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**Newsletter Date** Jul - Sep 2015

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Members,

I hear everyone enjoyed the Navroze celebration on March 21st. We were sorry to have missed the festivities. My heartfelt thanks to the Board members (under the leadership of Adil), who worked together to make it an enjoyable and fun evening for everyone. So that we reach all our community members, young and not-so-young and of different means, we like to rotate our events between dinner and lunch. We will be celebrating our August Parsi Navroze with a Sunday Lunch.

In May, I represented ZANC at FEZANA's Annual Meeting held in Philadelphia and hosted by ZAPANJ, the association in that area. It was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in a town called King of Prussia. All the members of the local association had worked wonderfully together to showcase their area and to keep all the delegates supplied with goodies and tea, while we spent 2 days in intense meetings and discussions. As is the custom at these events, there was a dinner on Saturday night with members of the local association and families there. It is always good to find many old friends as well as meet new people and make new connections.

Among the many decisions made, I'm happy to report that the Zoroastrian Studies Program at Stanford has been extended for another 3 years, thanks to the generosity of many private donors and also of the individual Associations and Fezana. Fezana continues to give our children scholarships as well as support many youth programs, like Return to Roots, subsidies for attending Youth Congresses and more. But these programs need YOUR DONATIONS so that they can continue to do this good work.

Sincerely,  
*Nazneen*

We are very proud of ALL our new Graduates and send them good wishes for their future. May they continue to bring 'honor and glory' to our community.

See page 6 for a full list.



Date: July 26, 2015  
Food, Fun and Games  
Time: 11.00 am

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



Price: Adults: \$14 Children (5 – 12y): \$7.00 Children (under 5 y): Free

Do bring your lawn chairs, games, sunscreen, towels and water. NO alcohol please.

Directions: From I-280 North or South, exit on Page Mill Road to Arastradero Road WEST, which turns into Page Mill Road for about 4 miles (uphill). Enter Foothill Park (on right side of road) and at first fork in road (Near Lake), turn left. At next fork in road, turn right and continue till you read OAK GROVE. Parking area is on left.

PLEASE NOTE: Foothill 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 more info: Please contact [nazehler@aol.com](mailto:nazehler@aol.com)

### ZANC PICNIC 2015

Price: Adults: \$14 Children (5 – 12y): \$7.00 Children (under 5 y): Free

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$14 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Children (less than 5y) = \_\_\_\_\_

# Children: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Vegetarians = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send your payment by checks (Sorry, no online/PayPal for this event)  
made out to ZANC before 19 July, 2015) to:

Ehler Spliedt 12 Skypark Circle, South San Francisco CA 94080

For more info: Please contact [nazehler@aol.com](mailto:nazehler@aol.com)





# NAVROZE – Shehshahi New Year Y.Z 1385

Lunch on Sunday, Aug 23, 2015



12.00 noon

**Mayuri Restaurant**  
**2230 El Camino Real**  
**Santa Clara 95050**  
**(408)248-9747**

Cost: Adults: \$25 Children: (8 – 14y): \$15.00; Children (5 – 7y): \$7.00  
Children (under 5 y): Free

Please register before Aug 18, 2015.  
Limited Space, payment guarantees reservation  
For your convenience: pay online at [zanc.org/navroze](http://zanc.org/navroze)

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## NAVROZE LUNCH RESERVATIONS Aug 2015

Cost: Adults: \$25 Children: (8 – 14y): \$15.00; Children (5 – 7y): \$7.00  
Children (under 5 y): Free

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ X\$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # Children (less than 5y) = \_\_\_\_\_

#Children (8-14): \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # Vegetarians = \_\_\_\_\_

# Children (5-7y): \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please register and pay before Aug 18, 2015. Checks can be made out to ZANC and mailed to :  
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Tel# 650-624-8888 email: [nazehler@aol.com](mailto:nazehler@aol.com)

**You can also pay online at [www.zanc.org/navroze](http://www.zanc.org/navroze)**





**Zoroastrian Sports Committee** *zsc*  
is pleased to announce  
*The 9<sup>th</sup> Zoroastrian  
Unity Cup Games*  
*Labor Day Weekend*  
*September 5 & 6, 2015*  
*Redondo Beach, CA*



[www.zathletics.com](http://www.zathletics.com) | [zsc@fezana.org](mailto:zsc@fezana.org)

#ZSC    @ZSports    ZSC    @ZSports   #UnityCup9

For details, forms and more information, please visit <http://www.zathletics.com/>

## **Muktaḍ Prayer Details**

We will be holding our Muktaḍ prayers at the Dar-e-mehr during the 5 Gatha days .  
You are encouraged to attend these prayers to remember your dear departed ones.  
As is the custom , offerings should include flowers, fresh fruit, dried fruits or traditional items like rawo, sev or other home-made parsi delicacies.

The prayer schedule is as under:

*Thursday Aug 13 and Friday Aug 14 at 5.15 p.m.*

*Saturday Aug 15 at 4:30 pm*

*Sunday Aug 16 at 11:00 am ( followed by potluck )*

*Monday Aug 17 at 5:15 pm*

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](mailto:kobadj@hotmail.com) before August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Suggested donation per name is \$ 20.00.

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
<b><i>Local:</i></b>		
ZANC Picnic	July 26, 2015	Foothills Park, Palo Alto, CA
Muktad Prayers	Aug 13- 17, 2015	@ DM
Shenshahi Navroze 2015 Luncheon	Aug 23, 2015	Mayuri Restaurant, Santa Clara
ZSC Unity Cup Soccer	Sept 5 -6, 2015	Redondo beach, L.A, CA
Ghambhar	Sept 26, 2015	Berryessa Comm. Ctr., San Jose
ZANC Halloween Party	Oct 24, 2015	@ DM
<b><i>National/International</i></b>		
World Youth Congress	Dec 2015	Auckland, New Zealand <a href="http://www.6wzyc.co.nz/">www.6wzyc.co.nz/</a>

## Community News:

- Births:** A boy **SVEN DESAI-SUEPTITZ** to Urvashi and Marco, brother to Sahana on Apr 30, 2015 in Santa Clara CA.
- A boy **ARYA AFZA KADVA** to Fredy and Alysha Kava, brother to Yazad Behram on Sept 30, 2014
- A girl **NORA ELSA DRIVER** to Pearl and Sean Driver, granddaughter to Maharukh Driver, and niece to Sheena Driver on May 1, 2015 in Pittsburg, CA
- A boy **ODIN** to Kersi and Anne (Gierhart) Contractor, grandson to Dorothy and Shahzad Contractor of San Jose, on June 3, 2015
- Navjotes:** **ZAREN & SOHAN HORMUZDIAR** on 17 May, 2015, sons of Jamshed & Natasha & grandsons to Er. Noshir Hormuzdiar, in Hayward, CA. The navjote was performed by Ers. Kobad Jamshed & Noshir Hormuzdiar.

Want to see the newsletter in color?? Check out the ZANC newsletter on our website at [www.zanc.org](http://www.zanc.org). There you can also find Dar-e-mehr hours, the Parsi calendar and the link for Dar-e-Mehr donations.



## **Graduations:**

**AVA DORDI** graduated from U.C Berkeley with a degree in Computer Science. She will be working as a software engineer at Facebook.

**ROSHEEN ZERSIS BIRDIE** graduated from U.C Berkeley, with a double major in Molecular Biology & Public Health. She plans to start work for the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in Washington D.C

**AVA MEHTA** graduated from UC Berkeley in May 2015, (Political Science and English). Graduating with Highest Honors and Phi Beta Kappa, Ava achieved distinction as one of the top students of the Department of Political Science. Her Honors Thesis focused on election law and voting rights in the United States, for which she received the Percy Grant for Public Affairs Research and the Goldman School of Public Policy Washington Fellowship. Beyond the classroom, Ava served as both a Director in student government and as the Director of the Berkeley Chamber Ensemble. This summer, Ava will move to New York City, where she will work for the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law School.

**MAHNAZ DARUWALLA** graduated with her JD/MBA dual degrees from the University of Southern California on May 15, 2015. After graduation, Mahnaz will take the California Bar Exam, travel to Europe in August, and start her new job as a litigation associate attorney at a law firm in downtown Los Angeles in September.

**TARONISH KERSI DARUWALLA** graduated from U.C Davis with a major in Computer Science & Engineering. He plans to work as a Software Engineer at Workday Inc.

**TASHA MISTRI** graduated from Chapman University School of Business and Economics in Orange, CA, with a B.S. in Business Administration with a Marketing Emphasis, Minor in Spanish. She qualified for the Dean's Academic Scholarship all four years, and also made the Chancellor's List during that time. She plans to work for a couple of years before getting her MBA.

**SANAEA KAKALIA** graduated from Mission San Jose High School, CA. She plans to major in Design at U.C Davis.

**KAIZAD TARAPOREVALA** graduated from Los Altos High School. He plans to attend Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburg, PA to study Engineering. He is a co-captain of the Robotics team, an Eagle Scout, has a perfect score in ACT (36), and enjoys Ultimate Frisbee and running.

**ZARA MINWALLA** graduated from California High School. She plans to attend Cal State Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo in the fall

**ROSHNI SOPARIWALLA** graduated from Moreau Catholic High School, Hayward CA. She plans to attend U.C Santa Barbara to study Political Science.



# CONGRATS !!



**July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2015**

**San Jose**

**Zoroastrian Youth**

**Summer Camp 2015**

**Go to**

**[www.zcamp.info](http://www.zcamp.info)**

- ❑ Limited space so tell your friends!!
- ❑ 3 nights & 4 days
- ❑ For Zoroastrian youth (13 - 18)
- ❑ Make new friends that will last a lifetime
- ❑ Saturday Night Talent show & Dance.
- ❑ " Family & members of the community are invited to attend Saturday Night's Event "

**Learn about your heritage and get to know others like yourself**

**FUN!!!**

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**More info at: <http://www.zcamp.info/>**

**Dear ZANC 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, info 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.