ZANT Upcoming Events

- Dec. 13: Children’s Religion Class
- Dec. 13-17: 2020 Winter Festival of Faiths & Cultures
- Dec. 18: Virtual Holiday Celebration (07:00pm)
- Dec 26: Zartosht No-Diso Jashan (04:00 pm)

Board of Directors

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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

Hello ZANT Members!

As we embark on our New Board Term starting November 2020, we would like to THANK our previous board members Jamshed Jamadar, Mahervan Karbhari, Jamshid Contractor, Anahita Kyani, Pearl Balsara, Kurush Dehnugara and Dilnawaz Rustomji for their dedicated service. Their board not only had to manage the regular ZANT agenda, but needed to improvise and keep membership participation on-going during these unprecedented times of the Pandemic. Of the existing board members Mahervan Karbhari and Dilnawaz Rustomji have opted to continue in their respective positions as Vice President and Director, while Kurush Dehnugara is our current Secretary. Many Thanks to these members for allowing us the continuity from the previous board as it provides us a good understanding of previous decisions. Our new board members include Farzeen Elavia – Treasurer, Karin Nayar – Social Director and Pearl Surti – Director. The experience of the prior board members blended with the ideas and creativity of our new members makes my life easy as your current President. Our plan is as follows:

- Continue remote programs until it is safe to meet in person.
- Develop ease of payment for memberships and donations via websites.
- Standardize ZANT emails to ensure continuity. For example we have an email President.Zant@gmail.com for coordination with ZANT president and Board.Zant@gmail.com for coordination with ZANT board. Soon you will also receive/see emails from Treasurer.Zant@gmail.com for any financial coordination, and Zantsocialdirector@gmail.com for our program coordination and newsletters.

As always, we would like our membership to be involved, provide us support and guidance along our board term. We Thank You for your trust in our leadership and ask Ahura Mazda to grant us strength of character through the teachings of Vohu Manah (Pure Mind) to ensure our success as a community. We wish everyone a Happy, Safe and Healthy Holiday Season and a Wonderful 2021!

ZANT Board
Children’s Religion Class and Vohu Manah

Our next Children’s Religion Class will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2020 via ZOOM. Zoom link is given below.

For further details about the class please contact Pearl P. Balsara at ppbalsara@gmail.com.

10:00am—11:00am Lile Kids’ Class with Manijeh Rustomji (RSVP manijehrustomji@gmail.com if your kids plan on attending)

11:00am—11:30am Zoom telecast of “Boye Ceremony” (Atash Niyaesh and Tandaros) from ZANT Center Prayer room

11:30am—12:30pm Middle Age Group Class with Pearl Balsara (RSVP ppbalsara@gmail.com if your kids plan on attending)

12:30pm—1:30pm Teenagers’ Class with Nina Kalianivala (RSVP ninakalian@gmail.com if your kids plan on attending)

02:00pm—3:00pm Vohu Manah Discussion Group This month we will not meet on ZANT’s Zoom, but attend the Winter Festival of Faiths on the Thanks-Giving Square Facebook page. Please see the flyer below. This year's festival features art and music from many different faiths and the Zoroastrians will showcase a handcrafted patla designed and made by Kavas and Kashmira Mistry. While the Sunday event will livestream from the Crow Museum, the Mistry's work will be part of the program on Monday November 14 from noon to 1 pm also on Thanks-Giving Square Facebook. Do join during your lunch hour!

For the “Tandarosti” prayers (for good health and healing), please send in the names of your children (and any adults who may request this prayer for their health) to ppbalsara@gmail.com by Saturday, December 12, 2020.

Link to join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88584407103?pwd=VDc5WnhwT2hsemhiSVF0WmlhdCtSZz09
Meeting ID: 885 8440 7103 Passcode: 931346

LIVE STREAMING OF MONTHLY SPONSORED BEHRAM ROJ JASHANS ALONG WITH THE BOYE CEREMONY FROM HOUSTON'S ATASH KADEH:

Since March 2020, ZAH have been Live Streaming their monthly sponsored Behram Roj Jashans along with the Boye ceremony from the Atash Kadeh in Houston.

Every Saturday and Sunday, ZAH Live Streams via Zoom, the Boye Ceremony at 5 p.m., followed by Humbandagi prayers. These prayers are either recited by the Mobed on schedule that week, or by another guest Mobed who graciously offers to join. They also have translations for these prayers to signify what they mean. They like to encourage all youth to participate in reciting these translations. The community loves to hear the kids reciting and it also gives the youth confidence and a better understanding of what the prayers mean. The translations are sent to the kids ahead of time so they can practice before the Zoom session.

While they have a lot of our Houston kids participating, they have invited kids from Austin, and had a recent one from Philadelphia as well. If you would like to have your kids involved please contact Persis Behramsha at persisbehramsha@netscape.net.

Everyone can Zoom in on Saturday and/or Sunday to get a feel for it. The Boye begins at 5 p.m., followed by the Humbandagi around 5:20 p.m. for about 10 to 15 minutes.

Link to join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4192191997?pwd=JASHAN
Meeting ID: 4192191997 Password: JASHAN

If you have any questions or would like your kids to participate, please contact Persis Behramsha at persisbehramsha@netscape.net.
2020

WINTER FESTIVAL
OF FAITHS & CULTURES
PRESENTED BY THE INTERFAITH COUNCIL
OF THE THANKS-GIVING FOUNDATION

NEW BEGINNINGS
ART EXHIBIT

OPENING RECEPTION
Panel Discussion | Artist Talk | Musical Performance

Sunday, December 13, 2020, 2:00 pm
Follow the Facebook Livestream from the Crow Museum of Asian Art
on the Thanks-Giving Square Facebook page.

Master of Ceremonies: Sam Baker,
KERA’s senior editor and local host for Morning Edition

Exhibit Curator & Panel Moderator: Amy Lewis Hofland,
Executive Director, Crow Museum of Asian Art in Dallas

COMPLEMENTARY VIRTUAL TOURS & MUSIC
New Artists and Hosts Each Day

12:00-1:00 pm, December 14TH-17TH
Follow the Facebook Livestream on the Thanks-Giving Square Facebook page.

IFC Chair, Almas Muscatwalla; Committee: Reginal Hunt, Anahita Sidhwa,
Rosie Stromberg, Mary Ann Taylor & Peggy Williams

FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT THANKSGIVING.ORG
ZANT is happy to announce that we will have a **Virtual Holiday Celebration** on **Friday, December 18, 2020 at 7pm**.

We would love to have all participate in a **fun filled musical evening** followed by a **virtual scavenger hunt**! Bring out your musical instruments and play a tune or simply sing a song! We will conclude the musical interlude with a fun scavenger hunt where you can win a variety of gift cards and vouchers!

Please contact Karin Nayar at ZantSocialDirector@gmail.com if you would like to participate in the event. Please specify if you would like to play an instrument, sing and/or register for the scavenger hunt. Open to both children and adults.

**ZARTOSHT NO-DISO JASHAN**

ZANT will be having a **Jashan** ceremony for observing Asho Zarathustra's death anniversary (per Fasli Calendar) on **Saturday, December 26, 2020 at 4pm**. The Jashan will be held at the ZANT center and a Zoom link will be provided to join virtually.
TREASURER’S CORNER

Memberships, donations and balances listed below have been received in the months of October and November 2020.

**General Fund Donations**

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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.

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**Memberships**

- Persis Sadri, Vira Sadri
- Arzan, Kaizan, Kurush & Farzan Mehta
- Sarosh, Karin, Alya & Layah Nayar
- Sherazade Mehta
- Kobad, Zareen, Jackson & Ian Desai
- Percy, Farzeen, Aysha & Zane Elavia
- Shirin Mandgari, Bahman & Rostam Dinyari & Shirin Ashtari
- Behmen, Zinobia, Darius, Marcus & Aurelius
- Sanjana
- Tahmuras & Parivash Namiranian
- Dhun Doongaji & Kurush, Gini & Aria Dehnugara
- Pearl & Zian Surti
- Nozer & Rakhshandeh Dhalla

Aspi & Ketty Wadia
Persis Shroff Bahrassa
Mahervan & Naaman Karbhari
Rusi & Zenobia Dadyburjor
Nitash Dadyburjor
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: ___________________________
AmazonSmile—Grow Donations For ZANT

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!

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Dear Community Members,

As you all know our association is enrolled into the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Your participation is essential. When you buy from Kroger our association gets .5% every time you make a purchase. This program does not affect your fuel points. We encourage everyone to join and participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

Please follow the instruction as below:

Visit http://www.kroger.com. Once logged into their Kroger account they can search for ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTH TEXAS either by name or WT497 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

*Customers must have a registered Kroger rewards card account to link to your organization.
*If a member does not yet have a Kroger rewards card, please let them know they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your organization until after your participants register their rewards card. Participants must swipe their registered Kroger rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.
REQUEST TO SUPPORT BURN VICTIM MOBED ZAHAAN TUREL

Er. Zahaan Turel, 14 years of age, a student of Dadar Athornan Institute, presently with his family at Surat due to the lockdown, was performing Boi ceremony at the Goti Adarian when his priestly attire – Jama – caught fire resulting in Zahaan receiving 48.5% burns on various parts of his young frame.

After receiving initial treatment at Surat, Zahaan was rushed to Mumbai where he has been admitted to Masina Hospital, where burns treatment, is one of their many specialties.

Masina Hospital have estimated that total expenses for a stay of 51 days, which would include all expenses would be Rs.2,013,100 approx.

Post-discharge, Zahaan is going to require physiotherapy for an extended period, regular massages, application of medical-grade creams. There will be additional expenses for regular post-discharge medication. He will also need to wear pressure clothing 24 hours for the next one year (365 days). The cost is not known at present but is expected to be steep.

Zahaan’s father has conveyed that the webbings of his left-hand palm have fused, and surgery could be required if they are not loosened with treatment. Zahaan will also require regular counselling from a trained counsellor to recover from this traumatic experience.

A yet unknown factor that could possibly come into play would be if the family is required to relocate to Mumbai for the next few years if regular medical follow-up should become necessary. In such an event, the family will require temporary accommodation in Mumbai for a few years; if Zahan’s father does not get a transfer to Mumbai, his mother will have to temporarily relocate which will entail an additional financial burden on the family.

Up until now, Zahaan's parents, Meherzad and Farzin Turel, did not ask for or accept financial aid since they had family medical insurance plus a separate insurance set up for priestly families. However, now that they have exhausted their financial options, they are seeking assistance from the global Zarathushti community to help support their son's medical and recovery expense.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving in USA this weekend for the abundance in our lives and let us all keep Zahaan in our prayers and for abundance in his life going ahead.

We urge our generous community to support this family with any financial contributions they can afford. A tax receipt will be issued from the US on behalf of FEZANA.

You can donate online on FEZANA's website: https://fezana.org/donate/ or if you prefer to mail a check, send it to: Rooky Fitter, FEZANA Treasurer; PO BOX 266, SUNSET BEACH, CA 90742

As Zarathushti associations and groups begin to open their doors or put together their plans for limited capacity in-person worship, the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA) and the North American Mobeds Council (NAMC) have joined forces to offer and reiterate guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on reducing risk exposure to COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible for our Mobeds/priests and congregations.

1. Anyone entering a Zoroastrian place of worship should wear a mask out of respect for their fellow Zarathushtis: including Mobeds, administrators, congregants, visitors, vendors and janitorial staff.

2. Socially distance 6’ to 10’ – no hugs, no hand shakes, no elbow bumps or close conversations.

3. If you are elderly, have pre-existing health issues, or are sick, please use common sense and think twice about whether you want to put yourself and/or others at risk; and if prayers virtually via platforms like Zoom are perhaps a wiser option.

4. If you live with the elderly (parents/grandparents), think about your actions, movements and interactions, and have a plan to address the risk of infection within the home.

5. Become familiar with your local (county-by-county) numbers: positivity rate, number of new cases, hospitalizations and deaths; if you are located in a community where numbers are trending upward, use extra caution.

For further CDC guidelines for communities of faith, please see the CDC website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/faith-based.html
Start Spreading the News...

https://wzc2022.nyc

World Zoroastrian Congress 2022

For details: https://wzc2022.nyc/