SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME: 11:15 AM.

DATE: August 9, 2009

Children’s Session: Vehishta will talk about Muktad Ceremonies.

Middle Group: Arnavaz Sethna and Pearline Collector conduct this session.

Senior Group: Sarosh Collector conducts this session

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Aug 9 – Tuesday, Aug 18 - Muktad Prayers (Weekday mornings 7.00am, Weekends 11.00am)
Wednesday, Aug 19 - 6:30 pm – Navroze Humbandagi
Saturday, Aug 22 – Shehanshahi Navroze Function – see attached flyer
Sunday, October 4 – Fasli Mehergan Gahambar
Friday evening/Saturday all day/Sunday morning – Oct 16, 17 & 18 – Library event with Peter Clark
Saturday, November 7 – ZAH Fundraising Gala
Sunday, November 8 – ZAH Annual General Meeting
Saturday, November 21 – Dinner Theater
Friday, December 4 – Library Event
Sunday, December 13 – Christmas Party after Sunday School
MEETINGS

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REPORTS

FUNDRAISING UPDATE – By Jasmine Mistry – Member, Executive Committee

Here's a brief update on Zoroastrian Heritage and Cultural Center (ZHCC) Repairs. The Building Construction Committee (BCC) has received 3 estimates for the roof in the amounts of $50K, $85K, and $100K. The BCC and other interested members met with Starfish Roofing Thursday, August 6th, 2009 at ZHCC and discussed their $50K proposal. The Executive Committee will take the next steps based on this team’s recommendation.

As for interior repairs, we have formed a team of volunteers who will meet every second Sunday of the month starting August 9th, 2009. If you would like to join this team of volunteers or contribute towards the cost of material, please let me know via email Jasmine.Mistry@airliquide.com or by phone (281) 265 4351.

At this time I'd like to thank an anonymous donor who has donated $1000 towards repairs, Ervad Peshotan Unwalla's Navjote Prayer Group for their contribution of $101, and Parveen and Mehraban Irani for their generous donation towards interior repairs.

*Editorial Note: Kudos to Jasmine for undertaking this project and raising funds for the much needed Center repairs.*

LIBRARY REPORT

On Friday, October 16 & Saturday, October 17 & Sunday, October 18, 2009, distinguished writer Peter Clark will present "The Legacy of Zarathustra". The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at our Center. Please see attached flyer for details.

Events include:

- Meet & Greet session and book signing--- Friday, October 16, 2009, 7-9 pm
- Lecture -The impact of Zoroastrianism on major world religions & Functions of Zoroastrian Rituals --- Saturday, October 17, 2009, 10 am-3:30 pm
- Lecture -Zoroastrian cosmology & eschatology---Sunday, October 18, 2009, 1:00 pm -3;30 pm
Peter Clark is the author of *Zoroastrianism: An Introduction to an Ancient Faith*, a definitive book on Zoroastrianism. He is a graduate of Cardiff University, Wales, UK, with a B. A. (Hons.) and M. Phil in Religious Studies. The title for his M. Phil. dissertation was *Invisible Walls, Hidden Faces, Zoroastrian Priesthood, Ritual and Purity*. Mr. Clark has held lecturing posts at Cardiff University, University of Wolverhampton, and Chester College--University of Liverpool. In addition to being an Organist and Choirmaster at St. Peter's Church in Cardiff, Mr. Clark represents the Archbishop of Cardiff on Interfaith Affairs.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**ZOROASTRIAN STIMULUS PLAN:**

Private Job Search & Career Counseling Service

Looking for a job or contract work? Thinking about starting your own business? Seeking career guidance?

FEZANA and the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce (WZCC) are excited to offer this free, private Job Search, Career Counseling, and Entrepreneur Mentoring service to the community.

>> Visit [http://tinyurl.com/zorostimulus](http://tinyurl.com/zorostimulus) to register for this service

We'll work with Zoroastrian associations across North America to help connect you with other Zoroastrians who can be of assistance in finding job opportunities, career counseling, starting a business, etc. The service is designed to protect your privacy, so your name and contact info will not be shared broadly.

>> Visit [http://tinyurl.com/zorostimulus-listings](http://tinyurl.com/zorostimulus-listings) to see the latest job and mentor listings

Know of a job opening you’d like to share with the community? Want to help out as a Career or Entrepreneurship Mentor?

>> Visit [http://tinyurl.com/zorostimulus-help](http://tinyurl.com/zorostimulus-help) to post a job opening or to sign-up as a mentor

>> Visit [http://tinyurl.com/zorostimulus-listings](http://tinyurl.com/zorostimulus-listings) for profiles of Zoroastrians seeking jobs / guidance

More details are available at [http://tinyurl.com/zorostimulus](http://tinyurl.com/zorostimulus). If you have additional questions, feel free to email zorostimulus@fezana.org. This effort is being organized as part of the WZC's Youth Leadership Enhancement Program by Jasmine Dadachanji (Victoria, BC), Eric Engineer (Dallas, TX), and Carl Irani (Orlando, FL).

**IRAN - JOURNEY INTO THE HEART OF HISTORY**

Friday, August 7, 2009, ZAH Library presented a special evening event featuring a slide-show and anecdotal accounts of a three-week-trip to Iran. Silloo Mehta and Malcolm Bhesania of California organize the three-week tours twice a year -- Spring and Fall - to Iran and many Zarathushtis have gone on these tours over the past few years.

This year, Shernaz and Feroze Bhandara and Yasmin and Shapur Pavri went on this tour and thoroughly enjoyed it. The two families together with the ZAH Library Committee, invited Silloo Mehta and Malcolm Bhesania to come to Houston and give a presentation of their tour.

The evening started with Shapur introducing the event -- he gave some anecdotal accounts of the tour and how everyone had a good and relaxing time. He said it didn’t feel like they were on a tour, where the bus just whizzed by places of interest. They actually interacted with the residents of the places. They traveled in air-conditioned coaches and stayed at four or five-star hotels.
Malcolm made the slide presentation. The tour is divided into four parts – big cities, history and culture, religious places, and natural beauty. He took us to Tehran with modern architecture, Isfahan with its famous 33 arch bridge, and Shiraz, the land of roses and the city of poets and philosophers. History and culture included the pictures of Pers-e Polis and the city of Toos best known today as the hometown of the epic poet Firdowsi Toosi. The Religious section included visit to Yazd with its Atash Kadeh, and the Natural beauty included a trip to the Caspian Sea area. The two-hour presentation really gave everyone a taste of what to expect on this tour.

The next tour is scheduled for November 3 to 24, 2009 and is limited to 24 people only, as Malcolm said more than that is not very convenient. To find out more about the tour, please call Silloo Mehta at 949-551-5252 or e-mail her at mazcon@mailstation.com

ARZAN GONDA

Kim Morgan, Chronicle Correspondent interviewed Arzan Gonda after the Bollywood Dance her students performed at a recent carnival at India House. The Chronicle reporter writes “Piney Point resident Arzan Gonda is helping to promote diversity — the essence of what the United States is all about — and make the world a little smaller through the work of India House, 8888 West Bellfort.” By popular demand, the students performed “Jai Ho,” a song from the Oscar-winning hit movie Slumdog Millionaire. The group also performed “an act that was a pure Bollywood medley; two songs, fused with Bhangra, a north Indian folk dance that is very popular …” You can see the full article on http://www.chron.com/CDA/archives/archive.mpl?id=2009_4765936

COOKING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Thanks to Diana Balsara, some 20 children met every Tuesday during the Summer vacation and learnt to cook simple dishes. Each child was given a folder to file the recipes of the dishes they learnt how to make chicken casserole, pasta, desserts and at the final session they learnt to make “Ravo”. After every class, the children and the adults had an opportunity to taste their cooking. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions.

Diana would like to thank all the adults who volunteered their time and effort in demonstrating a dish and all the parents who brought the children to the Center.

APPEAL FOR DONATION

Every year, for the past 24 years, Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York (ZAGNY) has donated a substantial sum to India to be distributed among various charities, distributed through the Vada Dasturji (High Priest) of Udwada. Charities that have benefited from these funds are Pak Iranshah Kathi Fund, Udvada Athornan Anjuman General Fund, Dasturjis and Mobeds, the Needy and Poor to name but a few.

With the inflation 12% rate of inflation in India, it has become increasingly difficulty for many to support themselves and their families. ZAGNY is appealing to all the Associations of North America to donate towards this noble cause. Please donate whatever you can – no amount is small. Please write your check in the name of ZAGNY, on the memo please state “ZAGNY critical assistance fund” and send to:

Erach Munshi,
200 Claremont Ave, Apt 63,
New York, NY 10027.

MUMBAI OBITUARIES ON INTERNET

For the information of all the Parsi/Irani Zoroastrians spread all over the world, Mumbai Parsi Panchayet has started the announcement of OBITUARIES (in English) on INTERNET on the net address:
http://www.bpppaidast.in

This will include information of the name of the deceased and the place, date & time of demise, as also the address of the deceased and the names of close relatives of the deceased. This will also include information about the funeral and Uthamna ceremony and its place, date & time.
On a daily basis this announcement would be updated twice in a day.

WELCOME TO NEW ARRIVAL

Dr. Sarosh Dastoor has relocated from Hartford, CT. He was working for a multi-specialty dental practice. He specializes in Periodontics and Implant Dentistry

12500 Barker Cypress Road,
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Cypress, TX 77429
Cell # 713-392-5566
E mail: saroshd75@gmail.com

MANASHNI and its readers welcome Dr. Sarosh Dastoor

NAVJOTE

Rohan and Ashish, sons of Tannaz Machhi and Debasish Chakraborty had their Navjote Ceremony performed on July 25, 2009.

Congratulations Rohan and Ashish

WE HAVE MOVED

Farzana and Kayomarz Sidhwa and family have moved. Their new address is:

14315 Manorbier Ln,
Sugar Land, TX – 77498
Tel: 832-532-7588

Roshan, Zarir, Zal & Zane Sethna have moved. Their new address is:

2211 Crescent Palm Ln
Houston, TX 77077
TEL: 713-856-9359

KUSTI WEAVING PROCESS - DVD

View step by step complete process of weaving of the Zoroastrian kusti. This 20 minute video is a must for all households as you can see how a kusti is woven from 72 threads of lamb’s wool. Directed by Cyrus Dastoor of Education Committee of Arnavaz Sethna. Farohar Films - Sponsored by The Religious Education Committee of FEZANA. Donation $10. Place order with ahsethna@yahoo.com