



# ZAPANJ

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**Greetings from your new board of trustees:** Happy Summer to all! This is the first newsletter from your new board of trustees. It will be published periodically throughout the year. Our names are listed above. Our contact information is in the ZAPANJ directory. Please feel free to contact any of us with your comments or suggestions about any matter concerning ZAPANJ.

In addition, please call or e-mail Porus P. Cooper with news and photos of any events within your family or friends circle, whether local or far away, that might merit inclusion in the ZAPANJ newsletter. ZAPANJ is an extended family and every birth or death, every graduation, navjote, marriage, job promotion and recognition, affects us all.

Of course, if there is any change in your address or other contact information, please also keep us updated so your board can continue to serve you.

**The contact information for Porus is: 856-427-4481 or [poruscooper@hotmail.com](mailto:poruscooper@hotmail.com).**

This newsletter has a long tradition of being a vital chronicle of our small community's life and we hope to continue that tradition. Many thanks go to Aban Singh, our former secretary, who for so many years capably edited this publication and set high standards.

PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK **WWW.ZAPANJ.ORG** FOR UPDATES.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** *Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:*

**JULY 15-17: FAMILY FUN WEEKEND AT CAMP INAWENDIWIN, New Jersey.** *For details, see attached flyer or contact Katayun Kapadia at 908-454-1049.*

**JULY 30: PICNIC AT MARSH CREEK STATE PARK** *(from 10.00 am onwards). For details, contact Khushru Jokhi at 302-324-1763. (Directions on last page)*

**AUG. 20: NAVROZE AND PATETI FUNCTION.** *At The Rose Garden, 911 Arena Drive, Hamilton, N.J. 08610. Food catered by Nenshad Maneckshana of Palace of Asia. For details, see attached flyer or contact Adil Masani at 610-948-5337.*

**SEPT. 10: FIRST COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT EVENING (formerly the monthly Religion Class).** At Gibson Hall, Tuckerton Road, Marlton, N.J. The theme is "Fravardin Mah Fravardin Roj" (All Souls Day), the day set aside to honor those who are no longer in our midst. ZAPANJ will host a remembrance tribute to honor all former members who are now with Ahura Mazda. Children and families should bring a photograph (no larger than 8x10) of a member of their family who has passed on. ZAPANJ will provide the flowers and divas. Those who are not regular attendees of our monthly gatherings are welcome to join in this tribute. Please RSVP Khorshed Vakil-Unwala by Aug. 25 at 610-831-0716, to arrange for divas and flowers.

**SEPT. 24: TRIP TO NEW YORK DARBE MEHR.** For details, contact Behnaz Toorkey at 856-751-0633.

**OCT. 9: GAHAMBAR.** NOTE NEW ADDRESS: Lions Lake Banquet Facility. 620 Berlin Road, Voorhees, N.J. 08043. For details contact Khorshed Vakil-Unwala at 610-831-0716.

**DEC. 28-31: WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS, MIAMI.** For details, contact Tina Mehta at 610-240-0878.

### **LOOKING BACK:**

The last few months have seen events both joyful and sad:

### **ZAPANJ mourns:**

The passing of Roshni Kanga's mother, Aloo Rusi Lakdawala, 74, in Mumbai, India. Many of us got to enjoy her company during her visits to New Jersey. She served as a trustee of the Panthaky Agiari in Bandra, Mumbai.

The passing of K.P. Singh's father, Jaidayal Singh, 93, in New Delhi, India. He was a retired schoolteacher.

The passing of Ruby Cooper's mother, Bapai Behram Malao, 86, in Vadodra, India.

### **ZAPANJ celebrates:**

- The marriage of Nozer Damania (ZAPANJ webmaster) to Meenaish Dalal of Poona, India on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2005 in Poona. Congratulations and welcome to the ZAPANJ family.
- The navjote of Darayus Kermani, son of Maharukh and Neville Kermani.
- The graduation of Cyrus Kanga from Cherry Hill East High School. Cyrus won the Board of Education and Crimson Shield awards and was elected to the school's Senior Hall of Fame. Cyrus will attend Tulane University.
- The graduations of Natasha and Ninoshka Singh from high school. Natasha and Ninoshka will attend Cornell University. Natasha and Ninoshka also received the highest honor bestowed on a Girl Scout – the Gold Award from the Girls Scouts of America – through the Freedom Valley Girl Scout Council. Both of them were also recipients of the Freedom Valley Alumni Scholarship Award, taking two of only six scholarship awards presented this year. Lower Providence Township honored them with a plaque.
- The graduation of Vahbiz Karanjia from the University of Michigan with an undergraduate degree in political science and history. She will pursue a law degree at Villanova University.
- The selection of Malcolm Cooper as a member of the American Choral Directors Association's All-Eastern Division Honor Choir and the New Jersey All-State High School Choir. Previously he performed in Los Angeles as a member of the ACDA's All-National Middle School/Junior High Honor Choir.

- The achievements of Rohan Shroff. Rohan plays center-forward and his Cherry Hill United Soccer team won the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Sunburst tournament in West Windsor. He graduated from Rosa International Middle School in Cherry Hill, with the president's award for educational excellence. He will attend St. Joseph's Prep High School in Philadelphia.
- The awards won by Farrokh Kapadia at Georgia Tech. He is in the Navy ROTC program there, and will enter his senior year in September, doing mechanical engineering. He won ribbons as both an academic star and for outstanding physical fitness. He was recognized also by the Society of American Military Engineers; the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, and the Military Officers Association of America. He earned a patrol pin for participating in a submarine nuclear deterrence patrol and was also part of a foreign exchange program with the French Navy, one of only two ROTC cadets selected.
- The accomplishment of Darayus Toorkey, an honors student of French, who participated in a foreign language student exchange program between his school and Lycee Paul Lapie, Courbevoie, Paris.

**ZAPANJ's best wishes:** To Cyrus Mistry for a return to good health after his recent illness.

### **OTHER NEWS:**

- AT the FEZANA annual general meeting, held in May in Pittsburgh, ZAPANJ was one of four member organizations to oppose FEZANA's participation in the world body structure, as currently proposed. Four other member organizations approved the proposal. An ad hoc committee of FEZANA is further studying the proposal and the reactions to it.



- ZAPANJ sponsored an evening out in Philadelphia for a group of our young-adult members and their friends. The event was organized by Tina Mehta and drew 21 young men and women (**see photo above**). The group started out at Pietro's Coal Oven Pizzeria and then gathered at the Denim lounge in Rittenhouse Square. ZAPANJ paid for the entrance fee at Denim. According to Tina, everyone enjoyed the evening of socializing and dancing. Out-of-town guests, including from sister organizations ZAGNY and ZAMWI, stayed overnight with ZAPANJ members. *Tina writes: "Thanks go to Diana (Dadachanji ) Aunty for originally having the idea of a youth event and also for being an excellent source for numbers and emails. Thanks also go to Katayun Aunty for helping with other tasks to help jump-start the night. ... I would also like to say a BIG thanks to the ZAPANJ board for approving the "Night Out In Philly" proposal.*



**ZAPANJ CELEBRATES**



**NAVROZE**



*AT*

*The Rose Garden*



*SATURDAY*

*August 20, 2005*

*FROM 6:30 PM – 11:00 PM*

*ENJOY FOOD, FUN, MUSIC, and DANCE  
WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS*

ADDRESS: 911 ARENA DRIVE, HAMILTON, N.J. 08610. TEL. 609-888-4141.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO 'ZAPANJ'

**All member checks postmarked Aug. 10 or after must be for \$35 without any exception. Call Adil Masani at 610-948-5337 to make reservations prior to sending your check.**

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**NAVROZE DINNER REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# of members: \_\_\_\_\_ # of non-members: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount on enclosed check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

_____	Adult Members	@ \$30 per person
_____	Student Members	@ <b>\$10 per person</b>
_____	Children (3-12 years)	@ <b>FREE</b>
_____	Children (13-18 years)	@ <b>\$10 per person</b>
_____	**Kids meal (Under 12)	@ <b>FREE</b>
_____	Non-Members	@ \$40 per person

\*\***Strictly** for kids less than 12 years old who opt for Kids meal. Macaroni & Cheese and Chicken Nuggets for dinner, chips for appetizer and ice cream for dessert will be served. No food will be allowed from the buffet table. Call *Adil Masani* in advance to pick this menu.

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**Please note that prices for this Navroze dinner event have been drastically reduced for the younger members, including making it FREE to children 12 years old and younger. Older members will see a modest increase.**  
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**Directions to 'The Rose Garden'**

Directions can be obtained from 'The Rose Garden' website: [www.trgnj.com](http://www.trgnj.com) or follow the ones below.

**From NJ South:** Take I-295 N to exit 61B on to Arena Drive West. Look for The Rose Garden on the opposite side of the street, just a very short distance away. Make a U-turn at the first available point and drive back to The Rose Garden.

**From NJ North:** Take I-295 S to exit 62 (Olden Ave. North) onto South Olden Ave. Turn Left on to Toronita Ave. and Left on to Arena Drive.

**From Philadelphia:** Cross Ben Franklin Bridge on to Rt. 30. Stay in left lane which will take you over a small bridge. At the bottom of the bridge, move into the second lane from the right and take Route 70 East. Travel east for about seven miles and take exit for I-295 North. Follow directions above for, "**From NJ South**".

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### **DIRECTIONS to Marsh Creek Park:**

#### **From the PA Turnpike:**

Take Downingtown/Westchester Interchange # 23 for PA Route 100 N.; Then turn right at TPK exit to go north on Route 100 (Pottstown Pike). Then go through a 2-horse town called Eagle Village. Going down the hill, see Moore's Furniture on right and two gas stations on left. You will be directly facing "Eagle Tavern". \*Turn left to go WNW on Little Conestoga Road.

First cross road is "Park Road" for Marsh Creek State Park. Turn left. The road dead-ends in Marsh Creek State Park.

Follow directions below *\*\*for parking inside the park.*

#### **From King of Prussia, PA:**

Take US Rt. 202 S to Frazer, PA. Take US 30 W (Business--not the Exton Bypass) to Exton and Downingtown. Turn right on US Rt. 30 to go West. After several lights, turn right on PA Rt. 100. Go approx. 5 miles to reach Eagle Tavern. \*Follow other directions from there.

#### **From Delaware:**

Take US 202 N. Pass West Chester, PA. Take the exit for PA Rt. 100 N to Exton and Pottstown. Watch for junction with US Rt. 30. Continue on and go approx. 5 miles to reach Eagle Tavern. \*Follow other directions from there.

**Directions from PA Route 100 South:** Come down South on PA Rt. 100 S from Pottstown. Pass Font Road on your right and Fellowship Road on your left. Climb up a hill on Rt. 100 and come down the hill. At the bottom of the hill, turn right on Park Road. The road dead-ends in Marsh Creek State Park. Follow directions below *\*\*for parking inside the park.*

***\*\*Directions inside Marsh Creek Park:*** When you see the parking lot, turn left and go up the hill. You will see another parking lot, just across from the swimming pool. Turn left and park in this parking lot. ZAPANJ holds the picnic in the wooded area just before this parking lot in the children's play area.

#### **Directions to Kasads (Adi & Persis) for Tea in the evening:**

Come back to Little Conestoga Road and turn left on it. Take first "Right" turn into 122 Christine Drive, Downingtown PA. Kasads are 7<sup>th</sup> home on right.

**ZAPANJ - FAMILY FUN WEEKEND AT CAMP INAWENDIWIN**  
**From 5 pm on Friday, July15 till noon on Sunday, July 17, 2005**

*Camp Inawendiwin is 485 acre site in the Pine Barrens in Tabernacle, New Jersey. Inawendiwin is the Lenai Lenape name for "friendship".*

*Let our Group enjoy nature, programs and build friendships on a Camping Trip!*

We will stay in the Troop Camp House where many of us have enjoyed this Campsite before and we hope you will participate in this fun event this time too. We have an exciting program planned for the young as well as young at heart – games, races, hikes, campfire, a social evening on Saturday, July 16, and yummy food too.

**You can participate for half a day, full day, sleepover for 1-2 nights or join us for the entire weekend. Please call Katayun Kapadia at 908-454-1049 or email: kkatayun@msn.com latest by July 10 to let us know if you will join us.**

**DIRECTIONS TO CAMP INAWENDIWIN**

**From New York and North:**

Take the NJ Turnpike south to Exit 7 (Bordentown). Follow Rte 206 South for 16 miles to the Red Lion Circle (Jct. Rte 70)\*

**From Philadelphia and West:**

**From Tacony Palmyra Bridge:** Take Rte 73 South (10.5 miles) to Rte 70 East. Take Rte 70 East (10.5 miles) to the Red Lion Circle (Jct. Rte 206)\*

**From Ben Franklin Bridge:** Take Admiral Wilson Blvd to Rte 70 East. Go 20 miles on Rte 70 East to the Red Lion Circle (Jct. Rte 206)\*

**From Walt Whitman Bridge, Washington DC, and South:**

Take Interstate 295 North to Exit 34A (Rte 70 East - Marlton). Go 14 miles on Rte 70 East to the Red Lion Circle (Jct. Rte 206)\*

**\*From the Red Lion Circle (Jct Rtes 206 and 70):** Go 1 mile on Rte 70 East (to the first traffic light). Turn right onto New Rd. Go 3/4 mile on New Rd. and turn left onto Friendship Rd., which will turn into Powell Place Rd. The ranger's house is 1 mile down on the right, and the main camp entrance is 1/2 mile beyond that.

**From Gloucester Township area:**

Take White Horse Pike (Rte 30) south to Berlin. Turn left onto Jackson Rd.\*\*

**From Winslow Township and Atlantic County areas:**

Take either Rte 73 or Rte 30 north towards Berlin. From Rte 73, turn right onto Hayes Mill Rd., which will become Atco Ave. From Rte 30, turn right onto Atco Ave. Go to the end of Atco Ave. and turn right onto Jackson Rd.\*\*

**\*\*From Jackson Rd:** Follow Jackson Rd. (which will eventually become Oak Shade Rd.) all the way out to Medford Lakes Rd. (You will have gone through three 4-way stops.) Turn right onto Medford Lakes Rd. Keep going past Rte 206 and through the 4-way stop at Carranza Rd. Go one more block and turn left onto New Rd. Go about 1.4 miles on New Rd. then turn right onto Fox Chase Rd. Go to the end of Fox Chase Rd. and turn right onto Powell Place Rd. The ranger's house is on the right about 300 yards from the turn, and the camp entrance is 1/2 mile ahead, on the right.

**All vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot, backed in along the tree line.**

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