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ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

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ZAGNY CELEBRATES JAMSHEDI NAVROZE 2005

The celebration of Jamshedi Navroze bridges the old year to the New Year with the advent of spring. The resurgence of life takes place during this period with the symbolic victory of the forces of light over darkness.

Legend has it that the Jamshedi Navroze celebration dates back to the times of the legendary King of Persia, Jamshed. It is said that King Jamshed introduced solar calculations into the Persian calendar, and therefore set as the beginning of the year the date the sun enters the constellation of Aries. Also, legend has it that on this day King Jamshed forced the demons to carry him on their shoulders from Mount Demavand to Babylon.

This day came to be known as Navroze or Jamshedi Navroze day.

Please join ZAGNY in the celebration of Jamshedi Navroze on **Saturday, March 19th, 2005**. Registration starts at 5 PM. For additional details and to register, please turn to page 5.

ZAGNY BOARD ELECTIONS 2005 to 2008 TERM

In March 2005, the three-year term of the current ZAGNY board will come to a close and a new board will be elected on March 19th, 2005, at the Navroz function. On the back page of this newsletter is the absentee/mail ballot showing names of the nominees standing for election for various positions. On the day of the election you will have the opportunity to hear from each of the candidates and to vote for them in person. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, you may use the attached ballots to vote by mail, following the procedures given below:

- 1. Only dues paying adult members of ZAGNY are eligible to vote.**
- Please send your membership dues with the enclosed membership form to Jasmin Kotwal, if you have not already done so.
- Each adult (18 years old) member has one vote, with up to two votes per family membership. (*Reminder: Non-Zoroastrian spouses of Zoroastrian members are full voting members and are encouraged to vote*).
- 4. IMPORTANT:** Please fill out the Absentee/Mail Ballot, seal it in an envelope with the names and address of the voting members written on the outside left corner of the envelope and mail it to **Arnavaz Patel, 2077 Center Ave, Apartment 14E, Fort Lee, NJ 07024**, and postmarked no later than March 10th, 2005. Unnamed envelopes will be disqualified.

Note: If you vote by mail and are present at the election, you may revoke your mailed ballot and vote in person.

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ZAGNY BOARD:

ZAGNY SECRETARY@OLYCON.CO

PRESIDENT

HOMI GANDHI

VICE PRESIDENT

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TREASURER

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KAMAL DAVAR

USHEEN DAVAR

TONI GHADIALLY

CYRUS HIRJIBEHEDIN

VISPI KANGA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2005	
20	ENTREPRENEUR DAY - WZCC (details in this newsletter)
MARCH 2005	
06	ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES *****(1 PM START)
19	PERSIAN DAY PARADE
19	ZAGNY NAVROZE CELEBRATION *****(5 PM START)
26	IZA NAVROOZ CELEBRATION
APRIL 2005	
03	ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES *****(1 PM START) During Religious Class there will be a session on making Daar Ni Pori
30	REVLON RUN/WALK (details in this newsletter)
MAY 2005	
01	ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES *****(1 PM START) During Religious Classes an expert from Matterhorn Nursery will speak about choosing plants
JUNE 2005	
03-05	YOUTH CAMP (details in this newsletter)
05	ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES *****(1 PM START) During Religious Class there will be a session on Zoroastrianism in Everyday Life

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZAGNY 2005 NAVROZE FUNCTION

The 2005 function will be held on March 19th, at the Pomona Darbe Mehr. Registration will be between 5 and 5.30 PM; Opening Prayer will begin promptly at 5.30 PM, the Annual General Meeting will begin at 6 PM.

IZA 2005 NAVROZE FUNCTION

The 2005 function will be held on March 26th, at the Pomona Darbe Mehr. For details, please contact, skiamanesh@anchorcomputer.com.

DMZT BUILDING SURVEY

Within the last two weeks you should have received a survey regarding the Pomona Darbe Mehr. Please complete the survey and return it in the envelope provided by February 28, 2005. Your responses are crucial in guiding the Trustees as they make plans for the future of the Darbe Mehr.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT IRAN?

A delegation of members of WZCC is taking a trip to Iran beginning on May 12th, 2005. The cost of the 11 day tour is \$960, not inclusive of travel to and from Tehran. WZCC will assist each delegate to secure visa and travel documents. The trip includes visits to Tehran, Shiraz, Firuz Abad, Kerman-Bam, Kerman-Yezd, Isfahan, Arak, Hamadan.

You must be a WZCC member to join WZCC Business Delegates to Iran. Please contact Rusi Gandhi, NY Chapter Chair, to reserve your space, 973.263.9619. A \$100 deposit is required by March 15th, 2005.

PERSIAN DAY PARADE

The 2005 Persian Day Parade is currently being organized. Unfortunately, at the time this newsletter went to print, the details of the parade were still being finalized. To participate or for details, please contact either:

Homi Gandhi, homi_gandhi@usa.net or hgandhi@nyse.com or
Shirin Kiamanesh, skiamanesh@anchorcomputer.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

THE PARZOR FOUNDATION – FOR PRESERVATION OF VULNERABLE HUMAN HERITAGE

The following is an excerpt from the Parzor Foundation brochure which describes the Parzor Project based in Delhi:

“UNESCO acting as a catalyst initiated the Project for the Preservation and Promotion of Parsi Zoroastrian Culture and Heritage in 1999. The activities of the project are multifaceted and include serious research into every aspect of the community. The Parsis are a distinct thread in the tapestry of multi-cultural India. Followers of the Bronze Age prophet Zarathustra of Iran, Zoroastrianism is the world's oldest revealed religion. It has survived with its core beliefs intact; “Humata, Hukata, Huvarashta” Good Thoughts, Good Words, Good Deeds, provide the key to a holistic vision of life. This vision has perhaps helped the Parsis, less than 0.01% of India's population to contribute positively to the making of modern India.

Iranian, Indian, Chinese, and European influences have helped create a hybrid Parsi culture. Loss of cultural traditions is a growing phenomenon worldwide, when to this is added a steep demographic decline there is danger of a culture being lost.

There is a need to create awareness about this minuscule minority within the community, country and the world. The UNESCO Parzor Project concerns not only the Zoroastrians but is trying to preserve an ancient thread in the Heritage of Humanity.”

FOR MORE INTERESTING INFORMATION ON THIS PROJECT VISIT WWW.UNESCOPARZOR.COM.

ANNUAL ZOROASTRIAN YOUTH CAMP

The Youth Camp will be held from June 3rd at 6 pm through June 5th at 1 pm (start of ZAGNY religious classes). The camp will be at the Darbe Mehr and involves a variety of bonding activities, including:

- o A discussion on "Growing up Zoroastrian in America"
- o A trip to Bear Mountain park for boating and a picnic
- o Preparation of team skits on a Zoroastrian theme
- o The usual assortment of sports, games and mischief!

The cost of the camp will be \$40 per child. The camp will be chaperoned by Zubeen Shroff, Anahaita Kotval and Imroze Kavarana (any other volunteers are welcome!). Please e-mail Anahaita at kotvala@gcm.com <<mailto:kotvala@gcm.com>> if you are interested in attending the camp. The sooner we have a clear idea of how many children, and of what ages, will be attending, the easier it will be to preplan activities and encourage others to attend.

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM IN INDIA

The Indicorps Fellowship is an intense, grassroots public service program for people of Indian origin to implement sustainable development projects with community based organizations across India. The Indicorps fellowship demands commitment and determination but offers in return an invaluable personal experience. The structure of the Indicorps fellowship is created to rapidly acclimate fellows to India and to their specific projects.

Fellows participate in a four-week orientation program, share experiences through regular retreats, and are actively supported by Indicorps and partner organizations.

Prospective fellows must be of Indian origin with a university degree or five years equivalent work experience and must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States, Canada, or the United Kingdom.

Applications are DUE March 28, 2005. For more information about the Indicorps Fellowship, to learn about current and former Indicorps fellows, or to apply online please visit <http://www.indicorps.org> or email info@indicorps.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

- Shahriyour and Charusheela Andaz, Staten Island, NY 10304
- Narges Kakalia and Marc Merriweather, 345 E. 94th Street, NY, NY 10128
- Armeen and Cookie Shroff, 614 Evergreen Forest Blvd, Avenel, NJ 07001
- Navdeep and Behroze Jaikaria, 138 Church Road, Titusville, NJ 08560

CHANGE IN INFORMATION

- Kamal and Farokh Daruwala, 607 Forest Haven Blvd, Edison, NJ 08817, 732 662 4240

RE/MAX QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This program was established to recognize the success and ongoing pursuits of outstanding students in New Jersey. If you are attending school from grades 1 -12 in New Jersey during 2004 - 2005 academic year, you are eligible for this \$500 scholarship. Your application must be postmarked by April 1, 2005 and applicatin forms are available through Rusi Gandhi, rusi@garden.net.

REVLON RUN/WALK –SATURDAY - APRIL 30, 2005

ZAGNY will be participating once again in the annual Revlon Run/Walk in New York City. The race begins in Times Square and finishes in the East Meadow of Central Park. It is a 5k race and you can choose to either run or walk the distance. Men, women and children are invited to share in the excitement as we come together in a united effort to help eradicate women's cancers.

Like previous years, ZAGNY will once again form a team. To register for this event, please log onto www.revlonrunwalk.com and click on REGISTER NOW on the left- hand side menu of options. This will take you to an online form. Towards the end of the form, you will need to enter a team name and number. Please make sure to input team # 1109 and our team name is Zoroastrian Association of Greater NY. Please encourage your family and friends to participate as well.

If you have questions, you can contact Team Captain Usheen Davar at Usheen@aol.com or 212-472-3171. Once you register and closer to the event, the team captain will provide you with logistics for the event.

DONATIONS FOR 2005	NEW BUILDING FUND	GENERAL	SCHOLARSHIP	CRITICAL	LIBRARY
TOTALS FOR 2005	\$4,502	\$3,816	\$1,725	\$4,010	\$595
Anonymous		60			
Dinshaw and Hutoxi Bardoliwalla		100			
Dolat Bamji		20			
Donations from Ghambar		732			
Franak Batliwalla		10			
Homi and Gul Sarkary		51		50	
Homi and Kashmira Cooper				21	
Kaikusroo and Piroja Irani		1000	300	400	300
Kavsy and Barbara Dastur		11			
Keki and Diane Mody				100	
Kobad and Debra Malesra				60	
Lovji and Mehru Cama			50	51	
Rajan and Ferzin Patel	20				
Rusi and Karen Udwadia		1000			
Rusi Gandhi		15		35	
Sarosh and Nergish Hodiwalla				30	
Shavir and Nazneen Vimadalal	51				
Soli and JoAnn Dastur		60			
Tanaz Dutia and Michel Reid				20	20
Xerxes and Smita Antia				50	
Dinyar and Meher Hodiwalla	Donation of loban, tacho and tealight candle				

JAMSHEDI NAVROZE 2005

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5.00 REGISTRATION

5.30 OPENING PRAYER

6.00 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.00 COCKTAILS FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND DANCING

MIDNIGHT LAST DANCE

			NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT (\$)
ADULTS	-	\$25.00	_____	_____
NON-MEMBERS	-	\$35.00	_____	_____
SENIOR CITIZENS (65+)	-	\$20.00	_____	_____
CHILDREN 5-15 YRS	-	\$15.00	_____	_____
DONATIONS:			_____	_____
		TOTAL:	_____	_____

MEMBERS NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TEL. NO. HOME: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Reservations must be received by Sunday, March 13th, 2005
Registration will be non-refundable.

A SURCHARGE of \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per family will be applied to any at the door registration or within 72 hours prior to the function.

Kindly mail your reservation form with your check made out to ZAGNY to:

Jasmin Kotwal

12 Park Hill Terrace

Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

COMPLETE THIS BALLOT ONLY IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE MARCH 19TH FUNCTION AND YOU MEET THE REQUIREMENTS ON PAGE 1.

ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOT

If you are not planning to attend the Annual General Body Meeting, or if you would prefer to vote by mail, use this mail ballot to vote.

MAIL BALLOT - 2005-2008 ZAGNY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

		Confirmed (please check)
PRESIDENT	HOMI GANDHI	_____
VICE-PRESIDENT	NAVAZ MERCHANT	_____
TREASURER	MINOO BENGALI	_____
SECRETARY	KHURSHEED NAVDER	_____
JOINT SECRETARY	KERMAN DUKANDER	_____
MEMBERS AT LARGE:	VISPI KANGA	_____
	SHERAZAD MEHTA	_____
	FERZIN PATEL	_____
	MICHEL REID	_____

Mail to: Arnavaz F. Patel, 2077 Center Ave, Apartment 14E, NJ 07024

ZAGNY'S WINTER GHAMBAR 2005

On February 6th, ZAGNY hosted a Ghambar for the entire community. Given that the day selected was Super bowl Sunday, we are happy to announce that 160 individuals attended.

Thanks to the congregation for supporting this event and we would be remiss if we did not thank the following people:

All the Mobed's that always meet the spiritual needs of the community, in alphabetical order, **Darius Antia, Xerxes Antia, Karl and Poruz Khambatta, Meheroz Rabadi, Pervez Patel.**

Flowers for the Prayers – **Virasp and Kamal Davar**

For generously coming the day in advance to deliver the food and then for their ready assistance on the Ghambar day **Rustom and Farangis Bhopti**

For providing ample food, below cost - **Palace of Asia**

Paper Products for this event – **Framroze and Armaity Patel**

Soda for this event – **Dinshaw and Hutoxi Bardoliwalla**

Malido (one tray) - **Vispi and Sheroo Kanga**

And to those Board Members and Community Members that provided assistance throughout the day.

2005 ZAGNY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____
Last name
First name
Spouse's name

CHILDREN:
 Name _____ Date of Birth (mm/yy) _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE/CELL/PERSONAL E-MAIL
Phone: _____
Cell: _____
E-Mail: _____
Spouse's E-Mail: _____

MEMBER'S INFO.

SPOUSE'S INFO.

Originally From: _____
Company Name: _____
Profession/Title: _____
Address: _____

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

Type of membership desired (check one):

Regular	Associate		
Member*	Member**		
[]	[] Family membership	\$	100
[]	[] Individual adult membership		50
[]	[] Senior citizens - per person		30
[]	[] Full time student membership		25
[]	[] Non resident membership		40
	Donation	\$	_____
	TOTAL	\$	_____

Please allocate my donation to the following fund(s):

\$ _____

General Fund _____

Scholarship _____

Critical Assist. _____

Library _____

New Bldg Fund _____

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

**Associate Members: No member of the family is Zoroastrian
 Family is Parent(s) and Their Children under the age of 21 years.
 Individual Adult is anyone who is 21 years old and over.

Senior Citizen is anyone who is 65 years old and over.

Student is anyone who is enrolled Full-Time at an Academic Institution.

Non-Resident is anyone who resides outside the States of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Please make your check payable to ZAGNY and mail this form with your check to:
Jasmin Kotwal, 12 Park Hill Terrace, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

If you would like to announce an event that will occur within the next 3 months or to make an general announcement in the ZAGNY newsletter, please email zagny_secretary@lycos.com.



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