

Jain Center Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jai Jinendra!

Believe it or not, it has been two years and it is time for me to be the Ex-President! It has been a wonderful experience for me and I hope it had been the same for all of you as well! The author Max Depree defines Leadership, as **"The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality the last is to say, thank you. In between, the leader is a servant."** I have tried my best to fulfill the definition. I will take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who has helped our Jain Center in some capacity to realize all of our dreams.

We have tried to reach another level in terms of activities at the center. We conducted many successful regular yearly events along with some new events like Bhumi-pujan, Varshitap Parna of 9 Tapsvis and also parnu following 49 upavas, Shila Pujan, Shila Sthapan (in the rain), Various fund raising activities including Ravindra Jain Concert & First Walkathon, Our youth's participation in interfaith Rangoli, and their help for the benefit of animals in Purple Cow facility in San Diego, Jain Center's participation in many interfaith prayers following 9/11, and last but not the least is the start of the Construction of Phase I of our much awaited Expansion Project!

Shravaks & Shravikas, I and all of the executive committee members parlayed our knowledge, wisdom, experience, and insight for the betterment of our Center, all of the community members, and yet if I or any of the committee members made any error knowingly or unknowingly, We beg forgiveness from all of you and Lord Mahavir – MICHAMI DUKKADAM!

I will leave all of you with the following wish for the New Year 2004 and many more years to come:

A WISH

May you live to learn well, and learn to live well.

May you never speak to deceive nor listen to betray.

May your joys be as deep as the ocean, and
your misfortune as light as its foam.

May your pleasures be free from the stings of remorse.

May your heart never wander and your tongue never slander.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve you all!

----- Nitin Shah, MD, President.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Puja and Ekasana on Saturday, December 20, 2003

On the occasion of Shri Parshvanath Bhagvan's Janma Kalyanak, there will be Puja and Ekasana on **Saturday, December 20, 2003** at the Jain Center sponsored by Mr. Chandulal and Mrs. Lilaben Shah. The puja will start at 9:30 am followed by 108 Aarti for a donation of \$21 each. Please contact **Savitaben Mehta** at **714-898-3156** or **Harshida Vasa** at **714-995-1660**.

Phoenix Sangh to visit JCSC

Phoenix Sangh will visit our center on December 20th & 21st. They will arrive by bus around 2 pm. We will have a puja at derasar followed by dinner. They will spend part of the Sunday morning with our pathshala and swadhyay classes and then we will provide them with lunch after which they will depart back to Phoenix.

At present they have 42 people confirmed. The actual number may change by few. If you would like to help us in any way please contact **Narendra Maniar** at **562-402-8117** or **Nitin Shah** on his pager **714-506-6699**.

Upcoming Events in 2004

April 3

Mahavir Janma Kalyanak

April 11

Medical Camp

Other On-Going Events in 2003-2004

Chaudas Pratikraman - 12/22, 1/6, 1/20, 2/5, 2/19

Snatra Puja/Navkar Mantra Jaap - 12/27, 1/24, 2/21

Bhavana - 12/26, 1/30, 2/27

JCYC and Adult Swadhyay Schedule for 2004

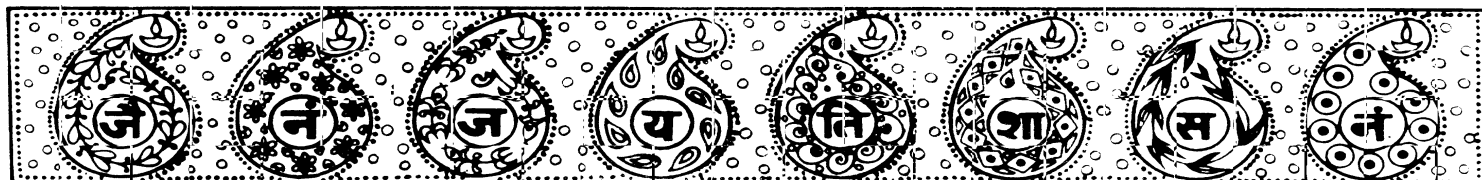
January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22, March 7 & 21,

April 4 & 18, May 2, 16 & 23 and June 6 & 13

VOTE OF THANKS

Special Thanks

Our special thanks to **Maluni Bijal Shah & Family** of **Minuteman Press (714-241-0700)** in Santa Ana, CA for printing this newsletter free of charge. We appreciate their timely service and continued support.



MAHAVIR MAHILA MANDAL

Annual program 2003

On November 16th Mahavir Mahila Mandal celebrated their annual day and was attended by many members. The program started with Snatra Puja at 10:00 A.M. Following Puja annual members meeting was held after reciting "Namokar Mantra".

Savitaben Mehta current Vice President opened the meeting and thanked all members present for their participation in Mandal's activities during the year. Dr. Nitinbhai Shah JCSC President praised Mandal's activities and emphasised to do more activities besides Puja, and involve more young people to join the Mandal.

Gitaben Khona gave the treasurer's report and talked about membership dues. Rasilaben gave report for all the Pujas performed during the year including the number of members attending the Pujas. Vasantben Shah was congratulated by all for her work for many years as a president of the Mandal. She was named "President Emeritus" of Mahavir Mandal.

A new Committee was nominated from the floor and following members were elected for year 2004-2005 for two year term.

President: Savitaben Mehta	Members at large:
Vice Pres: Padmaben Shah	Harshida Vasa
Treasurer: Gitaben Khona	Bina H.Shah
Secretary: Nisha Jhaveri	Nayna.R.Shah

Rameshbhai Doshi JCSC Vice President and President Elect, thanked all Mahavir Mahila Mandal's new and old committee members and asked them to continue their good work and help in raising funds for the new Jain Bhavan Expansion.

Jai Jinendra,
Mahavir Mahila Mandal

WEB RESOURCE GROUP

We want your help. We are in the process of establishing a 'Web Resouce Group' for contributing to all Jain Center websites, which includes: www.jaincenter.net, www.jaincenterexpansion.com, www.jain21.com and www.jainclinic.org

This is a great opportunity for young community members to come forward, contribute towards the community and above all, learn and get exposed to the latest trends in website development and design. If you are interested in joining this dynaimc group of volunteers, please send an email to: nuks_jain@yahoo.com
Please incuding the following:

1. Name
2. Current exposure to website design / maintenance under:
 - a. HTML concepts.
 - b. Graphics design.
 - c. Programming with PHP.
 - d. ASP.
 - e. Database usage.
 - f. Writing cgi.
3. City
4. Best phone# to contact you
5. email address

From our side we can assure you of a great exposure and an excellent way to contribute to the community. For more information, please contact **Narendra Jain** at **310-320-5570**.

EXPANSION PROJECT REPORT

Phase 1 Progress To Date (as of December 10, 2003)

The following activities are currently on-going:

- In the sub-terranean (garage) parking Exhaust duct work installation (about 80% complete)
Sewer and Water lines (about 90% complete)
Light fixtures installation (about 60% complete)
- Structural Steel erection (about 85% complete)
- Wood Framing (about 50% complete)
- Started Metal Stud Framing

Two of the total six containers from India for exterior stone work has been shipped on time and is expected to arrive here in next 4 weeks. Once the wood framing is completed by January 2004, Electrical and Mechanical work can begin. Exterior stones are expected to be installed starting in February-March time frame.

General Information

For additional information, please contact **Sumati Shah**, at **562-926-4075** or by e-mail at sumati1@hotmail.com.

Other Fund Raising Opportunity

Please be sure to register your Ralphs and Vons Club Cards with **Savitaben Mehta** at **714-898-3156**, **Bindi Doshi** at **714-995-8914** or **Harshida Vasa** at **714-995-1660** in order for The Jain Center to receive a donation every time you make purchase.

----- **Bulding Committee**

JCSC FACILITY USAGE POLICY

As you are aware, designated areas of the Jain Center facilities are available for various private functions. Recently the Executive Committee reviewed the current policy and after much debate decided to make certain changes. These changes are effective January 1, 2004. Complete guidelines and detail rules including the reservation forms will be posted on our website www.jaincenter.net very shortly.

Following are the **brief guidelines** for its use:

- The Derasar area is available for private religious activities such as puja etc. at no charge. However, donations towards the use of Derasar material ("Dev Dravya") are appreciated.
 - The use of other areas of the Jain Center for private functions is available with the following donation. These donations are for use of the facilities for a 6-hour duration. Additional time usage will be assessed at 10% per hour (whole or part) over 6 hours.
- | <u>Area</u> | <u>JCSC Life Members</u> | <u>All Others</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Main Hall | \$ 301 | \$ 401 |
| Dining Room | \$ 151 | \$ 201 |
| Kitchen | \$ 251 | \$ 351 |
| All three areas | \$ 601 | \$ 801 |
- Use of tables and chairs at the Jain Center is included in the above donations. The donation for their use away from the Jain Center is \$5 per table; \$1 per chair with a \$51 minimum for combined tables and chairs usage.
 - In addition to the above donation, a refundable deposit of \$500.00 is required to reserve the Jain Center facility. The deposit will be refunded after the return of the facility in satisfactory condition.

Please be sure to read all new rules and guidelines before requesting a reservation. For any questions, please contact any member of the **Executive Committee**.

----- **JCSC Board**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The first combined meeting of the **Current Board**, the newly appointed **Executive Committee** and **Board of Directors** was held on December 3, 2003. During the meeting, the future rotation of EC and BOD members was discussed. In order to keep the number of new members to be elected every year some what consistent, the following term was mutually decided for the members of **Board of Directors**.

Executive Committee

1. President: Ramesh Doshi (2 Years)
2. Vice-President: Ashok Savla (2 Years)
3. Secretary: Navin Gangar (2 Years)
4. Treasurer: Pradeep Shah (2 Years)
5. Public Relations: Dr. Jasvant Modi (2 Years)
6. Member: Amrit Bhandari (1 Year Remaining)
7. Member: Narendra Jain (1 Year Remaining)
8. Member: Ramesh Kothari (1 Year Remaining)
9. Member: Dinesh Shah (1 Year Remaining)
10. Member: Prafulla Shah (1 Year Remaining)
11. Member: Sachin Shah (1 Year Remaining)
12. Member: Hemendra Doshi (2 Years)
13. Member: Dr. Jayesh Shah (2 Years)
14. Member: Nirav Shah (2 Years)
15. Member: Anil Shah (1 year term replacing Dr. Jasvant Modi)

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1. President: Ramesh Doshi (2 Years)
2. Vice-President: Ashok Savla (2 Years)
3. Secretary: Navin Gangar (2 Years)
4. Treasurer: Pradeep Shah (2 Years)
5. Donor Member: Shashikant Jogani (2 Years)
6. Member: Dr. Manibhai Mehta (3 Years)
7. Member: Dr. Chunilal Shah (1 Year)
8. Member: Dr. Nitin Shah (2 Years)
9. Member: Ramesh P. Shah (3 Years)
10. Member: Yogesh Shah (4 Years)
11. Donor Member: Harkishan Vasa (4 Years)

With the above rotation, 8 to 10 new members of **Executive Committee** and **Board of Directors** will be elected every year starting next year as follows: 2005-8, 2006-10, 2007-9, 2008-10, 2009-8, 2010-10, 2011-9, 2012-10, 2013-8, 2014-10, 2015-9

Once again we thank the current members of the Board for an outstanding job and welcome the new members. If you have any questions, please contact **Dr. Nitin Shah** at **714-506-6699** or **Ramesh Doshi** at **714-995-8914**. ----- **JCSC Board**

TRIP TO PURPLE COW

The spirit of Jainism burned bright on a cold, overcast Saturday morning, when twenty five volunteers from the Jain Center of Southern California and the Jain Center of San Diego spent over six hours applying the value of jivdaya, compassion to all living beings, to their lives. These six hours were spent improving the condition of a non-profit farm animal rescue organization, The Purple Cow and Friends farm, in Escondido, California. The Purple Cow and Friends ranch is dedicated to providing a sanctuary for rejected and abused farm animals destined for death or the slaughterhouse. The parallels between Jainism and the values of The Purple Cow and Friends organization (e.g. ahimsa or non-violence) are the main reasons that many were drawn to support this cause.

To begin the day, volunteers took on the task of moving and organizing over fifty bales of hay, each of which weighed close to forty pounds. This task proved to be challenging because each bale of hay required three people to roll it down a hill. Although most were not accustomed to this type of labor and some even had allergic reactions, everyone contributed in a positive way and helped save the hay, used for the animal's bedding and food, from damage caused by the cold and rain of winter. After a quick lunch break, groups began the construction of two, twenty-four-square-foot goat shelters. Although the plan of the shelter took a prolonged period of time to modify, the actual construction time was remarkable. Each person picked up a hammer and correctly learned how to insert a nail into wood. In a few hours, two shelters were built by the hard work of twenty-five hands.

At the end of the day, it was rewarding for all to see that their efforts made a difference in the lives of many helpless animals. The goats immediately took to their new home and the horses enjoyed an extra helping of alfalfa in their daily meal. More importantly, however, the volunteers themselves were touched by the impact of the spiritual benefits they gained through this experience. Tiffany St. Ives, the founder of The Purple Cow and Friends, expressed her endless appreciation. Ultimately, the young adult generation of Jains proved that they haven't thrown away the values of their parents and continue to burn the fire of Jainism in their hearts.

----- **Saloni Shah** (609-36-2833)

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Building Receipts

Mehta, Ashish-Asha	\$ 25,000
Vasa, Harkishan-Kusum	34,756
Mehta, Mahesh-Usha	
(Corona)	19,000
Vasa, Jiten-Harshida	15,000
Chheda, Vijay-Madhu	10,000
Shah, Harshaad-Raksha	9,000
Agarwal, Banarsi-Vina	5,000
Dharod, Harshad-Chetna	5,000

Building Receipts (Continued)

Kapadia, Ammet-Chheda, Bela	3,000
Shah, Jawahar-Smita For	
Son Viraj's Wedding	501
Daughter Chandni's Athai Tap	501
Gupta, Shailendra-Jayshree	151
Ranavat, Amritlal-Premkata	101
Udani, Vikram-Neeta	101
Building Receipt-Newsletter Ad.	
Modi, Jasvant-Meera	1,600

Membership-Life

Dharod, Harshad-Chetna 251

Jivdaya

Dharod, Harshad-Chetna 200

Mehta, Samir-Jigna 101

General Fund

Mehta, Samir-Jigna 221

Senior Association

Dharod, Harshad-Chetna 200

Note: Contact **Ashok Savla** (626-287-6560) for any corrections.

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HOURS OF OPERATION			
Monday to Friday:		7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	
Saturday and Sunday:		9:30 AM to 8:00 PM	
Public Holidays:		9:30 AM to 9:00 PM	
Swadhyay on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:		8:30 PM to 10:00 PM	
Library Hours:			
Sunday		10:30 AM to 2:00 PM	
On Swadhyay Sunday		12:30 PM to 2:00 PM	



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