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: October 11, 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

Friday evening/Saturday all day/Sunday morning – Oct 16, 17 & 18 – Library event with Peter Clark

The Legacy of Zarathushtra by Peter Clark
Cost: Free for lectures. Call to reserve your place.
Saturday lunch is $10.00.
Contact: Arnavaz Sethna by phone: 281 499 1832 or email asethna@comcast.com

Saturday, November 7 – ZAH Fundraising “Chaiye Hame Zarathushti” Gala

Tickets are selling very quickly, so please contact Cyra Kanga by phone (281) 969 8057 or email crkanga@yahoo.com to reserve the best available seats.
Tickets can be purchased for $100 each (front row), $50 each (second row), or tables seating 10 for $1000 (front row) or $500 (second row).

Expect a memorable evening filled with entertainment - Arzan Gonda and her troops dances, Kamalrukh Gandhi and Lyla Daroga’s Fashion Show, lots of good music played by
your favorite DJ Farrokh Firozgary and Generation I, and that is not all…. several door prizes, live and silent auction items, saree raffle drawings, and more

Look forward to a delicious mouthwatering dinner menu – Gos no Pulav, Dar, Sali Marghi, Cutles Gravy, Lagan nu achar and custard, wafer, rotli, etc. catered by our very own professional caterer Reina Medhora.
All this for a worthy cause!!! All proceeds will go towards ZAH Building Repairs and Maintenance.

Sunday, November 8 – ZAH Annual General Meeting.
Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Percy Master via e-mail at percy.master@hp.com by November 4, 2009.
Please see below for the EC vacancies, nomination form and proposed motion.

Saturday, November 21 – Dinner Theater
Friday, December 4 – Library Event
Sunday, December 13 – Christmas Party after Sunday School

MEETINGS

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REPORTS

YOUR EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS

The Chair of the EC has now rotated to Jasmine Mistry. The EC would like to thank Rustom Setna for his chairmanship over the past four months.
The ZAH Investment Management Team (IMT) comprising Purvez Rustomji, Kershaw Khumbatta and Rustom Engineer has decided to retire. The EC thanks these individuals for their selfless work over the past several years, and would like to welcome the new IMT, consisting of Cyrus Boga, Jamshed Elavia, Vispi Sagar and Yazdi Sidhwa. Welcome, and thank you for volunteering for this task!
The EC would also like to thank Aderbad Tamboli and his team of Percy & Roshan Behramsha, Fred Bhader, Noozar Boomla, Aspi, Zubin & Ziba Colah, Neville & Farida Divecha, Kamalrukh Gandhi, Sheroy Havelivala, Percy Katrak, Jasmine Mistry, Khushrav, Manek & Viraf Nariman, Cyrus Saffari and Kayomerz.
Sidhwa for building a new stage for the center. This new, sturdy structure will last ZAH for many years and should withstand many boots walking all over it.

All members are invited to attend the next annual General Meeting of ZAH, which will take place on November 8, 2009, at the ZHCC. Please see the separate email for details, and remember to RSVP for lunch.

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 Percy Master (the ZAH secretary) by email at percy.master@hp.com, so that your issue can be added to the agenda for the next EC meeting.

The ZAH EC - Darius Bharucha, Rustom Challa, Sarosh Collector, Kershaw Khumbatta, Jasmine Mistry, Nargesh Sethna, Rustom Setna and Percy Master.

**LIBRARY REPORT** – by Jangoo Mistry

The ZAH Library Committee is finalizing the program for the upcoming annual Library gala planned for October 16, 17 and 18. Peter Clark, the well-known lecturer at several British Universities and the author of “Zoroastrianism: An Introduction to an Ancient Faith”, is coming from England for what promises to be an extraordinary event. On the evening of Friday, October 16, we are hosting an informal meet-and-greet at 7 pm with an opportunity to listen to Peter Clark’s remarks on how a Western scholar like him got interested in studying an ancient Persian religion like Zoroastrianism. More formal presentations are planned for Saturday, October 17 on the legacy of Zarathustra, its impact on major world religions and the function of our Zoroastrian rituals. The Sunday morning session will be on Zoroastrian cosmology and eschatology.

This is going to be yet another memorable experience, and we urge you to take the time to attend as many of these sessions as you can. To listen firsthand and share ideas with a renowned scholar is an opportunity that does not come often. Please refer to the attached flyer for more details and RSVP to Arnavaz Sethna if you are planning to attend either Friday, Saturday or Sunday events. Please note that except for the Saturday lunch charge, all the talks and refreshments on all three days are free. But we still need to hear from you to help us in planning our refreshments and the seating arrangements for the three days. So do not delay — call now!

We are planning to have a permanent exhibit on one of the Library’s walls of black-and-white old pictures of our community’s family members. Recognizing that these are precious and irreplaceable memories, we are asking you to bring these photos with you when you come to the AGM meeting on Sunday, November 8, and we will return them to you the same day before you go home. So scour your attic and closets for those photographs of your ancestors dressed in traditional garb or otherwise, and make them come alive again through this permanent display we have planned.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**ZAH SAREE RAFFLE**

ZAH Saree Raffle drawings are scheduled for November 7th, 2009 at ZAH. **You do not have to be present to win.** For those who did not get a chance to purchase saree raffle tickets, we will have them available at the Ghambar on October 4, 2009. You can also purchase them from Arzin Italia via phone (713) 932 6629 or email - sorabitalia@yahoo.com

**BIRTH**

ZAH welcomes Boman Austin Carroll, a bonnie boy, born to Shireen and Billy Carroll on October 2, 2009. Congratulations to proud parents and grandparents Bomi and Dilshad Hormazdi. **Congratulations and Best wishes to the Carroll and Hormazdi families.**

THANK YOU
Shayan’s Girl Scouts troop wishes to thank all those who participated in the raffle drawing. They collected over a thousand dollars, thanks to your generosity. The drawing date was Oct 4th and the lucky winners of the painting were Mr. and Mrs. Kintz. This money will be put to good use for several projects, one of which they will start soon - painting a mural for the Children’s Assessment Center. They will be collectively putting in 360 hours towards this and other worthy projects. Thanks again.

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Chaiye Hame Zarathushthi...
Come Join us for a fun evening at ZHCC on Saturday, Nov 7th, 2009, 7:30 p.m. onwards...

Attractions:
- Professionally choreographed dances and raas garbas
- “Tini Dholki and Garba to Kurta and Jeans” - an entertaining fashion show
- DJ, Live Band, and all your favorite music...
- Scrumptious mouthwatering Zarathushthi cuisine – Pulao Daar, Sali Murgi, Kutchi na Gravey, Wafers, Roti, Lagan nu Custard and more....
- Guru Same Raffle Drawings
- Live and Silent Auction, Door Prizes and more...

Tickets:
- Front row - $100 (Table of 10 for $1000)
- Second Row - $50 (Table of 10 for $500)
- Children 12 and under - $25 (5 and under gratis)

RSVP by 11-1-09 - Contact Cyra Kanga at (281) 969-8057 or Ckanga@yahoo.com
Mail checks payable to ZAH to Cyra Kanga - 3022 Pecan Wood Drive, Missouri City, TX 77459

All proceeds to be used for repairs and painting of our center
A General Body Meeting of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2009, at The Zarathushhti Heritage and Cultural Center, 8787 W. Airport Boulevard, Houston, TX 77071 at 2:00PM.

AGENDA: Members wishing to include any items for discussion may forward the subject matter to the ZAH Secretary, by e-mail, to percy.master@hp.com, by October 25, 2009 so that they can be included in the agenda. NO NEW MATTERS WILL BE ENTERTAINED FROM THE FLOOR ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING, OR WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10/25/2009.

The Executive Committee proposes the attached motion, which will be voted upon by the general body.

The Term of Office as defined in Article 5.3: The term of office for all Executive Committee members shall be two (2) years. No member shall be allowed to serve on the Executive Committee for more than two (2) consecutive terms. The preceding clause may be over-ruled for a particular case or cases by an eighty percent (80%) majority vote of a meeting called for election purposes.

The following positions on the Executive Committee are up for election:

1. Member - Rustom Challa: Completed two 2-year terms, Term Completed
2. Member - Darius Bharucha: Completed one 2-year term, Eligible for re-election, but has declined to stand
3. Treasurer - Nergesh Sethna: Completed one 2-year term, Eligible for re-election, but has declined to stand

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION OF MEMBERS: An Election Commissioner will be announced at a later date. The Election Commissioner will be responsible for receiving nomination forms from the Recorder (Secretary) and verifying all nominations. The Election Commissioner will also coordinate any other nomination procedure, which may include active solicitation of nominees. Additionally, the Election Commissioner will coordinate and conduct the election process. Please send the completed Nomination Forms by October 25, 2009 to the ZAH secretary. No last minute nominations will be accepted after the deadline and absolutely no nominations will be accepted from the floor. The nominee must sign the “Nomination Form”, which is provided with this announcement. This is to ensure that the nominee understands the responsibilities of the office and is willing and able to serve the full two-year term.

In nominating the person(s) of your choice, please be guided by the following:

- All nominees must be regular members in good standing (fees paid up) for a period of at least six (6) months prior to the election and must be eighteen (18) years of age or older (Article 5.7)
- No two members of an immediate family shall serve on the Executive Committee, or on the same subcommittee at any one time. However, they may serve on two different subcommittees at the same time. (Article 5.7).
- The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of all General Body and Executive Committee meetings, and inform members of all meetings and functions, and be Custodian of the Seal of the Association, and of all books, papers, records, correspondence, contracts, and other documents belonging to the Association (Art. 8.6)

Voting will be by Secret Ballot. Proxy votes will not be accepted. All paid up members, for the year 2009 (paid up to the day of the voting) are eligible to vote.

Lunch will be served from 1:00PM to 2:00PM, immediately after Sunday School. Although the ZAH is hosting this lunch, donations are always welcome. Please RSVP to Percy Master via e-mail at percy.master@hp.com positively by November 4, 2009 to get a proper headcount.
TO:
Percy M. Master
ZAH Secretary
11414 English Rose, Missouri City, TX 77459.

ZAH EC MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

The completed nomination form must either be mailed to the ZAH Secretary, Percy M. Master, at 11414 English Rose, Missouri City, TX 77459, or scanned-emailed to percy.master@hp.com no later than October 25, 2009.

I hereby nominate ______________________________________

for the position of ______________________________________

on the Zoroastrian Association of Houston (ZAH) Executive Committee.

I understand that this nominee must be eligible for election, and satisfies all the laws and by-laws of the ZAH Constitution. This nomination form is considered to be valid only if it is signed by the nominee, nominating member and the seconder.

No nominations will be accepted after this date.

No nominations will be accepted from the floor on the Election Day.

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SIGNATURE                                  SIGNATURE                                  SIGNATURE

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NOMINATING MEMBER                          SECONDED BY                                NOMINEE

Date:_________________  Date:_________________  Date:_________________
Background: After Hurricane Ike in September 2008, the roof of the Center sustained heavy damage resulting in the roof leaking in various areas of the building. An insurance claim was filed and the adjustor set the claim value at $31,649.12. Since the damage was extensive, the Building Maintenance Committee (BMC) has recommended that the entire roof be replaced. The BMC obtained bids from three contractors and decided to go with Starfish Roofing Company for their bid of $51,000. An appeal was sent to the membership to raise funds to bridge the shortfall of about $20,000 between the insurance claim amount received and the bid price. As of 9/23/2009, the community has raised $31,204.00. Negotiations began with Starfish Roofing, but regretfully, they were not willing to give the type of warranty that the ZAH was requesting and ZAH decided not to go with this contractor.

Rationale: During the inspection it was recognized that the 9 air conditioner units that are on the roof have a lifetime of 10 to 12 years, which means these will have to be replaced in the next two to three years. It was also recognized that roof top air conditioners lead to roof deterioration faster due to the vibrations caused when they “kick in”; additionally repairing these units is difficult and could lead to further roof damage. In order to make lasting repairs to the roof, the a/c units will have to be brought down and the roof repaired with a full 15-year warranty as required by industry practice. The Executive Committee has therefore decided to postpone the roof repairs and a/c relocation until we find a contractor who will provide us with the full warranty.

The Executive Committee therefore proposes that the amount collected for the roof repairs be invested in an interest-bearing escrow account until it is required and would like the general body to vote on the following motion.

The General Body authorizes the Executive Committee to hold $62,853.12 raised for the repair of the roof of the Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center in an interest-bearing escrow account, to be used at a later date to repair the roof and to relocate the air conditioner units.

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The Fifteenth North American Zarathushti Congress NAZC-2010
Houston, Texas
December 29, 2010 – January 1, 2011
Preserve! Protect! Perfect!
Preserve the Past, Protect the Present and Perfect the Future

In 1990 ZAH hosted the Seventh North American Congress, in the year 2000 we hosted the Seventh World Zoroastrian Congress, and in 2010, we will be hosting the Fifteenth North American Congress.

A contest was run from among the ZAH members for the theme of the Congress and Preserve! Protect! Perfect! submitted by Arnavaz Godiwalla was selected the best suited theme. The Congress Committee is now going forward with the planning of the Congress based on the winning theme. Following is the Congress Committee:

Roshan Sethna and Jasmine Mistry  Co-Chairs
Sarosh Collector  Treasurer
Arnavaz Sethna  Secretary
Pervin Sagar  Operations Chair
Rustom Engineer  Program Chair
Jimmy Kumana  Fund Raising Chair
Yazdi Sidhwa  Registration Chair
Percy Master  Publication Chair
Mani Surkari and Firdosh Mehta  Publicity Co-Chairs
Arzan Gonda and Kamalrukh Gandhi  Entertainment Co-Chairs
Dilnavaz Subawalla  Medical

Venue: The Intercontinental Hotel – Houston. Rate $89.00 per night, Quad Occupancy

All the Committees are working hard to plan a stellar Congress. Watch out for our next newsletter for the Early Bird Specials. In the meantime, here are some highlights.

Educational and interactive sessions encompassing segments related to youth, seniors, religious, cultural, and business issues

- Dance and music performances
- New Year’s Eve gala banquet
- Fashion show
- Merchandise booths
- A grand "Jashan" at the Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center

For further details email Arnavaz Sethna at: asethna@comcast.net, or Write to: ZAH, 8787 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, TX, 77071, USA. Attn: NAZC-2010