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We really do believe that, if we work together as one, following the simple yet priceless tenets of our faith - *Humata, Hukhta, Hvarshita*, we can move mountains.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD

Dear ZAF community,

This newsletter comes to you after a very eventful quarter. First, in March, we had a very successful Navroze function at the City of Miramar community hall, and we had over 90 guests including ZAF new members Noshir and Goolu Baria from Sun City, Rustom and Yasmin Kevala also from Sun City and Soli and Jo Ann Dastur from Sarasota. After a lovely program featuring a play by our Z-Club children and a marvelous salsa demonstration by Cyra (daughter of members Danny and Goher Mobed) and husband Oscar Duran, dinner was provided by Madras Café.

Just last month, on Sunday, the 18th of April, we had our annual picnic at the South County Regional Park in Boca Raton. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was rolled into the event. There was a very good turnout at the picnic, with 70 adults and children, more than the registered number. Everyone made the best of the location and enjoyed the ambiance in spite of uncooperative weather.

Our sincerest thanks to Nellie and Darabsha Unwalla for hosting an informal Tea Party in honor of Vada Dasturji Kursheed Dastur Kaikobad and his wife Havovi from Udwada on May 6th at their home. Details are included later in this newsletter.

We made a plea to you all: the community is in need of a location for *Muktaad* prayers this year. We are very thankful that Hovi and Burjis Shroff have volunteered to hold these prayers from Saturday August 14th through Thursday August 19th (5 Gatha Days and the Navroze) in their home this year. Details are included later in this newsletter.

Please save this date: Saturday, the 21st of August, 2010, for our next Papeti function. We plan to have it at the Quality Inn where we had the last Pateti function. We will keep you apprised of details as the plan is firmed up.

Your Board is also in the process of planning for a memorable *Ghambaar* in November of this year. We are working on a location, menu, and donations. As details emerge, we will let you know.

As always, we want to thank you for your continuing generosity. Without your help, we would not have been able to stage our functions and events to meet the quality you expect from us.

**Sincerely, at your service,
The ZAF Board**

NAVROZE CELEBRATION

ZAF celebrated the annual traditional Navroze festival on March-20th at the City of Miramar community hall in style. A total of 90 adults and children attended. We began with a *Humbandagee* led by the Z-Club children, followed by a welcome address by Jahanbux Daruwala. A slide show of the traditional and beautiful *Haft Sheen* table was eloquently narrated by Ervad Soli Dastur and Dustyn Shroff. The Z-Club children, under the direction of Aban Kavasmaneck and supported by the parents, so delightfully and enthusiastically performed an historical play based on the story of *Commander Ardeshir and Pak Iranshah*. In keeping with the “flavor” of South Florida, Cyra (daughter of our members Goher & Danny Mobed) and her husband Oscar Duran lit up the dance floor with their superb demonstration of Salsa dance. Throughout the evening, the dynamic duo of Burjis and, Kevyn Shroff (father/son) emceed the program, including a raffle of some articles donated by anonymous donors. A sumptuous Indian buffet dinner was then served, followed by delicious and authentic *falooda*.

In addition to the names mentioned above, I want to sincerely thank the following volunteers for help with other activities to make this celebration a success:

- *Mina & Gulshan Dubash, Jo Ann Dastur, Aban Mistry*: Decorations, Toran & Serving Items
- *Kersi & Dolly Munshi*: Falooda, Drinks, Photography
- *Nina Deboo & Anahita Patel*: Children’s table & games
- *Aban Mistry, Jo Ann Dastur & Nancy Daruwala*: Haft Sheen Table
- *Soli Dastur*: The PowerPoint slides for all presentations
- *Jimmy Major*: Pizza Order for the children’s dinner
- *Furrokh & Khushnam Irani, Kernaaz Engineer, Aban Mistry, Jimmy Major, Mina and Gulshan Dubash, Shireen Shroff, and Dolly and Kersi Munshi*: Buffet Food/Falooda Servers
- *Jeroo Irani*: Making the hall reservation
- *Nancy Daruwala, Freny Deboo & Nellie Unwalla*: Front Desk duty
- *Dustyn Shroff*: Selection, purchase and operation of the new P.A. System
- *All of Your ZAF Board Members*: At your service



Banners of Z-Club and its Motto!



Another stellar performance by the Z-Club!



The appreciative audience watching Z-Club!



Anyone for Salsa? Thanks Cyra and Oscar!



The cooks and helpers serving the dinner!



And the Z-Club having Pizzas with crayons!

Donations

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donations totaling **\$4,158** (as of 4/16/10) from the following individuals and families:

Noshir & Goolu Baria, Jimmy & Roshan Bharucha, Jaloo Captain, Rita Engineer, Soli & Jo Ann Dastur, Jahan & Nancy Daruwala, Jimmy & Freny Deboo, Mina & Gulshan Dubash, Danny & Goher Mobed, Claude & Roshan Moraes, Nash & Anahita Patel, Burjis & Hovi Shroff, Sam & Lyla Todywala, Sheroo Vazir, and an Anonymous Family.

Here are the donation amounts year-to-date by fund:

- **General Fund** (Total = \$1,957):
 - Navroze = \$808
 - Picnic +AGM = \$350
 - Newsletter = \$425
 - Cook Book = \$303
 - Other = \$ 71
- **Cultural & Educational Fund** (Total = \$501)
- **Critical Assistance Fund** (Total = \$ 1,700)

MEMBERSHIP – 2010

The membership fees are our lifeline to pay for the normal operating costs such as postage, government fees, stationery and hall rentals. The fees by category are as follows:

- Family in *one* Household = **\$50**,
- Single living alone = **\$25**,
- Full time student living alone = **\$10**.

Please make your check for membership dues, payable to ZAF, Inc., and mail to J. B. Daruwala, 21050 Point Place, Apt # 1205, Aventura, FL 33180.

We want to thank the members of ZAF for their continued support. Here is the current membership list at the time of this writing. Dear ZAF, please pardon any errors or omissions in this list, and we humbly ask you that bring them to the attention of any of the Board members.

1. Baria, Noshir & Goolu	19. Hansotia, Kaizad & Katya	37. Mobed, Danny & Goher
2. Bhadha, Pauli & Kashmira	20. Irani, Furrokh & Khushnam	38. Moraes, Claude & Roshan
3. Bharucha, Jimmy & Roshan	21. Irani, Gustad & Amy	39. Munshi, Kersi & Dolly
4. Cama, Shiroiy & Meher	22. Irani, Rustom & Jennifer	40. Panthaki, Zubin & Dimple
5. Captain, Jaloo	23. Irani, Soli & Jeroo	41. Patel, Homi & Daisy
6. Engineer, Rita	24. Jilla, Behram	42. Patel, Nash & Anahita
7. Daruwala, Jahanbux & Nancy	25. Kaikobad, Jimmy	43. Raja, Casey
8. Daruwalla, Khushroo	26. Kavasmaneck, Percy & Aban	44. Samson, Nancy
9. Dastur, Soli & Jo Ann	27. Khajautia, Porus & Homai	45. Shroff, Burjis & Hovi
10. Deboo, Jimmy & Freny	28. Kavasmaneck, Zubin	46. Shroff, Dustyn
11. Deboo, Nina	29. Kevala, Rustom & Yasmin	47. Shroff, Homz
12. Deboo, Rustom & Jasmin	30. Khariwalla, Rummy & Armaity	48. Shroff, Jehangir & Shirin
13. Duara, Ranjan & Shahnaz	31. Kheradi, Jehangir & Celeste	49. Tamboli, Hoshedar & Anahita
14. Dubash, Darius & Shahnaz	32. Major, Jimmy & Farida	50. Tavadia, Bob
15. Dubash, Mina & Gulshan	33. Marino, Gerard & Franah	51. Todywala, Sam & Lyla
16. Engineer, Kersi & Kernaaz	34. Mehta, Mehar & Daisy	52. Unwalla, Darab & Nellie
17. Engineer, Farrokh & Shirin	35. Mehta, Zersis & Jennifer	53. Unwalla, Perry & Sasha
18. Hansotia, Dinshaw & Hootokshi	36. Minocher, Zersis & Anahita	54. Vazir, Sheroo

ZAF- ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING (AGM)

The **ZAF AGM**, along with the annual picnic, was held between 1:30 and 3:00 pm in the main pavilion of the South County Regional Park, Boca Raton, FL. 64 adults and 6 children (5-12 yrs. of age) attended. Out of 51 households with year-to-date paid membership, 29 attended the AGM. The attendees enjoyed the picnic, food and games for children and adults. A Public Address system was set up to address the audience for the AGM proceedings.

We are extremely pleased to have new members Noshir and Goolu Baria from Sun City, Rustom and Yasmin Kevala from Sun City and Soli and Jo Ann Dastur from Sarasota. We appreciate their interest and effort in attending this event with us.

In the **President's Address**, Jahanbux Daruwala welcomed the attendees and, after observing a moment of silence in remembrance of Mrs. Arnavaz Dubash (mother of member Farida Major who passed away in Bombay last

month), he enumerated the accomplishments of the association during the period the current Board has been in place (from March, 2009 to date.)

The **Treasurer’s Report** followed wherein Mina Dubash, co-opted officer of the Board, presented the YE 2009 account balances as well as current (YTD) balances and donations. Here are those figures:

- Checking balance as of Yearend 2009 = \$ 7,096
- CDs at YE 2009 = \$ 14,778
- Total cash on hand at YE 2009 = \$ 21,874
- Total Cash as of today = \$ 26,751
- Soon to be invested in a new CD = \$ 17,000
- Donations in 2009 = \$ 10,428
- Donations YTD in 2010 = \$ 4,115

A **vote** was held on proposed **bylaw changes**. These changes had been transmitted to the community by email as well as U.S. Mail for those members without access to email. Burjis Shroff (ZAF VP) and Kersi Munshi (ZAF Secretary) explained each before inviting questions from those present and a vote was taken. The paper ballots were collected after the vote and are a part of ZAF’s permanent record. In addition to the ballots cast by those paid members present, nine email ballots also were received, for a total of 36 valid ballots. All bylaw changes were passed by an overwhelming margin. The exact result of the vote is shown below:

Votes per Bylaw→		<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
		#	%	#	%	#	%
SECTION 2.02	Annual Meeting & Transition of Boards	36	100	0	0	0	0
SECTION 3.02	Number and Election of Directors	31	86	5	14	0	0
SECTION 3.05	Terms of Office	34	94	2	6	0	0
SECTION 4.02	Selection of Officers and Term of Office	36	100	0	0	0	0
SECTION 4.09	Committees: Their Structure, Function(s) and Accountability	35	97	0	0	1	3
SECTION 5.02	Disbursements & Safeguarding of Records	36	100	0	0	0	0

Specific Targeted Funds: The Board has initiated specific targeted funds which would serve the community’s wishes to donate and contribute their funds for specific purposes and for no other use. While these were explained to the community by email as well as during the Navroze function, a handout was given out to each member household. The exact balances in each fund is listed under ‘Donations’ above.

Recognition of the Leadership of Z-Club: At the initiative of the class children and their parents, the Z-Club leader, Mrs. Aban Kavasmaneck, was recognized with an album and a beautifully framed class photo. One of the



The Z-Club Leaders presenting a class photo frame and an album with photos and personal notes to the “BEST Teacher” Aban Kavasmaneck!

parents, Mrs. Franah Marino, on behalf of the group of parents, presented the award with a vote of thanks for her dedication and service to the community. You may read the excerpts from the children's tributes in the 'Z-Club Report' further down in this newsletter.

ZAF ANNUAL PICNIC

The Board chose to try a new park this time for our annual picnic. It was the South County Regional Park at 12551 Glades Road in Boca Raton. It is a new park with a large pavilion, children's playground, and restrooms, all within 100 feet of each other. Besides, ZAF had practically the entire park to us.

We are delighted to report that, in spite of the periodically inclement weather, more guests than registered attended. We repeat our thanks to the Barias, the Kevalas and the Dasturs for coming from the Tampa Bay area.



Appetizers for the early birds!

Getting ready for the AGM!

Enjoying the delicious brunch!



Lyla has a question during the AGM! ZAF Brain Trust contemplating a reply in AGM! ZAF NFL draft of choosing sides!

The food was different from previous picnics in that we had meat *samosas* and *Sheesh kebabs* for appetizers and mutton *biryani*, all from Salma's Kitchen, and *papeta ma chicken* (made by Board member Arnavaz Irani). There were also hamburgers and hot dogs for the children.

In addition to the playground, Nina Deboo had organized games for the children present. The adults also had enough to keep their minds occupied. Some played football outside the pavilion and later there was a game of Bingo conducted by Burjis Shroff with the able assistance from Dustyn Shroff.

In addition to thanking many volunteers who worked very hard, we want to express a special vote of thanks to Burjis & Hovi Shroff for their generous donation and to Gustad and Arnavaz Irani for making and contributing delicious chicken dish for 70 people.

The picnic lasted well past the afternoon, with the last guests taking their leave at 5:15 pm.

VISIT OF THE VADA DASTURJI

We in South Florida had the rare honor of meeting one of our esteemed Vada Dastur (Head Priest), **Dasturji Khurshed Dastur Kaikobad**, one of the two high priests from the Iranshah in Udwada, the most revered Atash Behram in the faith. He and his wife Havovi traveled, with our own Soli and Jo Ann Dastur, to the house of Darabsha and Nellie Unwalla where they were guests on Wednesday, the 5th and Thursday, the 6th of May, 2010. The Unwallas graciously opened their home to the ZAF community and provided the opportunity for an informal talk and Q & A. Twenty-two adults were present for the informative talks given by Dasturji on the brief history of the Iranshah fire and the Zoroastrian Information Center (ZIC) established in Udwada by the Foundation for Development of Udwada (FDU). A PowerPoint slide show of the recent renovation of the Iranshah Atash Behram building as well as of the ZIC with videos were presented by Dasturji.



Dasturji explaining a slide on Udwada ZIC! Some of the audience with Dasturji consulting! All wanted to be in the photo with Dasturji!

2010 Muktaad Prayers

We are sincerely thankful to Hovi and Burjis Shroff and family for volunteering to host the Muktaad prayers for this year. We know it takes some doing to host such an event, and the community can't be more thankful for their stepping up to host them.

The prayers will start on Saturday August 14th (the first Gatha Day) and Sunday August 15th in the morning (exact times will be announced later), and will continue on Monday August 16th through Thursday (Navroze Day) August 19th at 7:00 PM so as to allow people to attend them after work. Details will be forth coming.



Z-Club Children's Corner

by Aban Kavasmancek



On March 20, 2010, at the ZAF Navroze function at the City of Miramar community hall, our Z-Club children shone on stage as they performed *Commander Ardeshir and Pak Iranshah*, a play about how the holy fire was established in Udwada, truly demonstrating their ability to learn about Zoroastrianism and enjoying it.

The Z-Club has enabled our children to analyze and be intellectually involved in our Zoroastrian heritage. It is a joy to see our children mature into responsible and caring young ladies and gentlemen.

Then, at the ZAF Picnic and AGM, a real surprise! All the children got together and presented me with a beautifully-framed photo of the Z-Club group at our annual outing to the Miami Seaquarium. In addition, they

compiled and presented a lovely album with photographs, poems and letters they wrote expressing their thanks for and pride in their Z-Club activities.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank all our adorable Z-Club children and their parents for all their love and inspirational sentiments. Thank You, you are the BEST!

The following are some excerpts from the Album, compiled and presented by the Z-Club children:

*Every month on a Sunday
We gather at someone's home address
While we learn our culture or practice our play
We can't believe how fast we progress*

*You're more than respected by us
And we really admire
That you strive for success
And your hope is to inspire*

*We'd worked so hard as a group
That at the end of the play
We couldn't help but whoop
For we did awesome that day*

*You mean the world to each one of us
And I can confidently say
Words cannot express
How much we value you each day.*

*We'll never forget what you've taught us
From Ahura Mazda to King Cyrus the Great
There's so much we have discussed
From those very historic dates*

Love always,
Persis Bhadha and all of the Z-Club

Thank you so much Aban Auntie for teaching me about Zoroastrianism and the Parsees. I have learnt so much from you. I am very proud to be a Parsee! Thank you for being so kind to all of us in the Z-Club! I love you very much!
Love,

-Stefan Todywala

Thank you Aban Auntie for being so sweet and caring to all of us..... I love you very much and will never forget you. You have made me proud of my heritage and culture. Lots of love,

-Zane Todywala XXX OOO

Thank you for all your hard work in everything you have done for us. The play came out great thanks to your help. Can't wait till the next new and exciting event we are going to be in. Love,

-Jessica and Shanaya Patel

You are amazing and without you the Z-Club wouldn't be as spectacular as it is today. When you tell us the true stories about the history of our religion, you make them very fascinating and I truly enjoy listening and learning from you. Once again, thank you so much for putting the Z-Club together and for planning all the plays and special events. I feel very lucky to have you as my teacher. You do a phenomenal job and I really love you.

-Sincerely, **Sara Marino**

Aban, Aban,

Oh, what would we do without you?

You teach us Religion and Traditions, like no teacher can ever do.

You spend your days and nights planning for us and we can never pay you back.

You are the greatest teacher ever. Ever!!!!

-Kyle Hansotia

A – Alligators, **B** – Butterfly, **A** – Amazing, **N** – Nice

-Nicholai Hansotia

Here comes ZAF, look across the sea

We are ready to do the show

WE Did it!!!!

Thank you Aban Aunty with all our heart.

-Brennan Hansotia

We love you!!! Thanks for everything!!! God Bless, Love always.

-Farah and Natasha Irani

Thank you for inviting us to be in the play. We felt special to be guards! We love you.

-Anisa and Ariana Deboo

Thank you for being a loving leader. And for caring about us a lot. Love,

-Jed Daruwalla

It is an honor that you care about us and have spent so much time and energy teaching us. Lots of love.

-Ethan Daruwalla

Thank you for all that you do for us and the Z-Club. All our love, Always XXX.

-Shimera and Kyra Cama

You have done so much that has contributed to making the Z-Club a success. You have volunteered so much of your precious time. The Z-Club continues to stay an amazingly fun club. Love,

-Alexis Bhadha

Youth Activities

by Nina Deboo & Dustyn Shroff

To All the ZAF Youth Members (Ages 18-35):

Your two ZAF Youth Reps, Nina and Dustyn, have been working diligently to try and create, promote, and execute a successful gathering for us all! We understand that everyone has busy schedules and although we have found it difficult to get everyone together thus far, we truly do look forward to a successful 2010! We have a few ideas for dinners, outings, and gatherings that we are in the process of putting together. Please check your emails to receive the latest updates!

In the mean time, we *strongly* encourage you all to look into attending these upcoming Zoroastrian events:

1. 2010 15th North American Zoroastrian Congress (NAZC): The Zoroastrian Association of Houston extends a warm welcome to all Zarathushtis attending the Fifteenth North American Zoroastrian Congress in Houston, Texas from December 29 to December 31, 2010. Our theme, “Preserve! Protect! Perfect!” – Preserve the Past, Protect the Present, and Perfect the Future fits well in this diaspora, as we examine our glorious past, and work on a progressive present. Although it is not specifically a Youth Congress, we recommended this as a great event which the entire family can take part in! Please visit <http://www.zah.org/nazc-10/default.htm> for more information!

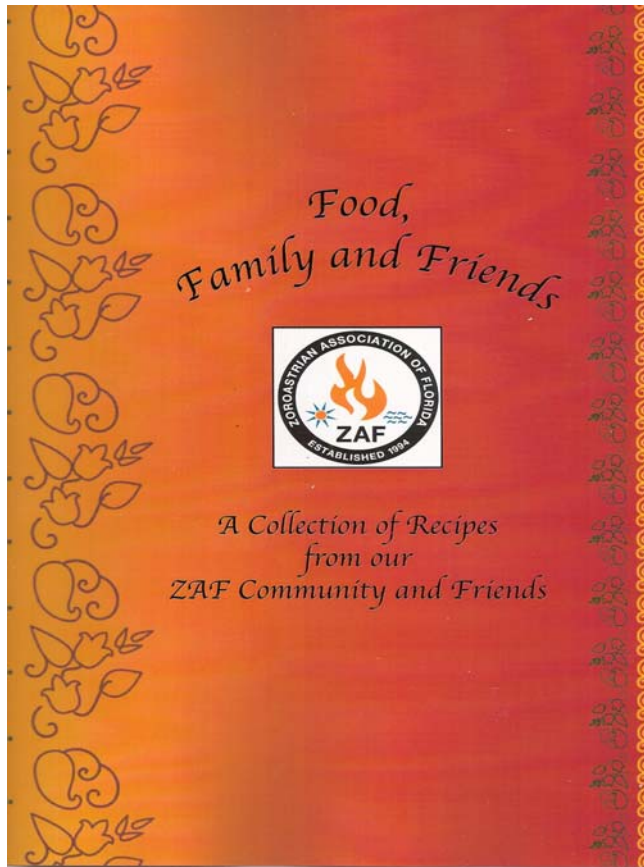
2. 2011 5th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress: The theme of this Congress is *United We Stand - Building Bridges Across Oceans*. Come stay and play for 5 all inclusive days of fun and sun. Meet new friends and re-

connect with old ones. The Congress will be held at the University of British Columbia in beautiful Vancouver, BC, Canada! It will be taking place from June 30th to July 5th, 2011 and promises to be a great time! Please note: the young Zoroastrian attending this event must be between 15 - 40 in age. Visit <http://www.zsbc.org/congress2011/> for more information!

If you have any other questions, comments, or concerns regarding ZAF Youth Initiatives or ZYNA Congresses please do not hesitate to contact either Nina Deboo at ninerdeboo@gmail.com or Dustyn Shroff at dustyns@gmail.com as we are always here to listen to any input you may have or assist you in any way we can!

The Cookbook Project

by Nina Deboo & Nancy Daruwala



Nina and Nancy advertising the ZAF Cookbook at the Picnic!

ZAF Proudly Presents our First
Cookbook

Food, Family and Friends

A Collection of 76 Recipes from our
ZAF Community and Friends

The book includes: *Chicken Entrees
*Meat Entrees *Seafood Entrees
*Vegetarian Entrees *Appetizers
*Desserts

**Cost: \$14.00 (for ZAF Members) &
\$19.00 (for all others) plus mailing
(\$2.50 per copy in the USA)**

Many thanks to all of you that submitted
recipes. This project would not be
possible without you!

Please contact Nina Deboo
(ninerdeboo@gmail.com) or Nancy
Daruwala (JBDARUWALA@aol.com)
TODAY to reserve your copy. Supply is
limited. As of this writing, we only have
24 copies left.

(Editor's Note: We sincerely thank
Nina and Nancy for their initiative
and hard work over the past eight
months in producing this fine
product. Our hat's off to you.)

ZAF Community News



Baby Simone Sam TODYWALA: Sam, Lyla, Zane, Stefan and Sasha welcomed their precious Simone into the world on the Friday, 19th of February 2010, at 9:27 A.M. She is an added blessing to our family and we are all ecstatic.

Baby Zehaan Antia photo of their baby 2009. He is already was about 9 months



Avari: Diana and Zeus Avari are happy to present the Zehaan Antia Avari, who was born on the 8th of January, 16 months old now. The enclosed picture is from when he old.

Deboo and Unwalla Families Graduations: The Deboo family is proud to announce not 1, not 2, but THREE graduates this Spring! Nina Deboo just earned her Master's in Elementary Reading from Walden University. Being a fantastic teacher, working full time, and completing her degree simultaneously is no easy feat. We are proud of you, Nina!

Our other graduates are Anisa and Ariana Deboo. On Thursday, they put on a one hour graduation show where they both stated that they want to be teachers when they grow up (Now where did they get that idea from?) ! The twins are now Pre-K graduates from Rainbow School. In the fall, they are off to Addison Mizner Elementary to attend kindergarten. **THREE** brilliant young women who make the Deboo and Unwalla families so proud!



New Graduates: Nina Deboo in her class with a student and Anisa and Ariana Rustom Deboo Pre-K Graduation photos.

Paul Daruwala, VP of Marketing: son of Nancy and Jahanbux Daruwala accepted the position as the Vice President of Marketing at Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Cambridge, Mass. Prior to joining Vertex, Paul was with Merck Pharmaceuticals for 18 years and held many leadership positions in field sales and worldwide marketing. He has also served as the VP of WZCC, New York Chapter. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success to Paul and family.

HELP THE ZAF NEWSLETTER: PLACE YOUR BUSINESS "ADS" OR PERSONAL GREETING HERE!

ZAF is soliciting your “ads” or personal messages in the newsletter for a small fee, to supplement the cost of printing and postage. It can be for:

- **Your business**
- **Professional practice**
- **A message, for example, if you wish to publish a small note of congratulations or best wishes (birthday, wedding, graduation, etc.) to another member in the community.**

Please send it to Jahanbux Daruwala (jbдарuwala@aol.com) in Word format such that it can be cut and pasted in the newsletter. The rates are:

- **Full page:** \$75 (members), \$80 (all others)
- **Half page:** \$40 (members), \$50 (all others)
- **Quarter page or Business Card:** \$20 (members), \$25 (all others)

Note: The ZAF Board reserves the right to edit for contents, “fit”, format, and space.

The Passing of Mrs. Arnavaz Dubash

It is indeed with a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of Mrs. Arnavaz Firoz Dubash, dear mother of our Farida Major, at 5:30 am Monday, the 28th of March (8:00 pm our time Sunday, the 27th) in Bombay. Farida, who had just landed in Mumbai, was fortunately able to see her and speak to her for a short time before Mrs. Dubash passed away. Our heartfelt condolences to Farida, Jimmy, Zubin and Rummy.

The Passing of Khushroo Daruwalla’s Mother

It is with a deep sense of sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Mrs. Homai Mino Daruwalla, mother of our dear member Khushroo Daruwalla, on April 28th in India. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Khushroo and family and pray that her soul rests in eternal peace with Ahura Mazda’s Blessings!!

FEZANA AGM in Toronto, Ont.

FEZANA (Federation of the Zoroastrian Associations of North America) held its AGM in Toronto from Friday April 23rd through Sunday April 25th. The local OZCF (Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation), one of the 26 FEZANA Associations (ZAF being one of them), was the host for the AGM. Your President Jahan and Nancy Daruwala and Jo Ann and Soli Dastur represented ZAF. The proceedings started on Friday afternoon and lasted until Sunday early afternoon. Election of new President and Treasurer were announced. Current President Bomi Patel was reelected. New treasurer Ratan Mistry replaced the current treasurer Katayun Kapadia. (Please go to FEZANA website www.fezana.org for all the information). The Friday session cover some general topics of interest to all NA Zoroastrians like Operation Eyesight and awareness of Breast Cancer among Parsi women. The official AGM started on Saturday morning with the announcement of the elections, Officers Reports, individual associations’ reports and various committee reports. Our own President Jahan gave a short ZAF presentation using a PowerPoint presentation highlighting ZAF achievements last year. The session completed late afternoon followed by a wonderful dinner.

The Sunday session continued with more committee reports and ended up late in the afternoon with the FEZANA budgets for the fiscal year.

The afternoon session was convened by the local Toronto WZCC Chapter. 4 speakers presented their views on the subject: Options for Entrepreneurial Pursuit. The whole conference adjourned at about 5 PM Sunday.

Nancy, Jo Ann, Jahan and I want to thank our mutual friends Farida and Dara Bhesania for hosting us in their home during our stay in Toronto!

Some photos of the AGM are presented below.



All the FEZANA Delegates at the AGM. Our own Jahan presenting ZAF report! Getting ready for the scrumptious Parsi lunch!

NEWS FROM ZATAMBAY & ORLANDO GROUPS

by Soli Dastur

The main event for both ZATAMBAY and Central Florida Group (Orlando) was the informal get togethers with Dasturji Khurshed of Udwada. ZATAMBAY's always gracious hosts, Anahita and Hoshedar Tamboli hosted an informal Tea Party in honor of Dasturji Khurshed and his wife Havovi on Saturday May 1st at their beautiful home in Tampa. About 35 adults and children attended this party. Dasturji Khurshed gave a brief presentation about the History of Iranshah Atash Behram in Udwada, its current extensive renovation and the activities of the Foundation of the Development of Udwada (FDU) and its project the Zoroastrian Information Center (ZIC). There was a lively Question and Answer period after his presentation finally ending into a wonderful Tea and trinkets enjoyed by all. We want to heartily thank Anahita Tamboli and her whole family for the wonderful Tea Party.



Dasturji presenting his talk to ZATAMBAY Group. The ZATAMBAY Group in attendance. The Tamboli family with Dasturji & Havovi.



Dasturji with CFM Youth for the Hum Bandagi! Dasturji delivering his talk to the CFM Group. The attentive CFM Audience!

Our own Jo Ann and Soli Dastur brought Dasturji Khurshed and Havovi to Orlando Central Florida Group (CFM) meeting of its WZCC Chapter. Our greatest host, Dinyar Mehta, provided the conference room facility at his Wingate Hotel. About 35 young and old CFM members were in attendance. The meeting started with a Hum Bandagi led by 11 young CFM youths with Dasturji. Dasturji then gave a brief history of Iranshah as well as their plans for the development of Udwada. He gave some details about the problems they face for making Udwada a heritage site! The problems of soil erosion by the sea, sewage problems polluting the wells so important for our

ceremonies, and stopping the wholesale selling off of old Parsi homes and converting the sites into condominiums, etc. were eloquently expressed by Dasturji. The gathering ended with a wonderful spread of Tea and trinkets, Parsi style. We thank Dinyar and Sherry and all the rest for making this such a wonderful event, in spite of being the Mothers Day!

Directory & Address Changes

New Arrivals: On behalf of the ZAF Board and community, it is our pleasure to extend a warm Florida welcome to the following newcomers to the ZAF area:

- **Rumy and Armaiti (Armi) Khariwalla.** They have recently moved from Chicago area and are living in Boynton Beach. Their contact information is: 10822 Sunset Ridge Circle, Boynton Beach, FL 33473-4866, *Phone home:* 561-200-0295, *e-mail:* rumyarmy@gmail.com, *Cell :* 630-730-6103, *Occupation:* Retired.
- **Jimmy M. and Roshan Bharucha:** 15301 Pembridge Avenue, Apt. B-59, Delray Beach, FL 33484. (Jimmy) jbharucha@msn.com, (Roshan) bbharucha@msn.com, (Philadelphia) 610-525-8821, (Jimmy Cell) 610-613-9601, (Roshan) 610-613-9591, *Occupation:* Bharucha & Associates – Life Insurance Agency, *Business Phone:* 610-649-4552, *Business Fax:* 610-649-1399.
- **Farrokh and Shirin Engineer:** The newest members of ZAF. They are purchasing a home in Vero Beach and will be moving there sometime in the future. The date is not certain yet, however, they want to receive mailings and begin to build contacts. They have three children; one in college and other two are in high school. Their contact Information: *Phone:* 443-535-8731 and email: FARSHIDAA@gmail.com.
- **Relocation: Gulshan and Darien Kavasmaneck** have relocated to Tampa Bay area. We have enjoyed being with them and will surely miss their company. We wish them all the best of health and happiness in the new location and career pursuits.

Articles of Interest

GRADUATION, a Poem by Hovi Shroff

(Editor's Note: Inspired by the graduation "season" at this time of the year and especially that of her own, here is a thoughtful expression by member Hovi Shroff)

I never quite understood the hoopla that went along with graduations until,
I watched both my sons graduating from Kindergarten wearing those little black mortarboards so somber, so still.
The essence of Graduation somehow became stronger as my sons grew and I aged,
At every graduation it was like watching eagles in flight, un-caged.
Fifth grade stepping up was followed quickly by graduation from middle school,
By high school graduation, a whole box of tissues, this was the unwritten rule.
With every successful step my boys took,
My tears kept getting bigger, my heart swelled with an optimistic outlook.
I asked myself what did this all mean.
Why did graduations always turn me into a mushy, sentimental, emotional queen?
Was it because with every graduation,
Came about a significant realization?
Have I done right by my sons?
Will they cherish and prosper in the years to come?
So now with graduations, milestones and coming of age events just yonder,
Will the juxtaposing of joy, sadness, and the ultimate fulfillment of one's dreams send me into a euphoric state, I
wonder.
But wait, the only constant in my life has always been,
Your voice of calm, your voice of reason, the 'enlightenment' unseen.

So now I do my love to you these lines dedicate,
For you and our boys, is my destiny, my most fortunate fate.

E-Mail Fraud: Some Suggestions to Protect Yourself by Manish Sheth

Editorial: *Recently there have multiple incidents of e-mail fraud (also known as “phishing”) experienced by some in our community. Given below are ten bullet point suggestions contributed (at our request) by former member Manish Sheth. Inherent in there are some of the points that were also separately submitted by our member Darius Dubash. We thank them for their time and caring energy to help the community.*

Responding to “phishing” emails put your identity at risk and usually a phishing-attack is done in combination with email spam, creating an imitation or copy of an existing legitimate Web page or email (with links) to solicit personal data from unsuspecting victims via the Internet - like personal IDs, bank accounts, passwords, credit card numbers and PINs.

Vigilant Behavior On The Internet:

1. **Regarding emails in General:** DO NOT trust emails urgently requesting personal financial information!
2. **Resist Calling Back:** Be sure not to call any number or use any link in the suspected email as this may put you in the hands of those responsible for the phishing attack.
3. **Protect Vital Information:** Be suspicious of impersonal emails asking for any sensitive information from you - the recipient. Financial institutions will never ask for sensitive information from you via an email. Protect your social security number, driver's license number, bank account number, etc.
4. **Password Patterns:** Don't use obvious passwords such as spouse's name, child's name, birth date, mother's maiden name or last four digits of your social security number. Change passwords frequently - once a month.
5. **email Forms:** NEVER fill out forms in email messages that ask for personal financial information.
6. **Links in emails:** Be suspicious of email links. Never trust it! There are ways to “spoof it”! Instead, open a new browser window, manually type in the link of the website and then execute a transaction at a legitimate website.
7. **Use Security/encryption Whenever Available:** Make sure that you are using a secure/encrypted website when submitting credit card or other sensitive information via your Web browser by checking the beginning of the Web address in your browsers address bar showing “<https://>” rather than just “<http://>”. A small “chain” or “lock” icon will also show in your browser when you are using a secure website. Some new browser versions now show a green bar at the top of the browser indicating that you are dealing with a secure site. Almost all financial institutions have this facility.
8. **Check Transaction Record:** Regularly log into your online banking accounts to verify that unauthorized transactions have not occurred. If anything is suspicious, contact your bank and all card issuers immediately.
9. **Update Your Browser:** Ensure that your browser is up to date, security patches are applied and virus/Trojan scans are done at least once a week. Run virus scans every other day.
 - Download the security patches at Microsoft Security home page, <http://www.microsoft.com/security/>.
 - Download a free copy of AVG software to use as your virus scan software. It is one of the best freeware in the industry - <http://free.avg.com/us-en/download?prd=afg>.
10. **Complain:** Help stop phishing by reporting phishing attacks or *spoofed* e-mails to the following groups:
 - forward the email to reportphishing@antiphishing.com
 - forward the email to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov
 - forward the email to the “abuse” email address at the company that is being spoofed (e.g. spooof@ebay.com). When forwarding spoofed messages, always include the entire original email with its original header information intact
 - Notify the Internet Fraud Complaint Center of the FBI by filing a complaint on: www.ifccfbi.gov/.



2010 Calendar of Events

- **Z Club: Children's' activities: TBD**
- **Next ZAF Board Meeting: Thursday, the 17th or 24th of June, 2010.**
- **Muktaad: 14-19 August, 2010 (Hovi & Burjis Shroff Home)**
- **Pateti: 21 August, 2010 (Quality Inn, Plantation FL)**
- **Ghambaar: 07 November, 2010 (Location TBD)**
- **ZAF AGM: October, 2010 (date, location TBD)**
- **XV North American Zoroastrian Congress, Houston, TX: 29 December, 2010 to 01 January, 2011** (Please visit www.FEZANA.org for more details)

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