**ZANT Upcoming Events**

- **Nov. 29-30:** ZANT-ZAH Youth Lock-In
- **Dec. 21:** Dar Go-zasht e Ashu Zarhost/Zarhost no Diso Shab-e Yalda celebration
- **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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**Board of Directors**

- **President:** Jamshed Jamadar
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- **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
MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

November marks the beginning of our membership year from November, 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020. We want to thank all our community volunteers who enabled us to conduct all the events this past year.

It is time to renew our memberships 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 planning on publishing a new Directory in 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.

DAR GO-ZASHT E ASHU ZARTHOST / ZARTHOST NO-DISO

ZANT will be having a Jashan ceremony for observing Asho Zarathushtra’s death anniversary (per Fasli Calendar) on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019 at 4:00pm. The Jashan will be followed by Shab-e Yalda.

SHAB-E YALDA CELEBRATION

Shab-e Yalda is a celebration of the Winter Solstice, which is traditionally the longest night of the year. This year ZANT would like to invite you all to join in the celebration of Shab-e Yalda on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019 at 5:30pm. We encourage kids & adults to take part in Poem Recitation and Watermelon Carving Competitions, and "Minute-to-win-it Games". Please RSVP to ppbal-sara@gmail.com if interested in taking part.

CHILDREN’S RELIGION CLASS AND VOHU MANAH GROUP

There are no religion classes in December. Our next Children’s 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: 6:00 pm
Venue: ZANT Center

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

ZCNT Card Key (@$50) $__________

ZOMF Donation $__________

General Fund Donation $__________

CHECK # ________________________

TOTAL $ ________________________

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: ___________________________
ZANT-ZAH Youth Lock-In

ZANT is happy to announce that we will be hosting our annual youth lock-in during the upcoming Thanksgiving break on Friday and Saturday November 29-30, 2019 at the Zoroastrian Center of North Texas, 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound Texas, 75028. All Zoroastrian youth age 11 years and older are welcomed to participate. We have also invited youth from Houston, Austin and San Antonio for this event.

The event will be an over night lock-in for our youth and consists some social and educational sessions. The cost is $25 per youth member and will include all the meals for the duration of the lock-in. This event starts Friday @12:30 pm and will end at Saturday 12:30 pm. Further information will be provided at a later date to all who RSVP. If you are interested please RSVP to Delnaaz Irani at delo.irani@sbcglobal.net by November 15th. A late fee of $10 per youth will apply after the due date.

This year we would like to invite our youth parents, family and friends to join us for dinner and activity on Friday evening. Come meet our Houston friends and enjoy the evening with us! Our young adults visiting from college are also welcome to join. We will have dinner of chicken curry rice for a nominal fee of $10 per person (all funds raised will be used for our Hvarshta Project and camp cost). Please RSVP by November 15th if you would like to join.

We encourage all our youth to participate, make new friends and create wonderful memories with your fellow community members.

ZANT Hvarshta Project

ZANT youth are planning to do a Hvarshta project during the above lock-in event. The project is to support "Weekend Wonders 4 Kidz" which is a non profit organization feeding school kids on weekends who otherwise go hungry. Our project includes assembling and providing food packages for kids.

We would love our community members to support our youth by way of only monetary donations for the program. Checks can be mailed to ZANT please make it payable to "Weekend Wonders 4 Kidz". Please send any checks prior to November 22nd, 2019. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call Delnaaz Irani at 972-398-8673 or email at delo.irani@sbcglobal.net

Wedding Announcement

Neville Irani, son of Behram and Farieda Irani of Plano, Texas married Angela Cantu daughter of Cindy and Hector Cantu of McAllen, Texas on October 4, 2019 in Florence, Italy.

Our Heartiest Congratulations to Angela and Neville and we wish them all the very best in their married life.
weekendwonders4kidz

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

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: November Religion Classes
The 12th World Zoroastrian Congress will be held in New York, USA during the summer of 2022.

Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York (ZAGNY) a member association of Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA) will host this event as it returns to North America after 22 years.

The organizing team of the WZC2022 would like to announce a competition to design a logo for the Congress.

The new logo will become the official logo of WZC2022 and will be used on the Congress website, social media sites, business cards, letterhead, posters, souvenir trinkets and gifts, or anywhere else WZC2022 chooses.

Winner shall be awarded a US$ 500 prize.

We invite entries from all over the world for this logo competition.

To find out more above prize money, eligibility and learn about our jury members, head to:

https://wzc2022.com/logo/

Due to numerous requests the deadline for the Logo design competition for WZC 2022 has been extended to November 30, 2019
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 Zarhusti 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
Dear Community Members,

As y'all know we have started registrations for our New Year's Eve GALA on Dec 31st 2019 and 51 attendees have already registered. Due to difficulty with securing personnel (maids, security, etc) on New Year's Eve day we may have to close registration much sooner than expected so don't wait till the last minute. Please register soon to avail of the EARLY BIRD prices and avoid disappointment. NO WALK-INS will be allowed. The details are mentioned in the flyer attached and to RSVP please click on New Year's Eve Gala Registration.

We promise you a night filled with surprises as we create a true "VEGAS EXPERIENCE" never seen before and bring in 2020 with a BIG BANG!!! It will include separate lounge areas with dance music and Gaming Vegas style, Food from around the world, Midnight snack, "Unlimited” bar package, Balloon drop, party favors, Champagne toast at midnight along with Fabulous Door prizes, etc....

If you have any queries or need help with RSVP or would like to become a Sponsor or donate, please call Yasmin Medhora at (713) 301-1521 or Arzin Italia at (713) 679-4998 or Kayo Sidhwa at (832) 802-3036.

Thank you and we look forward to making this event a huge success with your participation and support!

NAZC2020 Committee
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](http://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.