

ZANC Board 2017

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

We wish you a wonderful fall quarter. It has been a little over two years since we had our first ZANC community meeting to discuss updates to the situation at the existing Dar e Mehr and to launch a Capital Campaign Committee for a new Zoroastrian Centre for Northern California. Since then we have made good progress gathering members' opinions and collecting some funds.

Our next step is to analyze the data collected and present the same to the community. Although the work is progressing well, we are nowhere near our target of \$5 million for Phase-I, and hence we request you to keep our Capital Campaign endeavor on your list of 2017 year-end giving. We continue to need your help and thank you in anticipation.

As the year 2017 comes to an end, so does the term of some of our ZANC board members (December 31, 2017). We take this opportunity to thank Adil Engineer, Parizad Bharucha, Meher Mistri, Zarina Bhandari and all three Trustees Erach Tarapore, Nazneen Spliedt, Zareer Bhathena for their dedicated service to ZANC. While they are eligible for re-election, these positions will be open to all ZANC members. Upcoming ZANC election information and forms are enclosed in this newsletter, and we request you all to take an active interest in ZANC's working and administration.

We welcome your suggestions and ideas to make ZANC more inclusive, interactive and fun.

Hoping to see you all at the Ghambhar on October 7.

Best Wishes.

Bomi Patel (President) & the ZANC Board.

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...

Notice of Annual Election Meeting

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

Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 1.30 p.m.

at the Arbab Rustom Guiv Dar-e-Mehr for the purpose of electing Office Bearers whose terms are expiring, i.e. **Vice-President, Treasurer, Two Board Members and Three Trustees.**

The duties for these positions are as follows:

The **Vice-President** shall assist the President and perform all other duties designated to him/her by the President. In the absence of the President, or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President. When so acting he/she shall have all the powers of, and be subjected to all the restrictions on the President.

The **Treasurer** shall be the Chief Financial Officer and shall:

Have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of ZANC in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected by the Executive Committee.

Receive and give receipts for money paid to ZANC.

Disburse ZANC funds as directed by the Executive Committee, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements.

Keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of ZANC's properties and transactions, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses. Such accounts shall be made available to the President or other officers at all reasonable times.

Prepare annual budgets and provide the Executive Committee with periodical reports reflecting expenditures against these budgets.

Prepare and certify the financial reports as required by the law and these By-laws.

The **Members-at-large** shall be assigned responsibilities in support of the objectives of ZANC.

Trustees: ZANC shall have three elected trustees. A Trustee shall not be a member of the Executive Committee. All trustees must be Ordinary members of ZANC. The duties of the Trustees shall be to uphold the Constitution and By-laws of ZANC. They shall take over the functioning or governing of ZANC in case the Executive Committee is dissolved or vacant for any reason, until such time as a new Executive Committee is duly elected. In such an instance, they shall conduct the election within 90 days of the dissolution of the Executive Committee.

The Trustees shall also perform any duties entrusted to them by the Executive Committee in keeping with the objectives of ZANC.



Nomination Form for December 17, 2017 Election

I, as a 2017 member of the Zarthoshti Anjuman of Northern California (ZANC), hereby nominate the following person(s) for the Executive Committee for the 2018 – 2020 term.

The nominees have agreed to serve. Candidates should be committed individuals willing to devote substantial time and effort to the committee and the community.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name of Nominee (Please print)</u>	<u>Nominee e-mail/ Tel No:</u>
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Treasurer:	<hr/>	<hr/>
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Board Member (1):	<hr/>	<hr/>
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Board Member (2):	<hr/>	<hr/>
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Trustees (2018-2022 term)

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Trustee 2:	<hr/>	<hr/>
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Trustee 3:	<hr/>	<hr/>
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Your Signature

Your Name (Please Print)

Your Phone Number/email

Please mail to Election Officer by: November 08, 2017

**Jehangir Jasavala, ZANC 2017 Election Officer, 2009 Canyon Lake Dr., Modesto, CA 95355
(jj.jasavala@gmail.com)**

October Costume and Bingo Party



Come and join us for a fun-filled evening
On Saturday, October 28, 2017
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

(Categories may be adjusted depending on number and ages of participants)

Cost : Adults: \$ 15.00

Children 3y-12y: \$ 8.00

Children under 3y: Free



Please mail Checks (no PayPal) payable to ZANC to

Adil Engineer (adileng@gmail.com)

6124 Oak Forest Way, San Jose CA 95120

Deadline for reservations: October 22, 2017

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



Parsee General Hospital: the 29th Annual Charity Drive

By: Homai Kasad



Dear members of our community,

We invite you to join us in our 29th. annual fund raising event for the Parsi General Hospital (PGH) of Mumbai.

The PGH of Mumbai provides medical services to the Parsi community, including those who lack sufficient funds for their healthcare. With health care costs soaring every year, and with most of our community members in Mumbai without any medical insurance, the PGH is the only place that they can turn to in order to get affordable medical services.

The PGH has a total of 200 beds, out of which 67 beds are totally free, and 29 beds are highly subsidized. The free patients receive 100% free care including surgery, diagnostics, lab work, medicines and supplies, etc. The expenditure over the free and the subsidized care in 2016 was Rs.11,5500,76000.

The hospital is able to sustain such a large volume of expenditure on charity care to the poor, only because of the continuing financial support from kind and concerned members of the community. Almost every one of us out here in the U.S.A. have had, or still have some family member back in Mumbai who has benefited from medical services of the Parsi General Hospital. (it truly is "aapri Parsi General Hospital").

We would be grateful, if you would join in our efforts, and share in the caring for the sick by donating generously for this worthy cause. 100% of any donation would be applied to the hospital's corpus fund, the interest from which is used to provide medicines, and medical supplies without cost to the deserving free patients of the hospital

Several people have asked me if the PGH still requires our help as there has been a large donation to the hospital from the Shroff family of Hong Kong. Well, the Shroff family donation is set up for building a new "state of the art" hospital on the premises of the old building. Once the new unit is built, and is functional, the income generated by it will be partially used to provide medical care for the free patients, but until that happens, our donations are definitely needed to continue serving the free and the highly subsidized patients.

If you are interested in donating, please make your tax deductible donation checks payable to ZANC, and mail to: Dr. Homai Kasad, 6 Somerset Ct, Belmont, CA 94002. Should you have any questions, or would like more info, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With gratitude,

Dr. Homai and Arvand Kasad

Tel.# (650)591-2813, E-mail: homaikas@gmail.com

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ZANC would like to thank and acknowledge the generosity of Zarine & Neville Batliwalla, who for the past 20 + years have annually supplied and distributed the Parsi Pocket Calendars to our entire Zarathushti Community in the Bay area.

This has been a labor of love for them, and all the costs of production, shipping and distributing were borne by them for all these years.

We thank them most sincerely and appreciate their sense of community.





## World Zarathushti Community Awards



As part of the 11th World Zoroastrian Congress to be held in Perth, Australia, in June 2018, the following World Zarathushti Community Awards will be awarded. For purposes of ease, the salient features of the prestigious Awards Program are as follows:

### Award Categories

The Awards shall be given away in six categories as listed below, at a glittering ceremony that will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018, at the Astral Room, Crown Complex, Perth, Australia.

1. Z Iconic Award (Highest Award)
2. Community Service Award
3. Science/Technology/Engineering/Medicine and Applied Sciences Award
4. Social Entrepreneur Award
5. Outstanding Young Zarathushti Award
6. Art/Design/Literature/Culture Award

### Closing Date:

The last date for receiving nominations will be no later than midnight EDT of **October 31, 2017**. No late entries shall be accepted. Please send nominations to [wzcawards@gmail.com](mailto:wzcawards@gmail.com)

If anyone wishes to send any nominations, it would be advantageous to work with FEZANA External Affairs Committee to see that the necessary formalities are appropriately completed. More details on the criteria / key parameters and rules relating to the awards kindly contact External Affairs Committee Chair, Bomi Patel at [bbts9@gmail.com](mailto:bbts9@gmail.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

| EVENT                                 | DATE                     | LOCATION                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Local:</b>                         |                          |                             |
| Ghambhar Jashan                       | Oct 7, 2017 5.00PM       | DM                          |
| Ghambhar                              | Oct 7, 2017 6.00PM       | Berryessa Community Center  |
| Costume & Bingo Party                 | Oct 28, 2017, 5.30PM     | DM                          |
| ZANC Annual Election Meeting          | Dec 17, 2017, 1.30PM     | DM                          |
| Ice Skating Party                     | Jan 28, 2018 5.30-7.30PM | Winter Lodge, Palo Alto CA  |
| Jamshed -i - Navroze Dinner           | Mar 25, 2018, 6.00PM     | Camden Community Center, CA |
| <b>National/International</b>         |                          |                             |
| 2018 World Zoroastrian Congress       | Jun 1 -4 2018            | Perth Australia             |
| 2019 World Zoroastrian Youth Congress | Summer 2019              | Los Angeles CA, USA         |
| 2020 NA Zoroastrian Congress          | TBA                      | Houston TX USA              |

## Community News:

- Births:** A boy YAZDAAN to Jennifer and Homyar Dastoor on Aug 2, 2017 in San Jose, CA. Brother to Nashwan and Kaian. Grandson to Hoshang and Bapsy Vaid of San Jose and Silloo Dastoor of Secunderabad, India.
- A baby boy RIAN JURI to Dinaz Maia Harmon-Vilms & Matthew Harmon on June 30, 2017 in Palo Alto, CA. Grandson to Kamal Pavri Vilms & late Juri Vilms (maternal), Janet McKenney & MF Harmon (paternal).
- A boy MARS MALUNDU to Kersi and Annie Contractor on May 26, 2017. Grandparents (paternal) are Shazad Contractor and Dorothy McKinney.
- A girl AVA on April 14, 2017, to Nandini and Zubin Patel. Granddaughter to Dolly & Parvez Patel and Minati & late Kailash Chandra Roy.
- Deaths:** Rohinton Rustomji Wadia on June 28, 2017 in Mumbai, India. Husband of Pushpa Wadia, Father of Delcina Wadia/Nigro, Brother of Bakhtavar Amaria and Yasmin Iyer.
- Lulu Sohrabji (84 years), on July 12, 2017. Mother of Sunita, Scherazade & Shireen and grandmother to Geethanjali Chandroth. Sister of Roshan Dady Kapadia.
- Pervez Engineer (85 years) on September 17, 2017 in Sacramento. Brother of Dhun and Rusi Engineer and Roshan Guard and Sheila More.
- Graduation:** Tanaz Chhor completed her BS in Nursing with Honors from Samuel Merritt University.
- Behroz Chhor completed her master's degree in Public Health from UC Davis. She will now pursue medicine at West Virginia University.
- Rustum Chhor graduated from Mission San Jose High School in Fremont and is headed to UC Berkeley to study Computer Science.

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Zoroastrian Shop Now Open!

Infrastructure is the life blood of any society, and so it is with our North American community. Thirteen infrastructure needs have been currently identified by FEZANA's Infrastructure Development Committee, one of which is the establishment of a "Zoroastrian Shop" to supply basic items used in the practice of our faith.

The FEZANA Executives have seen this to be an essential ingredient of our life in North America and consented to allow the operation of the Z – Shop on a trial basis. Initially we have stocked the shop with some basic items -- sudrehs, kushtis, caps, prayer books, sukhad, loban, wicks etc. Depending on the success of this trial, the Z-Shop will be expanded to include other items, such as ses, muktad vases, diva, farohars and more.

Ordering information: To order online, please visit <https://fezana.org/product-category/z-shop/> or go to www.fezana.org and click on "Zoroastrian Shop." Payment may be made online by credit card, and orders will be shipped to you, or you may pick up from the FEZANA Office in Chicago and pay on delivery



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.