Zoroastrian Association of Houston
8787 W. Airport Blvd.
Houston, TX 77071
SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME: 11:15 AM.

DATE: March 9, 2008

Children’s Session: Vehishta will conduct the Children’s 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 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, March 9, 2008 – Sports Day - A fun time from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Lemon & spoon race, Three Legged Race, Hoola Hoop, Relay race, Mother-Son Race, Father-Daughter Race, Basket Ball, Volley Ball, Arm Wrestling, Shoot the Hoop, ending with TUG OF WAR. Rates: $10.00 per person, $5.00 children under 5. Please RSVP Rustom Khosravian - krk777@gmail.com or Ken Bhappu - villinken@yahoo.com.

Saturday, March 15, 2008 10 am onwards – Dar-ni-Pori Bake-a-thon at the center. Don’t miss it!! If you would like to volunteer, please call Nargis Cooper: 713-937-4441 or Yasmin Medhora: 713-466-3908 or Jasmine Mistry: 281-265-4351 or Jasmine Katrak: 281-858-7857.

Friday, March 21, 2008 - Fasli Norouz Hambandagi at 6.30 pm at the center

Saturday, March 22, 2008 – Come and celebrate Norouz with your ZAH family. See flyer. Entertainment starts at 7.00 pm sharp. Rates: Adults - $15; Children 4 to 10 yrs - $8. RSVP by March 18, 2008 to Cyra Kanga - 281-969-8057; Email - crkanga@yahoo.com.

(ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES)

Sunday, April 13, 2008 – Annual ZAH Carnival, after Sunday School. Please bring your family and friends.
Heritage Highlights– ZHCC 10th Anniversary Celebrations

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

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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We look forward to having you with us for a memorable weekend that is filled with promise. Tickets may be purchased for the celebrations starting March 9, 2008 or at the special desk set up at our Navroz function. For reservations, contact Cyra Kanga at crkanga@yahoo.com.

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| ZAH GALA NIGHT             | Member: $25  
                          | Non-member: $40 
                          | All Kids: $10       
                          | Table Reservations: $100, $50 |
| WZCC LUNCH                 | $10     |
| TWO - ACT COMEDY           | $55, $35, $25 |

**REPORTS**

**YOUR EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS – By Percy Master**

The ZAH EC met on Sunday, February 17, at 11:00AM for our monthly meeting at the ZHCC. The meeting’s main topic of discussion was the year-long 10th Anniversary celebrations. It was reiterated that with the exception of one fund-raising event, all remaining 10th Anniversary functions would be priced at the lowest possible cost to make every function as affordable to the entire ZAH community as possible. The EC appreciates this position taken by the 10th Anniversary Celebration Committee, while also appreciating the need to collect a large amount of funds on this special occasion to allow ZAH to fund additional building of the ZHCC, such as that laid out in the Phase 3 building plans. The EC would also like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated group of volunteers who serve on the 10th Anniversary Celebration Committee for making this year an especially special time, and for continuing to work hard and effortlessly on their thankless tasks, despite some undeserved criticism. In addition, the EC would like to thank the organizers of the Jashn-e-Sadeh and Car Rally functions for their hard work and dedication in making these functions so enjoyable for all those who attended. We now look forward to the wonderful events occurring in March and throughout the remainder of the year.

The EC also acknowledges a very generous donation of $1000 from Bapsy and Noshir Sidhwa. The EC truly appreciates this gesture.

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 Feb 8 program was a success. The event was in two parts: The first was a presentation by Naomi Bhappu on her prize-winning essay and her trip to Australia; and the second part was the viewing of two DVDs.

**Naomi Bhappu’s Presentation:** In early summer of 2007, the ZAH Library Committee sponsored a youth essay competition. The purpose of the competition was to encourage the youth to develop an interest in Zoroastrian studies by having to write an essay which would utilize the resources available to them in the library. Eight students submitted essays and the winner was chosen by a panel of three judges. The incentive to take part in the competition was that the ZAH Library Committee would award a fully paid trip to the winner to the 4th Zoroastrian Youth Congress in Australia. Naomi Bhappu was unanimously selected as the winner by the judges.

Naomi read out her essay at the Library function – a copy of it is available in last month’s Manashni. She then went on to describe some of the happenings at the Youth Congress.

**Video Presentation:** Two videos were presented. The first was on the Tata dynasty in India. It mainly centered on the centennial Tata exhibition in Bombay. The second video was on the Sal Geh (founding anniversary) of the Surat Atash Behram. At this function, the Kava nu Jhando (Kava’s flag) is paraded through parts of the city and then unfurled at the Atash Behram. The story of Kava’s Jhanda, from the Shah Nameh, was recited described. Most of this video was in Gujarati. These two and other videos are being presently cataloged and will be available for checkout.
Religious Education Seminar: Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Religious Education Seminar in Houston at our ZAH Center on Saturday, April 12. We have 3 outstanding speakers from London, California and Chicago who will speak on four different topics as outlined in the attached flyer. The seminar is free, but we are planning to have a meet-and-greet event the evening before on Friday, April 11 and lunch 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 and enjoy the day among friends as well. More details will be forthcoming as plans are finalized.

Donors: As always, we are grateful for the donations that our fellow members continue to make in support of our efforts. We sincerely thank Aderbad and Sanobar Tamboli for their generous $500 donation to the Library, and also Shahnaz Sidhwa for donating $500, a part of the proceeds from her Dinner Theatre event, to the Library fund.

MISCELLANEOUS

2008 COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR: To commemorate the 10th Anniversary celebration a brochure will be created which will feature a brief history of ZAH, stories about its members, our successes, our happy moments and plenty of pictures. Please send in your stories, pictures and most importantly parts of our glorious history that we can record for posterity and thus make this commemorative issue the first historical digest for ZAH! This souvenir brochure is also a fundraiser for our Center. Your generous support will be much appreciated, as you continue to commit to build this community with Zarathushhti values.

For advertising and more information, please contact Homi Davier at 281-491-4000; homi@davierinc.com or Khursheed Dastur at 281-251-0669; kbdastur@yahoo.com. See attached flyer and form for more information.

WANTED: TREASURES TO SHOWCASE OUR ZOROASTRIAN HERITAGE FOR OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
-Antique Persian Treasures and Artifacts -Old Garas & Jublas -Art work depicting Zarathuthusti culture - Exquisite and unusual Saieses, torans and embroidered frames.

-Old photographs of your ancestors in traditional garments, -Antiquated items that remind us of our heritage. If you have any of the above items or other unique treasures that we can showcase on May 24, 2008 at our exhibition to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the ZHCC; Please call Behroze Daruwalla @ 832-640-3306 or Meher Rustomji @ 713-471 1146 by March 31, 2008 to enable them contact you and discuss the scope of exhibits with you.

JASHN-E-SADEH
The Jashn-e-Sadeh function in February was celebrated with a lot of festivities. Over 350 people attended the function. The festivities started around 6:00 p.m. Our dasturs prayed the Atash Niyayesh which was followed by lighting the bonfire on the land adjoining the parking lot. The evening festivities continued with traditional Persian food which included Aush, Sirokh and many other delicacies. There was a lot of dancing to traditional Persian music by live DJ group.

THREE ZAH ARTISTS EXHIBIT THEIR PAINTINGS (by Rustom Engineer)
Shangri-La Art Gallery is hosting the first Group Art show for local artists of Indian origin from March 1 - 15, 2008. The show is called "Colors of India - A Discovery of Local Indian Talents" and has been sponsored by the Indian Cultural Center (ICC), Houston. The Consul General of India, Mr. Skand Tayal inaugurated the show on Saturday March 1, 2008. There are 20 talented local artists participating in this exhibition. ZAH is very proud to have fifteen beautiful paintings made by our very own ZAH members, Avan Bhathena, Meher Rustomji and Homi Davier exhibited at this event. Shangri-La Art Gallery is host to Houston's 1st Permanent Contemporary Indian art collection. The Gallery is located at 2801 W. Sam Houston Parkway N, adjacent to the EZ Tag Store - Southbound on Beltway 8 West between Hammerly and Kempwood (north of I-10). The hours are Tuesday to Friday 10-8, Saturday 12-8, Sunday 12-6 and closed on Monday.

Please visit Shangri-La Art Gallery before March 15 and see for yourself how talented these three ZAH members are.

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

BAPSI SIDHWA READS: Book reading of Bapsi Sidhwa’s book ‘The Pakistani Bride’ at Brazos Bookstore, 2421 Bissonnet, Houston, TX – 77005; PH: 713-523-0701 on April 3 at 6 pm

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.

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

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**NoRouz Celebration**  
March 22, 2008  
Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center  
Entertainment starts at 7:30 p.m. Sharp  
Bring Your Own Booze

**RATES**  
Adults - $15  
Children (under 10 years) - $7  
Children (under 3 years) – gratis

**RSVP**  
Cyra Kanga – 281-969-8057.  
Email: cckanga@yahoo.com  
By March 18, 2007.

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**COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR and ADVERTISEMENT**

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

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**2008- COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR**
Friends: Our tenth anniversary celebration of the Zarathushti Heritage & Cultural Center is essentially a festivale to recognize the commitment and accomplishments of our community. Ever since King Jamshed introduced the Navroze Celebration it has been the norm to celebrate one’s success and our community will use the year 2008 to celebrate its PAST and continue our quest to do better for its future.

To commemorate this celebration a brochure is planned and will feature a brief history of our association, stories about its members, our successes, our happy moments and plenty of pictures. Hence we now ask for your stories, pictures and most important is parts of our glorious history that we can record for posterity and thus make this commemorative issue the first historical digest for ZAH!

This souvenir brochure is also a fund raiser for our Center. We seek your generous support as you continue to commit to build this community with Zarathushti values.

FOR ADVERTIZING & MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
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PLEASE DO NOTE THAT ALL ADVERTISEMENTS MUST BE CAMERA READY & CHECKS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY US PRIOR TO PRINTING.....
LAST DAY FOR SENDING IN YOUR ART WORK IS...MARCH 21ST, 2008

As usual your contribution will be tax deductible!!!!

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FEZANA – Khosrow Jangalwala Lecture Series 2008

 Invite You To

A Religious Education Seminar

Dr. Almut Hintze, SOAS, University of London, UK.
2008 FEZANA – Khosrow Jangalwala Lecture Series Speaker.
Prof. Almut Hintze holds degrees from the Universities of Heidelberg, Oxford, Bologna and Berlin. After teaching and researching for six years as Assistant Professor at the Free University of Berlin, she was Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (1996) and a Research Fellow at Clare Hall College, Cambridge (1997-2000). From 1998, she has lectured on Zoroastrianism at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, where she was appointed Barony Brother Lecturer in Zoroastrianism in 2000.

Dr. Jennifer Rose – Associate Professor, Claremont Graduate University, Visiting Associate Professor, Stanford University. Jenny Rose is a historian of religion, with a particular interest in Zoroastrian Studies. She has an MA in Religious Studies from the University of London, where she studied with the late Prof. Mary Boyce. The focus of her MA thesis was the role of women in the Indian and Iranian Zoroastrian communities. In 1993, Jenny received her Ph.D. from Columbia University. An abbreviated version of her dissertation was published in 2000 under the title The Image of Zoroaster: The Persian Sage Through European Eyes.

Dr. Matthew Stolper – Professor of Assyriology and the John A. Wilson Professor of Oriental Studies at the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.
Matthew W. Stolper has worked primarily on Achaemenid Babylonian texts and secondarily on Elamite history and texts. His work on Babylonia when it was a province of the Achaemenid Persian empire mostly treats legal and administrative texts as evidence of social, economic and political history c. 450-330 B.C. He has an MA from Harvard College, and a MA from the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literatures from the University of Michigan in 1967 and a PhD, from the Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan 1974.

Session I – Dr. Almut Hintze - Zarathushtrianm: Prophetic and priestly authority in Zoroastrianism.

Session II - Dr. Jenny Rose - Gods, Kings & Priests at the Crossroads – Rock Reliefs of Zoroastrian Iran.

Session III – Dr. Matthew Stolper - “The Persepolis Fortification Archive Project: Steps in a Race to Record Unique Achaemenid Documents”.

Session IV – Dr. Almut Hintze – Defeating Death: Eschatology in Zoroastrianism, Judaism & Christianity

HOUSTON – Saturday, April 12, 2008
Zarathushtri Heritage and Cultural Center
8777 W. Airpot Blvd
Houston, TX. 77071
10:30 am – 6:00 pm
Contact: Aban Kustanj 281.493.1275
or aban@zarrinaganaeas.com

DALLAS – Sunday, April 13th, 2008
Christopher Parr Library
5200 Windhaven Parkway
Plano, TX. 75093
10:30 am – 4:30 pm
Contact: Firod Mehta 817.591.9409
or firod@zarrinaganaeas.com

Seminar is free in Houston & Dallas. Please arrive early to facilitate starting promptly.