



ZAPANJ

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY

Newsletter November 2002

President: Arnavaz Sukhia **Vice President:** Cyrus Toorkey
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Past news to share:



Our **Pateti** function was as usual a great success. The Extraordinary General Body meeting went off without a hitch with 54 votes for *yeas* and only 2 votes for *Nays*. This allowed the Board members to allocate a budget of \$2000.00 per year for the religion classes. If these monies were not used for the religion class, then this would not be carried forward to another year but would revert back to the General Zapanj funds. Some of our very *generous* members volunteered to sponsor the religion classes (\$200.00 per class) for the year 2002-2003. This means that we do not need the \$2000.00 that we had voted upon for this year. The families that volunteered are:

1. Jimmy and Roshan Bharucha
2. Cawas and Ruby Cooper
3. Noshir and Nergis Karanjia
4. Percy and Veera Karanjia
5. Jehan and Behroz Kasad
6. Neville and Mahrukh Kermani
7. Tehmitan and Taruna Tehsildar
8. Cyrus and Behnaaz Toorkey
9. Arnavaz and Diniar Sukhia
10. Adi and Nergish Unwalla
11. Boga and Deputy and Surti families

Thank you one and all for the wonderful gesture and your pledges.

Gambhar: Our Gambhar was a successful event with almost 150 attendees. Thanks to *Jehan and Behroz Kasad* for bearing all the costs of the entire event. This is the third consecutive year that they have sponsored the ZAPANJ Gambhar.



Prayer Class: We would sincerely like to thank *Neville and Mahrukh Kermani* for sponsoring and paying for Religious class of October, in a timely manner.

Nilofer Boga, Armin Surti, Mahrukh Deputy, and Gulnar Balsara provided the dinner for this class.

The chefs for our September class were *Arnavaz Sukhia, Nergis Unwalla, Roshni Kanga and Diana Dadachanji*.

Thank you for all your effort and time. We truly appreciate it, as we enjoy those delicious home cooked meals.

Please, Please it is our *fervent appeal* to one and all that you do inform any of the

hostesses if you **do not attend** the class for that particular month. Lot of food gets wasted if you do not show up and it is not fair to the people who take so much time and effort to cook for all of us. The youth group, please this is a special reminder to you all!!!

Career Development

Day :

The Penn Zoroastrian Society and the Pan-Asian community sponsored the "Career Day" seminar and luncheon on November 17, 2002 from 12.00-4.00 pm in Room 17, Logan Hall, 249 South 36th street. The chief speaker for this event was *Mr. Jamshed Unwalla* who spoke about new tax laws. This event was targeted at high school students emphasizing different careers. Please contact Penn Zoroastrian Coordinator *Mrs. Diana Dadachanji* at 215-898-6671 (W) or 610-275-2858(H)-after 7.00 pm for any further information.

Future events to participate in:



Prayer Class: Our next prayer class on December 14 will be in Devon, Pennsylvania. Mark this date on your calendars.

March or May Prayer class: We are planning a special event for our March or May prayer class. We will need the cooperation of all our parents and kids to make this happen and be successful. More details to follow.

Volunteering on ZAPANJ Board:

March is not too far away and it will be time to select new board members. Please think of volunteering and getting involved with Zapanj. More information about nominations etc will be in the next newsletter.



Community News :

Congratulations!!! Some of our members have been making news in our community!!

1. Congrats to *Jamshed Unwalla* on the establishment of his firm Unwala & Mittal, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, in partnership with Anurag Mittal, which is located at 620 W. Germantown Pike, 350, Plymouth Meeting PA. They specialize in comprehensive accounting, finance, audit, tax, and consulting services. Jamshed can be contacted at unwala@worldnet.att.net or phone at 610-941-7942.

2. *Khodi and Jeroo Irani*, owners of KFJ Enterprises, Aaron Rental and Lease business in Harrisburg, were the recipients of the Minority – Owned Business Award from the Kutztown University Small Business Development Center during their KUSBDC's annual success fair.

3. Congrats to *Diniar and Arnavaz Sukhia* on celebrating their Silver Anniversary. We wish you both another 25 years of a very successful married life.

ZAPANJ Directory: Since we want to make sure that there are no errors, the printing of our phone directory has been delayed. We sincerely apologize for the delay. The books are now at the print shop.

ZAPANJ web site: Hey? Did you check out our web site recently? New changes!! Thanks to *Nozer Damania*. Visit <http://www.zapanj.org> .



Our Youngest members: Congrats to Havovi and Khurshroo Jokhi on the birth

of their son Sam and to brother *Kaizad*.
Baby Sam was born in June 2002.

We also welcome *Armin*-baby boy born to the proud parents *Armita* and *Bahram Soroosh*, in September 2002 and to brother *Kaizad*

Engineering Scholarships: SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) is offering a number of scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to high school seniors (US Citizenship required) who intend to secure admission in an accredited college for engineering or related science program. Applications will be accepted till December 1, 2002. For details visit:
<http://www.sae.org/students/studschol.htm> .

Appeal for help:

The family of *Nazneen Kolah* (3 years old) is desperately trying to raise funds to allow *Nazneen* to have Neuroblastoma surgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York. Time is of essence, before the cancer can spread.
Please send your donations to:
Nazneen Kolah Fund
C/o Dilnavaz and Hoshang Subawalla, 2790 Sequoia Drive, Macungie, PA 18062.

Every donation, large or small counts. Please help out in any way that you can and feel free to forward this information to as many friends and relatives.
Call 610-966-7233 or visit the link
<http://www.geocities.com/chopades> for additional details.



Ravishing Recipes:
(Submitted by Percy Karanjia)

PENDAS:
1 lb Ricotta Cheese

¾ or a little less Sugar (Use empty Ricotta Cheese container for measurement)
1 Packet of Dry Milk Powder
1 ¼ stick sweet Butter
Saffron (few strands)
Crushed Cardamom (3 whole)
Crushed/chopped Almonds or Pista for decoration

In a non-stick pan, melt butter and Ricotta Cheese, Saffron, and Card omen.

Stir for 10-15 minutes until water is burnt and mixture thickens.

Add sugar. Stir for 7-10 minutes.

Add dry milk powder and stir till mixture thickens.

Remove from stove. Let it become lukewarm.

Make Penda by shaping (round or oval like a cookie) it in hand & insert Almond/Pista in the center. Makes 25-30 Pendas.

Share and smile:

(Submitted by Arnavaz Sukhia-received via email from Australia.)

A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a ZOROASTRIAN?"

The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you.

Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc, and then He carves a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

This was passed on to me from another pumpkin. Now, it is your turn to pass it to a pumpkin. I liked this enough to send it to all the pumpkins in my patch.

Concluding Thoughts: We are beginning a new category to our newsletter from this month.....**Sharing**. Come forward and share with one and all-fun articles like jokes, recipes, books titles, a story or a saying etc.

Keep in mind that anything sent should be suitable for the young and the old and

may be edited for content and space or rejected if the board thinks it is inappropriate. Thank You.

We wish all our membership a very *Happy and joyous Thanksgiving Holiday*. I am sure each one of us has a lot to be thankful for. May *Ahura Mazda* always bless this community and may we all live in Peace Harmony, Happiness and with Unity.

Happy Thanksgiving to
all.....!



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