SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME:   11:15 AM.

DATE:   August 10, 2008

Children’s Session: Vehishta will conduct this session.

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 Zarathushhti 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

Tuesday, August 19th – Shahenshahi Navroze Humbandagi
Saturday, August 23rd – Shahenshahi Navroze function. See attached flyer for details.
Saturday, September 27th – 10th Anniversary Celebration – Persian Night

Rejoicing in Our Heritage
Celebrating TEN YEARS of pride - the Zarathushti Heritage & Cultural Center - Houston

Persian Nite - September 27th
A fabulous evening is planned - Darioush Vafadari is heading the team. Stay tuned for further information. We have started accepting table reservations. Visit the website for the updates.

Saturday, October 18th – Library Gala
REPORTS

YOUR EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS – By Percy Master

The ZAH EC met on Sunday, July 20, at 2 pm for our monthly meeting at the ZHCC.

The Houston Chapter of the WZCC requests help from ZAH members for the WZCC AGM planned for the end of the year. The Houston Chapter is looking for volunteers to host out-of-town WZCC’ers as well as assist with the various events. Please contact Rustom Engineer for details and let us help showcase Houston as the premier city for Zarathushtis in North America.

The EC realizes that the A/V arrangements for the atrium during the gala event were not state-of-the-art, and has requested Rustom Challa to provide a proposal for a new audio-video system for the main hall and atrium. Please support Rustom with any assistance he may need.

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

Planning is underway for the 2008 Library Gala, an annual event that is eagerly awaited by all ZAH members. The program, to be held on October 18, is a joint collaboration with the World Zoroastrian Chamber of Commerce (WZCC), Houston Chapter and will include the screening of a movie, “Merchant Princes of India” and a captivating presentation by our very own Deena Guzder. More details on the event will be announced in forthcoming months, but for now block this date on your calendar.

On November 8, the ZAH Library brings Mitra Sharafi to Houston. With two law degrees and a doctorate in history from McGill, Cambridge, Oxford and Princeton, Ms. Sharafi is an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Her interest in comparative cultures and the legal fights for social justice will make for a fascinating opportunity to listen to a recognized scholar. Please mark your calendars and look for more details in future issues of Manashni.

The Library has an interesting new book in its collection, “Parsi Cricket” by M. E. Pavri. Written in 1901 (yes, that’s 1901), the book traces the origins of Parsi cricket and its development through the years before, along with brief career sketches of well-known Parsi cricketers and interesting details of important matches of those times. Another book, “A Treasury of Persian Cuisine” by Shirin Simmons is a charming book with over 220 recipes and colorful pictures on the traditional cuisine of Persia – from salads to complex exotic banquet dishes. Growing up in a middle class Zoroastrian family in Yazd, Iran, the author has spiced this unusual book with anecdotes and stories about family traditions and her travels, giving the recipes a historical and cultural context. Check out these and other books in our ever-growing collection for some interesting summer reading.

MISCELLANEOUS

CHARITY SHOW

Mark your calendars for a charity show organized by Arzan Gonda on December 6th, 2008, at the ZHCC. Proceeds from this function will benefit the Navsari Parsi General Hospital. Come and be dazzled by a talented group of young and not-so-young performers performing some of the best Bollywood dances, many of whom will be our ZAH members.

JULY 26, 2008 – FARROKH MISTREE COLLEGE SEMINAR

Youth, parents, and anyone who was interested, all gathered anxiously around for Farrokh Mistree’s college seminar: The Guide to Success. Each family was given a large packet, printed courtesy of Di Campli & Associates (through Sarosh Collector) which was packed with information from how to apply, where to apply, what colleges to look for, to what first year college students should do, and how to choose the college that is right for you. Farrokh started by asking every person to ask a question and made sure that each question was answered. All in all the seminar was a huge success, and we are all very grateful for the time and effort Farrokh Mistree put into his vast information supply, and are even more thankful that he shared it all with us.
UPDATE ON THE 4 DAY WZCC EVENT TO BE HELD IN DECEMBER 2008

Preparations for the WZCC Annual General Meeting and other events for December 28-31, 2008 are going on very well. Advertisements in Parsiana, FEZANA Journal, SynergyZ and Jam-e Jamshed in Mumbai are scheduled to appear during the next few weeks. As per the reports received from Mumbai, response to the 2008 AGM in Houston at the last week’s WZCC Regional Meeting was very encouraging. Mrs. Zarine Commissariat, the Corporate Secretary of the WZCC Board of Directors in Mumbai is helping visitors from India and will provide us with a list of attendees by September end. We still need some more volunteers to offer home stay for the overseas guests (see below). The Registration Package for the entire event is posted on www.zah.org and also on www.wzcc.org websites. If you have not already filled out the registration form for these events, please do so and return it to Hoshang and Amavaz Sethna. Certain events like New Year’s Eve Party are capacity control and the special group rates for the Western Caribbean Cruise are time limited. Therefore, please do not wait till the last minute.

YOUR ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

The Zarathushti Community of Houston is known throughout the world for its progressive attitude, its success stories and let us not forget its hospitality!
This December, the Houston Chapter is the proud host of a global event, Annual General Meeting of the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce (WZCC). Whether you are a member of WZCC or not, all our community members will have a unique opportunity to participate in the working of WZCC as well as many interesting activities spread over a four day period starting December 28 to December 31. It will also include a grand New Year’s Eve Gala Dance. We expect many visitors to come for this mini congress. The initial excitement and interest shown has been terrific and has taken us by surprise.
We have made reservations at Sleep Inn & Suites in Stafford at a reduced rate and quite a few will be staying at this location. However, we have been requested by our chapters in India, Pakistan, Australia, Middle East, etc. to find home stays with local families and facilitate the overseas guests. Most of these overseas visitors are community leaders and entrepreneurs and prefer to stay with a family rather than to find their way around in a foreign country.

Hence, this is a request for our ZAH families to come forward and help us with:

- Providing home stay for overseas guests
- Offering transport assistance between airport, home and ZHCC

If you are willing to assist, please contact:

Rustom Engineer or Behroze Daruwalla
rustom47@hotmail.com behrozepersonal@yahoo.com
Tel. 281-265-5070 Tel. 281-861-7588

THEN & NOW - SOUVENIR PROJECT (A note from Pervin Sagar)

The Souvenir Project is well on its way and there is a section in it called “NOW & THEN”. In case you are not aware of this project it is an undertaking by Homi Davier to publish a coffee table book about the history of Z.A.H. and mainly the people of our community.
The Now & Then section is a pictorial section which will have photographs of people - individuals, couples, families, children of what they looked in the past and present. Some of the examples of types of pictures are, however you are not restricted to these recommendations:

- Baby picture and adult picture
- Baby picture and graduate picture
- Wedding picture and recent picture
- Family portraits - before and now

A family or individual is not restricted to send just one set, you can send in as many as you wish and we will try to print everyone that we get.
So please take a few moments to dig out these photographs and be captured in posterity for your future generations to see what their grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, sisters brothers, cousins and community friends looked like.

Please mail your pictures to me at 830 N. Elder Grove Drive, Pearland Texas 77584 by August 20, 2008. Please call me at 713-436-0518 if you have any questions or wish to help in this initiative. Also on the back of the photograph please note the date or year and the names of the people in the photograph starting left to right. I will also be at our ZAH Center on Sunday July 13th afternoon for a meeting after Sunday school and you can give me the photographs then if you chose not to mail them to me.

Without your active support and participation this project will not be a success and this book is something we and our children and future generations will cherish and enjoy browsing thru for years to come.

I will make sure that you get your photographs back after we are done with the photo layouts.
Shahenshahi Navroze 2008
Let’s Celebrate with Family and Friends!!

Time : August 23, 2008 - 7.30 pm Onwards
Venue : ZHCC
Entertainment starts promptly at 8.00 pm

Tickets:
- Members: $17 - 10 years and up
- Under 10 years: $12
- Non-Members: $25 - 10 years and up
- Under 10 years: $18
- Under 3 years, gratis

RSVP to Hooshang Sefidgar at hooshang@comcast.net or call 281-499-1832
RSVPs must be received by August 15. Charges will be $30 for RSVPs after August 15.
## WZCC 2008 GLOBAL AGM – HOUSTON, TEXAS, USA

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**RSVP**

ARNAVAZ OR HOSHANG SETHNA tel/fax +1-281-499-1832 or Email at ahsethna@yahoo.com

All events at World Zarathushti Heritage & Cultural Center, 8787 West Airport Blvd, Houston, TX 77071
WORLD ZARATHUSHTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REGISTRATION FORM 2008 AGM – HOUSTON, TEXAS

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RSVP By NOVEMBER 1, 2008
Call or fax to ARNAVAZ OR HOSHANG SETHNA at +1- 281-499-1832 or Email at ahsethna@yahoo.com
PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT BY NOVEMBER 1, 2008
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FOR ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: Sleep Inn & Suite, 4810 Alpine Drive, Stafford, TX 77477
Tel: +1-281-494-2900 - www.sleepinn.com Distance from ZHCC 4.8 miles (7 minutes drive)
Special rate with code (WZCC AGM): $59 per double room (plus 13% tax) - breakfast included