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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Zoroastrian Society of British Columbia held its 39th Annual General Meeting on June 24th 2007 at Darbe Mehr.

ZSBC Board of Directors joins me in thanking the Trustees of Arbab Rustom Guiv Trust for installing new chandeliers and replacing the old roof at Darbe Mehr.

Just as last year, Gatha Prayers were held at Darbe Mehr under the leadership of Mehernosh Kasad. This year Ervad Soli Dastur from Florida volunteered to perform prayers along with our Mobed Jamshed Jamshidi & Ervad Firdos Balsara. It is for the first time in history of ZSBC that three Modeds prayed together at our Darbe Mehr. And it is also going to be very historical for ZSBC that an Iranian and a Parsee Zoroastrian priests performed the Jashan together. The response from our community was tremendous. Several families volunteered to sponsor flavorsome meals for all 5 days of prayers. All of this would not have been possible without the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of our fellow Zoroastrians. ZSBC Board of Directors would like to thank all volunteers for their support with special thanks to Kashmira Suraliwalla who worked very hard to co-ordinate this event with precision.

The registration for next Zoroastrian Studies Classes has been scheduled for September 9 along with the Annual Sports Day at Mahon Park, North Vancouver. We urge parents to bring your kids to learn about our Great Religion. In our religious classes, we impart knowledge about Zoroastrianism in story form and explain the meaning of words from our religious book KHORDEH AVESTHA and learn more about our GATHAS, SUDREH & KUSHTI & SHAH NAMEH.

Last but not the least, wishing fellow Zoroastrians following Shenshahi calendar a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year 1377 Y.Z.

Sharook Kapadia
President

MEMBERSHIP FEES REMINDER:

Membership Fees Are Due For 2007-08.

ZSBC's fiscal year is for the period March 21 to March 20, of the following year. A society can function only to the extent that its members support it. The Directors urge you to pay your membership fees for the year 2007-2008. Fees, can be paid by cash, or cheques made payable to the ZSBC. Cheques may be sent to the Darbe Mehr, in an envelope marked for attention of the Treasurer.

Family: Husband and wife, including children under 18	\$50
Senior (65 years and over)	\$15
Full time student	\$15
Individuals (18 years and over, even those living with parents)	\$25

YOUTH CORNER

5TH WORLD ZOROASTRIAN YOUTH CONGRESS 2011

Vancouver has been selected as the host of the 5th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress 2011. Please contact Zain Mavalvalla to actively participate in the magnificent event. It is a great opportunity to:

- Learn about event organization & project planning;
- Gain valuable team working experience & meet other Zoroastrian friends; and
- Contribute to your community & enhance your networking among Zoroastrians.

ZSBC SCHOLARSHIP 2007

AWARDS BY ZSBC FOR ITS MEMBERS SEEKING ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

The Scholarship Committee of ZSBC invites members' children who are completing the Provincial Grade XII examination this year, to apply for a modest scholarship from ZSBC.

Eligibility: To be eligible, the applicant must have a minimum of 1425 points achieved under the British Columbia Standard ministry Score (SMS) criteria.

Application: Application forms are available from ZSBC's web site at www.zsbc.org, or from Bella Tata (604) 681-5250, Homi Italia (604) 438-2076, Fariborz Rahnamoon (604) 986-2077, Dinaz Mizan (604) 270-4077 or Farrokh Namdaran (604) 926-9733.

Completed application forms, Grade XII marks and a one page write up about achievements should be returned by **September 12, 2007** to: **The Scholarship Committee, ZSBC, 6900 Halifax Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5B 2R5**

ZOROASTRIAN YOUTH OF NORTH AMERICA (ZYNA) –Events for 2007

1. **4th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress – Australia:** Dec. 27, 2007 to Jan. 3, 2008; Please visit <http://members.optusnet.com.au/smileycam/4wzyc.html>

FIRE HAZARD AT DARBE MEHR

This is an appeal to our community members, that effective immediately putting incense sticks (agarbatti) outside Darbe Mehr is strictly forbidden due to potential fire risks associated with this practice. During the month of July one of our wooden post outside Darbe Mehr nearly caught on fire, as a result of somebody leaving burning incense stick in the wedge of the post. Please refrain from such fire hazardous practice.

MARRIAGE

Riyaz Deshmukh (son of Rustom and Maharookh) to **Jennifer Brooke Shragge** (daughter of Clive and Heather Shragge) on Saturday, June 30, 2007, in Vancouver, B.C.

Padra Farhangi (son of Goli and the late Mehraban Farhangi) and **Sarah Rebecca Waite** celebrated their marriage in Vancouver, B.C., on July 7, 2007.

CONDOLENCE

SEHRA MEHTA, 84 years, mother of Hufriz Darayus Mavalvalla, sister of Thrity Ghadiali, and grandmother of Zain and Manek, in Richmond, BC, on May 25, 2007.

DR. IRADJ POURKARIMI, 82 years, husband of Azar, father of Bijan and Behzad, in North Vancouver, BC, on May 31, 2007.

BURJOR BHESANIA, 83 years, husband of Roshan, father of Shernaz, in Prince Rupert on June 16, 2007. Brother of Khorshed Burjor Dastoor (U.K.), Dolly Writer (Mumbai), Sarosh (wife Aban) Bhesania (Mumbai), in Prince Rupert, BC.

Khorshed Bhavnagri, 81 years, wife of the late Rumi Bhavnagri, mother of late Vispi and Rattoo Bhavnagri, in North Vancouver, B.C. on August 13, 2007.

List of Donors

Donations received from January 1st, to August 15th, 2007.

Dr. Dara & Mehrbanoo Behroozi.....	\$100	Mancher & Dilshad Deboo.....	\$51
Homi Engineer.....	\$35	Homayoon Farin.....	\$200
Mahinbanoo Farrokhzad.....	\$200	Homi Italia.....	\$500
Rostam & Delaram Kavooosi.....	\$235	Nergess Kooka.....	\$31
Perviz Madon.....	\$110	Farrokh Namdaran.....	\$1,150
Jehangir & Khorshid Panthaky.....	\$51	Rustom & Mechliena Patel.....	\$250
Fahad Pourkarimi.....	\$100	Dr. Pourandokht Rostamian.....	\$350
Borzoo & Venus Rostamirad.....	\$55	Hoshang & Mahrukh Shroff.....	\$100
Rohinton & Sanober Shroff.....	\$51	Bella Tata.....	\$101

ZSBC would like to thank you for your generous contribution towards your community.

PAST EVENTS

39th Annual General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sharook Kapadia, President, on June 24th, 2007 at 3.45 p.m. He welcomed all the members present at the meeting (23 In Person and 20 by Proxy) and asked everyone to stand and observe silence in memory of the members of our Society who had passed away during the past year. Mr. Sharook Kapadia opened his speech by mentioning that last year was a good year for ZSBC and had many successes such as Muktaad prayer, creation of a new email database, Masquerade Ball, New Year's Dance, etc. He thanked all Board of Directors and volunteers for their efforts. The members approved unanimously the minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting as submitted. Mr. Farrokh Namdaran, Honorary Treasurer, had distributed the Society's financial statements for the fiscal year 2007 before the commencement of the meeting. The audited financial statements for the year ended March 20, 2007 was adopted as submitted. Mr. Namdaran gave a brief overview on the financial position of the Society as at March 20, 2007 and compared it with the financial position as at March 20, 2006. A surplus was noted similar to the past five years. The meeting was ended at 5.10 pm. A vote of thanks by all went to Sharook Kapadia, president for chairing the meeting. After the meeting all present were treated to tea and snacks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events at the Arbab Rustam Guiv Darbe Mehr, 6900 Halifax Street, Burnaby – unless otherwise specified.

Apart from the events listed below, which are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, the Darbe Mehr will be kept open by a group of our members, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on **Vrahraum Eezad (Verahram Rooz)** which falls on Thursday September 6, Saturday October 6, Monday November 5 and Wednesday December 5, 2007. (On Saturday October 6, Darbe Mehr will be kept open from 5.00 p.m to 7.00 p.m.),

The Darbe Mehr will be kept open on Sundays when religious & Farsi classes will be held. Schedule of these classes will be announced later, depending on the extent of participation.

Sunday, September 9, 2007, 11.00 a.m. - Annual Sports Day: at Mahon Park, 16th Street & Jones Avenue, North Vancouver. All are welcome to attend. There will be various events for different categories. Children under the age of 10 years will receive free gift, courtesy of ZSBC. Food and drinks will be available at a reasonable price. For further information please contact Mehernosh Kasad at (604)-214-0578.

Sunday, September 9, 2007 11.00 a.m. – Registration for Religious /Farsi Classes: Registration for these classes will be done at our Annual Sports Day function at Mahon Park (see item above) by Shiraz Italia/Dinaz Mizan. There are no specific fees set for these classes, but parents are requested to make donations. For further information please contact Sharook Kapadia at the Annual Sports Day function or at (604) 439-3066. Children & youths of all ages may register.

Tuesday, October 2, 2007, 7 p.m. – Mehrgan/Zarathushti Unity Day Potluck
Further details about the entertainment will be provided later.

Sunday, October 7, 2007, 11.00 a.m. – Death Anniversary of the late Arbab Rustam Guiv: Prayers followed by refreshments. Event organized by the Trustees of the Arbab Rustam Guiv Trust, Vancouver.

Sunday, October 14, 2007, 11.00 a.m. – Death Anniversary of the late Mr. Jamshed K. Pavri:
Prayers followed by refreshments.

Sunday, November 11, 2007, 1.00 p.m. – Carom/Backgammon & Table Tennis Tournament: Please phone Mehernosh Kasad at (604) 214-0578 to register for above tourneys respectively, by Thursday November 09, 2005.

Zoroastrian Religious Classes

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UPCOMMING EVENTS (In Farsi)