ZANT Upcoming Events

- Feb. 9: ZANT Religion Classes (12:00pm)
- Feb. 22: Pomegranate workshop
- Mar. 8: ZANT Religion Classes (12:00pm)
- Mar. 15: Panjeh Prayers
- Mar. 21: ZANT NouRuz Celebration

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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
MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

It is time to renew your membership (if you have not done so, already) for the next Fiscal year that began 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.

CHILDREN’S RELIGION CLASS AND VOHU MANAH GROUP

Our next Childrens’ Religion Class will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9, 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, Feb. 9, 2020 at 2:30pm at the ZANT Center Library. For further details about the Vohu Manah Group, please contact Anahita Sidhwa.

POMEGRANATE WORKSHOP

Where: ZANT Center
When: Saturday, February 22, 2020, from 7:00pm—9:00pm
Cost: $ 20

Spend an evening sculpting a beautiful pomegranate out of clay, while enjoying the company of friends. Kashmira Mistry is teaching those interested, to make Pomegranate from Clay. The workshop is split over 2 days. One in Feb & next in April. At the Feb workshop, we’ll be making the Poms & Kashmira will take them away for firing…. Once fired, we will meet in April to paint the Poms. If interested, and you have not signed up already, please e-mail ppbalsara@gmail.com. All materials will be provided.

PANJEH PRAYERS

Panjeh Prayers will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2020 tentatively from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the ZANT Center. We’ll have potluck lunch, so please bring a dish to share.

If you wish to submit the names of your dear departed family members and friends for inclusion in the Panjeh prayers, please complete and email the form on page # 3, to Poras T. Balsara (ptbalsara@gmail.com) by March 10, 2020.
Names for the Panjeh Prayers

This year our priests will perform the Panjeh Prayers on **Sunday, March 15, 2020.**

If you wish to submit the names of your dear departed family members and friends for inclusion in the Afringan Prayers, please complete and email the following form to Poras T. Balsara (ptbalsara@gmail.com) by **March 10, 2020.**

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*(Please use additional sheets for more names.)*

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The names of the deceased are always recited together with their father/husband’s name along with their status, i.e. Ervad, Osta, Osti, Behdin or Khurd, as per Zarthushti custom. No Surnames are recited in the prayers.

E = Ervad (male who is /was a Navar)
O = Osta (male from Athornan, or priestly family but not a Navar)
Oi = Osti (female from Athornan family)
B = Behdin (male/female from Behdin, or non-priestly family)
K = Khurd (person whose Navjote has not been performed)
Dear Sir/Madam,

The Zoroastrian Association of North Texas (ZANT) cordially invites you to put an advertisement in our upcoming directory to be published in March 2020. The ZANT has been published since the 1990’s. With over 500 individuals and 250 families in the Dallas Fort Worth area, your advertisement will serve as a helpful source of information to all our members in need of goods and services.

The deadline to receive all advertisements is February 20, 2020. Please complete the attached form and e-mail along with your advertisement in PDF or JPEG format to anahita_kyani@yahoo.com. For further information please contact Anahita Kyani, at 310-754-0565.

Prices are as follows:

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Checks should be made payable to ZANT at 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028. Please make a note “ZANT directory 2020” in the memo of the check.

We appreciate your generosity in placing an advertisement in our directory!

Sincerely,

ZANT Board
ZANT Ad Order Form 2020

(Please fill out one form for each ad you purchase)

This form is due February 20, 2020

Date: ____________________________

Email: ___________________________

Name of Business/family/individual: ____________________________

Phone Number: _______________________

Size of Ad: __________________________

Outside Back Cover $550
Inside Front Cover $350
Inside Back Cover $350
Inside Center Double Page $350
Full Page $100
Half page $50

Please note: Digital Submission by CD is welcome. However, CDs will NOT be returned so please keep a copy for yourself.

Where to turn in this form:
Mail to: Anahita Kyani, c/o ZANT 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028.
E-mail: anahita_kyani@yahoo.com
Hand over: ZANT representative who has been in touch with you.

Contact: Anahita Kyani at 310-754-0565.
weekendwonders4kidz

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

Due to popular demand, we have organized another Bring n Bag session at the ZANT Center after the March religious class and practice. Come and support us and bring the kids to have fun whilst learning to give back to the community.

Please go to the link below and sign up for a slot or two. Even if you cannot be there on March 8th please try and drop off your donation at the center or call us and we will pick up from you.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BA8AF23A0FE3-weekend2

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday March 8th!!

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: JASHN-E SADEH
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The IranShah Initiative

What is the Iranshah Initiative?

The vision is to provide a continuous stream of global financial support to perpetuate the legacy & time-less heritage of Iranshah, Udvada.

Goals: The 5 five goals for this project include:

TO PRESERVE the Sanctity of Iranshah by honoring, helping and supporting all those who take care of this great spiritual power-house with utmost dedication and selfless commitment – In particular our senior and respected Mobed sahibs who have dedicated their entire lives towards serving our Sacred Iranshah with impeccable sincerity, devotion, dignity and integrity.

TO CREATE a monetary incentive for the present Mobed Sahibs and to inspire our future Mobeds to pursue the noble profession of Mobedi as a career. This is of vital importance for the survival and revival of Sacred Iranshah. An institution like Iranshah needs to be kept alive to keep our religion alive, we need to keep the Mobeds or Priests alive.

TO KEEP the flame alive we need to provide firewood or Kathi. The current Kathi Fund needs to be increased substantially to meet the rising cost of Kathi.

TO PROVIDE round the clock (24/7/365) Security Service for the premises of Iranshah. In addition to this, we also need the voluntary services of devoted and sincere Parsi helpers to keep the premises clean, tidy and presentable for the local, national and global devotees/pilgrims who visit Udvada to pay their homage to OUR Sacred Iranshah.

At the 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress in Los Angeles in July 2019, Tinaz Karbhari presented a beautiful sensory experience and an interactive talk on the Iranshah Initiative she has been spearheading. Here is a video link to refresh your memory.

We encourage you to kindly assist with presenting it to your Zoroastrian associations, and local communities and associations back home, as well as with your friends and family. Make it your goal to spread the word about this initiative so that it can well and truly take flight, creating a thorough awareness of the project encouraging global involvement.

At this time, we also encourage each and everyone of you to personally get involved in a financial capacity. A project like this can only succeed if we collectively come together. You cannot put a price on the survival of our religion. This is something we need to do, and we need to do now. Let the voice of the youth be heard over a worthy cause like this.

You can donate online. Donations made in the USA are tax-exempt as the online payments are processed through FEZANA.

Tinaz Karbhari

The IranShahInitiative.com
Return to Roots Trip

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 Program 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 and 2018.

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/
FEZANA News

FEZANA Annual General Meeting—2020

Please be informed of the details for the upcoming 2020 FEZANA Annual General Meeting (AGM) hosted by the FEZANA Association Member, Sacramento Zoroastrian Association (SZA), from Friday, May 1st through Sunday May 3rd, 2020.

Please make sure to adhere to the deadlines that are requested of your associations and committees.

Committee Reports – Deadline 4/1/20
Committee Chairs should submit their reports to myself (secretary@fezana.org) and copy the FEZANA Administrator, Zenobia Damania (admin@fezana.org) latest by April 1, 2020. The format is no different from that in the previous years. When possible, please mention your committee's accomplishments in the past year as they tie in with the FEZANA Second 10-year Strategic plan. Please plan to submit slides along with your report, so that they may be presented during the AGM as your report is presented.

Association Reports – Deadline 4/1/20
Association reports in slide form, should be submitted to myself (secretary@fezana.org) and copy the FEZANA Administrator, Zenobia Damania (admin@fezana.org) latest by April 1, 2020.
• Please keep the length of your presentation to a maximum of 5 minutes and 12 slides.
• Showcase your community by including photos, special events, infrastructure/construction projects, and other memorable activities from your association.
• Include your organization's name/logo on each of the slides in the bottom right hand corner for identification.

AGM Agenda
A copy of the 2020 AGM Agenda will be circulated shortly. The FEZANA Executive officer positions that are open for election at this AGM, are the following: President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary. Please note that the nomination forms are on the next page.

The AGM will start Friday, May 1st at 9:00AM and will end at mid-day Sunday, May 3rd, followed by a Gahambar hosted by the host association. Details on pre/post-AGM events will be emailed out separately.

Meeting Venue
The 2020 FEZANA AGM will be held at the:
Sacramento Zoroastrian Center
10528 Armstrong Ave.
Mather, CA 95655.

Hotel Information
SZA has made special reservations for a group rate of $90/night at the following hotel:
Comfort Inn & Suites
12249 Folsom Blvd.
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

Please call the hotel directly at (916)-351-1213 and mention code “ZSAC” to avail of this special rate, or book online at https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/RY94M2
If you are planning to attend the AGM, please RSVP to Zenobia Damania (admin@fezana.org) and myself (secretary@fezana.org) ASAP so that we can maintain a count of who will be coming

Please contact Zenobia Damania or myself if you have any questions and I look forward to seeing you in Sacramento soon.

Best Regards,

Percy M. Master
FEZANA Secretary
Call for Nominations for FEZANA Officers (2020-2022)

The 2020 FEZANA Annual General Meeting is fast approaching and it is now time to prepare for elections of FEZANA Officers for a new term. Hence, this correspondence is a call for Nominations of FEZANA Officers for the 2020-2022 term of office.

Attached please find the nomination form for the election of the following FEZANA Officers for the 2020-2022 Term of office:
1. President
2. Treasurer
3. Assistant Secretary

The deadline for receiving all nominations is midnight (US EST) on February 15, 2020.

The results of the elections will be announced on May 1st at the 2020 FEZANA AGM in Sacramento, CA.

The current President, Homi D. Gandhi, has completed his second term, and is ineligible for reelection, as per terms of the FEZANA Constitution. The President's position is open for nominations.

The current Treasurer, Mahrukh “Rooky” Fitter, has completed her first term, and is eligible for reelection, as per terms of the FEZANA Constitution. The Treasurer’s position is open for nominations.

The current Assistant Secretary, Xerxes Commissariat, has completed his first partial term, and is eligible for reelection, as per terms of the FEZANA Constitution. The Assistant 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 2020 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

Download the 2020 FEZANA Officer Nomination Form
HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE ALL
How would you like to spend your summer in London with a Scholarship from Kings College?
Ideal opportunity for our WZCC youth.
Take the initiative. Make something happen. Good Luck!

Undergraduate Summer School
King’s College London Summer Programmes is offering 8 tuition fee scholarships to bright students from around the globe to study on our 2020 Undergraduate Summer School.

The Summer@King’s scholarship covers the 2020 tuition fee of £1,800 and the application deadline is April 13, 2020.

Who are we looking for?
If you like expressing your thoughts and are able to present and synthesize your thinking in a video blog, we would love to hear from you.

We are looking for bright candidates from anywhere in the world who are passionate about thinking, learning and communicating. All applicants must fulfil our standard academic criteria.

How do I apply?
1. Apply online via the King’s Apply portal. For details on how to submit your summer school application, please follow the instructions on our ‘How to Apply’ page. In addition, you must also do the following:

2. Include the statement “I am applying for a Summer@King’s scholarship” at the top of the Personal Statement section of the application.

3. Create a video (no longer than 2 minutes and 30 seconds) of yourself answering the following question: “Why does London matter to the world in 2020?”

4. You can approach this question in a number of different ways, considering a range of themes, and you may also wish to reflect on the question from the perspective of your particular subject area.

5. Upload the video to Dropbox and add the Dropbox link to the top of your personal statement. IMPORTANT: Video should be in one of the following formats: .mov or .mp4 or .avi or .wmv.

What are we looking for?
We will be assessing how well argued your answer is and we are looking for videos that express your own original ideas clearly and concisely. We encourage the use of secondary literature, remember to acknowledge your references. The artistic quality of the video is not part of the assessment, so please feel free to use a mobile phone or a tablet when recording.

When will I find out?
Successful applicants will be notified in the week beginning May 4, 2020. Unsuccessful applicants will NOT be contacted. Due to the high volume of applications feedback on individual applications cannot be provided.

Very truly yours,

Edul Daver
WZCC Global President
The Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Washington, DC, Inc. (ZAMWI) is excited to welcome athletes, spectators, volunteers, friends and family from across the globe to the 2020 Z Games, July 1 - 5!

The Z Games Advisory Committee, chaired by Farshid Behmardi, has been working hard to prepare for this great event. This email provides important updates, deadlines, and ways you can get involved.

The early-bird registration is now open! To save money, we highly encourage you to take advantage of this early-bird opportunity. You can start your registration by visiting our website https://www.zgames2020.com/register.html. Bahar Boroumandrad chairs the registration subcommittee. Please reach out to Bahar at zgames2020@zamwi.org with any questions.

Stay informed about 2020 Z Games updates and deadlines by following our Instagram @2020zgames. In our Instagram account, you will also learn more about our volunteers, event developments, and you can reach out with suggestions and questions.

Hosting a well-organized and unifying event can only be possible with the help of volunteers. ZAMWI volunteers are partnering with volunteers from ZAPANJ to support the Games throughout the 4 days. If you are interested in volunteering, please click the link to complete the volunteer form https://www.zgames2020.com/volunteer.html or by going to our website, and submit the form under Get Involved.

The Z-game promises to be filled with intense competition, camaraderie, and lots of fun. Our mission is possible with your donations. For donations, please visit our website’s donation page, https://www.zgames2020.com/donate.html

If you are a business owner, this is the perfect opportunity to promote your business by becoming a sponsor. Our fundraising group has worked hard and put together several great sponsorship packages from which you can select what works for you. For more information please visit https://www.zgames2020.com/sponsor.html.

We are super excited for 2020 Z Games and hope that you join us!

Best,

2020 Z Games Advisory Committee
Professorship of Zoroastrian Languages and Literature at the University of Toronto, Canada

For several years, FEZANA has made extensive efforts for the establishment of an academic program for advanced studies and research in the Zoroastrian religion, and the teaching of Avesta and Pahlavi and ancient Iranian languages in order to perpetuate them and keep from becoming extinct.

A scholastic committee set up by FEZANA evaluated all proposals and options and recommended the acceptance of proposal of the University of Toronto (UoT), Toronto, Canada, a highly ranked institution in North America.

In May 2019, FEZANA received a revised proposal from the UoT to establish a Professorship of Zoroastrian studies. Under the proposal, UoT will create the position with an investment by FEZANA of US $1.5 million, to be matched by UoT funding of CAN $1.5 million.

UoT has adopted a stated objective "to become a leader in Zoroastrian studies in North America", and has assembled a large faculty of Iranian studies to teach courses on Zoroastrianism. The Zoroastrian Studies program will be maintained in perpetuity and administered by the Department of Near and Middle Eastern studies, Faculty of Arts and Science.

UoT aspires "to permanently offer advanced training in [Avesta and Pahlavi] languages of the Zoroastrian scriptures and sacred texts. The program will make UOT "the premier institution for establishing the scholarship on Zoroastrianism, unrivaled amongst its peer institutions in North America." The aim is "to prepare a new generation of rigorously trained scholars who are dedicated to original research in primary Zoroastrian texts."

As a member association of FEZANA in North America, I invite you to consider this very exciting proposal. A detailed Program Brochure developed by FEZANA with collaboration of UoT, is attached. Also attached is the Donation form. I will also follow-up with a telephone conversation at a time convenient for you. FEZANA needs to act quickly as UOT’s offer for matching funds will expire on April 30, 2020.

FEZANA has initiated a capital campaign to raise $1.5 million by April 30, 2020. A fundraising committee has been created and actual solicitation of funds began in December 2019. To date a total of $270,000 has been raised from 9 families and $35,000 raised from 2 FEZANA member associations for a total of $305,000. All of our volunteers and committee members working on this project are extremely enthusiastic and optimistic of achieving success. I would like to set up a meeting with you to discuss this very important opportunity and seek your input and support. Please let me know your availability for our telephone conversation.

This is an opportunity not to be missed if the world Zoroastrian community is serious about promoting research in its ancient languages, texts, culture, traditions, etc. so that the world community is enlightened and our youth is empowered to continue to work with pride for generations to come.

IF WE ARE NOT GOING TO DO THIS, THEN WHO WILL?
IF WE ARE NOT GOING TO DO IT NOW, THEN WHEN?

Yatha Zamyyad, Yatha Afrinami

Homi D Gandhi

President, FEZANA
(201) 410-8963