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ZANT Upcoming Events

- Aug 4-6: ZAH Youth Camp in Houston
- Aug 5: RSVP Deadline for Muktag Jashan
- Aug 10: RSVP Deadline for Sh NY Dinner at ZANT
- Aug 12: RSVP Deadline for Sh NY Function
- Aug 12: Anand Bazar Mela
- Aug 12-16: Shenhai Muktag Prayers
- Aug 13: Muktag Jashan
- Aug 17: Shenhai New Year day at ZANT Center
- Aug 19: Shenhai New Year Celebration
- Aug 20: Signed Bylaw amendment proposals due to the Board
- Sept 10: Children’s Religion Class and Vohu Manah group
- Oct 7: Jashn-e Mehrgan
- Oct. 8: Children’s Religion Class and Vohu Manah group
- Oct 15: GBM to vote on Bylaw amendments

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1605 Lopo Road
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We welcome and encourage feedback from our community. Please send comments or suggestions to president.zant@gmail.com or mail to ZANT, 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028-1306
Majaah Karvaa Aavoji
(Come & Have Fun)

2017 Shenshai Navroze (New Year)

August 19, 2017, 6:30pm – 12:00am at Four Points by Sheraton DFW Airport North
1580 Point West Blvd. Coppell, Texas 75019
(469) 702-6311

6:30pm-7:00pm – Meet and Greet
7:00pm-8:00pm – Entertaining dances & Parsi Natak “Popatwalla na Parosi”
8:00pm-9:30pm – Dinner
9:30pm onwards – Dessert, tea, coffee, & dance the night away with *Live Band!!

*Live Band – Featuring The Z Band with talented musicians and singers performing a good mix of Western and Hindi songs, accompanied by DJ Gary. Enjoy popular songs from a variety of music genres! Together they guarantee to make it a fun evening for all ages!

Dinner Menu

Cash Bar (no credit cards).

Please indicate veg/non-veg and submit this form with check. Late fee of $10/person after August 12, 2017.

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Mail form and check to:
ZANT Center
1605 Lopo Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028
MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Dear Friends,

ZANT wishes all its Kadmi members a Very Happy & Prosperous New Year!
May everyday of the new year glow with new cheer & happiness for you & your family!

SHENSHAI MUKTAD PRAYERS

Muktid prayers will be held during the Gatha days from August 12 to August 16, 2017 to venerate the Fravashis of our dear ones. A table with fresh flowers will be set up in the prayer room with offerings of food, and we will recite a few short verses and their translations, to welcome the fravashis.
This is an opportunity to remember our ancestors, give thanks for the gifts we have received and renew our commitment to lead a good life. Please bring fresh flowers and your “satum” (food) offering for the table. Pot-luck dinner will be served at the end of the evening prayers.

If you can volunteer for the main dish, please call Anahita Sidhwa at 972-462-1553.
Timings are as follows:

Saturday, August 12 … 11:00am
Sunday, August 13 … 4:30pm
Mon. Aug. 14—Wed. Aug. 16. 7:00pm
**MUKTAD JASHAN AND DINNER**

ZANT will have its Annual Jashan for the Departed (Farvardegan Jashan) on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 4:30 pm. If you wish to have the names of your departed loved ones mentioned in the Jashan prayers, please e-mail the same to Poras T. Balsara at pbalsara@gmail.com. Alternatively, fill-in the form on next page & email to Poras. The Jashan is being sponsored by Anonymous Members.

If you’d like to stay for dinner of “Mutton/Veg. Curry-n-Rice” followed by dessert, after the Jashan, below are the dues.

Please make the check to “ZANT” & send it to “ZANT Center, 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028”

- Members (children 4yr & older) $ 7
- Members (10yr & older) $ 10
- Non-members $ 15

RSVP pbalsara@gmail.com by **Saturday, August 5, 2017**

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**SHENSHAI NEW YEAR DAY AT ZANT CENTER**

Thursday, August 17, 2016 is Hormuzd Roj and Farvardin Mah according to the Shenshai calendar.

We will celebrate at the ZANT Center with “bori” prayers by our priests, followed by a dinner of “Dhun-Daar-Patio (shrimp/veg)” and kulfì.

Prayers will commence at 7:00pm, followed by dinner at 8:00pm

- Members (children 4yr & older) $ 7
- Members (10yr & older) $ 10
- Non-members $ 15

RSVP pbalsara@gmail.com by **Thursday, August 10, 2017**

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**ANAND BAZAR MELA FUNDRAISER**

Date: August 12, 2017

Place & Time: Lone Star Park, Grand Prairie at 6pm

Once again its time to sell Falooda at this year’s Anand Bazar!

Anand Bazar is one of our biggest fundraisers and all proceeds go towards paying for various activities and events for ZANT community members.

Costs for this event includes booth rental and supplies. In the past this event has been subsidized by our ZANT family donations. We look forward to your continued support and generosity.

We also need volunteers to make and serve falooda. It’s fun and the food is always delicious.

Contact Khurshid Jamadar at jjjamadar@verizon.net for information and volunteering opportunities.

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**ZANT DIRECTORY UPDATES**

We will be having members cast their votes for the proposed by-laws in October. For this, ballots need to be mailed out to the members. Please let us know if there has been a change in address, telephone numbers and email addresses so we can keep our record current & get your ballots to you. Please send all updates to Anahita Kyani at anahita_kyani@yahoo.com
**Muktad Names**

This year our priests will perform the *Muktad Jashan on Sunday, August 13, 2017* at 4:30 p.m. If you wish to submit the names of your dear departed family members and friends for inclusion in the Afringan Prayers, please complete and email the following form to Poras T. Balsara (ptbalsara@gmail.com) by *August 12, 2017*.

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*(Please use additional sheets for more names.)*

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The names of the deceased are always recited together with their father/husband’s name along with their status, i.e. Ervad, Osta, Osti, Behdin or Khurd, as per Zarthushti custom. No Surnames are recited in the prayers.

- **E** = Ervad (male who is /was a Navar/priest)
- **O** = Osta (male from Athornan, or priestly family but not a Navar)
- **Oi** = Osti (female from Athornan family)
- **B** = Behdin (male/female from Behdin, or non-priestly family)
- **K** = Khurd (child whose Navjote has not been performed)
TREASURER’S CORNER

The donations and balances listed below are accurate as of June 30, 2017.

Fundraiser

Children’s Festival Book (Feb. 2016 to May 2017): $6,505.57

Donations

Celia & Adi Gazdar $150
Delnaaz and Spenta Irani $600/-(part pledge)
Monaz and Hormuz Karkaria $1000/-(gahambar)
Karl Mistry $75
Ruth-Dinaz and Vispy Sarkari $25

New Members

Celia & Adi Gazdar

ZAH-ZANT SUMMER CAMP IN HOUSTON

We are glad to announce a ZANT-ZAH Summer Camp in Houston from Friday, August 4th evening to Sunday, August 6th. The camp will be held at the Zarthushti Heritage and Cultural Center in Houston for our youth between 13 -18 years (if you are between 19-25 and want to join please let us know so we can plan something for your group if there are a good number of interested young adults). It will be a fun filled, packed program for two days with all the meals and will follow their strict policy of NO CELLPHONES/ELECTRONICS & NO SODA!

There may be a nominal fee and registration required. If you are interested to attend the camp and make new friends and have blast this summer please RSVP to Delnaaz Irani 972-398-8673 or delo.irani@sbcglobal.net by July 10th. We will directly give more group information to all the youth that RSVP. Looking forward to have all our ZANT youth make wonderful friends and priceless memories with our Houston youth.

INFORMATION ON FUNERAL SERVICES FOR ZANT MEMBERS

A few months ago a few ZANT members requested that the Board look into the availability of funerary services in the Flower Mound / Lewisville area close to the center and on the recommendation of a member ZANT visited the Flower Mound Family Funeral Home and obtained information that may be important to some. The funeral home provides crematory as well as burial services at very reasonable rates and is being used by other Indian organizations.

If any member would like further details please contact ZANT board members.
FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

FEZANA is happy to announce that the application cycle for the FEZANA scholarships for 2017 is open. FEZANA offers the following Scholarships:

**Academic Scholarships**
- Mehraban and Morvorid Kheradi Endowment Scholarship for Academic Excellence
- FEZANA 25th Anniversary Endowment Scholarship For Academic Excellence
- Morvarid Guiv Endowment Scholarships
- Purvez and Aban Rustomji Endowment Scholarship
- Banoobai and Maneckshaw Kapadia Endowment Scholarship for Financial Assistance
- Dr Minocher Rustom Vesuna & Dowlat Minocher Vesuna WZO Canada Endowed Scholarships
- Sheroo Darabsha Kolsawala Endowed Scholarship

**Performing and Creative Arts Scholarship**
The FEZANA Performing and Creative Arts Scholarship (P&CAS) provides financial support to Zarathustis who are performing artists in music, drama, etc. or practice other creative art forms like literature, poetry, fine arts, sculpture, painting, etc. e Excellence in Sports

**Excellence in Sports Scholarship**
The Excellence in Sports Scholarship is to provide financial support to young Zarthushtis who are performing exceptionally and at highly recognized levels in any sport.

For eligibility criteria and application details please visit [https://fezana.org/scholarships/](https://fezana.org/scholarships/)
FEZANA Request

Critical Assistance Special Appeal

FEZANA has received an appeal for Rustom Mavalvala, 59 years of age, who has been diagnosed with acute Stage 4 Cancer of the Colon and Liver in July 2016.

At this stage, the total budget that the family are looking at is approx. US$ 200,000.

The treatment so far has entailed a cost of approximately Rs. 1 Crore which was funded partially by his employer, Pakistan State Oil Company Limited and Rustom and his wife Spenta’s personal savings which are now substantially depleted. This is an extremely worrying time for the family as Rustom approaches retirement at the end of this year and his wife is due to retire in the next few years. Additionally, both their daughters are yet to complete their post-graduation degrees (MBA/Masters in Architecture).

The family has appealed for financial aid to save Rustom’s life.

Seventeen chemo-therapies later, Rustom is now ready for the two surgeries as recommended by Dr. Tariq Siddiqui (an eminent Hematologist and Oncologist serving as the Director of the Cancer Centre at the Dr. Ziauddin Hospital in Karachi) in correspondence with foreign doctors. Rustom’s surgery will involve merging technical components of both transplantation and oncologic-liver surgery to provide an aggressive approach to treating his liver malignancy.

Dr. Tariq Siddiqui has therefore recommended the name of Dr. Alan Hemming who is one of USA’s leading liver surgeons, having performed more than a 1000 liver transplants at Jacobs Medical Center in La Jolla San Diego and has a particular interest in dealing with complex cases of liver and bile duct cancer.

Estimated Costs

Total Charges are estimated to be USD 107,382.26. UC San Diego Health offers a standard 45% off of the total charges as their standard self-pay discount, which means that only a payment of USD 59,060.24 must be paid in advance of services being rendered.

The estimate however does not include costs for pre and post-operative appointments, tests (labs, imaging, etc.) or medications. The hospital has advised the family to keep available USD 100,000 for this.

Additionally, the family is budgeting another US$ 50,000 for Rustom’s second surgery in due course.

You can donate online by clicking on Donate Online or send in your checks to FEZANA Welfare and Critical Assistance Committee’s attention by mailing it to:

   Shirin Jahanian, FEZANA Treasurer
   P.O. Box 185, 65 Kirkwood Road, Gibbsboro, NJ 08026

Sincerely,

Hosi Mehta, Hutoxi Contractor
Co-Chairs, FEZANA Unity and Welfare Committee