ZANT Upcoming Events

- Nov. 1: New ZANT Board starts their 2 year term
- Nov. 11: Religion Class and Vohu Manah Group
- Nov. 23-24: ZANT-ZAH Youth Lock-In
- Dec. 22: ZANT Yalda celebration
- Jan. 26: ZANT AGM and Jashn-e Sadeh

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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
November 2018 marks the beginning for a new board of Directors for ZANT. A BIG THANK YOU to Persis Bahrassa, Kashmira Contractor and Mehroo Madeka who served on the Board for 4 years. We welcome our new board members Mahervan Karbhari as Vice President, Jamshid Contractor as Treasurer and Dilnawaz Rustomji and Kurush Dehnugara as Directors.

This also marks the beginning of our Membership year from November, 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019. We encourage our current members to renew your memberships. We also hope that Zoroastrians in North Texas who are not currently members to formally join ZANT and become an active part of our community. We have noticed that several individuals and families regularly participate in our events and also help during the events but for whatever reason have not become members of ZANT. The $50 fee does not come close to the cost of running our Center and our Activities. But each additional membership fee helps with the expenses.

We would like all community members to help with ZANT’s activities. We ask everyone to participate and bring your children young and old with you.

*Ask what you can do for ZANT and not what ZANT can do for you.*

Those that have been actively participating in ZANT’s activities have developed a close emotional bond with our Zoroastrian community and in fact created a new family for most of us who have adopted this as our new homeland.

We look forward to serving you and hope we can count on your help and support

**MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD**

Our next *Childrens’ Religion Class* will be held on **Sunday, November 11, 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 meet on **Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 1:30pm** at the ZANT Center Library. For further details about the Vohu Manah Group, please contact Anahita Sidhwa.
ZANT is happy to announce that we will be hosting our annual youth lock-in during the upcoming Thanksgiving break on Friday and Saturday November 23rd-24th, 2018 at the Zoroastrian Center of North Texas, 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound Texas, 75028. All Zoroastrian youth age 11 years and older are welcomed to participate. We have also invited youth from Houston, Austin and San Antonio for this event.

The event will be an over night lock-in for our youth and consists some social and educational sessions. The cost is $25 per youth member and will include all the meals for the duration of the lock-in. This event starts Friday @12:30 pm and will end at Saturday 12:30 pm. Further information will be provided at a later date to all who RSVP. If you are interested please RSVP to Delnaaz Irani at delo.irani@sbcglobal.net by November 15th. A late fee of $10 per youth will apply after the due date.

This year we would like to invite our youth parents, family and friends to join us for dinner and activity on Friday evening. Come meet our Houston friends and enjoy the evening with us! Our young adults visiting from college are also welcome to join. We will have dinner of chicken curry rice for a nominal fee of $8 per person (all funds raised will be used for our Hvarshta Project and camp cost). Please RSVP by November 15th if you would like to join.

We encourage all our youth to participate, make new friends and create wonderful memories with your fellow community members.

ZANT Hvarshta Project

ZANT youth are planning to do a Hvarshta project during the above lock-in event. The project is to support "Weekend Wonders 4 Kidz" which is a non profit organization feeding school kids on weekends who otherwise go hungry. Our project includes assembling and providing food packages for kids.

We would love our community members to support our youth by way of only monetary donations for the program. Checks can be mailed to ZANT please make it payable to "Weekend Wonders 4 Kidz". Please send any checks prior to November 19th, 2018. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call Delnaaz Irani at 972-398-8673 or email at delo.irani@sbcglobal.net
**TREASURER’S CORNER**

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

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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.

**RETURN TO ROOTS PROGRAM**

ZANT highly encourages youth ages 22-35 to consider participating in Zoroastrian Return to Roots Program. The aim of Zoroastrian Return to Roots is to bring together young Zoroastrians from across the world to return to their roots, reconnect with their culture, and revive the community. Participants explore various significant Zoroastrian historical, religious, cultural, and archaeological sites in India over short trips of about 10 days in length. The next trip is in December 2018 and the application deadline is November 15, 2018.

Arzan Wadia, FEZANA Vice President, is the coordinator of this program and will be present during the trip. Please refer to the below links for more detail. The first link includes application for the program. The second link includes a short clip made by two of the alumni from the last trip in December 2017.

http://zororoots.org/apply/
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QYflUelD66M

Below is a link to this year’s Annual Trip Report, which we would like to share this with prospective applicants, their parents and others who might be interested in the program.

KIDS’ CORNER

Prayer for Prosperity of our City

Nērang pērozgar bād…
nām cheshhtī hātar andar kām bād;
Hast sheherestān andar ______ sheherestān
(to mention the name of the particular city in
which the prayer is recited)
Pori firozi shādi ārāmashni.

(Dibācheh-i-Āfrīgān)

May this prayers and rituals be efficacious…
May the desires of all individuals be fulfilled.
May prosperity, success, joy and cheerfulness
prevail in this city
(Source: Treasury of Quotations from Zoroastrian
Texts)

Religious Class:
At our October Religious class, our middle-age
group learnt in depth about “Jashn-e-Sadeh”.
They had a Power-point presenta-
tion & learnt …
- “Sadeh” - 50 days n 50 nights
  before NouRuz
- Legend of King Hushang
- Honor Fire, Light & Energy
- Celebrations —
  ⇒ Ancient times
  ⇒ Today

We watched the video about
“Jashn-e-Sadeh” to conclude the
class!

Children’s Religious Class:
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vember 11, 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. before the Religious Class.

We will not be having a Religious class
in December.

For further details about the Religious Classes,
please contact Pearl P. Balsara at (972) 519-0373 or
ppbalsara@gmail.com.
weekendwonders4kidz

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

A big thank you to all the parents and kids who made our ‘bring n bag’ session a huge success!

This event was sponsored by Aldi, who donated to us via the Aldi Smart Kids Grant. Thank you also to Pearl Balsara who has supported us from day one by helping us to coordinate these sessions, publishing our articles in the newsletter and always being supportive of our cause!

The item we need for the month of November is, grocery bags! Please help us, and the environment, by recycling your grocery bags by donating them to us. We are always in need and can never have too many!

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

….. thatonerule.com.

Thank You!
**Past Events: Jashn-e Mehergan, Oct. 13, 2018**
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The Zoroastrian Return to Roots Program is pleased to announce the opening of applications for Return to Roots 5 Trip scheduled to take place from 19th December, 2018 to 2nd January 2019. This will be the fifth tour after the first three very successful tours in 2013-14, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

The aim of Zoroastrian Return to Roots is to bring together young Zoroastrians from across the world between the ages of 22-35; to return to their roots, reconnect with their culture, and revive the community. Participants (‘Fellows’) will explore various significant Zoroastrian historical, religious, cultural, and archaeological sites in India over a trip of 13-15 days.

The itinerary will take participants to Mumbai, Gujarat and Pune.

One of the key aims of this program is to foster a sense of community amongst Fellows and for individuals to contribute to the institutions they visit as well as the program even after they have participated. Another aim of the trip is for participants to understand and realize the influence Parsis have had on modern-day India. Fellows also understand and experience first-hand the meaning behind our long-standing religious customs and traditions.

Fellows from previous trips returned from India with a deep understanding and appreciation for our small but powerful community. They are becoming more involved with their local Zoroastrian associations, giving back to the community, and encouraging other youth to participate in Return to Roots.

Applications close on November 15, 2018.

All prospective applicants having current or past Pakistan citizenship, or have parents who have/had Pakistan citizenship need to apply no later than end of August to allow time for the visa process.

We encourage applicants to apply using the following link: http://zororoots.org/apply/ before the deadline and approach one’s local community members and associations for funding and sponsorship. Applications are accepted on a rolling-basis.

For more info:
• Return To Roots website: www.zororoots.org
• Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/zororoots
• To Apply: http://zororoots.org/apply/
• Image Gallery: http://zororoots.org/gallery/
Register for the 2019 Zoroastrian Youth Congress

Who: 18-35 year old Zoroastrian Youth from around the world
What: Sign up for the World Zoroastrian Youth Congress today!
When: July 1-6, 2019
Where: Los Angeles, CA USA
Why: Learn about the Zoroastrian religion, network with peers and other professionals, and make new friends from around the world!
How: Click on this link: https://wzycongress.org/register/details/
Use the code FIRST100 to get the early bird price of $399.99!

Theme: A Global Zarathushti

As the first youth congress took place in California in over twenty-five years ago, this congress is a milestone event where we can recognize the progress and shortcomings that our community have faced over the last twenty-five years as the original youth groups have now transitioned into adulthood. Now, it is time that we re-energize our youth and engage them again to build a better Zoroastrian community in an increasingly globalized world.

We plan on encouraging the youth to attend and take place in the ABC’s of the congress:

- **Academic:** What updates have taken place in our understanding of the religious and historical literature regarding Zoroastrianism over the last twenty-five years?
- **Business:** What professional opportunities are Zoroastrians thriving in across the world and how can we continue to thrive professionally and entrepreneurially going forward?
- **Community:** What can we do to reignite the flame as our community continues to expand across the world?
FEZANA just received this heart wrenching appeal from the father of 13 year old Iyanaa Zubin Daruwalla.

Zubin writes:

“In the most unfortunate occurrence, my healthy and playful daughter Iyanaa was diagnosed 6th May 2018. GBM is unfortunately one of the worst and most aggressive malignancy known to mankind. In the past four months my brave daughter has undergone a major brain surgery followed by 6 weeks of radiation and chemotherapy.

She needs regular treatment of the same which is very expensive costing them about five thousands of dollars a month and that is besides any other expenses. We hope and pray for a successful result for Iyanaa and ask our generous community for help. Once again thank you for your generosity and your prayers for Iyanaa’s early recovery in living a healthy full life.”

They are from a middle class family and the treatment being so expensive and could be for an extended period of time, they have asked for help from our community worldwide.

You can donate online by clicking on the link below and then select Welfare Activities and then General Critical Assistance Fund and in the memo line write "For Iyanaa":

https://fezana.org/donate/

You may also mail a check to:
Rooky Fitter,
FEZANA Treasurer;
PO BOX 266, Sunset Beach, CA 90742.

All donations will be used for this cause till the need is met, the balance is any remaining will be used for similar causes.

Love and good thoughts,

FEZANA Welfare Committee
Huty Contractor, Freyaz Shroff, Hosi Mehta
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