECTED, I WILL SERVE THE ASSOCIATION TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY
AND ACT ACCORDING TO ITS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

SIGNATURE OF THE NOMINEE AND DATE:

Please mail to: Sheroo Kanga, Secretary
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THIS FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 7, 2002

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