SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME: 11:15 AM.

DATE: November 8, 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 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 meetings 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, November 8th – Library event. SEE LIBRARY REPORT ON SHARAFI TALK
Sunday, November 9th, 2.30 pm – ZAH Annual General Meeting at the ZHCC.
Saturday, December 6th – Charity Event organized by Arzan Gonda, to 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. See flyer for details.
Tuesday, December 30th – WZCC Awards Night – dinner and entertainment – see attached flyer
Wednesday, December 31st – New Year’s Eve Gala with WZCC. See details in attached flyer

ZAH GRIEVES

Our beloved son, Cyrus Desai, lost the battle he had waged so valiantly against osteosarcoma and left us to join our Asho Farohars on Sunday, October 12, 2008. Cyrus was diagnosed with osteosarcoma (bone cancer) in October of 2005. Despite the best efforts by some of the finest doctors at M.D. Anderson Cancer Hospital, the cancer could not be contained or eradicated.
Cyrus was 21 years, 9 months and 4 days when he went on his spiritual journey. His memory will live on in the many lives he has touched by his vibrant personality and cheerful demeanor. Till the very end, he was always upbeat and never complained in spite of being in severe pain. He brought joy to our family for the short time he was with us. His zest for life and generous spirit will always be remembered. May God bless Cyrus and grant him eternal peace.

During this time of sorrow we appreciate how much our family and friends mean to us. We are grateful for the outpouring of support from our community. Your love and prayer throughout these past few years have touched us deeply. All words of affection have been a great source of encouragement during this time. Your love for our family and concern for our well-being has brought us much comfort. Thank you for all you’ve done to help our family during this incredible loss.

Rohinton, Thrity and Anahita Desai

REPORTS

YOUR EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS – By Percy Master

The ZAH EC met on Sunday, October 12, at 2PM for our monthly meeting at the ZHCC. Remember the next North American Zoroastrian Congress will be held in Houston. We are looking for volunteer chairs for the organizing committee for the Congress – please let Nazneen Khumbatta know if you are interested.

The April meeting of the North American Mobed Council will be held in Houston. Persons interested in attending or volunteering should contact Nazneen Khumbatta.

See you all at the Annual General Meeting on November 9, 2008.

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

On October 18, 2008 On October 18, the ZAH Library hosted the Sixth Annual Gala Function that was attended by over a hundred enthusiastic members. After a delightful dinner of Thai food the eager crowd settled down for a documentary movie on the “Merchant Princes of India”, the stalwarts who were the business titans of early twentieth century.

In the main part of the program, Deena Guzder, who has a long list of degrees and accomplishments to her credit, presented her experience reporting across North America and Iran on the Persian Zoroastrian community. The young international journalist explained how Persian identities are changed by America, how families are navigating the seemingly indelible divide between an adopted home and a native land, and how the Zoroastrian community is straddling two countries that are often seen as opposite extremes of a religiosity continuum. Using an interactive map, short documentary and a photo slideshow, Guzder showed how the political climate for Zoroastrians in modern Iran has changed over the years and what the current standoff between Tehran and Washington DC means for the preservation of the community. Dispelling stereotypes and challenging prejudices, Guzder painted a multidimensional portrait of Iran as a dynamic society in search of its identity. She ended her talk by reflecting on an interfaith dinner she recently attended with President Ahmadinejad of Iran. "The Zoroastrians of Iran have suffered greatly in the past, but they do not want their historical plight to be manipulated into a justification for current warfare," said Guzder who strongly advocated diplomacy between America and Iran. "President Bush's 'Axis of Evil' rhetoric is a political distraction intended to reduce a diverse, complex society of 70 million people into a caricature of itself and to elicit a knee-jerk response from America's most narrow-minded and parochial elements," said Guzder. "What we need is a cool headed and well calculated plan of engagement to prevent another morally reprehensible war."

Preparations are underway for another exciting Library event coming on November 8, when 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. Ms. Sharafi will trace the events surrounding the first Parsi Panchayat case that defined the legal backdrop for conversion exactly 100 years back – and still remains as controversial now as it was then. Mitra Sharafi’s 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 be sure to attend this eagerly-awaited event that promises to be one of the more memorable evenings brought to you by the ZAH Library.

More details are given in the flyer.
As always, we are grateful for the donations that our fellow members continue to make in support of our efforts. We sincerely thank Zarine and Meherwan Boyce for their very generous donation of $500, and Katie and Kyrus Vazifdar who continue to support the Library with another donation of $205. Thank you for your support of the ZAH Library.

MISCELLANEOUS

WE HAVE MOVED

Tehni Sethna
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Cell Tel: 713 294 2947

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Mehernosh Sodawaterwalla
3700 Capital Circle S.E. Apt 1211
Tallahassee, FL 32311
Cell: 281-948-5316

2009 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TENTATIVE

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January 31 Saturday Jashn-e-Sadeh.
February 6 Friday Library event
February 8 Sunday A fun afternoon after Sunday School
March 14 Saturday Dar-ni-Pori Bake-a-thon
March 21 Saturday Fasli Norouz Hambandagi and Function
April 13 Sunday Carnival (after Sunday School)
April 17 Friday Library Event
May 31 Sunday Shehanshahi Dae Month Gahambar - Maidhyaiya (16-20 Daê)
August 24 Monday Shehanshahi Navroze Humbandagi
August 29 Saturday Shehanshahi Navroze function
October 4 Sunday Fasli Mehrgan Gahambar
October 17 Sunday Library
November 8 Sunday ZAH Annual General Meeting after Sunday school
November 21 Saturday Dinner Theater
December 4 Friday Library Event
December 13 Sunday Christmas Party after Sunday school
### Day 1, Sunday Dec. 28, 2008

**2008 GLOBAL AGM**
- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Benediction, welcome, Reports, Dubai World Congress video presentation, etc.
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM **Youthfully Speaking** – Talks by our own young successful business professionals
  - Sonia Behrana, Cyrus Mistry, Eric Engineer

### Day 2, Monday Dec. 29, 2008

**Full Day Bus Trip to San Antonio**
- Enjoy Christmas decoration, lights, food, music, boat ride, etc. at the Riverwalk and experience exciting cultural scene at the Farmer’s Market – Limited seats on bus still available

### Day 3, Tuesday Dec. 30, 2008

**Group Visit to BODY WORLDS 2 & THE BRAIN** *(Trip to Oil Rig in Galveston Cancelled)*
- 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Low Discounted Group rate for a limited size group only
- An unforgettable once in a life educational experience with new exhibits of human bodies

**WZCC 2008 Global Awards Dinner** – 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM *(REVISED STARTING TIME)*
- Join dozens of out of town visitors for an evening of good food, fun and entertainment by Kamalrukh Gandhi & Company and Kaemerz-Peshotan extravaganza!!
- Much more for your money's worth!!
  - (dress – business attire)

### Day 4, Wednesday Dec. 31, 2008

**Coming Together Roundtable** – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- A worldwide meeting of Zarathushtis to preserve our community and stay together
- Lunch – No charge for those who register!

**NEW YEAR’S EVE Dinner & Dance** *(Organized by ZAH)*
- **Call in the Year 2009 in style!**

**REGISTRATION FOR ALL EVENTS MUST BE MADE BY FILLING OUT THE ATTACHED FORM AND TO BE SENT WITH PAYMENT (CHECK WRITTEN TO WZCC - HOUSTON CHAPTER) to**
- ZHCC- 8787 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77071
- For Additional info contact ARNAVAZ or HOSHANG SETHNA at 281-499-1832 or ahsethna@yahoo.com
# WORLD ZARATHUSHTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
## REGISTRATION FORM 2008 AGM – HOUSTON, TEXAS

**REGISTRANT 1:** ____________________________  
**ADDRESS:** ________________________

**REGISTRANT 2:** ____________________________  
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**REGISTRANT 3:** ____________________________  
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**Email Address:** _______________________________

**Telephone:** _________________________

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

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

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December 28 | WZCC AGM LUNCH                | $15           | X _______ =          | $            |
| **DAY 2 MONDAY**  
December 29 | SAN ANTONIO DAY TRIP  
(transportation & sightseeing) | $50           | X _______ =          | $            |
| **DAY 3 TUESDAY**  
December 30 | Body Worlds  
(Museum of Nat. Sc.) | $23           | X _______ =          | $            |
| **DAY 3 TUESDAY**  
December 30 | WZCC AWARDS DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT | $15       | X _______ =          | $            |
| **DAY 4 WEDNESDAY**  
December 31 | COMING TOGETHER LUNCH            | $0            | ________            | $ 0          |
| **DAY 4 WEDNESDAY**  
December 31 | NEW YEAR’S EVE DINNER & DANCE    | $60           | X _______ =          | $            |
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