



Newsletter December 2022

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EDITORS'
NOTE

Dear ZANC Community,

Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year! We're excited to host more in-person events this upcoming year, and look forward to seeing everyone in 2023.

Moving forward, newsletters will be strictly digital. If your email is not listed, please go to the following link, and list your email in ZANC's directory. <https://www.zanc.org/mailling-list/>

If you are an active member in our community and want to reach out regarding any community related news, please reach out to board@zanc.org, so we can ensure that your story is told.

If you are working with a company that has a matching program, please consider ZANC to be the beneficiary for the matching contribution. We need **YOUR** donations to keep us afloat.

Cheers!

ZANC Board



DONATIONS DONATIONS DONATIONS

Despite the many challenges faced in 2022, we are moving into 2023 with excitement and unity. 2022 has been a tough year because of the continuing pandemic and as the year comes to an end, it is time to reflect on some of the challenges faced by ZANC. Our regular in-person events and activities were lessened due to ongoing issues with staffing post-pandemic. It is clear that we all have to learn to live with COVID-19 and ZANC is committed to having more in-person events in 2023.

ZANC pays for Dare-Meher use, contributes towards its major repairs, and has other operating and administrative costs. In past years, ZANC has received donations from attendees at in-person events and these donations have helped ZANC pay some of these expenses. With minimal in-person events in 2022, donations received are much lower and though the Board has done its best to keep expenses to the minimum, certain costs are unavoidable.

As 2022 is coming to a close, please consider donating to ZANC. It is only with your participation and generosity that ZANC can serve our community. We more than ever look to your contributions so that we can continue with our activities and events in 2023 and beyond.

ZANC is a tax-exempt organization as defined by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and your donations qualify for a tax deduction. Here are some ways in which you can support ZANC:

- **Check donations** - Donations by check favoring ZANC can be mailed to Gev Khan, Treasurer, 2984 Jayhawkers Place Unit 5, San Jose, CA 95136.
- **Donate appreciated stocks** - It's simple, and you may gain additional tax benefits. Tell your financial advisor what you'd like to donate. Give them ZANC's E-trade account information:
 - Financial Institution Name: E-trade
 - DTC number: 0385
 - For the benefit of Zarthoshti Anjuman of Northern California (ZANC) / 3780-3524
- **Leave a lasting legacy by including ZANC in your estate plan** - From bequests to insurance, there are a number of tax-beneficial ways in which you can support our community. To learn more, contact Gev Khan, Treasurer at khangev123@gmail.com.
- **PayPal/Credit Card donations** -- <https://wwwzanc.org/donation/>

Thanks in advance for your continued support.

ZANC Board

Bomi Patel - President
Sharon Pithawalla - Vice President
Kerman Deboo - Secretary
Gev Khan - Treasurer
Zareer Bhathena - Member-At-Large
Azita Patel - Member-At-Large

UCOMING
EVENTS

ZANC Annual Ice Skating Event:

Where?

Winter Lodge
3009 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto, CA 94306

When?

Sunday, February 19th, 2023
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Registration? Coming Soon!

See you there!



Navroz- March 2023:

With much anticipation, ZANC and PZO will be joining forces to throw a fabulous celebration. We, ZANC & PZO Board, looking forward to hosting you all.

What?

Dinner, Dancing & Entertainment

When?

March 25th, 2023

Where?

Starlite Banquet
680 Minnesota Ave
San Jose, CA 95125

Registration? Coming Soon!

RECRUITING ENTERTAINMENT: If you have a talent and would like to perform, please contact Azita Patel (patel.azita@gmail.com) in regards to performing.



Introduction of: Monthly Z- Discussion & Potluck Lunch

In efforts to join forces and engage our community, we will begun a monthly Z-Discussion with a community potluck.

The gathering will be held on the **3rd Sunday** of every month at **11 AM** at the **San Jose Dar-e-Mehr**.

(Dates can found in the events calendar)

We want to give YOU what YOU want to hear and learn about: please send your suggestions on discussion topics to board@zanc.org.



COMMUNITY
NEWS

Merger of Sunday School and Z-Class Winter Session to begin: January 8th

The ZANC Sunday School and PZO Z-Class sessions have merged into one large community of Z-Class students.

For the Fall Semester, there were about 90 students enrolled. About 50% of children from ZANC's community and the other 50% of children from PZO's community. Have you ever seen the Dar-e-Mehr so full with so many Z-Youth?!

This merger has been a huge success and the students have benefitted from having a larger more inclusive community.

The first class of the Winter Semester will begin on January 8th, 2023. Students will gather at the Dar-e-Mehr at 10 am to begin with prayer.

If you would like to enroll your students into the Winter Semester, please attend the first class on January 8th and email zclasspzo@gmail.com.

Classes will be held on the following dates:

Month	Day
January	8th & 22nd
February	12th & 26th
March	12th & 26th (Navroz Celebration)
April	9th & 23rd
May	7th



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Future ZANC Events Calendar

Date	Event
January 15, 2023	Z-Discussion & Potluck Lunch
February 19th, 2023	Ice Skating & Pizza
March 25, 2023	Navroz Dinner Function
March 19, 2023	Z-Discussion & Potluck Lunch
April 16, 2023	Z-Discussion & Potluck Lunch
May 14, 2023	Z-Discussion & Potluck Lunch
June TBA, 2023	Z-Discussion & Potluck Lunch
July TBA, 2023	Annual ZANC Picnic
August 11-15, 2023	Muktad Prayers
August 16, 2023	Navrose Jashan
August 19, 2023	Navrose Function
September TBA, 2023	Ghambar
September 18, 2023	Z-Discussion & Potluck Lunch
October 15, 2023	Z-Discussion & Potluck Lunch
October 28, 2023	Halloween Costume Party & Bingo
November 19, 2023	Z-Discussion & Potluck Lunch

Visits to our Dar-E-Mehr

The Dar-e-Mehr is officially open at the following times:

- Tuesdays/Thursday/Friday -- 8:00am - 12:00 noon & 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Saturday & Sunday -- 8:00am - 7:00pm (no break)
- Monday & Wednesday - Closed all day

If you have any symptoms of sickness please **do not** come to Dar-e-Mehr. Please bring your own head covering and candles. Avesta is available to the public.

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COMMUNITY
APPEALS



Gen-Z and Beyond Survey

What is this Survey About?

The once -in-a-generation Survey will collect and analyze data in four crucial areas:

DEMOGRAPHIC, BEHAVIOURAL, ATTITUDINAL & SOCIAL

Have you ever considered...

What language(s) you speak at home?

Your religious beliefs and practices?

Your level of community engagement and interaction?

What you believe to be the community's greatest strengths and challenges?

Answer these and many more pertinent questions about your religious, cultural, and community life

Through questions like these, this insightful Survey aims to inform and inspire Zoroastrian communities to develop future projects that will strengthen our community and religion.

This Survey is totally anonymous and online, and is also available in Gujarati and Farsi.

Eligibility:

The survey is open to people aged 18 and over who have:

- Two (Iranian / Parsi / Irani) Zoroastrian parents, or
- A (Iranian / Parsi / Irani) Zoroastrian father, or
- A (Iranian / Parsi / Irani) Zoroastrian mother, or
- At least one (Iranian / Parsi / Irani) Zoroastrian grandparent, or
- A (Iranian / Parsi / Irani) Zoroastrian spouse

TRACKING OUR PROGRESS – December 5th, 2022



The Deadline is: January 15th, 2023.

Take the Survey Here: www.genzandbeyond.com

COMMUNITY
APPEALS

Parsi General Hospital - NAVSARI Donation Request

A message from Dara K. Deboo, Chairman of the R. F. Daboo P. G. Hospital:

“Since 1913 our hospital caters healthcare needs of Parsi community. We have various departments viz. General Surgery, Medicine, Orthopedic, Radio-Sonology, Pathology, Neurology, Dental, Urology, Psychiatric, Physiotherapy, Intensive Care Unit, etc. We have a Chronic ward too. We are giving free treatment including surgery, medications, and food to poor and middle class Parsi patients of Navsari and the entire South Gujarat.

We Provide free X-Rays, sonography, and pathology services. For CT Scans and MRIs, we send Parsi patients to external resources in our ambulance at NO COST to the patient.

We have spent Rs.2,05,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Five Lakh) for medical relief to poor and middle class Parsis in the year of 2021-2022.

Donations to this hospital are exempted under section 80 G of Income Tax Act of 1961.

We earnestly appeal to Parsi Trusts and donors to continue to give us donations in order to cater to the needy patients of our community.

Cheques/ Demand Drafts in the name of “THE R.F.DABOO PARSİ GENERAL HOSPİTAL, NAVSARI.” may be sent at the below address for which the official receipt will be issued. Banking details are as under: Please note our PAN no. is AAATR2621N.

Banking details for NEFT/RTGS:

Name of the Payee: The R.R.Daboo Parsi General Hospital, Navsari

IFSC Code: CBIN0280503

Bank Name and Branch: CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, Navsari branch

Savings Account No.: 1325439204

Please note our PAN no. is AAATR2621N.

We earnestly appeal to your goodselves to give us donations in order to cater to the needy persons of the community.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Dara K. Deboo

Chairman of PGHospital

Mob. 9825992388

Email: dara.deboo@yahoo.com

FEZANA
APPEALS

Urgent Medical Assistance Request for Ervad Sharukh Mirza

Er. Sharukh Mirza, (who is in his 50s) affiliated with the Wadiqji Atashbehran and Doongerwadi has been suffering from Hepatitis B and related Liver Cirrhosis and Hepatocellular Carcinoma. He needs to undergo a liver transplant surgery urgently.

Sharukh requires a portion of a liver from a healthy living donor to give him a fighting chance at survival. The total cost of the surgery and hospitalization is estimated to be Rs. 3,000,000.00 (approximately US \$36,000.00).

Please consider this appeal and donate online using a credit/debit card at the link below.

Donate ONLINE (<https://fezana.org/donate/>)
Select Welfare Activities > General Welfare Fund.
In the Honor Of section please write "Er. Sharukh Mirza's Appeal"

You can also send a cheque to:
Xerxes Commissariat
FEZANA Treasurer
7 Burke
Irvine, CA 92620

In the memo line of your cheque please write "Er. Sharukh Mirza's Appeal"

Medical Assistance Request for Lung Cancer patient

Our second appeal is for a Parsi gentleman who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He has been undergoing chemotherapy treatment at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital in Pune since October 2020. The approximate cost of each chemotherapy session is Rs. 30,000 and his doctor has also recommended a PET scan every few months at the cost of Rs. 15,000 per scan. The patient is also travelling to Saurashtra for Ayurvedic treatment every 10 weeks.

This has been an especially difficult time for the family as the patient is the only earning member of the family that supports his wife, two young children and his 80-year-old mother. The patient has already undergone 34 cycles of chemotherapy and the medical expenses so far add up to approximately 13-14 lacs. The family is struggling to keep up with the cumulative treatment costs.

Please consider supporting this gentleman by donating online using a credit/debit card at the link below.

Donate ONLINE (<https://fezana.org/donate/>)
Select Welfare Activities > General Welfare Fund.
In the Honor Of section please write "Lung Cancer Patient"

You can also send a cheque to:
Xerxes Commissariat
FEZANA Treasurer
7 Burke
Irvine, CA 92620

In the memo line of your cheque please write "Lung Cancer Patient"

FUTURE EVENTS



Please reach out to chairzgame2020@gmail.com if you would like to become an ambassador for your community or volunteer for the Games. This is a great way to help the community and make everlasting friendships.

[VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO](#)

USEFUL
LINKS

ZANC Group Facebook Page

This group on Facebook is a closed group for ZANC members, and friends of ZANC.
Facebook Group Link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/zancnorcal>

Some parsi Nataks

Bawaji ka time Aayega -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lEXmLwSuXE&ab_channel=prakashstudio

Parsi Natak Madan Ni Mansik Hospital -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCJRHunSPPM&ab_channel=MehbadDastur

Gherno Gahambar: A Parsi Gujarati Play Performed by Members of the Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago

1. Title and Credits <https://youtu.be/p6F1FOFzdpI>
2. Act I, Scene 1 <https://youtu.be/4ljNXS7c7CY>
3. Act I, Scene 2 <https://youtu.be/kzyuucmuglwU>
4. Act II, Scene 1 <https://youtu.be/nFphPlsprPA>
5. Act II, Scene 2 <https://youtu.be/7Gvgxmi43UU>

Pestonjee na parakram -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeMurWu0M6g&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=ZoroastrianAssociationofGreaterNewYork

FEZANA Resources

Fezana Talks - <https://fezana.org/category/talks/>

FIRES - FEZANA Information Research Education System - <http://fires-fezana.org/> A wealth of information at your fingertips and continuously growing.

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Membership / Renewal Form 2023

ADULT 1:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Month and Year of Birth: _____

Profession: _____

ADULT 2:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Month and Year of Birth: _____

Profession: _____

Address: _____ **Apt #:**

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

INFORMATION ON CHILDREN LIVING WITH THE FAMILY OR IN COLLEGE

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Child 1:

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
E-Mail: _____
Phone Number:(____) _____
Month and Year of Birth: _____

Child 2:

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
E-Mail: _____
Phone Number:(____) _____
Month and Year of Birth: _____

Child 3:

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
E-Mail: _____
Phone Number:(____) _____
Month and Year of Birth: _____

Child 4:

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
E-Mail: _____
Phone Number:(____) _____
Month and Year of Birth: _____

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INFORMATION ON PARENTS LIVING WITH THE FAMILY

Parent 1:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number:(____)_____

Month and Year of Birth: _____

Parent 2:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number:(____)_____

Month and Year of Birth: _____

Dues:

Family	\$150
Individual	\$75
Seniors	\$35
Students	\$25
Life Membership	\$3,000

Options to pay membership:

1) PayPal -- <https://www.zanc.org/membership/>. [Go to www.zanc.org and click on the Membership tab.]

2) Check -- Make checks payable to ZANC. Please send a check to Kerman Deboo at 4357 Krause Street, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

Please help us by updating our membership information.

Options to update membership information:

1) Online -- Fill online form available on <https://www.zanc.org/membership/>.

2) Mail Please send this filled form to Kerman Deboo at 4357 Krause Street, Pleasanton, CA 94588.