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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 39th AGM of Zoroastrian Society of British Columbia will be held on June 24, 2007 at Darbe Mehr between 3.00 and 5:00 pm. Registration will commence at 3.00 pm. All Zarathushtis are welcome to attend the AGM. If unable to attend, kindly give your proxy to one of the Directors or a member who is attending the AGM. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Time flies and it's been weeks since we celebrated NoRoos and Asho Zarathustra's birthday on March 24 at Coast Plaza hotel. Over 320 members attended the dinner and dance event. The Hawaiian Dance performance by Paul Latta Group was a super duper hit affair. Dancers aged 3-50 performed. Everybody enjoyed the foot tapping music, exuberant Hawaiian dancers and audacious fire dance. All in all a great evening with good food and wonderful music provided by our DJ & Socials Director Jessi Partovi.

Keeping in mind the tremendous success of last year's Muktaad/Gatha prayers this year too we will be organizing a similar event starting from Aug 15th to Aug 19th. For more details on booking vase spots, sponsoring meals, donations and volunteering, please contact Mehernosh Kasad or Kashmiri Suraliwalla.

ZSBC wishes all Zarathustis Happy Pateti/Navroze and cordially invites everyone to celebrate Pateti/Navroze function to be held on August 25, 2007. For further details refer to Upcoming Events in this newsletter.

Looking forward to meeting you all soon.

Sharook Kapadia
President

MEMBERSHIP FEES REMINDER

Membership Fees Are Due For 2007-08

ZSBC's fiscal year is for the period March 21 to March 20, of the following year. A society can function only to the extent that its members support it. The Directors urge you to pay your membership fees for the year 2007-2008, which are now due. Fees, can be paid by cash, or cheques made payable to the ZSBC. Cheques may be sent to the Darbe Mehr, in an envelope marked for attention of the Treasurer.

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

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PATETI & NAVROZE CELEBRATION

Directors of The Zoroastrian Society of British Columbia (ZSBC) Invite You All to Celebrate the Pateti/Navroz Function Together on Saturday August 25th, 2007 from 6:30 pm at Cheers Banquet Hall 125 East 2nd Street, North Vancouver, V7L 1C2.

Tickets will be sold and tables allocated on first cum first served basis. Please note that there are only 150 seats available for this function. Sale of tickets will be from August 01st to August 17th. No refunds at all if cancellation done after 17th August 2007. Please reserve your tickets with: Sharook Kapadia @ (604) 439-3066; Dinaz Mizan @ (604) 270-4077; Farrokh Namdaran @ (604) 926-9733

Cost of tickets:

Members: Adults \$30; Youth 3-12 \$15; **Non-members:** Adults \$40; Youth 3-12 \$20; Kids under 3 Free

There will be a cash bar managed by the restaurant. The directors of ZSBC advise you all to be responsible and not to drink and drive. Music by our very own DJ Jessi Partovi.

CONDOLENCE

Dhun Mehta, 84 years, father of Sarver Ardeshir Minwala, Yazdi and Mahiyar, brother of Rathi (Freny), Aloo and Zamrud Mehta of London, UK, brother-in-law of Piroj and Freddy Amrolia and Nanu and Zarine Dastur of Vancouver, in Burnaby, on March 21, 2007.

YOUTH CORNER

5TH WORLD ZOROASTRIAN YOUTH CONGRESS 2011

Congratulations to our youth for being selected as organizers of the 5th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress 2011, in Vancouver, Canada.

ZSBC SCHOLARSHIPS 2007

AWARDS BY ZSBC FOR ITS MEMBERS SEEKING ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

The Scholarship Committee of ZSBC invites members' children who are completing the Provincial Grade XII examination this year, to apply for a modest scholarship from ZSBC.

Eligibility: To be eligible, the applicant must have a minimum of 1425 points achieved under the British Columbia Standard ministry Score (SMS) criteria.

Application: Application forms are available from ZSBC's web site at www.zsbc.org, or from Bella Tata (604) 681-5250, Homi Italia (604) 438-2076, Fariborz Rahnamoon (604) 986-2077, Dinaz Mizan (604) 270-4077 or Farrokh Namdaran (604) 926-9733.

Completed application forms, Grade XII marks and a one page write up about achievements should be returned by **September 12, 2007** to: **The Scholarship Committee, ZSBC, 6900 Halifax Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5B 2R5**

BRITISH COLUMBIA ANNUAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP – SILVER MEDALIST

Sana Rangwala, daughter of Pervin & Saifee Rangwala won a Silver Medal at the British Columbia Annual Wrestling Championship held at Guilford Park Secondary School on 24 Feb, 2007. Where 200 hundred schools performed and about over 500 students participated, our youth Sana shone like a star. Congratulation Sana, for your achievement and making your parents and the community very proud.

ZOROASTRIAN YOUTH OF NORTH AMERICA (ZYNA) –Events for 2007

1. **14th North American Congress Toronto:** June 29 to July 2, 2007; <http://www.zoro-impact.com/>
2. **4th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress – Australia:** Dec. 27, 2007 to Jan. 3, 2008;
Please visit <http://members.optusnet.com.au/smileycam/4wzyc.html>

FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS (2007-2008)

Applications are invited for the FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS and the MEHRABAN & MORVORID KHERADI ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarships are open to Zarathushti applicants who are currently enrolled or have applied as full-time students in institutions of higher learning (accredited degree-granting colleges or universities) in USA or Canada.

- **Scholarships:** Scholarships for the academic year 2007-2008 will be awarded in September 2007. The Mehraban and Morvorid Kheradi Endowment Scholarship will be for \$5,000.
- **Eligibility:** (1) Applicants must be of the Zarathushti faith. (2) Applicants must be currently enrolled or have applied as full-time students in institutions of higher learning (accredited degree-granting colleges or universities) in USA or Canada. (3) Applicants must be legal residents or citizens of USA or Canada. (4) Foreign students holding legal status in USA or Canada are eligible, provided they have spent one year or 2 semesters at a college or university in North America. (5) Applicants will be eligible to receive a maximum of two awards, which may or may not be in consecutive years.
- **Application:** Application forms are available from the FEZANA web site at www.fezana.org or from Dr. Dolly Dastoor (dollydastoor@sympatico.ca) Completed forms should be sent, post marked no later than Aug 1, 2007 to:

**DOLLY DASTOOR Ph.D, Chair, FEZANA Academic Scholarship Program,
3765, Malo, Brossard, Quebec, Canada J4Y1B4**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZARATHUSHTRIAN KUSTI PRAYER BOOK: CALLIGRAPHY IN AVESTAN, GUJARATI, & ENGLISH TRANSLATION BY PERIN PUDUMJEE COYAJI

This prayer book has been motivated by the fact that children should see the ancient Avestan script when studying for their Navjote. Executed entirely in beautiful calligraphy-set off with charming motifs from Persepolis-- this second edition is in hard cover with foreign art paper. The cover shows the 101 Names of Ahura Mazda emerging in concentric circles printed in gold on a rich maroon background. The visual effect is that of the Sun. Sold entirely by word of mouth with no official distributor, this artistic expression of love for a forgotten script has struck a deep emotional chord in the hearts of Zarathustrians worldwide. Contact Perin at : humata@hotmail.com. Price: US \$22 plus Postage

WEST COAST ZOROASTRIAN STUDIES TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

This workshop will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2007 at San Jose Darbe Mehr organized by the Education, Scholarship and Conference Committee of FEZANA. It will be one day workshop which will include discussions of problems and solutions that Avesta/Zoroastrian Studies teachers face, the course which should be taught and making materials available for teaching and the use of the internet to facilitate their job. Followed by an exhibition of books and teaching material that the teachers use. **Shiraz Italia and Phiroozeh Petigara** will be representing ZSBC at this workshop. ZSBC Board of Directors and parents of all Zoroastrian Study Classes children are very proud of the dedication and effort that both these youth put in to organize these religious classes every alternate Sunday. Shiraz and Phiroozeh, please accept our sincere appreciation for your hard work.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

All events at the Arbab Rustam Guiv Darbe Mehr, 6900 Halifax Street, Burnaby – unless otherwise specified. Apart from the events listed below, which are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, the Darbe Mehr will be kept open by a group of our members, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on **Vrahraum Eezad (Verahram Rooz)** which falls on June 8th, July 8th and Aug 6th 2007.

The Darbe Mehr will be kept open on alternate Sundays when religious & Farsi classes will be held. Please contact Shiraz Italia (604) 274 4973 for schedule of these classes.

Sunday, June 24, 2007 between 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. 39th Annual General meeting (registration begins at 3:00 p.m.)- All Zarathushtis are welcome to attend the AGM. Please also refer to the “Notice of the 39th Annual General Meeting” enclosed with this newsletter. Light refreshment will be served after the meeting.

Sunday, June 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. – Peer-e- Sabz Pilgrimage Day- will be celebrated at Shannon Falls, near Squamish, with group prayers at the site, songs, games, music, making Sirog, etc. Please bring your own food and refreshments, blankets, etc., and come to Taylor Way (Entrance to British Properties in West Vancouver) by 10:00 a.m., so that we can all try and leave together for Shannon Falls.

Wednesday, August 15 to Saturday, August 19, daily at 6.30 p.m. onwards, and Sunday, August 19, at 11.00 am. Muktd/Gatha Prayers: Please register with Mehernosh Kasad or Kashmira Suraliwalla to book a vase spot, sponsor meals and/or volunteer. We need many volunteers for this 5-day event. Please come forward and make this event a super success as last year.

Saturday, August 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. to midnight- Pateti/Navroz Dinner and Dance. (See details on page 2) (Cheers Banquet Hall 125 East 2nd Street, North Vancouver, V7L 1C2)

UPCOMING EVENTS (In Farsi)