SUNDAY SCHOOL

PLACE: ZHCC, 8787 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77071   Tel: (713-270-9339)

TIME:  11:15 AM.

DATE: April 12, 2008

Children’s Session: Vehishta will conduct the Children’s session

Field Trip for May Sunday School Session

The Sunday School Session on May 11th will be followed by a Field Trip and guided tour of the Shri Swaminarayan Temple in Stafford.

The beautiful temple is the first traditional stone and marble Hindu temple in the United States. This cross cultural and interfaith session will be an informative and enjoyable experience for children ages 5 years and up.

Time and Details to follow in the May Manashni.

Volunteer parents are requested to drive and chaperone the children.

Middle Group: Pearline and Arnavaz will conduct the Middle Group session.

Senior Group: Sarosh Collector will conduct the Senior Group session

Adult Sunday School Classes – If you are interested in joining Adult Sunday School classes, please contact Nazneen Khumbatta, preferably at nazneekhumbatta@yahoo.com

MEETINGS

ZARATHUSHTI INVESTMENT GROUP: The Zarathushti Investment Group meets on a regular basis on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Those interested please call Yazdi Sidhwa 281-265-0589.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING: The Building Construction Committee (BCC) meets on regular basis on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Those interested please call Yazdi Sidhwa 281-265-0589.

GOLDEN GROUP: The Golden Group meets on the fourth Sunday of each month. To join this group, please call Zarine Balsara at (281) 304-6611

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: The Library Committee meets on a regular basis on the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 AM. If you are interested in helping, or would like more information, please call Aban Rustomji at 281-493-1275 or e-mail her at aban@coatingengineers.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 13, 2008 – Annual ZAH Carnival, after Sunday School. Please bring your family and friends. See attached flyer.

12.30 – 2 pm – Enjoy the scrumptious food
(Bhelpuri, dhansak, Curry-Rice, Kabab Roll, biryani, kabab roll, papri, papeto puri, pav-bhaji, chicken tikka, sup, sandwiches, pizza, lagan-nu-custard, shrikhand-puri, falooda and much more)

So mothers, take a break from the cooking and buy your food/snacks for the week from the endless variety!!
We also have rental stalls selling batasa, bhakra, dar-ni-pori and more!!

**12.30 pm to 4 pm** – Fun ‘n Games galore for kids and adults in the atrium as well as the stage area. We will also have a moonwalk this time!!

Not to forget the many vendors to buy goodies from.

So come and enjoy your Sunday at the center!!

To rent a booth or donate food, contact Yasmin Medhora at 713 466 3908 or Zia Anklesaria at 713 436 6770.
If you have ideas for games for children(of all age groups), contact Nazneen Sarkari at 281 494 9643 or Tenaz Sunavala at 281 242 0626.

If you have ideas for games for stage and adults please contact Nargis Cooper at 713 937 4441 or Khursheed B. Dastur at 281 251 0669.

If you have small gift items to give away, please bring them to the center and give to Kamalrukh Gandhi or Shernaz Boomia during sunday school for the white elephant/raffle table.

**Heritage Highlights– ZHCC 10th Anniversary Celebrations**

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**Celebration 2008**

**Fellow Zarathushtis:**
The Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center, “A Place for all People”, has been our guiding principle since its inception. This is apparent as we complete a decade of unparallel leadership and March towards new challenges. As we at ZAH celebrate this milestone reflecting our values, heritage and strength, it gives us great pleasure to invite you to be a part of our celebrations and share in our moment in Rejoicing Our Heritage. Here are the planned events:

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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REPORTS

YOUR EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS – By Percy Master

The ZAH EC met on Wednesday, March 19, at 6:30PM for our monthly meeting at the ZHCC.

The meeting’s reviewed the year-long 10th Anniversary celebrations. The Super Bowl event netted $100 for ZAH, the Car Rally netted $400 and the Sports Day netted ZAH about $1500. The Navroze function went off very well, and our guests from Interfaith Ministries were most impressed with our small community. The EC thanks everyone who organized, volunteered, donated to, or participated in these events. In particular, special thanks are due to young Rayhan Nariman who volunteered his time and effort to sell lemonade during the Sports Day, and donated all of his proceeds of $43 to ZAH. Special thanks are also due to the generous ZAH sponsors who, thanks to their largess, allowed ZAH to sponsor Meals on Wheels for not just one, but two seniors for an entire year.

The EC also agreed to sanction an additional $5000 (for a total of $20,000) to the BCC to fix the ZHCC parking lot. The extra money is necessary since no contractor bid under $15,000 to make the necessary repairs. An additional $1200 has also been sanctioned to add another electric circuit for the stage area – this will allow us to add additional lighting for the stage, enhancing the look of our beautiful center as a venue for additional performing functions.

Remember to visit the JUST NEWS link on the ZAH website for the latest news on ZAH.

Until next month, we, your EC, wish you the very best and look forward to seeing you at the Center. If there is anything you would like to discuss with the EC, please be sure to contact Nazneen Khumbatta, our secretary, so that your issue can be added to the agenda for the next EC meeting.


LIBRARY REPORT – by Jangoo Mistry

Our next exciting event is scheduled over two days: Friday, April 11 (evening), and Saturday, April 12 from 10 am to 4 pm. It is the upcoming Religious Education Seminar at our ZAH Center presented jointly with the Zoroastrian Association of North Texas.

On Saturday, three outstanding speakers from London, California and Chicago will speak on four different topics as outlined in the attached flyer. (1) Dr. Almut Hintze is the Khorshed Jungalwalla Lecture Series Speaker. She holds degrees from four different Universities and has been recognized widely for her lectures on Zoroastrian topics. (2) Dr. Jennifer Rose, who has studied with the late Professor Mary Boyce at the University of London is currently offering a course in Zoroastrian studies for the first time at Stanford.
University. (3) Dr. Matthew Stolper, is an authority on ancient texts that reveal the social, political and economic history of the period before 300 B.C. The seminar on Saturday is free, but we are planning to have a meet-and greet event the evening before, on Friday, April 11 with a scrumptious Thai dinner. Lunch will be provided on the day of the seminar for a small charge. This is going to be a unique opportunity to listen and learn from three outstanding scholars of our religion, all gathered together in one exciting event. So please refer to the attached flyer, mark your calendar, and RSVP to reserve your spot for one or both days. You will be glad you came!

**FEZANA REPORT (By Roshan Sethna)**
Upcoming elections of executive officers of FEZANA:
Nominations Received:
Office of President: Rustom Kevala, Bomi Patel & Homi Gandhi
Office of Treasurer: Katayun Kapadia (Elected by acclamation as no other nomination received)
Office of Asst. Secretary: No nominations received

Votes are to be sent in no later than 04/30/2008. ZAH has 4 votes assigned to us. Bio datas and manifestos of the candidates are available for your reading pleasure and you can e mail me your request (rosh@sbcglobal.net) or call me (713-856-9359). Please let me or the executive committee know if you have any views or opinions on any of these candidates. The EC will make its decision at the next ZAH meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**2008 COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR- LAST CALL:**
As we come closer to May, the excitement is escalating, the teams are hard at work and we are working extra hard to take out a spectacular manuscript-souvenir to mark the occasion and also ensure that YOUR FAMILY is featured in it!!!!!!!

Here is a chance for you to go down memory lane, as far back as you can and send in your pictures and STORIES (if any) to the youth group shown in the attachment and also in this message. These will then be judged for authenticity and quality and reproduced in the souvenir which will be a coffee table edition and will be given free to each member family on May 24th!!!!!!

We are running out of time, do NOT be left behind, get up and look and be a part of recording Houston’s Zarathushti history.

Another great way to contribute would be to take an advertisement page and send your best wishes to the community and put YOUR Family’s picture in that!!!!! What a wonderful way to show your support, help in the printing and also have a copy for your family to keep forever. Of course, extra copies will be sold at the door in case a family wishes to buy one for each child.

For more information call or email Homi Davier at Homi Davier at 281-491-4000; homi@davierinc.com

**Congress 2000 Legacy (Applications)**

*Recognizing Academic Excellence*

The **Congress 2000 Legacy** Award was established as a result of the funds that resulted from the success of World Zoroastrian Congress 2000. Each year, the award will recognize young Zoroastrian students who are studying at the University level and who have achieved excellence in their scholastic studies, in extra-curricular activities and who have made substantial contribution to Zoroastrian community affairs. All eligible students are encouraged to apply for this award in upcoming years.

The **Congress 2000 Legacy** Committee and the ZAH Executive Committee invite applications for the second year. Two applicants will be awarded $3000 this year. The winning students will be recognized as innovators and leaders for tomorrow’s global community at the May 24th Gala celebrations. By supporting the next generation of great minds we pay tribute to the success of the World Zoroastrian Congress.

Application form is posted on the ZAH website www.zah.org in the Just News section
Deadline for completed application is May 15, 2008.

The **Congress 2000 Legacy** is an award program of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston

**Sports Day**

In celebration of the ZHCC10th Anniversary a Sports day, held on March 9, 2008, which was a fun filled afternoon with all age groups enthusiastically taking part in events. The day kicked off with lunch consisting of
hot dogs, shami kebab burgers, chips, cookies and drinks. The volunteers were busy with registration and the sign up sheets for the events filled up quickly.

Among all the "sports" volleyball was one of the more popular events with seven teams taking part; while the youth did a great job of organizing and playing their basketball games (in their sudrehs!). The events started with a hoola hoop and jump rope contest for our younger Zarathustri’s, and then an exciting lemon and spoon race in which more than 60 women and children took part. However towards the end of the day there was great anticipation and excitement for the famous three legged and relay races. The eager participants ranged in age from little buchas to old budas, and the many heats and championship races were always thrilling. The enjoyable, crazy day was capped off by a "North Side" vs. “South Side” tug of war; with one try for the adults, the North took the win, but when the youth and kids had their turn, the South was victorious. Just for laughs the kids then went against their parents and other adults, with the obvious and quick win by the adults. All of the winners were given precious medals, and an impromptu contestant-organized much-anticipated arm-wrestling-competition took place.

The towels which were very popular were received by each participant, and were made possible by donations from Tirandas Kasnavia and Feroze Bhandara. All the fun and games (and food) would not have been possible without the donations and hard work of the dedicated committee members’. The tug of war rope was donated by Rustom Khosravian, Kersi Engineer contributed towards the food, the hot dogs were provided by the Bhappu’s, while Darius Wania, Jal Sethna and Noshir Bhathena donated the balls, whistles and spray paint. The sports Day raised $1629.00!!

Photos of the event will be posted on the website by the end of April.

**DAR-NI-PORI BAKE-A-THON**

Our 2nd Annual Dar-ni-Pori fundraiser was a fun day had by all on Saturday, March 15th.

We are pleased to report that our ‘poris’ turned out better this year and we had more participation; our band of volunteers is growing!

We also reached our goal of raising $1,000 for the ZAH Maintenance Fund thanks to generous support from Purvez and Aban Rustomji, Mehernoosh Sodawaterwalla and Jehanbux and Cillie Mehta.

A big THANK-YOU to each and everyone that helped out, and a hearty thump on the back to our coordinators Nagu Cooper, Yasmin Medhora, Jasmine Katrak and Jasmine Mistry for attending to the details of ingredients, supplies and lunch!

Three of our Golden Group members Kati Tamboli, Dilnavaz Meer and Katie Irani worked hard with us all day and we had a lot of laughs and chit-chat as we enjoyed measuring, kneading, rolling, baking… what a spirit of camaraderie as three generations got together to make ‘dough’ for ZAH!

Freny Sanjana, we missed you, sorry you couldn’t help out this year, hope your foot is healing well, and you will be up and about soon! Jasmine Katrak, what dedication you showed, baking poris for us as you sat in your wheelchair…. hope your ankle is as good as new soon, too!

Thanks to Vispi Katrak, Nauzer Bilimoria and Percy Master for running errands and buying us ingredients we needed.

Thanks to all our “chefs of the day”, our providers of lunch, tea, snacks; our counters, packers, cashiers, cleaners…. you are all appreciated and requested to show up again next year! My list would run long trying to name everyone, so please know you are included and acknowledged… Dhunyawad!

Photos of the event will be posted on the website by the end of April.

**NoRouz**

The NoRouz function was a grand success. Thanks to our Iranian community for the beautiful Haft Seen table in the center of the Atrium that evening. A very big thanks to each and every volunteer who helped to set up the hall, décor, arrangements for food, coordination at the kitchen, donations, cleanup, security, etc.

A very special thanks to Vehishta Kaikobad for organizing a fantastic performance “Navroze with the Farohar”. The hard work of the kids paid off. We appreciate parents taking time from their busy schedule to bring the kids for practice every week, set up the side wings, music and the backstage help for the entertainment.

Last but not the least, thanks to our very own Farrokh Firozgary for the excellent DJ services provided that evening free of charge to the ZAH. The perfect blend of music for all age groups kept the dance floor rocking. Regards, Your ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

**NEW REALTOR IN TOWN**

Congratulations to our newest member in Real Estate, Persis Behramsha, now with REALM Real Estate Professionals. She joined REALM Real Estate Professionals to enhance her Real Estate career. If you have
not had the occasion to be introduced to this company, please feel free to view their web site at www.realimpro.com. If you would like to find out more information please contact Persis at 281-859-1302.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Persis for continued success in her career.

EVENT PHOTOGRAPHER
Adil Balsara has started a new business of event photography. Please contact him at 713-895-9228 for your next memorable event - baby’s first birthday, birthday parties, navjotes, weddings and anniversary parties, etc.

KUSHTI
If you need any Kushtis, please call Arnavaaz Sethna at 281-499-1832. The order will be placed and the Kushtis will be available sometime in June. Cost: $20.

DOG CARE
Roshni and Jamshed Mobed are going to New Zealand for six weeks late December 2008 and would like their dog, Miracle, to be looked after. She is a German Shephard + Lab, has all her vaccines to date, good health, 5 years old. Very mild with children but a good watch dog. If interested please call Roshni Mobed at 713-772-8067, or e-mail her at baimobed@yahoo.com.

MANASHNI MAIL-OUT
A Reminder: Only those members who have paid $15 to the treasurer Nargesh Sethna by March 31, 2008 will receive a hard copy of the Manashni by mail. All other members will be able to view the Manashni on the ZAH website (http://www.zah.org).

NAVJOTE
Naadir Mehta, son of Behramji and Ouvnere Mehta, and grandson of Sam and Gooloo Polad, had his Navjote on Sunday, March 30, 2008.

Congratulations to Naadir.

NEW MEMBERS:

Xerxes and Diana Commissariat with their one year old son Zain have moved to Houston. Their address is:
11411 Ashford Willow
Sugar Land, TX 77478
Home ph: 281-494-0445
Xerxes cell: 281-763-8947
Diana cell: 281-763-8879
Xerxes e-mail: xc1207@hotmail.com
Diana e-mail: dianacommissariat@hotmail.com

Edul and Tanaaz Chikhliwala with their 3 year old daughter Roshni have relocated from Los Angeles, CA. Their address is:
327 Camellia Way
League City, TX 77573
Tel: 281-724-9722
e-mail: tanaazedul@yahoo.com
Kayomarz and Farzana Sidhwa with their children Fryana and Yazad have relocated from Sydney, Australia. Their address is:
15000 W. Airport Blvd., #132
Sugar Land, TX 77478
Tel: 832-532-7588
E-mail: kaysid@hotmail.com

ZAH welcomes the new members

OBITUARY:

Our heartfelt condolences to Manek Nariman and her family

MEMBERSHIP DUES
All current memberships expired December 31, 2007.
Please recognize the need for your support and contribution and renew your subscription to ZAH.

The table below, as approved by the 2004 AGM, shows the current minimum membership dues for calendar year 2008.
Patron – Family $500
Patron – Single $250
Patron – Single Head of Household $250
Regular Family $225
Associate Family $225
Regular Single Head of Household $115
Regular Single $115
Senior Single (over age 65) $40
Senior Family (one spouse over age 65) $65
Students $25

Please mail your membership dues to: Treasurer - Zoroastrian Association of Houston 8787 W. Airport Blvd, Houston, TX 77071

CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008 AT 12:30 P.M. onwards) at ZHCC
Bring your family and friends....
for the energetic..... participate;
for the laid back..... eat and watch the activities;
for the weekly cooking types .... come & buy food to-go and relax the next week!!

Enjoy the fun and festivity, good variety of food to eat and to-go, a variety of desserts, snacks, etc. etc. etc.

Bhhepuri, Dhansak, Chutney, Binyani, Falooda, Shikhand Puri, Lagan nu oatard, Panyavada, Snacks, Chicken, Meat, Pizza, Chicken Tiple

Variety of games, tarot card reading, lucky dip, cake walk, floor open for talent show.
Not to forget the MOONWALK AND, OF COURSE, BINGO!!!

Rental stalls for bhakara, batasa, dar-ni-pori and more... Lots of vendors selling their wares.