ZANT Upcoming Events

- May 20: RSVP for ZANT Gahambar
- May 27: ZANT Graduation and Gahambar
- June 10: ZANT Vohu Manah group meeting
- June 16: Tirgan and Father’s Day Picnic
- July 27: ZANT-ZAH Summer Camp in Houston
- Aug. 18: ZANT Shenshai New Year Celebration

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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.
Dear Friends,

The 2017-2018 school/college academic year will soon end in a few weeks and summer vacations will start for our ZANT families. We have for the community our Ghambar/ Graduation honors day on Sunday, May 27, 2018 to give "Thanks". The board is also honored to fete the school as well as college graduating seniors whose write-ups are included in this newsletter. We hope to have a good turnout for the dual celebrations!

It is not too early for us to start the process of getting members to sign up for the upcoming ZANT Board that will take office on November 1, 2018 for a 2 year term. We encourage all members to volunteer to serve on the next Board. A nomination form is attached to the e-mail. We hope members will step forward as the rewards of service are very gratifying!

The feelings of accomplishment after all the events that ZANT holds are truly amazing. Let’s keep the ball rolling for our community in North Texas and the surrounding areas.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the ZANT Gahambar / Graduation on May 27th and for the Picnic, Chili Cook-out & Volley Ball at the Jashn-e-Tirgan & Father’s Day Celebration on June 16th. Hope to see you all at these future events!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

May 29 to June 2, 2018 are the Maidyarem Gahambar days according to the Shenshai calendar. Maidyarem Gahambar is the celebration of Ahura Mazda’s creation, “Animals”. So let’s celebrate this Gahambar together on May 27, 2018 at the ZANT Center.

This Gahambar is being sponsored Pearl & Poras T. Balsara to offer THANKS!

**Date:** Sunday, May 27, 2018  
(RSVP to ppbalsara@gmail.com by May 20, 2018)

The Gahambar dinner is FREE, but contributions are requested to meet the ZANT Center operating expenses.

Please make the check to “ZANT” and send it to “ZANT Center, 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, Texas 75028.”

**Contributions by May 20, 2018 (Children under 3 are FREE):**

- Members (children 3-12) $5 / person
- Members (adults) $10 / person
- Non-members (children & adults) $15 / person

RSVP: ppbalsara@gmail.com (latest by May 20, 2018 … Extra charge of $10/person, after this date).
**Childrens’ Religion Class and Vohu Manah Group**

Our next Childrens’ 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, June 10, 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 or delo.irani@sbcglobal.net by June 10th. 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.
Let us all get together and celebrate the
Maidyarem Gahambar
(celebrating Ahura Mazda’s creation - Animals)
Honor Our Graduates

Date: Sunday, May 27, 2018
Time: 5:30pm onwards
Place: ZANT Center
Address: 1605 Lopo Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028

Jashan
Honoring our Graduates
5:30pm Jashan
7:00pm Graduation Ceremony
8:00pm Gahambar Dinner & Social

Contribution by May 20, 2018

- Kids (ages 3 to 12) $5 / person contribution
- ZANT members (adults) $10 / person contribution
- Non-members (adults & children) $15 / person contribution
- Graduating students FREE
- There will be a late charge of $10 per person (members & non-members) after the May 20, 2018 deadline.

RSVP: ppbalsara@gmail.com by May 20, 2018.
ZANT is very proud of our Graduates & wishes them well in their future endeavors! We’d like to share a little about them with our community....

Afshan Irani is graduating with a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. He was involved and served as a leader in Best Buddies, Camp Kesem, Texas Blazers, and Men Can End. Afshan also started the Zoroastrian Student Association at UT. Afshan will begin working in the health technology department of Merck Pharmaceuticals in Austin next year. He is interested in the intersection of technology and healthcare, and hopes to innovate in this space while continuing to help people.

Ahneesh Mohanty has successfully completed the undergraduate requirements of his seven year direct medical program. He graduated Suma Cum Laude from the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), in three years, with a major in Biology and a minor in Economics. During this time, he has submitted two first author research papers for publication, one in radiation oncology and the other in reconstructive plastic surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW). He was invited to present his research at the American Association of Cancer Research (AACR) where he received the Dr. Thomas J. Bardos Undergraduate Scholar Award as well as the meritorious poster award. Ahneesh has also successfully fulfilled his MCAT requirements by scoring in the 97th percentile. In addition, Ahneesh has continued to lead and run The Outreach Movement Inc., his nonprofit organization that he started in 10th grade while in high school that tutors economically disadvantaged youth. He has also been actively involved in furthering an interest in STEM education for at-risk elementary school students. UTD awarded Ahneesh with the Community Service Award for outstanding service to the community. In August, Ahneesh will officially move on to the UTSW Medical Center to complete his medical degree and hopes one day to be a specialized surgeon.

Armand Behroozi is receiving his B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin with Honors. There, he helped co-author an academic paper and developed a love for research and teaching. In the fall, he's attending the University of Michigan where he will pursue a Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering. After the Ph.D., he's interested in becoming a professor.

Aurash Behroozi is graduating from Texas A&M’s College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. He will begin his small animal medicine career at Westbury Animal Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Ava Damri graduated from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business with her MBA in 2018. At Ross, she focused on impact-based initiatives like Open Road where she spent a month road-tripping the United States to work with four different social entrepreneurs to solve their business challenges. Ava also interned with the venture philanthropy REDF last summer to work with a social enterprise in Austin TX, dedicated to breaking down employment barriers. Before Ross, Ava spent six years implementing business technology solutions for her clients at Deloitte Consulting. With her MBA, she will return to Deloitte Consulting as Human Capital consultant to tackle her clients' organizational challenges. Ava attended the Lyle School of Engineering at Southern Methodist University graduating magna cum laude with a B.S. in Management Science and an M.S. in Engineering Management.
**2018 ZANT Graduates**

**Burzin P. Balsara** is graduating from Plano Senior High School with Distinguished Honors and Endorsements in STEM and Multidisciplinary Studies. During his academic journey Burzin has taken up challenging curriculum and was recognized with multiple national and international awards such as AP Scholar distinction and placing at Intel's International Science and Engineering Fair. Among his several leadership positions, Burzin enjoyed his time most helping his peers and feeder schools as President of LASER Club and Co-President of Debate. At UT Austin, Burzin will attend the Cockrell School of Engineering's Honors Program and study Mechanical Engineering. During his time there, he plans on joining Naval ROTC to become a naval aviator after college, and hopefully one day an astronaut.

**Danesh S Irani** will be graduating from Plano West Sr. High School with Honors. He has decided to attend the University of Oklahoma (OU) to pursue a degree in Accounting. Currently, at Plano West, Danesh is an active member of the Spanish Honors Society and DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) preparing him for a future career in the business world. He has been a long-time volunteer as a Spanish Translator for several charitable causes both locally and internationally.

**Edul Chinoy**, class of 2018, will be graduating from Frisco High School. He played Varsity golf and actively participated in DECA, Business Professionals of America, National Honor Society, National Technical Honors Society and HOSA. He will be studying Business at SMU and plans to graduate with a double major in Economics with Financial Applications.

**Malika Srinivasan** graduates from Coppell High School on 31st May. She was a red jacket ambassador for her school and a member of the national honor society. She has been dancing for 6 years at Danas studio of dance and teaches her own boys hip hop class as part of the staff. Malika plans to attend UTSA as part of the UT Austin cap program.

**Sanaya Nasta** is graduating from Coppell High School. She will be attending UT Austin to major in Psychology, and hopes to continue on to a veterinarian school. She loves animals, playing the piano and binging on Netflix. She will miss playing the piano which she has been now doing for 11 years.

**Taronish Madeka** has graduated “Magna Cum Laude” with a B.S. in Biology from Baylor University. He is also the Outstanding Senior Award recipient. As an undergraduate at Baylor he has been extensively involved in bench and clinical research and has earned co-authorship on three publications. He will be joining the Morrison Lab at UT Southwestern Medical Center, where he will be assisting in pediatric stem cell research.

**Zaal Buhariwalla** is graduating from Flower Mound High School, he is a member of the National Honor’s Society and an Eagle Scout. While at Flower Mound, Zaal was an active participant in high school Robotics teams over the course of his high school years. Recently, Zaal captained the Flower Mound FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team and helped take his team to the FRC World Championship Tournament in Houston. Zaal was also a member of the Flower Mound High School Marching Band through his Junior year, which won the Bands of America title as well as the best marching band in Texas for 2016-2017. Zaal will be attending Texas A&M University in the fall and plans on majoring in Computer Science.
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!

- Internet

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 (Delna & 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, Gavashni, 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).
ZANT PICNIC to Celebrate
Father’s Day and Tirgan

LITTLE ELM PARK PAVILION (by the sand volley ball courts)
701 W. Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm, TX 75068

Saturday June 16, 2018 from 4:00pm

ZANT has booked the “BEACH Pavilion”

Calling All Dads

ZANT Annual
Volley Ball Tournament at 5:15pm.
Please sign-up by emailing ppbalsara@gmail.com
We will have teams set up for different age groups.

Bring snacks and dinner to share …
ZANT will provide chilled water, sodas, chips and ice-cream!
Bring beach toys & enjoy making sand-castles & come dressed to swim in the lake!

Hope all dads will participate & bring their finger-licking Chili …
(extension cords for electric pots will be available, if needed)
Treasurer's Corner

The donations and balances listed below are accurate as of April 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.

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 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 email 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.
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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 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 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

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/)
11th World Zoroastrian Congress 2018

Perth, Australia
June 1st - 4th 2018

Register your interest Online Now!

Day 1
Friday, 1st June 2018
Optional sightseeing in Perth
Registration
Religious Jashan
Opening Ceremony
Networking
Entertainment
Dinner

Day 2
Saturday, 2nd June 2018
Conference Speakers
Presentation
Religious & Youth Panel Discussions
Lunch
Activities
Networking

Day 3
Sunday, 3rd June 2018
Conference Speakers
Cultural Presentations
Panel Discussions
Lunch
Award Presentation
Gala Night
Entertainment
Dinner

Day 4
Monday, 4th June 2018
Networking
Optional sightseeing in Perth
Depart with fond memories of the 11th World Zoroastrian Congress
"Together Towards Tomorrow"

The 11th World Zoroastrian Congress
"Together Towards Tomorrow"
A once in a life time experience with fantastic speakers, dynamic panel discussions and breakaway sessions on religious, youth, cultural topics. Plus entertainment, gala dinners and optional tours in Perth, Sydney, Melbourne, Gold Coast and New Zealand

Looking forward to seeing you and your family here!

Visit www.11wzcperth.com.au for more information
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).

**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.
CZCAMP 2018

Start: 22 Jun 2018 5:00 PM (PDT)
End: 24 Jun 2018 11:00 AM (PDT)

Location: Camp Wrightwood
1401 Linnet Rd, Wrightwood, CA 92397

Registration
(depends on selected options)

Base fee:

CZCamp 2018 - Members Only - $160.00
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CZCamp 2018 - Non-Member - $170.00
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Non-Refundable
Please Register & Pay Online

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

16th Zoroastrian Games

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

www.ZAthletics.com // @zsports // #zgames18

Visit www.ZATHLETICS.com to register for games and purchase social event tickets before they're gone!