

## **COMING TOGETHER ROUND TABLE REPORT**

### **LIST OF COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS: TOPICS that need to be looked into for further discussions and action:**

**Pravasi Bharatiya Divas** - Govt. of India sponsored Commerce Conference in New Delhi for NRIs & PIOs. This conference also had a half-day session on philanthropy by businesses and corporations.

**Jan 2008. Attended by Bomy Boyce, Behram Pastakia, Firdosh Mehta  
For more information contact Behram Pastakia and FEZANA Journal.**

**ParZor Foundation** --Navsari Heritage Protection, Udvada Town development, Children's and other community topics sponsored Books, Heritage Materials in manuscripts, textiles, artifacts, art, poetry, drama, and music etc. preservation.

**Not much support from North American has been forthcoming need more effort.**

**Gene Study Project**-- Genetic Evaluation and research of community members for the understanding of common medical conditions.

**Project underway via AvestaGen and some study undertaken in Austin TX**

**Dastur Meherji Rana Library** --Manuscript Restoration, additional library materials, guest housing for visiting scholars.

**FEZANA participation via sponsoring Malcolm Deboo of ZTFE, more effort needed.**

**K. R. Cama Oriental Institute** -- Manuscript Restoration, building maintenance, additional library materials

**Not much support from North American has been forthcoming need more effort.**

**World Zarathushti Cultural Foundation** -- Archeology, Bone Carbon Dating, Kusti weaving, religious songs and calligraphy, and preservation of Gujarati Language Heritage.

**Good amount of support and recognition offered by FEZANA, need more effort.**

**Zoroastrian Directory.Com, Parsiana Yellow Pages** -- web-based world wide directory of Individuals and Businesses.

**Promoted well within FEZANA, WZCC etc.**

#### **Enhancement Projects In Iran –**

School age students academic fund support,

**ZYNA/FEZANA Funding allocated for local support for needy school children in Iran has been undertaken under the leadership of Rashid Mehin, VP of FEZANA.**

"Amordad" -- the only Govt. approved community News Letter—subscribe.

**Promoted very well within FEZANA, with fund raising support and advertising in other community publications like, JOURNAL, HAMAZOR, PARSIANA, SYNERGYZ, IRAN ZAMIN etc.**

**WZO UK offices have always support many of these activities by supporting FEZANA and also conducting such activities from their good offices directly.**

**Parsi Resource Group** -- Mobed Medical Insurance, Education Support  
**Promoted very well within FEZANA, with fund raising support from NAMC.  
More support not anticipated at this time.**

**Persepolis Fortification Tablets** -- Seminar by ZANT  
**Seminars at ZANT & CZC completed. Detailed report on status of the tablets  
received from Univ. of Chicago. Contact Firdosh Mehta.**

**Religious Infrastructure** -- Restoration of Establishments, Agiyaris, Atash Behrams,  
Dokhmas, Araamghas. Appeal from Delhi Parsi Anjuman, Patel Agiyari Mazagon Mumbai.  
**Delhi Anjuman Araamgah fund raising promoted via FEZANA JOURNAL,  
collected \$ 1,700 + so far.**

**Patel Agyari Mumbai, "Kebla" renovation completed by Mehta Brothers.**

**Contributions (from Bharuch PP, Patel Agyari, WZO of Kebla Materials collected,  
crated, shipped and received by ZANT in Dallas for their upcoming Community  
Center Prayer hall – for more Information contact Firdosh Mehta**

**Other locations being restored and some additional effort needed. Need to  
encourage the community and new BPP in India to follow up; as most  
establishment seeking restoration and upgrade, are in India.  
WSO Trust Funds India and many others have contributed much in this area.**

**Sadhana School For Autistic Students Mumbai** -- Need donations for Teachers  
compensation as it is a high turn around job.  
**Fund raising promoted via FEZANA JOURNAL, collected \$ 1,000 + so far.**

**Farohar Foundation** - Production of Zarathushti Heritage films for TV and CDs  
**Not much support from North American has been forthcoming, need more effort.**

### **Other Community Projects,**

Food Distribution, Hospitals, Schools, children's playgrounds, sports centers, science centers,  
rural community support, etc.

**Navroze Baug Sports Center Appeal: Fund raising promoted via FEZANA  
JOURNAL, collected \$ 1,600 + so far.**

**YOUNG RATHESHTAR's project for food distribution has received sporadic  
support via FEZANA WELFARE Committee**

**Tremendous work towards Rural Gujarat Zarathushti's upliftment is undertaken  
by WZO Trust Funds India (see Dinshaw Tamboly's Report)**

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