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Dear Community Members,

We send you our greetings and good wishes for a happy and healthy 2013. May our community continue to work together in *hamazori* as we face some uncertainties about the use of our Dare-meher premises.

PZO has been working for a solution and a long-term plan, as we face zoning restrictions and neighbour's complaints. At this time, more than ever we need to come together to work out a sustainable long term plan for the future of the community and our children.

In the meantime we will continue with the children's classes in member's homes. I'm sure those of you with children who have grown up in the Bay area remember those days! We have already planned our fun Bingo/Karaoke and Pizza night at the Los Altos Youth Centre.

Renting space does cost money, so now more than ever we need you to send in your 2013 membership dues !

We look forward to seeing you at our events and specially to see you all attend in large numbers for our annual Jamshedi Navroze dinner.

We shall keep you informed of developments as we hear about them, in the meantime we ask for your patience as this may take a while to resolve.

The Dare-mehr is open for your individual worship during the regular opening times .

Nazneen & the ZANC Board  
Pervin, Perin, Ehler, Meher, Khurshid & Sharmin wish you a Happy New Year

## Community News

Birth: Devin Cyrus Mistry, July 27, 2012 , in Detroit, a son to Prathiya and Cyrus Mistry.

Zarek Bastani, October 13,2012 in San Francisco, a son to Naheed and Danesh Bastani .

Lyla Cureton, November 27, 2012, in New York, a daughter to Anaita and Peter Cureton, and grand daughter to Homai and Arvi Kasad of Belmont CA.

Navjote: Ava Irani Rathenberg, December 2012 in Mumbai, daughter of Benafsha and Joerg Rathenberg of Palo Alto, CA.

Zain Patel, December 2012 in Mumbai, son of Viraf and Armaity Patel of Belmont, CA.

Shireen and Zia Mehta, December 25, 2012 in Mumbai, daughters of Sanobar and Hector Mehta of San Jose, CA.

Natasha Dastur, December 27, 2012 in Surat, India, daughter of Zenobia and Zubin Dastur of Novato, CA.

Dario Dhabbar, December 2012 in Mumbai, son of Shireen and Firdaus Dhabbar of Stanford.

Wedding: Rashna Gandhi & Benjamin Larson, October 20, 2012, in Los Gatos, CA. Daughter of Arnavaz and Jamshed Gandhi of Martinez, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Larson

Darius Buhari & Marissa Surritt, November 10,2012, in Stockton, CA. Son of Dr. Fram and Behroze Buhari

We send them our congratulations and good wishes

Death: Behram Kekobad,September 28, 2012 in Mumbai , India, husband of Jeroo and father of Jamshid and Dilshad Kekobad, grandfather of Zara and Karl of Santa Clara, brother of Maruk Khambatta.

May his soul rest in peace



Membership / Renewal Form 2013

Family Name : \_\_\_\_\_ First : \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_ Apt #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_ Profession Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Children (18+) \_\_\_\_\_  
(living at home or at university)

Children (under 18) 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth \_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth \_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth \_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth \_\_\_\_

Seniors / Parents (living at same address)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail addresses for the ZANC Yahoo-Group: \_\_\_\_\_

(The Yahoo-ZANC-Group is open only for members in good standing, and is under the strict control of the ZANC Board, with only two moderators. You may use more than one e-mail address, (his and hers). The Yahoo ZANC group is an important tool of communication within the community.)

We want to receive the ZANC Newsletter electronically: \_\_\_\_ hard copy by mail: \_\_\_\_

Dues 2013 :	Family:	\$ 120.00
	Individual:	\$ 60.00
	Seniors (Over 62)	\$ 20.00 per person
	Students	\$ 20.00
	Life Membership	\$ 2000.00
	Donations	_____

Make Checks Payable to ZANC and mail with this form to:  
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Tel: 650-624-8888 E-mail: [nazehler@aol.com](mailto:nazehler@aol.com)  
For online payments: [www.zanc.org/membership.html](http://www.zanc.org/membership.html)

***Navroze 2013 - Saturday, March 23***

***Sneha Ballroom, Sunnyvale***

***6:30pm***

***Celebrate Navroze with dinner, entertainment  
Talent show***

**Cost: Adults \$ 25.00 Children (6-14) \$ 13.00**

SNEHA Restaurant

1214 Apollo Way

(off Lawrence Expressway)

Sunnyvale, CA 94085

408-481-0700

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Tear here

Reservations for Navroze

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 25.00

Kids (6-14) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 13.00

Kids Under 6 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 0.00 (please list # of children)

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total persons \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Vegetarians \_\_\_\_\_

Send your checks, made payable to "ZANC" with the reservation form to:

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For information: 650-624-8888 [nazehler@aol.com](mailto:nazehler@aol.com)

For online payments: [www.zanc.org](http://www.zanc.org)

## ZANC Ice-skating party at WinterLodge in Palo Alto

DATE: Sunday, January 27th , 2013

Winter Lodge  
309 Middlefield Road  
Palo Alto, CA 94306

TIME: 5.30 to 7.30 PM.

COST: Skaters \$18.00 for skaters-all ages

Non-skaters \$ 10.00

Includes skates and light snacks

WinterLodge is the only permanent Outdoor Ice Rink west of theSierras. <http://winterlodge.com>

This event promises to be a lot of fun, for all age groups to participate.

Non-skaters are welcome, you can sip hot chocolate while watching the skaters

Reservation: Khurshid Gandhi [khurshidgandhi@yahoo.com](mailto:khurshidgandhi@yahoo.com)

before Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

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## PIZZA and BINGO Night

Come and join us for an evening of Pizza and Bingo

### NEW LOCATION

Los Altos Youth Center  
1 North San Antonio Rd  
Los Altos, CA 94022

Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 6:00 PM

Please register with Meher Mistry- [tame\\_two@yahoo.com](mailto:tame_two@yahoo.com)

before February 4, 2013

\$ 8.00 per head

Children under 7 Free

(without registration \$ 12.00 per person)



MUMBAI  
27th to 31st December 2013

SPONSORED BY

**DR. CYRUS S. POONAWALLA**  
CHAIRMAN, SERUM INSTITUTE OF INDIA LTD.

**Theme - "Zoroastrianism in the 21st century-- Nurturing Growth and Affirming Identity".**

[www.wzcmumbai.com](http://www.wzcmumbai.com)

The 10<sup>th</sup> World Zoroastrian Congress will be held in Mumbai from 27<sup>th</sup> December 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. Mumbai is the birthplace of Parsi entrepreneurship, and is closely identified with Parsi and Iranian Zoroastrians. The community has made a substantial contribution to the city and the nation in every field of endeavour, including arts and culture, law, science and engineering, medicine, defence of the nation and more.

The theme of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Zoroastrian Congress, Mumbai is "Zoroastrianism in the 21st Century: Nurturing Growth and Affirming our Identity".

The weblink is [www.wzcmumbai.com](http://www.wzcmumbai.com).

Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla, Chairman, Serum Institute of India Ltd. has graciously offered to sponsor the 10th World Zoroastrian Congress to a significant extent.

The occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Zoroastrian Congress will be utilised to showcase this contribution of the Parsi/ Iranian Zoroastrian community to the country and the world, and to provide an impetus for future generations to build on this contribution and ensure that the reputation of the community, which is completely disproportionate to its actual physical size, continues to evolve respect.

For this purpose, it is intended to make the 10<sup>th</sup> World Zoroastrian Congress not only a forum to discuss the community's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities internally but also to ensure that the focus of the country is on the community.

For this, the Congress will not only have prominent Parsi/ Iranian Zoroastrians in all fields exchanging their views and preparing a blueprint for the community, but also important dignitaries attending the Congress, imparting it with an importance and acknowledging the past contributions and the future of the community.

Various committees have been formed for a systematic and intense approach towards the success of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Zoroastrian Congress. The **Organising Committee** is headed by Chairman of Bombay Parsi Punchayet, Mr. Dinshaw Mehta; the 6 BPP trustees, Mrs. Arnavaz Mistry, Mrs. Armaity Tirandaz, Mr. Jimmy Mistry, Mr. Khojeste Mistree, Mr. Yazdi Desai and Mr. Muncherji Cama along with Mr. Maneck Davar, Hon. Sec; Mr. Mehli Colah, C.E.O, BPP and Mr. Cawas Panthaki, Sr. Executive Welfare, BPP

**An exhibition of Parsi heritage** has also been conceptualized by Mrs. Pheroza Godrej and Mrs. Firoza Punthakey Mistree, titled "From Canton to Mumbai – The Story of Parsi Textiles", this exhibition to be held at the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) is intended to showcase Parsi Iranian Textiles and costumes, such as Gara saris, Tanchoi saris, Jablas (loose blouse) and Coatees, Ijars (loose pantaloons) Embroidered Shawls and Zoroastrian Costumes from the province of Yazd, Iran. Showcasing Canton of the 19th Century from where Parsi merchants purchased the Garas and brought them to Bombay to be worn by Parsi ladies. Iranian Costumes will also be displayed. These costumes were worn by immigrant Zoroastrians from Iran (popularly referred to as the Iranians in India) when they came to Bombay in the 19th Century.

**Proposed Programme** for the Congress will see a total of approximately 30 sessions and panel discussions addressed by eminent speakers and scholars from India and all over the world. There would be few topics dedicated to breakout sessions with experts speaking on topics as diverse as:

- Socio-Religious Issues including declining demography and how to arrest the decline.
- Lessons from History including global cooperation and respecting opposing views.
- Youth Affairs & Women's rights and their Status.
- Role of Mobed / Mobedi in the future including how to attract mobed's son to the priestly profession as well as the options available with the growing shortage of Mobeds in the Diasporas.
- Arts, Theatre and Law – Aspects of Community Living
- The co-relation between Rituals and Religion
- Dedicated Iranian Section

Based on your experience of and insight into community issues in your part of the world, it is requested to give your suggestion about topics / subjects that you believe would have an impact on a global Parsi / Irani Zoroastrian audience, and also recommend names of prospective speakers who would have an in depth knowledge of such topics / subjects and articulate them in an interesting way. Since time is short it will be appreciated if you could provide your inputs at your earliest convenience.

In order to provide an opportunity to the creative talent in our community, the Organising Committee of the 10th World Zoroastrian Congress decided to host an international logo competition open to all Parsi/Iranian Zoroastrians, in all parts of the world, to design the logo for the Congress. The prize amount for the chosen logo was `Rs. 100,000/-

The Contest received an overwhelming response with **more than 350 entries received from across the world, from people ranging in age from 13 to 83**. A record 75% of the entries were received from India, and the rest from USA, Iran, Canada, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Australia and UK.

**Logo Design Contest Winner**

**Mr. Ashdeen Lilaowala, aged 31, from New Delhi, India is the winner of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Zoroastrian Congress International Logo Contest, Mumbai and has won the prize of Rs.` 1,00,000/-.**

**Creator's Vision:**

The Faravahar or Farohar is one of the best-known symbols of Zoroastrianism. To most Zoroastrians around the world, the symbol is a reminder of one's purpose in life, the righteous path and the union with Ahura Mazda. In my logo, I have artistically represented the Faravahar along with a handshake. I believe a handshake globally represents an expression of equality. It signifies a union of mind, body and soul. It is a positive symbol, which signifies peace and unity. Today, as our religion faces challenges towards tradition and rituals, a platform like the World Congress will help us to unite, reconnect and celebrate our glorious heritage and unique culture.

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**SAVE the DATES**

Cyrus Cylinder comes to San Francisco  
August 9 – September 20, AsianArt Museum

The Everlasting Flame  
Zoroastrianism in History & Imagination  
at the Brunei Gallery, SOAS London  
University of London, UK  
October 9 – December 14, 2013

World Zoroastrian Congress December 2013 Mumbai

North American Zoroastrian Congress December 2014 Los Angeles

World Youth Congress December 2015 Auckland New Zealand