



# ZANT NEWS

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## ZANT Upcoming Events

- Oct 28: Cyrus Day Celebration
- Nov 12: Religion Class & Gen Body Meeting (GBM)
- Nov 18-19: ZANT Youth Camp
- Dec 16: Yalda
- Jan 14: Religion Class & NouRuz Program Planning
- Jan 27: Annual GBM & Sadeh
- Feb 4: Religion Class
- Feb 11: Superbowl
- March 10: Religion Class
- March 16: Panjeh Prayers
- March 23: NouRuz Celebration



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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We welcome and encourage feedback from our community. Please send comments or suggestions to

## Message From The Board

Dear Members,

We had a great gathering for Jashan-e-Mehregan on October 7th and celebrated the harvest festival with our ZANT community. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped cook the delicious food and set up the Mehregan Table. We would also like to acknowledge Shirin Dinyari, Panteha Soroushpour, Sohrab Rashidi, Fariba Bozorgchami, Shahin Samia, Pearl Balsara, Anahita Kyani, and Ramin Belivan, spent many hours preparing and cooking for a big crowd.

We are delighted to celebrate Cyrus Day on October 28th at the ZANT Center. We are planning to have special art projects for families to make their own Cyrus cylinder or paint a wine glass. Please join us to remember the great champion of human rights.

We will be celebrating the longest night of the year, Yalda, on December 23rd at the ZANT center. It will be a night full of joy, fun activities, poetry, and traditions. We hope to see many of you at the Yalda celebration. We would like to note that we have recently launched our new ZANT portal at [www.zant.org](http://www.zant.org). Many thanks to Sanobar Doctor, who assisted in the development of the new website. On the portal, you can find all the necessary forms for membership, reimbursement, rental, pledge, and key access. We are currently working on creating online versions of these forms to make the submission process more convenient. You can expect to see the online links to these forms on the portal within the next few weeks.

Membership for the year 2023 will conclude on October 31st, 2023. We kindly request everyone to review the membership application available in the newsletter or on our portal and complete it as soon as possible. To ensure your convenience, we have also implemented provisions to complete the membership application via the web and utilize Zelle for electronic payments.

We are pleased to announce that we have scheduled a Budget Meeting for the General Body on November 12th at 2 pm at the ZANT center. The purpose of this meeting is to review the budget for the year 2024. We kindly request that as many of our members as possible attend this meeting.

ZANT will be publishing the Directory and releasing it at the NowRuz function in March 2024. Please inform us if any of your information has changed since the 2022 Directory or if you would like to have your information added, updated, or removed. Please submit your new or updated new information through this link or email the information to [anahita\\_kyani@yahoo.com](mailto:anahita_kyani@yahoo.com).

We would also like to express our appreciation to our community for supporting us in collecting advertisements for the new directory. This serves as a great marketing opportunity for businesses owners and a fundraiser for ZANT. The ZANT Directory has been published since the 1990s and serves as a valuable source of information for our members. With over 500 individuals and 250 families in the Dallas Fort Worth area, the directory will provide helpful information for those in need of goods and services. We kindly request your support in reaching out to business owners in your circle and encouraging them to place advertisements in the ZANT directory. Please refer to the detailed information and link provided in the newsletter for more information on the advertisement process.

Lastly, we would like to remind everyone to mark their calendars for Jashn-e-Sadeh and the Annual General Meeting on January 27th, 2024.

We hope to see all of you at the center for these upcoming events and wish you a great fall and winter ahead.  
ZANT Board

## “Cyrus the Great” Day Celebration:

Cyrus the Great Day, also known as Cyrus Day, is an Iranian observance held in October. It is dedicated to the Persian King Cyrus II, who became famous as the founder of the Achaemenid Empire.

Cyrus the Great Day is the anniversary of Cyrus’s entrance into Babylon. Cyrus the Great took Babylon, the ancient capital of the Babylonian state covering modern Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Israel, in October 539 BC. Cyrus II is known not only as a great conqueror but as the author of the Cyrus Cylinder, considered by some the world’s first declaration of universal human rights.



Cyrus Day is mainly celebrated in Iran and by Iranian communities in other countries. In Iran, those who want to honor the memory of Cyrus the Great come to his tomb in Pasargadae, the ancient capital of the Achaemenid Empire.

Let’s get together and celebrate “Cyrus Day” and remember the Great Champion of Freedom, Justice, and Human Rights!

**Place:** ZANT Center

**Date:** Saturday, Oct 28, 2023

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Program: 6:00 to 7:30: Make your own “Cyrus Cylinder” with air dry clay**

(you may make it with “your own message” on the Cylinder or the “cuneiform script”)

**8:00 onwards: Dinner**

We’ll do a “Potluck” Dinner, so bring a dish to share. ZANT will provide drinks and dessert.

If you are interested in participating in the “Cyrus Cylinder” art project with our resident artist Kashmira Mistry, please RSVP by Saturday, October 14, as we need to order supplies.

The charge per participant for this project is \$15 – ZANT will provide the supplies.



## Children's Religious Class

Our next Children's Religious Class and Community Prayers will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2023, at the ZANT Center.

Please be at the ZANT Center by 11:15 a.m. so we can get your kids' names or the names of anyone else for the Tandarosti prayers.

11:30 am - 12:00 pm: Boi & Tandarosti Prayers by Mobed

12:00 pm – 01:00 pm: Religion Classes

01:00 pm - 01:45 pm: Lunch

02:00 pm: General Body meeting for Budget Discussion

Here's the link for parents to sign up for an opportunity to volunteer for kids' and/or adults' lunch: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845A8A828A5FE3-lunch>

If your kid has their Birthday in November, someone can volunteer to bring a cake; we can have all the Birthday kids' celebrations on Nov 12!

Please RSVP for lunch!

We look forward to having a wonderful afternoon with you and your kids at the ZANT Center on Sunday, November 12, 2023!

## General Body Meeting



Place: ZANT Center

Date: Saturday, Nov 12, 2023

Time: 2:00 pm

The ZANT Board will have a General Body meeting on Sunday, Nov 12, 2023 at 2 pm to discuss the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

We request all members to attend and participate in the process of budgeting for the upcoming year.



## Thursday Lunch



Gear up for some fun and games at the next event!

DATE: Thursday, November 16, 2023

TIME: 12 noon to 3:00 pm

PLACE: ZANT Center

PROGRAM: Playing "HOUSIE" with Armin Daroona. Winners will receive special prizes!

Please bring your delicious dishes for lunch and/or tea. RSVP would be appreciated by Tuesday, Nov 14, to Anahita Sidhwa at [afsidhwa@verizon.net](mailto:afsidhwa@verizon.net) or 214-862-5745.

## Yalda Celebration



Yalda Celebration on Saturday, Dec 16th at 6:00 pm at ZANT Center

*The nights are long, and the days are short,  
The light is low, and the nights are dark.  
But we know how to feast and sing,  
And how a lot of fun and joy to bring.  
So along to ZANT Center, we want you to come,  
To mingle, to eat, to sing, to dance,  
To celebrate Yalda, the longest night of the year with you all.*

Please plan to be at the ZANT Center by 6:00 p.m. We will have traditional Yalda activities, including Chack o Dooleh, poetry, traditional music, and a whole night of planned games and activities for kids and adults.

6:00pm—6:30pm	Meet and Greet
6:30pm—7:00pm	Yalda presentation
7:00pm—8:00pm	Poetry and Fun Games
8:00pm—9:00pm	Potluck dinner (please bring your favorite dish to share)
9:00pm—9:30pm	Chack o Dooleh
9:30pm onwards	Music and Dance





## ZANT Directory

Dear ZANT Community,

ZANT will be publishing the Directory and releasing it at the NowRuz function in March 2024.

Please fill out the form <https://bit.ly/ZANTdirectory2024> to inform us of any changes to your information from the 2022 directory or if you would like to be added or removed.

We hope, as in the past, you will support this fundraiser by publishing your advertisement in the directory. To see the rate options and submit your support, please fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/ZANTad2024>. The deadline to receive all advertisements is January 31, 2024.

In case more than one of you chooses the same advertisement option, the Board will give that option to the 1st response received. We will notify you if your advertisement option is not available.

Please pay electronically by Zelle with the following email address:  
Treasurer.Zant@gmail.com.

If you wish to pay by check, write "ZANT Directory 2024" in the memo and send the check to 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028.

We are grateful for your continued support!

Best Regards,  
ZANT Board



## Treasurer's Corner

Listed below are the memberships and donations received in September 2023. Thank you for your contribution!

Please reach out to [treasurer.zant@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.zant@gmail.com) for any questions.

<b>General Fund Donations</b>	
Zenobia & Birjis Chinoy	\$100.00
Farhad Daroga	\$25.00
Javanshir Saghar	\$100.00
Mistry, Karl	\$300.00
Parivash & Tahmuras Namiranian	\$50.00
Pinal Gandhi & Hormazd Javaanshana	\$75.00
Anahita & Feroze Sidhwa	\$500.00
Ketty & Aspi Wadia	\$50.00

<b>ZOMF Donations</b>	
Javanshir Saghar	\$200.00

<b>ZOMF Campaign Donations</b>	
Anahita & Feroze Sidhwa	\$1,200.00
Delnaaz & Spenta Irani	\$1,200.00

<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Rental Income	\$300.00
Kroger	\$47.15

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.

## Treasurer's Corner

Membership	
Arsham Shahlari	Saghar Javanshir
Athra Kaviani & Michell Davis	Parviz Javanshir
Mitra & Mehrnoosh Kaviani	Marvin Karbhari
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Armand Behroozi	Kimiya Shahzadi
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Farhad Daroga	Ketty & Aspi Wadia

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1. ACCESS ZELLE® Get started by enrolling your email or U.S. mobile number through your mobile banking app or with the Zelle® app.
2. PICK A PERSON TO PAY. Enter the preferred email address (in this case- (treasurer.zant@gmail.com) or U.S. mobile number of the recipient.
3. CHOOSE THE AMOUNT. Enter the amount to send.

## ZANT YOUTH UPDATE

### **Huvarashta Project:**

ZANT Youth plans to do a Huvarashta project during the Youth Lock-in camp. The project is to support "Weekend Wonders 4 Kidz," a non-profit organization feeding school kids on weekends who otherwise go hungry. Our project includes assembling and providing food packages for kids. We would love our community members to support our youth through monetary donations for the program. Checks can be mailed to the ZANT address, but please make them payable to "Weekend Wonders 4 Kidz". Send checks before November 17th, 2023. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Delnaaz Irani @ 972-398-8673 or email at [delo.irani@sbcglobal.net](mailto:delo.irani@sbcglobal.net)

### **Youth Camp:**

ZANT is happy to announce that we will host our annual youth camp during the weekend before Thanksgiving break on Saturday and Sunday, November 18th-19th, 2023 at the Zoroastrian Center of North Texas, 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, Texas, 75027. All Zoroastrian youth ages 11 years and older are welcome to participate. We have also invited youth from Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and California for this event.

The event will be an overnight camp for our youth and consist of social and educational sessions. The cost is \$38 per youth member, "payable to ZANT," and will include all the meals for the lock-in duration. This event starts Saturday, November 18th @10 am and will end on Sunday, November 19th @1:00 pm. Further information will be provided later to all who RSVP only. If interested, please RSVP to Delnaaz Irani @ [delo.irani@sbcglobal.net](mailto:delo.irani@sbcglobal.net) by November 11th.

This year, we would like to invite our youth parents, family, and friends to join us for dinner and activity on Saturday, November 18th, evening @7:00pm. Meet our Houston/out-of-town friends and enjoy the evening with us! Our young adults visiting from college are also welcome to join. The cost for dinner is \$16 per person and should be payable to ZANT. Please RSVP by November 11th if you would like to join.

We encourage all our youth to participate, make new friends, and create beautiful memories with your fellow community members.



# Religion Class















# Eclipse Watch

Solar Eclipse Photos in Chronological Order from the Start of the Eclipse to the max Eclipse about 81%







# Mehergan

Mehergan Prayers by our Mobediar Panteha Saroushi



Mehergan Presentation by our Youth







Thank you to our volunteer chefs for a delicious Mehrgan Feast!







