ZANT News - March 2018

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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
We are already in the middle of February & in a few weeks Spring will be knocking at our doorstep. Time flies so quickly when you are having fun with friends! We have planned activities for March—the most important being our “Panjeh Gahanbar Prayers” at the ZANT Center & NouRuz Celebration at Sneaky Pete’s….

So, please join us in large numbers to celebrate the arrival of Spring with a fun-filled afternoon of Great Food, Wonderful Company & Lotsa Fun!!!!!!!

Send in your baby/young photos so Pearl can compile them for “GUESS THE PICTURE” game at our NouRuz function……

We look forward to seeing all of you at ZANT events ……

Panjeh Gahanbar Prayers & Lunch

Panjeh Prayers would be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the ZANT Center from 12pm to 4pm. We’ll have potluck lunch, so please bring a dish to share.

If you’d like to help prepare Aash and Sirog for the Gahanbar, please come to ZANT Center by 10am on Saturday, March 17, 2018

Childrens’ Religion Class and Vohu Manah Group

Our next Childrens’ Religion class will be held on Sunday, February 18, 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.

Our Teens are collecting “travel-size toiletries” to assemble kits to be handed out to “Homeless kids”. Please bring or drop-off your donations anytime between now & March Religious Class—Body wash, Shanpoo & Deodorant

Kids will assemble food packs for the children served by “WeekendWonders4Kidz”. Kids who volunteer for this will earn “volunteer hours” for their school requirement. Please check out the link & donate for earning 2X the hrs!…. http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ba8af23a0fe3-weekend1

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, February 18, 2018 at 2:00pm at the ZANT Center Library. For further details about the Vohu Manah Group, please contact Anahita Sidhwa.
**ZANT 2018 NouRuz Celebration**

Please SAVE THE DATE for a FUN-Filled Afternoon!

This year let’s get together to celebrate NouRuz....

**At:** Sneaky Pete’s (Monterey Ballroom with a beautiful view of Lake Lewisville)

**Date:** Sunday, March 25, 2018

**Time:** 12pm – 4pm

Besides *performances* by our kids, we’ll have some fun & games for all to enjoy!

One of the games we plan to have is *“Guess the Baby Picture.”* For this, please send in your *baby (young) pictures* to Pearl P Balsara by mail or e-mail (ppbalsara@gmail.com) by March 15, 2018. We will prepare a poster with all the baby/young pictures received. Everyone will try to guess which photo goes with which ZANT member, writing their answers down on paper. The person with the most correct answers will win! So, please dig-up your old albums and start sending your and your spouse’s pictures/photos for helping us put this poster together for some fun at the ZANT NouRuz Celebration! Let’s see, can your own kids recognize you…… can your friends recognize you?

Kids & adults interested in participating in the ZANT NouRuz dance performances, - Practices will begin on Sunday, January 21, 2018, at the ZANT Center.

We are going to form a ZANT Kids Orchestra that will give a short performance at the NouRuz function. - Orchestra practices also begin in January 2018.
Zoroastrian Association of North Texas

Warmly Welcomes One and All to

NouRuz 2018 Celebration

Date: Sunday, March 25, 2018
Time: 12:00pm – 4:00pm
Place: Sneaky Pete’s (Monterey Ballroom) with a beautiful view of Lake Lewisville
Address: 2 Eagle Point Rd, Lewisville, TX 75077 (972) 434-2800

Program
12:00 – 12:30pm Meet & Greet
12:30 – 1:00pm Entertainment Program
1:00 – 2:30pm Lunch
2:30 – 3:30pm Games, Music, Dance
3:30 – 4:00pm Tea / Coffee & Dessert

Adult Buffet Menu:
• House Salad with Ranch and Raspberry vinaigrette
• Assorted dinner rolls w/ Honey butter
• Roasted Rosemary potatoes and Whole Kernel Corn
• Jumbo Shrimp pasta with white wine sauce (non-veg)
  Bowtie Pasta with Marinara and Alfredo sauce (veg)
• Pecan Chicken with Praline sauce (non-veg)
  Eggplant Parmesan (veg)
• Dessert, Lemonade, Tea, Coffee
• Cash Bar

Kids’ Buffet Menu:
• Fruit Salad, Chicken Tenders, Fries, Lemonade, Dessert

Reservations: Please submit this form with correct amount on check. Late fee of $10/person after March 18, 2018.

Name: ______________________________

ZANT Members: $37/adult
(No. of Vegetarians ________ )
Child (ages 3-12): $20/child
Non-members: $50/adult
Donation
(Children under 3 yrs. - Free)

____ × $37 = $ _______
____ × $20 = $ _______
____ × $50 = $ _______

Total Payment = $ _______

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

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**Find Inner Strength**

Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships & decide not to surrender, that is strength!

- Arnold Schwarzenegger

Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will!

- Mahatma Gandhi

**Religious Class:**
At our January Religious class, our little ones the little kids class covered the origin & story of the Jashn-e-Sadeh festival celebrated at the end of January. We read some stories on Asha & Ashem & how being aware of the truth in our lives makes a difference. We wrapped-up the class by singing the “Khan Ashem Vohu” song & had a lot of fun!

Our Middle-age group learned the meaning of our daily prayers during the 1st half of their class & the 2nd half is being dedicated to learning about eminent Zoroastrians.

At the January class, we learnt about:
- Teachings from Hormazd Khodae
  - Introspection of our mistakes & weakness
  - Repenting for our deficiencies
  - Resolving to renounce all our shortcomings & changing our behavior
- Our Eminent Zoroastrian for Jan was “Bhikaiji Cama” – popularly remembered as “Madam Cama”. We learnt about her life & dedication to free India from the British Rule. She also fought for the cause of women & gender equality. She was honored by India by commemorating a postage stamp of her & naming the Indian Coast Guard patrol vessel “ICGS Bhikhaiji Cama”

The teens continued their glimpse into the Gathas. This time our focus was on some select Has from the Ahunavaiti Gatha 31-6 to 32-7. These selections emphasize the importance of using wisdom when making all our decisions and making in effort to make the right choice each time. The Gathas also stress that it is important to be mentally active and when all these three components of wisdom, righteousness, and an active mind come together, man becomes more attuned to his Creator and this enables man to receive subliminal messages from God. This connection also helps us to deal with adversities when they come along.

**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 Buhariwalla family & the Sidhwa family for January class kids’ & adults’ lunch!

**Children’s Religious Class:**

Our next religious class will be held on Sunday, February 18, 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.

Our Teens are collecting “Travel-size Toiletries” (bodywash, shampoo, deodorant..) for assembling into kits & handing out to “Homeless kids”. So, if you’d like to help out, please bring/drop-off your items anytime between now & March Religious class.

After lunch, at approximately 1:15pm, our kids will assemble food packs for the children served by “WeekendWonders4Kids”. Kids who volunteer for this will earn “volunteer hrs” for their school requirement. Please check out the link & donate for earning 2X the hrs! http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ba8af23a0fe3-weekend1
TREASURER’S CORNER

The donations and balances listed below are accurate as of January 31, 2017.

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.

LINKING YOUR KROGER REWARDS CARD WITH ZANT

Just a reminder to all new and existing ZANT members.

ZANT has established a Community Rewards Partnership with the Kroger family of stores. Please link your Kroger Rewards Card with ZANT so that ZANT gets a donation from Kroger every time a member shops at the store.

The NPO # for linkage is 63989.

Please feel free to contact a board member if help is needed to create the link.

INTERFAITH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

The Interfaith Council at Thanksgiving Square invites ZANT to participate in their monthly meetings. The calendar for 2018 is shown below:

- Jan 16 Day of service at City Square Food Pantry
- Feb 12 Visit to Turkish center
- Mar 12 Spring Festival of Faith
- April 9 Panel Conversation
- May 3 National Day of Prayer
- June 11 Visit to Lutheran Churches
- Sept 17 Indigenous Art
- Oct 8 Visit to Presbyterian Church
- Nov 12 Day of service honoring Veterans
- Dec Winter Festival of Faiths

If you would like to attend, please contact Anahita Sidhwa at afsidhwa@verizon.net for further details.

ZANT has participated in the spring festival of faiths for the past 2 years with a NouRuz table. We hope to do so this year also and welcome your help and support to showcase our community and customs.
weekendwonders4kidz

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Semi-Annual Bring n Bag Event

Come and see first-hand what we are all about! Due to popular demand, we are introducing a semi-annual bring n bag event after February’s religious class. We will be assembling food packs for the children we serve. Lewisville ISD has given us a huge space in one of their buildings, so our restriction for space is no more!

2X the hours - kids needing hours can earn them by helping us bag and earn more if they bring food to donate.

Please take a look at the link below and sign-up! Everyone is welcome!

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

Take a little time out to help make these kids weekends wonderful!

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

...... thatonerule.com.
**Past Events: Jashn-e Sadeh, Jan. 27, 2018**
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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](mailto:vp@fezana.org)

Sincerely,

FEZANA Executive
11th World Zoroastrian Congress 2018

Perth, Australia

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 lifetime 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
Zoroastrian Association of Houston will be hosting the **North American Zoroastrian Congress in 2020 (NAZC2020)**. The NAZC2020 Core Team is launching a competition for the best NAZC2020 Logo, so please put on your thinking caps and send us your entries. There will be a grand prize of $150 for the best NAZC2020 Logo entry selected by the designated selection committee.

Here are some guidelines:

- Should highlight the importance of Zarathushti religion and culture
- Should be relatable and aligned with the NAZC2020 Theme: **GENERATION Z: PROPELLING THE ZARATHUSHTI RESURGENCE**
- The selection committee will consist of the NAZC2020 core committee and/or its selected judges
- The logo must be easy to use, handle, resize, and manipulate for all reproduction purposes
- It should be visually appealing on both small (as small as 2 cm x 2 cm) and large scales
- Entries should be emailed to the NAZC2020 Secretary, Percy Master (percyMMaster@gmail.com) latest by Feb 28, 2018
- Submissions should include artwork in GIF, JPG, PPT, PDF or BMP format and a brief description of how the logo entry relates to the NAZC2020 Theme

In addition, listed below are some of the main committees needed for the congress. Anyone interested in volunteering on any of these committees should let the NAZC2020 Secretary, Percy Master (percyMMaster@gmail.com) know (being resident in Houston is not a requirement for most volunteers, since many of these items can be done via phone/email):

- Program – Determine the sessions and speakers for the congress
- Entertainment – Coordinate all of the entertainment before, during and after the congress
- Hospitality – Determine the venue for the congress
- Registration – Manage the list of registrants for the congress
- Public Relations – Manage press releases and invite dignitaries for the congress
- Publicity and Press Release – Manage the publicity campaign for the congress
- Publications – Publish the congress souvenir brochure
- Audio Visual – Manage microphone, sound and lighting requirements for the congress
- Technology – Manage website and social media for the congress
- Booths & Exhibits – Manage commercial booths and exhibits to promote Zarathushti culture and enterprise during the congress
- Youth – Manage events for youth, including social and educational sessions
- Tours & Transportation – Manage transportation for speakers and dignitaries, and sight-seeing before/after congress for all registrants

We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Percy M. Master
NAZC2020, Secretary
One of the objectives of the WZCC (World Zoroastrian Chamber of Commerce) is to contribute to the social projects to help the less fortunate Zoroastrian population in India. It is one of the objectives of FEZANA to engage in and support any other activities that nurture and support the Zoroastrian faith and Zoroastrian communities.

WZCC has been working to find ways to facilitate projects that uplift the individual and improve the well-being of the community. They have been working with FEZANA to raise funds and are jointly working with WZOTF (World Zoroastrian Organization Trust Funds) to identify worthy projects. WZOTF, an existing non-profit entity in India, helps with projects that uplift the individual and improves the well-being of the community. FEZANA has participated in the past with WZOTF in such programs.

People interested in supporting such projects may kindly send their donations to FEZANA.

FEZANA reserves the right to use the donated funds for any exempt purposes in keeping with FEZANA’s exempt purposes; and FEZANA is not obligated to give any donations to WZOTF.

You may donate online by clicking on the button below. For further details about the current project, please contact:

- Edul Daver, eduldaver@gmail.com; 908-397-4443 or
- Rustom Engineer, rustom47@hotmail.com; 281-265-5070
This is a follow-up to the FEZANA email blast dated December 4, 2017.

Sharmin BATLIWALA, a mother of two young kids, and a young Zoroastrian residing in Melbourne, Australia has been diagnosed with Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia (CLL).

The doctors have advised her that the best option to beat her cancer will require a bone marrow transplant. For this Sharmin requires a matching bone marrow transplant from a donor. Usually a family member is a perfect match. However, Sharmin did not have a match in her family and they are currently searching the unrelated bone marrow registry for a donor. Anyone can be a match but the best likelihood of a match is within her same ethnicity.

“Life becomes worth living, when it is geared towards giving.”

With that sentiment, we ask you to join us in giving the GIFT OF LIFE to a fellow Zarathushti in need by either participating yourself or by promptly sharing this information with all those who can reach out to Sharmin, as time is of the absolute essence. People residing in the United States can join “Be the Match registry” at a live event or online.

Potential donors should expect to spend about 15 minutes to join. A consent form will be needed to be filled out and a sample of a cheek swab will be taken to see if they are a match for Sharmin or for any patient in need. To join, you must be between the ages of 18-44 years old, in good health and be willing to donate to any patient.

Presidents of the member associations are requested to arrange a “Donate Bone Marrow Drive” at your local Centers. Those member associations unable to arrange a drive may contact Joyce Valdez, whose information is given at the end of this article.

If you cannot attend a live event, you can join online at http://join.marrow.org/swabforsharmin.

Those residing outside the United States may sign up visiting https://www.wmda.info/donor/become-a-donor/ and it will guide you to whom to contact for the country you reside in. There is a worldwide registry for bone marrow donors and once a match is located (even from overseas) arrangements will be made by the hospital to bring the matching bone marrow to Australia if necessary. There is no cost involved for the donor.

For those of you who require further information, Sharmin can be contacted at sharminavari@gmail.com or on +61 432 680 630.

Thank you kindly for reaching out to Sharmin. The Batliwala and Avari families send their sincere thanks in advance for your support.

All pertinent questions regarding this Bone Marrow Donation or for a live event or an online registry can be directed to:

Joyce Valdez  
Community Outreach Specialist  
BE THE MATCH Registry at City of Hope  
Office: 626-218-0784  
Cell: 626-373-4000  
Fax: 626-218-8826  
Email: jovaldez@coh.org
THE ASSOCIATION FOR PERFORMANCE OF THE FIRST YEAR NECESSARY DEATH CEREMONIES OF THE PARSI Zoroastrians

E. Mithaiwala Agiary Compound, Jehangir Daji Cross Lane, Sleeter Road, Grant Road (W), Mumbai 400007. Registration No. F-80 (Bom)

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Society by the name of The Association For Performance Of The First Year Necessary Death Ceremonies Of The Parsi Zoroastrians was founded in the year 1942 for the purpose of performing the essential death ceremonies of Parsi Zoroastrian individuals who desire to have the same performed for themselves, but do not have any relatives who will get the ceremonies performed.

The Society is headed by Ervad Dr. Ramiyar Karanjia, Chairman of the Association, and ably guided by Ervad Aspandiar Dadachanji, Panthaky, Vatcha Gandhi Agiary, Mrs. Shernaz D. Mehta, Director, Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank Ltd. and other Trustees.

The Society has arrangements with a few Agiaries for the Performance Of The First Year Necessary Death Ceremonies in different areas in Mumbai and Pune. The Society has received a heartening response from many Zoroastrians and who have since become its members.

The Society offers two Options:

Option 1 is the economical scheme, priced at Rs. 30,000/-, covering the essential after death ceremonies for one year including Muktad.

Option 2, priced at Rs.55,000/-, covers the essential after death ceremonies for one year including Muktad, a few days of rituals and one Vendidad.

Zoroastrians desiring to become members of this Scheme or for further details can contact:

Mr. Ariez Kharas. Administrator. Tel. 022 23870283 or 9769761284.

Ervad Aspandiar Dadachanji, Panthaky, Vatcha Gandhi Agiary, Hughes Road Tel. 022 23803826 or 919820493812

Ervad Kersi Bhadha, Panthaky, M.J.Wadia Agiary, Lalbaug Tel. 022 24702207

Ervad Viraf Pavri, Panthaky, B. C. Batliwalla Agiary, Tardeo Road Tel. 022 23530142

Ervad Hormuzd A. Dadachanji, Panthaky, Mithaiwala Agiary, Jehangir Daji Street, Grant Road (West) Tel. 919820493812

Ervad Rusi J. Katrak, Panthaky, Mehella Patel Agiary, Balaram Street, Grant Road, Mumbai 400 007.

Ervad Parvez M. Bajan, Panthaky, Seth B.M. Mevawala Agiary, Victoria gardens, Byculla, Mumbai 400 027. Tel. 23716799 (Res).

Zoroastrians who desire to get their first year after death ceremonies performed should first become members of the Society by paying a nominal sum of Rs.51/- and, thereafter, can opt for either of the schemes mentioned above.

The Society is registered as per the Society’s Registration Act and also under the Bombay Public Trust Act and is being looked after by its Board of Trustees. Community members may take advantage of this Scheme depending on their needs.

A General Body Meeting of The Association will be held on Saturday, the 6th of January, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the Administrative Office of the Association.