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FROM THE PRESIDENT

NAVROZE MUBARAK & NOWRUZ PIROOZ

As we approach the Spring Solstice and the beginning of a new calendar year, let us feel a 'spring' in our steps for this wonderful season of celebration and giving.

As the first step towards a giving season, we invite you to our **2nd Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, May 14th**. We are hopeful of community support towards the efforts of the committee that is organizing this event. There'll be food, fun and valuable raffle prizes. You don't have to be present to win the raffle. Tickets will be available at our March Navroze event.

Our plans for a new Community Center go on, and we are continuing with our efforts to raise funds, led by the Capital Campaign Committee, headed by Darayush Mistry.

We look forward to your help and generosity. Only by coming together can we make this a reality for the Community, now and in the future.

Sincerely,
Nazneen & the Board of ZANC



Fundraising efforts for the new Community Center have made great progress in the past few months.

As a logical next step we plan to form a **Building and Planning Committee** that will be responsible for the planning of the new Community Center. Burzin Patel has volunteered to lead this committee and is looking for help from architects, structural engineers, designers, real-estate agents, people familiar with the city permit processes, and anyone else who'd like to help with this effort. Please reach out to Burzin (burzin_patel@yahoo.com) if you'd like to volunteer.

Reflections on the 6th Annual Zoroastrian Youth Congress in Auckland, New Zealand

By Zarrah Birdie

The 6th Annual Zoroastrian Youth Congress commenced in Auckland, New Zealand from December 28th 2015 to January 2nd 2016 at on the sprawling campus of the Kings College on the outskirts of the city of Auckland. The campus itself was very beautiful, lush green lawns, ample space to walk around, a full length swimming pool and gym, tennis courts etc. All ~250 delegates were assigned rooms in one of the five dorm style houses. Each house came equipped with its own living room with pool tables, ping pong tables and vending machines plus a full length kitchen which would be stocked with bread, peanut butter and snacks. Our meals were to be had in the dining hall every day, all three meals breakfast, lunch and dinner were quite delicious. We even had the chance to eat traditional “*parsee bhonuu*” on the first of January in lieu of the traditional night that was happening that same night



We had an exciting week together at Kings College! A number of things stood out, the congress itself was very well managed, we had a full agenda with interesting speakers (more on that below) and an array of social activities aimed to boost camaraderie and connection amongst the many different faces at the congress. Some favorites stood out; we had a full day in the city of Auckland where we were divided into teams and given clues all over the city – once each team figured out the clue we had an activity attached to it, such as “take a funny picture” or “sing a song together”. The team that came back in time and finished off the largest number of activities together won a prize. We then spent a lovely afternoon at Sir Michael Savage Point, a gorgeous lookout point and garden that overlooks the city of Auckland. Another fun event we had was the Luau Pool Party where all the delegates had a grand time swimming and dancing with a festive Hawaiian backdrop. We also had an enchanting evening with a hypnotist, Dave Upfold, who gave us an explosive performance on the art and science of hypnosis - a memorable show overall!

The New Year’s Eve gala was very well put together, we had a whole host of desserts and sweets arranged and the lighting and décor was impeccable – the theme of the night was “*Glo*” and the dress code was white. As if all these treats were not enough, we had a fabulous time at the Traditional Night; where all were dressed in sarees/duglis and irani makhno and shalwar, we also thoroughly enjoyed the “X-FACTOR” show put on that night, where delegates made teams based on country and each of the countries competed against each other with different antics and tricks.



Another really fulfilling part of the congress was the legacy talks that occurred over a span of three days. We had some fabulous speakers coming in from all over the world. Some of the most personally evocative and notable ones were the talk by Zerbano Gifford about the ASHA Center. Zerbano is an acclaimed human rights activist and founder of the ASHA Center which champions the young from around the world in leadership, sustainable living and the arts. We also received a copy of Zerbano’s book “An Uncensored Life”. Another excellent speaker panel was an open panel on “How do today’s youth inculcate a pride about being Zoroastrian?” the panel consisted of Zoroastrian youth from around the world – Danny Master (New Zealand), Diana Vania (Canada), Mithra Dawaliyan (Iran) and Shazneen Munshi (London). We also learned about the Return to Roots program as well as the

Zoroastrian Youth for the Next Generation Program, both India based.

All in all, the congress was a grand success, we reunited with old friends and met new ones, rekindling our joint pride of being a part of this unique global community.



ZANC Annual Fundraiser Dinner & Raffle ***To Support a New Bay Area Zoroastrian*** ***Community Center***

Dress to impress & enjoy an evening of fabulous food, mingling and fundraising for a GREAT CAUSE! General Raffle items:

*Apple iPad, Gara Saris, Sailing on the Bay, Spa Treatments,
French & Persian Dinners, Wine Baskets, and much more....*

GRAND RAFFLE: 2 Round Trip Tickets to India courtesy of Air India
(Raffle tickets for this prize will be \$50/ticket)

Saturday, May 14, 2016 6:30 - 10:00 PM
Los Altos Youth Center
1 North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Name: _____ Veg: _____ Non-Veg: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Number of Adults: _____ X \$150 = \$_____ (Price includes dinner & your choice of 2 General Raffle tickets or 1 Grand Raffle ticket.) Check One Option..... ☐ General Raffle ☐ Grand Raffle

Want to increase your chances of winning? Purchase additional tickets:

➤ *General Raffle - \$25/ticket or 5 tickets for \$100* _____ tickets \$_____

➤ *Grand raffle (Air India) - \$50 per ticket* _____ tickets \$_____

I am unable to attend but would like to purchase the following tickets:

➤ *General Raffle - \$25/ticket or 5 tickets for \$100* _____ tickets \$_____

➤ *Air India raffle (Air India) - \$50 per ticket* _____ tickets \$_____

I am unable to attend but happy to make a donation of: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$_____

REGISTRATION/PAYMENTS:

Checks made out to ZANC and mailed to: Adil Engineer, 6124 Oak Forest Way, San Jose, CA 95120 (408-750-6446) or go to zanc.org and pay via PayPal / Credit Card.

PLEASE NOTE: This event is for adults and youth 15+. **Reservations can only be accepted until April 24th OR until maximum seating capacity is reached (whichever comes first).** Raffle tickets for attendees available for pick-up at the door. *Participants need not be present to win prizes.* Questions? Contact Parizad Patel (nevpariz@yahoo.com) or Dianne Patel (diannepatel@outlook.com).

View raffle prizes at www.zanc.org/raffle



**Zarthoshti Anjuman of Northern California
Annual Report 2015**

The activities and events we celebrated during 2015 were varied and fun for all those attending.

Ice Skating evening at Winter Lodge in Palo Alto on February 8th

Nowruz /Navroze was celebrated on March 21st with an Afghan dinner & DJ at the Mitchell Park Community Centre. Our AGM was also held at the same time.

Annual Picnic on July 26th in the Foothills Park in Palo Alto

Mukhtad prayers were held from the 13th to the 17th August at the Dar-e-Mehr

Parsi New Year was celebrated on August 23rd with lunch at Mayuri Restaurant

Annual Ghambhar was held on Sept 26th at the Berryessa Centre, with cooking at the Dar-e-Mehr.

Halloween Costume Party and Bingo night on October 24th with Mexican fare and prizes.

Children's Religious Classes - every 3rd Sunday of the month from September to June, followed by a pot-luck lunch

The President and Secretary represented ZANC at the annual FEZANA AGM in Philadelphia, May 1st - 3rd.

ZANC & Fezana partly sponsored 2 of our members- Zarrah Birdie & Rustom Birdie to attend the **World Youth Congress** in Auckland in December 2015

Memberships

As at the end of 2015 and for FEZANA's count we have 586 adult paid up individual members, 18 & over. We have 54 Life members with a total of 260 paid-up membership units.

Dar-e-Mehr

The Joint ZANC/PZO Committee is headed by Erach Tarapore and has met on a regular basis throughout the year

ZANC also set up a Capital Campaign Committee to start Fund raising in earnest.

Darayush Mistry took the lead with a small committee. They started the campaign by calling members, talking to them and soliciting funds. As at the end of 2015, we have \$134,000 in the bank.

In 2014 ZANC paid \$18,500.00 as our share towards the maintenance costs & repairs for the Dar-e-Mehr.

Many Thanks

To Er. Kobad Jamshed for performing the prayers for our 5 Mukhtad days as well as performing Jashans for Navroze and during Ghambhar.

We thank our Sunday school teachers- Annahita Jasavala and Homai Kasad, and Delnavaz Dastur for continuing with the children's religious education.

To Darius Kasad for maintaining and running the Web Site

To the 2015 Board- Adil Engineer, Ehler Spliedt, Della Dastur, Meher Mistri, Khurshid Gandhi, Dianne Patel, Zarina Bhandari & Parizad Patel

To all of our Community, your participation, support and trust means a lot to us, especially at this important time in our history. We ask for your help and moral and financial support towards our goal to build a new Zarathushti Community Centre for the Bay Area.

Nazneen Spliedt

President

March 19, 2016

PICNIC

Date: July 17, 2016

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

ZANC PICNIC 2016

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 10 July, 2016) to:

Ehler Spliedt 12 Skypark Circle, South San Francisco CA 94080

For more info: Please contact nazehler@aol.com





The 15th Zoroastrian Games in Chicago

Message from Zoroastrian Association of Chicago (ZAC)

The 15th Biennial Zoroastrian Games will be held from June 30 to July 4, in Elmhurst College, Chicago to promote sportsmanship, unity and togetherness. Z Games is an iconic Zoroastrian sporting and cultural tradition first held in 1988. Z Games 2016 will attract amateur Zoroastrian athletes from around the world and feature competitive tournament brackets in basketball, volleyball, swimming track, table tennis and a new surprise event – golf!

Three evening events will spotlight Chicago's diversity in food, entertainment and nightlife as a world-class city. A *Rendezvous @ Reza's*, *The Chicago Experience* and an exciting red carpet gala banquet honoring our star athletes. If you love competition and teamwork, this is a no-brainer. If you want to challenge yourself and get out of your comfort zone, this is your opportunity. If you just want to bond with others and have fun, then join this experience! And guess what? You don't have to play any sports to participate at these Z Games. People come from all over the world to cheer on the competition and explore the host city. We have an awesome line-up of sightseeing and social events planned every night leading to the closing ceremonies, each of which you can register for separately.

For more details, check out our event page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/zgamesChicago2016

To register head over to: www.zgames2016.com

Questions: email Chicago.zgames@gmail.com

We are taking this to a new level in one of the world's most exciting cities and working hard to make it happen. I promise you won't be disappointed. Let's come together to make #ZGAMES2016 the best ever!



A Word from FEZANA's United Nations / NGO committee:



A choir singing traditional melodies during a festivity celebrating Nowruz in Tajikistan. © UNESCO

International Day of Nowruz - 21 March

International Nowruz Day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution [A/RES/64/253](http://www.un.org/en/resolutions/2010/A/RES/64/253) of 2010, at the initiative of several countries that share this holiday (Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey and Turkmenistan).

Inscribed in 2009 on the [Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity](http://www.un.org/en/whol/representative-list-of-the-intangible-cultural-heritage-of-humanity) as a cultural tradition observed by numerous peoples, Nowruz is an ancestral festivity marking the first day of spring and the renewal of nature. It promotes values of peace and solidarity between generations and within families as well as reconciliation and neighborliness, thus contributing to cultural diversity and friendship among peoples and different communities.

<http://www.un.org/en/events/nowruzday/>

Community News:

Births: A boy ORI ZAYN KAPADIA to Shyla Batliwalla and Danoosh Kapadia in San Francisco on Sept. 15, 2015. Grandson to Zarine and Neville Batliwalla of Hillsborough.

A boy ROHAN BATLIWALLA VARMA to Zeena Batliwalla and Arjun Varma in San Francisco on Feb. 8, 2016. Grandson to Zarine and Neville Batliwalla of Hillsborough.

Wedding: Nisha Engineer (daughter of Carl and Dina Engineer of San Carlos) to Christopher Johnson (son of Sue and Richard Johnson) on Aug 22, 2015 in Palo Alto. The couple now reside in Belmont.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	
Local:			
ZANC Navroz Dinner	Mar 19, 2016, 6.30PM	Teen Center, Elizabeth Park, Fremont	Mar 19
2 nd Annual ZANC Fundraiser Gala	May 14, 2016, 6.30 - 10.00PM	Los Altos Youth Center, Los Altos	
ZANC Summer Picnic	July 17, 2016, 11.00AM	Foothills Park, Palo Alto	
Muktad Prayers	Aug 12 - 16, 2016	TBD	
Navroz Function	Aug 21, 2016 (Lunch)	Sakoon Restaurant, Fremont	
Ghambar	Sept 24, 2016 (Dinner)	Berryessa Community Center	
Costume & Bingo Party	Oct 29, 2016	TBD	
National/International			
FEZANA AGM 2016	Apr 29 - May 1, 2016	Farmington Hills Michigan, USA	

Want to see it in color?? Check out the ZANC newsletter in color at www.zanc.org. There you can also find Dar-e-Mehr hours, directions, the Parsi calendar and much more...

10-DAY INSIDE PASSAGE

Waterways of Wonder

Sailing roundtrip from San Francisco, relive Gold Rush history in Juneau or Skagway and explore a native Tlingit village in Ketchikan. Witness majestic waterfalls, dazzling glaciers and spectacular wildlife from humpback whales to frolicking sea otters as you cruise through the pristine Inside Passage. And experience even more through North to Alaska! and Discovery at Sea™, new programs that immerse you in everything Alaska through exciting activities on board and award-winning excursions on shore. Find out why Princess Cruises was voted the Best Cruise Line in Alaska by the *Travel Channel* and readers of *Travel Weekly*.



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Highlights

Juneau

Whether your passion is rafting the Mendenhall River, kayaking areas rich with wildlife, sportfishing, or hiking the scenic trails, this capital city has something for everyone.

Skagway

Go on a thrilling dog sled adventure, pan for gold, or ride the historic White Pass & Yukon Railroad to the summit at nearly 3,000 ft. in elevation for a scenic feast where nature reigns.

Scenic glacier cruising

Depending on your sailing date, you'll have the opportunity to experience the Ice Age marvels of either Glacier Bay National Park or Tracy Arm Fjord. Thrill to the sight of calving glaciers and soak in the breathtaking beauty of these pristine waterways.

fares from* \$1200.00 USD

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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.

