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Presidents Message

Dear Friends

Hello again, we had a busy month of May. You will find the details under different headings as you browse through the gazette.

This time I only wish to emphasise the importance of Prayer classes for which Bilkish Vazifdar and Darius Mistry are putting their hearts out. I am sorry to say that attendance at these classes is very erratic.

Many parents say they have no **Time**. This is a very wrong statement because when **Time** is not available one must create **Time**. **Time** is to be made. We make **Time** to watch our favourite TV programs. We make **Time** to socialise and hold parties. We make **Time** to see our favourite games of cricket or rugby or tennis. Remember, where there is Will there is **Time**.

Teach children the pride of maintaining our ethnic identity. Teach them the beauty of saying prayers in the language our beloved Prophet sahib said thousands of years ago.

In case you have forgotten the dates for the classes, we have printed the dates in this issue.

Come on friends **MAKE TIME**. We hope to see you regularly and in good numbers.

Look forward to meeting you at the AGM on 28th June.

Ushta-Te

Yazdi Mistry (President)

Aramgah Project

Yesterday I (Kersi Daruwalla) saw a grim and boring documentary about "Funerals in NZ". If anyone of you viewed the Assignment programme on TV ONE on Thursday 29th May 97; you would agree with me that it was boring,

but it was informative. That is why I sat there for an hour thinking and often joking with my wife who was watching the programme with me.

Life is factual. One day everyone has to go and that is the reason I have chosen a topic quite boring and may be controversial to some. In my view, we must plan to work towards the creation of an "Aramgah or Resting Place" for our own deceased Zarathusti friends and loved ones.

One can appreciate the difficulties and hard times that people go through during death in a family, and it is at this time that family, friends and community can be of assistance. Just as we unite to celebrate Navroze or New Year with our friends in the Zarathushtrian community, we must unite in times of grief and sorrow. A word of warning here to all the well-meaning people - sometimes families may want to be left alone too.

The creation of an Aramgah in Auckland will see Zarathusties having a common place to visit and pray as they remember their friends and fellow Zarathusties with whom they have shared happy and sad moments during a lifetime in New Zealand. For the people who want their remains to stay in New Zealand after death, I feel it is quite an idea to have a place of our own.

On the lighter side, the creation of an Aramgah in Auckland will see Zarathusties set aside all their differences and for once unite with their fellow HUM-DIN as they are laid to rest side-by-side.

As a community, please send in your views to The Editor, ZANZ, P.O.Box 46-246, 240 Jervois Road, Auckland. If you want to work for the "Aramgah Project" please contact your association's committee members

Stork Has Arrived

He is cute and he is the latest addition to our Zarathushtrian community. Congratulations to Firoza and Gayomard Desai on the birth of their Baby Boy **ZAIN**, born on 29th May 1997 at 2130hours in Auckland, New Zealand.

Wedding Bells

Valentine's day 14th February was the wedding day for Jasmine Coovar Kasad to Amar (Tony) Singh of Mumbai, India. The wedding was held in Auckland. Our sincere congratulations and best wishes to the newly weds.

Moving Up

Well-done Darius Mistry! Darius's Imagetext has now bought over one of the biggest Macintosh distributors in NZ named CDL. Soon, Darius will be moving to a new office premises and controlling more sales of Macintosh and PCs in NZ. Bravo, well done again.

I Could Have Danced All Night!

The latest event "Dessert & Dance" organised by Edwina Mistry and Bilkish Vazifdar was a great success. We hope to have a similar event in the future. Young and the not so Young joined in the jiving and boogied till well past 11:30pm. The function was made more enjoyable by the presence of members of the Goan club. Thanks to the organisers for this enjoyable evening.

Art Of Self-Defence

Want to learn to defend yourself or have some physical exercises???

If yes, learn KARATE with two Parsi teachers. Call Navroz Kasad on (09) 576-2414. Navroz is willing to train our Zarathushtrian members free of charge at The Dominion Road School on Quest Drive.

Kersi Daruwalla trains at Henderson and Glenfield classes of the Okinawa Goju Ryu Karate, call Kersi on (09) 486-5265.

Fund Raising

Thanks to a group of sixteen, Zarathushtrian parents and youngsters who turned up for an inventory count at the Big Fresh Supermarket for 2½ hours. This activity alone will earn the Association \$400.00 towards youth activities.

If others want to be kept informed of these activities, please register your interest with either Kersi Daruwalla our secretary, or any other committee member.

Adios

Farhad and Roshni Khodaiji and family have moved to Brisbane Australia. We will surely miss them. Good luck to them for a brighter future.

Prayer Classes

Regular Prayer classes will be held at Anchorage Park School hall. Classes start at 10:30am. and end at 12pm. Please contact Darius Mistry or Bilkish Vazifdar for more details. The following are dates for the year.

1st and 22nd June
13th and 27th July
10th and 24th August
12th and 26th October
9th and 23rd November
7th December

Life Members

Congratulations to Yazdi Mistry who was the first person to become a Life Member of the Association. This year Irandokht Shahlori and Tehmus Mistry also signed up as Life Members. Thank you Yazdi, Irandokht and Tehmus for showing your support for ZANZ.

SIGDI Indian Restaurant

Congratulations Sarosh & Benaifer Behdin on the opening of their restaurant called SIGDI. SIGDI will open its doors on the 19th June. SIGDI will serve authentic Indian Cuisine prepared by fully trained chefs, who were recruited from India.

Let us all give SIGDI our support by 'patronising' the restaurant. In addition, Sarosh & Benaifer have agreed to give all Zarhosti patrons a 10% discount.

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.