



# ZAPANJ

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY

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## Newsletter February 2003

**President:** Arnavaz Sukhia      **Vice President:** Cyrus Toorkey  
**Treasurer:** Cyrus Mehta      **Secretary:** Aban Singh  
**Joint Secretary:** Banoo Karanjia

**Membership Dues:** It is time for members to renew their ZAPANJ membership for the calendar year 2003. If you are not a member of ZAPANJ yet, we urge you to become one soon.

Please mail your check to **Banoo Karanjia** at 4 Gladstone Road, Marlton, NJ 08053 or contact Banoo at (856) 983-4990. If you have not paid your membership fees, your check could be mailed together with your Navroze payment. Please make sure that there are **two separate checks**, one for Navroze and the other for membership dues. Membership dues are as follows:

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

ZAPANJ - 2003 Membership Dues

Please attach your check payable to ZAPANJ

Life Membership	=	\$300 plus \$2/family/year Fezana dues
Family Membership	=	\$35 plus \$2/family/year Fezana dues
Single Membership	=	\$20 plus \$2/family/year Fezana dues
Student Membership	=	\$10 plus \$2/family/year Fezana dues

----- *Tear off here and return with payment* -----

Please make a check payable to ZAPANJ and mail the attached slip to **Banoo Karanjia** at following address: 4 Gladstone Road, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership requested:

Life \_\_\_ Family \_\_\_ Single \_\_\_ Student \_\_\_

# ZAPANJ

CELEBRATES



# NAVROZE



AT

BOMBAY CUISINE



SATURDAY

MARCH 22, 2003

FROM 6.00 - 11.00 PM

(Annual General Meeting 6.30 - 7.30 pm)

COME AND ENJOY FOOD, FUN, MUSIC,  
and DANCE

*WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY*

Tickets:

Adult members (18 & over)----\$25.00

Student members-----\$20.00

Children 3-12 years-----\$15.00

Children 13-18 years-----\$17.00

Non-Members-----\$35.00

At the door (member or non member)-----\$35.00

Contact Banoo Karanjia at (856) 983-4990 and mail your check along with registration slip **no later than March 8th 2003.**

Please note, no cancellations will be accepted after March 8, hence, no refunds will be made.

**DINNER REGISTRATION FORM**

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



Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of members: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Non Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount on enclosed check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**DIRECTIONS  
TO  
BOMBAY CUISINE  
HOWARD JOHNSON EXPRESS INN  
2389 ROUTE 70 WEST, CHERRY HILL, NJ-08002  
TEL 856-317-1900 FAX: 856-317-0800**

From Philadelphia International Airport:

Take interstate 95 North to Walt Whitman Bridge. From the bridge follow 676 East to Route 130 North to Route 70 East and Howard Johnson Express Inn is on your right. Bombay Cuisine is right after Bishop Eustace High school. (approx. 13 miles)

From Center City Philadelphia (Pennsylvania Convention Center & 30th Street station):

Take 676 East to Ben Franklin Bridge. Follow Route 30 East to Route 70 East and Howard Johnson Express is on your right. Hotel is right after Bishop Eustace High school. (approx. 7 miles)

From Trenton New Jersey:

Take interstate 295 South to Exit 34B (Cherry Hill/route 70 West). Proceed approximately 4 miles on 70 West. Hotel is on your left side. Pass hotel sign and at the next light make a 'U' turn. Hotel entrance is on your right side.

From New York City/North Jersey:

Take New Jersey Turnpike South to exit 4, and then take route 73 North. Pass two traffic lights and take 295 South. Take exit 34B (Cherry Hill/route 70 West). Proceed approximately 4 miles on 70 West. Hotel is on your left side. Pass hotel sign and at the next light make a 'U' turn. Hotel entrance is on your right side.

From Atlantic city/South Jersey:

Take Atlantic City Expressway to Route 42 North to interstate 295 North to exit 34B (Cherry Hill/route 70 West). Proceed approximately 4 miles on 70 West. Hotel is on your left side. Pass hotel sign and at the next light make a 'U' turn. Hotel entrance is on your right side.

From Baltimore & Washington D.C. and All Points South:

Take Interstate 95 North to the Delaware Memorial Bridge to Interstate 295 North to exit 34B (Cherry Hill/Route 70 West). Proceed approximately 4 miles on 70 west. Hotel is on your left side. Pass hotel sign and at the next light make a 'U' turn. Hotel entrance is on your right side.

From Harrisburg/Valley Forge and West:

Take PA Turnpike to exit 24 (Valley Forge) and follow interstate 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) to Route 676 East to Ben Franklin Bridge. After crossing the bridge, follow Route 30 east to Route 70 East and Howard Johnson Express is on your right. (Approx. 2.5 miles from the bridge)

From Franklin Mills and Philadelphia Suburbs:

Take Interstate 95 South to 676 East to Ben Franklin Bridge. After crossing the bridge, follow Route 30 east to Route 70 East and Howard Johnson Express is on your right. (Approx. 2.5 miles from the bridge)

From Cherry Hill Mall and Moorestown Mall:

Take route 38 West to route 70 East and the entrance is on the right side.

**ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY  
NOMINATION FORM**

To: The President  
ZAPANJ

I, \_\_\_\_\_ a member in good standing, wish to submit my nomination as a candidate for election to the ZAPANJ Board of Trustees for the two (2) year term, 2003 – 2005 at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday March 22, 2003.  
Please accept my nomination.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee

Please mail the completed form post marked no later than March 9, 2003 to:

Arnavaz Sukhia  
President-Zapanj  
204 Brompton drive,  
Cherry Hill NJ 08003

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY  
PROXY FORM

To: The President  
ZAPANJ

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member in good standing, hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as a Proxy with full powers of substitution, to vote on my behalf for the election of the ZAPANJ Board of Trustees for the two (2) year term, 2003 – 2005 at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday March 22, 2003. This proxy revokes any proxy previously given.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

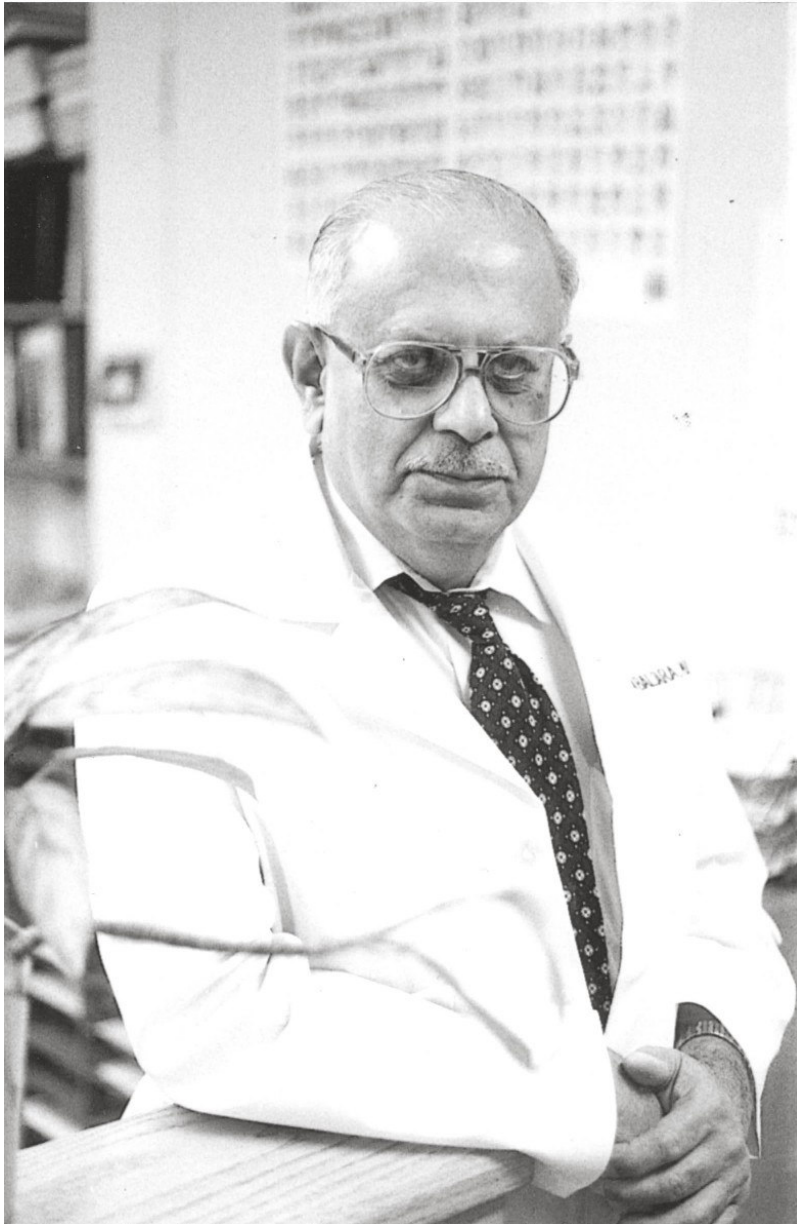
If a Proxy's name is left blank, the President's name shall be entered. If not dated, this Proxy is deemed to bear the date on which it was sent to the member.

Please mail the completed form postmarked no later than March 9, 2003 to:

Arnavaz Sukhia  
President-Zapanj  
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Past news to share:

**Obituary:**



**Balsara, Rohinton K. M.D.**, passed away on Dec 29 2002, beloved husband of Gulnar; loving father of Anahita, Keki and Zarine, he is also survived by his mother Goolbai and sister Sherene. Dr. Balsara received his medical degree from India. He came to the U.S. in 1963 and completed his general surgery residency at Cincinnati Jewish Hospital. He then came to Philadelphia where he completed a residency in Cardio-Thoracic Surgery at Temple University Hospital and a fellowship in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. He practiced in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at St. Christopher's Hospital, Temple University, and Children's Hospital and was an active member of Shriner Hospital.

Dr Balsara was an extremely active and a founding member of ZAPANJ (the Zoroastrian Association of Pennsylvania and New Jersey) and served on the Board from 1979, when Zapanj was established, upto 1983. He was on the Board again from 1989-1993 and finally served as a President from 1997 to 2001.

He had been a pillar of strength for our community, his life and work truly epitomizing the Zarathusti concepts of “Good Thoughts, Good Words and Good Deeds”.

The following is a letter to the family, from Dr. Karin Bierbrauer, a colleague of Dr. Balsara's. It aptly describes Rohinton:

“I just wanted to personally express to you my deepest sympathy on the sudden passing away of your beloved husband and father. To me, as to so many others at St Christopher's, Temple and Shriner's, he was truly a role model of what we can only aspire to become.

He was, first and foremost, a truly great physician. I always marveled at how he seemed to know just about everything about every disease process, surgical procedure, anatomical minutiae, and critical care that I could ever think to ask him about. And ask him we all did, whenever we were troubled with a difficult case or decision. Not only did he always seem to know just the right answer, but also he delivered it with grace and never made us feel as though we were bothering him. When I first joined the faculty at St. Christopher's 12 years ago, I felt at times overwhelmed as do all young surgeons, but never when I was with “Dr. B”. One truly felt he could, and did, handle everything and every difficult case and complication one challenged him with.

Not only was he the most technically skilled surgeon I know, but he had a wonderful way of imparting his knowledge to residents and medical students, and of course to me (Although I have to agree with my co workers that if we only become half the surgeon he was, we will feel ourselves extraordinarily blessed). What I also remember ever so fondly was his wonderful sense of humor, which so brightened every interaction with him. The fact that he never said “no” whence fellow surgeons, myself included, asked for help, no matter the day or the hour of the day, makes it even more of a tribute to how truly great he was that he found time for his wonderful family and three such outstanding, successful children. He will be missed but his spirit will live on”.

### **Condolences:**

Our heartfelt condolences to the Roshini Kanga on the passing of Roshini's Dad Rusi Lakhdawala in Bombay. He is survived by his wife Aloo, daughters Roshni and Benaifer, their husbands Percy and Khushrav and their children



### Prayer Class:

Our cooks in the past few months for our prayer classes have been:

*For November:*

*Nilofer Boga, Armin Surti. Mahrukh Deputy, & Gulnar Balsara.*

*For December:*

*Freny Ranji, Behnaaz Toorkey, Phiroza Stoneback, & Havovi Jokhi*

*For January:*

*Nergis Unwalla, Persis Kasad, Daulat Mevawalla & Viloo Nalawalla*

*For February:*

*Hutoxi Cooper, Cyrus Mehta, Ruby Cooper & Dhun Mehta.*

Thank You to all

### Future events to participate in:

**Navroze Function:** The Navroze Function to be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Bombay Cuisine in Cherry Hill, NJ. Refer to details and directions.



**Prayer classes:** The prayer classes for the months of March April and May will be held at the Gibson House Community Center, Marlton, New Jersey. Directions on our web site. The current class for February will be held in Devon PA.

### **Sit Down Dinner for May Prayer class:**

We are planning a sit down banquet - like dinner for the prayer class in May. We are hoping that all our children will participate in making this a unique success. Each child will be assigned a task as per their ability and age level, and hence contribute to the dinner. If you would like your child to

participate and haven't been contacted as yet, please call *Aban Singh* at 610-539-9229 or email at *kpsingh@aol.com*.

This class will also host *Ervad Parvez Bajan*, from Mumbai, India who will give us a talk.

Please make suggestions as to what religious topic you would like to have discussed, and e-mail your suggestions to *Arnavaz Sukhia* at *dsukhia@voicenet.com*, before March 15, 2003.



### Community News:

#### **Nominations wanted for March;**

As the current Board of trustees' term comes to an end in March 2003, we need volunteers to come forward and submit their nominations to serve on the Board. Please fill in your form, and make a difference in your community, **either by nominating someone or even yourself.**

#### **Donations:**

ZAPANJ is now registered with the following:

The United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, (7 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy Philadelphia PA 19013-1208.). The Agency Code is **7835**.

Tri State United Way, (120 Wall St, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10005). The Agency Code is **009874**.

United Way of Delaware INC, (Linden Building, 3rd Floor, 625 N Orange St, Wilmington DE 19801-2296). The Agency Code is **1341**. The address to all three agencies is: *Zoroastrian Association of PA*

& NJ, Arnavaz Sukhia, 204 Brompton Dr, Cherry Hill NJ 08003).

**ZAPANJ Directory:** Finally, Finally!! Our long awaited new phone directory is here. Please make sure you get your copy. Information on current Fezana officers and addresses of other associations in North America is included.



**ZAPANJ web site:** Our web site is now constantly updated with the latest news. So get into the habit of checking our site. Give us any information to share, and let us have your input on any changes you would like to see. Visit [www.zapanj.org](http://www.zapanj.org).

Thanks to *Nozer Damania*, who is handling our website.

### **Zarathushti Rituals: Past, Present, and Future :**

A reminder about the Seminar "Zarathushti Rituals: Past, Present, and Future" April 19 2003, Toronto, Canada. The program of the meeting has now been finalized. All the details including the registration form are available on our updated web site. The early bird deadline is February 15, 2003. Please take advantage and register



### **Call for Mobed Faridoon**

#### **Zardoshty Religion Education Scholarship:**

As requested by *Kayomارش P. Mehta*, Chair of Religious Education & Conference Committee, Fezana, the above is a call for application for religious studies scholarship. Visit [www.zapanj.org](http://www.zapanj.org) for the application and instructions for the *Mobed Faridoon Zardoshty Religion Education Scholarship*.

The deadline for receiving the applications is extended to March 31, 2003.

**Change of address:** Please inform the Zapanj Secretary if there is any change in address. Thanks.



**Share and smile:** (Submitted by a friend from Netherlands)

### **NEW COMPANY RULES**

#### **SICK DAYS:**

We will no longer accept a doctor statement as proof of sickness. If you are able to go to the doctor, you are able to come to work.

#### **SURGERY:**

Operations are now banned. As long as you are an employee here, you need all your organs. You should not consider removing anything. We hired you intact. To have something removed constitutes a breach of employment.

#### **PERSONAL DAYS:**

Each employee will receive 104 personal days a year. They are called Saturday & Sunday.

#### **VACATION DAYS:**

All employees will take their vacation at the same time every year. The vacation days are as follows: Jan. 1, July 4 & Dec. 25

#### **RESTROOM USE:**

Entirely too much time is being spent in the restroom. In the future, we will follow the practice of going in alphabetical order. For instance, all employees whose names begin with 'A' will go from 8:00 to 8:20, employees whose names begin with 'B' will go from 8:20 to 8:40 and so on. If you're unable to go at your allotted time, it will be necessary to wait until the next day when your turn comes again. In extreme emergencies employees may swap their time with a coworker. Both employees' supervisors must approve this exchange in writing. In addition, there is now a strict 3-minute time limit in the stalls. At the end of three minutes, an alarm will sound, the toilet paper roll will retract, and the stall door will open.

#### **LUNCH BREAK:**

Skinny people get an hour for lunch as they need to eat more so that they can look healthy; normal sized people get 30 minutes for lunch to get a balanced meal to maintain the average figure; fat people get 5 minutes for lunch because that's all the time needed to drink a Slim Fast & take a diet pill.

#### **DRESS CODE:**

It is advised that you come to work dressed according to your salary. If we see you wearing \$350 Prada sneakers & carrying a \$600 Gucci bag, we assume you are doing well financially and therefore you do not need a raise.

Thank you for your loyalty to our company. We are here to



provide a positive employment experience. Therefore, all questions, comments, concerns, complaints, frustrations, irritations, aggravations, insinuations, allegations, accusations, contemplations, consternations or input, should be directed elsewhere. Have a nice week.

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