FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

As we face 2017 and a new year, I would like to thank each and every one of you for all the help, support and love that you have shown me in my many years on the ZANC Board and specially during the time that I have been President.

Taking over from Bomi after our very successful 2004 North American Congress in San Jose and his many years of Presidency, was not an easy act to follow. With the help of all the various members of the Board who have served with me since 2005, we have had a good run.

I have to thank our hard working and well-organized Secretary, and my husband Ehler, for his help and support all these years (it’s a miracle we are still together!). I feel that it is now time for me to move on and encourage a new generation of members to help run our association. I will certainly not ‘fade away’... much work needs doing for our new Community Centre to become a reality and I will continue to support and help wherever needed.

I wish Bomi and all the Board the very best of luck, to keep the organization moving from strength to strength and involving our youth and 2nd generation members in taking an interest to involve themselves in our small but vibrant community.

Wishing you and everyone in the Zarathushti Community of Northern California a very happy and healthy 2017 and beyond.

Atha Jamyaat, Yatha Afrinami (May it be as we wish)

Ushta te

Nazneen
Membership / Renewal Form 2017

Family Name: _______________________ First: __________________ Spouse: __________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________ Apt #: ___________

City: ___________________________ ZIP: __________

Tel: ___________________________ Cell Phone(s): _____________________________

E-Mail: ___________________________ E-Mail Spouse: ___________________________

Profession: ___________________________ Profession Spouse: ___________________________

Adult Children (18+) __________________________________________________________

(Living at home or at university)

Children (under 18) 1) ______________ Year of Birth _______ 2) ______________ Year of Birth _______

3) ______________ Year of Birth _______ 4) ______________ Year of Birth _______

Seniors / Parents (living at same address)

Last Name: ________________________ First Name: ______________________ Relationship: ______________

E-mail addresses for the ZANC Yahoo-Group: ___________________________________________________________

(The Yahoo-ZANC-Group is open only for members in good standing, and is under the strict control of the ZANC Board, with only two moderators. You may use more than one e-mail address, (his and hers). The Yahoo ZANC group is an important tool of communication within the community.)

We want to receive the ZANC Newsletter electronically: ______ hard copy by mail: ______

Dues 2017:

Family: $150.00
Individual: $ 75.00
Seniors (over 62) $35.00 per person
Students $ 25.00
Life Membership $ 3,000.00
Donations $___________

Make Checks Payable to ZANC and mail with this form to:
Ehler Spliedt: 12 Skypark Circle South San Francisco CA 94080
Tel: 650-624-8888 E-mail: nazehler@aol.com

For online payments: www.zanc.org/membership.html
Ice skating at Winter Lodge
(3009 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto CA 94306)

Bring your family and join your friends and enjoy ice skating at the only permanent outdoor rink west of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It may even snow!!

**When:** Sunday Jan 29th, 2017 from 5.30 – 7.30pm.

Hot Cocoa/Tea and Dinner provided

**Cost:**
- $20 per skater (skate rental included)
- $15 per Non skater
- Nonmembers, add $5 to above costs.

Please email khurshidgandhi@yahoo.com to register.
Provide names, ages, veg/non-veg and skater/non skater info.

**Registration deadline: Jan 25th, 2017**

Please mail a check (payable to ZANC) to:
Khurshid Gandhi, 321 W. Meadow Dr., Palo Alto, CA 94306

See you there!!!
## Dates for your Diary - SAVE the DATE – Locations to be advised

**ZANC activities for 2017, subject to changes and final planning**

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**Note:** All dates are subject to changes and final planning.
Design A FEZANA Logo

In 2017, the Federation of Zoroastrian Association will celebrate 30 years of its founding. To mark the occasion, FEZANA has announced a competition to design a logo for the organization. The new logo will become the official logo of FEZANA and will be used on FEZANA website, social media sites, business cards, letterhead, posters, souvenir trinkets and gifts, or anywhere else FEZANA chooses.

For official rules and requirements, prize info and other details please visit https://fezana.org/logodesign/

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Community News:

**Births:**


A girl KAYA VILLARIBA DESSAI to Rustom and Katheryne Villariba Dessai on Oct 15, 2016 in Emeryville CA. Granddaughter to Soonamai and Jamsheed Dessai of Santa Rosa CA.

**Deaths:**

Katie Dhun Engineer (neé Katie Faramroz Sarkari) passed away on Nov 3, 2016 in Martinez CA. She was the loving wife of Dhun Sapurji Engineer: doting mother of Tinaz, Niloofer and Sapur: grandmother to Shirin & Maxwell Adams

Kaikhosrow Farahmand (67y) passed away on Nov 20, 2016 in Walnut Creek, CA. He was beloved husband of Arnavaz, and father of Farahnaz, Kamran and Kaiwan, father-in-law of Haley & grandfather to Kya

Daulat Sam Choksy, at age 91, passed away on Nov 9, 2016 in Mumbai, India. Mother of Nina Kersi Daruwalla of Cupertino, CA and Zarir Sam Choksy of Houston, TX. Mother in law to Kersi Daruwalla and Zenobia Choksy. Grandmother to Mahnaz Daruwalla, Taronish Daruwalla and Tishtar Daruwalla.

**Wedding:**

Narissa Vania (daughter of Darab and late Nilufer Vania of San Ramon) to David Harris (son of George Harris and Anne George-Harris of Buffalo NY) on Sept 3, 2016 in Tahoe City, CA.

**Navjotes:**

Yohaan Birje and Shania Birje, children of Pareezad and Anand Birje on Oct 16, 2016 at Dar-e-Mehr, San Jose.

Meher Wadia, daughter of Persis and Percy Wadia, on Dec 19, 2016 at Albless Baug, Mumbai, India

Sanaya and Zenia Shroff, daughters of Roxan and Nekzad Shroff on Dec 31, 2016 at Cama Baug, Mumbai, India

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…
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Dear ZANC Community Members:

We would love to share your good (and sad) news with everyone in the community: Births; Navjotes; Graduations; Weddings; Professional awards, Deaths, etc.

We urge you to please let us know of such events in your family and urge your friends to send in their news too. It is an important part of our community’s life, and often, a source of pride for everyone.

Please email Khurshid (khurshidgandhi@yahoo.com) 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.
Get ready for a fabulous party to celebrate Navroze

25th Mar 2017, 6.30 PM
Fremont Teen Center, Lake Elizabeth
(39770 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Fremont, 94538. Tel# (510) 494-4344
I 880 Exit Stevenson Blvd East)

Stay tuned! Registration Info coming soon!
Ashodad / Kadr-Dani guidelines
by North American Mobeds Council (NAMC)

In response to requests from several North American Zoroastrian Associations, NAMC provides the following guidelines for “Ashodad” or “Kadr-Dani” for performance of religious services provided by Mobeds invited by the family:

Weddings / Gavah / Navjote / Sudreh –Pushi: $ 500 per Mobed per ceremony

Jashan / Jashan–Khani / Afargan /Seeom/ Saal: $ 250 per Mobed per ceremony

Funeral Ceremonies:
   Geh Saarnu, , Sarosh nu Patru,
   Day Uthamnu, Night Uthamnu, Chaharom.

   Sareh Khak, Poresh $ 500 per Mobed per ceremony

Travel and accommodation (in addition to above amounts):
   Pre-paid Air ticket and / or mileage as appropriate
   Overnight accommodation as appropriate

Use of Association facilities and supplies: as per Association regulations

This list is intended to be a guide and is not mandatory.

Consideration should be given to geographical and logistical variations through North America and financial ability of the family requesting these prayers.

These guidelines are subject to change.

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