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Editor's Corner

Jai Jinendra,

This month marks the beginning of our Mahavir Jayanti preparation marathon! Not only the committee, but all the stage program coordinators, choreographers and volunteers are running at full throttle. Mahavir Jayanti is the largest event planned by JSCNC under the umbrella of Hindu Society of North Carolina. We look forward to a stellar event this year.

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

March 17

Discourse Topic

Jainism in Practice

Speaker

Mr. Pravin K. Shah

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 Bhavan 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**.

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. Thanks to everyone who already signed up!

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.

Pathshala Dues for 2013

We still have a few outstanding dues. If you have already done so or made arrangements recently, please let Mr. Pratyush Mehta know. The following announcement is repeated from our Jan newsletter.

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).

You 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=dDVCNXI5SVpndFVkTFZrM3VWLWxMS2c6MQ>
- 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/ISCNC 2013 Foodtable.pdf](http://www.jscnc.org/docs/ISCNC%202013%20Foodtable.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	HSNC Cultural Hall	

	3pm	
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.

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

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