SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME: 11:15 AM.

DATE: July 13, 2008

Children’s Session: Vehishta will conduct this session. A note from Vehishta - Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the Sunday School session so we may be able to work on a project that we planned to do last month but could not due to low attendance.

Middle Group: Pearline and Arnaz 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

Saturday, July 26, 3 pm – Seminar on College Admissions by Farrokh Mistree, Professor from Georgia Tech University. See attached flyer for details.

Tuesday, August 19th – Shahenshahi Navroze Humbandagi

Saturday, August 23rd – Shahenshahi Navroze function. See attached flyer for details.

Rejoicing in Our Heritage

Celebrating TEN YEARS of pride – the Zarathushti Heritage & Cultural Center – Houston

Celebration 2008

Persian Nite – September 27th
By popular demand the new date for the Iranian Nite is set for September 27th. A fabulous evening is planned and Darioush Vafadari is heading the team. Stay tuned for further information. We have started accepting table reservations. Visit the website for the updates.

New Year's Eve Gala - December 31st

REPORTS

YOUR EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS – By Percy Master
The ZAH EC did not meet in the month of June. Hence there is no report.


LIBRARY REPORT – by Jangoo Mistry
Khojestee Mistree was a last-minute speaker on June 3, co-sponsored by the ZAH Library. In spite of being a week day, the event generated enough interest to last until midnight. With his usual flair and interesting way of presenting material, Khojestee shared his philosophy about the religion and showed slides of Iran accompanied by his commentary. Of particular interest was his demonstration of the “correct” way to wear the kusti. The ZAH Library has a display of books on the “sacred girdle” for your viewing pleasure as well as a display of the kusti spindle actually used by Arnavaz Sethna’s mother to weave kustis many decades ago.

Alongside the kusti displays, we have also displayed a collection of books as well as a CD on Field Marshall Sam Manekshaw, a celebrated Zoroastrian stalwart of recent times, who passed away recently. As one of only two field marshals that India has had, he led India to the most decisive military victory, and his life and achievements make for very interesting summer reading.

The ZAH Library much appreciates three generous donations it has received – from Shernaz Mama ($600), from Rajinder and Kanjwal Bhalla ($300) and Noshir Sidhwa ($500). The last two donations are in memory of Minoo Bhandara, member of the Pakistan National Assembly, a gentle soul with a passion for books, who passed away recently. Our sincere thanks to all of you.

MISCELLANEOUS

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  or  behrozepersonal@yahoo.com
Tel. 281-265-5070  or  Tel. 281-861-7588
GRADUATION (By Zenobia Guzder)
Deena Guzder graduated in May 2008 from Columbia University, in New York with a dual degree. She received her Master of Science in Journalism and Master of Science in International Affairs. Since she was in the dual-degree program Deena was able to get both these Masters in two years, versus three or four years but she said the program was grueling and very intense. (I know, we barely got to talk to her on the phone, leave alone visit with her). At the moment she is free-lancing and considering book writing options before she accepts a more permanent position. We wish her All the Best and lots of Success in achieving all the things we know she wants to accomplish in this life.

ANOTHER PROUD MOMENT FOR ALL ZOROASTRIANS!!!
Porus Darayus Mistry, nephew of Yazdi and Jasmine Mistry was announced Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Troop 616. As an honor to Porus earning the rank of an Eagle Scout, and based on a request from congressional representative John Campbell, The United States Flag was flown on White House in Washington under Porus Mistry's name on his birthday June 1, 2008. That very flag was sent as a gift to Porus with an authentic certificate of congratulations. In addition, the Governor of the State of Connecticut, Her Excellency Jody Rell, has proclaimed the day of the court of honor ceremony, June 21, 2008, as Porus Darayus Mistry Day in the State of Connecticut.
Porus graduated with honors from Northwood High School in Irvine, California on June 17, 2008 and will continue his education at the University of California Berkeley.
The Zoroastrian Community of Houston wishes Porus the very best in life!!!

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY
If you would like to check if you have any unclaimed propert, see this link - http://www.window.state.tx.us/up/

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.

WZCC GLOBAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN HOUSTON – DECEMBER 28-31, 2008

The Houston Chapter of World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce is very happy to inform you that we have the privilege to host the next WZCC Annual General Meeting in Houston between December 28 & December 31, 2008. The four day program is integrated with the year end 10th Anniversary Celebrations of our ZHCC Center.

WZCC has 25 chapters worldwide. Based on the response from the last WZCC AGM in India, we are expecting active participation, not only from overseas but also from the members of the 11 WZCC chapters currently operating in North America. Consistent with the past established meeting format of visiting a local industrial facility and Houston being the
current Oil Capital; it is only natural that we organize a very interesting visit to an oil rig in Galveston. But that is not all! For the benefit of out of town visitors; we have also planned a day trip to the beautiful city of San Antonio, Texas.

December 31 has been reserved for the 4th Annual Coming Together Roundtable Conference. The first such conference was held in 2005 in London and since then it has been held twice in Mumbai. We are a worldwide community without borders and therefore it is very important that we stay connected and preserve and protect our community worldwide.

A grand New Year’s Eve Party has been planned to bring in year 2009 with attendees from all parts of the world. Well, that is not the end of it! For those of you who wish to extend this fun filled four day event into something more exciting, a reasonably priced four day Western Caribbean Cruise from Galveston to Cozumel, Mexico has been arranged as a climax for a great weekend! We encourage you to make this into a family vacation during the coming Christmas holiday.

For the latest Registration Information please check out the WZCC AGM listed under the EVENT section posted on our website www.zah.org

NAVJOTE
Katie and Zubin Master, children of Percy M. Master and Sharmeen Baria, grandchildren of Gool and late Minoo Master, Sanober and Minoo Baria had their Navjote performed on June 13, 2008. Ervads Maneck Sidhwa, Khushrav Nariman and Kyrus Buchia officiated during the ceremony.

Manashni and its readers extend their heartiest congratulations to Katie and Zubin on this auspicious occasion.

WE HAVE MOVED
Nozer and Persis Buchia, with their son Kyrus, have moved. Their new address is:
5215 Eagle Pointe Court
Sugar Land, TX 77479
Tel: 281-494-1817

Jasmine, Yazdi, and Cyrus Mistry have moved. Their new address is:
14303 Sandy Ripple Court,
Sugar Land, TX 77478.
Their phone number is still the same – (281) 265 4351

Katie, Zubin & Percy Master have moved. Their new address is:
11414 English Rose Trail,
Missouri City, TX 77450.
Tel: 281-778-0506.

OBITUARY

Roshan Jhanghoo Mehta, wife of late (Dr.) Jhangoo Gustad Mehta, mother of Sooni / Behramjee & Darius Mehta passed away on Monday July 7, 2008.

Mrs. Perin Adi Sorabjee, kaki of Nilufar and Tirandaz Kasnavia, residing in Sugarland, passed away on Sunday, June 15, 2008.

Manashni and its readers extend their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.
Seminar for College Bound Students and their Parents

By
Farrokh Mistree
Professor from Georgia Tech University
(member of the ZAH community residing in Atlanta)

For
College Bound Students and their Parents.

Topics to help students (primarily of grade 10, 11, 12) and their parents answer the following questions:

* When will I need to apply for college?
* What are the criteria for my choosing a college?
* What do I need to do to finance my education? How do I finance my education?
  * How many colleges should I apply to?
* How important are Advanced Placement courses in the admissions process?
* How do I pick a major - engineering, social sciences, humanities, medicine?
  * What if I do not know what I want to do?
* How important are extracurricular activities in a college application?
  * What should I be doing in the summer?
* When should I take the SAT? How many times is enough?

Date – Saturday, July 26, 3 pm
Venue – ZAH
Cost - $20 per family
Duration: 4 hours - may vary depending on the participation and questions

RSVP Delna Minwalla at dminwalla@comcast.net

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

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RSVP to Khushbu Sethna at booking@comcast.net or call 281-499-1332
RSVPs must be received by August 15. Charges will be $30 for RSVPs after August 15.
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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 77479
### Registration Form 2008 AGM – Houston, Texas

**Registrant 1:** __________________________
**Address:** ____________________________

**Registrant 2:** __________________________

**Registrant 3:** __________________________

**Email Address:** __________________________

**Telephone:** ____________________________

**Fax:** ____________________________

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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 WITH A CHECK DRAWN TO WZCC - HOUSTON CHAPTER IN US $ ONLY & MAIL TO Zarathushti Heritage & Cultural Center, 8787 West Airport Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77071, USA

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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](http://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

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