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ZANT UPDATING EVENTS

- June 1: RSVP for ZANT-ZAH Youth Camp
- June 2: RSVP for ZANT Graduation Dinner
- June 8: ZANT Graduation
- June 15: RSVP for ZANT Youth Group Event
- June 22: ZANT Youth Group—Black & Red Night
- July 26-28: ZANT-ZAH Youth Camp in Houston

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
MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

ZANT Board invites you to come & be part of the many celebrations we have planned for you. For an opportunity to get to know what our young Zarathushtis are up to, come & encourage them at the ZANT Graduation Celebration….read the article in next newsletter….

Our new Youth Coordinator, Panteha is also planning activities for the youth in summer – come & be part of it – enjoy, share your ideas & make it fun!

With the 2 new TT Tables now at ZANT Center, we just can’t wait to have a TT Tournament sometime soon…. So use the summer to brush up your skills & be ready…..

If you would like to see some new activity, we are always open to it – share your thoughts & volunteer with us to see it through!

ZANT TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

We will be having table tennis tournament in September 2019. In order to estimate the duration of this tournament (1 day or 2 days), the board would like to know if you will be interested in participating. Kindly contact Pearl P. Balsara (ppbalsara@gmail.com) with your name and age so that appropriate competition groups can be created.

Please RSVP by June 15, 2019 if you are interested in participating.

GRADUATION WRITE-UPS REQUESTED

Congratulations to all Parents of ZANT Graduates!

As in the past, ZANT will be honoring our graduates. This year ZANT is honoring our graduates on Saturday, June 8, 2019 in 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 May 20, 2019.

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

ZANT-ZAH YOUTH SUMMER CAMP IN HOUSTON

We are glad to announce a ZANT-ZAH summer camp in Houston from Friday, July 26th evening to Sunday, July 28th. The camp will be held at the Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center in Houston for our youth between 12 -18 years (if you are between 19-25 and want to join please let us know so we can plan something for your group). It will be a fun filled, packed program for two days with all the meals. There will be a nominal fee and registration required. If you are interested to attend the camp and make new friends and have blast this summer please RSVP to Delnaaz Irani 972-398-8673 or delo.irani@sbcglobal.net by June 1st. We will directly give more registration information to all the youth that RSVP. Please note that Dallas youth who RSVP through ZANT will be allowed to stay at ZAH on Friday night. Looking forward to have all our ZANT youth make wonderful friends and priceless memories with our Houston youth.
Zoroastrian Association of North Texas

Let us all get together to

Honor Our Graduates

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019
Address: 1605 Lopo Road
Time: 6:00pm onwards
Place: ZANT Center

Flower Mound, TX 75028

Honoring our Graduates
6:00pm  Meet & Greet over appetizers
6:30pm  ZANT Graduation Ceremony
7:15pm  Grads vs Dads (& Moms) – Games
8:00pm  Dinner

SPONSORED FREE DINNER – RSVP REQUIRED

Thai Basil Fried Rice (Chicken/Veg), Green Curry (Chicken/Veg), Pad Kee Mow (noodles with chicken/veg), Thai Basil Eggplant, and Thai Chili (Chicken/Veg). Dessert, Tea and Coffee

RSVP by Sunday, June 2, 2019 (late fee of $10 per person) to ppbalsara@gmail.com.
It’s a Party!

Dress in black and red and join us.

Don’t forget to RSVP.

Register your team for the Group Dance Contest to win a prize.

Register to share your talent with your friend and win a prize.

Register to be our DJ for the night and win a prize.

For registration and RSVP send an email with names in it to ZANTYouthGroup@gmail.com before June 15th.
Dear Family and Friends,

I am thrilled and honored to announce that I will be biking 4,500 miles from Austin to Alaska as a part of the longest annual charity bike ride, Texas 4000, in 2020. Please help me by supporting Texas 4000 for Cancer by helping us fundraise for our campaign:


This cause means a lot to me because: Fulfilling my dreams began a long time ago with my childhood experiences in my family. Today, it continues to grow as I start this journey riding for my high school science teacher and science fair sponsor, who suffers from an advanced form of lung cancer that has spread to other organs. My passion for science began in my childhood with simple robotics, but now I know one day I want to push the boundaries of human capabilities by integrating robots into the lives of those who have suffered great losses through cancer and many other immobilizing diseases. I can only strive for these goals with the support of family, friends, and most importantly, my teachers along the way.

My science teacher's battle with cancer began in 2017 with her diagnosis of Stage IV Leiomyosarcoma right around Thanksgiving. After one round of failed chemo, she had surgery and was free of the tumor in February 2018. Unfortunately, with the reoccurring fight against cancer, the tumor returned in May 2018 along with more failed chemo regimen. After a second major surgery in August, she has been placed in a clinical trial for a new drug. Her battle continues as you read this today.

I owe it to her and each cancer victim, past and present, to ride.

So first and foremost, I ride for CHARITY that funds cutting-edge cancer research to give individuals a fighting chance against this debilitating disease. Second, I ride for HOPE because I love meeting new people and ensuring those affected by cancer that I will ride for a cancer-free world. Lastly, I ride for KNOWLEDGE by advocating for the dissemination of life-saving cancer prevention information to communities along the way from Austin to Alaska.

I hope you can consider supporting me in this endeavor by donating. Every little bit counts.

Thank you,

-Burzin P. Balsara
TREASURER’S CORNER

Memberships, donations and balances listed below are accurate as of May 4, 2019

**Donations**

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**Memberships**

- Manek Kalianivala
- Nina & Zarir Kalianivala
- Anahita Kalianivala
- Shirin & Bahram Torki
- Meherzad Torki

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.

**KROGER REWARDS FOR ZANT!**

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 new Non-Profit Organization number for linkage is WT-497. Please feel free to contact a board member if help is needed to create the link.
weekendwonders4kidz

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

Weekend Wonders thanks each of you,
For all the wonderful things you do!

You gave to us your precious time,
And when we asked you did not whine.

You brought supplies when you could,
To make the kids weekends good!

We are grateful for your donations, big and small
We would not be here without you all.

See you at the end of summer,
For another year of Weekend Wonders!!

“Helping a person will not change the world, but it will change the world for that one person.”
.....thatonerule.com.
PAST EVENTS: ZANT GAHAMBAR, APRIL 27, 2019
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Thank You!
Dear Parents,

Due to popular demand and positive feedback from parents, North South Foundation is offering a series of targeted ONLINE workshops for college admissions. College Admissions Planning (CAP) process is not well known to many of the NRI parents. Getting into college has never been more competitive. With tens of thousands of qualified candidates, every aspect of an application is critical for success. **Guide to Pre-Med Admissions is a highly sought after workshop from NSF parents.**

Please register online by selecting “Register for Online Workshop” on the Parent Functions page after logging into NSF as a parent. Do not use the link “Register for Onsite Workshop”, which is a different tool.

2. **Guide to Pre-Med Admissions, choose one from April 13 or April 14 @ 1 pm EST** (Deadline without late fee April 6th)

Pre-med programs, and combined BS/MD programs are some of the most competitive in the United States. In this webinar, you will learn:

- The various types of pre-med programs offered and the advantages of each
- Specific requirements - academic, extracurricular and otherwise - for pre-med applicants
- How to improve an application through certifications and volunteer programs

3. **How to Gain Admission to Ivy League Universities, May 11 & 12 @ 1 pm EST**

Ivy League universities are among the most rigorous, selective and coveted in the United States. Most now have acceptance rates in the single digits. In this webinar, you will learn:

- What Ivy League admissions officers are really looking for in applicants
- Why essays are often the key to admission - and how to write essays with impact

4. **Writing a Standout College Essay, June 22 & 23 @ 1 pm EST**

The college essay can be the determining factor for admissions officers in deciding whether applicants should be admitted or rejected. In this webinar, you will learn:

- How the essays are evaluated by admissions officers - and what they are looking for
- The way to select a topic that will enable applicants to stand out from the pool
- Examples of truly exceptional application essays as well as common mistakes to avoid

5. **Tips & Tricks to Completing the Common Application, July 27 & 28 @ 1 pm EST**

Whether your child is applying to college this year or in several years, it is beneficial and helpful to view and understands the college application. In this webinar, you will learn:

- About each section of the application and how students should approach completion
- Why the order in which students list their extracurricular activities is so important
- How a student’s declared major plays a critical role in the admissions process
6. Building a Standout Extracurricular Profile, September 21 & 22 @ 1 pm EST

Admissions officers seek applicants with the most compelling and interesting extracurricular profiles. Leadership is critical, too. In this webinar, you will learn:

• The importance of a student extracurricular profile in the college admissions process
• Activity recommendations: academic, competitions, pre-professional, travel, athletic
• Which activities have the most impact and when students should get started

1. Planning Early for College Admissions, March 9 & 10 @ 1 pm EST (Completed. recording available for a fee)

Freshman or sophomore year is the right time to lay the foundation for a successful college admissions process. Earlier is always better! In this webinar, you will learn:

• How students can narrow down and identify an academic area of interest/future major
• What extracurricular, summer and leadership activities have the most impact
• Why the key to gaining admission to highly selective schools is starting early

For more details, visit: https://www.northsouth.org/public/uscontests/workshops/workshop.aspx

Since these workshops are online, you can be anywhere as long as you have a desktop/laptop with high speed Internet connection and a headphone.

• After you register, you will see the Join Webinar button on the View Status for Online Workshop & Download page after you login into NSF as a parent. You will also receive a Video/Audio link to join the workshop a few days prior to the workshop.
• There will be a chat line and a whiteboard for the teacher to write on.
• A workshop booklet will be made available a few days before the date of the workshop. You can review it before joining the workshop.
• Your child and you can use the question panel to communicate with the presenter.
• There will be an interactive Q&A session at the end of the presentation.
• Recording of the session will be available to registered users for about a week after the session.

All inquiries regarding Online Workshops should be sent to workshops@northsouth.org
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/

In precisely 4 months from today, nearly 600 Zoroastrian youth from all over the world will gather for the opening of the 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress. Organized by the youth of California Zoroastrian Center (CZC), the Congress shall be held at the beautiful Pacific Palms Resort in City of Industry in the greater Los Angeles area. CZC is a member association of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA).

Speakers: The initial first set of speakers for the Congress is:
- Dr. Mickey Mehra : Humata Hukhta Hvarshta : Wellness, Wellbeing, and Healing
- Rosheen Kabraji : Home and Belonging : Reimagining the Global Zarathushti Youth
- Arman Ariane : The Future God : An Introduction to Zoroastrianism
- Ervad Jimmy Madon : Practical Zoroastrianism : The way of Life for Our Generation
For the First Time Ever at a World Zoroastrian Youth Congress!!

WZCC YOUTH Wing along with 7WZYC bring you

ZOROASTRIAN SHARK TANK 2019

Are you a young entrepreneur?

If yes, are you looking to get that extra capital to catapult your business into success?

Apply now to the first ever WZCC Zoroastrian Shark Tank 2019 held at the 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Conference in Los Angeles, July 2019.

To Apply

Fill in the application form here: https://goo.gl/forms/4iX3XcbB5PXrjB622

[Please upload relevant documents through the above form]

Stand a chance to pitch your idea in front of a panel of investors at the 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress in Los Angeles in July!

Don’t let this opportunity slide!