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NEWSLETTER

The Triennial Changing of the Guard at ZAGNY

By Khursheed Navder, April 06, 2014

ZAGNY bids a fond adieu to the 2011-14 Board members -Mahrukh Cama, Rohinton Cama, Sheroo Kanga, Vispi Kanga, Nina Mistry, Gev Nentin, and Shiroy Ranji- for their selfless, dedicated service to our community. Many of them as you may recall, had stayed on from the previous board to allow continuity for our North American Zoroastrian Congress in 2012.



The changing of the guard elections took place at the AGM on Sun., April 6th. Members elected their new Board to administer and run the affairs of the Association for the term 2014 –2017. To continue to support the various activities and enable the enthusiastic volunteers to serve our community, a proposal to maintain six Member at Large positions was put forth by President, Gev Nentin, and it was supported by all present at the AGM.

While the gender diversity appears skewed at first glance, the spouses are equally, if not more committed. The following is provided to help you get to know your new Board members, especially some of the newbies!

The New Board (2014 – 2017)

Astad J. Clubwala, President: Astad has been actively involved in Zoroastrian community affairs and has served previously on the ZAGNY board as a member and as President for two terms from 1990 to 1994. He has also served on the Board of Trustees of the ARG Darbe Mehr from 1993 to 1996 and from 2006 to 2012 serving at various times as Treasurer and Chairman. Astad is also the hereditary Trustee of the Jal Phiroj Clubwala Dar-E-Meher in Chennai. Professionally Astad is a consultant at UNICEF's Ethics Office.



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Khursheed P. Navder, Vice President: Khursheed has served on the ZAGNY Board for the past nine years, serving as the Secretary (2005-08) and as Vice President (2008-Present). She is a Professor and Director of the Nutrition Program in the CUNY School of Public Health at Hunter College in New York City. She and her husband, Shailendra Dusaj have raised their children, Neville and Natasha, in an interfaith home to be proud and active Zoroindus (Zoroastrian/Hindu).

Cyrus Pavri, Treasurer: Ervad Cyrus Pavri lives in Edgewater, NJ with his wife Yasmin and two children, Farah and Porus. Cyrus, a Chartered Accountant from India, comes on board with a background in financial accounting. He is currently working with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, New York. Cyrus moved to the USA with his family seven years ago and has been associated with ZAGNY since that time.

Zubin P. Dumasia, Secretary: Zubin P. Dumasia grew up in Bombay, India. Graduated with a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering/Computer Networking from San Jose State University, California. Currently working as a Sr. Business Systems Analyst in Identity and Access Management domain for Yale University, Connecticut. Served as a Board Member and Youth Representative for the Zarthoshti Anjuman of Northern California (ZANC) for over 4 years (2007 - 2011). Received 'Outstanding ZANC Volunteer of the Year' award for the year of 2010. Currently, serving as a Secretary (2014 - 2017) for the Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York (ZAGNY). Zubin lives in Shelton, CT with his wife Rashna and son Hormazd. Amongst many others, one of Zubin's 'close to heart' hobbies is singing old Hindi melodies. Zubin has performed on various stages in India and in the US (California, New Jersey).

Meherzeen Daruwala, Jt. Secretary: Meherzeen currently works as a Finance Manager at a Telecom company. She has an MBA in International Business and a Masters in Finance. She lives in Westchester county NY with her husband and daughter. She has been a part of ZAGNY for over 20 years. For the past three years she has served on the board. She is currently serving as the joint secretary and hopes that she can contribute in some small way to the evolving community of the tri-state area.

Members at Large

Kerman Dukandar: Kerman is a Chemical Engineer from BITS Pilani and has an MBA from Rutgers. He is a

Technology Manager at Lummus Technology - a CBI company. He has served as the Joint Secretary and Treasurer of ZAGNY and is currently serving as a Member at Large. Along with his wife Jasely, and daughters, Jasmine and Tina, the Dukandars reside in Edison, NJ and have proudly served their ZAGNY community for over a decade.

Kayomarz Khambatta: Kayomarz resides in Ridgewood, New Jersey with his wife Goolcher and two sons who are ordained priests - Ervad Poruz and Ervad Karl. Presently, working as CFO for Harout R Group (Division of Kiran Group), a jewelry company based in New Jersey. He has been a ZAGNY member for over 20 years. Currently serving as Member at Large on the ZAGNY Board for a term of three years from 2014 - 2017.

Mayyar Noushi: Mayyar Noushi (Irani) was born in the Bronx, raised in Pearl River, NY and has been a ZAGNY member since a child in New Rochelle. Graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a Bachelors in Biology with a minor in Environmental Science and is currently with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental protection in the Environmental Clean-up section as a state regulator. He currently lives in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania with his wife Sarfaraz and his son Zubin. Mayyar will be serving as a Member at Large for ZAGNY for the upcoming term from 2014-2017.

Sam F. Shroff: Sam resides in Fair Lawn, New Jersey with his wife Zarine and two children Cyrus and Zarah. Graduated from Drexel University with a BS in Marketing and MIS. Currently employed with ITN Networks a national media buying service in New York City. Currently, Sam serves as a Member at Large on the ZAGNY 2014 - 2017 Board.

Khushroo Dinyar Vimadalal: Ervad Khushroo is a Master Mariner and a maritime consultant originally from Mumbai. When Khushroo is not travelling he enjoys mentoring the cub scouts of Springfield, NJ Pack 73. Khushroo is married to Parynaz and is a father of two adorable boys Freyaan and Darien.

Arzan Sam Wadia: Arzan practices as an architect and urban designer. Originally from Bombay, he currently resides in New York City with his wife Shirrin. Arzan is serving his third term as board member of ZAGNY and also runs Parsi Khabar (parsikhavar.net) an online portal about Parsis. Arzan is also associated with the Zoroastrian Return to Roots program, and chairs the Information Technology Committee of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA).

EVENT UPDATES

ZAGNY AGM 2014

By Meherzeen Daruwala, April 06, 2014

The ZAGNY Annual General Meeting was held on April 6th at the Darb-E-Mehr at 2:00 pm. All board members and general body was present. President Gev Nentin, gave an opening speech, welcoming everyone and introducing the board. Secretary Sheroo Kanga and joint secretary Nina Mistry both gave us a brief synopsis of the past year, events and successes.

Treasurer Kerman Dukandar then took us through the finances. The financials were passed proposed by Edul Daver and seconded by Hiroiz Nalladaru. Edul Daver from NDMI, offered a recap about the fund-raising activities. This was followed by closing remarks from the President. Vice-President, Khursheed Navder offered thanks and a small token of appreciation from ZAGNY to all board members who were stepping down.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING

By Nina Mistry and Edul Daver, April 06, 2014

Weeks and months of planning, various checklists and numerous conference calls culminated in a historic event for the tri-state Zoroastrian community – THE CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING FOR OUR NEW DARBE MEHR BUILDING ON SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014! This day marks a new dawn that heralds the start of construction of our new Darbe Mehr. A quick recap of the Ceremonial Ground Breaking – Sagan-na-Chalk, by Shiroy Ranji, decorated the walkway to welcome guests to the Darbe Mehr on the rainy afternoon of March 29th. The event started promptly at 3:45pm with a welcome address and opening remarks by Cyrus Cama, Darbe Mehr Zoroastrian Temple (DMZT) President.

Our revered priests (in alphabetical order by last name) Ervad Rohinton Dadina, Ervad Noshir Karanjia, Ervad Jehangir Madon, Ervad Rohinton Madon, and Ervad Khushroo Vimadalal led by Ervad Pervez Patel commenced the ceremony with a short prayer on this auspicious occasion. A beautiful handmade flower garland, compliments of Sheroo Kanga, adorned the Zarathustra portrait on the stage to create a beautiful backdrop for the prayers. Iranian Zoroastrian Association (IZA) President,

Shirin Khosravi, addressed the gathering followed by ZAGNY President, Gev Nentin, both speaking about the journey through time that had led to this milestone event.

Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA) President, Katayun Kapadia, congratulated the greater New York community on behalf of all the North American Associations and Corresponding Members. On behalf of the New Darbe Mehr Initiative (NDMI) group, Edul Daver, welcomed the Mayor of Pomona, Brett Yagel, and invited him to say a few words.

Mayor Yagel was deeply touched by the introduction from Edul Daver and emphasized that Pomona is honored that the Zoroastrian community had chosen to make this it's home for the tri-state area. He wished our community much happiness in its new home noting that the rain Gods had showered us with their blessings and that the seeds of the ceremonial Ground Breaking would flourish! The gathering of approximately 170 enthusiastic and excited community members braved the rain with umbrellas in hand and moved outdoors to the site of the Ground Breaking. The exact location for the Ground Breaking was determined to be at the area where the prayer hall will stand in the new Darbe Mehr building.



The Groundbreaking Ceremony

Guests gathered below the canopy at this site, which was decorated by a gorgeous flower toran painstakingly hand made by Sheroo Kanga. Our priests recited the Ashem-Vohu and Yatha-Ahu-Vario prayers while sprinkling rose water and rose petals, placing cypress leaves and a coconut before placing the box of auspicious and significant religious items into the Ground Breaking site. Soil was shoveled over these offerings by Mayor Yagel, Cyrus Cama,

Shirin Khosravi, Gev Nentin, Edul Daver, Erach Munshi and Lovji Cama to initiate the Ground Breaking ceremony, followed by the Priests, DMZT Trustees, IZA and ZAGNY Board members along with the FEZANA President, and NDMI members.



All guests were invited to partake in shoveling soil giving everyone present a chance to be a part of this memorable milestone event. Guests were welcomed back indoors to refreshments of home-made ravo contributed by Dilsahd & Dara Todiwala, bhakras contributed by Jasmin Kotwal, batasas contributed by Maneck Kotwal, mixed dry-fruit compliments of ZAGNY, along with noghi and ghaz compliments of IZA.

With your commitment and enthusiasm for the new Darbe Mehr project, another major milestone has been crossed!

NAVROZE 2014 Function

By Nina Mistry and Edul Daver, March 29, 2014

Navroze 2014 was celebrated immediately following the Ceremonial Ground Breaking on March 29, 2014. IZA and ZAGNY members came together for the fourth joint Navroze celebration at the Greek Church, Tenafly. Over 300 guests were present at the event where history was created - we needed to raise \$300,000 to cross the \$3.5 million 'Start Construction Trigger Point' so as to enable construction of the new building to start in summer 2014. The Community rose to the occasion and with a lot of excitement, energy and happiness, \$340,000 was raised, putting us way past the Trigger Point and well on our way to the start of construction for the new Darbe Mehr building!

A quick recap of the Navroze celebration - ZAGNY President, Gev Nentin, took the opportunity to recognize and acknowledge the voluntary services of Framroze Patel, who has been ZAGNY's ONLY accountant for the past 40 years. Framroze Patel also reviews ZAGNY's books of accounts, has served on the ZAGNY Board for several years and has been a past ZAGNY President. To honor Framroze Patel's contributions to the community, the ZAGNY Board

approved the allocation of \$25,000 from its Critical Assistance Fund as seed money to set up the new **Goolbai Kaikhushroo Patel Fund** for the benefit of the Surat Parsi Orphanage. As a mark of respect, a shawl was presented to Framroze Patel by Aban Nentin as guests honored Mr. Patel with a standing ovation. Framroze Patel spoke briefly to thank the community for this honor and urged the community to contribute generously toward this Fund.

President Gev Nentin called on all the out-going Board members, Khursheed Navder (Vice President), Kerman Dukandar (Treasurer), Sheroo Kanga (Secretary), Nina Mistry (Joint Secretary), Mahrukh & Rohinton Cama, Meherzeen Daruwala, Vispi Kanga, Shiroy Ranji and Arzan Sam Wadia (Members at Large) and also gave a special shout out to community members (in alphabetical order by last name) Mehru Cama, Jasely Dukandar, Shailendra Dusaj, Mrinalini Nair, Ferzin Patel and Piroja Press. He thanked each and every one of the above for their untiring commitment, hard work and outstanding contributions to the community. Aban Nentin presented a token of appreciation to them on behalf Gev and herself.

A silent and live auction of various items donated by community members added to the buzz of the evening. Behroze Clubwala coordinated the auction as part of the fund raising efforts and successfully raised \$4,800. Thank you to the donors for contributing the items – a black sequin sari from Dilemma donated by Dhun & Phil Shroff; a stained glass Asho Farohar handmade and donated by Mehru & Lovji Cama; a diamond and pearl pendant and earrings set donated by Asharam Gems courtesy of Percis & Rakesh Bansal; two paintings painted and donated by Fram Cama; one painting painted and donated by Rashna Madon; a traditional german silver ses, a beaded toran and german silver hundi donated by Perviz Karanjia; and a Shanameh Book donated by IZA courtesy of Shirin Khosravi. In addition, it was our privilege to have in our midst, renowned artist Mr. Ali Dowlatsahi, who had also offered his paintings for auction.

Festivities for the evening included a Haft Shin table display by IZA, lip-smacking appetizers during the cocktail hour with a cash bar and delicious Parsi dinner catered by Mehernosh Daroowalla of Karma Kafe, as well as Persian dinner catered through IZA. Our favorite DJ Alan Kohn was present to entertain the gathering with toe-tapping melodies and dance floor favorites.

Thank you for joining us to celebrate more than Navroze 2014!

REVLON Run/Walk For Women

By Natasha Dusaj, May 3, 2014



On Sat May 3rd, under sunny skies and a drifting torrent of confetti, Team ZAGNY joined over 35,000 participants in Times Square for the 17th Annual REVLON Run/Walk For Women. With thirty-one enthusiastic walkers ranging in age from 2-75 years this was by far our best attendance in years!

Under the leadership of Captain Sherroo Kanga and Co-Captain Natasha Dusaj, we have raised about \$7,500 to date for this worthy cause this year. Sherroo Kanga was once again truly inspirational raising \$3,470; the mother-daughter duo of Khursheed-Natasha raised an impressive \$2,602; Homi Gandhi raised \$652; Shernaz Patel raised \$400; Nainaz Tarachand raised \$220; and Dilnaz Nalladaru raised \$100. We'd like to thank you all for your generous donations.....some of you could not say "No" and donated to more than one of us and we sincerely appreciate your bigheartedness!

My mom (Khursheed Navder) has been wanting to get T-shirts made for the team for the longest time and so this year, I worked with my cousin, Khushnam Mirza (a design student at SCAD in Atlanta) and had special ZAGNY T-s made for us. Team ZAGNY looked very coordinated and I am grateful to our walkers for purchasing and wearing them (to purchase your own keep reading).



Our little munchkins...Darien, Zarah, Cyrus and Freyan did an awesome job hopping along the 5K walk. Since snacks are no longer provided, we had put together a mini picnic at the Finish Line. The yummy cutlets (Kamal Merchant), delicious chutney sandwiches (Jasely Dukandar), PBJ sandwiches (Nainaz Tarachand), chips and brownies put a nice finishing touch to an enjoyable morning. We do hope to see many more of you Join in the Fight next year!

ZAGNY T-Shirts for Sale!!

Buy your ZAGNY T-Shirts, wear them with pride and raise Z Awareness!

The T-s are standard sizes and are **\$12 for kids and \$15 for adults**. Please claim yours by calling/emailing me to let me know your size at ndusaj@gmail.com or 862-813-1340.

Design: As you can see the T-s have the Faravahar symbol in front with Humata (Good Thoughts), Hukhta (Good Words) and Hvarshta (Good Deeds); and the back says ZAGNY and has our logo. The front was particularly designed to strike a conversation and my hope is that when you wear it around your non-Z friends they will undoubtedly be intrigued and you can enlighten them about our faith. Even if you are not a ZAGNY member, the logo on the back will indicate that you are a friend and a strong supporter of our Association!



100% of the profits from these Tshirt sales will be donated toward our new Darbe Mehr. I have been extremely impressed and motivated by the generosity of our community at the various fundraisers and as a 10th grader I would like to do my share!

JAMSHED'S HOMECOMING

On April 16, 2014 Jamshed R. Ghadiali, former Vice President of ZAGNY, was honoured at a special "Homecoming" by Service City Geba Lodge. He received a great welcome back to his lodge after the completion of his term as Grand Sword Bearer at the Grand Lodge of New York. In addition he was awarded a specially created Mason's apron and citation for having completed 50 years of loyal support and dedication to the Masonic Fraternity.



Jamshed R. Ghadiali seen with Aysha (l) and Yasmin (r) Honored by The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York

Jamshed's freemason activity started in Bombay in 1964 and he was appointed Worshipful Master of Lodge Khurshedjee Cama in 1972 and of Lodge Dawn of Peace in 1973. After moving to New York, Jamshed has been Worshipful Master of Lodge Service City Geba in Queens in 1981, 2004 and 2005. From 2010 to 2012 he was the President of the Queens Masonic Association and from 2012 to 2014 he was appointed Staff Officer for Queens District and Grand Sword Bearer.

Over the years Jamshed has been very involved with the Masonic Blood Program and has personally donated blood

286 times! (This is not a typo). Currently he is Chairman of the Masonic Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Program.

The ceremony was conducted with pomp and old-world tradition with a little bit of humour thrown in. The Masons were resplendent – attired with their traditional regalia which included sashes, aprons, gloves, cuffs and gavels. There were numerous moving tributes paid to Jamshed by his peers and leaders including Most Worshipful James E. Sullivan, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

On this momentous occasion, as a surprise to Jamshed, his wife Yasmin presented a cash contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund on Jamshed's behalf and his daughter Aysha presented Jamshed, a diehard Yankee fan, with tickets for Derek Jeter's final home game.

POWER OF CULTURAL INFLUENCES

By Arzan Sam Wadia, March 14, 2014

In a year round series of events planned for the celebration of 40 years, ZAGNY invited an elite group of prominent Zoroastrians who are innovators, leaders and trail-blazers in their respective field of Music, Academics, Social Change, Culinary Arts and Finance.

These leaders came together to share their stories of struggle and success for one special, thought-provoking evening. On March 14, 2014 a sellout crowd of over 200 people gathered at the prestigious Cooper Union, to hear financier Navroze Udwadia, chef Jehangir Mehta, philanthropist Dinyar Devitre, educator Jamshed Bharucha and music Maestro Zubin Mehta participate in two panel discussions moderated by ZAGNY's own Shanaya Deboo and Anahaita Kotval.

Amongst other things the panelists discussed how their cultural background influenced their careers.

The first panel had Navroze Udwadia, Dinyar Devitre and Jehangir Mehta in conversation with Shanaya Deboo. Navroze Udwadia spoke about the challenges he faced as he left India at a young age to be in a foreign land. He said that he strongly believed in the adage "Learn, Earn, Return", where one learns in the first part of their lives, earns in the second part of their lives and then returns back to the society in the last part of their lives. This he feels is also in sync with his Zarathushti belief.

Jehangir Mehta spoke about the challenges of being a chef of distinct cuisine in a world-class gastronomic city.

Jehangir mentioned how he prefers to be eclectic in his cuisine and then focusing on being the best at it.

On being asked how much luck and chance played a part in his career success, Dinyar Devitre said that “Luck is the child of preparation and opportunity” and one needs to be prepared and work hard in what they do, and have to be savvy at it. Success will then follow; for some earlier and others a bit later. Dinyar urged the youth in the audience to focus on education. As CEO of Pratham USA, he feels that a larger educated base will affect more aspects of society, be it politics, economics and so on.

After taking some questions from the audience the panel ended. During the break, the audience was served some Parsi-themed appetizers catered by Jehangir Mehta’s restaurant.

The next panel had educator Jamshed Bharucha and Maestro Zubin Mehta in conversation with Anahaita Kotval. Zubin Mehta was really happy to be amidst Parsis, who he seldom gets to meet. He started off in Parsi Gujarati, making most of the opportunity in speaking the



Anahaita Kotval in conversation with Dr. Jamshed Bharucha and Maestro Zubin Mehta

tongue. Zubin reminisced about his upbringing in a very musically dominated home, where grades in school were a big priority, as was the case with all Zoroastrian homes in Mumbai in those years.

Jamshed remembers how as a boy growing up, he was destined to be an engineer because his family wanted to. His formative years in India instilled in him a deep appreciation of education. And today in his capacity as the President of Cooper Union he is embarking on creating new partnerships with Indian universities. One amazing quality that he treasures as an Indian is the ability to remain serene and calm in the face of stress and difficulty.



That is a very Indian trait and has stood him in good stead all his professional life.

Jamshed elaborated on what the words Good Thoughts, Good Words and Good deeds mean to him. He feels that the aligning of these three leads to real authenticity in life.

On the question of identity, Zubin remembers that he had never had an issue with either his Indian or Zoroastrian identity and had never felt looked down or differently because of it. Zubin felt that his love for food and great Indian/Parsi food was something that got left behind when he moved out of India.

Having left India decades ago, Zubin still holds an Indian passport and is an Indian citizen. On being asked if that was a conscious decision, Zubin said that it had never occurred to him to become a citizen of another country. He was born an Indian and therefore remains to this day carrying an Indian passport.

Through both the sessions the speakers went back to how their growing up in Parsi households in India with the Zarathushti belief system and Indian values, had in many a way moulded them for what they would encounter in their personal and professional lives over the years.

The evening ended with a musical performance by soprano Tara Jamshedian of ZAGNY.

Gev Nentin, President ZAGNY thanked the panelists, moderators and the audience for making a truly historic and memorable evening.

The entire event was recorded live. You can see the video at www.zagny.org/video

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parsee General Hospital Fundraiser

By Yasmin and Jamshed Ghadiali

Dear friends, Last year was our 27th Annual Fundraiser for The B. D. Petit Parsee General Hospital.

Thanks to all of you, we raised a total of \$27,660.00 which was sent to the Hospital by wire transfer. We also sent a sum of \$150 to the Parsi Ambulance Division.

Our 28th annual fundraiser for the Hospital will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at our residence: 2686 Belcher Street, Baldwin, NY 11510-3937.

We will start with a *jashan* at 6:00 PM followed by dinner.

The funds, as always, are to be used specifically for distributing free/subsidized medications to the poor and needy Zoroastrians. Every cent collected has been sent.



The Hospital is grateful to all of you for your generous donations. It helps to give services to the poor in spite of the accelerating health care costs. The Hospital writes that the cost of free medicines was Rs.8,186,000 last year and free diagnostics and rehabilitation care cost another Rs.13,175,000.

Please send your donations made payable to '**ZAGNY-Critical Assistance Fund**' and mention in the memo, "**Parsee General Hospital**" and mail it to our address given below. This appeal is sent once a year, but the fund-raiser is open throughout the year. Please communicate this appeal to all your friends and family. Every donation irrespective of the amount is very important to the Hospital.

We sincerely thank all our Zoroastrian friends from USA and Canada for your tremendous support, encouragement, and generous donations for an extremely worthy cause -- taking care of our sick and needy.

We have collected a total of \$500,000+ but with the rising cost of healthcare in Mumbai the need is getting greater.

Parsi General Hospital truly appreciates your generosity.

ZAGNY PICNIC

By Sam Shroff

Dear all, with summer just around the corner, ZAGNY's annual picnic cannot be far off!!! Please mark your calendars and come join us with kids, families and friends. We hope to see you there.

LOCATION: **Spruce Run Recreation Area**, 68 Van Syckel's Road, Clinton, NJ 08809. (908) 638-8572

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/spruce.html>

DATE: **Sunday July13, 2014**

Surrounded by the rolling hills of Hunterdon County, Spruce Run Recreation Area is popular with picnickers, swimmers, fishermen, boaters and campers. Spruce Run is the third largest reservoir in the state.

Picnicking, swimming, boating, hiking trails etc.

The park is open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. We have a reserved space however; please look to arrive around 10:00 AM. Some of us will try and get there early to set up for the day. Once in the park, you will see signs to our picnic area. There is no per person admission charge, however the park charges per car based on Plate: **\$10 NJ Res/\$20 Non-Res.**

Bring your favorite potluck picnic dish (enough to share with 10-15 people), and come prepared to have a great time! Grills are available for cookout. ZAGNY will provide watermelon, iced tea, hot tea and charcoal for the cook out.

Any questions, call **Sam Shroff (201-759-8240)** or **Kayomarz Khambatta (201-755-2208)**

COMMUNITY CORNER

ZAGNY Membership 2014

ZAGNY Board invites you to be a part of the tri-state Zoroastrian community. Become a 2014 ZAGNY MEMBER and avail of member registration rates for ZAGNY events; be a part of our email list to receive community news-flashes and event updates; subscribe to our info-packed newsletters; bring your tots-n-teens to the Darbe Mehr for monthly Religion Classes; and share in the pride of building our new Darbe Mehr as a ZAGNY member!

New members are welcome to join our growing tri-state community. Existing members, kindly renew your membership to continue to participate in ZAGNY events and activities. Your Board has strived not to increase membership dues and has maintained the same membership rates as in the past year. Please complete the membership form on Page 20 and mail along with your check or sign up online at www.zagny.org

We look forward to your participation as a 2014 ZAGNY MEMBER and count on your support through membership dues and donations. Thank you!



Congratulations to Janki and Jimmy Avari on the birth of their daughter Farah on Feb. 28th, 2014. May Ahura Mazda bring happiness and prosperity in their lives.

ZAGNY welcomes our newest addition to the community!

Congratulations to Karishma A. Sarkari daughter of Ketayun and Aspi Sarkari and Farhad P. Dumasia son of Dinoo and Pervez Dumasia on getting married on March 22nd 2014 Roj Amardad Mah Avan, Y.Z. 1383 in Somerset, NJ. May Ahura Mazda bring happiness, prosperity and success in their lives.



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CONGRATULATIONS GRADS!!

Jasmine Dukandar, MD

Graduated from the seven-year BA/MD program at George Washington University School of Medicine on May 18, 2014. Jasmine will be joining Montefiore Medical Center in New York City for Residency this July.



During medical school, Jasmine was an avid participant and later senior mentor for the school's student run free health clinic, The Healing Clinic. She continued to engage in dance and performed at the annual Follies Production at the medical school.

Jasmine will be pursuing Internal Medicine. She has a particular interest in Gastroenterology, and has published and presented research on Inflammatory Bowel Diseases. Jasmine also has a passion for global health and traveled to Haiti last year for a medical mission in partnership with Project Medishare. She is excited to learn from and care for the diverse population that New York has to offer.

Zal Kotval Shroff, 21, received a B.A. degree magna cum laude (majoring in Latin) and also received the Latin Prize from the Classics Department. As a Junior he was also inducted into Phi Beta Kappa (ΦBK), the nation's oldest academic society founded on December 5, 1776.

In his four years at Brown, Zal was active at the student-run Brown Opera Productions; performed several classical lead roles in Italian and German Opera and served as BOP President in his Senior year. As an undergraduate he published two papers in the Brown Classics Journal.

Ahura Mazda granting, this August he will commence studies at Columbia University's School of Law as an incoming member of the Class of 2017. Zal's antecedents in law studies are his mother, Anahaita N Kotval (Harvard 1991), his great-grandfather Chief Justice Sohrab P. Kotval (Nagpur 1932), his great-great-grandfather, Peshotan S Kotval, CBE (Oxford 1887, Inner Temple, London 1889) and his great-great-great-grandfather, Jamshedji Dastur (born c. 1842) who presided on the bench wearing a mobed's pagree!

ZAGNY member **Cyrus Mehta** has been ranked No. 2 among the most highly regarded immigration lawyers in the world by Who's Who Legal –



Corporate Immigration Law.

<http://whoswholegal.com/profiles/41905/0/mehta/cyrus-d-mehta/>

ZAGNY member **Zubeen Shroff**, the Secretary of the Westchester County Health Care Corporation, as well as Chairman of the Westchester Medical Center Foundation Board has been awarded the Volunteer Leadership Award. Zubeen's leadership has been instrumental and has made a huge impact on our community.

ZAGNY member **Shirin Kumaana-Wadia**, an architect and interior designer by profession is featured in Hamazor (Issue 2/2014) for her passion for photography. Her work can be seen at www.shirr.in

Thank You!

ZAGNY would like to acknowledge the efforts and thank

Dilshad Todiwala for the ravo,
Jasmin Kotwal for the bhakras and

Maneck Kotwal for the batasas that they generously contributed for refreshments at the Ceremonial Groundbreaking on March 29, 2014. The home-made goodies were much appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed by all the guests!

ZAGNY would like to acknowledge and thank **Darayes Bharda** for his continued annual donation of a premium liquor bottle for our Navroze function.

ZAGNY would like to thank **Shiroy Ranji** for the Chalk decorations at the Darbe Mehr on the occasion of the Ceremonial Ground Breaking.

ZAGNY would like to thank **Sheroo Kanga** for painstakingly hand making the beautiful flower Toran for the Canopy and contributing the flower garland for the Zarathustra portrait on the occasion of the Ceremonial Ground Breaking.

ZAGNY would like thank **Behroze Clubwala** for coordinating the silent and live auction as part of the fundraising efforts at the Navroze 2014 function.

ZAGNY would like thank our caretaker, **Wayne Fabbri**, for helping out with the preparations for the Ceremonial Ground Breaking and for all his help at the Navroze function on March 29, 2014.



Freny Mistry, mother of Zarin Aspi Bharda (ZAGNY) and Nergis

Jimmy Balsara, also grandmother of Shahveer Bharda, Spenta Bharda and Firoozeh Wilson passed away on March 23rd, 2014 in NJ.

Purvez J. Dholoo, husband of late Mrs. Lily P. Dholoo, father of Mrs. Daisy Rohinton Randelia and Mrs. Meher Salim Lokhandwala, grandfather of Alisha, Farah and Friya passed away on March 19, 2014 Mah Ava, Roj Shehrevat at the age of 81 in Mumbai, India.

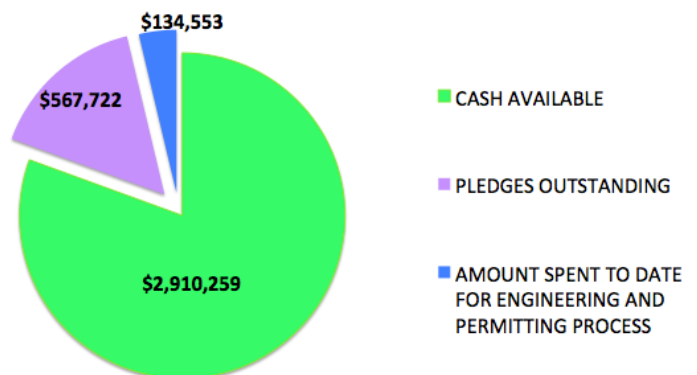
ZAGNY extends its heartfelt condolences to the grieving families.

NEW DARBE MEHR UPDATES

By Nina Mistry and Edul Daver

After a rigorous review by the Town Engineer, Planning Board, Zoning Board and Board of Trustees, the final Site Plan for our new Darbe Mehr was approved by Pomona Village on March 13, 2014. THANK YOU to everyone who worked diligently through the permitting process!

TOTAL DONATIONS / PLEDGES AS OF APRIL 30, 2014 \$3,612,534

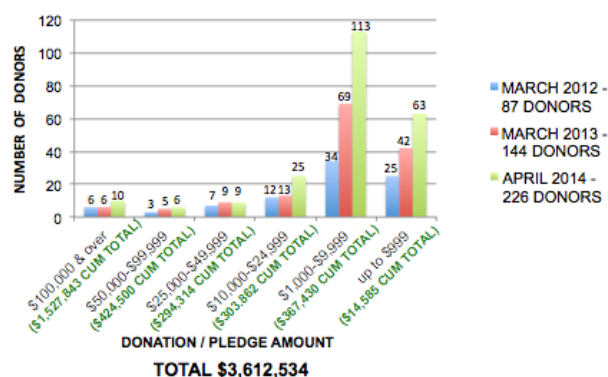


The Building Committee selected and recommended REDCOM Design & Construction, LLC to be our General Contractor. DMZT Trustees have conducted their due diligence and endorsed this recommendation. The contract was signed on May 9, 2014 and the new building is expected to be complete by the end of 2015.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EACH OF THE 226 DONORS WHO HAVE HELPED US ON THIS AMAZING JOURNEY.....WE SALUTE YOU!

DONOR STATISTICS AS OF APRIL 30, 2014

Out of a total pool of approx. 350 tri-state Zoroastrian families, 226 have currently donated, while 124 families have yet to join our growing donor base.



opportunity to complete the building earlier than originally expected.

It is the goal of the DMZT Trustees, ZAGNY and IZA Boards, and the Building Committee to assure the community that our new Darbe Mehr building will be built on time and on budget. Part of the decision making process is to ensure that community members are not inconvenienced for an extended period of time. With that in mind, options for a temporary alternate location are being considered so as to cause minimal inconvenience to our members.

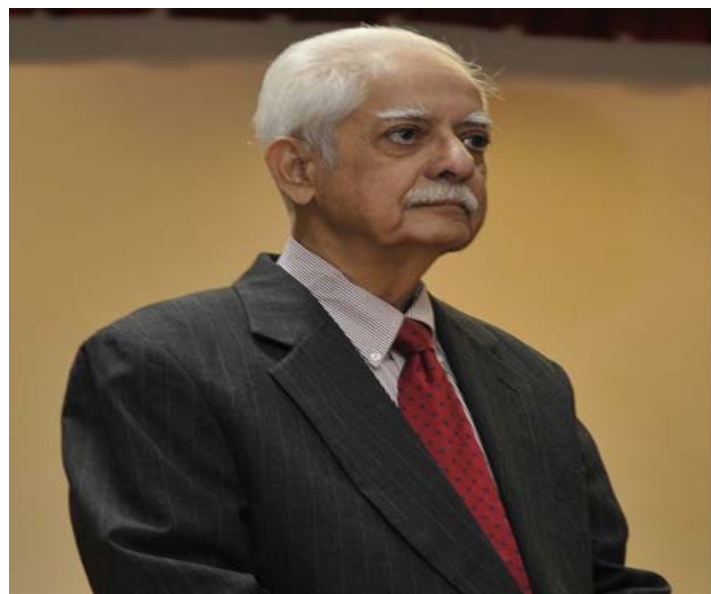
ZAGNY Sets up Goolbai Kaikhushroo Patel Fund for the Surat Parsi Orphanage

ZAGNY has allocated \$25,000 from its Critical Assistance fund as seed money for the new Goolbai Kaikhushroo Patel Fund. All interest earned on this amount will be sent to the Surat Parsi Orphanage annually. Mr. Framroze Patel would spearhead the effort for collection and channeling of funds for this cause with ZAGNY's support as required. ZAGNY would annually disburse the collected funds along supplemented with accrued interest and ZAGNY's contribution to the Surat Parsi Orphanage.

You can donate online at zagny.org/contribute

About Framroze K. Patel

Mr. Framroze K. Patel is a long-standing and respected ZAGNY member. He has served ZAGNY as a board member for several years and has been a Past President of ZAGNY. Framroze has also served as the President of the



Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA) for two terms.

OLD DARBE MEHR BUILDING DEMOLITION TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

During the site approval process, in order to comply with the Village of Pomona's storm water retention and drainage requirements, the Consulting Design Engineer was required to design an efficient storm water retention and drainage system. Based on the topography, soil percolation, rock shelf avoidance and cost considerations, the Consulting Engineer recommended the design and location of the system, which had to be changed several times, to satisfy the Pomona Village Town Engineer and other permitting officials.

The location finally determined to be best suited for the placement of this system partially overlaps with where the existing Darbe Mehr building stands. In order to continue to use the existing Darbe Mehr building during construction, a temporary water/silt retention pit was considered. However, the Consulting Engineer is of the opinion that this would not be acceptable to the Environmental Authorities and we could possibly be subject to major penalties. Another impact would be that soil would need to be brought in initially for the building grading/foundation and then transported back when the water retention system was actually constructed. This would result in unnecessary substantial expenses and construction delays. After much deliberation and making every effort to try and delay the demolition of the existing Darbe Mehr building, the arguments in favor of an upfront demolition were so strong and logical, that it was in the interest of the community to relent. It has now been decided to demolish the old Darbe Mehr building upfront so as to allow the contractors to be cost effective and proceed without undue delays. This would also give us an

Framroze is an accountant by profession. Framroze has been ZAGNY's ONLY accountant for the past 40 years. Framroze also reviews ZAGNY's books of accounts and the books of accounts of many other non-profits, including FEZANA and other Zoroastrian Associations in North America. All of this is pro bono.

About Surat Parsi Orphanage

The Surat Parsi Orphanage (SPO) was established during 1912 by Seth Rustomji Muncherji Kooka, who lost his only son at the age of 21. Till the 1940's, Jaijimai Kooka (Rustomji's only daughter) was a major benefactor of the SPO.

Since its inception till date, probably more than 15,000 students have been educated because of the generosity of the Kooka family and other Zarathusti donors. Most of the boarders at the SPO were from present day Gujarat. The families after 1947 independence were required to pay a princely sum of 1.5 "Anna" (less than 10% of an Indian Rupee) per annum. If the families could not pay that sum, the Surat Parsi Panchayet would pay the amount to the SPO. Borders would stay in the orphanage and during the day would attend Sir J. J. High School. If a student wished to pursue higher technical education, he/she would be enrolled in Parekh Technical School. If a student wished to pursue higher education in Science or Commerce, Surat Parsi Panchayet would pay the tuition fee and examination fees, in addition to the cost of books. The student would attend college during the day and return to the orphanage every evening.

Till 1970's the student population averaged 160-180 in a typical year. However, in 2013 the student population has dropped to a mere 35 students, even though SPO neither charges the students any fee nor insists on donations. The significant drop in student population is attributed to the fact that Zarathusti families in Southern Gujarat are so poor that they have to make a very difficult choice to either send their child to the orphanage or make him/her work in the field as a laborer.

Currently, the Surat Parsi Panchayet (which manages the SPO) spends about 8,000 Indian Rupees per child per year. Needless to say, the SPO needs the financial support from those who have financial resources to help those in need.

ONGOING ZAGNY FUNDRAISERS

Contribute your special skill / talent and help raise funds for the new Darbe Mehr building project. Thank you to our members Percis & Vispi Daruwala, Natalie, Rusi & Asha Gandhi, Sheroo & Vispi Kanga, Jasmin & Maneck Kotwal,

and youngster, Natasha Dusaj for volunteering to contribute –

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RUSI GANDHI has been a real estate broker for over 36 years and specializes in Commercial, Residential, Mergers and Acquisitions, and 1031 Exchanges. He does business in over 67 countries, including India, through RE/MAX and FIABCI (The International Real Estate Federation). He has contributed to ZAGNY for more than 15 years from the sale and purchase of properties to Zoroastrian families and friends. For the last two years, Rusi Gandhi has once again graciously contributed towards the New Building Fund. For further information, please contact Rusi at rusigandhi@gmail.com or call [1-800-575-6005](tel:1-800-575-6005), ext 117.

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To join the above list of donors, please contact Edul Daver at edul@zagny.org or Toos Daruvala at toosdaruvala@aol.com – THANK YOU!

To contribute towards the New Darbe Mehr building, please make your checks payable to **DMZT** and mail to – Minu Dutio, DMZT Treasurer, 1 Broadview Dr., Medford, NJ, 08055.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION!

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To apply, check out:

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ASK THE LAWYER

By Zarnosh Maneckshaw

Generally speaking, everyone should have a will. It gives you control with respect to how your assets will be distributed upon your death. If you pass away without a will, individual states have what are called “intestacy laws.”

These laws dictate how your estate will be distributed upon your death, should you die without a will. In most instances, the estate will be distributed first to a surviving spouse, and if no surviving spouse exists, then to the children. In the event that there are no children, a rather complex list of other relatives will have the estate distributed to them.

There are additional considerations that demonstrate the importance of having a will. Depending on the size of your estate, you may have to pay a significant amount of money in state or federal estate taxes. There are certain instruments (for example, an irrevocable trust), which can be utilized to avoid the payment of estate taxes.

Regardless, if you write your own will, you are doing it at your own peril. There are a lot of online or computer based “do it yourself” wills. Though extremely cheap, they may not provide you the protection you need. It is always advisable to consult with an experienced attorney who can provide you with customized estate documents that fit your needs.

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ASK THE DOCTOR

By Zubin M. Bamboat

DIABETES AND CANCER:

I have received several emails from readers about the role of diabetes in cancer risk and prognosis. I hope the following description helps shed some light on the association between diabetes and various cancers.



Approximately 11% of Americans are diabetic and 30% are obese. As a result of the obesity epidemic in this country, the incidence of diabetes continues to rise at an alarming rate. There are two forms of diabetes: Type 1 and type 2. While type 1 is less common and due to insufficient production of insulin, type 2 is much more prevalent and due an inadequate response to circulating insulin. Patients with type 2 diabetes produce plenty of insulin but their bodies do not respond to insulin appropriately (i.e. insulin resistance).

Type 2 diabetes is associated with greater than a 2 fold increase risk in developing pancreas, liver and endometrial cancer. Breast, colon and rectal cancer are also more commonly seen in type 2 diabetics, where as diabetes is thought to have a protective role in prostate cancer.

Diabetic patients with breast, colorectal and pancreatic cancer tend to have worse survival rates when compared with non-diabetic patients. The reasons for worse survival in diabetics are thought to be due to the effects of circulating insulin, high blood glucose levels and chronic inflammation that promotes tumor growth and spread (metastases).

Certain diabetic medications such as metformin (glucophage) may not only help to control blood glucose levels, but has been shown to have a anti-tumor effect. Metformin is one of the most commonly prescribed medications for patients with type 2 diabetes. Diabetic women with breast cancer on metformin tend to respond better to chemotherapy than diabetics not taking metformin. Similarly, metformin has been shown to play some protective role in diabetics with pancreatic cancer and is associated with improved survival rates. Metformin has been shown to block critical signaling pathways in certain tumor cells that are necessary for growth and survival. The role of other diabetic medications in cancer development is unclear.

With cancer projected to become the #1 killer in Americans by 2040, we are obligated to address modifiable risk factors such as diabetes and obesity. Type 2 diabetes can be reversed in certain patients with a combination of diet and exercise.

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RSVP: treasurer@zagny.org by June 27, 2014

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