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Editor's Corner

Jai Jinendra,

The Mahavir Jayanti Celebrations have come and gone! I trust each and everyone had a fun and enjoyable time. Great puja, great performances, great food and a great audience! Who can beat that?

I can not pass this timely opportunity without once again thanking all the sponsors, volunteers, choreographers and coordinators, and all others for helping make this a successful event. A truly deserving round of applause to you all.

We are now into the month of May, and we all know what that means! It is time for our Moms to be in the limelight. It is time to say and show our thanks and appreciation for all they do throughout the year. It is TIME - to celebrate Mother's Day!

This year, we are planning a grand event and we are looking for some enthusiastic volunteers. Please read on for more details on this and other items

Regards,

Bhairav 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.

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, May 18

Discourse Topic
"TBD"

Speaker
Dr. Ramnikbhai Zota

2. Announcements

Food Table

Please continue to refer to the below link for your assignments.

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

Mahavir Jayanti Celebration

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated at the HSNC Cultural Hall on Sunday April 20th. As does every year, the turnout is higher than the previous. And this year was no exception. We had a total of 400 people! This is no small feat to manage and cater for, and thus a great testament to the increasing calibre and success of this event that the community, as a whole, produces every year. Congratulations to everyone involved!

It is also worth mentioning that for the first time ever, we held the Puja on stage. Along with side projections, I believe everyone in the audience had a chance to watch and follow the rituals.

Finally, our young participants truly carried the whole celebration! With 55 strong in the Puja and 51 strong in the

Program, we could not have asked for anything better!

Mahavir Jayanti Program Sponsors

As we do every year, we receive overwhelming support from new and continuing sponsors for this event. To that, we would like to recognize the following families for their generous donations towards the program. We greatly appreciate your support and contributions.

Amount	Name	Location
\$3500	Mr. Ramnikbhai & Mrs. Lataben Zota	Morrisville, NC
\$2500	Mr. Nipunbhai & Mrs. Sue Shah	Fayetteville, NC
\$501	Dr. Sunil Prakashchand & Mrs. Sunita Anchaliya	Raleigh, NC
\$500	Mr. Mayurbhai & Mrs. Ritaben Lodaya	Chapel Hill, NC
\$400	Dr. Selene and Mrs. Zankhana Parekh	Cary, NC
\$250	Mr. Pankesh & Mrs. Neha Mehta	Holly Springs, NC
\$200	Anonymous	

Mahavir Jayanti Program DVDs

The JSCNC Media team is hard at work on making available the Mahavir Jayanti program DVDs. As you might know, the entire program was recorded on high quality video camera and we strive to prepare edited versions from raw footage for better viewing experience. The entire program will be available in one or two DVD sets. We will also have high resolution pictures available.

Mother's Day Celebration

JSCNC will be celebrating Mother's Day at the next monthly meeting on May 18th. Many thanks to Harshabhai and Jyotsnaben Shah for sponsoring this event.

To prepare for the food, Ajaybhai is asking for some help from volunteers. This might be in the form of cooking rice, cutting/peeling vegetables and other similar tasks. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Ajaybhai at 919-601-2624 by May 11th. A separate email with more details was sent out last week.

Weekly Swadhyaya

Please note that weekly Swadhyaya time and location have changed. New timings:

When: Every Monday from 5:30p-7:00p

Where: HSNC Temple Hall Library

The JSCNC online calendar has been updated to reflect this change.

2014 YJA Convention

When: July 3 - 6, 2014

Where: Crystal Gateway Marriott, Washington, DC

Registration: CONVENTION.YJA.ORG

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!

Supporting our Youth

In last month's newsletter, we announced that we have a tremendous participation of our very own Jain youths in the YJA. This is quite a feat, and we should take pride in their accomplishments as members and leaders of the YJA. As such, we should support them in any way we can. As stated above, this year, the YJA convention is being held in Washington DC, and they are asking for our help in terms of any contributions we can make towards this event.

We are extremely happy to announce that our community showed an overwhelming support for this endeavour. In addition to the \$500 contributed by the Center, we have so far raised \$878 from the community at large. Additionally, more of our local families have contributed \$502 directly to YJA.

Here's the kicker: As a sangh, we have raised more money for this than even large centers like Los Angeles! Way to go, people!!

Father's Day Picnic

For your general information and planning purposes, we would like to announce that Father's Day Picnic will be on held on June 15th in the Lake Crabtree County Park. Many Thanks to Rajen and Puja Doshi for sponsoring the event this year. As with every year, we will send out a separate email with more details and a request for RSVP if you plan to attend.

3. Upcoming Activities

Please visit <http://www.jsnc.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)	5:30 pm	HSNC Temple Hall Library	Mr. Harshad Shah
Weekly Mahavir Puja (Saturdays)	10 am	HSNC Temple	Mrs. Rekha Banker
Mother's Day Celebration	May 18	HSNC Temple Hall	
Father's Day Picnic	Jun 15	Lake Crabtree Park	
Paryushan Parva	Aug 23 - Aug 30		
Paryushan Bhavana	Aug 28		

4. Pathshala Corner

Regular Pathshala sessions have resumed starting May 4th.

As a reminder, Pathshala classes are held 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 contact the Pathshala teachers at JSCNCpathshala@yahoo.com.

Mother's Day Celebration

We encourage all pathshala students to reflect upon, write and present a short paragraph, poem, song etc. honoring "MOM", during this monthly meeting.

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.

Bhairav Shah

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