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Editor's Corner

Jai Jinendra,

On behalf of Jain Study Center of North Carolina and Executive Committee, I would like to wish everyone a fabulous Holiday Season. We also have a new committee for 2013. Stay tuned for the announcement in the upcoming December meeting.

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, Mr. Ajay Shah 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

Dec 16

Discourse Topic

TBD

Speaker

TBD

2. Announcements

Pathshala Dues for 2013

As the new year starts, on behalf of 2012 Executive Committee I would like to remind the parents of Pathshala kids to ensure that annual dues for Hindu Center facility use are paid. This is a Hindu Center of NC requirement for all groups who use the facility. The contribution is \$10 per month per child and you can either pay monthly or annually. If your child attends other paid classes (Sanskar/Gurukul etc.) @ HCNC, you do not need to make multiple payments. You need to do it only once. All checks must be made payable to "Hindu Center of NC".

For your convenience, the committee can accept your check on your behalf and provide it to HSNC. You can bring a check to the next meeting or let us know the arrangements you have made (auto draft/direct pay).

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

JAINA Convention - 2013

When: July 4 - 7, 2013

Where: Novi, Michigan

Hosted by Jain Society of Greater Detroit

Early registration is now open. Visit: <http://convention.jaina.org> For more information visit the convention website.

"Adopt A Turkey" this Thanksgiving - a gift of Jivdaya

Since 1986, Farm Sanctuary's annual *Adopt a Turkey Project* has led to the rescue of more than one thousand turkeys from a brutal death and given thousands of people an opportunity to honor the spirit of the holiday by helping animals in need.. We contributed \$500 for this cause.

Food Table for 2013

Please read the following important announcement from Mr. Ajay Shah who is the food coordinator this year.

Hi all,

Thanks for helping for great food for our monthly JSCNC meeting in one of the following ways.

1. Preparing one item in alternate months.
2. Prepay to cater puri / chapati for alternate months. (\$125 in 2012)
3. Host for one of the month.

You all are amazing team. Be ready to enjoy great festive food for Diwali and Christmas.

We are in process of making food table for 2013.

Please let me know if you don't wish to continue or make changes to your assignments.

Please note that it is very difficult to make changes to our food table after we communicate the food table.

We are also looking for host for 3 slots (Assuming prior hosts still continues). Please let me know if you wish to be host instead of food table. (First come first assignment as host).

Please encourage new members / your friends in our group to volunteer for food table in 2013.

As you all already know,

Alternate month food assignment volunteers need to prepare maximum 4 times a year with our current strength of volunteers.

Prepaid volunteers pays 4 times for puri /Chapati. Due to slight increase in cost to cater it will be \$140.00 per year.

Host : Pays \$35 for bio degradable plates and cups. They also bring spoons, paper napkins, milk, tea, sugar, tea masala, pickle (Jain), prepare tea, clean kitchen and any utensils used from kitchen.

Please let me know if you have any question.

Thanks!

Ajay

3. Upcoming Activities

This JSCNC 2012 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.

Swadhyay - twice a week - Contact Mr. Harshad Shah

Mahavir Puja - once a week - Contact Mrs. Rekha Banker

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 groups 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.

Sign-in/Sign-out Process

I wanted to remind everyone that children's safety is our utmost concern. Our pathshala attendance continues to grow. All pathshala classes are held on safe premises of Hindu Center, however there is considerable traffic in the parking lot. To help pathshala teachers maintain order and keep everyone safe, we are asking all the parents **to sign in and sign out** their kids - irrespective of the age of their child - during the 1st Sunday pathshala. We request very basic information (Who, When and emergency contact). We will use this process for all future youth activities. The goal of this process is to balance convenience and children's safety.

Please continue to follow this process. It is important to cooperate with the teachers for the safety of your children.

6. 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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