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ZANT UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Oct. 10:** AGM for Board Election and Jashn-e Mehrgan
- **Oct. 11:** Kids / Adults Religion Classes
- **Nov. 1:** New ZANT Board Commences
- **Nov. 8:** Kids / Adults Religion Classes

Happy Jashn-e Mehrgan

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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

We hope you and your families have been keeping safe during this Covid Pandemic. We all miss meeting our friends and neighbors. We were glad many of you joined us during the Gatha Prayers and joined the Muktad Jashan via ZOOM. We will be starting our Prayer Classes via ZOOM as well.

This Board's current term ends on October 31, 2020. Several Board Members have already served 2 consecutive 2-year terms and are not eligible to serve the next term.

It has indeed been a privilege serving the community and a very rewarding experience. We urge eligible members to volunteer your time and be rewarded with the wonderful feeling it is. We have developed wonderful friendships and have met our community members new and old.

To date, we have received two nominations to serve on the Board and we urge you to volunteer or convince your friends to serve.

May you and your loved ones stay healthy and safe.

Thank you very much

Jamshed Jamadar, Mahervan Karbhari, Jamshid Contractor, Anahita Kyani, Pearl Balsara, Kurush Dehnugara, and Dilnavaz Rustomji

JASHN-E MEHRGAN & ZANT BOARD ELECTIONS

Where: Online (Zoom link will be emailed)
Date: Saturday, October 10, 2020
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Program:
* Election of the new Board members
* Jashn-e Mehrgan Program
  - Mehrgan Sofreh
  - Live Instrumental performances

ELECTION FOR NEW ZANT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This is a formal notice to our Members that we will have a General Body Meeting on October 10, 2020 to elect a New Board of Directors for ZANT for Term starting Nov. 1, 2020 and ending Oct. 31, 2022.

Term of our current Board ends on Oct. 31, 2020.

ZANT Board Nomination Form is provided on page 3 of this Newsletter.

Here are pertinent Articles from our Bylaws regarding the Board of Directors and their elections:

4.01 The governing body of the Association shall be called the Board of Directors and it will consist of seven (7) Members as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Director and two (2) Board Members.

4.02 Members of the Board of Directors will be elected by the general body during the month of October of every alternate year and the term of office will be two (2) years. The newly elected Board of Directors will assume office on November 1. The outgoing Board of Directors shall serve in an advisory capacity, without voting privileges, for an additional three (3) months.

4.03 Only Zoroastrian members are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors. For definition of a Zoroastrian refer to Article Three, 3.01.

4.04 Members of the Board of Directors must be 21 years of age or older and should be members of the Association in good standing for at least one (1) year.

4.05 No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms on the Board of Directors.

4.07 Notwithstanding the provisions above, if insufficient nominations are received, members of the General Body shall decide by a majority vote which Directors shall be allowed to continue for another term.
I, ___________________________________________, wish to serve on the Board of Directors of ZANT for the position of:

Check one only

__________President
__________Social Director
__________Vice President
__________Director
__________Treasurer
__________Director
__________Secretary

Signature:_________________________        Date:___________________

Please mail this form to:

Secretary
ZANT
1605, Lopo Road
Flower Mound , Texas 75028-1306

The election meeting will be held in October 2020. Watch for announcements in the ZANT Newsletter.

According to our bylaws:

- It is the responsibility of each candidate to confirm that his or her nomination has been received (Article 7.03).
- Only Zoroastrian members are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors (Article 4.03).
- Members of the Board of Directors must be 21 years of age or older and should be members of the Association in good standing for at least one year (Article 4.4).

For the community to make an informed choice, if necessary, a “get to know you” meeting of all would be candidates will be part of this election process. A General Body meeting will be held so members may hear from and ask questions to the candidates. Look for details in the ZANT Newsletter.
Childrens’ Religion Class and Vohu Manah Group

Our next Childrens’ Religion Class and Vohu Manah Group meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2020. It will be virtual using ZOOM, with different timings to log-in for respective groups (timings being decided and will be communicated before Oct 11th along with the link for joining the class).

Our “Little Kids’ Religion Class” will be conducted by Manijeh Rustomji as Delna Godiwalla steps away. The ZANT Board is very grateful to Delna for her dedicated service over the years, in teaching our little kids about the Zoroastrian Religion and making it fun too! We welcome Manijeh to take over Delna’s religious class responsibilities and continue the religious education of our little ones.

For further details about the Religion Classes, please contact Pearl P. Balsara and for information about the Vohu Manah Group, please contact Anahita Sidhwa.

AmazonSmile—Grow Donations for ZANT as you shop on Amazon

Smile, ZANT is now registered for Amazon Smiles Charity Program. With no additional effort your personal purchases can help ZANT. All you have to do is instead of going to Amazon.com, go to smile.amazon.com, login, select ZANT (Zoroastrian Association of North Texas) as your charitable organization of choice and Shop away.

Alternatively, you may use Your unique charity link: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-2282878

In the Amazon App, navigate to the top left, click the dots, then go to programs and features (where they have Amazon fresh, Amazon go etc.) You will find Amazon smiles there, then turn that on, find our charity and shop away.

For every purchase made, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to ZANT.

Below is a little more information about the program and step by step instructions.

Go ahead and Shop Away -- you're doing it for a good cause :)

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop AmazonSmile, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

Signing up is easy! Here’s how to shop AmazonSmile:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
3. Choose a charitable organization to receive donations, or search for the charity of your choice
4. Select your charity
5. Start shopping!
PAST EVENTS: ZANT SHAHENSHAHI MUKTAD — 2020
PAST EVENTS: ZANT ANNUAL CARNIVAL—2020

(Please refer to the images for visual content.)
CONGRESS POSTPONED TO 2024

Due to the current global COVID-19 global pandemic, we are saddened to announce that the 18th North American Zoroastrian Congress has been postponed to 2024.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has currently upended our lives inconceivably. As you can imagine, we have been working extremely hard on how to make the NAZC happen in 2020. After multiple discussions/surveys with our Zoroastrian Association of Houston Executive Board as well as the NAZC2020 Committee (75+ members), we all believe that it would be foolhardy as well as insensitive for us to go ahead and host the NAZC2020 as planned in December 2020.

Although it would put us back by some months and also suffer some losses financially, our priority is the health, safety and well-being of the Congress attendees and their family and friends. It is paramount for us to look after the welfare of our friends locally and particularly our out-of-towner speakers, panelists and other Zarathushtis who will also need to make air travel as part of their plans.

Keeping all the above in mind and with vaccine availability, etc. unknown, and other FEZANA Events and Congresses in the years ahead, we discussed with the FEZANA Congress Committee and collectively decided to postpone the Congress to 2024.

We thank all our volunteers, donors, supporters and well-wishers for their unflinching support during these tough times.

We will reconvene in 2022 after the completion of the 12th World Zoroastrian Congress in New York.

Till then, thank you and be safe and stay healthy.
Start Spreading the News...

https://wzc2022.nyc

World Zoroastrian Congress

2022

For details:  https://wzc2022.nyc/
The Iranshah Initiative

What is the Iranshah Initiative?

The vision is to provide a continuous stream of global financial support to perpetuate the legacy & timeless 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