



# ZANZ

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## President's Message

Dear Friends

After a short spell of spring, summer has slowly set in and it is time for outdoor activities like BBQ's, picnics etc.. Your committee has planned a few activities as outlined in this issue. I hope you all will join in and share in fellowship with your friends and family.

With your support your association is in good health. With increasing membership we have a few ambitious plans over the next few months.

I extend a very warm welcome to the following Zarathusties who have recently arrived in NZ.

- Vahabiz & Murzban Daruwalla
- Maharook & Pourusasp Sidhwa
- Jer & Kersasp Palkhiwala
- Nilufer & Peter Fernandes
- Hutoxi & Porus Kateli
- Diana & Mehernosh Kotwal
- Sorab Irani
- Vispi Dantra
- Danesh Desai

We wish them all the best in their country of adoption.

Our heartiest congratulations to families who have moved into their own homes. We wish them well.

Christmas is around the corner and in a few weeks we will be in 1998. I take this opportunity in wishing all members and their families Merry Christmas and a happy New Year 1998. I also look forward to seeing you all at the post New Year's function on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 1998.

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Yazdi Mistry (President)

## Prayer Classes

Regular Prayer classes are held at Anchorage Park School hall. Classes start at 10:30am. and end at noon. Please contact Darius Mistry or Bilkish Vazifdar for more details. We have also introduced the idea of having a potluck lunch at every 4<sup>th</sup> prayer class.

The following are the dates for the first four prayer classes for the coming New Year:

- 1<sup>st</sup> February 1998
- 15<sup>th</sup> February 1998
- 1<sup>st</sup> March 1998
- 15<sup>th</sup> March 1998 (Bring along dish for lunch)

## Stork Has Arrived

They are cute and they are the latest addition to our Zarathushtrian community. November saw the arrival of **Jennifer** to Vahbiz & Murzban Daruwalla and **Zarbox** to Afreen & Zersis Daruwalla. Congratulations to both the families.

## Adios

We will miss Cyrus & Kerbanoo Solaina, Bobby & Kamal Fraser and Naval Patel who have returned to India. Good luck to them and hope to see them return in the future.

## Papeti/Navroz Function

The Papeti/Navroz function was held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. It was a full house with more than 150 in attendance. Everyone present had a great time.

The evening started off with a hilarious 'natak' "Sorabji Na Laffrann". The 'natak' was a smashing success and congratulations to Mahrukh Irani, Bilkish Vazifdar, Darius Mistry and Godrej Engineer.

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After the 'natak' we had a customary round of drinks followed by a sumptuous Indian dinner buffet. After a heavy dinner we boogied to the tunes of the Disc Jockey. We had a tough time getting people to leave by midnight as we had to vacate the premises by midnight.

### Inter-Faith Service

The annual Inter-Faith service of World Conference on Religion and Peace (WCRP) was held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of October. This years theme was "Building Bridges For Peace" and the chief guest was Dr. Rajender Prasad New Zealand's Race Relations Conciliator.

Zarathusties were well represented and our rendering of 'I am proud to be a Zarathusti' was well received and attracted the loudest applause.

### ZANZ's First Overnight Trip

The overnight trip was at Duck's Creek a beautifully serene motel just 5 minutes from Pauanui, Auckland Millionaire's holiday retreat. Nine adults and five kids left on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November morning in 4 cars.

At Ducks Creek we settled into 5 cabins each cabin could accommodate 4 people. Common to the cabins was a kitchen and dining room.

After settling into our rooms, we had our packed lunch overlooking the lake and the mountains in the background. We all agreed this was a gorgeous scene from our kitchen/dining area.

After resting for a while we went off to have a nice afternoon swim in the indoor temperature controlled swimming pool. The kids had a great time rolling the fibreglass canoes in the pool waters. Karmin Homavazir even had her first swimming lessons.

After tea we decided to go boating in the lake with the ducks. The kids (young and old) had their first try on the cycle canoes.

A long walk into the neighbouring farmlands and the horse ridding treks made us all extremely hungry for the tasty Biryani that we had carried for the dinner. The men had their usual drink or two or three before settling on the veranda for a night-time story telling session.

The next day after breakfast we left Duck's Creek at 11.30am. We owe a lot of thanks to Kersi, Darius and Tehmus for organising the event. Well done!! We are looking forward to another one of these soon.

### Legal Aid and Advice

Kersie Khambatta, a practising Barrister, informs us that his experience shows that some Zarathusties get into tight situations through ignorance of traffic and immigration laws. His help is often sought too late. Kersi will continue to give free advice whenever required. However urges fellow Zarathusties to contact him promptly, so that it is not too late for him to help. You can contact Kersie on (09) 535-1925 or (025) 270-6415. Thank you Kersie

### Directory Update

Cyrus & Armin Wadia (09) 252-1213  
Nilufer & Peter Fernandes (09) 629-2980  
Maziyar & Sarvar Afsari (09) 410-0505  
Yazdi & Behroze Cooper (09) 576-9813  
Gev & Shenaz Daji (09) 535-0293  
Gayomard & Feroza Desai (09) 577-1512  
Shavak & Ketty Fitter (09) 273-4107  
Yazdiyar & Yasmine Khambatta (09) 846-4725  
Darius & Edwina Mistry (09) 535-1993  
Rashid & Irandokht Shahlori (09) 526-4470  
Sharookh & Maharokh Irani (09) 535-3696  
Hutoxi & Porus Kateli (09) 527-4085  
Persis Patel (09) 629-2665  
Jeroo Nagarwalla (09) 277-9998  
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Meher Karai (09) 576-6262  
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### Summer Outings

Let us make the most of summer. Get into your shorts and join in the fun and games and fellowship. To encourage more members to participate we have selected venues close to Howick & Pakuranga (Parsseranga?). **BBQ at Cornwall Park on Saturday 3rd January** (time 11am.) Bring your own BBQ food. **Picnic at Cackle Bay Beach on Saturday 7th February** (time 11am.). Bring your own food and let's all share in the fun and games. Call Yazdi 376-0317, Bilkish 535-8491, Kersi 486-5265 or Darius 535-1993.