ZANT Upcoming Events

- Jan. 12: ZANT Religion Classes (12:00pm)
- Jan. 25: ZANT AGM and Jashn-e Sadeh
- Feb. 2: NFL SuperBowl at the ZANT Center

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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
MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

ZANT Board wishes everyone a Happy, Safe and Healthy Holiday Season and a Wonderful 2020!

It is time to renew your membership (if you have not done so, already) for the next Fiscal year that begins on Nov. 1st, 2019. We hope that all our current members will renew their membership and many more who are not currently members will formally join ZANT and become an active part of our community.

We are publishing a new ZANT Directory in March 2020 and would like every new member to fill out the membership forms and provide us your address, phone number and e-mail address. This will help us update everyone’s information. Also, if you have a business to advertise or know of someone who would like to advertise, please send us the advertisements (form will be sent out soon). The funds raised from advertisers, helps us cover the cost of printing the directories that will be given out FREE to members at the upcoming Nowruz celebration.

We look forward to your participation at the Religion Classes, AGM & Jashn-e Sadeh, coming up in January 2020!

CHILDRENS’ RELIGION CLASS AND VOHU MANAH GROUP

There are no religion classes in December. Our next Childrens’ Religion Class will be held on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020. Please be at the ZANT Center by 11:45am so we can have the Prayers & Tandarosti for kids in the Prayer Room at 12:00pm. For further details about the class please contact Pearl P. Balsara.

The Vohu Manah Group will meet on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020 at 2:30pm at the ZANT Center Library. For further details about the Vohu Manah Group, please contact Anahita Sidhwa.

ZANT ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING AND JASHN-E SADEH

Date: Saturday, Jan 25, 2020
Time: 5:45 pm
Venue: ZANT Center
Agenda: Examiner’s Report & Approval of Financial Statements for Year Ended Oct 31, 2019
Any other discussion by the attending members (time permitting).

The AGM meeting will be followed by Jashn-e Sadeh celebration at 7:30pm.

Sadeh pot-luck dinner at 8:30pm
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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- 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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For the purposes of membership in this Association a Zoroastrian shall be defined as: A person who is a believer and a follower of the religion as propounded by Zarathustra and one who has been initiated in the religion in accordance with the customs and religious practices followed in the community in which he or she currently or previously resided.

Regular & Life Membership is open to all Zarathushtis and their spouses over 18 years of age.

I certify that I meet the above membership requirements.

**Signature:** __________________________  **Date:** __________________________
The holidays are a time of giving! We give lots of different things to lots of different people. We give presents to our loved ones, we give kisses under the mistletoe, we give greetings to our friends and smiles to our neighbors.

As we get ready to enjoy all the fun and festivities, consider another type of giving, charitable giving. Apart from the obvious reasons, more and more studies are finding that charitable giving is contagious! Please consider giving this holiday season; not only will you help others, but you will feel happier about yourself and this will encourage others to give and they will feel happier too!

Spare a thought for families in need. There are so many children that find this time of year especially difficult. Please help us serve our community by providing the most basic necessity a child needs - food!

Our box is in the usual place in the ZANT Center Library for your convenience. We can also pick up donations from you.

Take a little time out to help make these kids’ weekends wonderful!

Thank You!

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

..... thatonerule.com.
PAST EVENTS: ZANT-ZAH YOUTH CAMP
Applications are open for the 6th Return To Roots Trip to India in March 2020. FEZANA is a partner with the Return To Roots program and we encourage our youth to participate in this amazing program.

The 6th edition of the Zoroastrian Return to Roots is scheduled to take place from March 7th to March 21st, 2020. This will be the sixth tour after the first five very successful tours in 2013-14, 2015, 2016, 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 15 days.

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 are open on a rolling basis, and once we reach capacity, we will close out the application 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/
We cordially invite you to submit a proposal for presentation and panel discussion to present at the 2020 North American Zarathushti Congress, to be held in Houston, Texas, from December 29, 2020 – January 1, 2021. The theme of the NAZC 2020 is: GENERATION Z – PROPELLING ZARATHUSHTI RESURGENCE. Presentations and discussions that enhance integration among various age groups, ethnic backgrounds, and professions are strongly encouraged. Proposed topics should match the conference theme. Topics may include:

**Propelling Zarathushti Resurgence**

- 20 Year Zarathushti outlook - Strategies for reversing current trends and accelerating growth
- Adapting religious rituals to North America and beyond
  - Consecrating fires in Atash Kadehs / Agiaries
  - Navar and advanced priest training
  - Performing Higher liturgical ceremonies
- Advocacy of Zoroastrianism: Enhancing visibility of Zoroastrianism in the media & outside community
- Elevator speech 3 min competition – Problem and proposed solution
- Thought provoking topics and issues related to core beliefs, cultural and socio-religious issues

**Practice of Zoroastrianism**

- Astronomy and Zarathushti Festivals
- Explanation and symbolism of Jashan, Ghambar, Navjote/Sudreh Pushi, Marriage, Funeral & Muktad
- Philanthropy: The answer to future prosperity

**Informational**

- Current Events: Current research on archaeology, international events and new projects
- Global influence of Zarathusthis : Achievements in all walks of life over the last two centuries, role models and influencers
- Science and Religion: Explaining Zarathushti theology through scientific principles
- Zarathusthis across the world: Empowering communities through global spheres of influence

**Submission Guidelines**

Proposals to be 1-2 pages and must be received by January 31, 2020. All proposals should include the following:

- Engaging program format that involves the audience and stimulates discussion.
- Conceptually strong foundation & clearly stated outcomes with documented research/experiences.
- Qualified presenters with expertise/experience in the subject matter.

Presentations will be reviewed for relevance and purpose to provide a balanced program. Presenters will be notified about their proposal status via email by March 1, 2020. Presenters must register and pay the conference registration fee by May 31, 2020 to confirm participation. Presenters are paid neither registration nor expenses.

Send all proposals to: programs@NAZC2020Houston.com or fill online at https://nazc2020houston.com/speaker-interest/

Visit us at www.NAZC2020Houston.com

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Aderbad Tamboli (NAZC2020 Co-Chair) 281-389-8299 or atamboli@woodstream.net
Aban Rustomji (Programs Co-Chair) 281-630-2400 or aban@coatingindustries.com
Poras Balsara (Programs Co-Chair) bstbalsara@gmail.com
Essay Contest for Ages 11-14

Topic: In your opinion what are the qualities of a good leader? Compare it to what the Gathas teach us about being a good leader.

700-900 words
Word format only
Rubric and leader as described in the Gathas is provided on our website
Deadline: January 15, 2020

Sponsored by: Fatane Farid Fund and an Anonymous Supporter

Endorsed by: California Zoroastrian Center in Los Angeles
Supported by: Chehreh Nama Magazine, and FEZANA Journal

First Place: $300
Second Place: $200
Third Place: $100

Winning essays will be published in collaboration with Chehreh Nama Magazine and FEZANA Journal

Submit to: www.czc.org/essay-contest or zessayentry@yahoo.com
Contact: zessayentry@yahoo.com

By submitting you agree for Essay Contest organizer to publish and use your essay in any desired form.
Short Story Contest for Ages 13-18

“Write a story in which a Zoroastrian relies upon the teachings of the faith to help them resolve a challenging situation or achieve a goal.”

2000-3000 words
Word format only
Rubric is provided at our website
Deadline: January 15, 2020

First place winner: $300
Second place winner: $200
Third place winner: $100

A signed copy of “A Clawed and Feathered Spell” will be awarded to the winners.

All stories begin with characters who desire something, but who face obstacles to getting what they want. Sometimes the obstacles are weaknesses inside the characters and other times the obstacles are forces outside the characters. Characters use their knowledge, will, beliefs and talents to try to overcome those obstacles. Because of their struggles, they are changed by their experiences.

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Sponsored by: Ms. Catherine Linka
Author of “A Clawed and Feathered Spell”

Winning short stories will be published in collaboration with Chehreh Nama Magazine and FEZANA Journal
Submit to: czc.org/essay-contest or zessaventry@yahoo.com
Contact: zessaventry@yahoo.com

By submitting you agree for the Short Story Contest organizer to publish your short story in any desired form.
Dear all,

It is very difficult for me to address this letter.

My daughter has been suffering from CKF (chronic kidney failure) for many years with a recent serious worsening of the situation that now requires a kidney transplant. This is given her latest kidney markers and as advised by her nephrologist in Vancouver, Canada, where she currently lives.

Her blood Group is “O”. She is thirty-five years of age and has twin sons who are now 3 years old. She is trying to cope with her family and failing health situation as best as she can. It is very difficult for her. She badly needs a kidney transplant.

I am hence appealing to our Zarthusti global community to consider my appeal and request anyone you know or if you yourself would be so magnanimous as to donate a kidney with a “O” blood group to her. All necessary medical and if needed travel expenses will be paid for.

I know that this requires a tremendous sacrifice on the part of a donor, and hence my family and I will be very thankful and grateful for this altruistic gift of life to my daughter.

Potential donors or for any questions or additional information, kindly email me at KMSDonorReplies@hotmail.com.

Sincerely

Sharukh Marfatia
Appeal in Memory of Mayyar Noushi

Our ZAGNY community is deeply saddened by the untimely passing away of our dear friend and fellow board member Mayyar Noushi, just 51 years old, in a motorcycle accident on the morning of October 10, 2019.

His funeral was held in Harrisburg Pennsylvania on October 14 and the overwhelming sentiment expressed that day was as to how helpful Mayyar was to anyone and everyone around him, whether they were friends, associates or even total strangers. Mayyar did not wait to be asked - wherever and whenever there was a need he pitched in to help. The presence of so many of his neighborhood friends was a testament to his friendly and helpful personality.

He was very passionate about everything he did and one of his greatest passions was his involvement with children and children's activities. At ZAGNY he was instrumental in organizing our children's summer camps and he personally along with a few friends installed the playground at our Dar-e-Mehr.

Mayyar is survived by his mother Pillo Irani, who was actively involved in the formation of ZAGNY 45 years ago, his wife for 16 years Sasha, his young 12 year old son Zubin and his brothers Farokh and Firdose.

Mayyar was the primary bread earner for the family and his loss has had a considerable financial impact on Sasha and Zubin. Mayyar lived his life serving the community and now it is our turn to rally around the family. ZAGNY has initiated a collection so that we can in some small way help and support them until they can once again stand on their own. We hope that our community steps up and contributes generously.

Kindly make your tax-deductible contribution by clicking on the link below.

Select "WELFARE ACTIVITIES" in the first pull down and then "GENERAL CRITICAL ASSISTANCE" in the second option. Put Mayyar Noushi in the Memo line

https://fezana.org/donate

Or if you prefer to mail a check, please make it out to “FEZANA” and in the memo indicate “Critical Assistance - Mayyar”.

Please mail to:  
Rooky Fitter  
FEZANA Treasurer  
PO BOX 266  
SUNSET BEACH, CA 90742
From July 2 - July 5, 2020, the Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Washington, Inc. (ZAMWI) will host the 2020 Z Games. We are thrilled for this opportunity to welcome members of the Zoroastrian community from across North America and the world to the Metropolitan Washington, DC area, and we hope to welcome a robust number of competitors and spectators from ZANT, too.

We are writing to seek your recommendation for a member of your community to serve as a Z Games Ambassador beginning January 2020. Z Games Ambassadors will share information with your community about the Games, and coordinate with our team in ZAMWI with any questions, suggestions, or opportunities to make the Games an exciting and memorable experience. We will share a powerpoint, videos, and flyers with the Ambassadors in the hope that they might schedule a time (or times) during a community event to share information and encourage participation in the Games.

If you could recommend one or two members of your community as possible Ambassadors, we will be happy to follow up to formally invite them and share information with them, if they agree.

We would like to share this short promotional video of the Z Games 2020. The Z Games committee is hard at work to insure an outstanding competitive experience, and lots of fun events such as disco night, a moonlight tour of DC, and the grand Gala night. We hope you, your family, and members of the ZANT community will join us for this event that will highlight and celebrate our youth and all generations of Zoroastrians.

We hope to hear from you, and wish you the very best for the coming new year.

Anne M. Khademian  
President, ZAMWI

Farshid Behmardi  
Chair, Z Games Committee