ZANT Upcoming Events

- **Oct 15:** GBM to vote on Bylaw amendments
- **Nov. 4:** Diwali Mela—fundraiser
- **Nov. 12:** ZANT Religion Classes
- **Nov. 24-25:** ZANT Annual Youth Lock-in

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Board of Directors

- **President:** Jamshed Jamadar
- **Vice President:** Kashmira Contractor
- **Treasurer:** Mehroo Madeka
- **Secretary:** Anahita Kyani
- **Social Director:** Pearl P. Balsara
- **Director:** Persis Shroff Bahrassa
- **Director:** Vacant

ZANT Address:

Zoroastrian Center of North Texas
1605 Lopo Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028-1306

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
As we end the ZANT 2016-2017 Fiscal year on October 31, 2017, we want to thank all our Teachers, Volunteers and their spouses and families who enable us to have our Religious Classes, Gambhars, Mehergan, Navroze Functions, Anand Bazaar, Diwali Mela, Gymkhana Nights, etc. etc. We are very fortunate that we have a thriving Zoroastrian Community with a lot of young and old who support each other and make us the big Zoroastrian family that we are.

We all have an important duty before this year closes……

**On October 15, we have an election** to vote on **3 Proposed Amendments to ZANT Bylaws**. We urge all members to cast their votes and participate in the democratic process we all uphold. **Vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the proposals but please, do cast your vote!**

The single worst thing one can do in a democracy is show apathy and not vote at all.

Amendments to the Bylaws shall require the approval of at least 60% of the eligible voting members of the Association. Only members in Good Standing can vote. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

The Board mailed out copies of the Proposed Amendments along with a Ballot Form to all voting members before Oct. 1, 2017. Included in this were “Instructions for Voting”, one Return Envelope with ZANT’s address on the front, and one small blank envelope for each voting member of the household. You can either mail your vote back to ZANT in the provided return envelope (please add a stamp) such that it is received by the Board before the deadline date of October 15, 2017 or you can cast your vote in person at the General Body Meeting on Oct. 15, 2017 between 3pm – 3:30pm at ZANT Center. Detailed voting instructions will be mailed to you.

A General Body Meeting will be held on Sunday Oct. 15, 2017 to count the votes on these proposed amendments. Those wishing to vote in person, can drop-off their votes in the box, at the ZANT Center, on October 15, 2017, from 3pm to 3:30pm. A committee of volunteers will be appointed from those present, to count the votes beginning at 3:30pm & results will be announced as soon as the count is finalized.

The Board wants to thank the entire Zoroastrian Community for their support.

Thank you everyone, for all you do!!!!!!

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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 Children’s Religion class will be held on **Sunday, November 12, 2017**. 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, November 12, 2017 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 overnight lock-in for our youth and consists of 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**
**KIDS’ CORNER**

**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 **October Religious class, our little ones** went over the Ashem Vohu & Yatha Ahu Vairyo prayers and related the meaning of Asha & Ashem by reading some fun stories and sharing examples from their own lives. We also read the story of Zarathushtra’s life & colored a picture of him.

**Our middle-age group** learned the meaning of our daily prayers during the 1st half of their class & the 2nd half will be dedicated to learning about eminent Zoroastrians.

At the October class, we learnt about -

- **Teachings from Kem Na Mazda** -
  - Our “inner light” & “will power” shall protect us from evil
  - We must form the habit of referring to our religion & its teachings, when we are in difficulty
  - We must study our religion on a constant basis, so that we can obtain protection & strength from it
  - By Ahura Mazda’s help & our own determination, we can root out evil from our mind
  - We worship & respect the Amesha Spenta—Aramaiti, who gives us insight to always do Good!
  - Kem Na Mazda is 1st prayer that we recite, when we UNTIE & TIE our Kusti.

- In the Kem Na Mazda prayer, we ask Ahura Mazda for protection.

- Our story of “Eminent Zoroastrian of the month” was **HOMI BHABHA—Father of Indian Nuclear Research**! We learnt about his life & achievements. His contributions to India & his international recognition.

We learnt of the various Institutes named after him—The Bhabha Atomic Research Center, Homi Bhabha National Institute, Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education etc.

**The teen** religious class continued their study of the **Gathas**. They explored Ha 28-1, 28-3, 28-4, and 28-10 of the **Ahunavaiti Gatha**. Some of the points touched on were:

- How do we actually define good thoughts? Thoughts should be positive - with the right perspective, we can find something positive even in a difficult situation.

- What should good words sound like? They should be kind, thoughtful, and considerate.

- What deeds are considered good? When your actions are performed for the service of others, they are good actions.

Following these principles helps us to become attuned to Ahura Mazda.

**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 **Irani (Shay & Darys)** family, the **Raghani family & the Godiwalla family** for October class kids’ & adults’ lunch & B’day Cake!

**Children’s Religious Class:**

Our next religious class will be held on **Sunday, November 12, 2017**. 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 Religious Classes, please contact Pearl P. Balsara at ppbalsara@gmail.com
**Treasurer’s Corner**

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

**Fundraiser**

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

**Donations**

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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.
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, our food of the month is snacks. Granola bars (please no peanuts), individual servings of pretzels, chips etc.

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.
Past Events: Jashn-e Mehrgan, Oct. 7, 2017
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FEZANA Undegrad. Scholarship recipient: Manijeh Rustomjee
Past Events: Ladies Club Tea Party

Past Events: ZANT Religion Class, Oct. 8, 2017
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,

_____________________________________________________________________

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 Appeal

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
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
MESSAGE FROM DASTURJI KHURSHED DASTOOR OF UDVADA

As I have received several queries regarding a few key issues pertaining to Udvada, I would like to clarify the same here. I would highly appreciate if you could spread this word to all Parsis in North America through your various associations by email.

**Donations towards 'Iranshah' Udvada:** Any person desirous of giving donations towards 'Iranshah' can do so by check drawn on "UDWADA NINE FAMILY SHAHENSHAHI ATHORNAN ANJUMAN FUND" and delivered to my address as:

**Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor**  
P-7, Cusrow Baug, 3rd Floor  
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Road  
Colaba, Mumbai – 400 001, India

As for online donations through HDFC Bank which is an option for sending donations, we have discontinued the same temporarily due to taxation. The covering letter along with the check should clearly mention the name of the donor and his/her correspondence address to which the receipt for the same can be sent by us.

**Donations toward 'Iranshah' Udvada Utsav – 2017:** Checks are to be drawn in favor of "FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF UDVADA" to the same above mentioned address along with a covering letter as mentioned earlier.

**Miscellaneous Queries:** All queries related to the below mentioned purposes can be addressed to me by email at dasturjikhurshed@gmail.com or by calls to +91-9820341247

a) Maachis/sukhad/kathis to be offered at 'Iranshah'
b) Navjotes to be arranged and performed at 'Iranshah' Atash Behram  
c) Jashans and Fareshtas to be performed at 'Iranshah' Atash Behram

**Issuance of Indian Visas to Parsis who are Pakistani Nationals:** This is a very serious issue among our community Members who are Pakistani Nationals, I would request the concerned individuals who are planning to come to India in the near future and are not able to procure Indian visa, they can forward their documents viz. copies of Passport, Visa application and any other relevant data for granting Indian Visas.

It can be sent on my official email id's: khurshedk.dastoor@gov.in with a copy to kkdncm17@gmail.com.

I assure to put in my utmost efforts through my offices to get this issue resolved to the best of my abilities with the concerned authorities of Government of India and let us hope to get a favorable response from them.

With warm regards and blessings of Iranshah to you and your dear ones.

*Khurshed K Dastoor*  
Head Priest – 'Iranshah' Udvada  
Member – Zoroastrian (Parsi)  
National Commission for Minorities  
Government of India
NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2018 WORLD ZARATHUSHTI COMMUNITY AWARDS

DEADLINE TO NOMINATE
OCTOBER 31, 2017

As part of the 11th World Zoroastrian Congress to be held in Perth, Australia, in June 2018, the following World Zarathushti Community Awards will be awarded. For purposes of ease, the salient features of the prestigious Awards Program are as follows:

Award Categories
The Awards shall be given away in six categories as listed below, at a glittering ceremony that will take place on 3rd June 2018, at the Astral Room, Crown Complex, Perth, Australia.

1. Z Iconic Award (Highest Award) 
2. Community Service Award 
3. Science/Technology/Engineering/Medicine and Applied Sciences Award 
4. Social Entrepreneur Award 
5. Outstanding Young Zarathushti Award 
6. Art/Design/Literature/Culture Award

Click on these links for more details on the criteria / key parameters and rules relating to the awards and download the forms from:

Downloads:

2018 WZCAwards Guidelines
2018 WZCAwards Nomination Form

Governance:

The Program shall be handled by the WZC Awards Selection Committee comprising Rohinton Rivetna, Dinshaw Tamboly, Yazdi Tantra and myself, as appointed by the GWG Members in Hong Kong on 16th December, 2016.

Please send nominations to wzcawards@gmail.com

Closing Date:

The last date for receiving nominations will be no later than midnight EDT of October 31, 2017. No late entries shall be accepted.
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
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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

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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: ___________________________