



ZAPANj

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY

Newsletter July 2002

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

Pateti Celebration - 2002

AT

Palace of asia

285 Commerce Drive, Fort Washington, PA 19034

Phone: 215-646-2133

(Call to ask for Directions)

SATURDAY

August 24, 2002

FROM 6:00 - 11:00 PM

(Extraordinary General Body meeting 6:30 - 7:30 pm)

COME AND ENJOY FOOD, FUN, MUSIC
and DANCE

Contact *Banoo Karanjia* at 856-983-4990 and mail your check along with registration slip **no later than August 9, 2002** to

4, Gladstone Road Marlton NJ 08053.

Please note that we will not be able to entertain any cancellations and no refunds will be made. All checks sent after August 9 will be charged at \$35.00 without any exceptions.

PATETI DINNER REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

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Address: _____

of members: _____

of Non Members: _____

Total amount on enclosed check: \$ _____

_____	Adults (Member)	@ \$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

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

The Board of ZAPANJ has called a Special Meeting on August 24, 2002 at our Pateti Function to propose a budget for the Religion Class. As you are well aware, the attendance at the religion classes has grown close to about fifty - sixty people with members, children, and guests, and hence we must rent premises to hold the classes each month. The budget assigned for the Religion Class will be used for: 1) to rent the premises for our classes, 2) religious books given to the children and 3) the religion class outing, which is held once a year.

If you are unable to attend this function you can still vote by sending in the **proxy form** attached below. We hope to see you all on August 24, 2002.

Sincerely,
Arnavaz Sukhia, President ZAPANJ

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ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY
PROXY FORM

To: The Secretary,
ZAPANJ

I _____, a member in good standing, hereby appoint _____ as a Proxy with full powers of substitution, to vote on my behalf for the proposed budget for the ZAPANJ religion classes on August 24, 2002. This proxy revokes any previously proxy given.

Signature _____ Date _____

If the 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 this completed form postmarked no later than August 9, 2002 to:

Aban Singh - Secretary
2509 Condor Drive
Audubon, PA 19525

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Past news to share:



Religion Class Outing:

We had a good turnout for the Franklin Institute outing in June, and all the children enjoyed going through the museum exhibits and attending various shows.



Walkathon Champion:

Zerksis Boga participated in the Walkathon for the American Cancer Society sponsored by Johnson and Johnson Company in June. Zerksis walked for 12 hours **non-stop** to raise almost \$6000.00 for the society. Our hats off to Zerksis on a Great Job!! We are indeed very proud to have such an athlete amongst us.



Aaron's Celebrate One

Year:

Jeroo and Khodi Irani, owners of Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership Store in Harrisburg, celebrated their first anniversary with a Jashan at their store followed by lunch at the Harrisburg Golf Club. They have received recognition as the best overall franchise store, and were the runner up for the President's Cup of the Aaron's organization. They have also received the Entrepreneur Achievement Award from the Kutztown University. Congratulations!!!

Condolences:

Our heartfelt condolences to the *Diana and Minocher Dadachanji* on the sad demise of Diana's mother-in law Amy, and grandmother to Minocher, who passed away in India in July. We offer

our prayers to all the members of the bereaved families.

Our condolences to *Dasturji Jimmy Makujina's* family of San Jose, California who passed away on 13th June 2002. Our prayers are with wife Amy, sister Aban and their families.

Future events to participate in:



July 20 - Family Picnic:

Our picnic is fast approaching which will be held at the Marsh Creek State Park. Refer to directions and details in the May newsletter.



August 24 - The Pateti

Function: to be held on Saturday, August 24th at The Palace of Asia

restaurant. For details, see front page of this Newsletter.



Carom Board

Tournament: Our Carom Board tournament will be held on July 27th and 28th in New Jersey. Contact *Sam Bapasola* or *Zerksis Boga* for more details.



September 14: will be our first prayer class for the next season. This class will be held in Devon, PA. Mark this date on your calendar.



Community

News :



Our Budding Scholars:

- *Minocher Dadachanji* will be attending the University of Pennsylvania.
- *Roshini Toorkey* will be attending University of Southern California.
- *Freddy Patel* will be going to the Air Force as an Aviation Support Equipment Technician.
- *Zubin Patel* will be attending the University of Pennsylvania.
- *Sasan Jahanian* will be attending Temple University.
- *Farrokh Kapadia* will be attending the Georgia Tech University.
- ❖ *Roshni Kasad* has finished her undergraduate studies and will start her first job at the NIH. (National Institute of Health)
- ❖ *Jasmine Chapgar* has completed her undergraduate degree with the highest Honors in Anthropology and Music. She has graduated from the Scholars program at Rutgers's University.
- ❖ *Kaizad Dinshaw* graduated from the Philadelphia University in Management Information Systems. He will continue his Masters in Information Technology.

Well-done....Young Scholars, and may we always see your name in print in the

BEST possible way. *We are all very proud of you!!!!*



Our Youngest members:

Congrats to Adil and Nivedita Masani on the birth of their daughter *Zenia* and to brother *Rohan*. Baby *Zenia* was born on 21st of June.

Congratulations to *Viraf* and *Jennifer Ranji* on the birth of their baby boy *Jordan*, and to the grandparents *Freny and Jamshed Ranji*. Baby *Jordan* was born in April.



Last prayer class in May: Due to some communication glitch, we held our prayer class at the Singh's residence in May. Our thanks go to the *Singh's family* for allowing us to hold the class at a very short notice. Thanks to *Freny Patel, Armin Surti, and Aban Singh* for the dinner.

Thanks to *Percy Karanjia* for the cooking classes for our children and volunteering his time, talent, and effort to teach our kids this past year.

ZAPANJ Directory: This is absolutely the **last chance** for any changes to be made to the phone directory. Also, if any new member would like their name and information to be added to the directory, contact Aban Singh at 610-539-9229.

E-Mail addresses: Let us know if you would like to receive the ZAPANJ newsletter through e-mail. This would help to defray some of the cost of printing and mailing. Also, please look

up the ZAPANJ web page and give us your input.

12th North American Zoroastrian Congress: held in Chicago is finally over.

- Very close to home, our very own *Diniar Sukhia*, won the First prize for the raffle ticket, which is a beautiful Ecotron Ladies Watch. Congrats to Diniar!!!
- Our Treasurer *Cyrus Mehta* took part in a skit called "Family Feud".
- Some of our members attended this event and returned with glowing reports about the Congress.

- Some of the prestigious Zoroastrian awards went to the following:

- 1) Lifetime Achievement Award - Dr. Farhang Meher, Boston
- 2) Excellence in Business/Profession - Firdans Bhathena
- 3) Rohinton Rivetna Outstanding Zoroastrian award - Kayomarsh Mehta, Chicago
- 4) Jamshed Pavri Humanitarian Service - Bella Tata, Vancouver
- 5) Outstanding Young Zoroastrian - Sherazade Mehta, Boston
- 6) Excellence in Performing Arts Painting or Theater - Bapsy Sidhwa, Houston
- 7) Paradise Award - Tenaz Dubash, New York

Creating Awareness: is a user group that is devoted to addressing the question "How do we as Zarathushtis living in North America learn more about our religion and then create awareness of the Zarathusthi religion and community for our North American neighbors?", and has coined acronyms TOWWA (Telling Others Who We Are) and NAN (North American Neighbors).

This group is doing wonderful work in educating, and presenting informative exchanges on suggested reading materials, website establishments, and Zarathusthi FAQ's. For further information contact Mehrborzin Soroushian at <mazda@att.net> or Aban Rustomji - Coordinator <aban@coatingengineers.com> Or, visit and participate in the discussions by joining <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/creatingawareness>

Directions to Palace of Asia:

Depending on where you are coming from, Take East or West PA Turnpike and then get off at the Fort Washington Exit. Pay toll and go straight to Pennsylvania Ave. At the first traffic light turn right onto Commerce Drive. Go about ¾ mile, the Palace of Asia is on the right, inside the Best Western Hotel. Phone: 215-646-2133.