

FEZANA News Bulletin

September 20, 2002

President's Corner

On behalf of the FEZANA Executive it is my pleasure to introduce you to the FEZANA News Bulletin.

In this issue, I invite you to join me in celebrating the work of people on various FEZANA Committees and many others who work hard for the success of FEZANA as a community organization. Please join me in welcoming them to the FEZANA Volunteer effort and please extend your cooperation and support to them to make their tasks successful. As we all know, FEZANA achieves most of its objectives and successes through the dedication, hard work and consistent effort put in by its volunteers. We can never thank them enough. These volunteers are the real **STARS** in our Galaxy called **FEZANA-WAY**.

Please visit www.fezana.org and click on ADMIN/ACTIVITIES and to Committees.

FEZANA Committees

- ✍✍ New chairpersons for the various committees of FEZANA have been appointed and are ready to get the task done. The committees are requested to review their Terms of Reference in performing their tasks. The committee chairs have been appointed and it's now up to the individual chairs to form their team. We have these committees in place for a reason, there is work to be done and with the help of these dynamic and energetic individuals at the helm, we can certainly steer our way to constructive building of our community in harmony.
- ✍✍ The interim report from the FEZANA World Body Working Group has been published and sent out to all FEZANA Member Associations. his report covers the period June through August 2002. The report is a compilation of all communications and correspondence received pertaining WZO and its latest Charter WZO 2001 Ltd. All FEZANA World Body Working Group reports are available on the FEZANA website. Queries may be directed to the Chair of the FEZANA World Body Working Group Khorshed Jungalwala <kayj@ziplink.net> and Firdosh Mehta <firdosh.mehta@primus.ca>, the President of FEZANA.
- ✍✍ The Awards and Scholarship Committee has awarded \$1000 each to the five applicants from the \$5000 allocated in the budget. A total of 9 entries were received for the 2002 scholarship competition. The winners of these scholarships are:
 - ?? Zal Karkaria, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
 - ?? Naushad Edibam, Loyola University Medical Center, Chicago, Ill
 - ?? Jehangir Bhada, University of Florida, Miami, FL
 - ?? Vispy Bharucha, University of Oklahoma, OK
 - ?? Zarin Behramshah, University of Texas, Austin, TX

Congratulations to all our winners!

Financial corner

The Financial Report by Treasurer, Rashid Mehin, as of September 30th, 2002

FEZANA has received a check for \$2,900 from the Congress 2002 Chairperson, Rashna Ghadhialy from Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago. FEZANA's share of \$5 per person was based on their last banquet count of 580 that was the largest event at the Congress.

The critical time is fast approaching for NAZNEEN KOLAH, a young child who has been diagnosed with a neuroblastoma stage III cancer in March 2002. MSKCC (Sloan Kettering Cancer Center) would like to see soon the total amount of donations collected for NAZNEEN with a proof of Bank statement. In order to expedite this process as efficiently as possible, it has been recommended that all donations for Nazneen Kolah be sent to FEZANA immediately so that FEZANA can produce one bank statement as evidence to MSKCC. If anyone has sent any money either directly to MSKCC or at any other place, please email to **homi_gandhi @usa.net** with all details as soon as possible as HOMI GANDHI from ZAGNY will maintain the recording of the total amount collected for NAZNEEN KOLAH.

Donations to the total amount of \$4618.29 have been received that includes 59 family donors as far as Australia which was anywhere from \$10 to a maximum of \$350 that averaged about \$78 per family. Three FEZANA member associations (Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago, \$150, Zoroastrian Association of British Columbia, \$2483.24, and California Center, \$1500) donated a total amount of \$4,133.24.

Please contact all your association members and urge them to donate generously for this young life.

Send all donations to: **FEZANA Treasurer, Rashid Mehin, 583 Beverly Place, San Marcos, CA 92069**

FEZANA contributed \$1,000 towards the North American Mobed Council Seminar on ZARATHUSHTI RITUALS: PAST, PRESENT, and AND FUTURE to be held in TORONTO, CANADA on April 19, 2003.

A donation of \$1,000 was received from Alayar and Gitty Dabestani in support for the same event.

The total amount of \$5,857.94 was paid to the Awards Committee with regards to the expenditures incurred during the North American Zoroastrian Congress 2002. This included \$1,818.33 for printing brochures and \$1,000 for the production of seven Award plaques that were distributed at the Congress.

Over \$500.00 Canadian dollars was paid to the World Body Working Group for the photocopies of their report for distribution during the AGM 2002.

\$1,224.50 was collected from the sale of "A Zoroastrian Tapestry."

FEZANA wishes to acknowledge all the contributions made by donors towards various projects and appeals and we thank them for their continuous support.

FEZANA Website Update

The development and maintenance of the FEZANA Website is one of the activities of the FEZANA Publications Committee the chair of which is Khorshed Jungalwala. Rustom Kevala, after years of providing tender loving care to the FEZANA web has passed this job over to Farrokh Mistree. Zubin Medora will continue to be responsible for the look and feel of the Website. Farrokh and Zubin plan to build on the web that they have inherited from Rustom.

The FEZANA website will be updated once a month. Please send all material to Farrokh by the last date of the month. If you would like to get involved in developing the FEZANA Website please contact Farrokh.

Finally, thank you Rustom for a job well done. Thank you Zubin for agreeing to continue. And Farrokh, we wish you and your team all the very best.

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Coming Events

- ✂✂ ZYNA has a Zee-ski/winter 2002 get together planned in the Canadian Rocky Mountains from December 26, 2002 to January 1, 2003; co-sponsored by the Zoroastrian Association of Alberta.
- ✂✂ North American Mobed Council (NAMC) is hosting a one day Seminar on ZARATHUSHTI RITUALS: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE to be held in Toronto, Canada on April 19, 2003; co-sponsored by FEZANA through its Historical, Research and Preservation committee.

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