

FEZANA AGM 2013

Zoroastrian Association of
Northern Texas

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY



ZARA Mavalvalla
March 12, 2013
6 Lbs. 2 Oz.

AZA

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ZARTOSHTI
ASSOCIATION

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CALIFORNIA
ZOROASTRIAN
CENTER

IZA

IRANIAN
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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)



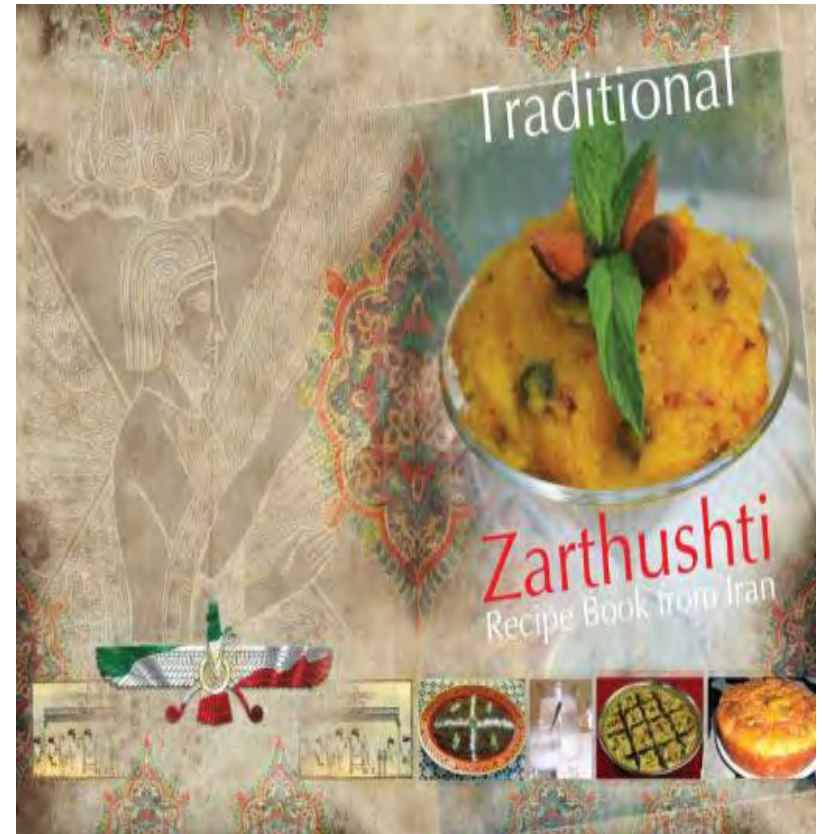
**Sadeh
(Mid
Winter
Festival)**



North American Zoroastrian Congress 2012



Traditional Zarthushti Recipes from Iran



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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

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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 *Jamshedi* & *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 Daryaei 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. Daryaei 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 Daryaei 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

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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.

**Ladies Club
Yoga**



**Harvest
Festival
And**



Halloween



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



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

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CHICAGO

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FLORIDA



REPORT FOR FEZANA-AGM

MAY 3-5, 2013

Dallas, TX

By

**Furrokh Irani, President
Zoroastrian Association of Florida (ZAF)**



ZAF Vision



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.

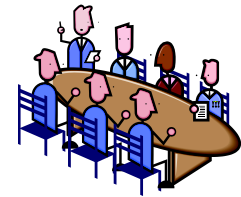


Current Board (Term: 2013-2014)

- **President:** Furrokh Irani
- **V.P.:** Rustom Deboo
- **Secretary:** Gerard Marino
- **Treasurer:** Jaspar Pardiwala
- **Member-At-Large:**
 - Khushnuma Driver
 - Dr. Roy Dubash
 - Simon Gee
 - *Ervad* Dr. Zubin Panthaki
 - Nash Patel



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.)



Membership

- **Total Households:** 85 (Headcount ~ 200)
- **Paid Member Households:** 60 (70% membership rate)
- **Increase in total households:** No increase since 2012
- **Increase in member households:** Increase of 4 families in first 3 months due to active recruiting.

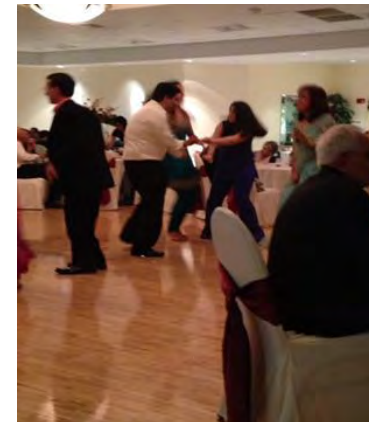


Community Service Projects & Functions

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



Nowruz Celebration





Community Service Projects & Functions (Contd..)

Ghambaar



Muktaad





Charitable Endeavors



❖ Gujarat Food Fund:

Via WZO-Trust, India. (2012: \$3,500 sent, 2013: \$2,700 so far)

❖ Navar Candidate Recognition:

In 2012/early 2013, ZAF through NAMC gave cash awards of \$500 to four Navar candidates.

❖ Graduate Recognition:

Continuing to encourage education by recognizing ZAF graduates with a \$100 award.

❖ Critical Assistance:

In 2013: \$250 to *Cherag Desai* appeal, and \$750 to the *Cyrus Kharas* appeal.

❖ Interfaith Charities:

An application has been made with Allstate Insurance for a \$1,000 grant to be used for local charities in the South FL.



Charitable Endeavors



Ervad Yazad Sidhwa (USA)



Ervad Jehaan Darbari (India)

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

ZAGBA

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GREATER BOSTON

ZAGNY

ZOROASTRIAN
ASSOCIATION of
GREATER NEW YORK

















Hymn Composed By:
Parizad Irani

Sung By:
Tara Jamshidian

Piano Accompaniment By:
Noor D...



ATHUSHTI EXISTENCE IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

YOUTH AMERICAN CONGRESS 2012

October 2 - 5, 2012 | Westchester Convention Center | New York





ZARATHUSHTI EXISTENCE
SIXTEENTH
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ZARATHUSHTI CONGRESS
AUGUST 2 - 5, 2012 HILTON WESTCHESTER



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1987-2012
25 YEARS







ZAH

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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 stitches 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

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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

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METROPOLITAN
WASHINGTON INC.

ZANC

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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 Muktaad prayers
- Represented ZANC at the FEZANA AGM and NAZC in New York



Navroze 2012
Chandni Restaurant, Newark, CA



Navroze 2012
Chandni Restaurant, Newark, CA



ZANC Picnic 2012
Foothills Park, Palo Alto, CA



ZANC Picnic 2012
Foothills Park, Palo Alto, CA



ZANC Fun Day and Sleepover

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ZANC Fun Day and Sleepover

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Ghambhar 2012

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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

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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
 - ◆ Muktaḁ Prayers
 - ◆ Shahenshahi New Year
 - ◆ Mehrgan
 - ◆ Gahambars
- ◆ **Activities Last Year**
 - ◆ Mother's/Father's Day Lunch
 - ◆ Teen Camp
 - ◆ Splash Day
 - ◆ Sports Day
 - ◆ Children's Holiday Party with Zanta
 - ◆ Yalda Celebration
- ◆ **Fund Raisers**
 - ◆ Anand Bazaar
 - ◆ Divali Fund Raiser
 - ◆ ZANT Yard Sale



ZANT Current Initiative



Furnishing of ZANT Center Library

Requirements (Items)	Cost (\$)
Bookshelves with and without glass panes, storage cabinets & computer desk	15,000
Conference table and chairs that can seat 8 – 12 persons	4,000
Couches for relaxed reading (already present)	0
Projector and fixed screen	2,000
Flat screen wall mounted television set	2,000
Computer and Monitor	2,000
Total	25,000

Rental Revenue	Price per Meeting	Meetings per Week					
	(\$/2hrs)	No of Weeks	1	2	3	4	5
Breakfast	100	48	\$4,800	\$9,600	\$14,400	\$19,200	\$24,000
Luncheon	100	48	\$4,800	\$9,600	\$14,400	\$19,200	\$24,000
Total Rev	200	48	\$9,600	\$19,200	\$28,800	\$38,400	\$48,000
Expenses			\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Profit			\$6,600	\$16,200	\$25,800	\$35,400	\$45,000
Library operating expense = \$3,000 (1/8 cost of annual center expense = \$24,000/8)							

A group of seven children and three adults are gathered around a table in a classroom, engaged in a hands-on activity. The children, of various ethnicities, are wearing casual clothing; some are in white t-shirts with school logos. They are using tools like spatulas and mixers to work with a yellow substance in large metal bowls. The adults are smiling and supervising the activity. The background shows a typical classroom setting with windows and a fire extinguisher.

Monthly Children's Arts & Crafts Class

Anand Bazaar



Mehergan





Mukhtad Jashan

**August
2013**



Parsi Navroze Event



Diwali Mela



Garage Sale



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!

ZAOM

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MICHIGAN



Extract from Annual General Body Meeting
March 23rd 2013
Novi Hall



ZAOM EC – 2013

Executive Committee (EC):

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

2012 World Sabbath

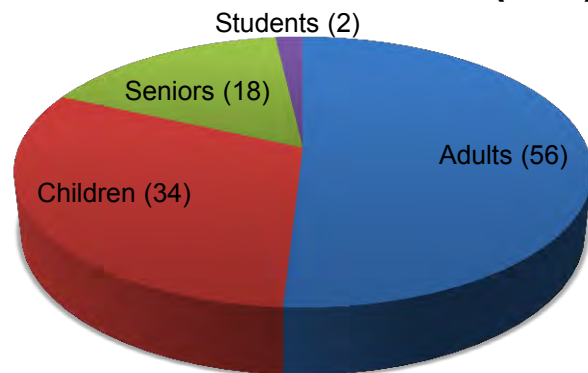
Sub Committees

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



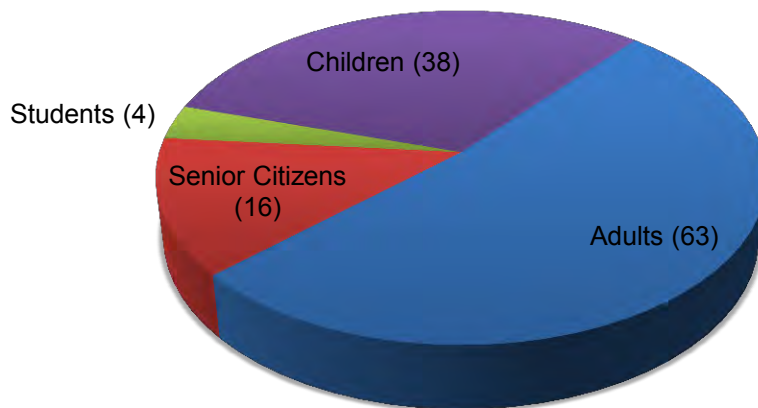
ZAOM Membership Census

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)

AGM - March 23, 2013
Novi Hall



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
- Ceremonies: Navjote, Marriage, Jashan, Achoo-Michoo, Pateti, Khordad Sal, Sagan, Navroz, Ghambar
- 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

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FEZANA AGM 2013

(Annual Association Report - ZAPA)



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Annual Association Report – ZAPA

- Messages -

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 Jamshedi 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.

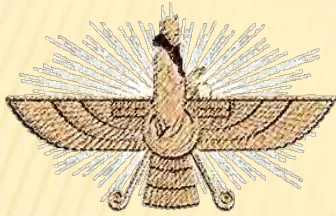
- **Farewell**

- This January we bid farewell to ZAPA members Avi and Nowshir Bilimoria who returned to Mumbai, India.

Thank You

ZAPANJ

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NEW JERSEY



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JT. SECRETARY

HAVOVI JOKHI
CYRUS MEHTA
SHIRIN

TANAZ DARUWALLA
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.

RED CROSS WALK AND RUN

✕ 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.



ANNUAL PICNIC

- ✖ 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!



NAVROZ 2012

- ✖ 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.



ANNUAL GHAMBAR

- ✖ 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.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

- ✘ 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



ROTARY SHARES A MUSICAL AFTERNOON

- ✖ 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.

PARK CLEAN-UP

- ✖ 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 !!!



WINTER CHARITY

- ✖ Each winter, for over 20 years our members Rupina and P. K. Prabhakar 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

CRADLES TO CRAYONS

- ✖ 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.

SOUTH JERSEY FOOD BANK

- ✕ 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

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FEZANA AGM May 3rd, 2013 Grapevine, Texas, USA

BOARD

President *Faranak Firoozi* ; Vice President *Farzad Behboodi*

Secretary *Firooza Aubry*; Treasurer *Rohinton Marolia*

Members *Zareen Austin; Shelley Saklatvala*

Jal Panthaki, Kelly Gheyara, Sharokh Khanizadeh

Dolly Dastoor

ZAQ 2012-2013

- 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 2nd and
- Norouz Jashan on March 23rd

ZAQ Functions since last Fezana AGM

- Thank Eervad Jal Panthaki and Eervad 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



The poster features a blue border and a light blue background with faint floral patterns. At the top left, there is an image of several food cans. At the top right is the logo for MOISSON MONTRÉAL, which consists of a stylized 'M' inside a circle of dots, with the text 'MOISSON MONTRÉAL' and 'Canada's largest food bank' below it. The main title 'FOOD DRIVE' is in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below it, the text 'Zoroastrian Association of Quebec' is written in a cursive font. On the left side, there is a vertical list of preferred food items. The main text area contains three paragraphs of information about the food drive, including the date and a thank you message.

FOOD DRIVE
Zoroastrian Association of Quebec

PREFERRED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- PEANUT BUTTER
- COOKIES
- BOUILLON
- CEREALS (FOR BABY, TOO!)
- GRANOLA BARS
- JAM
- CANNED FRUIT
- JUICE
- OIL
- KRAFT DINNER
- POWDERED MILK
- SOUPS
- RICE
- FLOUR
- PASTA
- PASTA SAUCE
- BEANS
- CANNED TOMATOES
- CANNED MEAT

In the spirit of the Gahambar celebration, non-perishable food items will be collected and donated to MOISSON MONTRÉAL, 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 Junior Basketball Team



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.

ZSBC

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ZSO

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ZOROASTRIAN SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

6/3/2013



Topics

- Z-Games
- Socio Cultural Activities
- Religious Activities
- Highlights of other activities



Z-Games

- 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



Socio-Cultural Events

- 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)



Infrastructure Improvement

- 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 Pahlvi 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
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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.
- **JOB:** 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.



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

Past

- Formed in 1991
- Joint community open to all

Present

- Membership increase by 30% with united programs (Iranian + Parsi) in 2013
- FEZANA AGM 2014 Planning

Future

- Dar-e-Mehr
- A rapidly growing community with young adults in majority



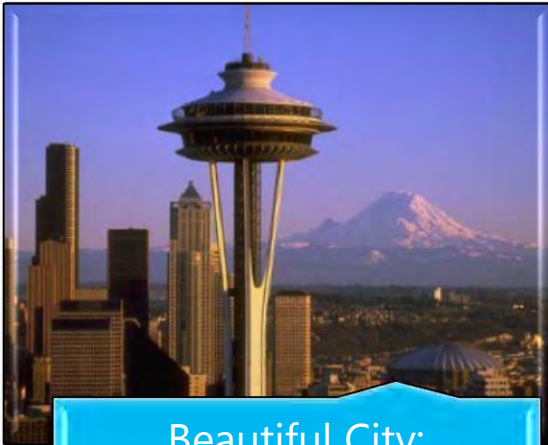
Yearly Calendar of Events

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

Date	Event Title	Time	Place	Host
Saturday May 4	Z School	4:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bellevue	Parsi Community
Saturday May 4	Gahanbar	6:00 PM to 10:00 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bellevue	Iranian Community
Saturday May 11	Gahamnbar	6:00 PM to 11:00 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bellevue	Parsi Community
Saturday May 25	Internet Workshop (Intermediate)	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bellevue	ZSWS
Saturday May 25	Game Night	7:00 PM to 11:00 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bellevue	ZSWS
Saturday Jun 15	Verahram Izad	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bellevue	Iranian Community
Saturday Jun 15	Internet Workshop (Advanced)	3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bellevue	ZSWS
Saturday Jun 29	Gahanbar	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bellevue	Iranian Community
Saturday Jun 29	Z School	3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bellevue	Parsi Community
Sunday Jun 30	Tirgan Celebration	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM	?	ZSWS

<http://zsws.org/calendar>

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Blossoming
Z-Community



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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