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NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



ZAGNY WISHES ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS 2010!

ZAGNY Directory Information

ZAGNY Board is considering e-mailing the updated **ZAGNY Membership/Directory** information to all our 2010 Dues paid ZAGNY members.

If anyone has any concerns regarding their directory information being circulated or if you have any suggestions, please contact Khursheed Navder by March 31st, 2010 at VicePresident@ZAGNY.org.



Don't forget to 'Go Green' by electing on the membership form to have the **newsletter via email notification**. **Newsletters can be always be printed as they are always posted on our web site** WWW.ZAGNY.org

Update your e-mail address

If your e-mail address has changed, don't forget to update it on ZAGNY's website by clicking on "Please subscribe to our announcement mailing list" so that you continue to receive our various announcements via e-mail.

AGM & JAMSHEDI NAVROZE

Come join us **Saturday, March 20, 2010** to celebrate Navroze, the first day of Spring, at the Pomona Darbe-Mehr.

Please note that ZAGNY's **Annual General Meeting** will also be held at the Darbe Mehr on March 20, at 6:00 PM.

Registration begins at 5:30 PM
AGM - 6:00 PM; Jashan - 6:30 PM
Cocktails - 7:30 PM; Dinner - 9:00 PM

Please mail the attached registration form by March 10th in order to avoid a surcharge.



2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Yes, it's that time again! January 1st is the start of our new membership year and it's time to renew your ZAGNY membership for 2010.

ZAGNY Board has strived not to increase the membership dues and has tried to maintain them for the past several years. Most of our funds are earmarked and it becomes increasingly difficult to support the various activities and bring you quality food and entertainment at every occasion. So please mail in the attached Membership form and donate generously.

We hope that more people join as members and that you will continue to support ZAGNY through dues and donations.

Welcome Aboard!

Our members **Shiroy Ranji** and **Nina Mistry** have graciously volunteered to lend a hand to ZAGNY's Board members and alleviate some of their workload. With the 2012 N.A. Congress in its planning stage, we truly appreciate their participation and commitment to ZAGNY. They both will serve as Member-at-Large and will complete the current term, which expires in March 2011.

ZAGNY Board extends a warm welcome to Shiroy and Nina!

Please contact any Board member to volunteer.

NEWS FLASH

MUMBAI— Times of India: Perhaps for the first time in the more than 1,300-year history of the Parsis in India, the community's oldest high priest at age 83, was anointed at Navsari in Gujarat on Tuesday, Jan. 26th, 2010.

Kaikhushro Navroz Dastoor Meherjirana, a respected scholar priest, is interestingly also an advocate, author of two books on banking law and a student of Indian classical music. His predecessor, Vada Dastur Meherji Dastur Kaikobad Meherjirana sadly passed away on Sat. Jan. 23rd, 2010.



From the Secretary's Desk:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Haiti, whose lives have been devastated by the recent earthquake of epic proportion. Tens of thousands have lost their lives and countless others have been severely injured. Most of them, including children, have been rendered homeless with nowhere to go. We, at ZAGNY would like to urge our members to make a donation and help relieve some of their suffering. Please see the request from Fezana, under Announcements. We thank you for your generous contributions to this cause, in advance.

PAST EVENTS

HALLOWEEN HUNGAMA! - Submitted by Nina Mistry

Witches, bats, skeletons and ghosts greeted ZAGNY folks as they walked the hallway at Darb-e-Mehr on **November 1, 2009**.

Festivities kicked-off with a tots-n-teens costume parade to the beat of "Ghost Busters". A skeleton scavenger hunt had our kids looking for 'skeletons in the closet' and digging deep to find all the bones to put Mr. Skeleton back together.....truly a treat for the aspiring paleontologist amongst us! Next came the messy, entangly, but oh so fun mummification of the team captains in toilet roll paper – a feat accomplished by the winning team in under five minutes.....surely the ancient Egyptians could have learnt a thing or two from these kids! And finally, the "Cloudy with a Chance of *Eyeballs*" themed piñata satisfied our candy cravings to bring

the 2009 Halloween celebrations to a sweet and memorable end....Thank you all for being such enthusiastic participants!! I could not have pulled off the Halloween celebrations without the support & help from Khursheed Navder, Ferzin Patel & Jasely Dukandar. Special thanks to Shailendra Dusaj, Natasha Dusaj, Adil Mistry & my two little helpers-Adina & Maya who decked the halls of our Darbe Mehr with decorations. Also, thanks to all the extra hands that helped them out.

COUNTDOWN 2010

by Khursheed Navder

stomping music, lip-smackingly delicious food and a fun-filled atmosphere – the mood was upbeat as we ZAGNYites bid farewell to 2009 and welcomed the New Year with full gusto. With some of our regulars at the Dubai World Congress and others in India, the gathering was smaller in comparison to other years, but all attendees had a blast and were actually happy that there was not as much crowding on the dance floor and food lines were not that long. DJ Allen Cohen provided the English music and Neville Dusaj who knows the bollywood pulse of our community by now, had a playlist of well chosen *dhamaka* numbers for our untiring crowd. Mehernosh Daroowalla's catering was a hit as well.

This annual celebration to ring out the old and herald in the new, is definitely one of the perks of membership, for where else can you find such a deal—fun, food, music, games, dancing, and champagne toast—all for a mere \$35!

Here's wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and Joyous 2010.





XVI N. A. ZARATHUSHTI CONGRESS
“Zarathushti Existence in the Contemporary World”

August 2, 2012 – August 5, 2012

ZAGNY Board and the various Congress Committees have already put the wheels in motion in planning for the **XVI N.A. Zarathushti Congress**, that is to be held on August 2 to August 5, 2012 in the New York area.

Mehru Cama, who has recently taken over as Chairperson of the Logistics committee, has been in serious negotiations with the Rye Town Hilton in Westchester and Hyatt Regency in North Brunswick for the final selection of the venue. Since April 2009, the logistics committee has contacted twenty different hotels across the Tri State area and has now finally narrowed it down to these two. Chairperson Keki Dadachanji and the Program committee have been in contact via conference calls, and have already drafted the preliminary topics of discussion for the Congress. Chairperson Khursheed Navder and the Social Committee have initially met to plan and organize the various social activities for the Congress to make it more fun and exciting for everyone attending. Chairperson Homi Gandhi and the Public Relations Committee have put out a call for the design of a Congress Logo (See details in this newsletter). Kerman Dukandar, Finance Chairperson is busy crunching up the numbers in an attempt to keep the Registration fees at a reasonable level in order to have full participation by our community in North America.

As we approach 2012, a lot of preparation, planning & organizing for the event will have to take place. By the end of 2010, preparations will be in full swing and we urge our community members to lend a hand and volunteer by contacting any of the above Committee Chairpersons.



XV North American Zarathushti Congress

Houston, Texas

December 29, 2010 - January 1, 2011

PRESERVE! PROTECT! PERFECT!

Preserve the Past, Protect the Present, Perfect the Future.

Venue: The Intercontinental Hotel – Houston

Highlights: Educational and interactive sessions encompassing segments related to youth, seniors, religious, cultural, and business issues • Natak, Dance and Music performances • New Year's Eve Gala Banquet • Merchandise booths • A grand “Jashan”

For registration and details, please visit the ZAH website: www.zah.org, or E-mail Arnavaz Sethna at: asethna@comcast.net or Write to: ZAH, 8787 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, TX, 77071, USA. Attn: NAZC-2010

9th WORLD ZOROASTRIAN CONGRESS,
DUBAI – Homi Gandhi
Dec. 28th – Dec. 31st 2009

The Congress was scintillating and tantalizing as it was promised when the torch at the 8th World Zoroastrian Congress (WZC) in London was passed on to Mehner Bhesania to host the next WZC. The theme of the Congress, “Unity through the Sands of Time”, was evident in the sand city. The heartwarming hospitality of the organizers was displayed in the red carpet they had laid out for the guests with plentiful tasty food throughout the four days, well organized sightseeing trips, variety of entertainment extravaganza, mega prizes and surprises, and desert adventure with entertainment and dinner at a Bedouin tent site.

The grand finale show on New Year's Eve, closing of the Congress, ended with partying and dancing, but there was no big TV screen showing how Dubai was celebrating the arrival of the New Year. CNN showed next day that Dubai celebrated the arrival of 2010 with a fireworks display over the waters in the background of the Burj Al Arab, world's tallest hotel.



The Congress program, as promised, included discussions on Zoroastrian business and industry, past and present, WZCC AGM and awards, youth presentation of their achievements and awards, medical issues of the Zoroastrian community (predominantly in India), and presentations by different Zoroastrian associations, panchayets, and federations around the world. The nearest it came to discuss Zoroastrian faith and religion was Khorshed Jugnalwala lecture, a presentation entitled “Fairness: the Root of Ethics and of the Zarathushti Religion”. I am sure that many guests carried sweet memories of this Congress, networking with old and new friends and acquaintances.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPORT FOR THE VICTIMS

OF HAITI EARTHQUAKE:

The **FEZANA Welfare Committee & Critical Assistance Subcommittee** is supporting the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Although we have not been advised of any Zarathushti families requiring immediate aid, we do feel that our intervention is required.

There are many organizations doing great work in Haiti, such as UNICEF and although we are looking at partnering with their efforts, we have also investigated and are looking to support **"The Shelter Box" program**. Each Shelter Box costs \$1,000 and according to Leslie Diefenbach Hall, communications manager for the program, "A Shelter Box will provide for a family of up to ten and includes a tent, water purification equipment, blankets, a cook stove, a tool kit, a children's pack, *mosquito nets*, and other ancillary equipment. We anticipate the box and equipment will be used for up to 6 months – though in many cases this tent becomes a more permanent home. We've documented tents being used up to two years!"

As always we have done our due diligence and feel confident that we have formed partnerships with reputable Haitian aid organizations. Online Donations are now accepted at www.fezana.org. On the left panel, under the FUNDS menu, please click on "Donate Online," select "Welfare & Critical Assistance," and "Disaster Relief." OR Please mail your US dollar checks payable to: 'FEZANA WELFARE' marked Haitian Victims Fund to Attn: Katayun Kapadia; 33 Preamble Drive; Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 For further information, please contact: Hosi Mehta at hosimehta@aol.com (630)279-0566 or Houtoxi Contractor at HFM31@aol.com (412)367-2948.



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Following are the advertisement rates per issue:
 ¼ page - \$25; ½ page - \$50; Full page - \$100

Please submit your ad in time for the summer, fall, winter & spring issue of the newsletter.



◆ ZAGNY SCHOLARSHIP ◆

For the year 2009-2010, ZAGNY Board has awarded the following scholarships to two deserving applicants:

1. **Johann Arshis Pavri**, who is pursuing an undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences at Rutgers University, NJ.
Gift: \$500; Loan: \$8,000
2. **Farzeena Jahanbux Lakdawala**, who is studying for a Masters in Business Taxation at the University of Southern California, CA
Gift: \$500; Loan: \$2,000.

The scholarships are awarded based on merit and need of the individual applicant, and are made possible from the generous donations of our members to the Scholarship Fund and past awardees who have repaid their loans. We thank our Scholarship chair, Keki Dadachanji, who has worked diligently to review the applications and made an effort to collect the past loan amounts.

◆ **The Performing and Creative Arts Scholarship** is accepting applications for the 2010 year. This scholarship is for US and Canadian residents who are studying in the field of performing and creative arts. So if you are studying to be a dancer, artist, singer, actor, etc please apply. Applications are due by May 31, 2010. Applications are available on www.fezana.org. You can also contact Sherazade Mehta, chair of the P&CAS committee at 972-385-4847 or sherazadem@yahoo.com for further information.

◆ Summer Internship Opportunities at Harvard University's Pluralism Project

Undergraduate Internship Program:
http://www.pluralism.org/pages/applications/2010/summer_internships

(Post) Graduate Fellowship Program:
http://www.pluralism.org/pages/applications/2010/summer_fellowships

For a listing of internships in partner or related organizations as well:
http://pluralism.org/resources/calendar/summer_internships.php



Hearty Congratulations to:

- Minu and Behroz Dutia, on the wedding of their son, **Farzad to Vinifer Pardiwalla** of Chicago on September 5th, 2009.
- Keki and Diane Mody, on the wedding of their son, **Gustad to Tanaz Irani** of Florida on January 2nd, 2010.
- **Eric Chavda**, son of Aban Chavda, on his marriage to **Debra Clark**, on January 16th 2010. Both are proudly serving in the US Army.
- Khurshid Mehta on the wedding of her son, **Sherazad to Mrinalini** on January 16th, 2010 in India.

ZAGNY extends its best wishes to the new couples.

◆ Congratulations to Aspi and Vera Sanjana of Orinda, CA whose son, **Neville** received his Doctorate degree in Neuroscience from MIT.

◆ Our sincere condolences to the families of:

- Percy & Imroze Kavarana and Phiroze & Dhun Shroff, on the passing of Percy's mother and Phiroze's sister, **Amy Kavarana**, on October 4th, 2009 in Mumbai, India.
- Khurshid Mehta, on the passing away of her father, **Burjor Engineer**, 93 year s old; in Mumbai in November 2009.

Want to share some news or make an announcement in our newsletter? Please contact Behroz Dutia or email to: Secretary@ZAGNY.ORG. We will be glad to include it in our next newsletter as time and space permits. Please note that all information in the newsletter is posted on ZAGNY's website and is made public. So we request members to use their discretion when submitting their news or information.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vada Dasturji Meherjirana: An Oribuary 1935 - 2010

— Excerpt of Oribuary by Ervad Marzban J. Hathiram
Ustad Saheb Behramshah N. Shroff Daremeher in Jogeshwari

It is my solemn duty to inform readers of the sad demise of Vada Dasturji Meherji Dastur Kekobad Meherjirana, the Vada Dastur not only of the Navsari Bhagaria Mobeds but also the senior most Vada Dastur throughout India. Dasturji Meherjirana (or just Dasturji, as we used to call him affectionately and respectfully) was the 16th descendant of the first Dastur Meherjirana, who was elected Vada Dastur by the Behdins and Mobed Sahebs of Navsari in 1579. This appointment was in recognition of the great fame that was achieved by this pious Dastur in the court of the Mughal ruler Akbar, where he had been invited to join an august assembly of learned men to discuss the intricacies of religion, philosophy and science. Through the power of his prayers and his great piety and majestic bearing, Dastur Meherjirana captured the attention of Emperor Akbar and was gifted 200 bighas of land in the village of Gelkhari near Navsari. Since then, the descendants of this pious Dastur have assumed the title Dastur Meherjirana and have traditionally been given respect as the senior most of all the other Dasturs.

Dastur Meherji was born in 1935 in the family of the sister of the 15th Dastur, Dastur Kekobad Dastur Darab. Since Dastur Kekobad had no offspring, Meherji was adopted by him at a very young age. Dastur Meherji undertook rigorous religious training at the Dadar Athornan Madressa and was noted for his very strong memory and retention power and also an ability to pray with the right pronunciation at a very high speed. He underwent the Navar and Maratab initiations at Navsari and proved his competence by performing the Nirangdin ceremony at a very early age. He subsequently completed his B.A. in Avesta and Pahlavi from St. Xavier's in Mumbai. Dastur Kekobad passed away on 24th July, 1960, and at his Uthamna on 26th July, young Meherji was appointed to take his place as the 16th Dastur Meherjirana at the young age of just 24 years. He would have completed 50 years as Dastur in July 2010, but for his death today (Sat. Jan.23rd, 2010).

Dasturji was a simple man with great enthusiasm for learning and religious knowledge. He had a sharp memory with fact and figures and despite his high office, was very approachable and would sit and talk with almost anybody who went to meet him. From a very young age, Dasturji was greatly drawn towards Ustad Saheb Behramshah Shroff's unique life and teachings. He was a voracious reader and note taker and had piles of exercise books filled with notes from lectures or from his readings. This unique ability of his would soon draw him towards the undertaking of the most major project of his life – the *Dictionary of Khshnoom*. This was a massive exercise and required not only good indexing abilities but also a disciplined approach and vast amounts of memory and patience. Dasturji spent over 15 years on this project and the result was published in 2003 as the '*Frahang-e-Meher*' and this book is an invaluable tool and compulsory accessory for every serious student of our religion and its mystic angle.

In addition to this project, another major exercise which Dasturji undertook was to make a copious index of the *Parsi Avaz* newspaper. The paper was published by Jehangirji Chiniwalla, one of closest disciples of Ustad Saheb. It started on 7th July 1947 and closed down in 1974, one year after the death of Jehangirji. This weekly was a newspaper in name only, since it had very little of topical news but over 90% of the content was Khshnoom. Dasturji Meherji was not only a careful reader of this paper, he was also a collector – one of a handful of people who had ALL the issues of this paper, bound into smart volumes every year! This great treasure trove of Khshnoom would be like a Tsunami for any student to wade through. It was here that Dasturji left his great legacy. Dasturji was not only a true student of Khshnoom, he was also a good teacher and one willing to share what he had. Unlike others who hoard their books, on every visit to his house at Navsari, Dasturji would never let me leave without giving away at least one, if not more books from his private collection, saying, '*tamune kaam laagse, Marzban.*'

Dasturji leaves behind his wife Mehru. Unfortunately he had no offspring, and this is a cause for great concern as the future of India's oldest Dasturi is in doubt. The Bhagarsath Anjuman will have a tough time in filling this vacancy and we pray to God to offer his guidance to the elders in this respect. In a way we can say that the Vatican of the Parsis is empty today. But unlike the real Vatican where there are over 100 candidates to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Pope, in case of the Bhagarsath Panth, there are few who can fill in and take on the tremendous spiritual responsibility of this august post. It needs to be remembered that this post is not just ceremonial or administrative. Every priest, before beginning the major ceremonies, recites a short prayer called the '*Dasturi*' where he traces and announces his own authority to perform the ceremony by running through the spiritual hierarchy of ancient priests, starting from Zarathushtra and ending with the name of the current Dastur. Until the seat of Meherjirana is filled, no new major ceremony can be done by Bhagaria priests since there is no name available to recite the Dasturi. Ustad Saheb used to say that the legacy of the *gaadi* or seat of the Meherjirana Dasturi as well as the Dasturi of the Sanjana (Udwada) Mobeds is protected and specially looked after by the Abed Sahebs of Demavand. Within the close circles of the Dasturi of Meherjirana, there are ample evidences of this fact, which cannot be discussed here. Let us pray one Ashem Vohu in the memory of the Ruvan of Dastur Meherji Dastur Kekobad, with the fervent hope that it quickly attains the protection of Sarosh Yazad and reaches the stage of Anushehi. Dasturji Meherji is dead. Long live Dastur Meherjirana!

◀ Zoroastrian Studies at Stanford University ▶

-Lovji Cama

Since 2005 we had a partnership with Stanford University which led to a regular lecture series on Zoroastrianism by world scholars on Zoroastrianism at Stanford. This was followed by an undergraduate course on Zoroastrianism given by Prof. Jenny Rose for the last three years (2007-2009). The cost of the program was split between Stanford University and the Zoroastrian Community. The Community contribution was collected from a number of dedicated individuals including quite a few from ZAGNY. Major contribution was also made by FEZANA.

In 2008 because of a re-organization at Stanford regarding their South Asian Studies (under which the Zoroastrian Studies program was organized) Stanford informed us that they would not accept any more contributions towards Zoroastrian Studies until their overall South Asian Studies strategy was figured out. Because of the funds already in the program, we were able to continue Zoroastrian Studies at Stanford up to 2009.

Farrokh Billimoria has been working continuously behind the scene to enable us to continue funding Zoroastrian Studies. The acting head of Religious Studies at Stanford is a big supporter of Zoroastrian Studies and now would like to continue the program, provided we can fund it. It looks like we need \$20,000 a year to have the undergraduate course and the lecture series and the recommendation is that we should try to raise enough money to last more than three years.

Now that the program has been restarted, it is at a critical junction and we hope that members of ZAGNY will be able to contribute as much as possible towards the success of this program.

If you decide to contribute, and we hope you will at this critical juncture for the program, please send a check made payable to Stanford University (memo saying "For Zoroastrian Studies") and mail it to Farrokh Billimoria at the address below. This amount is tax deductible. Farrokh will hand deliver them to ensure that they do not get deposited in the General University Funds.

Farrokh Billimoria
10 Woodleaf Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94061

The following will give you an idea as to what has been covered by the Zoroastrian Studies program since 2005.

◀ ZOROASTRIAN LECTURE SERIES ▶

2008-09

"The Zoroastrians of Sogdiana: Prime Movers on the Silk Route"- Dr. Jennifer Rose, Professor Claremont Graduate University- November 14, 2008

"Archaeology, Diaspora & Identity: New Frontiers in Zoroastrian History and Culture" Dr. Yuhuan S-D Vevaina, Harvard University- Feb 27, 2009

2007-08

"Exploring the Early History of Zoroastrianism: Were the Achaemenids Zoroastrians?"- Dr. Richard Frye, Professor Emeritus of Iranian Studies at Harvard University- Nov.1,2007

"Zoroastrian Apocalyptic Texts as History"- Dr. Touraj Daryaee, Howard C. Baskerville Professor in the History of Iran and the Persianate World, University of California Irvine. Feb 8, 2008

"Defeating Death: Eschatology in Zoroastrianism, Judaism and Christianity" - Professor Almut Hintze, Department of the Study of Religions, University of London - April 10, 2008.

2006-07

"The Enlightenment View of Religions and Zarathushtra's Contribution" - Kaikhosrov Dinshah Irani, Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus, City College of New York October 27, 2006

"Two Millennia of Orality: Continuity and Integration in Ancient Iranian Literary tradition from Central Asia to Mesopotamia" - P. Oktor Skjaervo, Aga Khan Professor of Iranian, Harvard University - January 19, 2007

"Zoroastrian Elements in Sogdian Tombs in China" Albert Dien, Professor of Chinese, Emeritus, Stanford University - April 10, 2007

"Zarathushtra's Puzzles"- Dina McIntyre, Attorney and Zoroastrian Scholar - April 18, 2007

"Minority Sociopolitics in Contemporary Iran: The Zoroastrian Case" - Jamsheed Choksy, Professor of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University - June 5, 2007

2005-06

"Zoroastrianism and its Contributions to World Religions" Farhang Mehr, Professor of International Relations, Emeritus, Boston University - November 17, 2005

"Zarathustra: The Man and the Message" - Stanley Insler, Salisbury Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology, Yale University - March 13, 2006

"Revelations of Zarathustra: Poetry of Mysteries and Mysteries of Poetry"- Martin Schwartz, Professor of Iranian Studies, University of California, Berkeley - May 11, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REVLON RUN/WALK Sat. May 1st, 2010



ZAGNY will once again participate in the **13th Annual Revlon Run/Walk for Women** in the fight to help eradicate women's cancers. Over the past several years, with the participation of ZAGNY members, their families and friends, we have raised thousands of dollars for this very worthy cause.

To register, please log onto <https://www.revlonrunwalk.com/ny> and click Register - Register online, on the tool bar to the left of the page. Please fill out the form, step by step and as you get to the bottom of the page, make sure you enter our **Team No. 1109** to ensure that you are registered under our team name, Zoroastrian Association of Greater NY. The Registration fee is \$30 which includes your registration fee, a t-shirt, and a gift bag. If you have any questions, please call Team Captain **Sheroo Kanga** at 609-448-0192 or email at kangavs@yahoo.com.

We hope to see many of you there. Let us raise even more funds this year for this very worthy cause. **Join us and walk amongst thousands united by the power of the human spirit.**

The Excellence In Sports Scholarship (EXISS) is now accepting applications for 2010. Created in 2005, the objective of the Excellence in Sports Scholarship is to provide financial support to young Zarathushtis (between the ages of 10-30) who are performing exceptionally and at highly recognized levels in all areas of Sports activity. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable the recipients to get world-class training or study with experts in their field and thus fine tune and enhance their talent and capabilities. The deadline for applications is **May 31, 2010**. For details or more information, contact Zenobia Damania at admin@fezana.org or call the Fezana Office at 630-468-2705.



XVI N.A. ZARATHUSHTI CONGRESS LOGO

ZAGNY's Public Relations Committee of the XVIth North American Zarathushti Congress, invites Zarathushtis to design a logo for the Congress, entitled "**Zarathushti Existence in the Contemporary World**". We encourage you to use your talents and create a logo for our Congress event, which will be held from August 2nd - August 5th, 2012 in the New York area.

The logo should be a unique design and should incorporate representation of the theme of our Congress event. Your submission needs to be provided in a JPEG file with a brief description about the representation of the logo.

- Keep it simple. Your logo should be scalable to any size without losing any image quality or visual impact.
- Typography is crucial. Your font's legibility must be of primary concern. Typefaces are selected for their distinctive character, variety of weights, widths and proportions.
- Your logo should not be more than 2-3 colors.
- Make sure your logo design works well in black and white as well as color.
- A witty slogan or tag line can complement your logo well, imparting a sense of personality.

This logo will be used on all publicity materials including the program for this event. Each contestant may submit up to three different creations.

The winner will be selected by the Public Relations Committee in consultation with the ZAGNY Board. The winner will receive recognition in the event program. All submitted entries will be retained by the ZAGNY Board. The submissions should be made by June 30th, **2010 to Homi Gandhi** at homidgandhi@gmail.com

► 23rd FEZANA AGM ◄

FEZANA Annual General Meeting will be held in Oakville, Ontario on **April 24 & 25, 2010**. The meeting is hosted by OZCF and will be held at their new center at 1187 Burnhamthorpe Road East, Oakville, Ontario L6H 7B3.

◆ Congratulations to all our youngsters! ◆

At the December 6, 2009 religious class, certificates were awarded to all our graduating students who moved up a class in September.

Special Thanks to our **Dean Dr. Lovji Cama** and our **Volunteer teachers** for last year :-

Prayer Class: Pervez Patel & Poruz Khambatta

Class 1: Pearl Satarawala, Avan Patel, & Ava Daruvala

Class 2: Shiraz Antia & Zarina Bamji
Class 3: Karl Khambatta & Tina Dukandar

Class 4: Daulat Kotval & Lovji Cama

Thanks also to **Sheroo Kanga & Jasley Dukandar** for arranging the delicious lunches and all those who help out every month at the classes.



X11 Z. Games



The Zoroastrian Sports Committee (ZSC) cordially invites you to join us for the 12th Zoroastrian Games, to be held at the beautiful **California State University**, Long Beach, CA from **July 1 - July 5, 2010**. Applications and registration info will be available soon at <http://www.zathletics.com/>.

Save the date and plan to register early because events sell out very quickly.

Please tell your friends and help spread the word. If you are on facebook, join the ZSC page:
(<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=43558193195&ref=search&sid=728218174.1989029443..1>)

If you have any questions, contact us at: zsc@fezana.org.



2010 ZAGNY DIRECTORY/MEMBERSHIP FORM New Member Returning Member

01/10 BMD

Please note all membership info submitted may be made public, so please use your discretion when filling the form.

NAME: _____
 Last Name First Name Spouse's Name

CHILDREN:

Name	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)
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_____	_____
_____	_____

My contact information has changed within the last year Prefer Newsletter via Email: Yes No

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 Phone (Cell) : _____
 E-Mail: _____
 Spouse's E-Mail: _____

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 Profession/Title: _____
 Address: _____

 Business Phone: (____) _____ - _____
 Business Fax: (____) _____ - _____
 Business E-mail: _____

SPOUSE'S INFO.

 Business Phone: (____) _____ - _____
 Business Fax: (____) _____ - _____

If you wish to become member of ZAGNY, please select one:

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| Regular Member* | Associate Member** | | |
| [] | [] | Family membership | \$100 |
| [] | [] | Individual adult membership | 50 |
| [] | [] | Senior citizens-per person | 30 |
| [] | [] | Full time student membership | 25 |
| [] | [] | Non-resident membership | 40 |
| [] | [] | Copy of 2009 Directory | 10 |
| [] | [] | Shipping | 5 |

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TOTAL: \$ _____

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New Building \$ _____
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- o Family: Parent(s), their Dependent parents + Children under the age of 21 years.
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- o Senior Citizen: 65 years old and over.
- o Student: Enrolled Full-Time at an Academic Institution.
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2010

3/7 1:00 PM ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES, 1:30 PM - ADULT CLASSES
3/20 5:30 PM ZAGNY AGM & NAVROZE CELEBRATION (Mail form by 3/10/10)

APRIL 2010

4/4 1:00 PM ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES, 1:30 PM - ADULT CLASSES (EASTER)

MAY 2010

5/1 REVELON CANCER RUN/WALK
5/2 1:00 PM ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES, 1:30 PM - ADULT CLASSES

JUNE 2010

6/6 1:00 PM ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES, 1:30 PM - ADULT CLASSES

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