

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK, INC.

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ZAGNY NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2001

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• DEC. 2nd RELIGION CLASS - 2:00 PM

• DEC 31ST NEW YEAR'S EVE FUNCTION AT SUFFERN DARBE MEHR

• JAN. 7th, 2002 RELIGION CLASS - 2:00 PM

WE REGRET TO INFORM THAT DUE TO A POOR RESPONSE WE HAD TO DISCONTINUE THE GUJARATI CLASSES.

• JULY 4 – 7, 2002 12TH NORTH AMERICAN ZOROASTRIAN CONGRESS, CHICAGO

PRAYER MEETING FOR THE WTZ DISASTER:

A prayer meeting – humbandagi - for the departed souls in the WTC tragedy, was held at the Darbe Mehr on September 15th, 2001. 120+ members attended the meeting. Priests, Pervez Patel, Meheroz Rabadi, Zerxes Antia and Poruz Khambatta led everyone in the prayer of the Aatash ni Niyaesh. After the prayers different individuals came up and talked about their experience and the narrow escape from this horrible tragedy. Everyone present was also informed about the fund drive initiated by ZAGNY for this disaster, and were instructed on how to send in their donations.

In Long Island, NY, another prayer vigil was organized by over thirty Indian American organizatons from the New York tristate area on October 7th, 2001, to remember and honor those who lost their lives on September 11. Prayers were said by leaders of different religions. President Gev Nentin and Ervad Pervez Patel attended this prayer vigil, as representatives of ZAGNY.

GAHAMBAR JASHAN:

A Jashan – giving thanks to Ahura Mazda – was held on October 7th, 2001. Thanks to the priests Darius Antia, Rohinton Madan, Meheroz Rabadi, Zerxes Antia and Sam Sethna for performing the prayers. The prayers for this Jashan included prayers for the peace and safety of our country and New York State, the home of our Darbe Mehr. After the Jashan everyone joined in a humbandagi and Ervad Darius Antia led everyone in the recital of "God Bless America". Lovji Cama and Darius Antia then said a few words on the subject "EVIL". A lunch of traditional Gahambar menu was served after the Jashan.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE FUNCTION:

New Year's eve function, December 31, 2001, will be held at the Suffern Darbe Mehr. The function will start with cocktails at 8:00 PM followed by dinner at 9:30 PM. DJ Cisco will provide music and food will be catered by Kamal Davar. Please see attached registration form for details.

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 are attached with this 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 12^{th} 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
1st Prize (2): Men's accutron Watch
3RD Prizes: TWO Hyatt Regency Hotel Rooms for Congress (1 room per winner)
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:

Anonymous - \$260 (balance of pledge)
Rustom and Farangis Bhopti - \$100 (towards pledged amount)

Adel Bakhtyari and Gohar Marzdani - \$500 Champ, Prince and Memphis - \$250 Rusi and Shernaz Sethna - \$50

CRITICAL ASSISTANCE FUND:

Champ, Prince and Memphis - \$250

Kamal Davar - \$140 (from night lights sold)

Keki and Diane Mody - \$201 (in loving memory of Nadir Wadia)

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: - Jehangir and Daulat Vania - \$55

WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER FUNDS:

ZAGNY's request for donations towards this cause poured out an overwhelming response. The ZAGNY board set up a 3-member committee to investigate the most appropriate agency to donate to. On their recommendation, the amount collected will be sent to Windows of Hope Family Fund. This organization provides aid and relief to families of victims who worked in the food service profession throughout the entire complex, some of whom were hourly wage employees without any type of insurance. This fund is being administered by J.P. Morgan Chase and David Berdon and co. LLP. Moreover, the administrative costs were only 8 cents of every dollar, something that the committee was very cognizant of. The campaign to collect funds for this cause ends on November 30th, and ZAGNY will mail a check out by mid December. Thank you for the tremendous support!!! The amount sent will be published in the next newsletter after the campaign ends.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Aban R. Chavda, 500 Linwood Drive, #1-F, Fort Lee, NJ 0702 Tel. No. 201-944-6811

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Eric Karanjawala, P.O. Box 51, Forked River, NJ 08731

CONGRATULATIONS: TO

Zahra Sethna (daughter of Rohinton & Mahrukh Sethna) and Stephen Mostad on their wedding on September 15th.

Malcolm Shroff and Dilnaz Kanga on their wedding on October 25th, in Mumbai, India

Jeannie and Jay Kenkare on the birth of their baby boy Zubin and to the grandparents Diane and Keky Mody

Noshir Langrana on the following:

"Rutgers celebrated the investiture of Professor Noshir Langrana as the first holder of the Mary W. Raisler Distinguished Teaching Chair in Mechanical Engineering. The ceremony took place on Wednesday (Oct. 17) at 2:30 p.m. in Kirkpatrick Chapel on the College Avenue campus in New Brunswick. Created by the late Harold K. Raisler, who earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Rutgers College in 1926, the chair is designed to recognize and foster excellence in teaching and scholarly activity in the mechanical and aerospace engineering department. The chair, awarded for a period of three years, is named in honor of Raisler's first wife."

Details of the award can be found in http://ur.rutgers.edu/medrel/viewArticle.phtml?ArticleID=1780

CONDOLENCES: TO

Mrs. Perin Colah on the death of her beloved husband, Jamshed Colah, father of Jessy, Eric, Aspi and Percy, father-in-law of Annamarie and grandfather of Perin, Freddy and Zenobia Colah, on 11th October, 2001 in Baldwin, NY

Geraldine Wadia and son Darius, on the untimely death of her husband Nadir Wadia.

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 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.

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

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 Navroz 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. Please mail the form to Jasmin Kotwal.

WORLDWIDE ZOROASTRIAN DIRECTORY:

For those of you who would be interested in registering, there is a worldwide online Zoroastrian directory where you can register. It will also help one get to know fellow Zoroastrians and may be also find someone you know from previous years. Following is the webside address: http://www.wzdir.com/english/list.cfm

DMZT NEWS:

The Board of Trustees have amended the Rental Charges for Pomona DMZT as follows:

- * 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 reduced charge of \$300.00 for IZA and ZAGNY members for occasions where only pre-packaged snacks (cookies, cakes, party mix and similar items) and hot/cold beverages are served. Such occasions will exclude the use of the Darbe Mehr's kitchen facilities or utensils for pre-heating or preparation purposes."
- * A charge of \$500.00 for all others.

All the above charges are on a per day basis.

GIFT ITEMS FOR THE DARBE MEHR:

DMZT Trustees gratefully acknowledge the many gifts in kind that have been donated to the Darbe Mehr for display on the premises. We have received so many gifts of pictures, wall hangings, clocks and plaques from well-wishers, that it is difficult to display them all. The Trustees would like to make you aware that, they may be unable to display such gifts. Before donating a gift item, please talk to the Trustees.

Should any person wish to make a donation in kind, we encourage you consider donating a book on Zoroastrianism to add to the Khanum Morvarid Guiv Library. May we suggest, that you contact Lovji Cama (lovji_cama@merck.com) for titles of books that would be most welcome additions to the library collection.

Gifts of items such as Sukhad and Loban and cash donations to DMZT will be much appreciated.

Thank you for understanding.

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.

CRITICAL ASSISTANCE: PARSI IN NEED OF HELP:

Ervad Farhad Navdar, age 39 has been at Hinduja hospital for the past 4 months, having developed severe brain hemorrhage which lead to a paralytic stroke rendering him in a coma state. To date the expenses have mounted to Rs. 11 lacs. He has 2 small children and his wife is employed with ICICI in India. The emotional and financial strain has been tremendous. If you wish to donate her address is Dinaz Navdar, B/28 Nowroze Baug, Lal Baug, Mumbai, 400012. Money can also be sent via telegraphic transfer. For details on the wire transfer please call Jasmin Kotwal at 609-275-5952.

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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:

	Quarter Page	Half Page	Full Page
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.

ZAGNY WISHES ALL ITS MEMBERS A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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NOMINATION FORM

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

2.	FOR THE POSITION OF (CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING):						
	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT					
	TREASURER	SECRETARY					
	JOINT SECRETARY	MEMBER AT LARGE					
3.	S. SIGNATURE OF THE NOMINATOR AND DATE:						
4.	4. SIGNATURE OF THE PERSON SECONDING THE NOMINATION AND DATE:						
5.		NOMINATION FOR THE POISITION 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:	Sharon Kanga Socratary					
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THIS FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 7, 2002

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The Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York Cordially invites you to

Celebrate the New Year's Eve December 31, 2001 At the Darbe Mehr - Suffern, NY

> Featuring Cash bar, Hors D'oeuvres American/Parsi Cuisine And music by Cisco DJ

Bring your family and friends And make this a special evening

8.00 PM Cocktails, 9:30 PM Dinner

REGISTRATION: New Year's Eve - December 31, 2001

Please send your payment or call for reservation by December 18th the latest as placing the food order around holidays can be challenging.

Name:# @	of Members @ \$25.00 each	\$	
Address:	# of Non-Members @ \$30.00 each		
	# Senior Citizens @ \$15.00 each	\$	
Tel:	_# of Children 4- 10yrs @ \$15.00 each	\$	
	Total Remitted:	\$	
Make Checks payable to ZAGNY and mail	I to: Jasmin Kotwal 12 Park Hill Terrace Princeton Jct., NJ 08550 Phone: 609 275-5952		

2002 ZAGNY MEMBERSHIP FORM & DIRECTORY INFORMATION

NAME:				
Last name		first name	spo	ouse's name
CHILDREN:	Name	Date of	Birth (mm/yy)	
HOME ADDRESS	:			AIL
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Please **make your check payable to ZAGNY** and mail it with your check to Jasmin Kotwal at: 12 Park Hill Terrace, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550. Phone: (609) 275-5952.

^{*}Regular members: At least one member of the family is Zoroastrian

^{*}Associate Members: No member of the family is Zoroastrian