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EVENT UPDATES

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PIROJA IRANI

BY: LOVJI CAMA

Piroja Irani passed away in New York on November 28, 2012 at the age of 89.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Piroja Irani was held by ZAGNY, on March 9, 2013 at the Darbe Mehr in Pomona. About 70 people attended the event including a number of colleagues from the City College of the City of New York, where Prof. Irani taught for 60 years. The event commenced with a few words by ZAGNY president, Gev Nentin.



Prof. Kaikhosrov Irani was the first to speak about Piroja, his wife, and started with the remark that according to the Vendidad, the period of mourning should end after 15 days and then the person who has passed away should be honored by remembering the person's life and good deeds. The memory of the person should linger on like the perfume of a single rose. To symbolize this, the stage at the Darbe Mehr held a table with a couple of pictures of Piroja and a single red rose in a vase stood by the pictures. Two bouquets of

white roses also decorated the table. Prof Irani recalled some of the qualities of Piroja among them her strong belief that there should be an equitable solution to all conflicts. He recalled how children and animals were naturally attracted to her and her ability to instantaneously bond with them. He recalled that they had been married for 61 years and that it had been a happy marriage with love and respect and close companionship for each other, marred a little by her long illness and paralyses which lasted for the last ten years of her life.

Zareen Weil, Prof. Irani's niece who had especially flown in from Chicago to attend, spoke of the influence Piroja and Keku had on her and her children. For her family the two names Piroja and Keku were always paired together and will always be so. She recalled how when she first came to America, Piroja had helped her by taking her shopping and guided her and provided her a sense of family. She read out a message from her son, who was in the UK and her daughter who could not attend. They both recounted how they played tricks on Piroja and her sense of humor. They both had enjoyed the stories she read them.

Framroze Patel recalled the close ties his family had with Piroja and her sister Dr. Shirin Irani and how Piroja helped Armaity and him when they first came to the USA, taking them to stores and helping them to start a home of their own. Framroze also read out a message from his son

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Pashang, recalling that as a little boy he was quite in awe of Piroja and Keku but also learned a lot from them. When Piroja suffered a stroke in Australia, it was Framroze's daughter Arnavaz who travelled to Australia and helped Keku bring Piroja home.

Lovji Cama talked about Piroja's accomplishments as a lawyer in India and also some work that she had done in the USA including some consulting work on Indian Law that she did after she had her first stroke. It was at the law firm of Mulla and Mulla in Bombay that Piroja and Kaikhosrov met, while working as law clerks in the firm. He also talked about Piroja's contribution to ZAGNY, serving as a vice-president for one term. Prof Irani used to arrange a seminar at the Darbe Mehr in New Rochelle every year. Piroja made sure that the invited speakers were well taken care of and well fed by preparing a special meal for the guests.

Dr. Darius Antia recalled Piroja's graciousness as a hostess. Piroja and Keku had invited Prof. Mary Boyce who gave a lecture series at Columbia University, along with some community members. On that occasion Piroja had conjured up a gorgeous dinner for her guests, who marveled at her ability to do so in a rather small kitchen and dining room.

Teshtar Irani recalled Piroja's indomitable spirit and how she enjoyed Piroja's company even after she had the stroke. Teshtar had learned to communicate with her and was amazed at the interest that Piroja took in her surroundings. Piroja took keen interest in TV programs that were political in nature and also comedies, to which she responded with hearty laughter.

Mr. Erach Munshi and Dr. Pallan Ichaporia both spoke of the loss of a life's companion that Piroja's passing away must mean to Prof. Irani, since both had suffered similar losses and offered their condolences to Prof. Irani.

A number of colleagues of Prof. Irani from City College, Dr. Jeff Rosen, Dr. D. Bushler, Dr. Jacob Stern, Dr. Frank Braio and Dr. Rishi Raj, who also knew Piroja and had enjoyed her hospitality, spoke fondly of her. They remarked on Piroja's generosity as a hostess, her sense of humor, and her steadfast and unflinching support of Prof. Irani. Many of them had known Piroja for many years and recalled her special qualities that made her the interesting and a loving person.

Shirin Khosravi president of IZA mentioned the deep respect that IZA members had for the couple and offered the condolences of the entire IZA community to Prof. Irani.

A number of people unable to attend sent messages to Prof. Irani. These messages from Mrs. S. Anoshirvani (CZC), Dr. Kersi Antia, Dr. Yasmin Ghadiali, Dr. Ali Jafarey, Dr. Daryoush Jehanian, Sheroo and Vispi Kanga, Parichehr and Farang Mehr, Dorab Mistry (ZTFE), Roshan and Rohinton Rivetna, Dr. Mehr Bourzin Soroushian and family, Farrokh Vajifdar, and Palos Verdes Estates Group were read at the Service.

Farrokh Vajifdar mentioned that "Piroja's quiet charm and radiant presence, always devotedly standing by Kaikhosrov's side will forever stay with me."

Roshan and Rohinton Rivetna's message read " Piroja, her gentleness, serenity and generosity of spirit will live on in our hearts and memories. She stood with Kaikhosrov rock solid as a pillar, unshakeable in times of adversity, always pleasant and full of zest for life."

Yasmin Ghadiali's message recalled how Piroja had once spent almost an hour with her daughter, Aysha, talking about Prof. Irani's acquaintance with Albert Einstein, which led to other topics. Piroja had correctly predicted that Aysha would be involved in government, policies and politics. Piroja had once arranged a joint function with IZA and supplied Iranian recipes for the ladies to cook. She was always thorough in everything she did and being an attorney herself she articulated her point of view very clearly.

Parichehr and Farang Mehr mentioned that Piroja was a lawyer and scholar in her own right. She was a caring, kind and noble human being, and her demise was a great loss to her husband and the community.

ZAGNY INVITES ZOROASTRIAN YOUTH OF NORTH AMERICA (ZYNA) TO THE DM

BY: BEHROSE B. TARAPOREWALLA, ZYNA CHAIR

My Mother once told me a story about helping others and, it has compelled and challenged me to delve deeper in my faith, and grow as a person. The story is about a man who walked a beach early one morning. He saw a pitiful sight of thousands of sea stars that had beached themselves because of a great storm the night before. Yet, in the distance was a small boy who was throwing these sea stars back into the sea, one by one. The man, believing himself wise, approached the little boy, and said in a tone sympathetic of the boy's innocence, "there's too many to make a difference." The boy replied, as he returned another sea star to the ocean, "it made a difference for that one."

In the society we live in, many times we see problems and think they are too big, or that we can not make a difference. Through practicing the good thoughts, good words, good deeds that the Zoroastrian religion is based on, I along with many of my peers have learned that this is not true-- it is the little things we do that make the biggest differences, and make the world we live in a better place.



ZYNA Young Professionals—Anahita Taraporewalla, Afshir Irani, Binaifer Daji, Kayana Press, Soroush Merchant, Mark Sethna, and Khushru Dadachanji—lead a presentation, panel discussion, and question-answer session centered around the topic: Living Zoroastrian Core Beliefs in Our Everyday Lives as Youth, on March 3rd, 2013 at the Darbe Mehr, Suffern, NY.

This session captured how a diverse group of youth between the ages of 25 - 37 embrace one's cultural and religious identity in North America through one's work as students, professionals, citizens, and humanitarians, while integrating the core beliefs of our religion and how we integrate them consciously and subconsciously on a daily basis.

Delegates that visited the Darbe Mehr during the Prayer classes showcased how they live the core beliefs of their religion on a daily basis as individuals and professionals, capitalizing how the "small things" they do on a daily basis make a difference in the "big world."



On behalf of ZYNA, and FEZANA, I would like to thank ZAGNY for their hospitality and for further enriching our faith and expanding our network of Zarathushti friends from all ages and walks of life.

Behrose B. Taraporewalla

ZAGNY NAVROZE 2013 CELEBRATION

BY: NATASHA DUSAJ

ZAGNY celebrated its annual Navroze function at the Darbe Mehr on Saturday, March 23rd. Despite the Vernal Equinox, temperatures were still in the 40's and there were no signs of the arrival of Spring. The Darbe Mehr hall did not appear as crowded, and I guess there were approximately 200 guests in attendance, fewer than the usual guest count or this event.

The evening started off with the Atash Niyesh prayer recited by Ervad Rohinton Madon. Folks then made their way to enjoy the delicious appetizers. While waiting for my friends to arrive, I noticed quite a bit of activity around the registration table as families were filling out membership forms and picking up the new 2013 ZAGNY Directory.

There were a couple talks scheduled for the evening. ZAGNY Vice President (aka mom), Khursheed Navder, introduced the first topic and mentioned that the Cyrus Cylinder exhibit was going to be touring the US this year and it is first time this object would be seen in this country. She then invited our Religion Class teachers/historians Mrs. Daulat Kotval and Dr. Xerxes Kotval who gave a very interesting presentation.



Following the talk, FEZANA Vice President, Homi Uncle (Gandhi), presented a replica of the cylinder to ZAGNY President, Gev Uncle (Nentin). There was mention of housing this replica Cylinder, that represents the world's first declaration of human rights, at a prominent place in our new Darbe Mehr.

There was another presentation immediately after by Edul Uncle (Daver) on the New Darbe Mehr project. This was an update on the fund raising progress and upcoming fundraisers. Mahrukh Aunty (Cama) then came up and



kicked-off the Electronics Raffle which will be drawn at our Parsi New Year function in August 2013, and urged all members to reach out to their friends outside ZAGNY to help sell tickets in large numbers.



Once all of the formal stuff was done with, the party started and our familiar DJ (Alan Kohn) started playing music drawing the usual crowd to the dance floor. After a delicious dinner catered by Palace at the Ben, there was a break from dancing for Karaoke. A group of brave folks started singing some old Hindi songs (even I was familiar with some of those having heard them being played over and over in my dad's



car). None of these Karaoke-ites seemed to care whether they were in tune or not and appeared to be having fun but I do hope they don't quit their day jobs! All in all, a fun evening celebrated with good food, fun and friends.

ZAGNY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BY: SHEROO KANGA, ZAGNY SECRETARY

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York, Inc. was held on April 7th, 2013 at the Darbe Mehr, 106 Pomona Road, Suffern 10901, NY.

The meeting was attended by the ZAGNY Board, many members of the Zoroastrian community and friends.

The AGM was called to order at 1:30 pm by President Gev Nentin. Mr. Nentin welcomed the congregation and invited Secretary, Sheroo Kanga, to present her report.

Sheroo presented her report for the year 2012-2013. On behalf of the Board she extended a warm welcome to new ZAGNY members, congratulated the newlyweds and Navjote kids, and conveyed heartfelt condolences to the families who lost their loved ones.

She mentioned that 2012 was an extremely fast-paced, activity-filled and eventful year for all of us here at ZAGNY as we planned and prepared to host the XVI North American Zarathushti Congress (NAZC) in August 2012. Our newsletter team kept busy communicating NAZC related and other information pertaining to the tri-state community to keep our members well informed and involved with the various events and activities. **A big**



thank you to our Joint Secretary, Nina Mistry, for compiling the information-packed newsletters; **to** our web-master, Arzan Sam Wadia, for the numerous timely e-blast communications and for posting the newsletters on our ZAGNY website, and **to** Kaika Clubwala for his dedicated support in printing and mailing the hard copies. Sheroo thanked the newsletter advertisers, Fali Shroff, Mahruk and Lokesh Sharma of Universal Travels, and Zarnosh Maneckshaw of Maneck Law, P.C. for their continued support. The newsletter team constantly strives to eliminate return mail in an effort to save on wasteful printing and mailing expenses by maintaining an up-to-date database for the mailing list. She then thanked all our priests who graciously perform various prayers for the community throughout the year; all the Darbe Mehr Trustees who work hard to upkeep the facilities at the Darbe Mehr; all the Religion class teachers who month after month volunteer their time to help our children learn about our faith, culture and history; and all the volunteers who help out at the monthly Religion class luncheons, Z-camp and other events. Sheroo mentioned, that starting with the December 2012 newsletter, a new column was introduced in the newsletter, titled, "Ask the Lawyer", contributed by Zarnosh Maneckshaw, Esq., giving the community an opportunity to ask law-related questions of Zarnosh. Starting with the February 2013 newsletter, another new 'column' was introduced, contributed by Zarah Kavarana, titled "Where Are They Now?" aimed at keeping the community connected to our ZAGNY youth once they move away from the threshold of our Darbe Mehr so as to allow for their contributions to society to be echoed back to our community. Sheroo thanked Vice-President, Khursheed Navder, for leading the initiative to update and print the new 21st Edition of the ZAGNY Directory and thanked all the Board members who were assigned the mammoth task of contacting each and every listing in the directory to confirm and update the information. Thanks were also extended to Shailendra Dusaj and John F. Borjeson who update the directory database and help maintain the database on an ongoing basis, to Nina Mistry and Arzan Sam Wadia for the new directory cover design - a beautiful mosaic of artistry and creativity of our children ages 5 - 12 years, to Kaika Clubwala for

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BY: SHEROO KANGA, ZAGNY SECRETARY

making sure we received the printed directory copies in time to distribute at our March 2013 Navroze celebration and to all the our advertisers for their generous support which helped defray a portion of the printing cost of the directories. Sheroo extended **a big thank you** to all her fellow Board members (and their spouses/families) for their dedication and time in serving the tri-state community with enthusiasm, under the leadership of President Gev Nentin.

Joint Secretary, Nina Mistry, was invited to summarize the events from March 2012 to March 2013. Nina listed and briefly recapped all the events that kept our ZAGNY community busy and engaged through the year. For details visit <http://zagny.org/secretarys-report-2013/>

In closing, Sheroo gave a brief update of the New Darbe Mehr building project and requested everyone to donate whatever they can to the new building fund so we can all have a beautiful brand new Darbe Mehr. She acknowledged the hard work and leadership of Mr. Edul Daver and the numerous dedicated individuals who are spearheading this project and working tirelessly to realize our dream of a new Darbe Mehr which we and future generations will use with pride.



Treasurer, Kerman Dukandar, was then invited to present the Financial Report for the years 2011 and 2012. He stated that ZAGNY financials looked excellent for the last year with 98% increase in cash value equivalent to about \$68,000. The main contributor to our profit was the successful NAZC held in August of last year and added about \$58,000 to the cash value. ZAGNY Board decided to allocate a major share of this profit (\$40,000) to the New Building Fund and

the balance amount to be allocated to the Scholarship Fund. Some of the main goals for this year were mentioned as a) to raise funds for New Building Fund, b) reduce the scholarship receivable amount and c) strive to increase our membership. Copies of the financial statements were handed out to the attendees. A motion was made for the approval of the financial statements. Proposed by Fali Shroff and seconded by Homi Gandhi, the statements were approved.

President Gev Nentin then addressed the gathering and mentioned that the financial statements that are currently done in excel spreadsheets should be done by using a new program, a new system. He talked about fundraising for the new Darbe Mehr building and mentioned that people are coming forward with donations. He mentioned that ZAGNY will assist by doing various fundraising events, like a raffle, silent auction, Jamva Chalaji and many others. He said the financials looked good and are in good shape. He informed that this was the last year of the current term of this board and that people should begin to seriously consider joining the next board as current members step down. In closing, Mr. Nentin stated that ZAGNY has a record of good accomplishments and growth and it would only be possible to continue of this path with the involvement and help of all our community members. He thanked the Darbe Mehr Trustees for their hard work and mentioned that if there is any problem, they get it done right away. He congratulated DMZT Chairperson, Fali Shroff and his team. Lastly, he thanked his fellow board members for their excellent team work in the last two years and looks forward to working with them for the third year of his term.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 4, 2013: REVLON RUN / WALK FOR WOMEN'S CANCER



On Saturday, May 4th, 2013, ZAGNY will participate in the **16th Annual Revlon Run/Walk for Women** in the fight to help eradicate women's cancer. Over the past several years, with the participation of many ZAGNY members, their families and friends, we have raised thousands of dollars for this worthy cause. Our team name is "ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK". To walk / donate, please visit –

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For questions, please call team captain **Sheroo Kanga** at (609)448-0192 or email at secretary@zagny.org or contact co-captain **Khursheed Navder** at vicepresident@zagny.org

WOMEN'S CANCERS IN THE PARSI COMMUNITY

BY: ZARAH KAVARANA

To coincide with the Revlon Run / Walk for Women's Cancers, Zarah contributes a brief report on women's cancers in the Parsi Community in lieu of her regular column, "Where Are They Now?"

Over the past several years, team captain Sheroo Kanga and co-captain Khursheed Navder have lead ZAGNY members, friends, and families in the fight to help eradicate women's cancers. Together, they have raised thousands of dollars in the process. This year, they will once again take part in the 16th Annual Revlon Run/Walk for Women's Cancers.

For Parsis, the battle against cancer is immensely personal. According to a Mumbai Cancer Registry study, Parsis are known to be particularly vulnerable to cancer when compared to members of other communities. In fact, they are twice as susceptible in certain forms of the disease. The community is most familiar with prostate and breast cancer, caused by both lifestyle factors and an increasingly limited gene pool.

More than men, Parsi women have been proven to have higher incidence of various types of cancers. The registry states that as of 2008, 122 males per 100,000 and 178 females per 100,000 have the disease. Numbers were significantly lower for those who practiced other religions. For Muslims, the number was 66 males and 73 females; 75 males and 97 females for Hindus; 85 males and 81 females for Christians. All data was collected from over 100 hospitals within the limits of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation.

Interestingly, the study also determined that education level contributed to what type of cancer a Parsi woman will have. Those with lower education levels were more frequently diagnosed with cancer of the head and neck, as well as the cervix. These cancer levels decrease as education levels increase. The reverse situation is observed for women with breast cancer. Breast cancer patients are often well educated, and frequency levels decrease as education levels decrease.

The alarming findings are largely linked to eating habits, lifestyle choices, and life expectancy. First off, most Parsis are non-vegetarians. It has been proven that those who avoid forms of meat dramatically reduce their risk of obtaining various forms of cancer. This is particularly troublesome for women because the fat from meat raises estrogen levels, advancing the growth of cancerous cells. Also, due to an extremely high life expectancy, the chances of getting cancer are automatically higher as one grows older. Additionally, Parsis marry later in life, which is especially important for women. With a delayed marriage comes delayed childbirth. After 30, giving birth doubles a woman's chances of getting breast cancer during her lifetime.

MAY 5, 2013 – DARBE MEHR ZOROASTRIAN TEMPLE (DMZT) AGM

The DMZT Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Sunday, May 5th, 2013 at 12:00 noon at the Arbab Rustam Guiv Darbe Mehr, 106 Pomona Road, Suffern 10901, NY. An election to appoint two Trustees will take place following the proceedings of the AGM. Community members are invited to attend. For additional information please visit www.dmzt.org

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTD.

MAY 5, 2013 - ADULT LECTURE SERIES WITH PROF. IRANI & Dr. PALLAN ICHAPORIA

The Adult Lecture Series continues with Prof. Kaikhosrov Irani and Dr. Pallan Ichaporia on Sunday May 5th, 2013 at 1:30pm at the Darbe Mehr, Suffern, NY. Prof. Irani will speak on "The Theology of the Prophet" and Dr. Pallan Ichaporia will speak on "The concept of Ethics in Zaratushtrian Literature". Community members are invited to attend and participate in this lecture series.

As a courtesy, please RSVP by April 30th, 2013 to Sheroo Kanga at secretary@zagny.org if you will attend and stay for lunch and are not a religion class attendee (religion class attendees who have signed up for the monthly lunch program need not respond). Thank you!

JUNE 2, 2013 - ADULT LECTURE SERIES WITH PROF. DAN SHEFFIELD

An inaugural lecture by Prof. Dan Sheffield, leading up to The Cyrus Cylinder exhibit in NYC, will be held at 1:30pm on Sunday, June 2nd, 2013 at the Darbe Mehr, Suffern, NY. Prof. Sheffield is a Zoroastrian scholar and visiting lecturer at Princeton University's Department of Near Eastern Studies. Community members are invited to attend this informative and interesting presentation.

JUNE 20 – AUGUST 4, 2013 - CYRUS CYLINDER IN NEW YORK

Through a partnership between IHF America, the British Museum, and the Smithsonian's Sackler Gallery, the Cyrus Cylinder is now touring the United States for the first time from Washington DC to Houston, NYC, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. The Cyrus Cylinder started its tour in Washington in March 2013, and will tour five major museums along its way to Los Angeles where the tour will be concluded in December 2013. ***The Cyrus Cylinder will be on exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY from June 20 through August 4, 2013.***

Stay tuned for details of a ZAGNY organized group tour of the exhibit.

ASK THE LAWYER.....

BY: ZARNOSH MANECKSHAW

One of my readers writes "I have recently started a family and my financial planner has asked me to have a will drawn up. In addition to the will, what other documents will I need?"

Death is an unpleasant experience, and not something that we really want to think about while reading an easy-breezy newsletter, I'm sure. However, it is a fact of life, and one that should be properly addressed well before the time comes for you to pass onto the next world.

There are three documents that I would highly recommend for anyone's estate, whether large or small. The first is a Will. A Will outlines how you want your assets and possessions distributed once you pass away. If minor children exist, then there may also be provisions for trusts set up in their name, as well as guardianships of those minor children in the event of your untimely passing.

The second document I recommend is called a medical power of attorney. This document confers power upon another to make medical decisions for you in the event that you are unable to. The common understanding of this is who gets to "pull the plug" in the event your body is left in a vegetative state.

The third document I recommend is called a financial power of attorney. Like the medical power of attorney, this document confers upon another to make decisions on your behalf. In this case, instead of making medical decisions for you, this person makes financial decisions on your behalf. So there's the big trio! If you have any questions about what needs you might have, you can always contact me, and I am more than happy to provide a free initial consultation to help assess what needs you may have.

Thank you reader, for your question. To anyone reading this column, feel free to send me your questions. Your anonymity will always be protected, and everyone will learn a little more!

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Cooper, Piroozi Mobile Phone: (203)253-1870

Inadvertent error in 'Spouse Mobile Phone' number on Page 80 for:

Patel, Framroze Spouse Mobile Phone: (732)855-7847

IVY GANDHI YOUTH CAMP 2013 CANCELLED

ZAGNY Board regrets to announce that the Ivy Gandhi Youth Camp 2013 will not be held this year.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ushta and Zubin Canteenwalla, and big brother Neville, welcomed baby **Firoze** to the family on December 24th, 2012. Grandparents Bakhtawar and Marezban Canteenwalla and Kamal and Virasp Davar are delighted!



Gustad & Tanaz welcomed their baby girl, **Arnaz Gustad Mody**, born on January 21st, 2013. Grandparents Diane and Keki Mody are thrilled at having their 6th grandchild.



John and Natasha (Kotwal) Roselli welcomed their baby boy, **John Cavas Roselli**, born on January 23rd, 2013. Sister Julia, Masi Zarina and grandparents, Jasmin and Maneck Kotwal, are thrilled!



Sam and Allyson and big sister Eva, welcomed baby **Annika Rose Thakarar**, born on February 15th, 2013. Grandparents Gool and Ramesh Thakarar are overjoyed!



Dianne Udwadia-Kim and Mike Kim welcomed their baby girl, **Aleksandra Zarina Kim**, born on Monday, March 11, 2013. She is welcomed by her proud grandparents, Katy and Viraf Udwadia and Family, Neville, Paula & Nicholas Udwadia.

ZAGNY welcomes our newest additions to the community

NAVJOTE MUBARAK



Congratulations to proud grandparents Hutoxi and Dinshaw Bardoliwalla on the Navjote ceremony of their granddaughter Asha Iliara, daughter of Dilnavaz and Nenshad Bardoliwalla, on April 21st in Monroe, New Jersey.

SAD DEMISE

Dolat Merwan Bamji, mother of Edul Bamji, mother-in-law of Tehnaz Bamji, grandmother of Zarina and Spenta, passed away in New Jersey on Monday, March 4, 2013 at the age of 83.

Maneck R. Pochara, husband of Jer, father of Peri, Bomi, Billy, Hormazd, father-in-law of Mehzabin, Yu, grandfather to Shania, Nozer, Cyrus, Persis, Diana and Neville, passed away on March 14, 2013, at the age of 95.

Hoshang Khambatta, husband of Pilloo Khambatta, father of Kayomarz Khambatta, father-in-law of Goolcher Khambatta, grandfather of Poruz and Karl, passed away in New Jersey on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at the age of 90.

ZAGNY extends it's heartfelt condolences to the grieving families

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A thank you note from the Bamji family

Dear Family and Friends,

Our sincerest thank you for your heartfelt condolences, flowers, and donations, so very thoughtfully sent for Mom. We appreciate your thoughtfulness, which has provided us with comfort in knowing how much you care.

Warm regards,

Edul, Tehnaz, Zarina, Spenta Bamji

FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP 2013 - 2014

Applications are invited for the following FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS:

MEHRABAN AND MORVORID KHERADI (MMK) ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - THE FEZANA SCHOLAR.

FEZANA 25th ANNIVERSARY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

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BANOObAI AND MANECKSHAW KAPADIA (BMK) ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

All scholarships are open to Zarathushti applicants who have obtained admission for attendance at institutions of higher learning (accredited degree-granting colleges or universities) in USA or Canada. Scholarships for the academic year 2013-2014 will be awarded in September 2013.

Detailed information and application forms are available from the FEZANA website at www.fezana.org or from Dr. Dolly Dastoor at dollydastoor@sympatico.ca

Completed application forms should be sent electronically by August 1, 2013 to academicscholarship@fezana.org

FEZANA PERFORMING AND CREATIVE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP 2013

The objective of the FEZANA Performing and Creative Arts Scholarship (P&CAS) is to provide financial support to Zarathustis who are performing artists in music, drama, etc. or practice other creative art forms like literature, poetry, fine arts, sculpture, painting, etc. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable the recipients to study with experts in their field and thus fine tune and enhance their talent and capabilities, BUT NOT FOR BASIC EDUCATION IN THE ABOVE FIELDS.

Detailed information and application forms are available at -
http://www.fezana.org/files/drupalfiles/FEZANA_PCAS_FORM_2013.pdf

10th WORLD ZOROASTRIAN CONGRESS, MUMBAI, INDIA

The 10th World Zoroastrian Congress will be held at the NCPA, Nariman Point, Mumbai from December 27th to 30th 2013. India will be hosting this grand event after an interval of 23 years. Early Bird Registration is now open. To register online, please visit www.wzcmumbai.com/registration.aspx. Detailed information regarding hotel accommodation and proposed program will be available shortly at www.wzcmumbai.com.



The theme of the 10th World Zoroastrian Congress is 'Zoroastrianism in the 21st Century: Nurturing Growth and Affirming Identity'. The Zoroastrian community in the 21st century needs to grow not only in its numbers, but in its economic and social welfare index, in its entrepreneurship and its contribution to the communities in which it exists. With this growth, the community affirms its identity as a socially and economically progressive unit, recognized for its selfless altruism – in short, projecting the past into the future.

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- Mahrukh & Rohinton Cama for your donation of a much needed new projector for ZAGNY, thanks to which we are enjoying several Adult Lecture Series and other slide show presentations,

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- ADULT LECTURE SERIES WITH PROF. IRANI AND DR. PALLAN ICHAPORIA

JUNE 2013

06/02, Sunday

- ZAGNY RELIGION CLASS
- ADULT LECTURE SERIES ON THE CYRUS CYLINDER BY PROF. DAN SHEFFIELD

JULY 2013

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

- ZAGNY GROUP TOUR TO THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, NY TO VIEW THE CYRUS CYLINDER EXHIBIT



ZAGNY Board invites you to be part of the tri-state Zoroastrian community!

ZAGNY Board has strived not to increase membership dues and has maintained the same membership rates as in the past year.

Become a ZAGNY MEMBER and -

- ◆ **avail of the lower member registration rates for six annual ZAGNY events;**
- ◆ **be a part of our email list to receive community news-flashes and event updates;**
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- ◆ **receive a new and updated 21st Edition of the ZAGNY Directory at no charge;**
- ◆ **Join and participate in the youth programs;**
- ◆ **bring your tots-n-teens to the Darbe Mehr for monthly Religion Classes or come join the community to enjoy an afternoon with friends over a meet-n-greet lunch (lunch provided at a nominal charge to members);**
- ◆ **participate in the exciting annual Ivy Gandhi Youth Camp for tots-n-teens;**
- ◆ **enjoy Adult Lecture Series presentations by guest speakers.**

Become a ZAGNY member today and together, let's create a network of friends and family to build a sense of belonging for our community members.

New members are welcome and encouraged to join our growing tri-state community.

Existing members, THANK YOU for your continued support and involvement. If you have not yet signed up, kindly renew your membership at the soonest to continue to participate in ZAGNY events and activities.

To become a ZAGNY member, please mail the completed Form on the reverse or sign up online at www.zagny.org

We look forward to your participation as a ZAGNY MEMBER

Thank you!



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