**ZANT Upcoming Events**

- **April 28:** Eagle Scout project (ZANT sprinklers)
- **May 5:** ZANT Carnival (Annual Fundraiser)
- **May 20:** RSVP for ZANT Gahambar
- **May 27:** ZANT Graduation and Gahambar
- **June 16:** Tirgan and Father’s Day Picnic

**Happy Mothers Day**

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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,

Cyrus Buhariwalla decided to turn his Eagle Scout project to a beneficial plan for ZANT. He is going replace the old sprinkler system with a new drip irrigation one in order to reduce waste and increase the efficiency of water use at ZANT on April 28th. Thanks Cyrus! ZANT is so grateful of our youths for thinking about it. Please support Cyrus for his great project.

On May 5, in conjunction with the Carnival, ZANT will hold a Bone Marrow Registration drive to help a Zoroastrian Lady in Australia who is in dire need of a bone marrow transplant. Please refer to Page 18 of this newsletter for further details. We hope that many will sign up to register on that day.

We are looking forward to seeing you in ZANT Carnival on May 5th. We are planning to have our fun filled Carnival with lots of fun activities, games and delicious foods. Hope to see you all at these future events!

**Cyrus Buhariwalla’s Eagle Scouts Project**

Dear ZANT community,

This is Cyrus Buhariwalla and I am a junior at Flower Mound High School and trying to complete my Eagle Scout for boy scouts. One of the last things I need to accomplish is a project and for this I am going to be installing some drip irrigation at ZANT.

I am going to be replacing the old sprinkler system with a new drip irrigation one in order to reduce waste and increase the efficiency of water use at ZANT. The old system wasted lots of water as well as failing to give some plants enough water. The drip lining will be at the roots of the plants and will ensure that all water is going towards the plants and none is wasted. With this system in place, plants will not die due to a lack of water like they used to, and this will help reduce costs in the future.

This eagle scout project will be done on April 28th and the irrigation will be in the bushes surrounding the parking lot and the flower beds in front of the building. The eagle project will cost around $900 and I have already fundraised around $450 and would appreciate any donations. If you wish to donate, please email me at cyrusb21@hotmail.com.

Thank You,

*Cyrus Buhariwalla*
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 give THANKS!

**Date:** Sunday, May 27, 2018  
**RSVP to ppbalsara@gmail.com**

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).

**Graduation Write-ups Requested**

Congratulations to all Parents of Graduating Kids!

As in the past, ZANT will be honoring our graduates. This year ZANT is honoring our graduates on Sunday, May 27th, 2018. It is a “Gahambar-and-Graduation” event. We will begin the evening with a “Gahambar Jashan” (calling out names of all our graduating kids in the Tandarosti Prayer) followed by our “Graduation Ceremony” ZANT-style!

For this, we need you to send us a **short write-up** on your kid (at least 4-5 lines). Please send it to Pearl Balsara at ppbalsara@gmail.com by ASAP by **April 30, 2018**.

Hope you all will be attending with your Graduate & family & friends!

**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 welcomes all to an evening at the Carnival for some Fun and Delicious Food

Saturday May 5, 2018 at 6:00pm

Egg-Hunt (6:30pm) ... Piñata ... Mexican games. Fun and games for all! Pictionary / Bingo!!

Enjoy Cinco de Mayo with a piñata and some south-of-the border favorites like tamales and chili!

Traditional dishes like biryani, dhansak, kebabs, cutlets and many more tasty treats will be available.
Take home batasas, chutneys, malido, murambo, daar-ni- pori, and other delicacies
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

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).

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.
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

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.
TREASURER’S CORNER

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

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.
Past Events: Panjeh Prayers, March 17, 2018
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Past Events: Nowruz Celebration, March 25, 2018
PAST EVENTS: RELIGION CLASS, APRIL 8, 2018
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/

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/
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
11th World Zoroastrian Congress 2018

Perth, Australia
June 1st - 4th 2018

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
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

VISIT www.ZATHLETICS.com TO REGISTER FOR GAMES AND PURCHASE SOCIAL EVENT TICKETS BEFORE THEY'RE GONE!
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](mailto: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](mailto: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
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:

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BE THE MATCH Registry at City of Hope
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