ZANT NEWS
A Publication of Zoroastrian Association of North Texas

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
Sanjan Day
Movie and Dinner

FREE for all ZANT members for the 2017-2018 Year.
So, bring your membership dues and enjoy this evening!

Since volunteers are preparing the food, we’d appreciate an RSVP by November 12, 2017
to ppbalsara@gmail.com, ($10/person late fee for RSVP after 11/12/17) to ensure we have enough
for all to enjoy. Non-members $15/person

Free Raffle Draw per member (regular & life) and their kids –
There will be a DRAW at the end of the evening and the winner
has to be present to claim their prize!

- Member’s kids (under 10): 1 Kid Prize
- Member’s kids (10-17 yrs): Amazon Gift Card
- Members (18 and above): 2017 Kindle Fire 7 Tablet
  Dinner for 2 at Spring Creek BBQ
  Gift Voucher for La Madeline

Saturday, November 18, 2017
6:00 pm at ZANT Center
Admission FREE!! FREE!!

Dinner Menu
Appetizers: Popcorn, chips and assorted finger foods
Dinner: Shrimp/Veg Ribbon Rice, Dhansak Daar, Zereshk Polo
  w/ chicken, Khoresht Bademjan, Chicken w/ potato
  straws, Veg & Non-veg Cutlets, Veg. Stew, Naan.
  Pizza for kids!
Drinks: Sodas, Tea, and Coffee

Shirin Fugawala (Farah Khan) and Farhad Pastakia (Boman
Irani) are two over-forty middle aged Parsi people leading
their lives amidst a fast dwindling Parsi community. Self-
content and enveloped in their daily worldly affairs, they
have not had the time to pause and think about LOVE. That
is - till they meet each other... What follows is an
unconventional love story - quirky and sweet, having its
own essence of romance, and teaching the world that love
has no expiry date.

This movie will have “English Sub-titles” – so come & let’s
laugh together & enjoy the evening!
(For kids, we will have a fun kid-friendly movie playing in the
ZANT Library)
**Message from the Board**

As we get close to the end of 2017, we want to thank the Community of North Texas for allowing us to serve ZANT. We had a busy year with a lot of things happening within our community and we accomplished a lot. Besides the various celebrations and fundraisers, we passed two amendments to our Bylaws. One of them should save us several thousands of dollars each year on Audits!

As of November we started a new Fiscal Year. We hope you and your families attend Sanjan Day celebration on Saturday Nov. 18th and kick off the year by becoming ZANT Members. Over the Thanksgiving weekend we hope to have a lot of our Youth at our Lock-in.

Then, in December we will celebrate Yalda – Again we hope to see you all on Dec. 16th.

Finally, we still have an open seat on the Board of Directors – we encourage you to volunteer and serve with us. We could certainly use the help.

May Ahura Mazda Bless you all in the upcoming year

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**ZANT Yalda Celebration — Dec. 16, 2017**

*The nights are long and the days are short,*  
*The light is low and the nights are dark.*  
*But we know how to feast and sing,*  
*And how a lot of fun and joy to bring.*  
*So along to ZANT Center we want you to come,*  
*To mingle, to eat, to sing, to dance,*  
*To celebrate until the night is done.*

Please plan to be at the ZANT Center by 7:30pm on Dec. 16, 2017. It will be a potluck meal, preferably finger foods or snack items, followed by “Chack o Dooleh”, crafts, poetry, and traditional Yalda celebration activities.

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**ZANT Directory Updates**

Please know that we will once again print a directory for ZANT. We ask that you fill out your 2017-2018 membership forms with the most updated information so that we can double check your information for the directory. The new directory will be distributed at our NouRuz 2018 function. If you are aware of new families to the area, please encourage them to send in their information. **ALL UPDATES TO THE DIRECTORY MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 31, 2018.** You are welcome to send your updated information to Anahita Kyani at anahita_kyani@yahoo.com
**CHILDRENS’ RELIGION CLASS AND VOHU MANAH GROUP**

Our next Childrens’ Religion class will be held on **Sunday, January 14, 2018**. Please be at the ZANT Center by **10:45 a.m.** so we can have the Prayers & Tandarosti for kids in the Prayer Room at 11 a.m. For further details about the class please contact Pearl P. Balsara.

The Vohu Manah group will continue our study of the Gathas. Have some tea and snacks to feed your body and some enlightening conversation to feed your soul! The group will meet on **Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 1:30pm at the ZANT Center Library**. For further details about the Vohu Manah Group, please contact Anahita Sidhwa.

**ZANT YOUTH LOCK-IN**

ZANT is happy to announce that we will be hosting our **Annual Youth Lock-in** during the upcoming Thanksgiving break on **Friday and Saturday November 24-25, 2017 at the Zoroastrian Center of North Texas, 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound Texas, 75027**. All Zoroastrian youth age 11 years and older are welcome to participate. We have also invited youth from Houston, Austin, and San Antonio for this event. The event will be an over night lock-in for our youth and consists some social and educational sessions. The cost is $25 per youth member and will include all the meals for the duration of the lock-in. **This event starts on Friday at 12:30 pm and will end on Saturday at 12:30 pm.** Further information will be provided at a later date to all who RSVP.

If you are interested please RSVP to Delnaaz Irani at delo.irani@sbcglobal.net by **November 15th**. A late fee of $10 per youth will apply after the due date.

**This year we would like to invite our youth parents, family and friends to join us for dinner and activity on Friday evening. Come meet our Houston friends and enjoy the evening with us! Our young adults visiting from college are also welcomed to join.** We will have chicken curry rice for a nominal fee of **$7 per person** (all proceeds will be used for our Hvarshta Project and camp cost). Please **RSVP by November 10th** if you would like to join.

We encourage all our youth to participate, make new friends and create wonderful memories with your fellow community members.

**HVARSHTA PROJECT**

ZANT youth are planning to do a **Hvarshta Project** during the ZANT Annual Youth Lock-in event. The project is to support the non-profit pediatric clinic called "Pediplace" which provides primary care pediatric health services. Our project includes assembling and providing new born essentials care packages.

We would love our community members to support our youth by way of monetary donations for the program. Checks can be mailed to ZANT with "Hvarshta Project" in the subject line. Please send any checks prior to November 21, 2017.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call Delnaaz Irani at 972-398-8673 or email her at delo.irani@sbcglobal.net
**Playing Cards**

Did you know that the Traditional Deck of the Playing Cards is the most ingenious form of a Calendar?

There are 52 weeks in the year and so there are 52 Playing Cards in a Deck.

There are 13 weeks in each Season and thus there are 13 cards in each suit.

There are 4 Seasons in a Year and 4 Suits in the Deck.

There are 12 Months in a Year so there are 12 Court Cards (Those with faces namely Jacks, Queens and Kings)

The Spades indicate ploughing/ working.

The Hearts indicates Love thy crops.

The Clubs indicates flourishing and growth.

The Diamonds indicate reaping the Wealth.

(Source: Internet)

**Religious Class:**

At our November Religious class, our little ones reviewed the meaning of Ashem Vohu & Yatha Ahu Vairyo prayers and talked about Amesha Spentas. We connected Thanksgiving to giving thanks for good words & good thoughts. Learnt the song from Anahita aunty.

The teen religious class continued our study of the Gathas. We looked into the Ahunavaiti Gatha One of the important points that came up was the concept of duty. Duty towards ourselves, our family, and the the world beyond. Choice is another important concept of our religion. We have a choice in everything we choose to think, say, or do and we must be prepared for the consequences that come with the choices we make. When we make choices and decisions, we must be emotionally vested in them, but we must use our knowledge and intellect too to guide us. We must always value truth and after due diligence, if things do not go our way, we must accept it as God's will.

Thank You!

We are very grateful to our Parent Volunteers for catering lunch for our kids & adults & a monthly Birthday Cake, at each Religious Class. We’d like to thank the Bustani family & the Kekobad family for November class kids’ & adults’ lunch & B’day Cake!

**Children’s Religious Class:**

Our next religious class will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Please be at the ZANT Center by 10:45 a.m. so we can have the Prayers & Tandarost for kids in the Prayer Room at 11 a.m. For further details about the Religious Classes, please contact Pearl P. Balsara at ppbalsara@gmail.com

There will be no religious class in December, but I hope to see all of you at our Yalda celebrations.
The donations and balances listed below are accurate as of October 31, 2017.

**Donations**

- Prayer room collections: $386
- Karl Mistry: $25
- Spenta & Delnaaz Irani: $600 (pledge)
- Keyshosrow Delgosha & Fariba Bozorgchami: $20

**New Members**

- Binaifer and Behzad Kekobad

The cost of maintaining the center is approximately $2,500 to $3,000 per month. If anyone would like to help with that, please contact the board.

**ZANT Community Service**

ZANT kids/youth willing to help will have the opportunity for "ZANT Community Service" hours following religion class. Comfortable clothes and closed toe shoes recommended.

**When:** 1:30 PM (after religion class lunch).

**What to bring:** Your school/scout service hours form, to be signed by Armin Daroona. For online service hours submission, email to adaroona@gmail.com.

**Announcement—Vacancy on the ZANT Board**

Effective Aug. 28, 2017, Monaz Karkaria has resigned from her position, as a Director on the ZANT Board, due to the increase in travel and demands of her business.

We want to thank Monaz for serving on the previous Board for 2 years and on this one for the past 14 months.

Per our Bylaws, since this resignation is within the first 18 months of this board’s term, we are requesting nominations for the vacant seat on the Board.

Serving on the Board is an honor and a privilege. The Board needs help and we encourage members to step up and help serve our community.
Past Events: ZANT Religion Class, Nov. 12, 2017
weekendwonders4kidz

Making weekends wonderful ... one kid at a time, one bag at a time, one week at a time

FOOD OF THE MONTH
This month’s food of the month is Ramen Noodles!

Semi-Annual Bring n Bag Event
Due to popular demand, we are introducing a semi-annual bring n bag event. Please look at the link below and sign-up! We will of course sign off on volunteer hours for whoever requires them. The first event will be after religious class in February 2018. Everyone is welcome!

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ba8af23a0fe3-weekend1

As always, thank you so much for your continued support of Weekend Wonders 4 Kidz and helping the children we serve. Please remember we can help with volunteer hours for school, scouts, etc. and we also give hours for donations!

“Helping a person will not change the world, but it will change the world for that one person.”

.....thatonerule.com.
NOMINATION FORM

I, _________________________________, wish to serve on the Board of Directors of ZANT for the position of Director (until the end of the current Board term).

Signature:_____________________        Date:___________________

Please mail this form to:

Jamshed Jamadar
c/o ZANT
1605, Lopo Road
Flower Mound, Texas 75028

Please submit your biodata along with your form,

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According to our bylaws:
It is the responsibility of each candidate to confirm that his or her nomination has been received (Article 7.03).
Only Zoroastrian members are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors (Article 4.03).
Members of the Board of Directors must be 21 years of age or older and should be members of the Association in good standing for at least one year (Article 4.4).

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FEZANA Journal is happy to announce that Edul Daver, Global President of the World Zoroastrian Chamber of Commerce shall be the guest editor of the Spring 2018 issue of the FEZANA Journal.

Below is a request from Edul and Dolly Dastoor (Chief Editor, FEZANA Journal)

Zarathushtis in North America are doing very well with many Young Adults on the threshold of Leadership positions in their respective fields.

The FEZANA Journal would like to feature these Emerging Leaders, from North America, in the Spring 2018 issue.

I have been requested to guest edit this issue and accepted the challenge. We plan on featuring two levels of leadership:

1. those under 35 yrs and
2. those between 35 – 45 yrs.

If you would like to be considered for inclusion please contact Edul Daver, eduldaver@gmail.com; 908-397-4443.

Also, if you know of someone that should be considered please forward their name and e-mail address.

We will then forward a questionnaire for each of them to complete before selecting the individual for inclusion.

We plan on profiling 15 or so, movers and shakers who will no doubt make our community proud in the not too distant future.

Your help to make this issue a success is much appreciated.

Thanks,

Edul Daver eduldaver@gmail.com 908-397-4443
Dolly Dastoor dollydastoor@sympatico.ca 450-656-2036
Critical Assistance Special Appeal

We are requesting donations for Aspi Sepoy who will need lots of help for years as he has two young children and now having his legs amputated will need lots of medical treatment, his children will need care in upbringing and education and with the income he had there could not be much savings if any.

Aspi met with an unfortunate accident today afternoon whilst on his way from Udvada to Navsari; he fell from the railway platform under a train, with both his legs being severely damaged. He was rushed to the civil hospital at Valsad, where doctors have performed emergency surgery and amputated both his legs below the knees.

**Personal Background:** Aspi Sepoy is a resident of Ava Baug, Navsari (46 years), a widower having lost his wife around five years ago in tragic circumstances. He is the father of two children who, have been enrolled as boarders at J. N. Petit Institute, Pune, their education is being paid for by The WZO Trust from funds being contributed by Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao). Aspi is employed by Foundation for Development of Udvada (FDU) as caretaker of the Zoroastrian Information Centre (Parsi Museum) at Udvada; he earns a salary Rs.10,000 per month plus travelling expenses. (High Priest Khurshed Dastoor of Udvada and the undersigned along with a few others are Trustees of FDU).

**The Accident:** Aspi met with an unfortunate accident on Thursday, September 14, 2017 whilst on his way from Udvada to Navsari; he fell from the railway platform under a train, with both his legs being severely damaged. He was rushed to the civil hospital at Valsad, where doctors have performed emergency surgery and amputated both his legs below the knees.

**Current Update:** Aspi was shifted to Parsi General Hospital at Mumbai on Saturday, September 16, 2017 for further treatment. Eminent Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr. Jamshed Bunshah has performed a further surgery today (Tuesday, September 19, 2017). The dressing will be checked after three to four days when it will known if blood circulation the leg stumps is normal, in which event no further surgeries may be required. However, this will only be determined once the dressings are opened again for examination. To avoid infection, Aspi will not be placed in the general ward, but in a separate room (of the lowest denomination) after he is discharged from the ICU. It has been given to understand that artificial feet that are imported (not made locally) will need to be procured. The cost of each foot is estimated to be in the region of Rs.5,00,000 that is 10,00,000 for both. Hospitalization and other expenses on medicines cannot be quantified at present but are expected to be substantial.

Please send your generous donation to FEZANA, earmarked Aspi welfare. The monies collected will be remitted to the WZO Trust in Mumbai, India for the specific use in Aspi's treatment and welfare. You can donate online by clicking on Donate Online or send in your checks to Shirin Jahanian, FEZANA Treasurer with “ASPI SEPOY APPEAL” in the memo line and by mail it to:

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

We thank you in advance of your anticipated generosity. For further information please feel free to contact, Hosi Mehta hosimehta@aol.com or Houtoxi Contractor huty.contractor@gmail.com
FEZANA Annual General Body Meeting

The FEZANA Executive is happy to announce that the 31st Annual General Meeting of Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America shall be held from Friday April 27th to Sunday April 29th 2018 in Los Angeles, California.

As is the practise, the day before the AGM Thursday April 26, 2018 shall have various Pre-AGM events; and we encourage one and all to attend the same.

FEZANA Member association California Zoroastrian Center are the hosts of the upcoming AGM and they shall in due course of time send out details about the actual program, accommodation etc.

One of the main thrusts of this AGM shall also be to find out more about the 2019 World Zoroastrian YOUTH Congress to be hosted by the youth of the host association California Zoroastrian Center. In this regard we urge member associations to encourage and bring along their youth representatives to the AGM so they can interact with their counterparts at CZC to aid in making the 2019 WZYC a grand success.

For participants to book their flights etc, please find below a very broad conceptual program.

**Thursday April 26, 2018**
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Pre AGM Session Hosted by North American Mobed Council
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Panel Discussion and Brainstorming for FEZANA's participation at Global Interfaith Events in 2018

**Friday April 27, 2018**
8:30 AM : FEZANA AGM Begins

**Saturday April 28, 2018**
8:30 AM; FEZANA AGM Continues

**Sunday April 29, 2018:**
8:30 AM: FEZANA AGM continues and shall end at noon.
1:00 PM: Post-AGM Sessions TBD

If you have any questions please feel free to email Arzan Sam Wadia FEZANA VP and Chair of the Coordination and Planning Committee at vp@fezana.org

Sincerely,

FEZANA Executive
We have received the following request from a Zoroastrian student, Sam Mistry from Vermont, USA:

I am currently taking a Cultural Psychology class in my junior year at Bennington College in Vermont, US. In this course, we investigate the ways in which certain cultural practices and ideologies shape individual psychology. As a final project, I am conducting a research study of Parsi Zoroastrian cultural values, both for those living India and those who have immigrated to the United States. I'm hoping to use this study as an opportunity to explore my roots, and better understand our community.

The link below is to a short survey I am distributing to collect data. The survey is completely anonymous, and contains only demographical and multiple choice questions. It should take no longer than a few minutes to complete. If you would like to participate, please click the link below and it will automatically take you to the survey website:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/33CBGHV

I'm trying to get as many Parsis as possible to participate, so please send to any friends or family living in India or the US that may be interested in taking it as well!

Thank you so much for your support! Hope you are doing well.

All the best,
Sam Mistry
To avoid misspelling of names please print all the information on this form clearly.

Family Name: ___________________________    Home Phone#: ___________________

Email: ___________________________________    Cell Phone#: ___________________

Home Address: __________________________

(Street Address)                     (Apt #)                        (City)                      (State)                     (Zip)

Please list names of members/children and provide any additional information
(for “Age Range”, please specify, <35 or 35-65 or >65):

| Member’s Name | Age Range | | Children’s Name | Age |
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- According to ZANT Bylaws, Regular & Life Membership is open to all Zarthushtis and their spouses over 18 years of age.
- ZANT members may access the Zoroastrian Center of North Texas (ZCNT) by card key. Please read Card Key Access Form on our website zant.org for details.
- Donations to ZANT Center Operations and Maintenance Fund (ZOMF) may also be included. Please read the ZOMF Pledge Form card key and other details, including free ZCNT rental on our website zant.org.
- ZANT Newsletters are delivered by email or accessible from the ZANT website. If you prefer a newsletter mailed to your home, please add a $25 annual fee.
- Please complete this form (and ZCNT card key liability form if requesting a card key) and mail the form(s) with your check to ZANT, 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028-1306

Membership rates per person:

| Membership Type                          | Rate  | | Card Key Type          | Rate  |
|------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Annual Membership (18 yrs & older)       | $50   |                 | $50   |
| Student Membership (19 yrs & older)      | $25   |                 |       |
| Senior Citizen Membership (65 yrs & older)|       |                 | $25   |
| Life Membership (65 yrs & older)         | $1,500|                 |       |

Subtotal $________

CHECK #       TOTAL $________

I would like to volunteer for the following: Sub-committee member (furnishings, education, maintenance, community support, teen group, etc.), cooking for ZANT events, religious activities, youth activities, ZANT website, etc.

Signature: ___________________________    Date: ___________________________