

# RATHAESHTAR

## NEWSLETTER OF THE ZAV

### AUTUMN EDITION

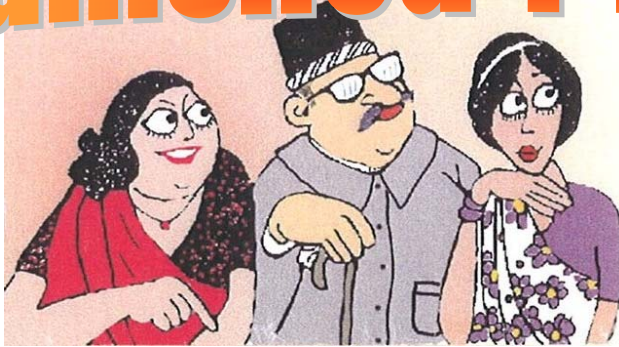


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<b>Presidential Ponderings</b>	<p>On behalf of the ZAV committee, I would like to wish Jamshed-i Navroz mubarak to all of our Zoroastrian brethren. We would also like to wish all our fellow Zoroastrian Associations and their membership a happy and prosperous Navroz.</p> <p>Occupying the office of ZAV President is a challenging experience and has been a steep learning curve for me, but I have been blessed by a very hardworking and dedicated committee that have helped me achieve our objectives while setting new goals for 2008 and beyond.</p> <p>With a full schedule ahead of us in the coming months and much more planned for the future we are marching ahead slowly but surely. Our charitable work continues, with our help being extended towards various worthy causes as they come to our attention. Our newly formed sub committees on Religion, Entertainment &amp; Building projects are hard at work doing their utmost to bring in new talent, community awareness &amp; constructive ideas which is surely a positive sign of community involvement</p> <p>A small community we may indeed be, divided too in our thoughts &amp; views towards different aspects of our religion but one thing is for certain that the faith that we all belong to is the one that binds us together and we are all proud to be Zoroastrian.</p> <p>For me personally, the ZAV is not just an association for dinner dances and parties -it would have to mean much more than that. A lot more needs to be achieved - Togetherness is what we, as a committee have set ourselves as a goal to achieve. Your good thoughts, your helping hand, your can do attitude and most of all your inner strength will give us a sense of belonging to achieve what we have set to achieve and that is to build a better future for our kids.</p> <p>On behalf of the ZAV membership I would like to take this opportunity to remember the hard work and dedication of our ZAV stalwarts the late Cooverji Daruwalla and the late Jimmy Jamasji. Cooverji was a past President and member of various committees. For many years religious classes were conducted under his guidance and encouragement. His dedication to keeping the Zoroastrian faith alive and well amongst the Zoroastrians of Victoria is legendary. Jimmy sat on many a ZAV committee and also of the sub committee appointed to revise and update our Constitution. He could always be relied upon to give fair and reasonable advice to any who sought it. The contributions of both Cooverji and Jimmy to our community will always be remembered. May their souls rest in peace</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you all in great numbers for our Jamshedi Navroz Jashan on 21 March, followed by our Navroz function on 29 March. Let us all come together to welcome in our New Year with an evening of traditional food, lively music and last but not the least Persian dances by our home grown own Bold and the Beautiful. So make it happen folks, bring along your merry selves, meet and greet your friends and let the night fade away with GOOD THOUGHTS, GOOD WORDS AND GOOD DEEDS.</p> <p>Sarosh Khariwala</p>	

<b>Community Notes</b>	<p><b>Congratulations to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sherin Vazifdar who had her Navjote performed at Mumbai's Rustamframna Agiary</li> <li>▪ All students who have successfully completed their VCE in 2007. Good luck in your future career paths.</li> </ul> <p><b>Apology:</b> In the last edition of Rathaeshtar, the name of Piroja Daruwala, wife of Cooverji Daruwala was inadvertently omitted from the condolence notice. Our sincere apologies to Mrs Daruwala.</p> <p><b>Rest in Peace:</b> The Committee on behalf of the association passes on condolences to the family of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jimmy Jamasji (79) passed away on 22 January 2008. Husband of Florence. Father of Pervin and Rohinton. Father in law of Maharukh and Godrej. Grandfather of Sanaeya, Sharmaine and Armin.</li> <li>▪ Lt Col Dinyar K. Mistry (84) passed away on 31 January 2008. Husband of Dr Katy. <i>Katy wishes to thank the community for their overwhelming support in their hour of need and bereavement.</i></li> <li>▪ Jerbanoo Kaiki Dubash (96) passed away on 16 January 2008 in Mumbai. Mother of Perviz Dubash. Grandmother of Adil, Ruby and Zarina. Great Grand Mother of Persia and Tehmina.</li> </ul> <p><b>Change of Address:</b> Ferzad &amp; Zenaida Bharucha 304 Serpells Road, Templestowe, VIC 3106 Tel: 98423291</p>
<b>Sunday Spiritual Sessions</b>	<p>Our monthly prayer meetings continue to be held on the first Sunday of each month.</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 10 am – 12 noon <b>Venue:</b> Mount Street Neighbourhood House, 6 Mount Street, Glen Waverley 3150</p> <p>Come join us in prayer in the presence of our holy fire. Meditate and feel the vibrations of our <i>avesta mathravani</i> as recited by our mobeds. A separate session is held for young children incorporating stories, activities, basic prayers and learning to speak Gujarati.</p> <p><b>Dates:</b> 6 April, 4 May, 6 July. <b>N.B:</b> There will be no session on 1 June and 3 August.</p>
<b>Think about it</b>	<p>The unreflective person thinks and imagines that what he prays, the important thing, the thing he must concentrate upon, is that god should hear what he is praying for. Yet, in the true, eternal sense, it is just the reverse: the true relation to prayer is not when god hears what is prayed for, but when the person continues to pray until he is the one who hears – who hears what god wills.</p> <p><i>Soren Kierkegaard – The Journals of Kierkegaard 1959</i></p>

<b>Calendar of Events</b>	<p>Read below and you are sure to be impressed. We have a jam packed year ahead filled with fantastic events. So be sure to mark your diaries and keep the days free. We look forward to your enjoyable company.</p> <p><b>Sunday, 27th April: Bhel + Bingo</b> (Mulgrave Community Centre 355 Wellington Rd Mulgrave 3170)</p> <p><b>Saturday, 31st May: Gahambar</b> (Mulgrave Community Centre 355 Wellington Rd Mulgrave 3170)</p> <p><b>Sunday, 15th June: Parsa Market</b> (Mulgrave Community Centre 355 Wellington Rd Mulgrave 3170)</p> <p><b>Sunday, 3rd Aug: Annual General Meeting</b> (Rentoul Hall 16 Livingston Close Burwood 3125)</p> <p><b>Saturday, 6th Sept: Pateti</b> (Mulgrave Community Centre 355 Wellington Rd Mulgrave 3170)</p> <p><b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Sept: Seminar on Zoroastrianism by Dina McIntyre</b> (Mount Street Neighbourhood House 6 Mount Street Glen Waverley 3150)</p> <p><b>Dina G. McIntyre</b> is a Zoroastrian who was born in India and lives in the US. A lawyer (now retired) by profession, she has been a student of the teachings of Zarathushtra since the early 1980s, and was the Editor of a 12 lesson course on the Gathas called <a href="#">An Introduction to the Gathas of Zarathushtra</a>, which she distributed world-wide in 1989-90. She has lectured on the teachings of Zarathushtra at various conferences and seminars in the United States, Canada, England, India, Venezuela, and at the World Parliament of Religions in 1993. Dina will be visiting Australia at the invitation of the Zoroastrian Associations of WA, NSW and VIC and will be in Melbourne from 17 – 23 September 2008.</p> <p><b>RSVP for any event online @:</b> <a href="http://zav.org.au/pages/mailling.htm">http://zav.org.au/pages/mailling.htm</a></p>
<b>Our Library</b>	<p>Whats new in our library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Zarathushtrian Saga by Tina Mehta</li> <li>▪ The Parsis 1947 to 2001 Highlights of Achievements after Independence by Hormazdyar Shapurshah Dalal.</li> <li>▪ Persepolis Recreated by Farzin Rezaeian (a package of DVD and companion book) Kindly presented to the ZAV by Noshir and Roda Lakdawalla of USA</li> </ul> <p>For young readers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Zarathushtra Spitama by Tina Mehta</li> <li>▪ Zoroastrianism – The Story of the Religion by Ava Mehta-Jamooji</li> </ul> <p>Books for Sale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Catechism on the Teachings of Holy Zarathushtra by Framroz Rustomjee (Reprinted by Dr Piloo Rustomjee) \$12.00</li> <li>▪ Religion of Asho Zarathusht and Influence through The Ages by Ervad Jehan Bagli \$25.00</li> </ul>
<b>Contact details</b>	<p>ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA PO Box 807, Kew, Victoria 3101, Australia <a href="http://www.zav.org.au">www.zav.org.au</a> :: <a href="mailto:committee@zav.org.au">committee@zav.org.au</a></p>

# jamshed-i-navroz



**ON:**  
SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2007,  
7PM FOR 7.30PM



**VENUE:**  
MULGRAVE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
355 WELLINGTON RD, MULGRAVE 3170  
**MELWAY REF:** 80H1

The ZAV Committee takes great pleasure in inviting you to an evening of feasting & fun to celebrate the Start of Spring (in the northern hemisphere) & the Iranian New Year

- ✓ **FANCY DRESS COMPETITION**
- ✓ **PERSIAN DANCES BY OUR VERY OWN ZAV BOLD & THE BEAUTIFUL**
- ✓ **DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY TO THE MUSIC OF MAGICAL EVENTS**

#### **MENU:**

- ❖ Istanbuli Pilaff (Pilaff rice dum cooked with saffron & biryani spice)
- ❖ Jujee Kebab (Flame grilled chicken kebabs marinated in saffron, yoghurt, ginger, garlic, & nutmeg)
- ❖ Gahme (Channa dal cooked with LAMB, black pepper, cinnamon etc)
- ❖ Bodunjun (Marinated eggplant stirfried with diced potato in a rich brown onion & tomato gravy)
- ❖ (Sabz Duniyazad - **for Vegetarians only**)
- ❖ Maast-O- Khair (Yoghurt made with grated cucumber, salt, ground black pepper & mint)
- ❖ Garam Garam NAAN
- ❖ Thando Gulabi Ice Cream Falooooooooo

**RSVP:** NO LATER THAN **24/03/08**  
HOWEVER TO AVAIL OF THE EARLY BIRD SPECIAL RATES PL RSVP BY **20/03/08**

**RSVP TO:** MAHARUKH - 98039770 DELSHAD - 98176297

# navroz jashan

A JASHAN WILL BE HELD ON **FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2008** TO COMMEMORATE JAMSHEDI NAVROZ.  
ALL ZOROASTRIANS OF VICTORIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

**PLACE:** MOUNT STREET NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE  
6 MOUNT STREET  
GLEN WAVERLEY 3150

**MELWAY REF:** 71 3C-3D  
**TIME:** 3.30 PM FOR 4 PM START  
**BYO:** A PLATE TO SHARE.

