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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The past few months have been very interesting, challenging and progressive for the Board of Directors of ZSBC. The successes of the Pateti celebration, the sports day turnover and the Masquerade Ball event have been the talk of the town. It gives immense pleasure and a sense of accomplishment to our team to see our community come together in large numbers.

As you might have noticed that it is our constant endeavour to encourage more and more of our community members to be included, engaged, and involved. So far we have succeeded. Here's the list to name a few of such efforts:

- The Magic Show performance at Pateti function by the challenged and talented Magician Siamak;
- Encourage the Zoroastrian young entrepreneurs like Eddie Madan and Ron Modi of Bombay Bhel. We appreciate their contribution to our society during the Masquerade Ball event.
- Youth engagement at the Masquerade Ball where the flyer designs and the decoration ideas were initiated by Benafsha Kapadia.
- "Zarathusti Idol" to evolve the talent from within our community held on November 25, 2006. The selected performers will be given an opportunity to perform at our New Year Eve function.

I would like to mention that all these successes would be impossible without hard work, dedication and enthusiasm from all our Directors. They have selflessly worked towards one goal and one vision of our society and that is to bring our community together and get the youth engaged. I believe that every small action makes a big difference and I promise the difference will be noticed very soon.

I must not forget to mention that there are a few volunteers who have at all times stood besides us and worked hand in hand to make all this difference. The Board of Directors sincerely thanks each one of you for your support and dedication.

Most of you who have kids between the ages of 5-15, please note that the Zoroastrian study classes have resumed from September 16, 2006. Professional teachers and youth volunteers conduct these classes. To register your child, please contact Shiraz Italia on 604 274 4973 or any of the ZSBC Directors.

This year due to interest of many community members ZSBC is hosting the New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance. For details see inside.

Wishing everyone a healthy and prosperous 2007.

Sincerely,

Sharook Kapadia
President

ZSBC EMAIL DATABASE:

As most of you are aware that one of the latest initiatives of our ZSBC Board of Directors is to create an email database of all our members. Binaifer Dolasa has very kindly volunteered to help us create this database as well as forward upcoming event emails to our members. We request you to please notify Binaifer Dolasa with any changes, deletion, and/or addition to your email addresses via her email id: binaiferdolasa@hotmail.com. Please note that Binaifer will not be responding to any queries that you might have regarding the information emails. Please contact the concerned person or any Board of Directors with your queries. We thank you for your co-operation.

ZSBC & FEZANA SCHOLARSHIPS

This year on Mehrgan Day, October 1, 2006, ZSBC Scholarship 2006 were distributed to three deserving, dedicated and outstanding youths: Kainaz Mistry, Felice Doctor and Farshaad Bilimoria.



Ex-President Homi Italia & President Sharook Kapadia with ZSBC Scholarship winners Felice Doctor and Farshaad Bilimoria

Kudos to the following outstanding students for their academic performances who won the FEZANA Scholarship for 2006: Kainaz Mistry, Shirin Kiani and Farshaad Bilimoria

ADVERTISING RATES IN ZSBC NEWSLETTER:

1. Business card size ad in one issue \$30
2. Quarter page size ad in one issue \$40
3. Half page ad in one issue \$60
4. Full page ad in one issue \$100
5. To sponsor an issue and get recognition: \$300

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Family: Husband and wife, including children under 18	\$50
Senior (65 years and over)	\$15
Full time student	\$15
Individuals (18 years and over, even those living with parents)	\$25

A great number of our members have still not paid their membership fees for the current year 2006-07, which was due on March 21, 2006. You can pay fees by cash, or cheque. You may contact any one of the Directors, whose names and responsibilities are given below, on any issue relating to our Society and convey your views to them.

DIRECTORS OF ZSBC AND COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

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AVESTA CLASSES:

The Avesta classes for the 2006/07-year are in full swing. With 25 kids in the class its safe to say that the Darbe Mehr is abuzz with activity every second Sunday! This year our focus is putting Humata, Hukta and Havreshta into action. We started by helping Rostam Kavooosi with the grounds surrounding the Darbe Mehr. The kids helped to rake and weed the garden as well as plant flowers and trees. We have also been learning about Ahura Mazda, Zarathustra and the seven creations. The students had a great time at a sleepover at the Darbe Mehr on Saturday November 11th which was organized by the parents of these children. The children are having a wonderful time at Avesta classes and arrive each week eager to learn something new and mingle with their friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New ZSBC Website:

The new ZSBC Website will be ready for launch on December 18, 2006. Our Webmaster Narius Dastur creates the new look. Please log on www.zsbc.org to see:

1. What's new and what's happening at ZSBC.
2. Photo Gallery to view photographs of our past events.
3. Membership, Directory registration and Scholarship forms.
4. Newsletter
5. Volunteering Opportunities
6. Directors and Committee contact information
7. Links on Zoroastrianism and much more

ZSBC Directors sincerely acknowledge the excellent work and technical support that Narius has provided ZSBC over the past few years. Please contact Sharook Kapadia at sharookkapadia@hotmail.com with your comments or questions on the new website.

Hotel Employment

If you are a new immigrant, a college student or looking for weekend jobs in Hotel industry, please contact Porus Irani at 604-638-7140.

NEWCOMERS

ZSBC welcomes these newcomers to Vancouver.

- Nekzad and Roxan Shroff moved from Toronto in April 2006.
- Rumi and Behroze Mistry migrated to Richmond, BC on August 20, 2006 with their sons Kaiwan and Sheroy and daughter Parinaaz.
- Sorab and Jasmin Vesuna and sons Hutan and Kayhan migrated to North Vancouver, BC on August 27, 2006.
- Cyrus and Mahrukh Khajotia migrated to North Vancouver in October 2006 with their children Neville and Binaifer.

WEDDING

Eddie Madon (son of Perviz and late Sam Madon, North Vancouver; brother of Natasha) with Ronda Halabe in Sydney, Australia, on Friday, October 27, 2006.

CONDOLENCE

Sehroo Shroff, 82 years, mother of Dilshad Mancher Deboo, and grandmother of Parinaz and Farhad, North Vancouver passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

A GREAT SOLDIER PASSED AWAY

General (Retd.) Adi M. Sethna, President of the Delhi Parsi Anjuman passed away. He was a stalwart of the Parsi community and a national hero of India.

PAST EVENTS

Sports Day, September 12, 2006

This year the event was organised at Mahon Park in North Vancouver and turned out to be yet another success for ZSBC. Total number of participants was 72 members in about 25 events in different age groups. Sarosh Pithawala won the Sam Madon Memorial Trophy as well as ZSBC Outstanding Athlete of the Year Trophy whereas Farhad Mistry won the Phiroze J. Balsara Memorial Trophy for One Mile Race. Our Ex-President Perviz Madon gave the trophies away. All the participants up to 10 years of age were distributed gifts irrespective of being a winner or not to encourage them to participate in Sports events in future. All other winners were distributed certificates by present ZSBC Board of Directors. Participation for fun events like Tug O War, Wheel Barrow race and 3-legged races was galore. One of our youngest members Eva Bhathena was felicitated for her enthusiasm to participate in all races be it for kids, youth or adults. She showed great gusto to just be there. A total of \$187 was collected as voluntary participation fees during this event. This event would not be a success without dedication of numerous volunteers who put in their time and effort. Thank you to all for your support and participation.



Perviz Madon awarding Trophies to Sarosh Pithawala

Sports Event Courtesy:

- Certificates and Administration – Dinaz and Behramsha Mizan
- Refreshments and Drinks organized by Zain Mavalvala and Shiraz Italia
- Base Ball Caps from Bell Inc. by Jessi Partovi.
- Shot Putt ball donated by Zubin and Sabrina Nazir.
- Flying Wedge Pizzas on subsidized rates by Percy Bhagat.
- Gift packs from Staples on discounted rates by Firdos Balsara

Masquerade Ball, November 4, 2006

Kudos for ZSBC Board of Directors and volunteers for organizing such a spectacular event on November 4, 2006 at Darbe Mehr. Over a 100 people attended the function. The Darbe Mehr hall looked very “Spooktacular”. Mr. Spooky the scary mannequin that offered chocolates and candies greeted the guests. Thanks to the efforts of the event organizers. The evening began with Bingo game where cash prizes were distributed. The virgin punch bar served various fruit cocktails like Mango Tango, Berrylicious, Blue Lagoon and Scorpio Poison with chips and nibblers.

Over 38 participants took part in Fancy Dress competition judged by our prominent guests Bella Tata, Homi Italia and Firdos Balsara. Our youngest participants Princess -Anahita Dadinath and Unicorn- Eva Bhathena won the consolation prizes. The winners were Zerxes Bhathena – Battered Husband (first prize), Zain Mavalvala and Farhad Mistry – Patient & Doctor (second prize) and Jennifer Daruvala – Cat Woman (third prize).

Bombay Bhel catered the tantalizing menu of Seekh Kabab, Chicken Curry, Paneer Makhanwala, Jeera Rice, Naan, Salad and green chutney. Samosas and bean salad were also served.

Farrokh Namdaran and Koomi Italia were celebrating their birthday that day. They were surprised by a cake cutting ceremony. Everybody enjoyed the delicious Black Forest Cake.

We appreciate the tremendous effort put in by the Socials Director, Jessi Partovi, who was also the DJ for the night for sponsoring the light and music free of cost. The young and the old danced the night away till midnight.

All that was heard from the guests were praises and repeated requests to hold many such events. Last but not the least; all this was not possible without the support of many volunteers who helped make this event to be one of the greatest parties of the year. Hold on your hearts friends, more such events are coming.

Carron & Table Tennis Tournament, November 12, 2006

This ZSBC event started out under dark clouds and pouring rain but the atmosphere inside the Darbe-Mehr was bright and bubbly as a crowd of about 40 Zarathustis came out to play and cheer their friends. In fact this was the best turnout for this tournament in the last couple of years. Several new Zarathusti immigrants and newcomers claimed top prizes in the tournament.

Following are the results of the tournament:

Ladies Carron Singles

Winner: Ava Irani

Runners Up: Behroz Mistry

Ladies Singles Table Tennis

Winner: Shabnam Rostamirad

Runners Up: Katayun Bomanbehram

Men's Carron Singles

Winner: Yezdi Khopoliwalla

Runners Up: Shahrukh Bomanbehram

Men's Singles Table Tennis

Winner: Mehernosh Kasad

Runners Up: Zubin Nazir

Carron Mixed Doubles

Winner: Hoshi Powvalla and Denzel Muncherji

Runners Up: Mehernosh Kasad and Sheroy Mistry

Most promising young table tennis player prize was awarded to Arzan Balsara.

Cash prizes, certificates and T-shirts were given out to winners and Runners-up players. Sharook Kapadia awarded prizes. All players gratefully sipped Indian Chai and ate biscuits, samosas and other refreshments provided during the event.

We thank the generosity of Mr. Rohinton Shroff for donating a carron board to the society. ZSBC Directors also gratefully acknowledge the contribution made by the following members in organizing this event.

- Carron Boards: Neville Dholloo & Jessi Partovi
- Tea & Refreshments: Yasmin Kapadia
- Certificates: Dinaz & Behramsha Mizan
- E-mail Notifications: Binaifer Dolasa

UPCOMING EVENTS:

All events at the Arbab Guiv Darbe Mehr, 6900 Halifax Street, Burnaby, B.C. – unless otherwise specified.

The Darbe Mehr will be kept open on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Nov 26 and Dec 10 when Avesta classes will be held. Apart from the events listed below, which are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, the Darbe Mehr will also be kept open from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Vrahraum Eezad (Behram Roj), which falls on **Dec. 5, 2006, Jan. 4, Feb.3 and March 5, 2007.**

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2006, 3:00-5:00 p.m. – Death Anniversary of Asho Zarathushtra: Prayers followed by refreshments.

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, 7:00 p.m. – New Years Eve Dinner and Dance Party: at Chateau Cargill Banquet Hall, 3550 King George Highway, South Surrey, V4P 1B5. Phone: 604-538-8880.

TICKETS:	Members	Non-Members
Adults/Youth	\$36.00	\$45.00
Children 5 - 11	\$25.00	\$35.00
Children under 5	Free	Free

Tickets are on sale with Farrokh Namdaran, Dinaz Mizan and Sharook Kapadia. For more details please contact Jessi Partovi (604) 787-8987.

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, 11:00 a.m. – Death Anniversary of Madame Morvarid Guiv: Prayers followed by refreshments. (Function organized by the Trustees of the Arbab Rustam Guiv Trust, Vancouver)

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007 – Seniors' Get Together: Light refreshments will be served. For details please contact Sharook Kapadia at (604) 439 3066.

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, 6:30 p.m. – Jashne-Sadeh: One of the great Persian Feast Potluck party. Please bring your food to celebrate this great Persian Feast.

Saturday, March 24, 2007, 6:00 p.m. to midnight NouRooz Celebration: Please mark your calendar for the NouRooz Celebration. We will have dinner, dance & entertainment at Coast Plaza Hotel, Denman St, Vancouver.

Cost of tickets	Members	Non-Members
Adults & youths 11 years & over	\$ 35	\$ 45
Youths 5 to 10 years	\$ 20	\$ 25
Children under 5 years	Free	Free

For more details contact Jessi Partovi @ (604) 787-8987. There will be cash bar and remember that “It is dangerous to drink and drive” and if you consume alcohol, we strongly recommend you have a designated driver to drive you or take a cab back home.

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