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ZANT Upcoming Events

- Aug. 11-13: ZANT Shenshahi Mukad Prayers (07:00pm)
- Aug. 14: ZANT Shenshahi Mukad Prayers (06:00pm)
- Aug. 15: ZANT Muktad Jashan (04:00pm)
- Aug. 29: North American Mobeds Council IZS - Ahunavad Gatha for Funeral Prayers? (01:00pm)
- Oct. 16: ZANT Annual Carnival

Happy Shenshahi New Year

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

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1605 Lopo Road
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Dear Members,

Wishing all our Members a Happy Shenshahi New Year,

How time flies, we have ventured into August along with the return of summer temperatures and a new school year. With the passage of time the center is slowly but surely progressing to completion. We were planning on having a Shenshai New Year celebration, but the rising COVID cases with the new variant has put those plans on hold. As a board we planned to be abundantly cautious and did not want to put any of our members in harms-way. Hence, the function is not going forward this year. However, we plan to hold Muktad prayers every evening during the Gatha’s starting August 11th and culminate with the Jashan on Sunday, August 15th. Additional information on these are included in the subsequent pages of the newsletter.

Our Center is nearing completion of work and we should be done with everything (except the new doors which are on back order) before the start of the Muktad prayers. There was a lot of progress over the last couple of weeks, with the completion of carpeting in the prayer room, cabinets, backsplash and appliances in the kitchen, final paint touch ups and baseboard around the building. We also had all the air conditioning drain pipes cleaned, plumbing issues addressed and appliances ordered. A few more items are slated for this week to ensure that the center is cleaned and sanitized prior to the prayers. Below are few pictures of the completed center:
A lot of our members put time and effort in getting the center to this point and we would like to recognize them.

Jamshed Jamadar and Firoze Sidhwa – They have been there throughout this renovation effort, weekends and/or weekdays to ensure that the work is progressing, looking into the details, addressing issues, replacing all the wall fixtures, boards, lights and other miscellaneous items.

Hoshang Patel – Ensuring that the carpet installation is scheduled, and the work is done on time with proper quality.

Keshvar Buhariwalla – Coordinating with the sprinkler company and being there to receive appliances

Armin Daroona – Ensuring that the outside landscape is completed along with trimming and mulching

Kobad Desai – Helping with restoration companies and advising on insurance

All of our board members were there to help with the restoration as well; but our true champion was Mahervan Karbhari who dealt with the insurance and contractors on a daily basis. He also spent a lot of effort visiting the center to ensure that the work is progressing on schedule. Karin Nayar, Dilnawaz Rustomji and Farzeen Elavia were critical to ensure that correct appliances were ordered. Pearl Surti and Kurush Dehnugara were always there along with other board members for clean-up and stocking shelves.

Let’s end with the following quote “Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; Working together is success”

ZANT Board
Shenshahi Muktad Prayers will be held during the Gatha days from **Wednesday, August 11, 2021 to Sunday, August 15, 2021** at the ZANT Center.

This is a tradition we have followed at ZANT for more than twenty years, and its purpose is to venerate the Fravashis of our dear ones. A table with fresh flowers will be set up in the prayer room with offerings of Satum (food) and we will recite a few short Avesta verses with their translations to welcome the Fravashis. It is an opportunity to remember our ancestors and give thanks for the gifts we have received and renew our commitment to lead a good life. While many of us probably do our prayers and set up the table at home also, what is the significance and importance of doing it at ZANT Center? It is because the ZANT Center is our second home, and we think it is important to welcome the Fravashis in a location that is so dear to us. In the spirit of communal well-being, please join us for the prayers and bring fresh flowers and your satum (food) offering for the Muktad table.

**Masks will be required** for everyone that will be attending in person and a Zoom link is provided below for those who would like to join remotely. Please note that due to the unprecedented times of COVID-19, there will be no potluck dinner provisions at the ZANT center for any of these days. For the Muktad Jashan, Chaasni (fruit, nuts & malido) will be provided by the ZANT Board members.

Dates and times for the prayers for all 5 days are listed below:

**Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7 p.m. - Humbandagi Prayers**
**Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. - Humbandagi Prayers**
**Friday, August 13, 2021 at 7 p.m. - Humbandagi Prayers**
**Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 6 p.m. - Humbandagi Prayers**
**Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 4 p.m. - Muktad Jashan**

**Zoom Link:**  [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82233902810?pwd=eTE1VGxzUitGZWdIT0NEUGpDM1Q5dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82233902810?pwd=eTE1VGxzUitGZWdIT0NEUGpDM1Q5dz09)
Meeting ID: 822 3390 2810  Passcode: 120839

Please send in the attached form (ZANT Muktad Prayer Form 2021.pdf) for the names of your departed loved ones, to be included in the Muktad Jashan Prayers to ptbalsara@gmail.com.
Dear ZANT Community,

After careful consideration and out of an abundance of caution the ZANT board has decided to cancel our Shenshahi New Year Function. This difficult decision was reached after discussing several options, including an outdoor function. Unfortunately, during this time of the year that would not be a viable solution. With the rising numbers of Covid-19 we feel the safety of our community is paramount. We are all very disappointed and look forward to seeing everyone as soon as it is safe to do so.

**ZANT’s Annual Carnival** will be held this year on **Saturday, October 16th, 2021.** We will have an evening filled with games and delicious food. If you would like to cook for the carnival, please contact Karin Nayar at [zantsocialdirector@gmail.com](mailto:zantsocialdirector@gmail.com).

### Treasurer’s Corner

Listed below are the memberships and donations received in the month of July 2021.

#### 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.

#### ZOMF Donations

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#### Memberships

Shirin Sepehri
Pourandokht Varjavand
Bahman Shahriari
NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies Announcement

NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies announces the formation of a Monthly Discussion Group.

“Zoroastrianism – Outside the Box”

Objective: Collective learning from a free flow of ideas and opinions on religious and cultural topics while respecting views and opinions of others.

Join us on last Sunday of each month at 2 pm EST, 1 pm CST, 11 am PST

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Zoom Link: [https://zoom.us/j/98448391402?pwd=Nm1vZHVCMEJRY09hdjZhb3NJJeGpsZz09](https://zoom.us/j/98448391402?pwd=Nm1vZHVCMEJRY09hdjZhb3NJJeGpsZz09)

Meeting ID: 984 4839 1402

Passcode: NAMCIZS

For more information, please contact Ervad Kobad Zarolia at Kobadzarolia@gmail.com

These events are facilitated by the NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies to promote knowledge through free but respectful discussions and debate. The views and opinions expressed during these discussions are those of the presenters and participants and do not reflect the official policy or position of the NAMC.

For more information, please visit [https://namcmobeds.org/](https://namcmobeds.org/)
ZANT Membership Form
(Nov. 1, 2020 to Oct. 31, 2021)

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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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: ____________________
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.
Drawing Contest by CZC

Drawing Contest 3
Ages 8-20

Deadline for submissions: September 1, 2021

Drawing Guidelines:
Size: 5x8 or 8x5 inches
Color: Black and white (gray shades can be included)
Medium: Computer graphics or non-smearing medium on good quality paper
Format: High resolution (300 dpi or larger) JPEG

Entry: A minimum of four entries (or per organizer and judges’ discretion) is required in each age group for the contest to be carried out

Please note:
By submitting your drawing, you give the Drawing Contest organizer the right to publish and use your drawing in any desired fashion

Procedure:
1.) Visit www.czc.org/contest
2.) Read the story
3.) Consider the rubric
4.) Submit a drawing best visualizing the featured story
5.) Email it to zessayentry@yahoo.com OR mail it to:
PO BOX 572966
Tarzana, CA 91357

1st place prize: $100
(in each age category)

6.) Include your full name, age, email address, mailing address, and phone number in your submission
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For details: https://wzc2022.nyc/