



ZANT NEWS

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ZANT Upcoming Events

- March 3: NouRuz Program Practice
- March 10: NouRuz Program Practice
- Mar 17: NouRuz Program Practice
- Mar 22: NouRuz Program Practice
- March 23: NouRuz Celebration
- TBD: Panjeh Prayers



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Message From The Board

Dear Members,

Hope the New Year is going well for all. As many of you know the water damage to our Center had resulted in canceling or moving our planned programs to other facilities when available. Due to unavailability of a suitable venue at a low cost ZANT has decided to cancel our Super Bowl event and the ZANT religious classes for the month of February. We hope to have our Center fully repaired in a reasonable duration so we can continue with our programs. Practices for the Nouruz function is continuing at the residence of the Balsara's and other facilities arranged by our members. Thanks to the arrangements done by the Buhariwalla's we were able to host our AGM at the Wellington Club house in January. In spite of the last-minute venue change, a lot of members were at the AGM, and it was a productive meeting. ZANT's annual budget was approved, and members were also provided an update on the center. After the AGM many of us celebrated Sadeh at the Heritage Park where we were joined by many more families to enjoy the event. Families gathered and prayed in front of the fire led by our Mobedyar Pantheha. Prayer and songs were followed by warm OoshAush, Pizza and hot Tea. Thanks to the effort of Anahita Kayani, Raha Pouladi, Pantheha Soroushpour, Keshvar Buhariwalla, Pearl Balsara and many others for making this event a success. It was a very cold evening and two things were evident.

Item 1 - was the luxury of heat we have at our Center along with bathroom and kitchen facilities which makes such event possible even in inclement weather.

Item 2 - was the importance of fire in the early years of our religion where people did not have the luxury of the modern day heating facilities.

Center Update:

- Center has been dried up and ready for repairs. Renovation will begin as soon as Insurance approval is obtained.
- Insurance adjusted has visited the site and completed analysis of damage. We are awaiting damage estimate from our agent along with their approval to start repairs.
- Building Committee met with our sprinkler contractor to discuss options that can be taken to greatly reduce the potential for frozen sprinkler pipes in event of very cold weather. ZANT building committee will evaluate the options and proceed with changes once we have the estimated cost.
- Building Committee met with a few general contractors and obtained their estimate for repairs and higher grade insulation within the attic.

Message From The Board

We hope to see a lot of progress being made in February to get the center ready for occupancy. The duration of repairs is still unknown, and membership will be updated on a monthly basis. We appreciate all our members who have stepped up to help during these tough times and encourage everyone to send in donations to defray some of the cost associated with repairs. We would like to celebrate Spendarmazdgan Day, the Zoroastrian Day of Love, in February. May this day bring you and your loved ones abundant blessings, peace, and spiritual fulfillment.

ZANT is going to celebrate the NouRuz function on March 23rd at the Reflection venue. We hope to see you there and enjoy a fun-filled night with exciting programs and delicious food. ZANT appreciates any donations to help defray the costs of the event.

Thank YOU!
ZANT Board



ZANT Warmly Welcomes One and All to NouRuz 2024



Date: Saturday, March 23, 2024

Time: 6:30pm – 11:30pm

Place: Reflections Venue & Gardens

Address: 1901 E. Spring Creek Pkwy,
Plano, TX 75074
(972) 633-9595

Program:

- 6:30pm – Meet & Greet
- 7:00pm – Welcome & Benediction
 - “Around the World in 40 minutes” -
 - Performances by ZANT Kids & Adults
 - Awards / recognition
- 8:00pm – Dinner
- 9:00pm – Closing of Silent Auction

**Gifts from Amoo NouRuz
Music & Dance**

Adult Buffet Dinner Menu:

- CAC Signature Salad w/ pomegranate vinaigrette
- Chicken Pommery
- Salmon with Harissa sauce
- Saffron Rice Pilaf
- Fresh, seasonal vegetables
- Assortment of Dinner Breads & Rolls w/ butter
- Plated entrée for vegetarians

Kids Buffet Dinner Menu:

- Chicken Tenders with Ketchup
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Tater Tots

Dessert Menu:

- Baklava, Mango Mousse, Cake
- Ice Cream (for Kids)
- Coffee and lemonade

No Alcoholic Beverages Allowed

Please use the following link to get tickets for the 2024 NouRuz Celebration and view payment details: <https://bit.ly/nouruz2024>

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| • ZANT Members as of March 15 (and out-of-town guests) | \$55/person (non-veg.) |
| • ZANT Members as of March 15 (and out-of-town guests) | \$45/person (veg.) |
| • Youth (12 to 18 yrs.) | \$50 (non-veg.) / \$40 (veg.) |
| • Kids (3 to 11 yrs.) | \$30 / person |
| • Adult Non-members (and their out-of-town guests) | \$75/person |

Late fee of \$10/person after Sunday, March 10, 2024

Last day to RSVP is Saturday, March 16, 2024

ZANT appreciates donations to help defray the costs of the event.

ZANT NouRuz Function - Request for Silent Auction Donation

It is with great excitement that we invite you to participate in a very special event in March - the ZANT NouRuz Function! We are planning a fun evening for kids, youth, and adults!

To help us subsidize the event for our guests, the ZANT Board plans to have a silent auction to raise funds for this event.

Here's how you can help:

1. Please consider contributing an item to the silent auction. The item can be donated by you, your contacts, or both. Some items that have sold well at past auctions include: Themed Basket (e.g.: Movie Night Basket; Game Night Basket (for Board game lovers); Wine & Cheese Basket; Mixology Basket; Book Lovers Basket; etc.); Free stay at a hotel; Donation of Air-miles; Theme Park Tickets; Movie Theatre Tickets; Game tickets; Concert tickets; Museum Tickets; A service that you can provide based upon your skills/profession (eg: Artwork; Preparing dinner for 2; Baking a cake for an occasion, A session for skin care; Holiday decorating services; Muscle-for-hire services such as lawn mowing & weeding/cleaning closets etc.).

You may reach out to your contacts at the services you seek (eg restaurants you frequent, beautician you visit etc.) & get them to donate for this good cause.

If you'd rather donate cash so the Board can add such donations & purchase an item for the auction, we'd gladly accept cash too!

If you can contribute in any way, big or small, please contact zantsocialdirector@gmail.com.

2. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend the auction on Saturday, March 23, 2024. We encourage you to bring a friend or colleague and your checkbook. 😊

Thank you in advance for your support of this important event.

Together, we can make a difference!

Thursday Lunch



We are not planning to hold our usual Third Thursday Lunch in Feb & March since ZANT Center is not available for use. However, please plan to attend and/or contribute to the Interfaith Event that ZANT is planning on Sunday Feb 25.

It has become a tradition for the Third Thursday group to put together goodie bags to distribute to kids through Weekend Wonders 4 Kidz during March to celebrate Norouz. However this year we will postpone the goodie bags and instead join the Interfaith Alliance of Irving to bag items used for the regular weekly distribution. Your usual generosity and kindness will be much-appreciated!

Since it may be some time before ZANT Center is restored, it would be nice if we can meet elsewhere. If you have ideas about other activities we can do or places we can go to in the next few months please contact Anahita Sidhwa at 214-862-5745 or afsidhwa@verizon.net.

InterFaith News

The Interfaith Alliance of Irving held a very successful Bring-and-Bag event for Weekend Wonders 4 Kidz on Sunday, Feb 25.

This event was coordinated by ZANT and was originally scheduled to be held at ZANT Center. However since the Center is being repaired and not available for use, our friends from the Shia Ismaili community offered to host it at the Islamic Center in Carrollton.

We were thrilled at the response from all our interfaith friends and packed 252 bags of non-perishable foods that will help kids in school during the weekend.

This event was also a good opportunity to learn about the Shia Ismaili community and visit their Jamatkhana. It was a great example of interfaith communication and service.



ZANT Directory

Dear ZANT Community,

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

We look forward to meeting everyone and sharing it with all.

Best Regards,
ZANT Board



Treasurer's Corner

Listed below are the memberships and donations received in December 2023 and January 2024. Thank you for the Contributions!

Send in your 2023 -2024 membership thru Zelle (instructions below). Please email treasurer.zant@gmail.com with the complete membership form.

Nourouz Donations	
Arbez & Hoshang Patel	\$1,500.00
Runa & Sarosh Gandhi	\$300.00

ZOMF Campaign Donations	
Farieda & Behram Irani	\$1,200.00

General Fund Donations	
Kambiz Behroozi	\$50.00
Parviz Behrouzi & Mahbanoo Sohrabi	\$100.00
Farhad Daroga	\$700.00
Karl Mistry	\$200.00
Farieda & Behram Irani	\$200.00
Kaviani, Parichehr S	\$101.00
Delnaaz & Spenta Irani	\$51.00
Pearl & Zian Surti	\$101.00
Nikanjam Nasim - <i>In memory of my mother Mahin Khosravi Kermani.</i>	\$500.00
Dhun & Kurush Dehnugara	\$50.00
Keshvar & Kali Buhariwalla	\$25.00
Mehroo & Rajesh Madeka	\$101.00

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

ZOMF Donations	
Roya & Rostam Bidanjiry	\$225.00
Kashmira & Kavas Mistry	\$50.00
Runa & Sarosh Gandhi	\$700.00

Others	
Prayer Room	\$1,034.00
Rental fees	\$200.00

Membership 2023-2024	
Farzin & Eric Avari	Daroona, Zubin & Armin
Kambiz Behroozi	Kyra Daroona
Parviz Behrouzi	Hezan Daroona
Mahbanoo Sohrabi	Pearl & Zian Surti
Runa & Sarosh Gandhi	Binaifer & Farhad Wadia
Roshan & Rustam Mehdiabadi	Mehroo & Rajesh Madeka
Nowzar Dinyarian	Sorooshyari Shahram & Nikanjam Nasim
Kashmira & Kavas Mistry	Nadine & Daniel Weatherall
Pouroo & Yazdi Dastur	Rashna Ghadialy and Rohinton Karanjia
Shirin Wadia	Dhun & Kurush Dehnugara
Darayus Dorabshaw	Mehershad Rahnamoon
Rohan Darabshaw	Keshvar & Kali Buhariwalla
Cyra & Darius Shroff	Cyrus Buhariwalla
Sharmeen & Vispi Jilla	Hormazd Buhariwalla
Kyle Jilla	Nina & Zarir Kalianivala

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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.

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