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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 you and your family Happy Diwali & Happy New Year.

*May the joy, cheer, Mirth and merriment
Of this divine festival
Surround you forever.
May the happiness,
That this season brings
Brighten your life
And, hope the year
Brings you luck and
Fulfills all your dearest dreams!
Happy deepavali.*

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

There is another event at the temple later in the afternoon. Please arrive on time so we can begin the meeting. We will have to keep a close watch on our schedule so that we can wrap up around 2pm.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

Nov 18

Discourse Topic

How to practice Jainism in American Culture - what changes we should make in our traditional rituals without violating Jain Principles and Values

Speaker

Mr. Pravin K. Shah

2. Announcements

Food Bank Drive

Our Pathshala teachers have organized a Food Drive as part of community service initiatives. Here is the announcement from that was sent earlier. Please forward all questions to Kunal Lodaya or Mrs. Rita Lodaya.

Jai Jinendra all,

We have finalized the dates for this year's food drive and visit to the food bank. The food drive will take place during the November meeting-Sunday the 18th. We will be visiting the food bank on December 15th, from 1 to 4 PM. Attached is a list of most needed items, as well as a sign up sheet for volunteering at the food bank on December 15th. Pathshala kids ages 5 and above can attend. Please let us know as soon as possible whether or not you can make it. If you are attending the food bank trip, there is no need to bring your food to the meeting, it can be brought directly to the food bank. This year, we will visit the Raleigh Branch at 3808 Tarheel Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Here is the link to the food bank most needed items list:

http://www.foodbankcenc.org/site/DocServer/Most_Needed_Items.pdf?docID=2321

And here is the link to the form that attendees need to fill out:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dEJDWnE4cT11N3Bnc2o2M0ZJLUdodkE6MQ>

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

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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

With Thanksgiving coming up soon, what would be better than to save the lives of turkeys by donating towards "Adopt a Turkey" campaign as an act of Jivdaya, in our own backyard. JSCNC has been an active contributor to this cause and has donated to save the turkeys from being put on the tables of so many households in USA. For more details, visit <http://www.farmsanctuary.org/giving/adopt-a-turkey/>

If you would like to contribute for this cause you can mail your checks or pay online on the JSCNC website by visiting <http://www.jscnc.org/HowToMakeADonation.php> and selecting "Jivdaya" Fund.

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.

Anand Shah

(Secretary, JSCNC)