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April – June 2014

Dear ZANC members,

NAVROZE MUBARAK – NOWROOZ PIROOZ

We send you our warm wishes for Navroze- the harbinger of spring in the Northern Hemisphere- and wish all of you a wonderful new year and new beginnings. May the community grow and prosper as we welcome the year 1383 A.Y.Z.

We will provide updates on our Dare-mehr property, as they become available, but rest assured that a joint committee of PZO & ZANC has been working diligently for the past year, with regular meetings , multiple times a month, to look at ALL alternatives, ways forward and fund raising options.

Our first fundraising dinner in January netted us over \$ 14,000 - and as of the end of February 2014 we have \$ 35,100 (which is being kept in a separate account) for the new Centre.

All final decisions will ONLY be made after consultation with the community and after a General Body Meeting has been held.

Our children's classes continue to regularly meet each month at the Dare-mehr and people are welcome to come for personal worship anytime during regular Dare-mehr hours.

We look forward to seeing you at the Berryessa Centre (which is conveniently located near the Dare-mehr) for our Navroze lunch.

With best wishes for our continued *hamazori*

Nazneen & the ZANC Board

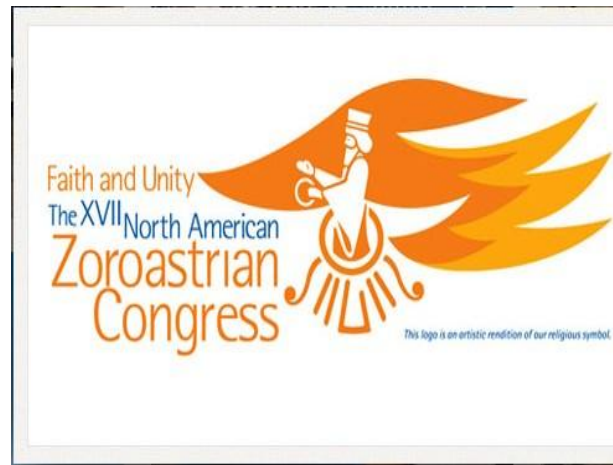


NAZC XVII

(Message from Zoroastrian Association of California (ZAC) and California Zoroastrian Center (CZC).

The XVII North American Zoroastrian Congress will be held in Los Angeles from December 29-31, 2014. The Congress is hosted by the Zoroastrian Association of California (ZAC), in coordination with, the California Zoroastrian Center (CZC)

Volunteers are working hard to create a fantastic, memorable and worthwhile experience for our fellow Zoroastrians from around the world. We need your help & support so that we can get a great turn out and engage Zoroastrians of all ages with a passion for their religion, culture and community.



Our website is now LIVE. It contains information about our program, discounted hotel rates, local LA attractions, advertising options and much more.

Check it out at www.nazc2014.org

Thank you for your support.

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### **Zoroastrians in the California Gold rush of the 1860s**



#### **Did you know?**

Historical records indicate that the Zoroastrian presence in America dates back to the 1860s. During California's Gold Rush, one of the prospectors was a Zoroastrian named Cawasji Zaveri. In 1865, New York's Evening Post published a letter protesting slavery from a Zoroastrian named Dosabhai Faramji Cama. Other early Zoroastrians include Pestonji Framji Daver, a Parsi who came to San Francisco in 1892, and the first recorded Irani Zoroastrian, Rostam Kermani, who settled in the United States in

1926. It is believed that the first North American Zoroastrian Association was formed in 1929, when a group of seven Zoroastrians, ( including brothers Edul and Dinshaw Kanga and a buccaneering sea Captain Kooka, and his cabin boy Tehmtan ), gathered in the New York area in one Phiroze Saklatwala's living room on November 10, 1929.



The FEZANA Awards Committee is accepting awards for our **North American Zarathushti Community Awards**. These awards will be given out at the North American Congress held in December 2014 at Los Angeles, CA.

There are 7 award categories:

- Outstanding Zarathushti Student Award
- Outstanding Young Zarathushti Award
- Excellence in Performing Arts, Painting or Literature Award
- Excellence in Business or Profession Award
- Humanitarian Service Award
- Outstanding Zarathushti Award
- North American Mobeds Council (NAMC) Community Services Award

The Awards Committee would like receive at minimum 3-4 applications for each award category - for your reference, a minimum of 2 applications is required for there to be a recipient for an award category. We are therefore asking each and every association and corresponding member association to **nominate at least 2 individuals** from their community. We know that we have the talent within our community, and that a number of individuals within our North American community qualify for these awards. It is therefore up to us to recognize them for their achievement and showcase them in order to inspire the next generation.

**Nominations are due September 1, 2014. Please notify the committee by August 1 of your intent to submit any nomination. Electronic submissions may be sent to: [awards@fezana.org](mailto:awards@fezana.org) . Alternatively, submissions may be sent to [awards@fezana.org](mailto:awards@fezana.org). Alternatively, submissions may be mailed to: Noshir Langrana, FEZANA Awards Committee, 19 Brookfield Way, West Windsor, NJ 08550-3510. (Note postal submissions must be postmarked no later than August 20, 2014.)**

Application forms can be downloaded from:

[http://www.fezana.org/files/drupalfiles/2014 FEZANA Awards Nomination Package.pdf](http://www.fezana.org/files/drupalfiles/2014%20FEZANA%20Awards%20Nomination%20Package.pdf)

### **ZAKOI Badam ni Boi Sale**

ZAKOI (Zoroastrian Association of Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana) have been striving for the past several years to raise funds for their own prayer hall to serve the religious needs of their growing community. The profits from the sale of the Badam ni Bois will be donated to the ZAKOI Center Fund. The Bois can be purchased single or in a pair. **The prices of the Bois will be: \$18 for 1 Badam ni Boi, or \$30 for 2 Bois.**

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## **ZOROASTRIAN SPORTS COMMITTEE**

is pleased to announce

### **The 14<sup>th</sup> Z Games**

**July 2-6, 2014**

**Cal State Dominguez Hills**

**Los Angeles, CA, USA**

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### **Cyrus R Fatakia Memorial Scholarship**

Applications for the Cyrus R Fatakia Memorial Scholarship for 2014 are now available.

Please contact [bvhm.santoke@verizon.net](mailto:bvhm.santoke@verizon.net) for forms and more information.

This is for students pursuing higher studies at any University in the United States.





## Zarthoshti Anjuman of Northern California Annual Report 2013

In spite of us not being able to use the Dare-mehr for large events this past year, we managed to have many of our usual activities in other local community centers around the Peninsula.

### Activities

We had our 1st **Ice Skating** evening in January at Winter Lodge in Palo Alto, which was much enjoyed by everyone, in spite of the cold weather. Tea and hot cocoa plus skating around the rink kept us warm, as well as the varied subway sandwiches kept everyone going.

A **Pizza & Bingo** evening in February was enjoyed by everyone. Even though it was a smaller turnout, everyone had a good time. It was held in the Los Altos Youth Center.

We celebrated **Nowruz /Navroze** on March 23rd with a dinner at the Sneha Restaurant in Sunnyvale. Annahita Jasavala organized a Talent show by our children. Nearly 15 children showcased their musical talents as well as their skills in Karate and poetry as well as a comedy skit. This was enjoyed by everyone participating as well as the audience. Many thanks to the parents for encouraging their children. Our Annual Meeting was also held at this time, where the annual report was presented in a Powerpoint format.

We held our **Annual Picnic** on July 14th with nearly a 100 people attending. It was held at the Foothill Park in Palo Alto, a venue we also used last year. It was very private but easily accessible with plenty of open space. Kerman took charge of the main organization. Hamburgers, marinated chicken and hotdogs for kids were on the menu with games organized by Meher, Pervin & Sharmin which the adults and children had great fun playing.

In August we held our 5 days of **Mukhtad prayers** from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Parsi New Year** was celebrated on August 18th at the Holly Community Centre with catering by our own Dinyar Anklesaria and his team from Kinara restaurant. A short prayer ceremony performed by Er. Kobad Jamshed preceded the dinner.

The annual Ghambhar had to be postponed due to unavailability of space and facilities for cooking. We plan to resume this event again this year.

A **Costume party and Bingo night** on October 27th, with a Halloween theme, attracted about 40 persons and was held at the Cubberley Community Centre in Palo Alto. The Bingo game is always a big attraction for everyone, and is enjoyed by young and old.

Children's religious classes continued to be held the third Sunday of the month in the homes of members. We thank everyone who opened their homes for us. It was a different atmosphere and it helped bring the parents and the children closer, being in a home environment together. Everyone brought a dish to share for a simple pot-luck lunch after the class.

Since October we once more are meeting at the Dare-mehr.

The President and Secretary attended the annual FEZANA AGM in Dallas, on May 3 -5th representing ZANC. Some ZANC members also attended the 10th World Zoroastrian Congress in Mumbai, India, where everyone had an opportunity to interact with other Zarathushtis from around the world.



### **Memberships**

At the end of 2013 and for FEZANA's count we have 598 adult paid up members.

Our data base has 429 units-(families & individuals) whose addresses and names we have on record. Out of those 51 are Life members with a total of 255 paid-up members.

We are trying hard each year to encourage everyone to send in their dues on time.

Fezana has conducted a census of Zarathushtis in North America, which was presented at the New York Congress. ZANC reported 848 Adults and 258 children under 18, bringing up the total to 1106 Parsis and 77 non-parsi spouses.

We know that there are lots of Zarathushtis living in North America who have not been counted as the associations don't know of their existence or they do not want to come forward to be counted.

### **Dare-mehr**

Our Dare-mehr was not available for holding large events, though we are now holding our religious classes there as well as using it as a place of worship. The maximum capacity is 48 persons for any event.

During the year a committee was set up consisting of PZO & ZANC representatives, who have met regularly each month to discuss all the problems and plan the way forward, as well as to institute a separate Fund Raising committee, to either fix this property or plan to buy a new one.

Erach Tarapore has been appointed as the head of ZANC's "delegation". Others on the committee are Adil Engineer, Nazneen Spliedt & Ehler Spliedt.

In 2013 ZANC paid \$10,000.00 as our share towards the Dare-mehr maintenance costs.

### **Many Thanks**

Each year, Er. Kobad Jamshed performs prayers for our dear departed during the 5 Muktdad days and also performs jashans for navroze and during ghambar. We thank him for his service.

We thank our Sunday school teachers- Annahita Jasavala and Homai Kasad, who have been loyally and painstakingly conducting classes for our children for the last 3 decades, we owe them a great debt of gratitude.

To the 2013 Board members- Perin Marawala, Ehler Spliedt, Pervin Mistry, Meher Mistri, Khurshid Gandhi, Sharmin Ghyara & Parizad Patel my sincere thanks for the help and support they are always ready to give. To our trustees- Bomi Patel, Persi Kanga and Minoo Italia many thanks for their support and advice.

We wish to record our deep appreciation to our **outgoing Treasurer- Perin Marawala** who is 'retiring ' from the Board after 10 years. We hope to be able to call on her for her expertise and advice in the future. We also thank Pervin Mistry who has stepped off the Board after 5 years.

Our Web site is run by Darius Kasad for the past 8 years and we greatly appreciate his giving us his time and expertise.

To all of our Community, your participation, support and trust means a lot to us, especially at this trying time in our history.

Nazneen Spliedt  
President  
March 23, 2014

## Community News:

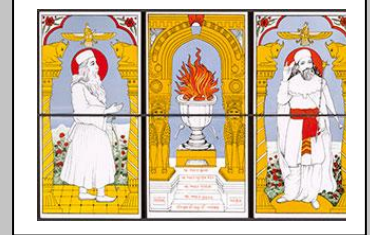
**Birth:** A son Darius to Kaizad and Dixie Cama on Dec 26, 2014 in New York. Grandson of Nevil & Nilufer Kadva of Modesto, CA and Lovji & Mehroo Cama of New Jersey.

**Death:** Mrs. Roda Elchidana, age 76 years, in Belgaum, India on Dec 30, 2013. Mother to Annahita (Jehangir) Jasavala and grandmother to Navaz Jasavala and Rohini (James) Chitwood.

### @ The British Museum

#### ***Exhibit on Wise Men from the East, Zoroastrian Traditions in Persia and Beyond***

From: 24 Oct, 2013 to 27 Apr, 2014 --- FREE!



The display will feature a variety of ancient and modern objects and coins, and will highlight the importance of Zoroastrian traditions in other religions. It will touch on the concept and imagery of the Three Kings of the Christian tradition, who are described in the New Testament (Matthew 2.2) as Magi from the east – Zoroastrian priests in the Persian tradition. Magnificent Islamic coins from Mughal India which follow the Iranian Zoroastrian calendar adopted by the emperor Akbar (1556–1605) will also be on display.

Modern objects will show the ongoing legacy of this ancient Iranian religion and its significance as a symbol of national identity for Zoroastrian and non-Zoroastrian Iranians in modern Persia and beyond.

More info at:

[http://www.britishmuseum.org/whats\\_on/exhibitions/wise\\_men\\_from\\_the\\_east.aspx?spMailingID=44803363&sp](http://www.britishmuseum.org/whats_on/exhibitions/wise_men_from_the_east.aspx?spMailingID=44803363&sp)

Dear Community Members:

We would like to make this a true community newsletter and so we invite input from you. Please feel free to share what you think would be interesting to our community. Examples would be beloved (and hopefully easy) recipes, art/drawings made by children, photographs, accomplishments, information on graduations, awards, navjotes, births, deaths, weddings etc.

Please email Nazneen/Ehler or Khurshid with this information.

Submissions may be edited for clarity, space etc. Final decision to publish content lies with the ZANC Board.

Thank you and looking forward to your input.

## SAVE THE DATES!!

***ZANC Summer Picnic***  
***On Sunday, July 13 at 11:00AM***  
***@ Foothills Park Palo Alto***

***2014 Navroz Lunch***  
***Aug 23, 2014 at Noon***  
***@ Golden Peacock, Hayward***

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

| EVENT                                | DATE                                                                              | LOCATION                                                                        |
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| <b><i>Local:</i></b>                 |                                                                                   |                                                                                 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Zoroastrian Games   | July 2 - July 6, 2014                                                             | Los Angeles, CA                                                                 |
| ZANC Summer Picnic                   | July 11, 2014 @ 11.00AM                                                           | Foothills Park, Palo Alto                                                       |
| 2014 Muktaḍ Prayers                  | Aug 13 - Aug 15 (5.30PM), -<br>Aug 16 <sup>th</sup> (4.30PM) and Aug 17 (11.00AM) |                                                                                 |
| 2014 Navroz Lunch                    | Aug 23, 2014 @ Noon                                                               | Golden Peacock, Hayward                                                         |
| North American Zoroastrian Congress  | Dec 28, 2014 - Jan 1, 2015                                                        | Los Angeles, CA                                                                 |
| <b><i>National/International</i></b> |                                                                                   |                                                                                 |
| World Youth Congress                 | Dec 2015                                                                          | Auckland, New Zealand<br><a href="http://www.6wzyc.co.nz/">www.6wzyc.co.nz/</a> |

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# RECIPE CORNER

## Chocolate Fudge :

(As adapted and by Persis Wadia from <http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/paula-deen/old-time-chocolate-fudge-recipe.html>. Taste tested at the Sunday School potluck lunch.....Thanks Persis!)

### *Ingredients*

3 cups sugar  
4 heaping tbsp cocoa  
3 tbsp light corn syrup  
1 cup evaporated milk  
6 tbsp butter plus extra for buttering dish  
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)  
1 ½ tsp vanilla extract (optional)

### *Method:*

Mix the sugar and cocoa. Add the corn syrup and milk. Cook in saucepan over medium heat till a small drop fit forms a soft ball in cold water (234 to 240 on a candy thermometer). Remove from heat. Add butter, nuts (optional) and vanilla extract (optional). Beat with mixer or by hand (till it loses its glossy look and starts to thicken). Pour into a slightly buttered oblong dish and cut into squares. Work fast as mixture thickens quickly.