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ZANT Upcoming Events

- Jan. 26: ZANT AGM and Jashn-e Sadeh
- Feb. 3: Super Bowl Party at ZANT
- Feb. 10: ZANT Religion Classes
- Feb. 23: Gymkhana Night
- March 10: ZANT Religion Classes
- March 17: Panjeh Prayers
- March 23: ZANT NouRuz Celebration

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Jamshed Jamadar
Vice President: Mahervan Karbhari
Treasurer: Jamshed Contractor
Secretary: Anahita Kyani
Social Director: Pearl P. Balsara
Director: Kurush Dehnugara
Director: Dilnawaz Rustomji

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
Happy New Year to all of you!

ZANT Board wishes all of you a year filled with joy, good health, and togetherness.

Let’s get together on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019 to go over the financials and approve the budget for this year. This is your opportunity to make sure the Board’s plans meet your expectations and we have ZANT activities for all!

We will follow up with Jashn-e-Sadeh Celebration the same evening. We hope to see all of you!

We want to encourage all who have not become members to attend and become members.

ZANT Annual General Body Meeting

Date: Saturday, Jan 26, 2019
Time: 6:00 pm
Venue: ZANT Center
Agenda:
Examiner’s Report & Approval of Financial Statements for Year Ended Oct 31, 2018
Budget Approval for Nov 1, 2018 – Oct 31, 2019 (GF, BF and ZOMF)
Appointing the “Examiner” for Financial Statements for Year Ended Oct 31, 2019

Childrens’ Religion Class and Vohu Manah Group

Our next Childrens’ Religion Class will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019. 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, February 10, 2019 at 1:30pm at the ZANT Center Library. For further details about the Vohu Manah Group, please contact Anahita Sidhwa.
Jashn-e Sadeh Celebration

Date: Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019
Address: 1605 Lopo Road
Time: 6:00pm onwards
Place: ZANT Center

Jashn-e Sadeh Celebration

6:00pm  ZANT AGM
7:30pm  Jashn-e Sadeh Program
         Kids’ speech and Shahnameh Khani
8:00pm  Jashn-e Sadeh Prayers and Fire ceremony
         (Board requests to come dressed in white
         for this celebration, if you can.)
8:30pm  Potluck Dinner and desert
9:30pm  Music and dance

Members and kids : FREE
Non-members : $5 / person
Are you ready for Super Bowl Party?

Put on your team jersey & let us get together & watch Super Bowl LIII (53) on the Big Screen!

Maroon 5 & Travis Scott will be taking the stage for the Bud Light Super Bowl halftime Show at the Super Bowl LIII in Atlanta, GA!

Bring an appetizer dish, to share and Huddle up for a FUN filled evening with FRIENDS!

Dinner: Chicken Sheekh kebab (veg. kebab), Haleem (Dal Makhani), Chicken (veg.) Biryani, Naan, Raita. Pizza for “kids”. Dessert, Chai, and Soda

RSVP by January 26, 2019 to ppbalsara@gmail.com

Date: Sunday, February 3, 2019 Time: 6:00 pm
Place: ZANT Center
Address: 1605 Lopo Road
Flower Mound, TX 75028

Family Name (specify if vegetarian or any food allergies)______________________________

Members _____ x $12 = $ __________
Kids (if eating Pizza) _____ x $ 5 = $ __________
Non-Members _____ x $18 = $ __________
Total Payment = $ __________

RSVP by January 26, 2019
To ppbalsara@gmail.com

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

Late fee of an additional $5 / person after January 26, 2019
ZANT Membership Form
(Nov. 1, 2018 to Oct. 31, 2019)

To avoid misspelling of names please print all the information on this form clearly.

Family Name: ____________________________  Home Phone#: ____________________________

Email: ___________________________________  Cell Phone#: ____________________________

Home Address:

(Street Address)  (Apt #)  (City)  (State)  (Zip)

Please list names of members/children and provide any additional information
(for “Age Range”, please specify, <35 or 35-65 or >65):

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• According to ZANT Bylaws, Regular & Life Membership is open to all Zarthushtis and their spouses over 18 years of age.
• ZANT members may access the Zoroastrian Center of North Texas (ZCNT) by card key. Please read Card Key Access Form on our website zant.org for details.
• Donations to ZANT Center Operations and Maintenance Fund (ZOMF) may also be included. Please read the ZOMF Pledge Form card key and other details, including free ZCNT rental on our website zant.org.
• ZANT Newsletters are delivered by email or accessible from the ZANT website. If you prefer a newsletter mailed to your home, please add a $25 annual fee.
• Please complete this form (and ZCNT card key liability form if requesting a card key) and mail the form(s) with your check to ZANT, 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028-1306

Membership rates per person:

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I would like to volunteer for the following: Sub-committee member (education, maintenance, community support, teen group, etc.), cooking for ZANT events, religious activities, youth activities, ZANT website, etc.

Signature: ____________________________  Date: ____________________________
weekend wonders 4 kidz

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Weekend Wonders for Kidz had another successful year of serving our schools and bringing smiles to children in need. We could not have achieved this without each and every one of our supporters.

So many of you have supported us in different ways, through corporate giving, small business giving and personal giving. We truly appreciate your generosity and all the time and effort you have contributed to making our mission a success.

So, this month Weekend Wonders 4 Kidz are not asking for anything, instead we would like to give you all a big THANK YOU for all your support in 2018 and wish you all the very best for 2019!

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

.....thatonerule.com.
A NEW FLAME BURNS BRIGHT

The Zoroastrian Association of Houston (ZAH) proudly announces the grand opening of its new Atash Kadeh. You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating the gala opening scheduled during the Navroze days from March 20 through March 24, 2019.

An interesting and exciting program is planned for the celebration that will include prayer ceremonies, social events and lectures, and some meals. High priests have been invited from Iran & India, along with many local and foreign dignitaries. Many influential leaders from our community in North America are also expected to attend. We request leaders of Zoroastrian Associations to forward this invitation to all their members and friends.

A dream for many years, the establishment of a new Atash Kadeh in North America has been brought to fruition by the generous donation of Feroze and Shernaz Bhandara of Houston. This Atash Kadeh, the first of its kind, is a standalone structure costing over one and a half million dollars, that will be inclusive and open to all Zoroastrians, their family members, and friends. It will meet the needs of a dedicated place of worship, and also provide a place to train Mobeds locally.

Over the last several decades, Zoroastrian immigrants from India, Pakistan and Iran have made inroads with distinction into every segment of America’s professional and social life. The North American diaspora is energized and moving to ensure that Zoroastrians thrive in their adopted homeland. This landmark event marks the natural culmination of that story. Please plan to be a part of this event as history is being made.

For now, mark the dates on your calendar; more details will be forthcoming. Registration and schedule of events will be on our website soon: http://zah.org/atash-kadeh-grand-opening/
Remembering Dr. Stanley Insler (1937-2019)

We at World Zoroastrian Organization were deeply saddened to hear of the sudden passing away of Dr Stanley Insler on the 4th January, 2019. He was Professor Emeritus of Linguistics at Yale University, the Edward E. Salisbury Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology in the Department of Classics.

Son of Clara and Frank Insler, Dr Stanley was born on June 23, 1937 in the Bronx, New York City. He attended the Bronx High School of Science, leaving at 16 to attend Columbia University on a Ford Foundation scholarship from where he received his B.A. in 1957. He did postgraduate studies at the University of Tübingen (1960-1962), carried out research at the University of Madras, and received his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1963. In the same year he became a member of the faculty at Yale where he remained until his retirement in 2012, serving two terms at the chair of the Department of Linguistics from 1978-1989.

Long-time treasurer of the American Oriental Society and also its president from 1997-98, Professor Insler was an active fellow of Jonathan Edwards College and an enthusiastic participant at the Henry Koerner Center for Emeritus Faculty. Stanley received fellowships from the Ford Foundation and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. He was a member of Société Asiatique, the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland, the Philological Society, Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the French Oriental Society, among others.

Among his many achievements, Dr Stanley's translation of the Avestan Gathas, the sacred text of the Zoroastrians is widely regarded as the modern standard. He made a conspicuous contribution to the study of the Gathas by contesting the extreme ritualistic interpretation applied to them by earlier scholars. His translation made this classic text accessible to many Parsees, or modern Zoroastrians, many of whom live in London and Bombay.

In his The Gathas of Zarathustra, Dr Stanley Insler used his introductions to each of the hymns, among other matters, to emphasize the moral and ethical character of Zoroaster’s thought neglected in the ritualist approach. While it is true that all modern translators have made use of comparative materials from the Vedas, Insler, an outstanding Vedacist himself, probed the limits of what the ancient Indian texts can contribute.


Informing others about the Zoroastrian religion and customs is enshrined in WZO’s constitution. Dr Stanley Insler was an occasional speaker at the WZO annual seminars. Here is one such video of Dr Stanley Insler at the 2004 WZO Seminar: https://www.w-z-o.org/wzo-videos/4/

He is survived by his sister Thelma (Toby) Koenigsberg, his nieces Carol Koenigsberg and Diane Edwards, his nephew Stuart Koenigsberg, and his life partner William C. Sanford.

Dr Stanley Insler may have left for his heavenly abode but his translations of Yasnas from the Gathas, which appear on the back cover of the Hamazor will stay on.

Shahpur F. Captain, Chairman WZO
ZANT participated in the annual Festival of Faiths organized by the Interfaith Council of Thanks-Giving Square on Dec. 19, 2018. The event featured music and dances from all over the world and food representing many faiths was also served. It was a good opportunity to put forward a positive image of our community and we showcased some of our desserts like malido, nan-khatai and kopra-pak made by Kashmira Mistry, Nina Kalianivala, Jamshed & Khurshid Jamadar, and Anahita Sidhwa.
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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?
Call for Nominations of FEZANA Executive Officers

Dear Respected Presidents and Representatives of Member Associations:

The 2019 FEZANA Annual General Meeting is fast approaching and it is now time to prepare for elections of FEZANA Executive Officers for a new term. Hence, this correspondence is a call for Nominations of FEZANA Executive Officers.

The nomination form (https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2e6f110301717fd7f389ee34e/files/ee220aa9-319e-4b5a-ae23-13105e6353c7/FEZANA_Officer_Nomination_2019.pdf) for the election of the following FEZANA Officers: 2019-2021 Term of office: 1) Vice President, 2) Secretary

The deadline for receiving all nominations is midnight (US EST) on February 15, 2019.

The results of the elections will be announced on May 3rd at the 2019 FEZANA AGM in Orlando, FL.

The current Vice President, Arzan Wadia, has completed his first term, and is eligible for reelection, as per terms of the FEZANA Constitution. The Vice President's position is open for nominations.

The current Secretary, Percy M. Master, has completed his first term, and is eligible for reelection, as per terms of the FEZANA Constitution. The Secretary’s position is open for nominations.

Please note that only those associations in the membership lists, whose membership dues form and payments for their 2019 membership dues have been received, will be eligible to participate in nominating and voting as per terms of the FEZANA Constitution.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Percy M. Master
FEZANA Secretary