ZANT Upcoming Events

- July 27-29: ZANT-ZAH Summer Camp in Houston
- Aug. 11: Anand Bazaar
- Aug. 12: ZANT Farvardegan Jashan
- Aug. 12: RSVP deadline for Aug. 18 function
- Aug. 12-16: Muktad prayers at ZANT Center
- Aug. 18: ZANT Shehenshahi New Year Celebration
- Aug. 25: Presentation and Gymkhana Night
- Sept. 9: Religion Classes
- Sept. 16: ZANT Ladies Club—Yoga Class
- Oct. 13: Jashn-e Mehrgan and ZANT Board Elections

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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
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!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

RELIGIOUS PRESENTATIONS AND GYMKHANA NIGHT

Date: Saturday, August 25, 2018
Venue: ZANT Center

5:30pm—7:30pm: PRESENTATIONS BY FIRDOUSH MEHTA OF VANCOUVER, CANADA

1. **Title:** Ferdowsi’s Shahnameh Story of Rustam and Isfandiar  
   *Abstract:* Join us in the story of the first dissemination of Mazda Yasna Religion of Asho Zarathushtra in the land of BALKH, Central Asia

2. **Title:** Khorasan to Sanjan and Beyond, A Zarathushti Odyssey  
   *Abstract:* A remarkable JOURNEY from Persia to India for the preservation of Zoroastrian faith; post Arab conquest of Iran. “SUGAR IN MILK” narrative of refugee settlement, with promises to the Hindu King. Establishment of first consecrated Atash Behram- “IRANSHAH” as the “VATICAN” of Parsis.

3. **Title:** Zarathushtis and Their Achievements in Philatelics  
   *Abstract:* Interesting visual of stamps and first day covers from many nations commemorating Parsi/Zarathushti famous persona and ancient artifacts.

7:30pm onwards: GYMKHANA NIGHT AND POTLUCK DINNER!
Majaah Karvaa Aavoji
(Come & Have Fun)

2018 Shehenshahi New Year

Date: Saturday, August 18, 2018
Time: 6:30pm to 11:00pm
Place: Dallas Palms – Melrose Banquet Hall
Address: 2424 Marsh Lane
Carrollton, TX 75006
Phone#: (972) 416-1416

6:30pm-7:00pm – Meet and Greet
7:00pm-8:00pm – Entertaining dances, ZANT Orchestra, & Parsi Natak, “Dhunmai na Dhutting”
8:00pm-9:30pm – Dinner
9:30pm onwards – Dessert, tea, coffee, & dance the night away

Dinner Menu
Bhuna Chicken (Paneer Tikka Masala), Tandoori Chicken (Potato Cutlets), Kashk-e-Bademjan, Chicken Biryani (Veg. Biryani), Naan, Raita, Salad. Gulab Jamun with Ice Cream, Sodas and Tea.

Kids Menu: Alfredo Pasta with Chicken Nuggets

Please indicate veg/non-veg and submit this form with check. Late fee of $10/person after August 12, 2018.

Name: ___________________ Veg# ___________________ Non-Veg# ___________________

ZANT Members: $40/adult
   _____ × $40 = $ ______

Child (ages 4-11): $25/child
   _____ × $25 = $ ______

Non-members: $50/adult
   _____ × $50 = $ ______

Donation
   $ ______

Total Payment = $ ______

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

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**Shehenshahi Muktad Prayers**

*Shehenshahi Muktad prayers* will be held during the Gatha days from **August 12 to August 16, 2018** 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. Potluck 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:

- **Sunday, August 12** — 5:30 pm — Jashan
- **Mon. Aug. 13—Thurs. Aug. 16.** — 7:00 pm

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**Muktad Jashan and Dinner**

ZANT will have its Annual Jashan for the Departed (Muktad / Farvardegan Jashan) on **Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 5:30 pm. This Jashan is being sponsored by Mehroo and Rajesh Madeka.**

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 ptbalsara@gmail.com. Alternatively, fill-in the form on next page & email to Poras.

Jashan will be followed by potluck dinner so please bring a dish to share.

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**Anand Bazar Mela Fundraiser**

**Date:** August 11, 2018  
**Place & Time:** Addison Circle Park, 4970 Addison Circle, Addison, TX 75001 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. Please note that this year Anand Bazar is held at a different venue, Addison Circle Park.

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.
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**.

### Muktad Names

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

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**NAME**                                                                       **TEL. NO.**

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)
Presentations & Gymkhana Night

Come join us for an evening of fun

Date: Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018
Place: ZANT Center
Time: 5:30pm Religious presentations (see page 2)
       7:30 pm Gymkhana night

Activities for all to enjoy - ping-pong, carrom, cards, board games, and chit-chat...

Potluck dinner at 8:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

Bring any board games that you’d like to play. Let’s get together and have a FUN evening!!

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**Treasurer’s Corner**

The donations and balances listed below are accurate as of June 30, 2018.

**Donations**

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.

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**ZANT Youth (18 years and Older) Event**

The first ZANT Youth (18 and older) event was held on June 29th. While having some snacks, youth had the opportunity to share ideas to develop more efficient communication network. The youth also expressed interest in attending the next World Zoroastrian Youth Congress in Los Angeles during the July 4 holiday in 2019. The expense of attending the congress remains one of main challenges. Options to raise funds for those interested in attending the congress was discussed.

Please let ZANT know regarding your favorite youth events and whether you are interested in attending 2019 World Zoroastrian Youth Congress.

Feedback from all community members is appreciated.

*Saghar Javanshir*

sfjavanshir@gmail.com

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**Mama Parsi Girl’s School Celebration**

The Mama Parsi Girls' School is celebrating their centennial on October 6, 2018.

Banquet Dinner:

Venue: Four Points by Sheraton, in Coppell, Texas (near the airport)

Time: 6:30 pm

Tickets for Non-Alumni will be sold at $65.00/head. We will have a set program, followed by DJ Music and dancing. Only 150 total tickets will be sold.

For more details or to make reservation, please contact Nancy Yazdani by phone 214-384-1662 or by e-mail at mpgs.reunion4dallas@gmail.com.
Another year of serving nearly done and we couldn’t have done it without all your help and support!

As the school year draws to an end, we are starting to wind down for the summer break. Whilst we do not make our weekly deliveries during this time, we still accept donations and will keep checking our collection box in the library. Please be mindful of expiration dates, as deliveries won’t resume again till August when school starts.

Also, be on the lookout for the signup genius for the Bring n Bag session after October’s religious class.

In the meantime, thank you again for all your support and encouragement, it means a great deal to us.

Have a wonderful summer!

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

….. thatonerule.com.
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.

**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 is happy to announce that applications are now open for the 2018 cycle of the FEZANA Academic Scholarships.

The FEZANA Scholarship Program was started in 1998 to recognize academic excellence and provide Zarathushti students in university programs financial assistance to study at institutions in the U.S & Canada.

Applications are invited for the following **FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Mehraban and Morvorid Kheradi Endowment Scholarship for Academic Excellence: The FEZANA Scholar
- 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 and Dowlat Minocher Vesuna WZO Canada Endowed Scholarships
- Sheroo Darabsha Kolsawala Endowed Scholarship
- Jerry and Celete Kheradi 30th Anniversary Endowed scholarship for Graduate students
- The 30th Anniversary Alumni Scholarship
- Yasmin and Shapur Pavri Endowed Scholarship

All scholarships are open to Zarathushti applicants who have obtained admission for attendance at institutions of higher learning (accredited degree-granting colleges or universities) in USA or Canada.

**Deadline for application is August 01, 2018**

Applications to be made ONLINE only at [https://fezana.org/scholarships/academic/online-application/](https://fezana.org/scholarships/academic/online-application/)

All referee letters should be sent electronically directly by the referee to academicscholarship@fezana.org

Scholarships for the academic year 2018-2019 will be awarded in September 2018.

Read the entire requirements section on the FEZANA Website: [https://fezana.org/scholarships/academic/](https://fezana.org/scholarships/academic/)
Call For Participants at the United Nations

The FEZANA UN-NGO Committee is looking for participants to attend the 67th DPI NGO Conference at the UN Headquarters in New York from August 22-23, 2018. For more information, visit https://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/67th-dpingo-conference

Individuals interested in attending the conference, are requested to send their resume and letter of intent by June 29, 2018, to both individuals below:

Behram Pastakia
Afreed Mistry

While FEZANA, as an NGO in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council [ECOSOC] and the Department of Public Information (DPI), will facilitate registration to the Conference, the selected participants are expected to make their own financial arrangements regarding visas, tickets, accommodation, food, and transportation in the city. Details about the vision, mission and activities of the United Nations can be accessed at www.un.org.

Regards,
Afreed Mistry & Behram Pastakia
Co-Chairs, FEZANA UN-NGO Committee
Announcing Formation of the Zoroastrian Faculty Network - A Joint Project of the GWG and WZCC

Dear Presidents and Representatives of Member Associations,

Dr. Farrokh Mistree has been a long term advocate for WZCC to develop a Zoroastrian Faculty Network (ZFN) that would empower Zarathushti students to create economic, cultural & intellectual value. GWG represented by Farrokh Rustomji and Behram Pastakia were to find ways of helping students from India to gain admission into foreign universities and address related questions.

After some discussions at the recent WZCC AGM in Bangalore and GWG discussion in Mumbai it was felt that a Joint Project between WZCC & GWG would enable us to attain this objective on a more sustainable and fast track basis. This concept was passed by Neville Shroff who also endorsed it.

As such this is to announce the formation of the ZOROASTRIAN FACULTY NETWORK.

It’s Vision, Mission, Desired Outcomes & Initial Action Proposals are outlined in this document.

We are targeting to complete the initial Action Proposals before the WZC in Perth at which time we can provide an update and discuss further.

Core Team:

- GWG: Farrokh Rustomji (India); Behram Pastakia (USA)
- WZCC: Yazdi Tantra (India); Edul Daver (USA)
- Academia: Dinyar Pestonjee (India); Farrokh Mistree(USA)

You are welcome to provide names of people in academia who would like to become members of the ZFN.

Best Wishes,

Homi D. Gandhi
FEZANA President
Z-Camp 2018
July 26th - July 29th
Ages 13 - 17
To join go to:
www.zcamp.info

- A chance to be with and know other Zoroastrian kids
- Strengthen the sense of identity & pride of being a Zoroastrian
- Summer Camp experience with team building games.

2017 Camp picture
SAVE THE DATE!!!

July 1st - 6th, 2019
California
7th World
Zoroastrian Youth Congress

Registration will be open on June 1st

Register at www.wzycongress.org