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- Aug. 12: RSVP deadline for Aug. 18 function
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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
**MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD**

Dear Friends,

ZANT wishes all its members a **Very Happy & Prosperous Shehenshahi New Year!**

May everyday of the new year glow with new cheer & happiness for you & your family!

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**RELIGIOUS PRESENTATIONS AND GYMKHANA NIGHT**

*Date:* Saturday, August 25, 2018  
*Venue:* ZANT Center

**5:30pm—7:30pm:** Presentations by Firdosh Mehta of Vancouver, Canada

1. **Title:** Ferdowsi’s Shahnameh Story of Rustam and Isfandiar  
   *Abstract:* Join us in the story of the first dissemination of Mazda Yasna Religion of Asho Zarathushtra in the land of BALKH, Central Asia

2. **Title:** Khorasan to Sanjan and Beyond, A Zarathushti Odyssey  
   *Abstract:* A remarkable JOURNEY from Persia to India for the preservation of Zoroastrian faith; post Arab conquest of Iran. “SUGAR IN MILK” narrative of refugee settlement, with promises to the Hindu King. Establishment of first consecrated Atash Behram - “IRANSHAH” as the “VATICAN” of Parsis.

3. **Title:** Zarathushtis and Their Achievements in Philatelics  
   *Abstract:* Interesting visual of stamps and first day covers from many nations commemorating Parsi/Zarathushti famous persona and ancient artifacts.

**7:30pm onwards:** Gymkhana Night and Potluck Dinner!
Majaah Karvaa Aavoji
(Come & Have Fun)

2018 Shehenshahi New Year

Date: Saturday, August 18, 2018
Time: 6:30pm to 11:00pm
Place: Dallas Palms – Melrose Banquet Hall

Address: 2424 Marsh Lane
Carrollton, TX 75006
Phone#: (972) 416-1416

6:30pm-7:00pm
Meet and Greet

7:00pm-8:00pm
Entertaining dances, ZANT Orchestra,
& Parsi Natak, “Dhunmai na Dhutting”

8:00pm-9:30pm
Dinner

9:30pm onwards
Dessert, tea, coffee,
& dance the night away

Dinner Menu
Bhuna Chicken (Paneer Tikka Masala), Tandoori Chicken (Potato Cutlets),
Kashk-e-Bademjan, Chicken Biryani (Veg. Biryani), Naan, Raita, Salad.
Gulab Jamun with Ice Cream, Sodas and Tea.

Kids Menu: Alfredo Pasta with Chicken Nuggets

Please indicate veg/non-veg and submit this form with check. Late fee of $10/person after August 12, 2018.

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

*Shehenshahi Muktad prayers* will be held during the Gatha days from *August 12 to August 16, 2018* to vener-erate 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 commit-ment to lead a good life. Please bring fresh flowers and your “Satum” (food) offering for the table. Potluck din-ner 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

**Muktad Jashan and Dinner**

ZANT will have its Annual Jashan for the Departed (Muktad / Farvardegan Jashan) on *Sunday, August 12, 2018* at 5:30 pm. *This Jashan is being sponsored by Mehroo and Rajesh Madeka.*

If you wish to have the names of your departed loved ones mentioned in the Jashan prayers, please e-mail the same to Poras T. Balsara at ptbalsara@gmail.com. Alternatively, fill-in the form on next page & email to Poras.

Jashan will be followed by potluck dinner so please bring a dish to share.

**Anand Bazar Mela Fundraiser**

Date: August 11, 2018
Place & Time: Addison Circle Park, 4970 Addison Circle, Addison, TX 75001 at 6pm

Once again its time to sell Falooda at this year’s Anand Bazar!

Anand Bazar is one of our biggest fundraisers and all proceeds go towards paying for various activities and events for ZANT community members. Please note that this year Anand Bazar is held at a different venue, Addison Circle Park.

Costs for this event includes booth rental and supplies. In the past this event has been subsidized by our ZANT family donations. We look forward to your continued support and generosity.

We also need volunteers to make and serve falooda. It’s fun and the food is always delicious.

Contact Khurshid Jamadar at jjjamadar@verizon.net for information and volunteering opportunities.
This year our priests will perform the **Muktad Jashan on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**

If you wish to submit the names of your dear departed family members and friends for inclusion in the Afringan Prayers, please complete and email the following form to Poras T. Balsara (ptbalsara@gmail.com) by **August 12, 2017**.

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The names of the deceased are always recited together with their father/husband’s name along with their status, i.e. Ervad, Osta, Osti, Behdin or Khurd, as per Zarthushti custom. No Surnames are recited in the prayers.

- **E** = Ervad (male who is /was a Navar/priest)
- **O** = Osta (male from Athornan, or priestly family but not a Navar)
- **Oi** = Osti (female from Athornan family)
- **B** = Behdin (male/female from Behdin, or non-priestly family)
- **K** = Khurd (child whose Navjote has not been performed)
Presentations & Gymkhana Night

Come join us for an evening of fun

Date: Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018
Place: ZANT Center
Time: 5:30pm Religious presentations (see page 2)
      7:30 pm Gymkhana night

Activities for all to enjoy - ping-pong, carrom, cards, board games, and chit-chat...

Potluck dinner at 8:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

Bring any board games that you’d like to play. Let’s get together and have a FUN evening!!

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**Treasurer’s Corner**

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

**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 e-mail at mpgs.reunion4dallas@gmail.com.
weekendwonders4kidz

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!

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

….. thatonerule.com.
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/
**PhD candidate in Iranian Studies/History of Religions**

PhD candidate in Iranian Studies/History of Religions (2 positions),
University of Leiden
Vacancy number 18-308

**Project Description**

The PhD candidate will carry out research in the framework of the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) funded project, /Keepers of the Flame: The Reconfiguration of the Zoroastrian Priesthood in Sasanian and Early Islamic Times/, led by Professor Albert de Jong. This project examines the history of the Zoroastrian priesthood in two periods of transformation: the Sasanian Empire and the early Islamic period. The project as a whole aims to answer the question how Zoroastrianism survived the loss of its empire. The project will study the build-up and transformation of the Zoroastrian priesthood in the context of innovative theorizing about longue durée history of religion, the transformation of Iranian identity, and the role of religious specialists.

**Appointment**

The appointment will initially be for 12 months and if evaluated positively, with an extension of 3 years and must lead to the completion of a PhD thesis. The salary range for a PhD student is from €31,624 to €40,430 gross per year (pay-scale P) based on a full-time appointment.

**Applications must be received no later than 7 September 2018.**

https://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/BLN096/phd-candidate-in-iranian-studies-history-of-religions-2-positions-of-10-fte/
WZCC has been actively "Building the Spirit of Entrepreneurship". On March 8, 2018 WZCCI/WZOTF announced plans to Establish a Funding Vehicle for The Youth Entrepreneurship, Development and Sustainability Program. We are pleased to report that within a short span of four months a handful of people have stepped up to the plate with significant donations totaling close to INR One Crore.

As indicated earlier our objective is INR 5 Crores with a Trigger Point of INR 1 crore to start evaluation and disbursement of funds to qualified proposals. The Business Advisory Group has started the Evaluation of Proposals and we are hopeful of a few approvals in the near future.

This is a request to individuals from India and all over the World to support and help with donations, large small, so we can help budding entrepreneurs and professionals succeed and in turn uplift the entire community. Sincere thanks and appreciation.

"Entrepreneurship is the pursuit of opportunity beyond the resources currently controlled."

Please consider becoming a member by visiting www.wzcc.org or contacting your Region Director/Chapter Chair.

Please read on to view Funding Vehicle Details
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 ZOROSTRIAN 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
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