



ZANZ Gazette

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

Navroze Mubarak

After our AGM in May, the following members were elected to the Managing Committee for the ensuing year. The office bearers were finalised as under:

Zarir Choksy (President)
 Rustom Dubash (Vice President)
 Jarafshan Mistry (Secretary)
 Zarir Choksy (Treasurer)
 Armin Wadia (Asst. Treasurer)
 Freny Khambata (Member)
 Daulat Shahlori (Member)
 Yazdi Mistry (Member)
 Jal Mehta (co-opted)
 Porus Dumasia (co-opted)

We would also like to update all of you concerning the meeting we had with TMZANZ (on Dec 5th) regarding amalgamating the two Associations.

In the interest of the whole community, the ZANZ committee approached the TMZANZ committee to consider forming one association. We felt that, in spite of being such a small number of Zoroastrians in New Zealand, we could not ignore our differences (if any).

We had been asked by TMZANZ not to discuss the contents of our meeting with our members until they came back with the definition of the term Mazdayasni Zarathushti.

TMZANZ's definition was "a person born of two Mazdayasni Zarathushti Parents". We had asked for a Scripture-based reference to the same.

After a few months, on 27/05/00, we received the following email from TMZANZ.

ZANZ
 New Zealand
 27/5/00

We refer to our meeting which was held in Auckland on 5/12/99 at the Anchorage Park School, wherein we were asked by some ZANZ committee member, where from we had come up with the definition of a Mazdayasni Zarathustee.

Every person has his or her interpretation of a Mazdayasni Zarathushti. In context to TMZANZ, our definition comes from the following sources:

*Vendidad Chapter 18 Para 61-62
 Poona Parsi Panchayat Constitution
 Udwarda Samsath Anjuman*

Kind regards

The TMZANZ Committee

P S: We understand that this may not reach you in time at your P O Box address, and hence we are taking the liberty of sending it to you by email

ZANZ replied to the email on 19/07/00 (after the first meeting of the Managing Committee since the AGM) with the following:

TMZANZ

New Zealand,

The ZANZ Committe has decided to put across the meeting betwx the two organisations & all the relevant developments to its members.

Sorry for the delay in replying,

*Regards,
For ZANZ*

Unfortunately ZANZ has been wrongly portrayed by some, to be a group of reformist Zoroastrians. This is far from the truth. ZANZ is a firm supporter of the tenants of the Zoroastrian Faith.

We now ask for feedback from you, the community at large, as to what steps the committee should take from here on.

We shall, in the near future, call for a full community meeting. Please attend the same, as the outcome of the meeting may have a big influence on all our lives.

The Association is for ALL of us, not just the committee and the few regular volunteers, and it is the responsibility of ALL its members to show more devotion & commitment towards it.

On this note I wish to end my address and hope that all of you will actively participate in the Association's future.

Thank You,
Zarir S. Choksy

Welcoming Fellow Zarathustis

Farokh & Nazbanu Bustani
Zubin & Pervin Dalal
Kayomerz & Benaifer Irani
Kuresh & Zenobia Pherozi
Homi & Nazneen Rao

Life Members

Congratulations to Jimmy Mehta, Rashne Nariman and Raiyomand Nariman on becoming Life Members of the Association. We thank them for their support for ZANZ. Becoming a Life Member is a way of supporting our association, which is slowly trying to build up funds. So please show your support by becoming a Life Member. The Life Membership will be increased from \$300 to \$500 from September 2000.

The Stork Has Arrived!!

Congratulations to Sohrab & Faranak Irani on the arrival of their baby boy on 4th August 2000. Also, congratulations to Zarir and Havovi Chhor on the arrival of their new baby girl Jasmine on 17th July 2000. Zarir and Havovi would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of you who have helped them feel welcome and settle well in New Zealand.

Navjote Mubarak

The navjote of Xerxes, son of Zarin and Feroze Sukhia, was held in Mumbai, India on July 6th. Our heartiest congratulations to the whole Sukhia family.

Obituary

On 7th June 2000, Mr. Adar Irani, brother of Maharookh Irani passed away in Mumbai, India. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

WCRP

This year's annual interfaith event is on Sunday, October 15 at St. Matthew's Church in the city. Practice for the same is due to start soon. Please contact Freny Khambatta or Nasreen Dubash for further details. Hope ALL the children can participate.

Social Committee

All the functions held in the past few months were well attended. The *Mumbai Masala Nite* was a wonderful success thanks to the hard work of the social committee and volunteers. We hope to have another one later this year.

The social committee is presently working on organising activities for the school holidays (Oct) and will keep us posted on the same.

Natak and Entertainment Night

Due to the great success of the last natak *Made in India*, we have decided to have an evening of entertainment and fun later this year. Details of the same will be announced in the next newsletter. All those interested in participating please contact Jal Mehta at 532-9592 OR at jal@i4free.co.nz.

Papeti Function

This year the Papeti Function will be held on Saturday, August 26th and should be a grand one with lots of games, food and fun. See the last page of the newsletter for details on the same. Any donations for the hamper raffle will be greatly appreciated. Please give your donations to any committee member by 19th August.

Prayer Classes for 2000

☺ = Potluck

Saturdays at 6:15 PM

- ☺ Saturday, 5th August 2000 (Bring along dish)
Saturday, 19th August 2000
- ☺ Saturday, 2nd September 2000 (Bring along dish)
Saturday, 16th September 2000
Saturday, 30th September 2000
- ☺ Saturday, 14th October 2000 (Bring along dish)
Saturday, 28th October 2000
- ☺ Saturday, 11th November 2000 (Bring along dish)
Saturday, 25th November 2000
- ☺ Saturday, 9th December 2000 (Bring along dish)
Saturday, 16th December 2000

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you haven't paid your 2000-2001 membership dues please contact our treasurer Zarir Choksy (441-6203) ASAP.

If dues have not been paid by now, members will have to pay non-member prices for all future functions until dues are paid.

Advertising in the ZANZ Gazette

If you, or someone you know, would like to place an advertisement in the ZANZ Gazette, please contact Jarafshan or Tehmus Mistry (376-0317) for further details. The charges for the ads are as follows:

Quarter page ad \$30
Half page ad \$50
Full page ad \$80

Telephone Book

The next telephone list will be printed as a booklet and will include more information. It will be distributed later this year. Please fill in the enclosed information form and return to any committee member (or mail it to the address on the form) **BEFORE October 31st** if you want your information to be included in the booklet.

EVERYBODY MUST send in the form, including those already on the phone list, as we are using the forms to create a NEW database. Also, contact Jarafshan Mistry (376-0317) if you want to place ads in the same.

Stock-taking and Sausage Sizzle

In order to raise funds for the association, we are in the process of arranging a sausage sizzle in October and a stocktaking evening in November. We need at least 20 volunteers for stocktaking so please show your support and contact Freny Khambatta (535-1925).

We would like members to contribute articles for publication in the ZANZ Gazette.

If you wish to contribute an article for publication please contact Tehmus Mistry.