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Dear ZANC members,

In May, I represented ZANC at the 27th Annual FEZANA Meeting which was held in Seattle this year. Hosted by the Zoroastrian Society of Washington State (ZSWS) it was a wonderful way to get to know the community in Seattle, who were very hospitable and went all out to make all the delegates welcome, even giving us 'goodie' bags with packages of home-made batasas and badam-pak, among the Washington apples and Starbuck mugs!

18 Associations were represented, from the 26 associations that make up the Fezana family, along with the Chairs of the Standing and Ad Hoc committees. Each Association gave a report on their activities during the year and other general business was conducted. It was pointed out that many donations are received for the Welfare committee, but not enough funds are available for the General fund or the Scholarship Funds, which needed more donations from the whole community.

A very useful and interesting panel presentation on "How to Build/Buy/Upgrade your Association Centers" was held on the first afternoon. Representatives from 3 associations that have recently built, bought or upgraded their existing centers provided guidelines and spoke about the steps their committees took and the number of years it took to build these places. Many methods of fund raising and promoting a Capital Campaign to center members were also discussed.

It was also nice to have a social event after the meetings. Nearly 200 people attended their Gala dinner, with Persian food, music and dancing. Many Zarathushtis from Vancouver had also come to attend the gala night. It was nice to see everyone mingling and having a good time after the long meetings.

It was a real "community" affair and that is what Fezana is all about.

Nazneen & the ZANC Board

ZANC Directory 2014

The new 2014 ZANC Directory will be published soon

Please let us know if there are any changes in your address, phone number, e-mail or if there is any other detail, like additional children, etc. to be added.

Kindly consult the old Directory to check your personal data and send ALL changes to nazeher@aol.com.



SHAHENSHAH! NAVROZE MUBARAK!

NAVROZE-Shenshahi New Year Y.Z.1384

**Luncheon
August 24, 2014**

12.00 NOON

**Golden Peacock
24989 Santa Clara Street
Hayward, CA 94544
510-732-2625**

Cost: Adults: \$27.00, Children: 8 – 14y: \$14.00, 5-7y: \$7.00, Kids 4 & under: Free

**Please register before August 17th 2014
For your convenience: pay on line at zanc.org/navroze**

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Navroze Dinner Reservations

Name(s): _____

Adults	_____	x \$ 27.00
Children 8 – 14yrs	_____	x \$ 14.00
Children 5 – 7yrs	_____	x \$ 7.00
Children under 4	_____	x \$ 0

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Total number of persons: _____ No. of Vegetarians: _____

**Please make checks out to ZANC and mail before August 17th to
Ehler Spliedt 12 Skypark Circle South San Francisco, CA 94080**

Tel# 650-624-8888

Or you can pay on line at www.zanc.org/navroze



ZANC SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

By: Dianne Patel and Della Dastur

The ZANC Sunday School which is once again being held at the Dar-e-Mehr has been enjoying wonderful growth this past school year. The classes are divided into 2 groups (younger or older than 10 yoa) and are taught by our 3 wonderful and dedicated teachers – Annahita Jasavala, Homai Kasad and Della Dastur. Annahita teaches the younger group which now has roughly 22 students & Homai/Della teach the older kids' group which has about 15 students.



The younger kids read simple stories about the religion and learn the various Zarathusthi customs such as Gambhar, Navroze, Navjote etc. etc. Anahita keeps them engaged with hands-on activities such as “how to make a kusti” or “setting a Jashan table” so even the youngest tykes are able to get involved and participate happily. The older students start learning about the deeper meaning of scriptures/books, translations of ideas and the history of the religion. Homai & Della keep the class interesting by setting up a curriculum for each class, providing reading material ahead of time and finally setting up teams to play games to test their knowledge about the subjects they have covered.

Last year, the kids also got a chance to bond outside of the Sunday School environment with community activities like a field trip to the Asian Art Museum to view the Cyrus Cylinder. Some upcoming plans include a 2 day family camp to Hidden Villa and possibly other events like “fun-day Sunday”, Movie Day, a museum trip and a hike. The teachers and parents feel like these events really foster the growth of these kids and help them stay connected to their ZANC friends as well as broaden their education beyond the books. A new concept introduced just 2 months ago for the school was “Living the Yatha Ahu Vairyo” – donating to people in need. In March, families donated food cans to the League of Volunteers in Newark.



In April, families donated to the homeless in Modesto Gospel Mission, and in May, families donated to an Animal Shelter. This shows the kids the concept of continuously “giving and doing what one can to help others”.

All classes are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month (except July/August) at 11:30 am followed by a pot-luck lunch. There is a nominal fee of \$25/child (\$10/sibling) for the year for the Sunday School to help cover the costs of materials such as paints, paper, games materials etc and all the photocopies provided by the teachers. **We ask the participating families to please pay their fees at the September Sunday School (or at their earliest convenience after that). Checks should be made out to ZANC and given to your teacher.**

Our thanks goes out to the teachers for giving so much of their time and effort to educate our kids and also to those parents who show up consistently and volunteer with the potluck lunch including the set-up & clean-up. It is this dedication and collaborative effort that brings together these young kids and instills in them an understanding of the importance and legacy of their religion!! After all who knows – someday in the future, someone from this very group of fine young kids could be teaching about the Zoroastrian Religion to another young crop of Zarathusthis!!





A Message from the PZO/ZANC Joint Planning Committee

Many of you have raised questions about what we have been up to in terms of addressing the location need for our community. Yes, the PZO/ZANC joint committee members continue to meet and to be active in an effort to find the best solutions. Many of you are concerned that we are looking for a new Dar-e Mehr site rather than addressing the issues with our current Dar-e Mehr. We hear and understand these concerns, and are working to understand the legal and financial implications of staying where we are or finding a new site. To that end:

- We have consulted with knowledgeable legal experts within our community, and are currently preparing a package to show to an expert land use attorney with wide experience in Santa Clara County, as we feel we need to consult with experts to really do our due diligence on this question.

Based on the outcome of their advice:

- If the answer is NO then we feel that the community's concern will have been addressed and we can move forward with our initial plan of finding and ultimately purchasing a new property without nagging concerns about whether we are making the right choice.
- If the answer is YES then we will approach the County for a Conditional Use Permit. We will have to estimate the cost of carrying out the work required by the County. Only then will we be able to evaluate the cost of upgrading the place versus the cost of finding a new property, which can meet our expanded needs. The community can then make an informed decision as to what is the best path forward.

Whatever direction the path forward takes, we know that we will require far greater funds than we currently have on hand, **so fund raising continues to be our number one priority with an initial** milestone goal of \$1 million in 2014. We will need that amount just to bring our current Dar-e Mehr into compliance, and far more than that to consider purchasing a new property in the Bay Area. **The fundraising committees from both PZO and ZANC will start their active efforts very shortly so please be prepared to help with donations.**

We will continue to keep you informed, as keeping an open and transparent communication with our community continues to be our #1 priority.

Muktad Prayer Details

Muktad prayers will be held at the DM as usual during the 5 Gatha days from:

Wednesday Aug 13 to Friday August 15 at 5.30pm daily

Saturday Aug 16 at 4:00 pm

Sunday Aug 17 at 11:00 am followed by light refreshments

If you wish to have the names of your departed family members included in the prayers, please inform Ervad Kobad Jamshed- 650-572-1085, kobadj@hotmail.com before August 10th.

Suggested donation per name is \$ 20.00.

Please mail checks (payable to ZANC) to 1115 Polynesia Dr. Foster City CA 94040





ZANC PICNIC

Date: Sunday July 13, 2014

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Foothills Park, Palo Alto
3300 Page Mill Road
OAK GROVE PICNIC AREA



Price: Adults: \$ 13.00 Children: 5 - 12y: \$ 7.00 Kids under 5y: Free

Bring your lawn chairs and lawn games, sunscreen, towels and water. No alcohol please

Directions: From I 280 North or South use Exit Page Mill Road to Arastradero Road WEST, turn into Page Mill Road for about 4 miles (uphill) Enter Foothill Park, at first fork in road (near Lake) turn left, next fork in road turn right and continue till your reach **OAK Grove**. Parking area is on the left.

PLEASE NOTE: Foothills Park is a private park - only people with prior reservations and on the official list will be admitted. You will not be able to join us if your name is not on the list!



For information, please contact: nazehler@aol.com

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ZANC Picnic 2014

Price: Adults: \$ 13.00 Children: 5 - 12y: \$ 7.00 Kids under 5y: Free

Name(s): _____

Adults: _____ X \$13 =\$_____

Children (< 5yrs) _____

Children (5 - 12 yrs) _____ X \$7 = \$_____

#Vegetarians _____

Total due = \$_____

Send your payment checks (sorry, no online/PayPal payment for this event) made out to ZANC before July 07, 2014 to:

Ehler Spliedt 12 Skypark Circle, South San Francisco CA 94080

For information, please contact: nazehler@aol.com



Community News:

Death: Mr. Hoshang Pavri, in Colorado Springs on May 6, 2043. Brother of Dinyar Pavri, Coomie Patel & Kate Pavri. Husband of Marguerite and father of Eric & Bettina

Mrs. Rati Avasia (99 years) in Mumbai India on 17th May 2014. Mother of Hoshang and Rohinton Avasia of Bombay and Homai Arvand Kasad of Belmont CA

Class of 2014 CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!!

Darius F Forbes from Stanford University (Economics). He will continue his graduate studies at Stanford University

Sherri Billimoria from Stanford University (Atmospheric Systems and Energy). She has been admitted to the Master's Program at Stanford University

Dina Lalkaka from San Jose State University, Master of Arts (Jazz Music)

Eric Canteenwala graduated with High Distinction from UC Berkeley with a degree in Political Science and Conservation Studies. He will begin working at Oracle as an Associate Sales Representative

Shirin Natalie Adams from St. Francis High School, Sacramento. She will attend California Maritime Academy, Vallejo to study Mechanical Engineering

Sarosh Vachha from Mission San Jose High School. He will attend UC Davis to study Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

Zehan Mistry from Monta Vista High School, Cupertino. He will attend University of Toronto to study Life Sciences.

Natalie Kanga from Pioneer High School, San Jose. She was chosen Valedictorian and selected to present the Commencement speech. She has also received the Presidential and Jefferson Awards for community service She will attend UC San Diego

Carl Canteenwala from Pioneer High School, San Jose. He was chosen Valedictorian, and graduated with Honors in Leadership and Service and the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. He will attend UC Berkeley in the fall and will major in Mechanical Engineering.



CONGRATULATIONS!



THANK YOU!!

Dastoor	Jennifer & Homyar	250.00
Dastur	Delnavaz & Behzad	1,000.00
Forell	Timothy	100.00
Gandi	Gulmoher	4,000.00
Guzdar	Perveen & Yezdi	10,000.00
Anonymous		500.00
Irani	Ernaz & Mahyar	200.00
Kapadia	Roshan	500.00
Laskari	Dinyar & Goolu	1,000.00
Mistry	Darayush & Shenaz	290.76
Mohta	Zarin & Kayo	500.00
Namdaran	Farzad	200.00
Patel	Parizad & Neville	1,000.00
Patel	Parizad & Neville	800.00
Rustomji-Kerns	Roshni & Charles	200.00
Sethna	Prochy	1,000.00
Sopariwalla	Hutoxi & Jamshed	1,001.00
Sutaria	Farrokh & Tanaz	500.00
Tarapore	Silloo & Erach	5,000.00
Vadivala	Firuza & Mehernosh	101.00
Pori sale	Parizad & Neville	780.00
Fundraiser	ZANC	14,518.55
Marathon	Ernaz Irani	2,389.60
May 31, 2014	Total	45,830.91

We sincerely thank all our members who attended our 1st Fund raising dinner in January 2014 and gave us their support and also to those who sent us donations for that event.

To date we have received support from our many members and friends who have sent us donations for our new community centre fund-raising effort. This is an on-going effort and we look forward to many more donations.

You can also set up a monthly donation scheme, (automatic bank withdrawal) if you so wish.

Registration for the XVII North American Zoroastrian Congress is now open



We invite you to attend the XVII North American Zoroastrian Congress in Los Angeles from December 29-31, 2014!

Early Bird Registration is now open. You can register via our [website](http://www.nazc2014.org/) at <http://www.nazc2014.org/>

To make the Congress meaningful for families, we offer special rates for children and youth, for whom we have created several special programs.

To make your stay in LA enjoyable, we also offer several sightseeing and social events on the days surrounding the Congress, including an entire Pre-Congress Youth Weekend.

Finally, as you add-on events, don't forget to add on the New Year's Eve Gala to your registration. This will be a night to remember!

For more information, please visit our [website](http://www.nazc2014.org/) (<http://www.nazc2014.org/>) or engage with us on [Facebook](#)

We look forward to seeing you in December!

The XVII North American Congress Committee



Kainaz Amaria wins Innovation Award, visits Oval Office.

Earlier this year Kainaz Amaria, supervising editor for the NPR Visuals team, accepted the White House News Photographer's Association first place award in the Innovation category. It was for her project "Planet Money Makes A T-Shirt", a story produced for National Public Radio that uniquely chronicles the hidden world behind clothes sold in the United States. Here is the link to the project - <http://apps.npr.org/tshirt/>

"It was a thrill to meet the President and represent NPR," said Kainaz. "When I started out as a budding photojournalist I never imagined that moments like these were possible. I'm very lucky to love what I do and to be able to work with extremely talented people.

Also, none of this, would be possible if it wasn't for the support and love of my family. They made it possible for me to dream big!"

A bit about Kainaz —

Kainaz has a B. A. in international relations and political science from Boston University and an M.A. in photography from the School of Visual Communication, Ohio University. In 2010 she was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Mumbai, India, during which she published a short film titled "Being Zoroastrian" (<http://www.kainazamaria.com/blog/2013/05/30/video-being-zoroastrian/>). When she is not behind the camera or the computer, Kainaz can be found surrounded by good friends, good food and a ton of laughter.

More on Kainaz here:

www.kainazamaria.com

www.kainazamaria.com/blog

<http://parsikhabar.net/?s=kainaz+amaria>

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Local:		
14 th Zoroastrian Games	July 2 - July 6, 2014	Los Angeles, CA
ZANC Summer Picnic	July 13, 2014 @ 11.00AM	Foothills Park, Palo Alto
2014 Muktaḍ Prayers	Aug 13 - Aug 15 (5.30PM), - Aug 16 th (4.00PM) and Aug 17 (11.00AM)	DM
2014 Navroz Lunch	Aug 24, 2014 @ Noon	Golden Peacock, Hayward
North American Zoroastrian Congress	Dec 28, 2014 - Jan 1, 2015	Los Angeles, CA
National/International		
World Youth Congress	Dec 2015	Auckland, New Zealand www.6wzyc.co.nz/

Want to see it in color?? Check out the ZANC newsletter in color at www.zanc.org

RECIPE CORNER

Kale Salad :

(Provided by Natasha Hormuzdiar. Taste tested and highly appreciated at the S lunch.....Thanks!)



Ingredients

- 1 bag of kale from Trader Joe's
- 1/4 cup olive oil*
- 1/4 cup fresh squeezed lemon/lime juice)*
- 1 teaspoon salt *
- 2 tablespoon sugar *
- ½ cup each dried cranberries and toasted pecans pieces *
- Pepper *

*(adjust quantities to your taste)

Method:

1. Remove any of the stalks from the kale leaves. Put kale into a large bowl.
2. Whisk olive oil, lemon/lime juice, salt, sugar and pepper in a small bowl. Pour over kale leaves. Massage the kale until the leaves become soft (about 2-3 minutes).
3. Add the cranberries and pecans. Refrigerate until ready to eat. Enjoy!



Message from FEZANA Awards Committee

FEZANA recognizes and celebrates the achievements of our community members in North America through the FEZANA Awards. Nominations for 2014 awards are now open. 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 nomination packet can be downloaded from

http://www.fezana.org/files/drupalfiles/2014_FEZANA_Awards_Nomination_Package.pdf

The deadline to receive the packet via e-mail is Sept.1, 2014.

If sent by US mail, it must be postmarked on or before August 20, 2014.

These awards will be given out at the North American Congress in December 2014 at Los Angeles, CA.

The awards committee always welcomes qualified individuals to serve on the committee to select the awardees. All inquiries are to be directed to Noshir Langrana (nlangrana@aol.com) or Adil F. Mistry (afmistry@yahoo.com).

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.