



ZANT NEWS

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ZANT EVENTS

- 9/04/11: Gardening-front entrance flower bed
- 9/11/11: Children and Teen Religious Class
- 9/11/11: Gen. Body Meeting
- 9/18/11: Z Games
- 10/01/11: Mehregan Celebration
- 10/09/11: Vahu Manah Group
- 10/ 23 /11: Woodworking class
- 10/11: Garage Sale

ZOROASTRIAN CALENDAR

- 8/29-9/2: Maidyozarem Gh [K]
- 9/6: Fravardegan [S]
- 9/12-9/16: Paitishahem Gh [F]
- 9/28-10/2: Maidyozarem Gh [S]

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MESSAGE FROM THE ZANT PRESIDENT

I trust all of you receiving this newsletter find value in it. We would like to encourage your feedback to us via the ZANT website on the contents of the newsletter as well as opinions on areas of ZANT community focus from your perspective.

The fruits of having a center are being evidenced. I am truly pleased with increased volunteerism and leadership being displayed by our community. We have folks willing to lead different groups and initiatives in the community, clubs, education, etc. Your volunteerism and participation will strengthen the community for the benefit of our children.

The ZANT furnishing committee that has taken on the task of assessing furnishing donations to the center has been formed and convened. Contact with donors will occur as the committee progresses.

A very able group of our community has worked diligently on our center "Operations Policies" and we encourage your participation at the September 11th General Body Meeting to vote on it. We look forward to your continued constructive feedback and participation as we grow the opportunities for the community.

Wishing all of you a cool September!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHILDREN & TEEN RELIGIOUS CLASS

When: Sunday September 11, 2011

Time: 11:30 am

Where: ZANT Center

The September religious class will be on Sunday September 11, 2011 at 11:30am.

Children, please remember to bring your folders and caps/scarves to each religious class. We will begin each religious class with prayers in the Prayer Room at 11:30. Please come by **11:15 am** so you can sign-in your kids' names on a sheet that will be there, for *Tan Dorosti* prayers. For further details, please contact **Pearl P. Balsara**.

CHILDREN & YOUTH ART/CRAFT CLASS

When: Sunday October 9, 2011

Time: 1:30 pm

Where: ZANT Center

Due to community interest and request the Art/Craft Class will continue to be held once a month on a consistent basis after the Children & Teen Religious class. Kids of all ages and adults are welcome to join. There will be a fee to cover the cost of the supplies. **RSVP is required to assure we have enough materials for all the participants.** For questions and to RSVP please contact **Dilnawaz Rustomji**.

ZANT GENERAL BODY MEETING

When: Sunday September 11, 2011

Time: 1:30 pm

Where: ZANT Center

ZANT Board would like to invite all the community member to attend a very important General Body meeting on September 11th at 1:30 pm after the religious class at ZANT Center. We look forward to seeing all of you.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Approve the minutes of last General Body Meeting
2. Review and vote on the "Operating Policies and Guidelines for ZANT center".
3. Provide the community with feedback for the future plan of the board: from the board to the community.
4. Review volunteer opportunities
5. From the ZANT community to the board: providing the board with feedback



GARDENING—PLANTING FLOWERS AT ZANT CENTER

When: Sunday September 4, 2011

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Where: ZANT Center

Calling all ZANT members and friends to volunteer!

While getting sweaty and dirty, we will joke, enjoy music, develop camaraderie & beautify our center. We will be planting flowers at our Center's front entrance.

Please bring with you garden gloves & hand trowel (small spade). If you are coming, please RSVP via e-mail. **Ice cream treats at the end!**

WOODWORKING CLASS

When: Sunday October 23, 2011 (tentative)

Please come and join us for an informative and fun woodworking class at the ZANT center taught by Pheroza Tengra. For more information, please contact **Saghar Behroozi**.

ZANT GARAGE SALE

When: October 2011

ZANT is planning a community garage sale in October. Please save your yard sale items for this fundraising event. More information will follow in the October newsletter. For questions, please contact **Keshvar Buhariwalla**.

UPCOMING EVENTS (CON'T)

Z GAMES

When: Sunday September 18, 2011

Time : 11 am - 4 pm

Where: ZANT Center

Age : No bar

Cost : Members & Kids - \$ 7; Non-Members - \$15
(for food & game supplies)

RSVP : By Sept 11, 2011

Are you ready for some fun? Are you ready to help your Team win? ZANT has several games lined-up for a day of FFF (Fun, Friends & Food) We are looking for participants in all age groups.....Our plan is to have several teams. Each team will have participants from various age-groups. Team members will compete in games for their resp. age-groups & earn points for their Team. In order for us to prepare & have adequate supplies for games for all participating age-groups, it is very important that you RSVP ASAP to ***Pearl by September 11, 2011.***

MEHREGAN CELEBRATION

When: Saturday October 1, 2011

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: ZANT Center

Please plan to get a side or main dish to share and celebrate Mehregan with friends and family. ZANT will provide desserts and tea/soft drinks for all. So please come and enjoy the evening with us. ***No RSVP required.***

For more information, please contact ***Delnaaz Irani.***

VAHU MANAH GROUP

Date : Sunday October 9, 2011

Time: 1:30 pm at ZANT Center

“Vohu Manah” means the good mind, it is also known as Bahman. Vohu Manah represents good thinking and is an important element of Zoroastrianism. Now that our ZANT Center is available, we want to start regular meetings to nourish our minds. The first meeting will be on Sunday Oct 9, 2011 after the children's religious class. Stay tuned for details in the October ZANT News. If you have ideas for topics, speakers, etc., please call ***Anahita Sidhwa.***

HOUSTON YOUTH CAMP

Date : September 3-4, 2011

Where: Zarathushti Heritage and cultural center of Houston

8787 Belfort Ave.

Houston, TX

The Zoroastrian Association of Houston is hosing a “Lock in” Youth Camp during Labor Day weekend. The majority of the participants are 13 year and older. Children ages 10-12 are welcome to attend.

The camp will start on Saturday at 2 pm and end on Sunday at 1pm. The program will include multiple religious educational sessions and discussions in addition for some free time. For further information, please contact ***Delnaaz Irani.***

ZANT LADIES CLUB (ZLC)

When: Sunday September 25, 2011

Time: 2-4 pm

Where: ZANT Center

ZLC meets on the last Sunday of every month - All ZANT ladies are welcome!

Approximately 25 ladies enjoyed the July BUNCO and pot luck event. Farzeen Cama was crowned the BUNCO queen.



This month's ZLC program, on September 25th, is Mexican Fiesta organized by Pearl Balsara, Rakshi Dhalla & Roya Bidanjiry.

October 30th, 2011 - Wine Tasting.

November 20th, 2011 - Cookie cutting, decorating and baking.

December 10th, 2011 - Dinner and Concert or Broadway Show (to be decided)

All ZANT Ladies who would like to receive an **evite invitation** for all current and future ZLC events please e-mail your request to ***Mary Tengra and/or Nina DiLucci.***

ZANT PAST EVENTS

Mukhtad Prayers: By the grace of Ahura Mazda, ZANT commemorated the ten days of mukhtad with prayers and traditional offerings in our ZANT Center for the first time this year. Every evening about twenty five to thirty adults and children participated in the humbandgi prayers, amidst the tables laden with flowers, and the aroma of sandalwood and loban from the fire in the afargaan. After reciting the mukhtad no namaskar and other appropriate prayers collectively, we spent a few minutes in individual prayer and ended each evening by sharing the "satoom-nu-bhonu" (meal for the fravashis). We sincerely thank our mobeds, Ervad Poras Balsara and Ervad Yazdi Dastur for leading our prayers. And the following members and their families made the dishes for dinner, which were much appreciated by all: Soonu Godiwalla (shrimp curry-rice), Nina Kalianivala (shepherd's pie), Keshvar Buhariwalla (masoor ma gos), Neenaz Dilucci (okra), Delnaaz Irani (potatoes), Kashmira Mistry (chicken rus chawal), Pearl Balsara (khari murghi), Anahita Sidhwa (chicken louisiane), Arnavaz Vakharia (eggplant veggies), Pouroo Dastur (roasted veggies), Mani Mullick (chicken dhansak), Charlotte Kharas (chicken curry rice), Nashita Dastoor (pies), Shernaz Mohanty (koprapak), Bakhtavar Roshanravan (sweet yogurt), Zenobia Dadyburjor (baked custard) and Daraius Commissariat (samosas/fried chicken). Thanks to all those who brought chasni (daily offerings) during the prayers. We also thank Kali and Keshvar Buhariwalla for ensuring our spent flowers were properly disposed of in their compost bin. Special thanks to Anahita Sidhwa for organizing and planning the Mukhtad prayers.

On Sunday August, 14 there was excellent attendance for the Jashan performed with devotion by Ervads Poras Balsara, Burzin Balsara, and Yazdi Dastur. On Friday August, 19 we celebrated another first with a Maachi ceremony for the new year, conducted by Ervad Poras Balsara. And to usher in the new year there was our Arnavaz Vakharia's delicious dhandar, patio, vegetables, and bread pudding with whiskey sauce! Thank you Arnavaz & Adi Vakharia for your contributions and supporting ZANT. It is the willingness of our mobeds and the community members whose labors of love make it possible for us to keep our traditions alive. We thank everyone for attending, and helping with the cleanup.

Shenshai New Year: By Guest Author Anahita Pardiwalla

It's yet another time to strap on those dancing shoes and dance the night away to the beat of our Shenshai New Year. ZANT held its annual Shenshai New Year Gala Saturday, August 20th at the Holiday Inn & Suites at LBJ and Preston Road. The evening began like every other, the fancy meetings and lemonade runs. But, this New Year was a little special: ZANT has exposed its hidden talents. Kids young and old have talents some of us wouldn't even guess. There were numerous musical and dance numbers showcased. Some danced to soft ballet, whereas some sung pop culture songs. All the kids were brilliant in their own talent and enjoyed performing them for family and friends. But these mentioned are only a few of all the brilliant talents showcased. Of course the kids were famished after performing, so Saffron House delighted us with wonderful catering. What is a party without a little competition? It was adult showcase time now. Ladies vs. Gents in full on karaoke! Great hits like "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" and "Tequila" were sung. Of course, ladies leave victorious! The DJ pumps the speakers up as music and dance begins! With a fusion mix of Bollywood and Hollywood, the family of ZANT begins the New Year just right

Anand Bazar: On August 13, ZANT volunteers were at Grand Prairie participating at Anand Bazar by selling our famous falooda. ZANT raised approximately \$1500. Thanks to the generosity of Farieda and Behram Irani, Ardeshir and Sohrab Mistry and Mahanaz and Cyrus Irani some of the booth and supplies costs were defrayed.

A big thank you to our set up and clean up crew and volunteers who sold falooda till late at night. Thank you Pearl, Poras and Farah Balsara, Saghar Behroozi, Keshvar Buhariwalla, Spenta, Delnaaz and Afshan Irani, Mahnaz, Cyrus and Sohrab Irani, Jamshed and Khurshid Jamadar, Nina and Zarir Kalianivala, Shernaz and Ahneesh Mohanty, Hutokshi, Anahita and Arish Pardiwalla and Anahita and Feroz Sidhwa.

ZLC Herb Garden: On August 19th the ZANT ladies club (ZLC) laid the foundation for the above ground herb garden. The first step in preparing an "above the ground herb garden" is to destroy all the grass and seeds in the area the box will be placed. We do this to minimize the weeds and grass from growing into the herb garden box area in the future. Therefore, we laid the foundation by carrying out the following tasks: We first measured the area, we then poured vinegar on and around the area (organic method), laid thick dark plastic bags on top of the area (prevents light from reaching the existing plants), and weighed the plastic down with bricks. The second step will be carried out on September 4th. Read about this in our next newsletter. We would like to thank the following children for helping us carry the bricks to the site: Kyra (new in town), Ava Mistry, Zaal Buhariwalla, Hormuz Buhariwalla, Afshan Irani, and Anaiza Irani.

ZANT COMMUNICATION

ZANT board communicates with you via three routes:

1. *ZANT monthly newsletter*: we have a newsletter team in place as follows:

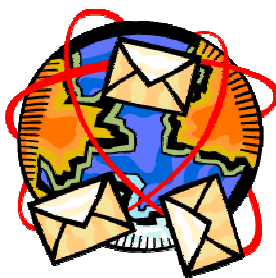
Coordinator: Saghar Behroozi, **Editor in chiefs:** Delna Godiwalla & Keshvar Buhariwalla, **Content/format/final Editors:** Rama Kaviani, Boman Godiwalla, Manuchehr Samiya, Roya Kaviani, Pearl Balsara, **Translator (Farsi to English):** Roya Kaviani, **Update & maintenance of email addresses for newsletter:** Saghar Behroozi, **Hardcopy printing and distribution:** Afsaneh Samiya, **Update & maintenance of hardcopy address list:** Afsaneh Samiya

Please note the following: All write ups and articles should be received by the 20th day of each month to be included in the next month's newsletter. All the articles need to be religious, cultural and historical related with references and name of the author. All the articles will be edited by at least 2 editors and have to approved by the board before printing.

2. *ZANT E-News*: **Coordinator:** Saghar Behroozi, **Editor in chief:** Delna Godiwalla & Keshvar Buhariwalla, **Hard copy E-news Coordinator:** Afsaneh Samiya, **Phone tree team for the E-News:** trained youth and teens.
 3. *ZANT website*: **Website Manager:** Eric Engineer, **Website design:** Poras Balsara. We need a volunteer to update and maintain event calendar on the ZANT website. All the necessary training will be provided.
- For **email** update or newsletter matters please contact Saghar Behroozi.
 - For **new address and phone updates**, please contact Afsaneh Samiya.

You can communicate with ZANT via the following routes:

1. You can send your comments, feedback, ideas to ZANT Communication Representative, Boman Godiwalla. All comments will be acknowledged and sent to the ZANT board for review. You will receive a response in 5-7 days or earlier.
 2. Contact ZANT board via ZANT website.
 3. Mail your comments to ZANT P.O. Box 271117, Flower Mound, TX 75027. **ZANT Post office box mail collectors:** Saghar Behroozi, Keshvar Buhariwalla (alternative).
 4. Attend our board meeting to share you thoughts and comments. Please call ZANT secretary in advance for exact date of the next board meeting. In addition, any ZANT member can request to receive a copy of the board meeting minutes.
 5. General Body Meeting: your presence in GBM is very important. This is a unique opportunity for collective communication, brainstorming and sharing of knowledge in person.
- Presently, ZANT has an operating phone number. However, phone calls will be answered only when an event is being held or when someone is present at the center. There is no voice mail or answering machine available.



THE EXISTING SUBCOMMITTEES

All the ZANT Subcommittees have been appointed by the ZANT Board in accordance with ZANT Bylaws, section 4.10.

ZANT Building Subcommittee: **Chairperson:** Jamshed Rivetna, **Subcommittee Members:** Jamshed Jamadar, Spenta Irani, Kali Buhariwalla, Kamran Behroozi, Darius Shroff, Karl Mistry, **Purpose:** Complete phase I and II of ZANT building according to the proposed plan.

ZANT Fundraising Subcommittee: **Chairperson:** Behram Irani, **Subcommittee Members:** Pearl Balsara, Kali and Keshvar Buhariwalla, Kamran Behroozi, Farieda Irani, Anahita Sidhwa, Firdosh Mehta, **Purpose:** Raise funds for phase I and II of ZANT center.

ZANT Building Maintenance Subcommittee: **Co-chairpersons:** Jamshed Jamadar & Feroze Sidhwa, **Subcommittee Members:** Adi Vakharia, Zarir Kalianivala, **Purpose:** Manage the daily maintenance of the ZANT building and property based on policies mentioned in ZANT Maintenance and Operation Fund (ZOMF).

ZANT Operating Rules and Guidelines Subcommittee: **Chairperson:** Delnaaz Irani, **Subcommittee Members:** Anahita Sidhwa, Spenta Irani, Kali and Keshvar Buhariwalla, Charlotte Kharas, Kamran Behroozi, & Sherazade Mehta, Arbez Patel. **Purpose:** Prepare guidelines and policies for everyday use of the ZANT Center.

ZANT Furnishing Subcommittee: **Chairperson:** to be decided, **Subcommittee Members:** Anahita Sidhwa, Farieda Irani, Arbez Patel, Hoshang Patel, Zal Parakh, Dilnavaz Rutomji, **Purpose:** Take care of the interior furnishing of the ZANT building.

ZANT Hospitality Subcommittee: This committee will be categorized under ZANT Community Support Committee.

ZANT Community Support Subcommittee: **Chairperson:** Farzeen Cama, **Subcommittee Members:** To be announced. **Purpose:** provide community support in the case of family emergency and at different levels of social work.

ZANT Education Subcommittee: **Chairperson:** Anahita Sidhwa, **Subcommittee Members:** Poras Balsara, Nina Kalianivala, Charlotte Kharas, Saghar Behroozi, **Purpose:** organize educational lectures, workshops, review books, write articles, do research within religious/cultural/historical domain of our religion.

ZANT Opening Ceremony Subcommittee: **Co-Chairpersons:** Farieda Irani and Arbez Patel, **Subcommittee Members:** Saghar Behroozi, Ruth Dinaz Sarkari, Anahita Sidhwa, Sherazade Mehta, Nina Kalianivala, Kashmiri Mistry, Dilnavaz Rustomji, Delnaaz Irani, Karin Nayar, Cyra Shroff, **Purpose:** organize and plan ZANT Opening Ceremony on May 7, 2011. The final report of this committee is included in this newsletter. This committee met its goals and will end its function effective September 1, 2011.

THE EXISTING CLUBS AND ACTIVITY GROUPS

All the clubs were initiated by our community members and serve to unite, build networking & teamwork, and increase socialization based on our members' interests.

ZANT Ladies Club (ZLC): **Co-chairpersons:** Nina Dillucci & Mary Tengra, **Members:** All ZANT ladies per their request, **Purpose:** Organize fun and social activities for ZANT ladies build stronger network of members.

ZANT Senior club: **Chairperson** to be decided, **Members:** All ZANT seniors, **Purpose:** organize social activities for the senior members of our community (70 years and older).

ZANT Hiking Group (ZHG): **Chairperson:** Mary Tengra, **Purpose:** organize several hiking events per year.

ABOUT ZANT BOARD

The ZANT board is the decision making body on behalf of the community. Your participation and feedback is very important to the board to help align initiatives and activities best suited to the needs and desires of the community. The ZANT board is also responsible for organizing and planning the core events and functions of our association. These events and functions are: adult/youth/children religious classes, religious ceremonies (Gahanbars/Gahambars), Mukhtad Prayers, cultural events (Nouruz, Tirgan, Shenshahi New Year, Khadmi New Year, Mehregan, Dar-gozashte Ashu Zarthust /Zartusht-no Diso, Yalda, Sadeh), and annual social events (Z- Day, Sports event, youth camps, and annual camping trip).

ZANT board is presently in the process of developing a framework with a structured approach to defining the charter for each committee & club, and roles, responsibilities and expectations of volunteers. In addition, we are developing a communication system within ZANT to improve the efficiency of communications within the various volunteer groups and the community. We are working on a volunteer Guide to help with a consistent process for identifying, communicating and providing volunteer opportunities for all the community members.

WZCC-NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER

WZCC was launched in December 2000 as part of the legacy project of the Seventh World Zoroastrian Congress in Houston. The organization was founded to facilitate, encourage and promote entrepreneurship and professional development amongst Zoroastrians. Over the past 11 years, the WZCC has grown to over 1000 members spread across 25 chapters worldwide.

WZCC North Texas Chapter: With ZANT's support, in 2012, the North Texas Chapter will strive to: 1. Provide regular events / programming on topics such as entrepreneurship, professional networking, career development, investing, retirement planning, etc, 2. Run a "Youth Career Connect" mentorship program – connecting youth with career mentors from the community, 3. Send delegations to other local entrepreneurs networking organizations / events – such as TiE, South Asian Chamber of Commerce, etc, 4. Add additional career/professional information to the ZANT directory – making it easier for people to network professionally.

To get involved with WZCC and for more information, please contact Eric Engineer.

OPENING CEREMONY COMMITTEE-FINAL REPORT

We are fortunate that the two leading Zoroastrian magazines with a circulation reaching the largest number of Zoroastrians in North America and the World are publishing articles showcasing the Opening of our ZANT Center in Flower Mound. FEZANA has featured our Center Opening inauguration and gala event article written by Keshvar Buhariwalla in its June 2011 issue and Parsiana magazine is going to feature our ZANT Center on its front cover on their September 7, 2011 issue. Anahita Sidhwa is the author of the article which will appear in Parsiana. The Opening Committee would like to thank Keshvar and Anahita for all their hard work in penning these articles on our behalf.

The Opening Ceremonies DVD/CD combo sales have been brisk. We would like to thank Vispy and Ruth Dinaz Sarkari for making the DVD/CD combo sets for us to sell. Our thanks also to all of you who participated in this fundraiser. Your participation has enabled the Opening Ceremonies Committee to add \$100.00 to the ZANT coffers. All expenses relating to the Opening Ceremonies have been covered entirely by private donations and the DVD /CD fundraiser. We have used 0 \$ amount of the \$5000 that was allotted to us by the general membership and ZANT Board for the Opening Ceremonies. So thank you once again to all our generous donors and participants in the fundraiser. We could not have pulled this off without your financial support.

We have a few copies of the DVD/CD still left to sell. Interested parties please contact Farieda Irani.

ZANT thanks all the Opening Ceremony Committee members: Ruth Dinaz Sarkari, Cyra Shroff, Karin Nayar, Anahita Sidhwa, Sherazade Mehta, Nina Kalianivala, Kashmira Mistry, Dilnavaz Rustomji, Delnaaz Irani, & Saghar Behroozi for their hard work and excellent planning of the Opening Ceremony on May 7th. Special thanks to the committee co-chairs, Farieda Irani and Arbez Patel.

VOLUNTEERS-WE APPRECIATE EVERY ONE OF YOU

We would like to take this opportunity and thank all of our present and past volunteers in every capacity, for their time, services and dedication to our ZANT community.

Please volunteer your time, skills and services to ZANT by joining the existing committees and clubs or volunteer for single events.

To volunteer, please contact Ruth Dinaz Sarkari .

YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US

ZANT plans to set up a process to facilitate community feedback at least twice a year. In addition, there will be an evaluation form after events such as lectures, seminars and camps. Finally, you can send your feedbacks and comments at any time to Boman Godiwalla, current ZANT Communication Representative. Please make sure to include your name to allow us to consider and respond to your comments.

The First ZANT Youth/children camp was held on July 18-22, 2011. We have received the following comments from the parents and participants:

Parents' Comments: We received feedback from 5 parents: this was a very fun camp, we need to divide up the age group to be able to make the activities more age appropriate, the camp should follow the proposed camp schedule very closely and as originally proposed, we should make the pre-camp parent meeting mandatory, children should be dropped off at the camp without the parents present during the camp to allow children develop independence and minimize interference, this was a great camp and we need to organize more youth/children programs so our children get to know each other better and develop a strong friendship, there should be more prize for second and third places during the competitions, children should not do any work or labor during the camp, & so much time and effort was dedicated to this camp.

Participants' Comments: We received feedback from 5 participants: I enjoyed the camp especially the sleepover, the camp can be improved by including more older kids, I think ZANT should continue the camp every year, I enjoyed the sleepover and night games, we should not have had to pack so much stuff, ZANT can improve the camp by making it more fun stuff rather doing hard work, I liked the camp because I got to see my friends again and got to listen to what they have to say about important subjects, ZANT volunteers interfered too much (example: during fashion show, volunteers told us what to do instead of letting us use our own ideas), I had fun playing "hide in go seek tag", I liked crazy journey, sleep over, bases C follow the rope blind folded, we need more crafts, I enjoyed the camp but I had played most of the games with Daddy before.

Based on your comments, ZANT will attempt to take the following steps to improve the future camps: 1. schedule a mandatory meeting with parents before the camp, explain the details of the program, sign the necessary form and answer questions, 2. Depending on the original plan, ask parents to drop off and pick up the participants, 3. Educate the volunteers not to interfere with the learning process of the children, 4. Plan for more age specific activities, 5. Camp program should be followed closely, 6. Parents should be informed and agree to any deviation from the original camp schedule, 7. Include new activities in the camp, 8. Establish a clear communication system with parents during the camp, & 9. Encourage more children and youth to participate in the camps.

PAST EVENTS-ARTS & CRAFTS CLASS

At the last arts and sewing class, the teens and tweens continued on their cross stitch and diagonal stitch projects for the better part of the class. Most of them thought they would finish before school started and are looking forward to showcase their finished work at the upcoming religious class before they start on the next one. For the rest of the class, they tried their hand at acrylic paints and put their artistic touches on the mini flower, bug, truck and castle molds. And finally there were some funky wooden rulers that were colored in with markers and decorated with sparkles. What a fun and rewarding way to spend a quiet Saturday summer afternoon indoors.

YOUTH CORNER

Report from Fifth World Youth Congress: By Armand Behroozi

What's up people of ZANT!!!!!! I'm one of the lucky Zoroastrians who was able to attend the 2011 World Youth Congress in Vancouver. There were 6 of us who attended: Me, Aurash, Afshan, Farah, Rustom, Zara and Nereus who is no longer with us but in New Mexico. And I will have to admit, we had the time of our lives!

We attended practically every single one of the informative speeches and were at all of the events afterwards at night including the Grouse Mountain, beach night, and the Cruise where we danced the night away and had a perfect view of the Canada Day Fireworks. That night especially was magical.

I met a ton of new people, most of them from Houston and I will have to admit, we get along pretty well and party hard!!! And I would like to say that I appreciate the efforts by my mom and Sarosh Collector, who chaperoned the 30 youth participants from Houston. Sarosh has also organized a youth camp to get Dallas and Houston youth together even the congress is over.

To anyone whose children are old enough to attend next youth congress, I strongly encourage you to send them. It is both educational and a blast!! And probably one of the greatest experiences I've had in my entire life.

Houston Youth Camp:

Zoroastrian Association of Houston is hosting a youth camp on September 3-4, 2011 at Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center of Houston. For further detail, please refer to the page 3 of this newsletter. For questions and RSVP, please contact Delnaaz Irani.

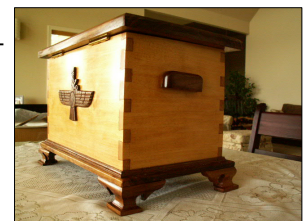
ZANT WOODWORKING ARTIST

Our ZANT community has many individuals with hidden talents and one of these talents lies in the hands of Pheroz Tengra, who designed and constructed the donor box for our Zoroastrian Center of North Texas prayer room. If you have been inside the prayer room recently, you will notice a beautifully hand crafted box with a carved Faravahar in the front. This box was completed by Pheroz way before the Center was even completed. The simplest of statements was made, 'we are going to need a donation box for our prayer room once the Center is complete.' Nothing more was required, Pheroz took it upon himself to painstakingly design the box, which included a drawing done in Google sketch up, and commence with the construction.

Mary Tengra made sure she was part of the process too, by ensuring details like a 4 X 6 envelope must be able to fit into the box without folding, were adhered to by her dear husband. Pheroz chose Black Walnut for the top and bottom pieces and the sides are made out of hardwood Maple. This combination allowed the best color contrast. Pheroze has used woodworking techniques that ensure the best look for the box as well as ensuring that there are no joints on the top and bottom pieces. The feet style is called Roman Oge, a technique picked up by reading furniture books.

The very technically tricky job of installing a lock into this box without most noticing its existence was done with the patience and skill of a seasoned craftsman, which as you can tell by the final product, is exactly what Pheroz Tengra is, a true craftsman. The Faravahar was cut on a scroll saw and the curving details were done by hand chisel and wood rasps, tools that require precision and patience.

A special thanks to Pheroz Tengra for donating this beautiful hand crafted donation box to ZANT, we truly appreciate your hand made masterpiece.





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Keep this stub
for your records.

To: ZANT

Check # _____

Date _____

Amount \$ _____

Please detach and return this side
with your contribution payable to:
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