

## ZANC Board 2016

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Greetings for Summer! We look forward to our annual summer picnic in the park, and hope you will join us for a relaxing day, as our volunteers BBQ hamburgers and chicken and the kids and adults play games or just relax on the lawns and families catch up with each other. It is a very secluded and shady place, and we have the whole area reserved for only our group. If you have never joined us, please do consider taking part this year.

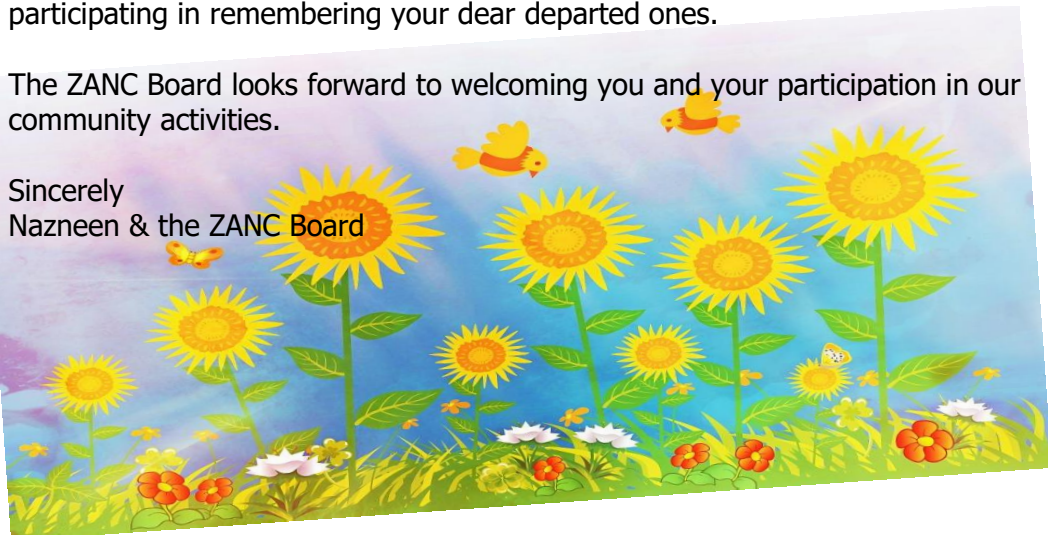
Looking back, we had a very successful Fund Raising Dinner in May, with parsi-bhonoo cooked by Khushrow & Roshan Mistry and a profitable raffle. The evening netted us little over **\$21,000**. Thanks to the main organizers of this evening- Parizad Patel, Dianne Patel & Meher Mistri who were ably assisted by their spouses and other members of the Board.

Our efforts to look for a new space for our community continues. There are a few committees set up- Capital Campaign, Building Sub-Committee, and By-Laws Committee. We are looking for volunteers to join any of these committees, if you have any expertise in these matters please step forward to volunteer. ZANC & PZO continue to meet regularly to exchange ideas and move the project forward and co-ordinate some of the actions needed. We hope that more of our members will come on board and volunteer their time and talents for this cause, to help our community remain active and united and build a home for our upcoming generation.

Our upcoming Parsi Navroze celebrations will take place on Sunday August 21st with a lunch, but before that we will be having our traditional 5 days of Muktaad prayers conducted by Er. Kekobad Jamshed. We hope to see many of you participating in remembering your dear departed ones.

The ZANC Board looks forward to welcoming you and your participation in our community activities.

Sincerely  
Nazneen & the ZANC Board





## Fezana Annual Meeting News

The FEZANA Annual General Meeting took place in Novi, Michigan from Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1. The ZANC community was represented by Nazneen Spliedt & Ehler Spliedt, as well as Bomi Patel who was there as the Congress Committee representative as well as Ratan Mistry representing the Funds and Finance Committee

A very interesting pre-AGM session took place on the recent survey carried out for the seniors. The survey overwhelmingly revealed that many seniors felt they were missing out on meeting and participating in events at their respective Centers due to distances and lack of transportation. Associations should address the needs of seniors in planning activity and arranging rides for our seniors who seem to be unable to participate in events. Very few associations actually address the needs of seniors when planning their activities. If members have any ideas, suggestions or would like to volunteer to help with activities for our seniors, we would love to hear from you.

The other most urgent and important item addressed was that in the 29 years of its existence FEZANA has not raised its membership dues at all. Although in 1993 a resolution was passed to increase membership to \$2 for each member in the Association, the resolution was never implemented. FEZANA has requested each Member Association to give an immediate interim contribution and the fees to be raised from 2017. The other reason for this "dire" need for funds was that there will be no NAZC in 2017 since ZSBC bowed out from doing the congress as originally planned.

If any individuals wish to contribute to the Fezana funds, pay back towards a scholarship received or in any way help the organization for FEZANA activities or causes, please visit their website: [www.fezana.org](http://www.fezana.org). There is a whole list of funds you could choose from to support FEZANA activities and programs like Scholarship Fund, Welfare Fund, Sports, NGO, Religious Education Fund, etc. We also encourage businesses to advertise in the FEZANA Journal to help defray the cost of printing.

*The new FEZANA Executive Committee was elected as under:*

Homi Gandhi: President  
Arzan Sam Wadia: Vice President  
Nilufer Shroff: Treasurer  
Percy Master: Secretary,  
Afreed Mistry: Asst. Secretary

Voting took place for hosting various upcoming Congresses and the next AGM

2017 Fezana AGM was awarded to Houston. ZAC-LA was also in the running  
2019 World Zoroastrian Youth Congress was awarded to CZC-LA, the youth of ZAPANJ had also put in their bid and narrowly lost  
2020 ZAH-Houston will be hosting the North American Congress



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



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ZANC Fundraiser was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Los Altos Youth Center and was a very successful event. It was an evening of fabulous food, mingling with friends and a fun and exciting raffle. The most important part of the event, however, was getting to learn more about the progress of the fundraising efforts, meeting the various committee members and listening to a presentation about how the fundraising committee plans to integrate the community efforts in order to achieve the goal of building a new Community center. The audience also got a chance to partake in a brief Q & A session and comprehensive one-on-one conversations with individual fundraising committee members.

This was a sold out event with a total of 110 adults and 12 kids and **brought in a total of \$21,000.00+.** The beautiful red and gold glass divos were donated by Armaity and Adi Sadri and were used as table decorations before being “sold” to the audience for the charitable cause. All proceeds from the event support funding for a new Bay Area Zoroastrian Community Center.

The parsi “lagan-nu-bhonu” was a BIG success thanks to the tireless efforts of our caterers Roshan & Khushrow Mistry (and their helpers), who donated their time in cooking a wonderful spread. The evening started off with fantastic appetizers of Cocktail Chicken Farcha, Aloo Tikki & Sariya while the main menu consisted of mouth-watering dishes such as Patra ni Machi, Lagan nu stew, Lamb Pulao Dal & Sali Margi followed by a lip-smacking “lagan-nu-custard” dessert. Thank you Mistris for all your efforts!! A HUGE thank you also to Neville Patel for donating all the wine and to Parizad Bharucha and Khurshid Gandhi for donating the non-alcoholic drinks!!

The highlight of the evening was the raffle which consisted of amazing prizes such as an Apple iPad, Nexus 5X Smartphone, Gara Saris, Spa Treatments, French & Persian Dinners, Wine Baskets, Sailing on the SF Bay, Napa Balloon & Brunch and much more -- all donated by our community members. The Grand Prize was 2 Round Trip Tickets to India courtesy of Air India which was won by Soli Balsara. Congrats to him and to all the night’s winners!!



Finally, thank you to the following volunteers for giving so much of their time, energy, effort and money to this worthy cause:



- The ZANC Board & the Fundraising Committee: for their help in advertising the event
- Adil Engineer: for maintaining the event on the ZANC website & securing the Grand Raffle Prize (Air India tickets)
- All those wonderful people who pitched in to help sell raffle tickets to friends & family: Silloo Tarapore, Arnavaz Gandhi, Perveen Guzdar, Shiraz Zack, Parizad Bharucha, Bomi Patel, Dianne Patel & Parizad Patel
- The Youth Team who diligently worked for 2 hours and sold \$1800 worth of tickets at the March Navroze Function & helped with the registrations at the fundraiser: Carl & Natasha Patel, Lyla Patel, Zain & Jasper Patel, Rushaad & Jenovia Mistry and Zal & Zenia Bharucha
- All the volunteers who helped with the set-up, clean-up & decorate and Jamsheed Mistri for coordinating the music for the venue

- **The Event Organizing Committee:** Dianne Patel, Parizad Patel, Meher Mistri and Khurshid Gandhi

This Fundraiser Dinner would not be possible without your generous contribution and your enthusiasm for the future of a new Community Center.

### Our generous community members who donated prizes for the raffle:

Meher & Afshad Mistri  
Benafsha Irani and Joerg Rathenberg  
Shenaz and Darayush Mistry  
Dianne & Burzin Patel  
Nancy & Kobad Bugwadia  
Arnavaz and Jamshed Gandhi  
Shiraz Zack  
Parizad and Neville Patel  
Firuza and Mehernosh Vadiwala  
Perin Marawala  
Roshni Rustomji-Kerns  
Khursheed and Sarosh Irani  
Armaity and Viraf Patel

**THANK YOU!!**



# SHENSHAH NAVROZE - MUBARAK!



## NAVROZE (Y.Z.1386) Luncheon

August 21, 2016

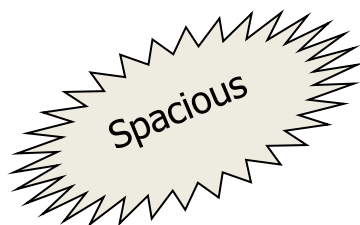
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39195 Farwell Dr. (off Mowry)

Fremont, CA 94538

510-744-9500



**Cost: Adults: \$34.00, Children: 8 – 14y: \$16.00, 5-7y: \$8.00, Kids 4 & under: Free**

LIMITED SPACE, PAYMENT GUARANTEES RESERVATION

*Registration accepted till August 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 or till capacity reached (whichever is earlier)*

For your convenience: pay on line at [zanc.org/navroze](http://zanc.org/navroze)

-----Tear Sheet

### Navroze Aug 2016 Lunch Reservations

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

Adults	_____	x \$ 34.00
Children 8 – 14yrs	_____	x \$ 16.00
Children 5 – 7yrs	_____	x \$ 8.00
Children under 4yrs	_____	x \$ 0

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

Please make checks out to ZANC and mail before August 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.zanc.org/navroze)

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:nazehler@aol.com)



## Sunday School Field Trip

The ZANC Sunday school classes visited the Palo Alto Downtown Food Closet on Sunday May 22, 2016 to put the principles of the Yatha Ahu Vairyo prayer into practice.

The children learnt about the demographics of the clients of the food closet as well as the need for perishable and nonperishable food from a volunteer that has worked there for over 30yrs! The children brought in donated items and helped to sort as well as shelve them. It was an educative and eye opening experience for everyone! Thank you to Benafsha Irani for setting this up.



## An easy way to donate to ZANC!



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Please feel free to pass this information to friends and relatives too. Happy Shopping!

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

## Community News:

**Deaths:** Nina Russy Wania- mother of Jamsheed Wania of Palo Alto, passed away on May 23rd 2016 in Karachi.

Dinshah Bhada-(93) husband of Perin, father of Kersi (Roxan) Bhada, Goolu Dinyar Lashkari, & Khurshid Percy Katila and grandfather of Karl Lashkari, Zenia Katila and Eric Bhada passed away in Antioch on April 18 2016.

Jerroo Minoo Chothia (82), mother of Homi (Kathleen) Chothia of San Ramon and Darius (Jasmine) Chothia of Mumbai, and grandmother of Brandon of San Francisco, passed away on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 in Mumbai, India.

Gulcher Jimmy Dorabjee, mother of Xerxes & Vispi Dorabjee passed away on June 8th 2016 in Pune, India.

## Class of 2016 CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!!

**Sherri Billimoria** - from Stanford with a M.S in Earth Systems- an interdisciplinary environmental science major. She will join the think tank Rocky Mountain Institute

**Dinnaz Lahewala** - received her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from Purdue University

**Jai Phiroze Padmakumar** - received his Bachelors in Microbiology from the University of Washington and will be attending graduate school at MIT

**Rohit Dhun Padmakumar** - graduates from Mountain View High School and will be going to Film School at USC

**Nicole Kanga** - graduated from Pioneer High school and will attend Ryerson University in Toronto to pursue a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Theatre and the Performing Arts. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was active in Pioneer High School's performance programs.

**Cyrus Unwala** - graduated from the San Francisco International High School with an I.B. (International Baccalaureate) and is headed to Virginia Tech to study Electrical Engineering

**Amy Bugwadia** - graduated from Valley Christian High School and will attend UCLA majoring in Cognitive Sciences. She was recognized by the California Assembly for her community leadership and outreach.

**Joyaan Bhesania** - completed High School in Fremont and will head to University of California, San Diego for Bachelors in Computer Engineering.



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## Muktad Prayer Details

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

**Friday August 12 at 5.00pm**

**Saturday Aug 13 at 4:30 pm**

**Sunday Aug 14 at 11:00 am**

**Monday Aug 15 at 5.00pm**

**Tuesday Aug 16 at 5.00pm**

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 provide full name including father's name and whether Osta or Behdin.

Please mail checks (payable to ZANC) to Er. Kobad Jamshed, 1115 Polynesia Dr. Foster City CA 94404

## UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>Local:</b>		
ZANC Summer Picnic	July 17, 2016, 11.00AM	Foothills Park, Palo Alto
Muktad Prayers	Aug 12 - 16, 2016	DM
Navroz Function	Aug 21, 2016 (Lunch)	Sakoon Restaurant, Fremont
Ghambar	Sept 24, 2016 (Dinner)	Berryessa Community Center
Costume & Bingo Party	Oct 29, 2016	TBD
<b>National/International</b>		
15 <sup>th</sup> World Zoroastrian Games	Jun 30 - July 4 2016	Chicago USA
2017 FEZANA AGM	TBD	Houston TX, USA
2018 World Zoroastrian Congress	Jun 1 -4 2018	Perth Australia
2019 World Zoroastrian Youth Congress	Summer 2019	Los Angeles CA, USA
2020 North American Zoroastrian Congress	TBA	Houston TX USA

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.