

# JSCNC Newsletter

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## Editor's Corner

Jai Jinendra,

We are off to a great start. The new committee held several planning sessions and have received several fresh ideas for events this year. We are looking forward to a fantastic 2013.

Typically, during the beginning of the year I try to make sure our newsletters and communications reach to everyone. We have now hit 300 email addresses mark! If you know someone who recently moved here and would like to be added to our mailing list please let me know. Also, if you have recently (since end of 2011) moved and have a new address please send me your updated contact information so we can update our directory database.

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**

**Feb 17**

**Discourse Topic**

**TBD**

**Speaker**

**TBD**

# 2. Announcements

**Mahavir Jayanti 2013**

JSCNC will celebrate Mahavir Jayanti on **Sun April 28 2:00pm**. This year's celebrations will take place in Hindu Bhava Cultural Hall like last year to better accommodate our growing needs. 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**. Stay tuned for additional announcements as we firm up the schedule.

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. This year, we have already received sponsorships for most of the major categories: Swamivatsalya (Dinner), Goody bags and trophies for children, Food on the day of dress rehearsal. Your support is always appreciated on this auspicious occasion for activities throughout the year. If you would like to contribute, please register your pledge with Pratyush Mehta or Anand Shah. Also, if you are interested in volunteering

please contact Pratyush Mehta or Anand Shah. Several parents signed up during the parents' meeting on Feb 3rd but we can always use more hands.

Volunteer categories are:

**Stage Decoration**

**Video Recording & Pictures**

**Kitchen Clean-up & Food Serving**

**Hall Arrangement (arrange chairs/tables etc.)**

**Assistance with Ashtprakari Puja**

### **Pathshala Dues for 2013**

*This announcement is repeated from last month. If you have already registered and made payments, thank you! If you have not yet, please follow directions below.*

I would like to remind the parents of Pathshala kids to ensure that annual dues for Hindu Society facility use are paid. This is a Hindu Society 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.

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.

*Thanks to all the parents who have already registered and made their payments! We only have about 1/3 of the students registered. Please make sure you register your child. The deadline was Feb 3rd but it's not too late! Registration instructions:*

How to register for 2013 and pay your dues

- All current or students who wish to start in 2013 are required to fill out the online form.
- Link to online form:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDVCNXI5SVpndFVvKTFZrM3VWLWxMS2c6MQ>
- Make sure that you provide contact information of parents so pathshala teachers can use it in case of emergency.

### **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.

### **Food Table for 2013**

We have a NEW food coordinator this year - Mrs. Heena Mehta. 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](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:

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 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](mailto:JSCNCpathshala@yahoo.com).

### **Essay Contest**

We held an essay competition in Dec 2012 for Mahavir group students were asked to write a two page essay on "**MY JAIN HERO**". Their "Hero" could be a contemporary or historical figure and his/her life should embody one or more Jain values/principles.

All participants put forth their best efforts! We are proud of everyone who put in the effort.

*Congratulations to the winners :*

**1st Place : Mihir Shah**

**2nd Place: Naimi Pothiwala**

**3rd Place: Parv Gondalia**

A big thank you to the Judges: **Rekha Banker, Sudhir Shah and Pavak Shah**

**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.

*Anand Shah*

(Secretary, JSCNC)