ZANT Upcoming Events

- Oct. 10: Children’s Religion Class
- Oct. 10: NAMC-IZS Lecture Series (1:00 p.m.)
- Oct. 16: ZANT Annual Carnival (1:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 2022: ZANT Annual General Body Meeting (AGM)

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**

Jashan-e-Mehrgan greeting to all our members,

We welcomed our autumn equinox harvest festival with a Jashan performed by our mobeds Yazdi Dastur and Poras Balsara. Many thanks to them for always being there for our community. The beautiful Mehrgan table in the picture on the first page was prepared by Shahin Samia. Also, thanks to Shahin for sponsoring the Jashan preparations and Chasni. Our fall carnival fundraiser is set for Saturday, October 16th and we are excited to report that members have stepped up and ordered a lot of food items to help with our donation drive. Of course none of this would be possible without the numerous volunteers who not only sponsor the materials for the food, but also their time and effort to make this a success. As the Pandemic is slowly receding (hopefully the trend continues) we will be gradually starting in-person activities. The 1st one is the carnival followed by the option of in-person attendance for religious classes in November. As always, the health of our members is our top priority and each one of you have to make a decision to attend based on individual health risk. We will continue to have remote options for Jashan and religious classes for the near term future. To protect ZANT and its membership, we will require a small disclaimer form signed at these events to avoid any liability to ZANT. We hope you all understand as the best interest of ZANT is our top priority. For those who have been to the center, you may have noticed that we have completed repairs with the exception of a few items to be completed when materials arrive. We have been successful in getting a good HVAC contractor to install an exhaust fan near the Jashan area and help ventilate the smoke. Hope to get this work completed late October or early November. Our outside play center is in need for repair to make it operable and safe for the children. Our board member Kurush Dehnugara is leading this effort with the Kyani’s and hope to get this completed soon. Any member interested in donating or helping with the repair effort is requested to contact Kurush. Hope you all have a good October and looking forward to seeing everyone on October 16th.

“So glad we live in a world where there are Octobers.” ... “Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”

ZANT Board

**ZANT Annual General Body Meeting (AGM)**

As per ZANT By-Laws, we are giving a 90 day notice for the ZANT Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) which will be held in February 2022. Further details about the AGM will be provided at a later date.
Our next **Children’s Religion Class** will be held on **Sunday, October 10, 2021** via ZOOM. Zoom link is given below.

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

**10:15am—11:00am Little Kids’ Class** with Manijeh Rustomji

(RSVP manijehrustomji@gmail.com if your kids plan on attending)

**11:00am—11:30am Tandarosti Prayers** (from ZANT Center)

**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)

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, October 9, 2021.

**Link to join Zoom Meeting:**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87818875357?pwd=Tm1sYkVTdUl4SE9uUXNTK0dJVEZ4dz09
Meeting ID: 878 1887 5357
Passcode: ZANTCLASS

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**Vohu Manah Group**

The Vohu Manah Group will attend the North American Mobeds Council Institute of Zoroastrian Studies Lecture Series via ZOOM on **Sunday, October 10 2021** at **1:00pm**.

The topic for October is "**Shahnameh (The Book of Kings)**" discussed by Ervad (Dr.) Pervez Bajan.

**Link to join Zoom Meeting:**
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82432181448?pwd=Mjh5dDJHOFJ2SmNBXJqeXZqdnRTQT09
Meeting ID: 824 3218 1448
Passcode: NAMCIZS
Dear ZANT Community,

**ZANT’s Annual Carnival** will be held in-person this year on **Saturday, October 16th, 2021 between 1:00 and 4:00 pm.** We have had an overwhelming response! Thank you to our wonderful chefs who will be preparing all the delectable items. Food items will be available for pick up between **1:00 and 3:00 p.m.** Please remember to wear masks inside the ZANT Center. We will have fun games, a bounce house, a few snack items for purchase, as well as an ice cream truck for the young ones and the young at heart! Please join us in honoring our priests and teachers during the carnival at 3:00 p.m., we so appreciate the valuable contributions they make to our community.

Weekend Wonders for Kids will be having a canned food drive during the carnival, we would greatly appreciate it if our members would bring canned or boxed food to donate. This is a wonderful opportunity to give to those less fortunate. Volunteer hours will also be given to those who require them.

If you have any questions, please contact Karin Nayar at zantsocialdirector@gmail.com.
weekendwonders4kidz

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

Summer has flown by and as school begins, so does our work.

As the pandemic continues to impact us all, it is especially taking its toll on the children and families we serve.

As last year’s food drive in conjunction with the Zant carnival was so successful, we ask our community to do what you do best … give! Please consider donating any of the items you see pictured on this page. Even one can of fruit or a box of oatmeal will help us greatly!

Thank you!

Take a little time out to help make these kids’ weekends wonderful!
Listed below are the memberships and donations received in the month of September 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.
ZANT Membership Form

Nov 1, 2021 to Oct 31, 2022

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 $2.50 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, 1665 Lobo Road, Flower Mound, TX 75022-1306.
- ZANT is now able to accept payments through PayPal. If you wish to make your payment through PayPal please send your request by email to Treasurer.Zant@gmail.com. All applicable PayPal fees/charges will be payable by the member/individual making the payment.

Membership rates per person:

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Subtotal $__________________________

Payment Method ____________________________ 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 Zarathushtris and their spouses over 18 years of age.

I certify that I meet the above membership requirements.

Signature ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Pictures From Jashan-e-Mehrgan
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**Interfaith Alliance of Irving Garage Sale**

The Interfaith Alliance of Irving is arranging a Garage Sale at the Sikh Temple in Irving on **Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Keshvar Buhariwalla and Anahita Sidhwa will be collecting items for this event. This will be a great opportunity to donate household items you do not use. Please contact Keshvar (keshv@man.com) or Anahita (afsidhwa@verizon.net) for more details regarding collection dates etc.

**FEZANA Scholarship Recipients**

ZANT congratulates **Burzin Balsara** for receiving the 2021 Rustomji Scholarship for $5000 and **Behnoosh Sethna** for receiving the FEZANA Scholarship for $2000. Wishing you both good luck in your careers.

**Gen Z Project**

SOAS, University of London, have launched a new project, GEN Z, which is the first of its kind to undertake a digital survey of the Zoroastrian population worldwide. The survey will collect and analyze data on three areas of community life:

- Demographic (including information on education, employment and domestic life)
- Behavioral (religious and cultural beliefs and practices)
- Attitudinal (socio-religious and ethnic identity)

The survey involves a questionnaire for people to fill in after registering at [https://genzandbeyond.com](https://genzandbeyond.com) for an invitation to be sent to their individual email address or mobile number. After they have been sent the link, their contacts are automatically deleted from our system.

The Gen Z and Beyond Survey is open to people aged 18 and over who are related to a Zoroastrian in one of the following 3 ways:

- Have one or two Zoroastrian parents
- Have at least one Zoroastrian grandparent
- Have a Zoroastrian spouse
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.
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