**ZANT Upcoming Events**

- **Sept 8:** ZANT Religion Classes
- **Sept 16:** RSVP deadline for Ping Pong Entry and/or dinner
- **Sept 21:** ZANT Table Tennis Tournament
- **Sept 21:** RSVP for “Tile Art Workshop” at Mehrgan
- **Oct 12:** Jashn-e Mehergan
- **Oct 13:** ZANT Religion Classes

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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**

Dear Friends,

We’ll be starting our Religion classes for kids & adults this month and look forward to everyone’s participation. Hope you all will participate at the upcoming 1st ZANT Ping-Pong Tournament. If not participating, then come and cheer our kids & adults participants. If you can volunteer to bring some snacks for the Pin-Pong Tournament, please let Pearl know.

Finally, ZANT wishes all its members a “Happy Jashn-e-Mehrgan”….we have our very 1st “tile art workshop” for anyone interested….please read more in the Mehrgan Flyer.

Hope to meet you soon!

**CHILDREN’S RELIGION CLASS AND VOHU MANAH GROUP**

Our next *Childrens’ Religion Class* will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 8, 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, Sept. 8, 2019** at **1:30pm** at the ZANT Center Library. For further details about the Vohu Manah Group, please contact Anahita Sidhwa.

**CONGRATULATIONS ROXANNE!**

Roxanne Siganporia represented the Plano Piranhas swim team in the Texas Amateur Athletics Federation (TAAF) and won a gold medal at the all DFW Regional swim meet held in Frisco on 7/13. She qualified to compete in the Games of Texas that were held at Texas A&M University on 7/26 and won a bronze medal at the state level, missing the gold medal by 20 milliseconds. She has now been invited to compete in the National State Games of America in 2021 which will be held in Des Moines Iowa. We are proud of you, Roxanne! Keep it up!
Invites you to participate in

Ping Pong Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019 at 4:00pm

Come enjoy some ping pong while munching on yummy snacks and drinks!

We will have Carrom Board and other board games for those not playing Ping Pong.

Have fun and compete for cool trophies!

If you would like to participate in the tournament, please email Pearl P. Balsara at ppbalsara@gmail.com by Monday, Sept. 16, 2019 so that we can have the brackets ready for:

  Kids 13 and under - singles
  Adults - singles & mixed doubles

We will end the evening with prize distribution followed by dinner

Dinner (adults) – Chicken / Veg. Curry Rice, Kachumber (salad) and desert
Dinner (kids) – Pizza and desert

* ZANT Members & Kids $5 / person
* Non-members $7 / person

RSVP: ppbalsara@gmail.com by Sept. 16, 2019. Please indicate if veg.
Zoroastrian Association of North Texas

Welcomes One and All to

Jashn-e Mehrgan

On Saturday, October 12, 2019

We have a fun evening planned for you, hope you all will join us with your friends & family & bring a dish to share.

Program

• Tile Art Workshop (6:30 – 7:15pm):
  Make 2 beautiful coasters using 2, 4"x4" ceramic tiles and a "special paint“. Anyone can make it, even a 3 year old! Adults can make it for themselves, or kids can make it with their parents. You will start with the tile, paint using the "special paint" provided, apply cork to the underside of the tiles. They will be dried for 24 hours and then glazed. All materials and guidance will be provided by our ZANT’s very own Kashmira Mistry. It will make a great, personally made gift for teachers, coworkers, etc. A work of art to be so proud of!  The cost is 2 tiles for $8  Those interested, need to RSVP ppbalsara@gmail.com by Saturday, September 21, 2019 so we can have supplies for all adults and kids interested in this workshop.

• Mehrgan Entertainment (7:15 – 8:00pm)

• Watermelon / Pumpkin Decorating Contest (8:00 – 8:30pm)
  For Age Groups: under 9 years and 9 to 18 years
  Mehrgan Festival signifies the season of Harvest and Thanksgiving. So, in the spirit of Harvest, let’s have fun decorating a Watermelon/Pumpkin. Decorate at home & bring it in for winning cool prizes!

• Potluck Dinner (8:30pm onwards)
  Bring a dish to share. ZANT will provide desert & drinks.
We would like to thank all the volunteers who donated their time on Saturday, August 3, 2019 to help clean up bagworm infestation from our ZANT Center cypress trees. A group of 7 people were able to remove around 400 bagworms from 32 cypress trees. Pesticide for future prevention was sprayed in the following week.

Thank you very much!!
TREASURER’S CORNER

Memberships, donations and balances listed below are accurate as of Aug. 30, 2019

Donations
Karl Mistry—ZOMF $ 125
Jeffrey P. & Susan Hollier $ 100
Arbez & Hoshang Patel $ 650
Mahnaz & Cyrus Irani $ 201
Daisy Presswalla $ 101
Shirin Sharifabad $ 25
Shirin Shahriari $ 60
Kroger $ 33

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.
PAST EVENTS: ZANT TirGan Celebrations
Past Events: ZANT Anand Bazar Fundraiser, Aug. 10, 2019
Thank You!
Past Events: ZANT Muktaad Jashan, August 11, 2019
PAST EVENTS: ZANT MUKTAD DAYS, 2019
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
The Restoration of the Zingar Atashgah: the Atashkadeh at Jek, Azerbaijan

A report by Farroukh Jorat

My article “Atashgah of Khinalig. The highest fire temple of the world” was published in the “Hamazor” (Issue 1/2017, pp. 8-12). The article highlighted my team’s work on the Atashkadeh (Atashgah) restoration with the help and support of The World Organisation and The Firuz Madon Foundation.

The Restored “Atashgah of Khinalig” is located in Azerbaijan, 200 km away from Baku near the Khinalig village (Guba distr.) at an altitude of ~3000 meters on the slope of the Shah-dag mountain. This is the highest fire temple of the world and its eternal natural flame burns due to a field of methane clathrate (supramolecular compound of methane and water). It was listed in the “List of state-protected historical and cultural monuments of the Republic of Azerbaijan”, ID #4647.

After the article of Restoration of “Atashgah of Khinalig” was published in the Hamazor, Hasan Aghayev (local school teacher, who with his team of four builders restored the temple structure) and myself got a lot of positive feedback from Zoroastrians around the world.

My team’s effort to restore the abandoned "Zingar Atashgah" after the overwhelming support we received after the restoration of The Atashgah of Khinalig

Atashgah of Khinalig was not the only Atashgah in that area. Another abandoned Atashgah was located near Jek village (~20 km far from Atashgah of Khinalig and at ~1500 m altitude). Our team discovered that it was an abandoned Atashgah with no flame and covered by more than 1 m layer of stones, mud, sands and soils.

The basic idea is to restore this Atashgah as a fire temple of traditional Sassanian style (“chahartaq” structure with “gonbad”).

Draft of “chahartaq” for Atashgah of Jek