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Join Us

For

Pateti Celebration - 2003

At

CHATEAU GRANIERI

(2522 W. Main Street, Jeffersonville, PA 19403)

610-539-3500



SATURDAY

August 23, 2003

FROM 6:00 pm - 11:00 PM

ENJOY

Good FOOD, FUN, MUSIC, and DANCE

Contact *Khorshed Unwalla* at 610-831-0716 and mail your check along with registration
no later than August 15, 2003 to

136 Spruce Lane, Collegeville, PA 19426

Please note that we will not be able to entertain any cancellations and no refunds will be made. All
checks sent after August 15, will be charged at \$35.00 without any exception.

PATETI DINNER REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

of members: _____

of non-members: _____

Total amount on enclosed check: \$ _____

_____	Adults Members	@ \$25 per person
_____	Student Members	@ \$20 per person
_____	Children (3-12 years)	@ \$15 per child
_____	Children (13-18 years)	@ \$17 per person
_____	Non-Members	@ \$35 per person

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CHATEAU GRANIERI

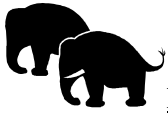
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Directions to Chateau Granieri: *From Expressway (I-76):* Take Expressway West and exit to Route 202 South. Continue ½ mile to 422 west. Proceed to Trooper exit (also called as Route 363). Follow 363 North to Ridge Pike (Main Street). Turn right at traffic light and proceed ½ block. Chateau Granieri is located to your right.

From PA Turnpike: Take PA Turnpike to Exit 24 and then to Route 202 South and proceed as above



Past news to share:



Day at the Philadelphia Zoo:

Young and old had a fun time at the Philadelphia Zoo on June 14, where we spent a whole day. We began by going up 400 ft in the Zoo 6 Balloon and watched the Philly skyline from there. Whilst descending we had the opportunity to participate in a warm and romantic love scene when one of the visitors proposed to his girl friend kneeling down on his knees with a ring which of course she gladly accepted. OOOH!!!.....So lovey-dovey. Well, after that wonderful start all the kids had an opportunity to roam the Zoo, learn about animals, plants and fauna, ride on elephants and camels and end the day at 4.00 pm. Thanks to *Freny Ranji* for coordinating the Zoo outing.



Park Clean Up: We also did our share of community service on June 28 with children and adults participating in cleaning up the Cooper River Park in New Jersey. *Behnaz Toorkey* organized this event with assistance from *Burgis Unwalla* and *Cyrus Boga* in Pennsylvania and *Burgis Cooper* in New Jersey.



Swimming at the Beach:

Some of our families enjoyed an outing at the Dewey Beach in Delaware in mid July when it was just the right time with the hot...hot weather. Children had a good time swimming, building sand castles and playing. This outing was coordinated by *Khorshed Unwalla* and assisted by *Sherry Bapasola*. Thanks to the *Jokhis* for a refreshing cup of tea after the beach.



July 19 - Family Picnic: Our annual family picnic was well attended with about 30-40 people with great food, swimming in the pool, boating in the lake, playing volley ball, just relaxing and having fun. We of course missed our "Panna party" group. Hey where were you guys? The picnic ended with our regular ritual, having tea at the *Kasads*. Thanks to the *Kasads*.

Future events to participate in:



August 8, 9 and 10 -

Camping at the French Creek State Park: We are all looking forward to this year's camping at French Creek. For details contact our youngsters *Darius Toorkey* in New Jersey at 856-751-0633 and *Sorab Boga* at 610-630-4642 in Pennsylvania. *Zerksis Boga* and *Behnaz Toorkey* are coordinating this event.



August 17 - Muktaad Prayers for the Departed:

This will be held at 10.00 am sharp at the Days Inn Motel, Bordentown, NJ 08505.

(Directions: NJ Turnpike, Exit 7-Bordentown, bear right onto 206 North. Motel is 1,000 yards on the right.)

Ervard *Noshir Karanjia* and Ervard *Adi Unwalla* will conduct the Muktaad prayers. Each family may submit up to five names for inclusion in the prayers with a donation of \$5.00 per name. (Checks to be made payable to ZACUCE by August 12, 2003).

Flowers in vases, sandalwood and candles may be offered at the ceremony.

Contact *Freny Ranji* at 856-854-2251 for further information.



August 23 - The Pateti Function:

will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at The Chateau Granieri. For details, see front page of this Newsletter.



September 13: will be our first prayer class for the next season. This class will be held at Gibson House in Evesham Twp., NJ. Class will start at 4:30 pm. Please remember to bring a topi or scarf for use during the Humbandagi. Mark this date on your calendar.

October 19: Our annual Gambhar will be at the Voorhees Hall, Voorhees, NJ on October 19th beginning with a Jashan and followed by lunch. We will hold prayer class right after the lunch.

Call *Freny Ranji* to *volunteer for cooking and providing other assistance.*



Community News:

Congratulations to:

Noshir Karanjia for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Civil Engineering for dedicated long term services in Civil Engineering. Noshir graduated from Bombay University and then continued his education at the University of Pennsylvania earning his Masters degree in CE. He worked from 1967-2002 with the United Engineers and Construction Firm, which was later called Raytheon Engineering Firm.

Noshir continues to be active with ZAPANJ, presiding over many of the religious ceremonies and prayers. Presently, he is also very much involved with fundraising efforts and increasing awareness for the forthcoming ZACUCE center. *Congratulations Noshir on behalf of the ZAPANJ community, we are all very proud of you!*

Sherry Bapasola: for earning the Voorhees School Centennial award. This award is presented to the student who is selected as model student in the middle school, demonstrating scholarship, citizenship, involvement, and respect for fellow students, faculty, and administrators. *Superb job, Sherry!*

Correction of address:

Percy Amaria
2700 Elroy Road, Apt H-17
Hatfield, PA 19440
Phone: 215-361-7068

Please welcome:

Temuras and Kashmira Patrawala
5113 Leeward Road,
Bensalem PA 19020
Phone: 215-638-2816
Daughters: Aarmin (19) and Tnaaz (18)



Our Budding Scholars:

CONGRATS to:

- ☺ *Roshini Cooper* who will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- ☺ *Sam Bapasola* who will be attending Drexel University for Business Administration.
- ☺ *Zal Chapgar* who will be attending Bloomsburg University.
- ☺ *Aarmin Patrawala* who will be attending Holy family University in Newtown.
- ☺ *Tnaaz Patrawala* who will be attending Temple University.
- *Keki Balsara* for completing his M.D from University of Pennsylvania. He will be starting his residency in Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Duke University.
- *Cherag Daruwalla* for completing his M.D.
- *Jennifer Nalawalla* for completing her undergraduate studies at Rutgers College.

Young Scholars...Continue with your hard work and great achievements. *Entire ZAPANJ community is very proud of you. Great job!!!*



In the News:

The COURIER POST newspaper of New Jersey interviewed *Karl Sukhia* and *Avir Mitra* on Saturday July 19, 2003 for the "Living" section of the newspaper. The paper reported, "Two young Indian-American performers want to do away with negative cultural images. Unlike many 22-year-old musicians, *Avir Mitra* and *Karl Sukhia* already have long-range humanitarian goals. In addition to making money, they'd like nothing better than to use their music to help crush negative stereotypes associated with India and its culture". To view the complete article, please visit the following website:

<http://www.southjerseynews.com/issues/july/f071903a.htm>

ZACUCE UPDATE:

Please mark your calendar for the **fund raising** dinner for the Zarathushti Cultural Center (ZACUCE) on **Saturday, November 8, 2003**. The evening will feature Classical and Contemporary Dances, Bollywood show tunes, Ghazals, Gara Sari Fashion Show and much more. The donation of \$100 will include open bar, Indian cuisine, and entertainment. Young adults between 12 and 18 can donate \$50.00 towards this wonderful and visionary cause and make this a successful event by participating in this event. For ticket and program information contact *Noshir Karanjia* at 856-983-4990. Please assist by bringing forth advertisements, messages, good wishes, etc for the brochure. For ads and rates, contact *Arnavaz Sukhia* at 856-751-7233. Visit the ZACUCE website www.zacuce.org

Shirts for Sale: Place your orders for shirts which are being sold to benefit the Zarathushti Cultural Center of Delaware Valley (ZACUCE). Orders will be in by August. All shirts will be in royal blue color with a Asho Farohar logo in gold, with the words "Good Thoughts, Good Words and Good Deeds." Prices are from \$10-\$20 depending on the size. Contact *Phiroza Stoneback* at phiroza11@yahoo.com or at 215-757-4052 for placing an order or for any questions.

FEZANA NEWS in brief:

Cyrus Toorkey attended the FEZANA Annual General meeting held in Boston this year. Some of the highlights from the meeting are.

- The AGM meeting for next year will be in Florida.
- Some members are looking into a project for a retirement community in Sun City, Florida.
- The FEZANA World Body Working group presented their report. Visit the FEZANA web site (www.fezana.org) for details on the presentation.
- The Zoroastrian sports committee announced that the next Zarathushti Games would be held in Vancouver Canada, hosted by ZSBC, during the week of July 4, 2004.
- The North American Zarathushti Directory is being updated.

- Partial funds were approved to support few worldwide activities by FEZANA. These are: for the book Understanding and Practice of Obsequies. (Ritual performance of funeral rites), the Parsi Cultural Identity. Also, additional funds were approved to set up Academic Scholarships of \$10,000.
- Requests for funding of projects by various individuals were discussed.
- FEZANA's participation in UN-NGO status/UNESCO celebrations was recognized for the declaration of 2003 year, denoted as the 3000th Anniversary of Zoroastrianism.

General information:

Some useful websites for our youngsters:
(Copied from Interface-Vol 19, No.3 February 2003)

- Math: <http://www.teachrkids.com/>
- Science: <http://astroboy.gsfc.nasa.gov/earthasart/>
- Science: <http://www.madsci.org>
- Social Studies: <http://moa.umdl.umich.edu>
- English: <http://www3.bc.sympatico.ca/teachwell/>
- English: <http://www.pdictionary.com>
- English: <http://www.mightybook.com/home.htm>
- Multidisciplinary: <http://kidshub.org/kids/kids.cfm>

News from India:

Attached is a flyer "Need a Helping Hand?" from Parsiana, December 2001 giving a list of institutions for financial assistance for colleges, and medical assistance for inside and outside India.

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