ZARTHOSHTI ANJUMAN of NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Newsletter Date: Oct - Dec 2016

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

We wish you a wonderful Fall season and a happy festival of Mehregan, which celebrates the autumnal equinox.

Our Ghambhar last week to celebrate this harvest festival was well attended and we thank all our volunteers and helpers who worked tirelessly under a hot sun and on hotter stoves to prepare the delicious home-cooked parsi meal. Everyone who came to the event and helped with the hard job of setting-up and taking down tables, chairs and serving the food, the wine and drinks are much appreciated.

We also greatly appreciate the monetary and other gifts that all of you so generously gave, to make this annual event happen and we hope to continue this tradition for our future generations. Unlike in the "old country", this is not a sponsored Ghambhar, but a community-based effort.

At the end of October, we will have our costume party with a Halloween theme and in December we hope to celebrate Yalda with the members of the Persian community.

Our efforts to build a new Zoroastrian Centre for Northern California continues apace, thanks to the generous donors and the work of the Capital Campaign Committee. The Committee still wants to talk to more of our members on a oneon-one basis, and if the volunteers call you, please do talk with them. It is **so important** to get ALL your feedback, your concerns and apprehensions, which they would like to address.

More volunteers are needed for this committee, so please do step up!! It is for you, your children and the future of our community in Northern California that we have embarked on this venture and your support is needed to make it a reality.

Call or e-mail Darayush Mistry **darayush@gmail.com or** anyone else on this committee if you wish to volunteer.

Sincerely Nazneen & the ZANC Board

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

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Notice of Annual Election Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the <u>Annual Election Meeting</u> of the members and trustees of the Zarthoshti Anjuman of Northern California will be held on:

Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 1.30 p.m.

At the Arbab Rustom Guiv Dar-e-Mehr for the purpose of electing Office Bearers whose terms are expiring.

Nomination Form for December 18, 2016 Election

I, as a 2016 member of the Zarthoshti Anjuman of Northern California (ZANC), hereby nominate the following person(s) for the Executive Committee for the 2017 – 2018 term.

The nominees have agreed to serve.

<u>Office</u>	Name of Nominee (Please print)	Nominee e-mail/ Tel No:
President:		
Secretary:		
Board Member:	1)	
Your Signature	Your Name (Please Print)	Your Phone Number/email
	Officer by: <u>November 09, 2016</u> 2016 Election Officer, 409 Harder Roa	d, Hayward, CA 94544



October Costume and Bingo Party



Come and join us for a fun-filled evening On Saturday, October 29, 2016 At 5:30 PM for our annual costume party

Location: Dar-e-Mehr

Dinner and Bingo will follow the Costume Parade which will start at 6:00 PM sharp

Parents: to avoid disappointment, please bring your children before 6:00 PM

Prizes (Yay!) will be awarded for the best costumes:



Children under 4 years Kids 4 - 7 years Children 8 – 14 years Young adults Adults

Cost : Adults: \$ 15.00 Children 3y-12y: \$ 8.00 Children under 3y: Free



Please mail Checks (no PayPal) payable to ZANC to

Adil Engineer (<u>adileng@gmail.com</u>) 6124 Oak Forrest Way, San Jose CA 95120

Deadline for reservations: October 22, 2016

Please provide children's names and ages when making your reservations





ZANC Ghambhar 2016

The ZANC Ghambhar held on 24th Sept at the Berryessa Community Center was an event filled with bonhomie, good food and friendship. The cooking was carried out by volunteers in the morning and the event was supported by community volunteers who donated their time, energy and food for the event. The Berryessa Community Center was filled to capacity with the ZANC families who enjoyed the evening with a tasty dinner and yummy desserts while catching up with friends.

ZANC appreciates and acknowledges the many volunteers who helped make this event possible.

Bomi Patel for leading the cooking efforts and directing the kitchen "staff" and his lead helpers:

Adil Engineer, Kersi Daruwalla & Ratan Mistry for marinating & pre-prep work on Friday night

Khushrow & Roshan Mistry for preparing and donating the Masala Dar and Vagharela Chawal

Hutoxi & Parvez Irani for preparing, making & baking the delicious Parsi Custard

Zareer & Toshar Bhathena for the Ice-cream

Zinaida & Adil Engineer for the Beer.

Gandhi family for the Sodas.

Kerman Deboo for making & serving the chai and breakfast for the volunteers



ZANC Members enjoying the Ghambhar at the Berryessa Community Center, Sept 2016

A wine basket donated by Jehangir & Annahita Jasavala was auctioned at the event. It went to Nina Daruwalla and the proceeds went towards the upcoming new Zoroastrian Community Center.

The Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Roshan & Khushrow Mistry for their dedicated service to the community over the years and for cooking and donating to our causes many times during the past few years.



Roshan & Khushrow Mistry accepting the "Volunteer of the Year" Award



A Big Thank you to the volunteers at the Dar-e-mehr and at the Berryessa Centre:

Zareer Bhathena Canteenwallas- Jay, Eric & Carl Mistri- Jamsheed, Afshad & Meher Pervin, Ratan & Jamsheed Mistry Ferzeen Chhapgar Hutoxi & Parvez Irani Hutoxi Sopariwalla Aban Chhor Kayomarz Mohta Kersi Daruwalla **Behram Bhathena** Adil & Zinaida Engineer Urvaksh Bharucha Freddy Dumasia Khurshid Gandhi Kathleen Chothia Minoo Italia Kobad Jamshed Gool Jokhi Nazneen & Ehler Spliedt



Yummy Dinner cooked by the community volunteers

Nafeesa Satta Dinsha Mistree Monaz Sarkari

Bapsy Vaid Jeroo Kekobad

and to everyone who stayed to put away the tables, chairs, or helped in any other way. Also, a shout out to those (specially Meherban Garibshahi) that helped with the community center clean-up after the event concluded.

The evening concluded with a spot of dancing to some groovy tunes!





Dancing!

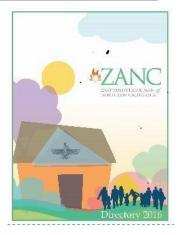
Community chefs in action!



Dear Members,

The ZANC Directory 2016 is now available and we are happy to mail a copy to you.

Please send us a check (made out to ZANC) of \$10.00 to cover the printing and mailing cost to: Ehler Spliedt, 12 Skypark Circle, South San Francisco, CA 94080



UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	
Local:			
Costume & Bingo Party	Oct 29, 2016	DM	٨
ZANC Annual Election Meeting	Dec 18, 2016, 1.30PM	DM	
Ice Skating Party	Jan TBA 5.30-7.30PM	Winter Lodge, Palo Alto CA	
2017 Jamshed -i- Navroze Dinner	Mar 25, 2017, 6.30 PM	Fremont Teen Center, Fremont, CA	_
National/International			_
2017 FEZANA AGM	Apr 28 - 30 2017	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	ТВА	Houston TX USA	

I Dear Members of ZANC and the ZANC Board

Jehangir & I want to express our thanks and appreciation for all these years

of your help and support towards children's events and Sunday classes.

Thank You Very Much for the generous and thoughtful gift which has already
been put to use.

Our sincere appreciation and friendship

Annahita & Jehangir Jasavala





Community News:

Births: A girl NIKA to Firoz and Soraya Tarapore on July 13, 2016. Sister to Ava and Parsa granddaughter to Silloo and Erach Tarapore.

Deaths: Nergis Rumwalla (96)- mother of Jehangir Chinoy of San Jose, passed away on July 21, 2016 in Cupertino

Naoshir Ardeshir Vesuna, 92 passed away in Mumbai on July 25th. Father of Sarosh and father in law of Nilufer, grandfather to Sam and Jamshed

Dinshaw Kanga passed away on Sept 3, 2016 in Ontario, Canada. Husband to Armaity, father to Persius, (Mary Jane) and grandfather to Natalie & Nicole.

- *Wedding:* Zareen Kasad (daughter of Homai and Arvand Kasad of Belmont) to Danesh Irani (son of Shahrukh and late Hooty Irani of Toronto) on Sept 10, 2016 in Atherton.
- *Graduation*: Rohan Vilms with an MD (UC San Diego) and Masters in Public Health (Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health). He has started his residency program in Pediatrics at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina.



Fezana's Academic Scholarship for 2016.

He is the winner from 62 applicants of the Purvez & Aban Rustomji Endowed Scholarship for Academic Achievement for his further studies at UC Berkeley. All the best, Carl!

Parsee General Hospital: the 29th Annual Charity Drive

By: Homai Kasad



Dear respected members of the community,

We invite you once again to join us in helping the poor and the sick members of our community. The Parsee General Hospital provides medical service to the Parsee community, including those who lack sufficient funds for healthcare.

Your donations for this very worthy cause will be well appreciated by the less fortunate Members of our community back home in Mumbai.

You may please make your checks payable to ZANC, and mail them to:

Dr. Homai Kasad 6 Somerset Ct. Belmont, CA 94002



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.