FEZANA AGM
2013
Zoroastrian Association of Northern Texas
WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

ZARA Mavalvalla
March 12, 2013
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ASSOCIATION
IZA
IRANIAN ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION
Good Thoughts
Good Words          Good Deeds

Iranian Zoroastrian Association
Arbab Rostam Giv Darb-e-Mehr
106 Pomona Road, Suffern, NY 10901
IZA

Iranian Zoroastrian Association (IZA) was founded in 1986 as a non-profit religious organization and aspires to meet the educational, cultural, and religious needs of the growing Iranian-American Communities in the Northeastern United States region. Although IZA is based in the State of New York, our coverage also encompasses interested members and enthusiastic prospects from the States of New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts (Boston), Pennsylvania (Philadelphia), Virginia and Washington D.C.

IZA’s goal and focus has always been creating and maintaining partnership and harmony amongst Zarthushti communities (Iranian and Parsi’s), providing and paving ways for Zarthushti religion to flourish and grow, and preserving Persian culture and heritage for our next generation.

To achieve our goal, IZA conducts religious ceremonies, holds regular monthly classes in regards to teaching of Zoroastrianism, Persian language and culture, and history of Iran. Iran as the birthplace of Zoroastrianism has maintained some of those rituals as its national holidays and IZA celebrates the Iranian as well as Zoroastrian holidays and rituals like:

Nowruz (spring Equinox)
Tirgan (Mid Summer Festival)

Mehregan (Festival of Autumn)

Sadeh (Mid Winter Festival)
North American Zoroastrian Congress
2012
Traditional Zarthushti Recipes from Iran
PZO

PERSIAN

ZOROASTRIAN

ORGANIZATION
Traditional Mazdayasni Zoroastrian Anjuman
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TMZA Report 2013

TMZA continues to conduct Jashans during the Parsi religious festivals and hold brief talks on religious subjects on these occasions. TMZA is also engaged in privately assisting Zarthushtis in need, both here and in India.
ZAA

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION of ALBERTA
The Zoroastrian Association of Alberta

316 - 30 McHugh Court N. E., Calgary, AB CANADA T2E 7X3
The year 2012/13 saw a steady growth in the membership of the Association, more so in the Calgary than the Edmonton Chapters. Also an increasing number of young Zoroastrian families/students from Iran have settled and the birth of babies recently in our community is also very heartwarming.

Besides the ongoing activities of celebrations of *Jamshed & Shahenshahi Navrooze*, along with some *Gahambhars* and *Jashaans*, Annual Picnic, Jashne Sadeh, Valentines dinner & dance, the community participated in an Autumn Carnival to help with fund-raising.

ZAA, along with the Persian Gulf Club invited Dr. Touraj Daryaee to Calgary to make a presentation on. The program was held at the University of Calgary on the weekend of 7th & 8th July, 2012.

Dr. Daryaee held a “History Workshop”, on topics related to Gathic Zoroastrianism & Achaemenid/Sasanian History & Social Justice.

ZAA also thanks the Jamshed Pavri Memorial Fund through which FEZANA/ZSO supported two of our Religious Education Seminars to invite Dr. Touraj Daryaee from California to Calgary.

At many of the ZAA programs, as a FEZANA representative, Firdosh takes the opportunity to update ZAA members of the various FEZANA activities.

Firdosh has presented a talk at Oshihan Conference in Vancouver, in 2012, Titled: *WHY BAD HEALTH HAPPENS TO GOOD PEOPLE.........A GATHIC RESPONSE.*

Later he has presented it at Edmonton, Calgary, Boston and is scheduled for next weekend in Dallas.
Navroze Function
ZAC

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION of CALIFORNIA
Zoroastrian Association of California

1424 East Walnut Ave.
Orange, California
Activities at the Center

ZAC has increased the weekend activities at our Center in Orange, California. There is always something going on like the **Ladies Club**, handled by Dogdo Arjani. Events like the **Sports Day** and the ever popular Hindi Movie nights which are organized by members themselves. The youth do a bi-annual fundraiser, the **Youth Show** and the Center is buzzing with kids practicing in every room. We had **three fundraisers** to help towards the construction of our Prayer room. A very enjoyable “first”, was the **Casino Night**. The other was a **Valentine’s dinner** and the **annual Walk-a-thon** which is an event introduced many years ago when we started to raise money to purchase our very own Center. Unlike many other Associations, who received funds for their Centers from the largesse of the Arbab Guiv Foundation, ZAC-LA had to start from scratch to raise funds to purchase our very own Center.
Religious Activities

On the religious side, Mobed, Zarrir Bhandara, has been holding *Humbandagi* sessions every Sunday, these include monajats and yoga exercises to help mobility and breathing. The Humbandagi session is usually followed by “potluck” lunch like Dhan-sak. Mobed Bhandara has now added a *Mobedyar course* on the third Sunday of each month to train those interested in becoming Mobedyars. Earlier this year we also introduced a *lecture series* every other week on our historic background in Iran and *Shah Name stories*. This seems to have revived the religious interest particularly in our youth. The *pre-navjote* group are taught by Zarrir Bhandara and Shazneen Gandhi once a month.

Social Activities

The committee handles all the major functions like *Pateti, Navroz* and two general body meetings. The *Senior function*, where we entertain our senior members and they join in for a sing-a-long and old time trivia and they in turn entertain us with recollections of their own younger days. We have learnt many things about our senior members from these events. *Halloween* and *Christmas* parties are always a favorite with the youngsters and we make it a point to have a special treat them for those special days. Last year we had candy, a bouncy house and have outdoor games and created a *Harvest Festival at Halloween* and of course SANTA visited our Center with gifts and candy for the kids at *Christmas*. 
Navroze Function
Our Prayer Room Project

We are very proud of our Center and we feel that it lacks a prayer room with a symbolic atash. In our last meeting, the General Body approved the construction of a 1500 square foot room close to our main building to be an official prayer room. We have started fundraising towards this project which has an estimated cost of about $450-500,000.

We are grateful to all our donors but in particular to Arda-E-Viraf Minocherhomjee and his family who stepped up to donate $101,000 and as agreed the Prayer Room will be named “Freny & Minocher D. Minocherhomjee Prayer Hall”.

We are also grateful to the Trustees of the Jalna Agiary (India) for donating their Afarganyu to ZAC and to Firdosh Mehta and his brothers, Adi and Dinyar, WZO and Mr. Dinshaw Tamboly for their help in arranging to procure and transport this very valuable heritage to us in Los Angeles. We are looking forward to receiving this precious shipment soon.

We appeal to FEZANA and all member associations to help us raise the funds to enable us to complete our Center with our Prayer Room. Thank you and may Ahura Mazda bless you all.
ZAC—Chicago

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION of CHICAGO
ZAF

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION of FLORIDA
REPORT FOR FEZANA-AGM
MAY 3-5, 2013
Dallas, TX
By
Furrokh Irani, President
Zoroastrian Association of Florida (ZAF)
To protect and preserve the Zarathushti faith, values of education, philanthropy and culture in our newly adopted homeland, giving relevance to the Zarathushti identity and making future generations proud and confident of their heritage, religion and culture.
# Current Board (Term: 2013-2014)

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ZAF – Committees

- **ZAF Web-Site:** --Simon Gee & Rustom Deboo
- **Newsletter (Zor & More):** --Simon Gee & Khushnam Irani
- **Religious Tele-Class:** --**Ervad** Soli Dastur (Chair), Jo Ann Dastur, Kersi Munshi (Tele-Bridge)
- **Z-Club Children’s Class:** --Professor Aban Kavasmaneck (Lead)
- **WZO-Trust; Gujarat Fund:** --**Ervad** Soli Dastur (Chair), ZAF Board: Support
- **Navar Candidate Recognition:** --**Ervad** Soli Dastur (Chair)
- **Event Catering:** --Khushnam Irani, Nash Patel
- **Muktaad:** --**Ervad** Soli Dastur, Jo Ann Dastur, Hovi Shroff, Burjis Shroff, Nancy Daruwala
- **Operation-Eye-Sight:** --Behli Hansotia (Chair)
- **ZSF: Shoe Drive:** --Khushnuma Driver (Project-lead & NGN Youth Rep.)
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Community Service Projects & Functions

- **Ghambaar & ZAF-AGM:** Fully sponsored Ghambaar 5th consecutive year (all Florida)
- **Muktaad:** Record attendance
- **Nowruz Function:**
- **Newsletter – ZOR & MORE:** Enhanced format & content
- **ZAF Web-Site:** Now activated ([www.Zafonline.org](http://www.Zafonline.org))
- **ZAF Facebook Page:** New initiative!
Community Service Projects & Functions (Contd..)

Ghambaar

Muktaad
### Charitable Endeavors

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<th><strong>Gujarat Food Fund:</strong></th>
<th>Via WZO-Trust, India. (2012: $3,500 sent, 2013: $2,700 so far)</th>
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<td><strong>Navar Candidate Recognition:</strong></td>
<td>In 2012/early 2013, ZAF through NAMC gave cash awards of $500 to four Navar candidates.</td>
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<td><strong>Graduate Recognition:</strong></td>
<td>Continuing to encourage education by recognizing ZAF graduates with a $100 award.</td>
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<td><strong>Critical Assistance:</strong></td>
<td>In 2013: $250 to <em>Cherag Desai</em> appeal, and $750 to the <em>Cyrus Kharas</em> appeal.</td>
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<td><strong>Interfaith Charities:</strong></td>
<td>An application has been made with Allstate Insurance for a $1,000 grant to be used for local charities in the South FL.</td>
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Charitable Endeavors

Ervad Yazad Sidhwa (USA)       Ervad Jehaan Darbari (India)

(Two of the 4 recipients of the ZAF Navar/Martab/Mobedyar Recognition Award)
ZAGBA

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION of GREATER BOSTON
ZAGNY

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION of GREATER NEW YORK
ZAH

ZOROASTRIAN
ASSOCIATION of
HOUSTON
ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2012 – 2013
Accomplishments/Activities
In May 2012, Shahnaz Sidhwa’s book for the tiny tots “Farmer Brent”, was launched at the Center. Proceeds from the sale go to alleviate the sufferings of needy Zoroastrian families in India.

Natak “Minocher na Karastan” scripted, directed and starred in by Kamalrukh Gandhi, kept a full house audience of over 200 in stiches of laughter. It was a very successful fund raiser for the Association.

During the year two gahambars were held, thanks to the sponsorship of generous donors.

In October 2012, ZAH celebrated the silver anniversary of FEZANA over two days.

ZAH is proud to announce that of the ten scholarships awarded to Zoroastrian students from all over America, our girls, Firoozeh Roointon and Nikita Engineer bagged two of them.
• ZAH continues to come to the assistance of not only the larger Houston community directly or through the Interfaith Ministries, but also when needed to victims of national calamities, such as, the devastating storm “Sandy.”

• At the Naoruz function on March 2, 2013, from among the 22 Ervads in our community, four to start with were honored with the traditional presentation of shawls at a very moving ceremony.

• FIRES which is headquartered at ZAH has within a short period of time achieved recognition among the Zoroastrian associations of North America. On invitation by the Dallas association, Aban Rustomji who heads the Library Committee assisted in cataloguing their collection of books. ZAH is also playing host to Jenny Rose who is the lecturer on the Cyrus Cylinder which will be on display at the Museum of Fine Arts of Houston commencing the first week of May.

• Finally, a tribute to our Entertainment Committee for venturing into the unfamiliar by holding a gara-dugli fundraiser *lagan nu bhonu* twelve course dinner catered by our very own young chefs and served on banana leaves by our very young and not that young members.
ZAKA
ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION of KANSAS
ZAKOI

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION of KENTUCKY, OHIO & INDIANA
ZAKOI

A Report from the Zoroastrian Association of KY, OH, & IN (ZAKOI)
As of April 21, 2013
The Zoroastrian Association of KY, OH, & IN has been in operation for fifteen years! While our membership ranges between 50 to 75 members, our tri-state community continues to have a Parsi/Iranian Zoroastrian community of about 125 - 150 people.

We are slowly but steadily progressing in our fundraising efforts to collect funds to buy an existing building which can serve as our community’s Worship Center. Any help that we can get in this matter from any other Zoroastrian Association or individuals will be greatly appreciated.
On April 13/14 weekend our community also participated in the Cincinnati Museum Center’s Asian Fest showcasing

• the Parsi/Iranian Culture, Traditional Clothes, and Iranian Dance
• creating awareness and giving information about the Cyrus Cylinder through a Poster and pictures exhibit along with a replica of the Cylinder presented to us last year by the FEZANA NGO Committee
• creating awareness and giving information about our religion – Zoroastrianism, by having a display table of items of religious and cultural relevance in our daily lives, and giving away Brochures on Zoroastrianism and books such as the Legacy of Asho Zarathushtra, and the Zoroastrian Connection to Judaism and Christianity
ZAMWI

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION of METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON INC.
ZANC

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
Zarthoshti Anjuman of Northern California
Annual Report

Presented by
Nazneen Spliedt - President
ZANC Events and Activities for 2012

- 2012 Activities
  
  - Various Activities and Events were held for the Community
  - Coming together on special occasions, Navroze and Muktad prayers
  - Represented ZANC at the FEZANA AGM and NAZC in New York
Navroze 2012
Chandni Restaurant, Newark, CA
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ZANC Picnic 2012
Foothills Park, Palo Alto, CA
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ZANC Fun Day and Sleepover
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Costume Party and Bingo Night
Ice Skating at Winter Lodge
• Sunday School
  • Every third Sunday
  • Children classes and Adult discussions following potluck

• FEZANA AGM – New York, Aug 2012
  • ZANC President and Secretary were in attendance

• 16th North American Zoroastrian Congress
  • 6 ZANC Members attended the Congress
  • Well organized and a lot of fun
  • Zarathustis from North America as well as other parts of the world were present

• ZANC Memberships
  • 576 adult paid up members.
  • Our data base has 422 units (families & individuals) whose addresses and names we have on record
  • 51 are life members
  • 255 are paid members
• Thank You!
ZANT

ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN TEXAS
Zoroastrian Association of North Texas
ZANT Board 2012-2014

L-R: Naazneen Johnson, Ardeshir Mistry, Dilnawaz Rustomji, Jamshed Rivetna, Neenaaz DiLucci

Since January 2013 we also have a new Vice-President, Farshad Bidanjiri
ZANT Demographics

- ZANT established in 1989
- ZANT Center inaugurated in 2011
- ZANT membership varies from 170 to 240 each year
- ZANT children 210
- Known Zoroastrian families in North Texas and surrounding areas, 210 families and 500 family individuals
- ZANT Center Usage on annual basis
  - 46 days used
  - 9 children religious classes
  - 9 adult religious classes
  - Several other ZANT & Community functions
  - 6 days rentals
ZANT Activities

- Monthly Children’s Religious Classes
- Adult Religious Discussion Sessions (Vohu Manoh Group)
- ZANT Teen Group Activities
- Inter-Faith Activities
- FEZANA AGM 2013

- Yearly Events
  - Jashne-Sadeh
  - Norooz
  - Tirgan
  - Muktad Prayers
  - Shahenshahi New Year
  - Mehergan
  - Gahambars
  - Sports Day
  - Children’s Holiday Party with Zanta
  - Yalda Celebration

- Activities Last Year
  - Mother’s/Father’s Day Lunch
  - Teen Camp
  - Splash Day

- Fund Raisers
  - Anand Bazaar
  - Divali Fund Raiser
  - ZANT Yard Sale
## ZANT Current Initiative

### Furnishing of ZANT Center Library

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### ZANT Current Initiative

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Library operating expense = $3,000 (1/8 cost of annual center expense = $24,000/8)
Monthly Children’s Arts & Crafts Class
Anand Bazaar
Mehergan
Mukhtad Jashan

August 2013
Parsi Navroze Event
Diwali Mela

ICE-COLD PARSI FALOODA

$5.00
Yalda prayers

Gahambar
Panjeh prayers
ZANT Ladies Club
ZANT Teen Group

Green Thumbs of ZANT
Nouroz 2013

Haft seen table

Amu Nauroz giving gifts

Children’s dance

Dancing the night away!
Extract from Annual General Body Meeting
March 23\textsuperscript{rd} 2013
Novi Hall
Executive Committee (EC):

- Neville Bugli - President
- Nadirsh Patel - Vice President
- Firoz Ghandhi - Joint Secretary
- Navzer Kapadia - Joint Secretary
- Bepsi Sanjana - Treasurer
- Shernaz Minwalla - Committee Member
- Farhan Mehta - Committee Member

Sub Committees

- Farhan Mehta - Fundraising Chair
- Shernaz Minwalla - ZAOM Youth Connection Liaison and Adult Education Chair
- Firoz Ghandhi - Social Subcommittee Chair
- Nadirsh Patel - FEZANA Representative
- Charity Subcommittee – Rusi Tavadia, Farhang Irani & Gul Sachwani
ZAOM Membership Census

**ZAOM Members 2012 (110)**
- Adults (56)
- Children (34)
- Seniors (18)
- Students (2)

**ZAOM Members 2013 (121)**
- Adults (63)
- Senior Citizens (16)
- Students (4)
- Children (38)
ZAOM Long / Short Term Goals

- Better amenities during our functions
- Seniors Club
- Sponsor teens for Congresses
- Field Trips i.e. Darbe-Meher
- Charity
- Recognition of High School Graduates
- Lease/Own a Facility
Youth Committee – Mission Statement

- Our mission is to equip students with intellectual curiosity, leadership, and confidence so they may become knowledgeable, compassionate, active citizens of the Zarathushti community.
Youth Committee - Topics Covered

- The Shahnameh Stories and Persian History
- The Story of Creation
- The Amesha Spentas
- The symbolism of Fire and Fire Temples
- The Kushti Prayers
- Parsi Arrival in India
- The Zoroastrian Calendar
- Death rituals
- The Navar training
- Fravashi Soul and Body
- The Idea of Evil in Zoroastrianism
- Introduction to the Gathas
- Daily Dips into the Avesta
Youth Committee - Activities

- Creating Haft Seen table mats
- Interviewing a family member and presenting to the class
- Writing, editing and publishing articles for Parsi Press
- Creating an educational video
- Translating Little Red Riding Hood into Gujarati
- Writing, casting, and producing Lal Sari Vali
- Creating a “memory” game for younger classes
- Creating a trivia game for younger classes
Youth Committee - Possible Activities for 2013

• Tiger Game Group Event
• More community service
  – Urban farming
  – Breast cancer walk
  – Focus Hope events
  – Summer in the City Program

• Interfaith Activities
  – 2012 World Sabbath
ZAOM Cultural Events for 2013

- Navroz – Saturday, March 23, 2013
- Khordad Sal – Sunday, August 18, 2013
- Gahambar – Sunday, November 2013 – Exact Date TBD
ZAPA
ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION of PENNSYLVANIA
FEZANA AGM 2013
(Annual Association Report - ZAPA)

Website: www.za-pa.org
Emails: president@za-pa.org
        secretary@za-pa.org
This past year was special in that we had two major milestones – ZAPA’s 30th anniversary and FEZANA’s 25th both of which were celebrated within our community in Pittsburgh with much fanfare.

Our Pittsburgh community, under new leadership and board, has brought about some significant changes, some of which are:

- New membership categories.
- Revised bylaws for efficiencies.
- Adoption of conference calls for board meetings.
- Variety entertainment (*karaoke, dessert competitions, etc*).
- Regular Jashans and religious presentations.
- ZAPA along with ZAKOI hosts reciprocal religious camps.
- FEZANA’s latest “Small Groups” Chair is ZAPA’s President.
Annual Association Report – ZAPA
- Events -

• **March 17, 2012** - *This year’s Jamshed Navroz function cum ZAPA Annual General Body Meeting*

• **April 21-22, 2012** – Mini religious camp for Zoroastrian children (*With children from Pittsburgh PA, Columbus OH and Cincinnati OH*)

• **April 21-22, 2012** – Presentation on “The significance of the Kusti” by Bakhtavar Desai

• **August 18, 2012** – ZAPA’s Annual Khordadsal function

• **October 13, 2012** – ZAPA’s Annual Unity Day function (potluck)

• **March 23rd 2013** – We held our grand Navroz Function combined with
  – ZAPA AGM
  – Elections for 2013-2015 ZAPA board and
  – Annual membership drive.

• **April 28th 2013** – Rashna Ghaziali represented Zoroastrians in our local annual “Interfaith” gathering.
Annual Association Report – ZAPA
- Announcements -

• **Births**
  – **November 14th 2012**: We are thrilled to announce the birth of our newest ZAPA member – a 7 lbs 3 oz, baby boy "Yohan" was born to Khushnuma and Kaizad Kadwa.

• **Obituaries**
  – **October 2nd, 2012**: Mrs. Cooverbai Framroze Bhathena, mother of our ZAPA member Dinaz Keki Irani. She was 102 years old.

  – **November 28th 2012**: Mr. Faredoon Byramjee Daruwala, father of ZAPA Board member Zarin Balaporia. He was 90 years old.

• **Farewell**
  – This January we bid farewell to ZAPA members Avi and Nowshir Bilimoria who returned to Mumbai, India.

*Thank You*
PRESIDENT  HAVOVI JOKHI
VICE PRESIDENT  CYRUS MEHTA
TREASURER  SHIRIN JAHANIAN
SECRETARY  TANAZ DARUWALLA
JT. SECRETARY  MARAZBAN SARKARI
ZAPANJ would like to take this opportunity to commend FEZANA on all its activities and services rendered towards the North American Communities as well as the Zoroastrian Communities across the globe.

We would also like to wish our sister member associations the very best in all their endeavors.
Saturday, April 21, 2012

ZAPANJ participated in the Red Cross Walk & Run to Save Lives in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. The event was attended by about 20 members and was coordinated by our young member Darayus Kermani and the Kermani family. We hope this will become a yearly event for ZAPANJ and will be coordinated by our youth in the future years.
June 24, 2012

The ZAPANJ Annual Picnic was held at Marsh Creek. It seems that our community has adopted this site as the ZAPANJ official annual picnic site. We had a wonderful crowd of about 45 members who gathered for a day full of games, boating and of course food!
August 11, 2012

The ZAPANJ Navroz Function was held at the Palace of Asia in Cherry Hill, where members had an enjoyable evening of games, dance and delicious food.
September 30, 2012
The ZAPANJ Annual Ghambar was held at Palace of Asia, Cherry Hill, N.J.
Our special guest speaker: Dan Sheffield visiting Lecturer, Department of Near Eastern Studies Princeton University.
The topic: The Path of the Prophet: Traditional Stories of the Life of Zarathustra as a Source of Inspiration & Devotional Practice.
In December – children and adults at the religion class went to view Christmas lights – a truly amazing spectacle at Deer Run road in Cherry Hill. Nine carloads of us walked the street oohing and aahing at the lights.

Our thanks to Anoo & Diniar Sukhia who arranged this after the religion class.
On March 10, 2013

Zapanj members attended the ‘Rotary Shares a musical afternoon” sponsored by the Rotary club of Cherry Hill, whose president presently is Diniar Sukhia. This has become a yearly yatra for our members who enjoy classical and broadway music, performed by world class artists, and for those who love desserts.
COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVES

To foster a sense of community service Zapanj encourages our adults and children to participate in various initiatives.
Saturday **October 27 2012**

Enthusiastic Zapanj members gathered to clean up the Penny Packer Park in Cherry Hill, NJ— for which Zapanj received $500!

Special thanks to

- Dinyar Ranji, (for following up, corresponding many times and dealing with the township and Camden County Division of Environment Affairs) without whom this would not have been possible,
- Banoo Karanjia and Anoo Sukhia for organizing the event,
- Daulat Mewawala for collecting and returning the tools,
- Cyrus and Samir Mahrwaha, and Jordon and Logan Ranji for the write-ups submitted to the township,
- All the volunteers who came for the clean up.

The clean-up was followed by a picnic with food ranging from bhel to kavabs !!!
Each winter, for over 20 years our members Rupina and P. K. Prabhatkar of Marlton, have been collecting and distributing blankets, winter coats and sandwiches to the homeless, who live around the Ben Franklin Bridge. For them this is truly a labor of love and we hope this will be supported by our Zapanj community in the future years.
Rohan Masani, our young member held a collection drive for children's everyday essentials, by participating in the Cradles To Crayons program. The mission of this program is to provide children up to the age of 12, living in homeless or low income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive- at home, at school and at play. At the Feb 2013 religion class Rohan collected 38 large bags full of essential items for the program.
Over a period of three months this winter, our community members, especially those who attend our religion classes, collected nonperishable food items for the South Jersey Food Bank.
THANK YOU
ZAQ

Zoroastrian Association of Quebec
FEZANA AGM  May 3rd, 2013
Grapevine, Texas, USA

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On behalf of Zoroastrian Association of Quebec (ZAQ), I would like to thank FEZANA on their great commitment and services to North American Zoroastrian during last year.
ZAQ Functions since last Fezana AGM

- Papeti Norouz on 25 August,
- Ayatherem Gahamber, Mehregan, 45th anniversary of ZAQ and food Drive on 13 October,
- Sadeh Jashan in February 2\textsuperscript{nd} and
- Norouz Jashan on March 23rd
ZAQ Functions since last Fezana AGM

- Thank Ervad Jal Panthaki and Ervad Gev Karkaria for performing the prayers for these functions.
ZAQ summer picnic (Tirgan)
Tirgan (great participation)
45th anniversary of ZAQ

ZAQ presidents since 45 years ago still residing in Montreal with our special guest; Fezana president; Katayun Kapadia
45th anniversary of ZAQ

Great participation of ZAQ community members to Gahamabar ceremony
Food Drive

- Thanks to the efforts of Zareen Austin and other ZAQ members, we had a very successful Food Drive on October 13th in the occasion of Ayatherem Gahamber
  - All donation has been sent to Moisson Montreal
Food Drive

In the spirit of the Gahambar celebration, non-perishable food items will be collected and donated to MOISSON MONTREAL, Canada’s largest food bank.

The winter season is upon us, and many families in the Montreal area are in need of food...

Please bring as many items as you can. We will be collecting them at the door on October 13th.

If you are unable to bring food, please consider contributing $$$ Any amount will be greatly appreciated by the families in need.

Thank you. Merci.
Sadeh Function

- Thanks to great efforts of Dolly Dastoor and other ZAQ community members, we had such a successful Gahambar and Sadeh functions that ZAQ board has decided to keep these 2 functions as free of charge ceremonies and for running them we count on voluntary base ZAQ participation.
Sport Committee

- Thanks to great efforts of Farhad Fereydounzad sport committee had regular activities during last year.

- Among them, we can mention 2 regular Basketball practice per month with a great participation of youths of our community.
Sport Committee
ZAQ Website

- www.zaq.org

- Thanks to great efforts of Shahrokh khanizadeh, ZAQ website is active

- The site helped Zoroastrians from Iran or new comers to Montreal to contact us more easily and we have better visibility among Quebec community
Our projects for next years

• Zoroastrian Summer Camp
  ◦ Probable common projects with the youth of Toronto for a weekend summer camp in Montreal

• Continue to look for an option of a permanent local for ZAQ
Fezana AGM, May 2013

- ZAQ wishes all the FEZANA member associations
  - A fruitful meeting and
  - well for the coming year.
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Topics

- Z-Games
- Socio Cultural Activities
- Religious Activities
- Highlights of other activities
The 13th Z-Games were hosted by ZSO

120 volunteers stepped up to make this a huge success

A huge positive buzz and feedback amongst the youth in Toronto and across North America

Gala Banquet
Joint Shenshai Navroze function between ZSO and OZCF was a huge success with commitment of both organizations working jointly.

- Seniors Gourmet Food Fair
- Music Night and other entertainment events
- Khushali nu Jashan
- Children’s Events
Religious Events

- Mukhtad prayers
- Jashans and Ghambars (Shenshai and Fasli)
- Jamshedi Navroze celebrations
- Khordad Sal prayers
- Iranian Kanoun Religious activities
- Religion class for children (Regular and Avesta classes)
Renewal/repair of roofing

Repairs and renovations of various existing elements to improve functionality (bathrooms, painting, AV system, landscaping, etc.)

Current major upgrade and renovation plan for existing structure.
Highlights of other activities

- Avesta and Pahlavi language course at University of Toronto
- World Inter-Faith event
- Variety of Inter-faith and lecture events
- First Zoroastrian Scouts Group
- New ZSO Directory
- Funeral Procedures booklet
THANK YOU!
ZSWS

ZOROASTRIAN

SOCIETY of

WASHINGTON STATE
Zoroastrian Society of Washington State
Seattle, WA
Get to know our Seattle Z-Community

- Growing community (young demographic)
- Calendar of joint events
- Fun pictures of our community coming together
Facts about our Z-Population

- **SIZE:** 3X population increase in Greater Seattle Area in the past decade. (Current Population: 90+ families)
  - Lots of recent marriages and young children
  - Migrated here from other states/countries.

- **AGE:** Relatively young population. Median age in late 30s. Lots of kids.

- **JOBS:** Most are employed in technical, medical, research and finance; lots of entrepreneurs.

- **LOCATION:** Most families live in relatively close proximity to major towns and one another.
  - Kirkland, Redmond, Bellevue, Seattle
Our Youth

- Fast growing community of young kids
  - 12-18 years: 5
  - 6-12 years: 15
  - 0-6 years: 24 (WOW)

- Z-School and Avesta Prayers
  - Established Syllabus
  - Monthly gatherings [Spring-Fall]
  - Learn about our religion and chance to meet up with other Zoroastrians
## ZSWS Timeline

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<td>• Membership increase by 30% with united programs (Iranian + Parsi) in 2013</td>
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<td>• A rapidly growing community with young adults in majority</td>
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# Yearly Calendar of Events

- Nowruz Function
- Mehregan & Tirgan Celebrations
- Gahanbar (6)
- Z-School (monthly)
- Summer Picnics, Camping & Hikes
- Internet Workshops
- Game Nights

![Calendar Image](http://zsws.org/calendar)
What Makes Seattle Ideal for AGM 2014?

Beautiful City; Great Seafood!

Headquarters of World Class Firms

Blossoming Z-Community
ZSWS invites you to

FEZANA AGM 2014
Seattle, WA
FEZANA AGM
2013
Zoroastrian Association of Northern Texas
Dear Katayun and AGM,

Wishing you a successful and productive AGM. We have seen so very many Zoroastrian sites with Jenny's wonderful advocacy of Zoroastrianism. Below is an Avesta monument and stadium.

Best,
~Aban