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ANNUAL REPORT- 2017

Dear Members,

2017 was one more year without facilities at our community center. Though we were able to hold Children's Sunday classes, and couple of small events and prayers (Jashans and Muktaad Prayers) at our San Jose Dare-Mehr Community Center, we had to go out looking for other community halls for our larger events to accommodate most members of our community.

Though we spend a large amount of money to rent these other community halls, we are limited by capacity restraints and strict conditions of these other community halls, thus limiting the benefits to only part of our community.

Even though we had our yearly events in 2017 – Ice skating, Jamshedi Navroze dinner, Picnic, Muktaad prayers, Shenshai Navroze, Ghambar, Halloween Costume party and Bingo night, and our monthly Sunday classes for children, our main focus has moved to having our own community center which can accommodate our community members at all our functions, and we can bring back the classes for adults, etc. and involve the larger community with more events on a regular basis.

To make this dream come to reality, some of our members are working hard in the background on two separate committees. One committee includes a group of five ZANC members meeting regularly with our sister organization, PZO. This way both ZANC and PZO have a good mutual understanding of what is required for our new center. The second group includes around twenty ZANC members slowly expanding as more community members volunteer their services. Thanks to their effort, I am happy to announce that by the end of 2017, they raised more than \$650,000. Our next target is to collect \$1.5 million.

We still have to maintain our current San Jose Dare-Mehr property, and ZANC contributed \$20,455/- towards maintenance and honorarium to caretakers in 2017.

We are proud of our ZANC members and take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you. Our special thanks to Ervad Kobad Jamshed for performing prayers on all 5 days of the Muktaad, and community Jashans as and when called upon. We thank all our Sunday School teachers, Benafsha Irani, Homai Kasad, Delnavaz Dastur and all other volunteers who volunteer their time and energy from time to time. We also thank Darius Kasad for maintaining our Website, and Jehangir Jasavalla, our 2017 Election officer. Thank you all for your continued cooperation and participation.

Bomi Patel
President

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...

FEZANA is happy to announce that applications are now open for the 2018 cycle of the FEZANA Academic Scholarships.

Applications are invited for the following **FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Mehraban and Morvorid Kheradi Endowment Scholarship for Academic Excellence: The FEZANA Scholar
- FEZANA 25th Anniversary Endowment Scholarship for Academic Excellence
- Morvarid Guiv Endowment Scholarships
- Purvez and Aban Rustomji Endowment Scholarship
- Banoobai and Maneckshaw Kapadia Endowment Scholarship for Financial Assistance
- Dr. Minocher Rustom Vesuna and Dowlat Minocher Vesuna WZO Canada Endowed Scholarships
- Sheroo Darabsha Kolsawala Endowed Scholarship
- Jerry and Celeste Kheradi 30th Anniversary Endowed scholarship for Graduate students
- The 30th Anniversary Alumni Scholarship
- Yasmin and Shapur Pavri Endowed Scholarship

All scholarships are open to Zarathushti applicants who have obtained admission for attendance at institutions of higher learning (accredited degree-granting colleges or universities) in USA or Canada.

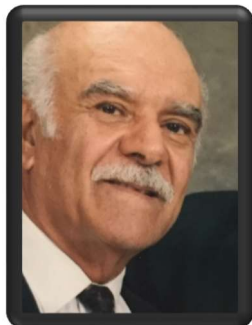
Deadline for application is August 01, 2018. Scholarships for the academic year 2018-2019 will be awarded in September 2018.

More info at <http://fezana.org/scholarships/>

Community News:

- Births:** A girl VAHISHTA to Zeenia Irani and Arzan Raimalwala on Dec 13, 2017 in San Francisco.
- Wedding:** Darius Dodge- son of Khorshed & the late Philip Dodge of Novato, CA to Iris Chan, daughter of Calvin & Teresa Chan on March 24, 2018 in San Rafael, CA.
- Deaths:** Franey Romer on Thursday, April 5th 2018 in San Jose, CA. Sister to Coomi Vish Mishra and aunt to Hormazd Romer.

In Memoriam:



Mobed Kaykhoshrow Khorshidian, passed away on April 3, 2018 at the age of 88 years. He was born in Yazd and moved to California in 1979. As one of the original founders of PZO he was dedicated to supporting the community and performing voluntary religious services throughout his life. He was the lead Mobed when our Dar-e- mehr was inaugurated by lighting the first flame in the Atash Kadeh.

The community remembers him as a kind, compassionate and generous individual who embodied all the tenets of his Zarathushti faith.

Our condolences to his wife Roohangiz and his 4 daughters, sons-in-law, 8 grandchildren and one great grandson who all lovingly referred to him as Baba Joon. "

Dear Members,

The ZANC Board is looking to revisit our ZANC Constitution and By-laws. Volunteers are invited to serve on a committee that would help review and advise changes to the Constitution and By-laws such that they are applicable to current times.

If you are interested in being on this committee, please send your name to board@zanc.org

ZANC Election Process Improvement:



During the last ZANC election, members found the absentee ballot voting process confusing, cumbersome and inconvenient. In an effort to streamline this for future elections, a committee is being set up. This is your opportunity to be a part of the solution. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, or have questions or just want to provide some input, please contact Jehangir Jasavala by May 10th at

ZANC2017EO@gmail.com (recommended method) OR via postal mail to:

Jehangir Jasavala, 2017 ZANC Election Officer, 2009 Canyon Lake Dr., Modesto, CA 95355-1888.

Dec 2017 – Exact Vote Count is available upon request.

The 2017 election vote tally/count is available upon request to all ZANC members. To get the tally, please send a request to the Election Officer by email to ZANC2017EO@GMAIL.COM (recommended method) OR via postal mail to: Jehangir Jasavala, 2017 ZANC Election Officer, 2009 Canyon Lake Dr., Modesto, CA 95355-1888



THE ZOROASTRIAN SPORTS COMMITTEE (ZSC)

16th Zoroastrian Games, July 3-8, 2018

California State University, Dominguez Hills. 1000 E. Victoria St., Carson, CA 90747. [More info at: http://www.zathletics.com/](http://www.zathletics.com/)

PICNIC

Date: July 22 (Sunday), 2018

Time: 11.00 am

Foothills Park, Palo Alto

3300 Page Mill Road

OAK GROVE PICNIC AREA

Price: Adults: \$15

Children (5 – 12y): \$10.00

Children (under 5 y): Free

Non-members: Add \$5.00

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 kathleen_chothia@hotmail.com or 925 577-6989

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Non-members: +5.00 per person.

Name(s): _____

Adults: _____ X \$15 = \$ _____

Children (less than 5y) = _____

#Children: _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

Vegetarians = _____

Non-members: _____ X \$5 = \$ _____

Total Due: = \$ _____

Registration Deadline: July 15th or till capacity is reached. Register online at www.zanc.org or by mailing a check (made to ZANC) to:
Kathleen Chothia 3308 Glencoe Circle, San Ramon, CA 94582.

For more info: Please contact kathleen_chothia@hotmail.com or 925 577-6989



UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Local:		
ZANC Picnic	Jul 22 2018, 11.00AM	Foothills Park, Palo Alto
Muktad Prayers	Aug 12- 16, 2018,	DM
Navroze Dinner	Aug 25, 2018	San Ramon Community Center
Ghambar	Sept 15, 2018	Berryessa Community Center
National/International		
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	Dec 2020	Houston TX USA

SAVE THE DATE!



Aug 25, 2018 Navroze Dinner at San Ramon Community Center. Delicious food, Raffle, DJ, Dancing, Gara & Dagli Parade, entertainment and much more.... Details to follow in next newsletter!



We invite our wonderful and generous community to donate items for the raffle. Items should be new and in good condition. Examples are: Electronic devices, Garas, Sarees, Torans, Timeshares, Tickets to cultural events, Gift cards etc. etc. Please contact Adil Engineer at adileng@gmail.com or 408-750-6446 for more information.



ZANC's Navroze Party March 2018



HAPPY NAVROZE!



Lip-smacking Parsi Bhonu!



Thank you Dinyar Anklesaria (center) for the scrumptious dinner



Erach Tarapore and Darayush Mistry address the crowd.



Darayush Mistry being presented with the ZANC Volunteer of the Year award.





Just Dance!



The future of our Community!



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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.