



# ZANZ Gazette

P.O. Box 46-246, 240 Jervois Road, Auckland, New Zealand

Judge each day not by the harvest you reap, but instead by the seeds you sow

## President's Message

Dear Friends,

Winter is over, spring is midway through, and summer is on its way. This summer is going to be a sizzling one, and its not because of the weather but because your ZANZ committee has planned activities for the community to enjoy.

Over the past three months we have had many successful community activities. We have our regular prayer classes which are slowly gaining more attendees. The Papeti jashan and luncheon was a pleasurable event. The World Congress on Religion and Peace event went off admirably and like every year, we showed the NZ community at large that even though we Zarathustis are small in number, we are big on peace and harmony. We had an enjoyable and wonderful day out at Montgomerie farm and the biannual stock-take was a reverberating success. A personal thanks to all the people who attended these activities as both these activities helped to raise funds for our association.

I personally would like to thank the members who helped out in all these activities. We are a community organisation and we can only succeed if we all participate and help out.

To get summer off to a sizzling start, your management committee has organised a Christmas party for the youngsters and a New Year bash to get you "rocking and rolling" into 2002. In the New Year we have organised picnics and social get-togethers. Please do come along to all the activities and bring your families and friends.

In the New Year we will be re-launching our Web site (details of which will be in our next newsletter). We have also organised a telephonic reminder service. This service will call you up and inform you of upcoming activities. So if you receive a call that says, "Hello this is a call from the Zarathushtrian Association of New Zealand" please do not hang-up but listen to the message.

I take the pleasure in wishing you and all your loved ones a Very Happy and Prosperous 2002.

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Tehmus Mistry (President)

## The Stork Has Arrived!

They are cute and are the latest addition to our Zarathushtrian community. Congratulations to Delna & Jimmy Antia on the birth of their son Shane, to Faranak & Sohrab Irani on the birth of their son Fravarsh and to Kashmira and Khushru Umrigar on the birth of their daughter.

## Welcoming Fellow Zarathustis

Sarosh & Thrity Irani  
 Parvez & Zenobia Mistry  
 Riaz & Farah Unwalla  
 Kersie & Pervin Medora  
 Minoo & Rashna Lodhawalla  
 Neville & Khusnuma Garda  
 Delnaz Engineer  
 Roomi & Mani Palsetia  
 Anahita & Rohinton Sethna & family  
 Dinshaw Mehershahi  
 Firdaus & Shiromi Billiardmaker & family  
 Farzana & Rushad Anklesaria  
 Yazdi Dastoor  
 Avan & Fredy Bam & family  
 Ruzbe & Zarir Shroff  
 Ratan & Zenia Sanjana & family  
 Norshir Sanjana  
 Viraf & Persis Mory & family

## Change of Address

Please inform any change of address or telephone number to Porous Dumasia (279 2423 or mirah@xtra.co.nz) ASAP.

## Life Members

Becoming a Life Member is a way of supporting our association, which is trying to build up funds. In order to promote more members joining up as life members, the managing committee is going to be introducing an instalment plan. Details of this plan will be printed in the next newsletter.

## Newsletter by electronic mail (email)

Many members have requested they receive the newsletter by e-mail. However, members have had problems receiving e-mails. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please send an email to zanzemail@visto.com. Please make the subject line of your e-mail "Subscribe To Newsletter by E-mail". Please note this address is only for signing up to receive newsletters by e-mail.

## Inter-faith Service

The annual inter-faith service of the World Conference on Religion and Peace (WCRP) was held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of October. We had a good turnout and as usual the Zarathustis were well represented and our children's presentation was well received and enjoyed by the audience. A congratulatory thanks to all the children who participated and their parents for making the effort to involve their children. After the event the association treated the children to McDonalds.

## A Big Thank You

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October a group of members got together to help out in the biannual Big Fresh stock take. A big thank you to all the participants for taking the time and effort to help out and raise funds for the association.

## An appreciative thanks

On 17<sup>th</sup> November at our fortnightly prayer class Mrs. Ruby Lilaowalla took time out to meet our young Zarathustis and enlighten them with morals and values by telling them stories. The youngsters enjoyed her stories and the time she spent with them. A very appreciative and special thanks to Mrs. Ruby Lilaowalla.

## Prayer Classes

The last prayer class of the year 2001 is 15<sup>th</sup> December. The prayer classes for the year 2002 will start from Feb. We will send you the dates in our next newsletter.

## Cadbury Fundraising

In order to collect funds for the association we would like members to sell Cadbury's fund raising chocolate bars. The chocolate bars will be available soon. If you are interested in selling or purchasing these chocolate bars please contact Dolly Shahlori on 576-5105.

## Helping your children learn

Godrej Engineer has kindly agreed to give a talk on 'Learning Styles' It is a lecture cum workshop and it involves parents. It gives insight on how your children learn. This is scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2001, at our prayer class venue i.e. Anchorage park Community House, 16 Swan Crescent. Pakuranga. It will start at 7p.m. sharp. The prayer class will be from 6.30 to 7p.m. Do come for this interesting session.

## NATAK

As you know the Natak "Bairi Maari Mohabbat Taari" which we had for Navroz this year was a success. Encouraged by your support, we aim to give you a better Navroz function next year and God willing, make it an annual function to remember each year.

With that in mind, we are looking for people to take part in our upcoming play. If you want to have an enjoyable time in the company of a fun bunch of people, and are committed, then please send in your names. Needless to say it will be an interesting experience and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have contributed to the community in your own little way.

Please forward your names to Jal Mehta either on tel:- 09-532 9592 or by email to huffyjal@hotmail.com and folks remember we need names in latest by the 10<sup>th</sup> of December.

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## Article By Mr Kersie Khambatta

When our ancestors came from Persia to India more than a thousand years ago they had nothing to offer except honesty, hard work and good character!

When we came to New Zealand we brought with us a vision of peace and prosperity!

So now, a new generation takes root in a beautiful country, far from the land of our birth. Young couples arrive, babies are born, life goes on.

Early settlers have to struggle to achieve what we came for.

Our people have spread to the United States of America, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere. Slowly but surely there is achievement. Success in different fields. It takes time. It requires determination. The fighters conquer, the losers retreat.

What is our future in New Zealand?

The answer lies in history.

What was the future when the tall, imposing strangers landed on the shores of a strange land they had never ever seen or even heard of!

As the community grows in strength here, new arrivals will bring skills which they can and must pass on to others. Each of us has something special which we must share with others voluntarily. We must give our time happily so that everyone else benefits.

We are good in teaching children, in art, crafts, religion, science, law or sport. We will follow the footsteps of the great like Dadabhai Naoroji, Sir Jamshedji Tata, Homi Bhabha and others who have made their mark in India. We must motivate the young, for it is they who will shine. We must not forget our heritage nor let our children forget. "Parsi thy name is charity!" We must walk together in peace and harmony!

The early settlers will be gone!

Yet they will leave behind a legacy! A legacy of a people who struggled, succeeded and won!

The vision of peace and prosperity will be a reality! So help us God!!

## SET YOUR CALENDER

5 <sup>th</sup> January 2002	Big Day Out BBQ-@ Western Springs
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2002	11am with your (M)eats Bhel Puri Nite @ Bucklands Beach Hall 7pm onwards.
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2002	Jamshedji Navroze Jashan Ceremony Details to follow in our next newsletter
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2002	Navroze Celebrations Fun filled evening with a Parsi Natak Followed by dinner at Bucklands Beach Hall.

**We will e-mail or telephone you if some impromptu activity comes up. Also stay in touch – We are there with you always**

### **Kid's Christmas Party-Jingle all the way**

Hey kids a year has gone by and its time for dear Santa to come around once again. If you are 12 years and under and would like to meet Santa then come over on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2001, between 4 pm and 7pm at the Grey Lynn Community Hall, 510 Richmond Road, Grey Lynn.

It will be a great party, there is going to be a clown to entertain you from 4:30pm followed by yummmmy food as Santa will come and distribute sweets and gifts to all the good children present there.

Psssst-Parents kindly get a gift for your child (worth no more than \$10). Properly label it with your darling child's name.

### **Cost**

Good news for members	FREE
Non members	\$5 per child

Submit your names before 18<sup>th</sup> December 2001 to the following:

Freny Khambatta	535 1925
Roshni Daruwalla	577 5432
Benifer Irani	577 4331

Kindly book early so that we can make proper arrangements for your child to have fun and a great party to remember.

## **New Years Eve Dinner and Dance - The Parsi Style**

Ring out the old, Ring in the new. Do ring us up and we will make this a night to remember for you.

Its time to have a New Year's Bash by the sea .  
Venue: The Bucklands Beach Hall, 48 The Parade, Bucklands Beach, Auckland.

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2001  
Time: 8pm-1am.

There is going to be heaps of fun, music, laughter and much much more. We also have gifts and games galore for everyone.

Get Footloose for the evening, put on your dancing shoes and do a cha cha cha or a little Boom Boom with Ricky Martin to the best powered music in town.

As the night advances enjoy the sumptuous dinner catered by S-H-A-M-I-A-N-A. We have provided for your kick-start garma- garam Samosas and Pakodas!!!

Satisfy your appetite with the mountains of Chicken Biryani, moved by the rivers of Rogan Josh, to cheeeezzz badi hai mast mast with cheese and garlic naan. Veggies rub your shoulders in the haryali of Vegetable Biryani coloured with Navratan Korma. To top it up, do a roller coaster ride and scream for I-Scream.

**DRINKS WILL BE SOLD AT THE PARSİ BAR  
(TO BE PAID) – ENJOY!**

The most enjoyable time of the year comes at a reasonable cost

	Members	Non Members
Upto 3 years old	FREE	FREE
3 years to 6 years	\$5	\$10
7years to 12 years	\$15	\$20
13 years and above	\$25	\$30

The early bird catches the worm. Book by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2001 at the above rates. If you book after 15<sup>th</sup> December 2001 please add \$5 to the above.

What are u waiting for?? Pick up your phone and dial now.

Tehmus Mistry	Tel. No. 828 1103
Jal Mehta	Tel. No. 532 9592
Benifer Irani	Tel. No. 577 4331

Tickets will also be available at our regular prayer classes i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2001, at the Anchorage Park Community House, Swan Crescent, Pakuranga.

### **SURPRISE**

One lucky person will be picked for a great hamper if you have booked and paid before 15<sup>th</sup> December 2001. Book and pay early and get lucky to win a gift.

We would appreciate your contribution towards the gift hamper, however small.

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