



ZANZ

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

As we stand on the brink of a new millennium, we must take stock of ourselves and our community as a whole.

I am very happy to say that as a united community at last we are moving in the right direction. Khojeste Mistree's visit was one such example. All the differences were put aside and all rallied around to make his visit a thumping success. Without the wholehearted efforts and support it would not have been possible.

Khojeste's visit has left much food for thought for young and old. Our children took to him like a duck takes to water and bombarded him with many questions, some of which were real eye openers. A sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your presence on both days.

The responsibility of thanking our guest was in the hands of young Nasreen Dubash who, after the usual words of appreciation and thanks, expressed the sentiments of the youth in our community. She added that she and her many Zarathushti friends felt that we elders should unite and look towards having only one association. We should not pass on this disunity to the next generation.

Nasreen, her friends and you all will be happy to note that we have already taken the first step towards achieving that goal. We have written to TMZANZ President, Mrs. Meher Kolah (a copy of the letter is reproduced at the end of this newsletter). TMZANZ has acknowledged the letter and will revert back to us after their meeting.

Christmas is around the corner and in a few weeks we will be in 2000. I take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2000. I also look forward to seeing you all at the post New Year's functions.

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Yazdi Mistry (President)

Directory Update

Please IMMEDIATELY get in touch with Jarafshan (376-0317) if there are any changes/additions in addresses or telephone numbers.

Welcome Fellow Zarathustis

Rumi and Khushnuma Balsara
 Nozer Damania
 Farhad and Yasmin Irani
 Adil Kapadia
 Cyrus and Rati Mehta
 Peterasp and Navaz Mistry
 Khurshed and Shernaz Patel
 Kashmira Pir

Annual Subscription

The yearly subscriptions for 1999-2000 are very slow in coming. Our Treasurer, Zarir Choksy, has been in touch with many of you. Please send in your cheque **as soon as possible**.

Children's Christmas Party

We have organised a Children's Christmas party at *Kids in Action* (219 Burswood Drive, Pakuranga) on Sunday, 12th December 1999 (for children up to 12 years old). Parents are invited to drop their children off at 3:15 pm and must collect them at 5:30 pm. Parents are requested to stay ONLY if their child needs supervision or is under 3 years of age. All responses **MUST be received by Sun. Dec. 5th** since we need to buy presents for the children. **No late responses will be accepted and no other reminders will be given.** The party is **FREE** for members' children and the cost for non-members' children is \$12/child. We have a special discount rate of \$6/child for children of those Zarathushti families who have immigrated to New Zealand in the past 6 months or less. For more details and your responses, please call Jarafshan Mistry (376-0317), Edwina Mistry (535-1993), or Armin Wadia (576-4927).

Life Members

Congratulations to Ruzbeh Nariman on becoming a life member of the Association. Thank you Ruzbeh for your support for ZANZ.

Obituary

Mr. Sam Dinshaw Nariman father of Ruzbeh Nariman passed away suddenly in Mumbai, India. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

Newsletter by electronic mail (email)

Only a handful of you have sent an email to Jarafshan Mistry (jarafshanm@yahoo.com) requesting the newsletter via email. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please send an email to Jarafshan with your email address. Sending the newsletter via email will not only save the association's funds but will also reduce wastage of paper.

New Zarathushtis Welcome dinner.

All ZANZ members are encouraged to attend a pot-luck dinner after the prayer class on 11th December and welcome new Zarathushti immigrants to New Zealand. If you are aware of any recently arrived Zarathushtis please bring them along. The recently arrived Zarathushtis need not bring along a dish for the pot-luck.

Christmas Picnic

Let us all meet on Christmas day for a picnic at Western Springs garden (Next to the ZOO). We will meet near the Children's playground.

Summer Outings

Let us make the most of summer. Get into your shorts and join in the fun, games and fellowship. To encourage more members to participate we have selected venues close to Howick & Pakuranga (*Parsiranga?*). **BBQ at Cornwall Park on Sunday 2nd January** (time 11am.) Bring your own BBQ food. **Picnic at Maraetai Beach on Saturday 22nd January** (time 11am.). Bring your own food and let's all share in the fun and games. Call Yazdi Mistry (815-8177) or Jarafshan Mistry (376-0317) or Armin Wadia (576-4927).

Library

We have decided to start a library of religious and cultural books. If you have any books you would like to donate please contact Freny Khambatta (535-1925) or Armin Wadia (576-4927).

Video of Khojeste Mistree's Seminar

We have created a set of 3 videos which covers Khojeste Mistree's two-day seminar. The cost of the set will be around \$50 (depending on the number of sets ordered). To order contact Darius Mistry (535-1993) by the 15th of December.

Letter to TMZANZ

Dear Meher,

Greetings. Let me start by congratulating you on your appointment as President of Traditional Mazdayasni Zarathushtrian Anjuman of New Zealand (TMZANZ).

This letter comes with sincere hope and a hand of friendship.

As you know, the Zarathushtrian Association of New Zealand (ZANZ) took time to form as it was the founding members' goal to have ONE Zarathushti Association in New Zealand.

Over the years, ZANZ's members have had informal talks with TMZANZ members with the aim to have only ONE association in New Zealand. Khojeste Mistree who recently visited New Zealand rekindled the concept and energised the community to move towards having ONE association.

The ZANZ committee would be happy to meet with the TMZANZ committee at a convenient time and place with the purpose to work towards ONE association.

There is nothing we cannot settle amicably. Khojeste Mistree's visit was a success because we Zarathushtis came together as a "single" community.

ZANZ's committee on behalf of its members is writing this letter because the Zarathushti community at large, feels that Khojeste's visit should be a catalyst to unite the two associations into ONE. This letter has NOTHING to do with the "anonymous" letters recently received by the New Zealand Zarathushtis. If anything, it is our sincere request that you ignore these letters filled with misinformation, innuendoes and threats. Let us work towards ONE association because we as a community want ONE association and not because we have been threatened into doing so.

Please take this letter in the spirit it is written. That is, with a sincere desire to be united as ONE community - ONE association.

We await your response as soon as possible.

With warm regards,

Yazdi T. Mistry

TMZANZ has responded to this letter and we have replied with another letter requesting a meeting between the two committees in early December.

We will keep you posted.