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ZANT EVENTS

- 10/2 Mehrgan
- 10/10 Religious Class
- 10/24 ZANT Sports Day

ZOROASTRIAN CALENDAR

- 9/6 - Fravardegan Jashan
- 9/12-16 - Paitishahem Gh (F)
- 9/28-10/2- Maidyozarem Gh
- 10/2 - Jashn-e Mehragan (F)

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Greetings to the Community. This month we had several key events, details of which are included in the newsletter. Thanks to all the community members who volunteered their efforts for the Anand Bazar, Muktaad Prayers, Shenshai New Year celebration and the ongoing fund raising and building activities. As a community, there continue to be areas where we have a need for skilled volunteers. In particular, we would like to reach out to adults and youth in our community that would like to take on the challenge of re-architecting and designing our ZANT web presence. Our web portal needs help - sorely!! Please consider this request and if you can help, contact any of the board members. We would like to convene a few members to own the activities related to our web presence.

We continue to seek assistance with our fundraising and encourage all who are so inclined to meet their pledges or add to their pledges as soon as possible. We are in the final stages of the building completion and your contributions remain critical and sincerely appreciated.

The new board will be soliciting formal feedback on activities and initiatives in the community to assess interest and priority, however in the interim, if there are areas you would like to bring to the board's attention please provide your feedback, and if you are so inclined, we would welcome your input on communication channels that you recommend, or find effective, in receiving community news. You can provide your feedback via an email to president@ZANT.org or directly to any of the board members.

"and to this faith assuredly shall come perfect wisdom of the haichataspan Spitama, the last achievement of Zarathushtra. To have complete confidence in good thoughts, union with righteousness and Mazda, commune with your own soul force and work through the highest intuition of divine wisdom" - Vahishta Ishtish Gatha

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We welcome and encourage feedback from our community. Please send comments or suggestions to president@zant.org or mail to ZANT, P.O. Box 271117, Flower Mound, TX 75027

PAST EVENTS

MUKTAD PRAYERS AND JASHAN

ZANT would like to thank **Anahita and Feroze Sidhwa** for once again opening up their home to ZANT. The ZANT community spent the ten days before Shenshai New Year venerating the fravashis with humbandgi prayers. About twenty to thirty people attended daily and enjoyed the fellowship that comes from praying together amidst the flowers, offering loban and sharing the delicious food. The jashan with Afringan prayers on the day of the Ushtavaity Gatha was also very well-attended and we thank our priests for their prayers with specific mention of over a hundred names. May the blessings of our dear departed ones continue to bless our community

On Sunday, August 15, the **Muktad Jashan** was held at the Sidhwa's home. We would like to thank our Mobeeds: **Poras Balsara, Burzin Balsara, Cyrus Dastoor, and Yezdi Dastoor**. We thank all those from ZANT who participated in the Jashan. Finally, we thank the Sidhwa's for opening up their home to the overflowing crowds who came to share the special afternoon.

ANAND BAZAR

The temperature on August 14 was 105, however, this did not prevent ZANT volunteers from selling falooda at Anand Bazar. We would first like to thank our youth volunteers, **Aurash and Armand Behroozi, Zal Buhariwalla, Afshan Irani and Arish Pardiwalla** for helping lift all the heavy coolers and help set up the stall. Contributing to the sales, preparing the falooda, cooking the sev and for the very generous cash donations.

ZANT thanks: **Pearl, Poras, Farah and Burzin Balsara, Aurash, Armand, Saghar & Autusa Behroozi, Keshvar & Zal Buhariwalla, Nitash Dadyburjor, Firdosi and Niloofer Desai, Boman Godiwalla, Soonu Godiwalla, Farieda & Behram Irani, Cyrus, Mahnaz & Sohrab Irani, Spenta, Delnaaz, Afshan and Anaiza Irani, Khurshid & Jamshed Jamadar, Rubina & Aryana Jamshidi, Yazdi Kharas, Khushrooh, Hutokshi, Anahita and Arish Pardiwalla, Hoshang, Arbez, Zara & Zayne Patel, Dilnawaz and Manijeh Rustomji, Darius, Cyra & Sascha Shroff; & Arnavaz Vakharia,**

We introduced a new item for sale this year - chicken vindaloo sandwich for which we thank **Rakshandeh Dhalla** for cooking all the chicken.

Anand Bazar netted ZANT \$3000.

SHENSHAI NEW YEAR

This past Saturday, the ZANT community celebrated the Shenshai New Year with a party at the Southern Cross Ranch. Although it was quite a drive, it was apparent that it was all worth it the minute anyone walked through the doors to the hall. The spacious room had a great country feel, and was of course, beautifully decorated. The evening had everything from arts and crafts for the young kids, to fun games for all the adults. Close friends and family gathered around some good old Texas barbecue; but only after working up quite a sweat outside paddle boating on the lake. Kali Buhariwalla wowed the crowd as he downed, not one, not two - but THREE fiery hot jalapenos. What a man! And like always, the night ended with good friends dancing the night away. What a great way to welcome the New Year!

*Article by our very own teenage guest writer **Zara Patel***

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEHERGAN

ZANT welcomes one and all to celebrate **Mehergan**

When: Saturday, October 2, 2010

Time: 6:30 pm—9 pm.

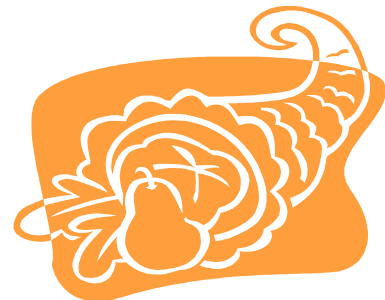
Where: Lewisville Senior Activity Center

1950 S. Valley Parkway

Lewisville, TX 75067

Phone: 972-219-5050

Please plan to get a side or main dish to share and celebrate the occasion with friends and family. ZANT will provide desserts and tea/soft drinks for all. So please come and enjoy the evening with us.



UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED....

ZANT SPORTS DAY

When: October 24, 2010

Time: 10:00 am (sharp)

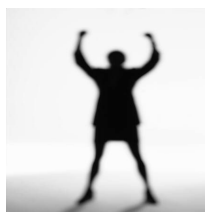
Where: Allen High School Track and Field Stadium

300 Rivercrest Boulevard

Allen, TX 75002

(Corner of Greenville and Rivercrest)

Barjis Ghadially, our Official ZANT Sports Organizer, has a lot of fun events for participants of *ALL AGES*. So put on your best Nikes, Reeboks & come on over! ZANT will provide light & healthy snacks & water to rev up your engines! Feel free to bring your own Sports Drinks &/or any other snack you might wish. Please RSVP by e-mailing Barjis Ghadially by October 21 so we can have an approximate count of participants & age-range to plan the events in advance. Please note activities are being planned for all age groups, so everyone is welcome to participate! Winners will be honored on the same day after each field event. Come cheer on everyone and have a great time.



ZANT COMMUNITY: FRESH IDEAS AND INVOLVEMENT

NEWSLETTER

As the first step to improve the ZANT newsletter, to better serve its purpose of reaching every member of our community, the ZANT board would like to include a section for "[The ZANT Youth](#)". This section will include educational, cultural, religious, and social articles written by our youth (13 years and older).

Secondly, in order to stay connected with Zoroastrians globally we would like to include another section: "[The Review of Zoroastrian Periodicals and Books](#)". The books and periodical can be in English, Farsi, or other languages translated into English. The content can be religious, cultural, historical, educational, and inspirational.

We need the ZANT community's assistance in reaching the above goals. Please contact Saghar Behroozi or any of the board members, if you are interested in volunteering for the youth section or the section on the review of Zoroastrian periodicals and books. We are eager to hear from you even if you are interested in the occasional or one time contribution to the above sections.



ZANT CENTER UPDATE

Please stay tuned in next month's newsletter for ZANT Center update.





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