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Editor's Corner

Jai Jinendra,

In the month of April, Jains all around the world celebrate the birth of Bhagwan Mahvir. JSCNC will celebrate Mahavir Jayanti on **Apr 28th** at Hindu Bhavan Main Hall. This newsletter has important details to help you prepare for the day. Please read the entire newsletter and do not hesitate to ask me any questions you might have.

An event of this magnitude would not be possible without community involvement. We are so blessed to have many volunteers helping us to make this event a huge success.

Regards,

Anand Shah

(Secretary, JSCNC)

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1. Monthly Meeting

The community holds its monthly meetings at the Hindu Temple in Morrisville, NC. We invite everyone to attend the monthly meetings.

Please inform our Food Coordinator, Mrs. Heena Mehta for planning purposes if you are planning to attend.

Monthly Meeting Format

10:45 a.m.	Prayer/Stavans
11:00 a.m.	Item(s) / presentation by Paathshala children
11:15 a.m.	Administrative/Committee activities
11:30 a.m.	Discourse/discussion
12:45 p.m.	Other Announcements
01:00 p.m.	Lunch

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

No meeting this month due to Mahavir Jayanti Celebrations

2. Announcements

Mahavir Jayanti 2013

JSCNC will celebrate Mahavir Jayanti on **Sun April 28, 2:00pm**. The celebrations will take place in Hindu Bhavan Cultural Hall. We will also use last year's afternoon format followed by Swamivatsalya (Dinner). There is mandatory dress rehearsal for all cultural program participants on **Sun Apr 21 at 3pm**.

Mahavir Jayanti Day Planner

Schedule

2:00 pm	<i>Ashtprakar Puja & Swapna Darshan</i>
4:00 pm	<i>Welcome Address</i>
4:15 pm	<i>Cultural Program</i>
6:30 pm	<i>Swamivatsalya/Dinner</i>

Reminders

- Please park only in designated spaces. Observe all fire lane rules.
- Please remove your shoes before entering the main hall.
- Wear clean Puja attire if you are participating in Puja. **Be there at 1:45pm sharp if your child is in Puja. The Puja will start on time whether you are there or not.**
- The children, choreographers and program directors have done a lot of hard work. We should do our part by observing silence during the items

and be generous applauding them.

Mahavir Jayanti is one of the largest events sponsored by JSCNC, is open to everyone and demonstrates the unity and generosity of JAIN community. The Executive committee puts in a lot of planning in place but your support - financial and volunteer - makes this program a huge success. Like each year, this year has been no exception for community support. On behalf of the Executive Committee 2013, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to a the sponsors who donated generously.

MJ 2013 Sponsors

Amount	Name	Location
\$2,800	Mr. Ramnik & Mrs. Lata Zota	Morrisville, NC
\$400	Mr. Mayur & Mrs. Rita Lodaya	Chapel Hill, NC
\$600	Mr. Harshad & Mrs. Jyotsana Shah	Raleigh, NC
\$200	Mr. Pankesh & Mrs. Neha Mehta	Holly Springs, NC
\$250	Anonymous	

The Executive Committee would also like to request that if you would like to donate on this auspicious occasion, we have several categories still open for sponsorship in addition to general fund. Your donation is tax deductible and help JSCNC organize events such as these throughout the year. You can contact **Mr. Pratyush Mehta** or any committee member.

I also wanted to repeat the following note from last month. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

As the practices and preparations continue, I wanted to take a moment on behalf of the executive committee to recognize all the volunteers who have agreed to choreograph items for the stage program. They have a diverse group of very demanding crowd (young children) to manage. These choreographers work very hard and spend their personal time to prepare the children for the on-stage program. Please make sure you give them your full cooperation. Mahavir Jayanti on-stage program is not only a celebration of the birth of Bhagvan Mahavir but also a display of Jain values. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please bring those to a committee member or pathshala teachers. We have an "open door" policy so any and all comments are encouraged. The Executive Committee contact information is at the top of the newsletter and on www.jscnc.org.

Food Table for 2013

The updated food table is on our website under Documents section. You can also access it by visiting:

http://www.jscnc.org/docs/JSCNC_2013_Foodtable.pdf

3. Upcoming Activities

This JSCNC 2013 calendar is online. Please visit <http://www.jscnc.org> and click Events. The calendar has the most up-to-date listing of all confirmed activities for the year. All the tithis (Lunar Days) are also posted on the online calendar. Here is a list of some key dates:

**** Tithi Calendar for 2013 is now updated - thanks to Mrs. Jyoti Kirit Shah ****

Event	Time	Location	Contact
Weekly Swadhyaya (Mondays)	7.30 pm	HSNC Library	Mr. Harshad Shah
Weekly Mahavir Puja	10 am	HSNC Temple	Mrs. Rekha Banker
Mahavir Jayanti Dress Rehearsal	April 21 3pm	HSNC Cultural Hall	
Mahavir Jayanti Cultural Program	April 28 2pm	HSNC Cultural Hall	
Annual Father's Day Picnic	Jun 16th (all-day)	Lake Crabtree Park	

4. Pathshala Corner

JSCNC Pathshala serves our young kids to instill spiritual development, self-awareness and promote Jain identity in individuals, based on the principles of Jainism. The teachers pay special attention to the needs of young and older group and have structured curriculum as such.

The Paathshala classes take place every first Sunday of the month from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Hindu Temple Cultural Hall AND on 3rd Sundays during the monthly meeting. If you plan to attend and/or need more information, please call Mrs. Rita Lodaya or Mrs. Sejal Shah. Paathshala e-mail address is JSCNCpathshala@yahoo.com.

Mahavir Jayanti 2013:

Our focus for the next two months will be preparing for the upcoming stage program. Thank you to all the pathshala students who are participating- we truly appreciate their hard work and effort as well as the help from parents/adults.

5. Supporting our center

You can support our Center by:

- Becoming a member if you are not already: Please print a form from our website: <http://jscnc.org/docs/MembershipForm.doc>, complete it and mail it by following instructions
- By making a generous donation for Education Fund or Jiv Daya or Mahavir Jayanti or general donation. Follow this link to <http://jscnc.org/HowToMakeADonation.php> to learn how to make a donation.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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