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

ZANT Upcoming Events

- Nov. 14: Children’s Religion Class (12:00 p.m.)
- Nov. 14: NAMC-IZS Lecture Series (1:00 p.m.)
- Nov. 21: Community Support for Bereavement (3:00 p.m.)
- Nov. 28: NAMC-IZS Lecture Series (1:00 p.m.)
- Jan. 09: Children’s Religion Class (12:00 p.m.)
- Jan. 29: Sadeh
- Feb. 13: Children’s Religion Class (12:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 13: Super Bowl 56
- Feb. 2022: ZANT Annual General Body Meeting (AGM)

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Message from the Board

Hello Members,

It was great to see many of you at the ZANT carnival in October as noted from the pictures included in this newsletter.

The slide and ice creams were fun for all the kids and the kids within us. Every one of us enjoyed the day to get together, eat delicious food and have fun. This event helped us raise funds over $6000 which helps towards the upkeep of our center and activities. Of course we could not have done this without all the volunteers within our community who cooked food and other goodies for sale, helped with preparation and organizing the event. Our Volunteers (Thank You All !!!!!!!!) and their dishes include:

Arnavaz Vakharia – Guess What! Annie provided a menu of 24 items from Badam Pak to Bhakras to Vindaloo and ensured that everyone was well fed and we generate a lot of orders.

Anaita Sidhwa – Well known Badam Batasas and Khajoor Ni Ghari

Farzeen Elavia – Chicken Samosa

Farzeen Sukeshwalla – Ribbon Rice with Shrimp

Karin Nayar – Cup-cake Quiche, Soda, and Donuts

Mahnaz Irani – Almond Cake

Mehroo Damri – Beef and Chicken Samosa

Pearl Surti – Wheat Rotli and Russian Pattice

Pouroo Dastoor – Chicken and Veg Dhansak

Shahin Samia – Adas Polo Lentis with Rasins and Dates, Eggplant and Chicken Stew, and Sholezard

Arbez Patel – Bhel and Samosa (this was not presold and available at the event)

Manijeh Rustomji – Mehendi (this was done at the event)

Not to forget all our board members who worked behind the scenes to coordinate everything. Pearl Surti for generating the order forms that were very handy, Farzeen Elavia for all the accounting and Karin Nayar for all the coordination deserve special mention.coming functions.
Since we missed out on the Navroze function this year, we facilitated our priest and religious teachers on this day. A Big Thanks to all our Mobeds: Poras Balsara, Burzin Balsara, Yazdi Datur, and Hormuzd Karkaria and our religious teachers: Pearl Balsara, Nina Kalianivala, Manijeh Rustomji for their services to our community.

Based on the success of our Carnival and the receding pandemic, it is our plan to continue functions and religious class activities in person. While the religious class in November will have remote options, the classes starting next year will be in person (assuming that COVID is past us and majority are vaccinated). Don’t forget to review our Social Directors section for details on the upcoming functions.

Building Update: We are nearly there and have found a contractor to install a new exhaust system for our Jashan area and also have a contractor to complete exterior upkeep on our building. All this work will be done in the next couple of months, along with the finishing touches of all the interior check list items.

As the month of November approaches, so does our memberships for FY 2022. Members are requested to check the membership application in the newsletter and complete it ASAP. For your convenience, we also have made provisions to complete membership application via the web and utilize PayPal for credit card or electronic payment. The details are provided in subsequent pages of the newsletter.

Wishing all our Members A Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the time with your families and do not forget to get together at our upcoming events. While the last couple of years have been tough for all of us, in the words of Winston Churchill – Let’s not let a crisis go to waste! We can use these times to learn and improve upon our future generations.

ZANT Board
Our next **Children’s Religious Class** will be held in-person for our local kids, & on-line via ZOOM for kids out-of-state, on **Sunday, November 14, 2021**.

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**.

The 3 classes will be conducted simultaneously from **12:30pm to 1:30pm** as follows:

**Little Kids’ Class** – by Manijeh Rustomji ([manijehrustomji@gmail.com](mailto:manijehrustomji@gmail.com))

**Middle Age Kids’ Class** – by Pearl Balsara ([ppbalsara@gmail.com](mailto:ppbalsara@gmail.com))

**Teenagers’ Class** – by Nina Kalianivala ([ninakalian@gmail.com](mailto:ninakalian@gmail.com))

Link to join ZOOM meeting for the **Middle Age Kids’ Class** for out-of-state kids:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87818875357?pwd=Tm1sYkVTdUl4SE9uUXNTK0dJVEZ4dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87818875357?pwd=Tm1sYkVTdUl4SE9uUXNTK0dJVEZ4dz09)

Meeting ID: 878 1887 5357  
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Link to join ZOOM meeting for the **Teenagers’ Class** for out-of-state kids:

[https://zoom.us/j/97990692455?pwd=dnRPNnlFaWxLak1lREdHU0tMeVVqZz09](https://zoom.us/j/97990692455?pwd=dnRPNnlFaWxLak1lREdHU0tMeVVqZz09)

Meeting ID: 979 9069 2455  
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Please join us for **lunch at 1:30pm** for kids & adults, provided by our volunteers to be followed by Birthday celebration for kids with Nov-Dec Birthdays.

We look forward to seeing & meeting you all “IN PERSON”!!!!

(Note : There will be no Religious Class in December 2021)

Best Wishes,

Manijeh, Nina & Pearl
The Vohu Manah Group will attend the North American Mobeds Council Institute of Zoroastrian Studies Lecture Series in November via ZOOM. Details below:

**Topic:** Hum Bandagi (communal prayer) and Bui (offerings to sacred fire) ceremonies

**Description:** Participate in a unique Zoroastrian Hum Bandagi (communal prayer) over Zoom led by our renowned Mobed Zarrir Bhandara. Understand why the potency of Prayers multiplies when said in a communal setting. Next, learn the significance of the Bui ceremony. Explore how and when prayers and Machis are offered to various grades of consecrated fires. Also, know how Mobeds tend the sacred fires 24/7 to keep them perpetually burning.

**Presenter:** Ervad Zarrir Bhandara

**Date/Time:** Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 1:00pm

**Link to join Zoom Meeting:**
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82432181448?pwd=Mjh5dDJHOFJ2SmNBMXJqeXZqdRQT09
Meeting ID: 824 3218 1448
Passcode: NAMCIZS

**Topic:** Relevance, Length, and Repetition of Congregational Prayers

**Description:** Should our congregational prayers, in a language that few understand, be so long drawn out and repetitive? Do the meaning of such prayers lend themselves to the occasion they are recited for? Could we keep the prayers brief, followed by a concise and well-prepared talk, giving voice to Zoroastrian teachings?

**Presenter:** Ervad Kobad Zarolia

**Date/Time:** Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 1:00pm

**Link to join Zoom Meeting:**
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82255067379?pwd=VkI2VDlJa1hyVzdKNUZoRjFsYXVzUT09
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For more information, please visit https://namcmobeds.org
Community Support At Bereavement

Over a year ago some of us began to collect information about steps to take before and after the death of a loved one. We have gathered some documents used by other Associations in North America but we want to update and edit them to suit the conditions in our ZANT community. The goal is to make a document that helps a family identify things that should be decided ahead of time, and steps to take when a family member passes away. It would be beneficial to collect the information that many members of our community already have, in one document. If you are interested in helping to draft this document, please attend the meeting shown below. If you cannot attend but have questions and ideas, please contact Ervad Poras Balsara (ptbalsara@gmail.com) or Anahita Sidhwa (afsidhwa@verizon.net)

Date/Time: Sunday November 21, 2021 at 3:00pm

Location: ZANT Center
Dear ZANT Community,

Thank you to everyone who came out to the annual ZANT carnival. It was a beautiful afternoon of games, fun and food. The kids and adults all enjoyed the ice cream truck. We would like to thank all of those who cooked food for the carnival fundraiser. ZANT collect over $6000! Our sincerest thanks to Anahita Sidhwa, Arnavaz Vakharia, Dilnawaz Rustomji, Farzeen Elavia, Farzeen Sukheswalla, Karin Nayar, Mahnaz Irani, Mehroo Damri, Nina Kalianivala, Pearl Surti, Pouroo Dastoor, Shahin Samia, Arbez Patel, and Manijeh Rustomji for all their efforts in contributing to our fundraiser.

Please join us in celebrating the festival of Sadeh on **Saturday, January 29, 2021** at the ZANT Center. Sadeh is a mid-winter festival celebrated to honor fire and to defeat the forces of darkness, frost, and cold. Sadeh in Persian means "hundred" and refers to one hundred days and nights remaining to the beginning of spring. Please bring a dish to share, refreshments and dessert will be provided by ZANT.

ZANT will be hosting **Super Bowl 56** on **Sunday, February 13, 2022** at the ZANT Center. Bring the family along to watch the halftime show featuring Dr. Dre, Eminem, Mary J. Blige, Kendrick Lamar, and Snoop Dogg. Details to Follow.

If you have any questions, please contact Karin Nayar at zantsocialdirector@gmail.com.
Listed below are the memberships and donations received in the month of October 2021.

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### Memberships

- Sarosh & Runa Gandhi
- Behzad & Binaifer Kekobad
- Hormuz Mehta & Ruby Shroff
- Panteha Soroushpoor & Sohrab Rashidi
- Percy & Farzeen Elavia
- Sarosh & Karin Nayar
- Kurush Dehnugara & Dhun Doongaji
- Sarosh & Gulu Manekshaw
- Cyrus & Lauren Manekshaw
- Nancy Bhada

Ashtad, Dilzeen & Meherzeen Engineer
Tahmuras & Parivash Namiranian
Behmen & Zinobia Sanjana
Ashok & Mani Mullick
Persis & Vira Sadri and Arzan Mehta
Yazdi & Charlotte Kharas
Farrokh Mistree & Janet Allen
Aurash & Autusa Behroozi
Armand Behroozi & Kimiya Shahzadi Behroozi

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 $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, 1665 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028-1306
- 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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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 Zoroastrians and their spouses over 18 years of age.

I certify that I meet the above membership requirements.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
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ZANT News - November 2021
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](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](http://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!

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**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](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.
Come! Celebrate the 8th annual IFC Festival of Faiths which features local and international talents in creative writing, visual and performing art. Students in grades 6 to 12 along with actors, African drummers, Korean dancers and more will inspire you to be GRATEFUL during this holiday season.

**EXHIBIT VIEWING:** 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

**PERFORMANCES:** 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm

**VENUE:** Winspear Opera House Hamon Hall, (in the Dallas Arts District at 2403 Flora Street, Dallas)

Masters of Ceremony: **Sylvia Komatsu**, Executive Vice President and Chief Content Officer for KERA/KXT and **Sam Baker**, KERA senior editor and local host for *Morning Edition*

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR THESE COMPLIMENTARY PROGRAMS!
Registration Link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/167720629919

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2022 Essay Contest

Age: 14-18 years
Prizes: 1st ($300), 2nd ($200), 3rd ($100)
Due By January 15th 2022
500-800 Words

TOPIC: ACCORDING TO THE GATHAS CAN ONE BE A ZOROASTRIAN WITHOUT A BELIEF IN GOD?

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Zoroastrian Teachings on the Environment

In celebration of the Zoroastrian months of Khordad and Avan, we offer a podcast on Khordad Ameshaspand and Avan Yazad and their importance on Water, Rain and Wind.

“Discover Zoroastrianism” podcast is a channel to communicate Zoroastrian teachings, celebrations, and history.

An initiative of

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For more information, please visit www.namcmobeds.org
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