ZANT Upcoming Events

- **July 27-29:** ZANT-ZAH Summer Camp in Houston
- **Aug. 12:** ZANT Farvardegan Jashan
- **Aug. 12-16:** Muktad prayers at ZANT Center
- **Aug. 17:** Shenshai prayers and potluck dinner at ZANT Center.
- **Aug. 18:** ZANT Shenshai New Year Celebration

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,

The 2017-2018 school/college academic year has ended and we are hoping that you all are enjoying the summer by either traveling or staying at home and enjoying the lazy summer days with family and friends.

Our next big event is the August 18 - ZANT Shenshai New Year Celebration. More details will follow through the flyer and once again we are counting on all of you to come celebrate and make the event a roaring success!!

Most importantly it is July and the new ZANT Board will take office on November 1, 2018 for a 2 year term. We need members to sign up and we encourage all members to volunteer to serve on the next Board. A nomination form is attached to the e-mail. We hope that our members will step forward as the rewards of service are very gratifying!

Looking forward to seeing you all at future events as well as hoping to see new member faces on the ZANT Board. Our ZANT can be a success only because of all of you!!!

**Message from the Board**

Shenshai 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
Fri. Aug. 17 7:00 pm Shenshai New Year prayers

**Save the Date: ZANT Shenshai New Year Celebration**

We look forward to celebrating the Shenshai New Year with our ZANT family! More details will follow in the next Newsletter.

Date: Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018
Time: 6:30 pm—11:00 pm
Venue: Dallas Palms

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

You are invited to an evening of fun activities on Friday June 29th at 7pm at the ZANT Center. Come and enjoy playing board games, chess, backgammon, and other games while listening to your favorite music. This is a good time to showcase your talents such as singing, magic or comedy show.

Please spread the word. If you need to carpool, please contact Saghar Javanshir sfjavanshir@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday. Light dinner will be provided.
**CHILDREN’S RELIGION CLASS AND VOHU MANAH GROUP**

Our next Children’s Religion class will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 9, 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 and discuss Yasna 50 to complete our study of the Spenta Mainyu Gatha. Have some extra-special tea-time snacks to feed your body and some enlightening conversation to feed your soul! The group will meet on **Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018 at 2:00pm at the ZANT Center Library**. For further details about the Vohu Manah Group, please contact Anahita Sidhwa.

**ZANT-ZAH - JULY 27—JULY 29, 2018**

We are glad to announce a **ZANT-ZAH Summer Camp in Houston** from Friday, July 27th evening to Sunday, July 29th. The camp will be held at the Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center in Houston for our youth between 12 -18 years (if you are between 19-25 and want to join please let us know so we can plan something for your group). 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 will be a nominal fee and registration required.

If you are interested in attending the camp and make new friends and have a blast this summer please RSVP to Delnaaz Irani 972-398-8673. We will directly give more registration information to all the youth that RSVP. Please note that Dallas youth who RSVP through ZANT will be allowed to stay at ZAH on Friday night.

Looking forward to have all our ZANT youth make wonderful friends and priceless memories with our Houston youth.

**ZANT Youth Contact List**

As Zoroastrian population grows in North America and Globally, there is an increasing opportunity for youth leadership, networking, and community work. ZANT is developing a contact list for youth 18 years and older for direct communication regarding youth events, services, and opportunities. Additionally, ZANT would like to organize several youth events per year and strengthen youth participation, networking and leadership within ZANT.

If you are a youth of 18 years of age or older, please email **Saghar Javanshir sfjavanshir@gmail.com** your contact information (email and/or phone number).

As you may know, the next World Zoroastrian Youth Congress will be held in Carlson, California from July 1-6, 2019. The WZYC committee would like to have 2 youth contacts from each association to facilitate communication between WZYC committee and local youth within each association. Please contact Saghar Javanshir if you are interested in assisting with this fulfilling task.
KIDS’ CORNER

Life is Good
Make it Beautiful

Work for a cause
Not for applause
Live life to express
Not to impress

Do not strive to make your presence noticed
Just make your absence felt!

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 family (Delnaz & Spenta) for kids’ lunch & Belivan Kyani family for adults’ lunch & kids’ B’day cake!

Children’s Religious Class:

There will not be any Religious class in May. Our next religious class will be held on Sunday, September 9, 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 Religious Classes, please contact Pearl P. Balsara at ppbalsara@gmail.com.

Religious Class:

At our April Religious class, our Little ones and our Middle-age group played a game & reviewed all we have learnt in the last year…. It was quite a competition as Team “B” won by 1 point!
Well done kids! Proud of you!

The teen April class focused on the prayer Doa Nam Setayeshne.
Setayesh means praise and this, as many of our prayers do, sings the praise of Ahura Mazda. It has eight paragraphs.

The first four sing Ahura Mazda’s praises. The fifth paragraph is very interesting. It talks of the six forces of life. We are familiar with the first three: Manashni, Gavashti, and Kunashni. But here are three more: Veer - a strong mind with self-control, Hosh - awareness and consciousness, and Kherad - intellect and wisdom to discriminate right from wrong.

The sixth paragraph offers thank to Ahura Mazda for the above-mentioned which makes Man the supreme creation. The seventh paragraph reveres Ahura Mazda as the ultimate forgiver and the final paragraph praises Ahura Mazda, the Amesha Spentas and seeks help from Behram Yazad to defeat the enemy (evil).
TREASURER’S CORNER

The donations and balances listed below are accurate as of May 31, 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.

YOGA ANYONE?

Kamal Darbary has completed her IYS 200 hour Yoga teacher training course & as part of the certification process she is offering classes in the Flower Mound/Highland Village areas. The classes will be of 1 hour duration. All levels are welcome. Within the same class, she can cater individually to beginners and advanced students and make it as relaxed or as strenuous as required. Currently, she is not charging for her time although a suggested $5 donation has been set by her institute to benefit The Refuge for Women - Denton.

Her only requirement is that there be a minimum of 3-4 people in each class. Barring Thursdays, she is available on most other days up until June 11. Parents are welcome to bring their babies/toddlers to class.

If interested, please e-mail ppbalsara@gmail.com & she will get you in touch with Kamal.

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

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.
Past Events: ZANT Gahambar & Graduation, May 27, 2018
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[Images of people at the event, celebrating and holding certificates.]

Congratulations!
Past Events: ZANT Tirgan & Fathers’ Day Picnic, June 16, 2018
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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 Abanustomji 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 Celeste 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](mailto: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 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) at the **UN Headquarters in New York from July 9-15, 2018**.

The theme is, "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”. The set of Sustainable Developmental Goals to be reviewed in depth are:

- Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.


Individuals aged 16 and over who are interested in attending the conference, are requested to send their resume and letter of intent by May 18th, 2018. Please send the e-mail to both individuals below:

Behram Pastakia (bpastakia@aol.com)
Afreed Mistry (mistry.afreed@gmail.com)

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](http://www.un.org).

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**WORLD ZOROASTRIAN YOUTH CONGRESS**

**WZYC committee request:**

FEZANA would like every association to provide WZYC committee with the names of 2 interested youth (between 18-35 years old) by the end of month of May 2018 to serve as the youth representatives/contacts between WZYC Committee and ZANT youth. The purpose of this motion is to be able to reach all the youth directly for WZYC updates, which is coming up in July 2019 at Southern California.
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.


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](http://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
It was over a year ago that I read an article in Business Week about Arevalo Chuchi and his "Spark Business Academy" in Washington DC that held Youth Entrepreneurship Camps for children as young as 5 yrs old. This intrigued me and I was sure that the youth would absorb the concepts and this would fill a void where our young parents talk at the 'dinner table' about their children becoming Doctors or Engineers but seldom talk about Entrepreneurship because they themselves may not be well versed in the subject.

So during the summer of 2017 we decided on a two day program but the registration was weak and the program was cancelled. In early 2018 Ushta Canteenwalla, the WZCC NY Youth representative and Anita Lam came to me and indicated a desire in trying to regenerate interest in the program. However, this time they decided to do it right and with Mindi Mehta’s help sent a questionnaire to all the Young Parents and asked them questions about their interest, best time, duration, cost etc. They ended up with a preference of doing it in May before schools close, one day only(Sat.) with a cost as reasonable as possible. We were able to accommodate this with WZCC NY Chapter subsidizing the program by $ 50 each for the first 20 Zarathusti families. A date was fixed, program discussed with Chuchi and Ushta took the lead to organize the event.

Arzan Wadia and Noshir Dutia made arrangements so the parents could register and pay on line and Bingo we had over 20 children registered and the program was a GO! Darius Jamshidian brought in lunch for the kids & parents, from his Subway restaurant and Ushta coordinated the dozens of items like snacks, smart boards, audio visual needs etc etc. The parents pitched in wherever they could and it was fantastic team work and our Dar-e-Mehr was a buzz on Saturday May 19th. Chuchi took the older kids (9-14yrs) and Lisa took the smaller kids (5-8 yrs) and we were off to the races.

Ushta will be obtaining feedback from the kids & parents to determine what to do next to build on this first successful experiment. We would like all of the 14 WZCC chapters to consider something similar. Chuchi is able travel to any North American City and would even consider other countries for longer camps.

For information contact Edul Daver eduldaver@gmail.com +1-908-397-4443.

We are working hard to generate the next JRD Tata or Bill Gates…

Read Articles by Ushta Davar Canteenwalla
Dear all,

We would like to ask your help in spreading the word to all Teens and encouraging them to attend the CZCamp 2018. We have decided to change the age group to youth born 2000 - June 2005. Since we are extending the age group, we will be shrinking the late fee and will charge only $170 if registered after June 1.

Ushta,

Mandana, Fariba, Mitra

For details: [https://membership.czc.org/event-2796693](https://membership.czc.org/event-2796693)
Early Bird Ends This Week!

Early Bird Registration | March 5th - April 1st
Second Registration Deadline | April 2nd - April 29th
Third Registration Deadline | April 30th - June 3rd

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK (ZOROASTRIAN SPORTS COMMITTEE) OR VISIT WWW.ZATHLETICS.COM FOR THE LINK TO REGISTER

Los Angeles
JULY 3-8, 2018
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Z-Camp 2018
July 26th - July 29th
Ages 13 - 17
To join go to:
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- 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
Medical appeal for young Zarir Daruwalla in Mumbai

Mobile: 9833614842
E Mail: zarir.daruwalla16@gmail.com

Dear Sir, Madam

SUB: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MY TREATMENT

I, the undersigned, Zarir K. Daruwalla, aged 35 years, wish to put forth my case for financial assistance to enable continue with my treatment for cancer.

I was diagnosed with a high grade Type B Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma which is a type of cancer in September 2017. I was hospitalized in P.D. Hinduja Hospital & Medical Research Centre in Mumbai for 6 months for the treatment for which I had incurred a cost of Rs.13 lacs. This amount was covered through my mediclaim and with the kind support of my family and friends. In addition, to enable cover the cost, the World Zoroastrian Organization had very kindly granted a sum of Rs. One lac for the treatment.

I wish to inform you that until August 2017 I was working at J. P. Morgan Chase Pvt. Ltd. drawing a salary of Rs. 42,000 per month approx. I stay with my mother who has toiled all her life in bringing me up. She was working in a small private firm and has retired two years back. Until last year I used to take care of my grandfather as well.

I have been advised further treatment to ensure it does not relapse, for which in April 2018 have incurred an expenditure of Rs.1.87 lacs (copies of bills can be sent) for various tests carried out in the P.D. Hinduja Hospital to ensure I have the fitness and immunity to undergo further treatment. The treatment recommended which would enable me live for a long time is Dendritic Cell Therapy by Dr. Jamal Khan. The cost for this treatment will be approximately Rs.4 to 5 lacs as per the estimate enclosed herewith.

Even today, I am not able to sit or stand for a long time and am very weak. As this treatment has stretched for more than nine months now, I have lost my job as well though the company was kind enough in supporting me to the extent they could to retain my job.

I have used all my savings and since I have no funds to continue with the treatment, I have out forth my case for your kind consideration. I shall be indeed indebted to you if you could kindly assist in granting financial assistance to the best extent you can, which would immensely help me continue with the treatment which would tremendously give me with the will to live and lead a normal life.

In case you require any further documents to support my case, I am most willing to do so.

I shall be grateful if you could kindly consider my case sympathetically and look forward to receiving your favorable response.

My bank particulars are:

Name: Zarir Kersi Daruwalla
Name of the bank: HDFC Bank
Account No. 50100153274264
IFSC Code: HDFC0000411
Branch: Malad (West), Mumbai
Address of the Bank: HDFC Bank, China Link, Ground Floor, Opposite Goregaon Sports Club, Link Road, Malad (West), Mumbai 400 064.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours faithfully,
(Zarir Daruwalla)