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Editor's Corner

Jai Jinendra,

So much has happened in the last month! The new committee has hit the ground running under the leadership of Anand Shah. We have plenty of news to share this month as we set our sights on the upcoming Mahavir Jayanti Program.

Youth Coordinators are busy planning out the stage program. Many members are beginning to sign up for sponsorship and volunteering for tasks. And the overall program planning is underway with the full attention of the committee.

And there's lots more to share. So sit back and read on!

Regards,

Bhairav Shah

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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.

For planning purposes, **Please inform our Food Coordinator, Mr. Ajay Shah**, if:

- a) You are not a regular attendee of the monthly meetings, but **are** planning to attend ... OR ...
- b) You are a regular attendee of the monthly meetings, but are **not** planning to attend

Monthly Meeting Format

10:45 a.m.	Prayer/Stavans
11:00 a.m.	Item(s) / Presentation(s) by Pathshala children
11:20 a.m.	Administrative/Committee Activities
11:30 a.m.	Adult Discourse/Discussion & Children Pathshala
12:30 p.m.	Discourse Q&A & Administrative Announcements
12:45 p.m.	Aarti
01:00 p.m.	Lunch

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Sunday, Feb 16

Discourse Topic
“Jainism Basics and Tatvarth Sutra”

Speaker
Dr. Mahesh Varia

2. Announcements

Food Table

Please note that for this month’s meeting, **both** teams have assignments . Please visit the following link to find your assignments:

http://www.jscnc.org/docs/JSCNC_2014_Foodtable.pdf

Ajay Shah will communicate directly with you incase there are any changes to these assignments.

Mahavir Jayanti Celebration

Ready for another exciting event this year? The bar gets raised higher every time. This year’s celebration should be no different. The Mahavir Jayanti Celebration program is scheduled to be on April 20th. Planning is already underway and all involved are gearing up for another great event.

Mahavir Jayanti is one of the largest events sponsored by JSCNC, is open to everyone and demonstrates the unity and generosity of JAIN community. As an interesting note, last year’s event attracted approximately 350 participants, volunteers and guests!

The Executive committee puts in a lot of planning to cater for such an event, but your support is what really makes this program a grand success.

Taking part in the stage program is not the only way to participate/support. We are looking for volunteers and pledgers alike to help in many other ways. Here are some ways you can help:

- Pledging - Please contact Anand Shah if you are interested. Your support is always appreciated for this auspicious occasion, and for activities throughout the year.
- Volunteering - there are several categories available -- Stage Decoration, Props, Audio/Video, Food serving & Kitchen cleanup, and Hall arrangement (chairs/tables prior to dinner). Please contact Anand Shah or Bhairav Shah if you are interested. We will also have sign-up sheets available during Monthly meetings prior to the program.

A Great Thank you to all those who have already signed up to volunteer. To the volunteers, participants and all involved, we humbly ask that you provide your full cooperation to Program Directors and Choreographers. This will help tremendously to plan and execute this program smoothly. If there are any issues or concerns, please contact the President, Anand Shah.

Mahavir Jayanti Program Practice

Practices will be held during Pathshala sessions. As such, there will be no Pathshala until after the Mahavir Jayanti Program. Please see the Pathshala Corner for complete information.

2014 YJA Convention

When: July 3 - 6, 2014

Where: [Crystal Gateway Marriott](#), Washington, DC

Young Jains of America would like to invite Jain youth between the ages of 14 and 29 to the 2014 YJA Convention: "Young Jains: Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders." Join us in Washington, D.C. from July 3rd-6th at the [Crystal Gateway Marriott](#). Attendees will hear from a wide range of speakers, participate in engaging social events and forge everlasting connections!

REGISTER TODAY AT CONVENTION.YJA.ORG

Pathshala Essay Competition

For the first time ever, the Vardhmaan class has participated in an Essay competition. The competition is now complete and winners and awards will be announced soon. We would like to thank [Ketan & Neha Kuruwa](#) for their generous sponsorship of the awards for this competition. For more information on this competition, please visit the Pathshala Corner below.

Pathshala Dues

HSNC mandates that Pathshala dues are paid every year. It is very important that we compensate HSNC for the use of the Hindu Center facilities for classes. *To that, we thank everyone who have already paid these dues.* However, we are far from being even close to receiving all the dues -- so far, we have received about 20-25% only.

As mentioned in previous emails (Youth Pathshala dues), this year we are asking the dues be paid to JSCNC directly. We will collect and pass them on to HSNC. Note that, if you have direct auto-payments to HSNC already for this purpose, you do not have to pay twice.

To make payments, please bring a check (payable to JSCNC) to the Feb 16th Monthly meeting, or mail to Pratyush Mehta. Full information and instructions can be found at <http://jscnc.org/Youth Pathshala Dues 2014.php>.

3. Upcoming Activities

A reminder, that the JSCNC 2014 calendar is now 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	Mr. Harshad Shah's House	Mr. Harshad Shah
Weekly Mahavir Puja (Saturdays)	10 am	HSNC Temple	Mrs. Rekha Banker
Mahavir Jayanti Cultural Program	April 20	HSNC Cultural Hall	
Paryushan Parva	Aug 23 - Aug 30		
Paryushan Bhavana	Aug 28		

4. Pathshala Corner

Essay Competition

We are excited to announce yet another first! For the first time ever, the Vardhmaan class held an essay competition with all 15 students participating in the competition. The topic of the essay was "Anekantvad". The students were allowed one month to research and type up the essay. An unbiased panel of judges has been selected to evaluate the essays. Student names will remain hidden from the judges. Winners and awards will be announced shortly.

Mahavir Jayanti Program Practice

From now until April 6th, all Pathshala sessions will be dedicated for Mahavir Jayanti Program practices. Below is a table showing the dates on which practices will replace Pathshala sessions.

Date
Feb 16
Mar 2
Mar 16
Apr 6

Regular Pathshala sessions will resume on May 4th.

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 the instructions
- By making a generous donation for Education Fund, Jiv Daya, Mahavir Jayanti or General donation. Follow this link <http://jscnc.org/HowToMakeADonation.php> to learn how to make a donation.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

(Secretary, JSCNC)