



# ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

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## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



ZAGNY wishes all our members and friends a very Happy, Healthy & Prosperous 2011 and a joyful beginning of the next decade!

### ZAGNY 2011-2014 BOARD ELECTIONS & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The term of the current Board comes to an end on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 and a new Board will be elected. Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting and Election of the Board of Directors of Zoroastrian Association of New York** for the term 2011-2014, will be held at the **Arbab Rustam Guiv Darbe Mehr**, 106 Pomona Road, Pomona, NY, on the evening of **March 26th, 2011 at 6:30 PM.**

Following nominations have been received for the various positions :

**President:** Gev Nentin  
**Vice-President:** Khursheed Navder  
**Secretary:** Sheroo Kanga  
**Jt. Secretary:** Nina Mistry  
**Treasurer:** Kerman Dukandar  
**Members At Large:** Mahrukh Cama, Rohinton Cama, Meherzeen Daruwala, Vispi Kanga, Shiroy Ranji, & Arzan Sam Wadia.

An absentee mail- in ballot is herewith attached for members who are unable to attend that day. Only **ZAGNY-2011 dues paid members** are eligible to vote. Each adult member has one vote, with upto two votes per family membership. The absentee mail ballot should be sealed, mailed and postmarked no later than **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011**, to the **Secretary, Behroz Dutia, 5Amethyst Ct, W. Nyack, N.Y. 10994.** It must be clearly marked with the name and address of the voting member on the left hand corner of the envelope. Unnamed envelopes will be disqualified. You may revoke your mail ballot if you are present at the election and would like to vote in person.

### JAMSHEDI NAVROZE FUNCTION Sat. March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Spring is around the corner and we all look forward to meeting our friends at ZAGNY's Navroze celebrations, which will be held on **March 26, 2011** (please note change of date) at the Pomona Darbe Mehr. The winning ticket of the '**Gara Raffle**' fundraiser for the 2012 Congress will be also be drawn that evening. We have a fun filled evening planned with a delicious '**lagan nu bhonu**' catered by our popular caterer, Nick Maneckshaw of Palace at the Ben. "*So bring yourself and your appetite too, and come on in and celebrate the party with us!*"  
*Cele-bra-tion, for a grand beginning to our Zara-thush-ti New Year!"*

**Registration begins at 6:00 PM**  
**Prayers - 6:15 PM; AGM - 6:30 PM; Cocktails – 7:30 PM;**  
**Dinner – 9:00 PM; Gara Raffle, Music & Dancing.**

**Transportation:** *For people interested in attending the function, we may be able to help you with your transportation needs at a nominal cost. If you are interested, please contact: Piroja Press - 201-236-9440 or email [Rdpress@aol.com](mailto:Rdpress@aol.com), no later than Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. A check for the transportation fee, payable to ZAGNY, will have to be **received no later than Mar. 5th** by Piroja. Both the deadlines will be **strictly adhered to**, as we need a count to make the arrangements. We would also appreciate, if anyone is interested in volunteering to give car rides, to also contact Piroja at your earliest.*

If you plan to attend the Navroze function, please mail in the attached registration form **postmarked no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>** in order to avoid a surcharge. Please remember at the Gate fee is as a courtesy only for your last minute guests.

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## PAST EVENTS

**Musical Evening**

Sat. Dec. 11, 2010

-submitted by K.Navder &amp; Nina Mistry



The Social Committee of the XVI North American Zarathushti Congress hosted its first fundraiser on Saturday, December 11, 2010 in support of the upcoming Congress to be hosted by ZAGNY in August 2012.

This holiday gala fundraiser's entertainment was provided by the "Hidden Gems", a group of bollywood track singers that primarily performs to raise funds. Children were excited to have their own movie night (thank you, *Shailendra Dusaj* for setting it up) while their parents enjoyed the desi music spanning four decades. In keeping with the theme of the evening, our fun loving crowd came dressed to party in red-white-n-black. Prizes were awarded to the best dressed couple, *Hasina & Dinshaw Master*; best dressed gentleman, *Fali Shroff* and best dressed lady, *Niti Patel* (a member's guest). The sporting audience also played some guess-the-tunes games to bag a few more prizes. The evening was complete with non-stop dancing and request numbers performed by the Hidden Gems (a video clip of the event can be viewed at the ZAGNY website - thanks to our ZAGNY webmaster, *Arzan Wadia*).....what a great way to kick-off the holiday season!

Delicious appetizers of chicken seekh kababs, samosas and bhel followed by a scrumptious all you can eat chicken dhansakh-kababs-kachumber dinner was devoured by all the guests, who had, of course, saved room for the yummy lagan-nu-custard and cream puffs dessert. A big thank you to all our social committee volunteers (in alphabetical order - *Percis Bansal, Mahrukh Cama, Jasely Dukandar, Toni Ghadially, Sheroo Kanga, Nina Mistry, Phiroza Modi, Khursheed Navder, Aban Nentin, Ferzin Patel and Gool Thakarar*) whose combined culinary skills dished out this lip-smacking fare.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to *Rashna & Kersi Harda* for contributing the chicken seekh kabab appetizers; *Mahrukh & Rohinton Cama, Nina & Adil Mistry, Khursheed Navder & Shailendra Dusaj, Aban & Gev Nentin and Pam & Fali Shroff* for the liquor. We would also like to thank *Gulestan & Farrokh Deboo* for contributing the best dressed lady prize and *Khursheed Navder & Shailendra Dusaj* for contributing the best dressed gentleman prize.

Our fundraising efforts would not have been as successful without your voluntary contributions - Thank you *Premlata & Rushad Cassad, Percis & Vispi Daruwala, Gulestan & Farrokh Deboo, Bhadrash Desai Dentistry P C, Kashmira & Noshir Dutia, S R P Dental Care P C, Homi Gandhi, Pouruchishti & Farokh Hirjibehedin, Erach Munshi, Dr. Vijay Nariani, Armaity & Framroze Patel and Niti & Dilip Patel*. Last but not the least, many thanks to all our attendees without whose support and enthusiasm we could not have made this event possible!

Through this event we have raised approximately \$4,000, which is a great start to our fundraising initiatives. But we have a long way to go as we work together to host a Congress like no other! For those that could not attend, we missed having you with us and look forward to seeing you next time! (Kindly excuse our unintentional oversight if we have inadvertently missed acknowledging anyone)

**ZAGNY'S CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY**Sun. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Photo: Arzan Sam Wadia

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 2010/2011 Scholarship Award

Zagny is pleased to announce our 2010/2011 **Scholarship Award of \$500 and Scholarship Loan of \$4,500** to **Framurz Hoshang Patel**. Framurz has a Bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering from J Sanghvi College in Mumbai and stood first in the department for 3 consecutive years. He is enrolled for M.S. in Operations Research (concentration Finance) at Columbia University. We thank Dr. Keki Dadachanji for his efforts in this matter and our donors to the Scholarship Fund. We wish Framurz much success in his studies and future career. Students can apply for ZAGNY or FEZANA Scholarship by visiting the websites and submitting the Scholarship form.

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### REVLON RUN/WALK EVENT Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Submitted by Sheroo Kanga

On Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2011, ZAGNY will once again participate in the **14th Annual Revlon Run/Walk for Women** in the fight to help eradicate women's cancers. Over the past several years, with the participation of ZAGNY members, their families and friends, we have raised thousands of dollars for this very worthy cause. Once again, we will be participating as a "TEAM" for this event. Our ZAGNY team name is "**zoroastrian association of greater new york**". To register: (CTRL + click the following link) [http://do.eifoundation.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=1040&pg=entry](http://do.eifoundation.org/site/TR?fr_id=1040&pg=entry) and follow these steps:

1. Register now
2. Register and join 2011 team
3. Go down the page and type - **zoroastrian association of greater new york**
4. Click on - **search for team**
5. Team name will appear at the bottom of the page, click on it and then click - **JOIN TEAM**. Continue to follow instructions.

For any questions, call team captain: **Sheroo Kanga** at 609-448-0192 or email [kangavs@yahoo.com](mailto:kangavs@yahoo.com) or co-captain **Khurshheed Navder** - [knavder@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:knavder@hunter.cuny.edu); For technical questions call Whitney at 310-640-1400 x 113.

THE 2011 EIF REVLON RUN/WALK SITE IS LIVE. We hope to see many of you there. Let us raise even more funds this year for this very worthy cause.

**Join us and walk amongst thousands united by the power of the human spirit. Won't you?**

### 2011 Membership Dues

Since ZAGNY's membership has not seen an increase in dues for about a decade, ZAGNY Board has approved an increase in the 2011 membership dues in order to maintain a strong and fiscally sound status of ZAGNY. We would like the membership to be aware that all the maintenance and upkeep of the Darbe-Mehr expenses are borne by ZAGNY and IZA (ratio of 4:1) and make up the bulk of where the membership dollars are spent. All our social entertainment programs are mostly conducted with a break even goal in mind, but sometimes we end up bearing a loss due to circumstances beyond our control. Also, most of the donations received are for restricted funds and cannot be used for the general welfare. With cost of everything going up, the Board thought it prudent to increase the dues this year. We sincerely hope this does not inconvenience any members in renewing their membership or joining ZAGNY. Please feel free to contact any Board member if we can be of any assistance in this matter. We are here to serve you and we thank you for your support!

**2011 Membership/Directory form is attached. Kindly fill it out and mail it before the Navroz function so that we may update our records. Form can also be filled and dues can also be paid on-line from our website.**

### SAVE! SAVE! SAVE!

Pay your 2011 membership now and save on the entry fee for Navroz!

Pay your 2011 dues and mail or fill the membership form on-line, and as a ZAGNY member you save on the entry fee to the Navroz function!

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### Our Sincere Condolences to the family of:

- Vispi & Percis Daruwala, on the passing away of her father, **Jehanbux M. Karanjia** on Dec. 4, 2010 at the age of 82 at his Mumbai residence.

ZAGNY extends it's heartfelt sympathy to the family

**Want to share some news or make an announcement in our newsletter, please contact Behroz Dutia or email to: [Secretary@ZAGNY.ORG](mailto:Secretary@ZAGNY.ORG). We shall be glad to include it in our next newsletter as time and space permits. Please note that all information in the newsletter is posted on ZAGNY's website and is made public. So we request members to use their discretion when submitting their news or information.**



### SURVEY 2010

The results are in. You speak and we listen! The results of our 2010 survey are attached, thanks to an excellent job done by *Nina Mistry and Arzan Wadia*. Big thank you also to everyone who took the time in responding to our survey. As always, we value your suggestions and are here to serve you better.



### From the Secretary's Desk:

This is the last newsletter that I pen to you all. I hope you all enjoyed reading the newsletters as much as I had in writing them. It was most gratifying to me to hear your responses on the newsletter in our 2010 survey. It was my distinct pleasure in serving you all as the Secretary of ZAGNY. I kindly thank all the members of ZAGNY and the Board for their support and hope someday again I can be of service to you. I wish the new ZAGNY Board further success for the 2011-2014 term!

- Behroz Dutia

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>FEBRUARY 2011</b>		
2/6	1:00 PM	ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES
<b>MARCH 2011</b>		
3/6	1:00 PM	ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES
3/26	6:00 PM	NAVROZE/AGM/ELECTIONS (please note date change)
<b>APRIL 2011</b>		
4/3	1:00 PM	ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES
4/30		REVELON RUN/WALK FOR WOMEN
<b>MAY 2011</b>		
5/1	1:00 PM	ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES
<b>JUNE 2011</b>		
6/5	1:00 PM	ZAGNY RELIGIOUS CLASSES

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Board of Directors – 2008 – 2011

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**ABSENTEE MAIL BALLOT FORM**

ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ZAGNY  
FROM APRIL 2011 – MARCH 2014

PRESIDENT	GEV NENTIN	_____
VICE PRESIDENT	KHURSHEED NAVDER	_____
SECRETARY	SHEROO KANGA	_____
JOINT SECRETARY	NINA MISTRY	_____
TREASURER	KERMAN DUKANDAR	_____
MEMBER AT LARGE	MAHRUKH CAMA	_____
	ROHINTON CAMA	_____
	MEHERZEEN DARUWALA	_____
	VISPI KANGA	_____
	SHIROY RANJI	_____
	ARZAN WADIA	_____

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## FEZANA - North American Zarathushti Community Awards – 2010

Source: Fezana Awards Brochure

**Awardees L to R:** Farrokh Namdaran, Soli Dastur, Dinyar Patel, Kayhan Irani, Noshir Langrana. (Photo by Homi Gandhi)



At the recently held **XVth N.A. Zarathushti Congress in Houston, TX**, three of the five recipients of the **2010 North American Zarathushti Awards** are from ZAGNY. The award ceremony was conducted by FEZANA at this biennial Congress event on Dec. 29 – 31, 2010.

### **Dr. Noshir A. Langrana** *Excellence in Business or Profession Award*

Originally from Mumbai, India, Dr. Noshir Langrana is the Chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Rutgers University and an adjunct faculty member of the Department of Orthopedics at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey. A graduate of Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute (VJTI) in Mumbai and Cornell University, Noshir joined Rutgers in 1976, and has steadily

climbed to the top of his profession over the past four decades. His research interests include spinal column injury and recovery, for which Noshir holds 3 patents related to the design of a spine disc prosthesis that removes lower-back pain associated with a degenerated and painful lumbar disc. Noshir is internationally recognized as an authority in biomechanics related to the lumbar area of the spine. He has conducted numerous experiments and investigations into spinal implants, has published extensively, and has received many awards for his accomplishments. In 2001, Noshir was invested by Rutgers as the first recipient of the Mary W. Raisler Distinguished Teaching Chair in Mechanical Engineering, and in 2008 he earned university-wide recognition with his receipt of Rutgers' Teacher-Scholar Award. Furthermore, in 2008, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) awarded Noshir with one of its highest honors – the H.R. Lissner Medal for outstanding accomplishments in bioengineering.

Noshir has been active and zealous member of Zarathushti community of tri-state area of New York. He has been Member at large, Secretary, and Vice President of Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York. He has been a Trustee of Dar-e-Mehr Zoroastrian Temple for over six years. Noshir was also the co-chair of 1998 North American Zoroastrian Congress held in Rye, New York. He was the Chairman of Census and Directory Committee of Federation of Zoroastrians of North America, Inc, and was responsible for publication of two North American Zoroastrian directories.

### **Kayhan Irani - Excellence in Performing Arts, Painting or Literature Award**

A native of New York, Kayhan Irani is an award-winning writer and "activist" dedicated to using theater to activate audiences and transform society. Since graduating summa cum laude from the CUNY Baccalaureate Program, Kayhan has performed at a variety of venues including Lincoln Center, The Public Theater, Chashama Theater, The Lower East Side Tenement Museum, Off-Broadway, and various universities and colleges around the United States. Most recently, Kayhan returned from an assignment in Kabul, Afghanistan, where she was a Participatory Theater Trainer under the aegis of the BBC World Service.

Kayhan currently works for the New York Office of Adult Education and the City University of New York as a writer and director of training and outreach. She is the producer of the television series *We Are New York*, a show designed to help immigrant adults learn English and important city services, for which the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences awarded her the 2010 New York Emmy Award. Kayhan has also been profiled in the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, and several other newspapers and magazines for her work, including her emotional one-woman show *We've Come Undone* – a series of monologues inspired by stories from the Arab, Muslim, American and South Asian communities. Kayhan also serves her zarathushti community and is currently actively involved with the Program Committee of the XVth N.A. Zarathushti Congress to be held in New York in August 2012.

### **Ervad (Dr.) Soli P. Dastur - Rohinton Rivetna Outstanding Zarathushti Award**

Another long time member of ZAGNY, Soli, originally from Tarapur, India, is a graduate of Bombay University and Northwestern University in chemical engineering. Now retired and living in Florida, Soli worked in various senior-level and executive positions at Proctor & Gamble for 30 years. Today, he performs various community services including navjotes, weddings, jashans, Mukta prayers, and obsequies, lectures extensively on the Zoroastrian religion and scriptures, and is working to preserve Zoroastrian literary resources in both printed and audio-visual formats. Soli serves on the board of the Zoroastrian Association of Florida, and is active within various religious and community organizations including FEZANA, the North American Mobed Council (NAMC), and Coming Together Roundtables. He travels all over North America and internationally in his desire to share his religious knowledge.

**Other Awardees:** Dinyar P. Patel won the *Outstanding Young Zarathushti Student Award* and Farrokh Namdaran was awarded the *Humanitarian Service Award*.

**ZAGNY Donors List for 2010**

Please note the following list includes donors who have paid more than \$50 and does not include donor members who generously donated to the cause of Parsi General Hospital, Udvada charity and Nassaralas charity fund. We graciously thank each and every one of the following members for their donation to the worthy cause and also those members who have humbly contributed below \$50 but not listed here.

Donor	Fund category					
	New Building fund	General fund	Scholarship fund	Critical Assistance	Library fund	Congress 2012
Aria, Porus and Soonoo		\$100				
Bamji, Edul and Tehnaz		\$50				
Bharda, Darayes	\$51	\$51				
Bharucha, Behram and Evelyn				\$60		
Cama, Cyrus and Farzana	\$100					
Cama, Lovji and Mehru						\$51
Cama, Rohinton and Mahrukh	\$100			\$100		
Cama, Spenta and Adam Schneck				\$50		\$50
Chavda, Aban and Harry Sadarangani		\$61				
Dalal, Hormuzdiar and Freny						\$50
Dastur, Kavsy and Barbara		\$51				
Dotivala, Tehmasp and Zarine				\$50		\$50
Dubash, Darius and Mehru		\$400				
Dutia, Noshir and Kashmira	\$200		\$200	\$200		
Gandhi, Homi			\$70			
Gandhi, Rusi and Natalie			\$25	\$51	\$25	
Hakim, Khushru and Roshan	\$100					
Irani, Kaikhosrov and Piroja		\$1,080				
Khambatta, Hoshang and Renate	\$100					
Khambatta, Kayomarz and Goolcher				\$51		
Kotval, Peshotan and Daulat				\$60		
Madon, Rohinton and Yasmin						\$50
Mehta, Ruyintan and Monica				\$100		
Mehta, Sherazad and Mrinalini Nair	\$25		\$25			
Modi, Phiroza and Satish				\$1,000		
Mody, Keki and Dianne				\$300		
Najmi, Meherwan and Faina		\$101				
Najmi, Pervez and Sima			\$201			
Neville, Mahrukh and Vincent		\$100		\$100		
Palkhiwala, Baji and Christine		\$50		\$50		
Patel, Dinshaw and Shernaz				\$50		
Patel, Framroze and Armaity				\$65		
Saraf, Thrity and Sharad		\$70		\$70		
Sarkary, Homi and Gul		\$50		\$50		
Sethna, Rusi and Shernaz	\$50					
Shroff, Phil and Dhun		\$50				
Shroff, Zubin and Anahaita Kotval		\$40		\$70		
Vimadalal, Khushroo and Parynaz				\$102		\$70
<b>TOTAL 2010 DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$726</b>	<b>\$2,254</b>	<b>\$521</b>	<b>\$2,579</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$321</b>
<b>2010 GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,426</b>					



**2011 ZAGNY DIRECTORY/MEMBERSHIP FORM**

New Member  Returning Member

Please note all membership info. submitted may be made public, so please use your discretion when filling the form.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name First Name Spouse's Name

**CHILDREN:**

Name	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)
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My contact information has changed within the last year  Prefer Newsletter via Email:  Yes  No

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**If you wish to become member of ZAGNY, please select one:**

- | <u>Regular Member*</u> | <u>Associate Member**</u> |                               |           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| [ ]                    | [ ]                       | Family membership             | \$120     |
| [ ]                    | [ ]                       | Individual adult membership   | 60        |
| [ ]                    | [ ]                       | Senior citizens-per person    | 35        |
| [ ]                    | [ ]                       | Full time student membership  | 30        |
| [ ]                    | [ ]                       | Non-resident membership       | 45        |
| [ ]                    | [ ]                       | Copy of <b>2009 Directory</b> | <b>10</b> |
|                        |                           | <b>Shipping</b>               | <b>5</b>  |

Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Critical Assist. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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 2012 Congress \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Regular Member:** At least one member of the family is Zoroastrian  
 \*\* **Associate Member:** No member of the family is Zoroastrian

Family: Parent(s), their Dependent parents + Children under the age of 21 years.  
 Individual Adult: 21 years old and over.  
 Senior Citizen: 65 years old and over.  
 Student: Enrolled Full-Time at an Academic Institution.  
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**Please make your check payable to ZAGNY** and mail it with your form to:  
**ZAGNY Treasurer, Kerman N. Dukandar**  
 96 Bernard Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837  
 Tel. 732-494-7976





# NAVROZE MUBARK

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011**

**At POMONA DARBE-MEHR**

**106 Pomona Road, Pomona, NY**

Registration – 6:00 PM  
Annual General Meeting - 6:30 PM  
Gara Raffle - 8:30 PM

Prayers – 6:15 PM  
Cocktails (Cash Bar) – 7:30 PM  
Dinner/Dancing – 9:00 PM

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

ADULT MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

SENIOR CITIZENS (65 & OVER): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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(Under 5 yrs. Free)

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**At the gate fee and reservations postmarked after MARCH 10, 2011 – Surcharge - \$15 per person**

**No phone reservations will be taken after this date.  
Registration is non-refundable**

**For Transportation needs see page 1 of newsletter.**

**2010 SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY** – submitted by Nina Mistry & Arzan Wadia

We are thrilled to hear from you! Thank you to each of the 104 enthusiastic respondents who took the trouble to share their thoughts with us. Your input provides us with tremendous insight into the current needs of the community. It is our firm resolve to use this learning experience to engage the community by slowly but surely making changes where needed. We are humbled by the adulation of our efforts from some respondents and endeavor to continue to serve the community with sincere dedication. We are pleased to share with you the survey results at a glance –

Question Category	No. of respondents
Member responses	94
Non-member responses	10
Online newsletter subscribers	58
Hard copy newsletter subscribers	43
Respondents opting for online newsletters	24
Respondents continuing with hard copy newsletters	24
Respondents interested in joining the email distribution list	35
Respondents not interested in joining the email distribution list	6
Respondents satisfied with timely and adequate communication	83
Respondents not satisfied with	
Timely communication	17
Adequate communication	12
Respondents interested in more presentations on religion & culture	69
Respondents not interested in more presentations	23
Community events most attended by respondents (top 3)	
March Navroze function	76
August Navroze function	74
Udvada Atash Behram fund-raiser	55
Respondents opining that existing Darbe-Mehr is adequate	61
Respondents opining that existing Darbe-Mehr is not adequate	32
Respondents picked these top 3 reasons to attend Navroze events	
Socialize/Network	55
Jashan/Prayers	38
Music/DJ	26
Respondents preferring a combined Jashan-Navroze event	55
Respondents preferring Jashan as a separate event	37
Respondents opining that current Navroze ticket prices are	
High	20
Moderate	67
Low	5
Respondents willing to pay to attend a Navroze event	
\$25-35	54
\$35-50	29
\$50-75	8
Respondents rated the food served at Navroze events as follows –	
Appetizers	Average
Dinner Buffet	Average
Dessert	Average
Respondents for whom Parsi-style meals at Navroze functions is	
Not important	6
Nice, but they wouldn't be disappointed with another cuisine	36
Important, but they would like a variety of caterers	34
Very important, otherwise they would not attend	20
Top 3 alternative cuisines suggested by respondents	
Indian	12
Chinese	11
Thai	8
Respondents requesting transport facilities to attend events	22
Respondents who would like to volunteer their time and services	32

We encourage you to continue to provide us with your feedback to help us serve you better!