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UPCOMING DATES

Jan 4-5, 2013

World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce Annual General Body Meeting. Singapore.
www.wzcc.net

Jan 7-9, 2013

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas; Cochin, Kerala, India.
<http://www.oifc.in/Resources/News/11th-Pravasi-Bharatiya-Divas-to-be-held-in-Cochin>

January 13-15, 2013

Celebrating a Treasure: 140 Years at the First Dastoor Meherjirana Library, Navsari. A UNESCO Parzor-Meherjirana Initiative.
<http://www.meherjiranalibrary.com/conference/>

March 5-15, 2013

Commission on the Status of Women 57; United Nations Headquarters, New York City.
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/57sess.htm>

May 3-5, 2013

FEZANA's 26th Annual General Meeting; Dallas, TX. Hosted by Zoroastrian Association of North Texas. Contact Zenobia Damania admin@fezana.org

Oct 10 - Dec 14, 2013

The Everlasting Flame: Zoroastrianism in History and Imagination. Exhibition at the Brunei Gallery, London, U.K.
www.theeverlastingflame.com

December 27-31, 2013

10th World Zoroastrian Congress; Mumbai, India.
<http://www.wzcmumbai.com/>

FEZANA's Silver Jubilee Year Celebrated



Six FEZANA Past Presidents at the Silver Jubilee Gala on August 2.

members of the FEZANA Silver Jubilee Committee for their hard work and making the celebrations a grand success.

FEZANA started its Silver Jubilee celebrations by adding \$10,000 of its own funds to the 25th Anniversary Academic Scholarship endowment. The noteworthy Silver Jubilee logo, banners, pins, program were all designed by Homi Davier of Houston and were used by FEZANA throughout the year 2012.

Our member associations also celebrated FEZANA's Silver Jubilee in their respective cities and towns, starting with the first celebration on July 3, 2012 in Toronto, organized by the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario. This celebration was combined with the closing ceremony of Z Games - 2012 Olympics and was attended by over 600 participating Zarathushti youth from all over the world in addition to the local Zarathushti community and Guest of Honor Mr. Reza Moridi member of Canadian Provincial Council. I attended the function as the Chief Guest and was pleased that the event was a splendid celebration befitting FEZANA's 25th Anniversary occasion.

The Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago also celebrated the Silver Jubilee function with a full day program with Parsi bhonu and fun at the Chicago Darbe-Meher on July 14, 2012. ZAC donated \$1,000/- and also announced a \$1,500/- annual Scholarship commemorating this occasion for next five years. FEZANA's then-Vice President, Katayun Kapadia attended as the FEZANA representative.

With FEZANA's Silver Jubilee year (2012) coming to an end, it is appropriate to appreciate, acknowledge and recognize the members of FEZANA and our Zarathushti community for their support to FEZANA.

At the 2011 AGM, I had appointed the Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee comprising of Katayun Kapadia, Aban Rustomji, Niloufer Bhesania, Dolly Dastoor, Mantreh Atashband, Homi Davier, and Ratan Mistry. I take this opportunity to acknowledge, thank and recognize all the



Toronto, July 3



Chicago, July 14



Chicago, July 14



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Silver Jubilee Gala on August 2



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Houston, October 27



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On October 27, 2012, the Zoroastrian Association of Houston celebrated the Silver Jubilee with a full day event with two speakers Dr. Touraj Daryae and Dr. Yuhan Vevaina, followed by a gala dinner and entertaining Parsi natak. Katayun Kapadia, as the FEZANA President, attended the full event.

On August 2, 2012 FEZANA hosted the Silver Jubilee Gala Dinner and Dance in New York at the XVI NAZC. It was an event to remember, attended by our donors, guests and community members. FEZANA released the 25th Anniversary pins which generously donated by Mr. Farrokh and Dr. Dhun Noria of Toronto. The dinner was followed by a dance with a live band "Generation One", an all-Zarathushti band from Houston.

I would also like to thank the Presidents and the Zarathushti community of the associations mentioned below for their generous cash contributions aggregating more than \$17,000 to FEZANA for its Silver Jubilee celebrations.

Contribution of \$4,000: Zarathoshti Anjuman of Northern California

Contribution of \$3,000: Zoroastrian Society of Ontario

Contributions of \$2,000: Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation and Zoroastrian Association of Houston

Contributions of \$1,000: Zoroastrian Association of California; Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago; Traditional Mazdayasni Zoroastrian Anjuman; Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York and Zoroastrian Society of British Columbia

Contributions less than \$500: Zoroastrian Association of Pennsylvania & New Jersey; Iranian Zoroastrian Association; Zoroastrian Association of KY, OH, IN; Zoroastrian Association of Northern Texas and Zoroastrian Association of Quebec

Thank you, one and all, for celebrating the FEZANA Silver Jubilee with us and I hope you will continue to support FEZANA in the coming future.

With best wishes,

Bomi Patel

Chair – FEZANA Silver Jubilee Committee - 2012





Greetings & Best Wishes from the FEZANA Family to Your Family

Let us all begin the New Year 2013 with love and understanding towards all humanity and live in peace & harmony for times to come.

May the New Year be filled with new hope, new joy and new beginnings & may each day of the coming year be vibrant and new bringing along many reasons for celebrations.

May Ahuramazda shower his choicest blessings and shower you and your family with Abundance of Good Health, Peace, Love, Joy, Happiness and Prosperity.

Thank you for supporting FEZANA's goals & activities in 2012 and looking forward to working with all of you in 2013.

Katayun Kapadia – President

Homi Gandhi - Vice President

Ratan Mistry – Treasurer

Nahid Dashtaki - Secretary

Shiraz Italia - Asst. Secretary

Zenobia Damania - Administrator

Co-Chair Appointed for Zoroastrian Youth of North America (ZYNA)



Dr. Parmis Khatibi from Irvine, California has been appointed as Co- Chair for the FEZANA Zoroastrian Youth of North America Committee.

Dr. Khatibi is an anticoagulation and antithrombotic clinical specialist at University of California, Irvine Medical Center. She also holds titles as associate professor of clinical pharmacy at UCSF School of Pharmacy and adjunct clinical professor at USC School of Pharmacy. Dr. Khatibi sees a whole spectrum of patients in her clinic who require management of thromboembolic disease and associated complications. Her clinical research interests are in venous thromboembolism and the degree of morbidity and mortality associated with this disease.

Dr. Khatibi received her undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University and attended University of the Pacific where she earned her doctorate. She completed a post-doctoral residency training program at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Parmis is an active member of many political and philanthropic organizations. Her leadership skills have been proven thru her various roles: Executive Board Member and Trustee, World Affairs Council-OC; Executive Board Member-American Red Cross-OC; Board Member and Outreach Director, Blind Children's Learning Center; Committee Board Member, Young Friends of Save Venice; Council Member and Generations Council Liaison, Farhang Foundation; Leadership Circle, PAAIA/NextGen; US Representative, World Zoroastrian Organization; Chair, Zoroastrians Stepping Forward; Associate Director, Ways and Means Committee, World Affairs Council-OC..

Her hobbies include tennis, golf and kayaking along with spending time with her family and friends.

We welcome Dr. Khatibi to the FEZANA family and look forward to her contributions on the ZYNA committee. □

**Celebrating a
Treasure: 140 Years
at the First Dastoor
Meherjirana Library
Navsari, Gujarat, India
January 12-15, 2013**

*In collaboration with Parzor
(UNESCO Parsi-Zoroastrian
Project)*

Plenary address by Amitav
Ghosh, novelist, *River of
Smoke*

The First Dastoor Meherjirana Library has been serving the people of Navsari as well as the Parsi and scholarly community since 1874. Named after one of the most significant figures of the Parsi community, Meherji Rana who was honored with the title of *vada dastur* (high priest) by Emperor Akbar. The hereditary line of Meherjirana priests amassed a vast collection of Zoroastrian manuscripts and books.

The Library now holds this family collection in addition to much other valuable material, making it one of the most important research libraries in the world for Zoroastrianism and Parsi history. Some of these invaluable manuscripts will be on Exhibition during the Conference.

The conference will bring together some of the world's leading scholars of Zoroastrian studies as well as several Zoroastrian high priests, providing a unique confluence of academic and priestly knowledge.

[Click here for more info](http://www.meherjiranalibrary.com)
or visit
<http://www.meherjiranalibrary.com>

North American Zoroastrian Congress 2012 Videos – Part 2 Are Online

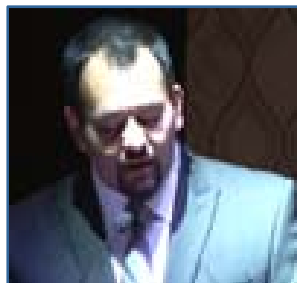
Dear Fellow Zarathushtis,

As promised by the NAZC 2012 Organizing Committee, we are happy to put the NAZC 2012 Congress proceedings on line for the pleasure of those who attended the Congress and for the information of those who were unable to attend.

This is the second installment, which includes videos on Khorshed Jungalwala Memorial Lecture, The Navjote / Sudreh Pushi ceremony and Kushti Ritual, and Gala Night Entertainment.

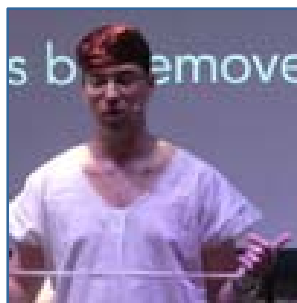
When further segments are final, the link will be sent in installment in the coming months. This information is sent to major Zoroastrian websites. However, please publicize as much as you can so that those who were unable to attend the Congress may feel part of our journey.

-- NAZC 2012 Organizing Committee



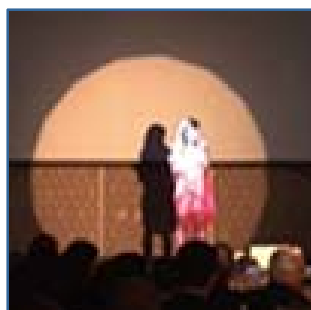
YUHAN VEVAINA: KHORSHED JUNGALWALA MEMORIAL LECTURE AT THE XVI NAZC 2012

Yuhan Vevaina delivers the Khorshed Jungalwala Memorial Lecture: XVI NAZC 2012 from ZAGNY on Vimeo, *Thinking with Zoroastrianism in the 21st Century*. As a 3,500 year-old religious tradition, the Zarathushti religion is one of the oldest living faiths still practiced globally. While this confers enormous prestige upon its adherents, the antiquity of the Zarathushti religion itself makes the maintenance of these age-old religious beliefs especially challenging in the 21st century. [Click here](#) to view.



THE NAVOJOTE / SUDREH PUSHI CEREMONY AND KUSHTI RITUAL

The Navojote / Sudreh Pushi Ceremony and Kushti Ritual: XVI NAZC 2012 from ZAGNY on Vimeo. The Navjote/Sudreh Pushi ceremony is the most personal of Zarathushti ceremonies, and the Kushti ritual a simple and personal daily Zarathushti ritual, yet their significance in Zarathushti religiosity is not properly understood. [Click here](#) to view.



GALA BANQUET NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT:

The Gala Banquet Night was the social highlight of the XVI NAZC 2012. Held on the evening of August 04, 2012 to a packed hall of over 720 Congress attendees and guests. The one hour long program was a mélange of talent on display. Everything from Bollywood to Broadway and beyond was covered in this extravaganza. All the talent on display was ZAGNY and IZA members aged 5 to 65. [Click here](#) to view.

Video Recordings of the entire XVI NAZC 2012 will be posted at:
<http://nazc.zagny.org/category/videos/> or [click here](#)



Upcoming Exhibition at the Brunei Gallery, SOAS, University of London

The Everlasting Flame London, United Kingdom

Exhibition at the Brunei Gallery, London, U.K.; October 10 – December 14, 2013
[Click here](#) to preview (11:39 minutes) □

Government of India Lifts Restriction of Re-Entry of Most Foreign Nationals

The provision relating to a two months gap between two visits of a foreign national to India on a Tourist visa has been reviewed by the Government of India.

The Government has decided, with immediate effect, to lift the restriction of two-month gap on re-entry of foreign nationals coming to India except in case of nationals of Afghanistan, China, Iran, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, Bangladesh, foreigners of Pakistan and Bangladesh origins and Stateless persons. □

Disney Friends for Change Grants – U.S.

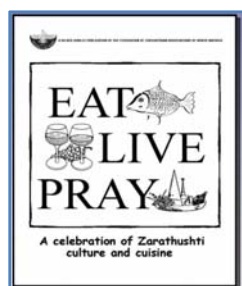
Deadline: February 10, 2013. Disney Friends for Change Grants offer young change-makers an opportunity to receive a \$1,000 grant for youth-led service projects that demonstrate youth leadership, creativity, and a commitment to making a positive impact in the community. Whatever your interests, a Disney Friends for Change grant can help you make a difference for people, communities, and the planet. **Youth ages 5-18 located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia** are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 grant. □

www.YSA.org/grants/disney-friends-change-grants

APIASF Now Accepting Scholarship Applications

APIASF (Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund) is currently accepting applications for the 2013-2014 scholarship class. Deadline is January 11, 2013. For more info or to apply, visit http://apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html or [click here](#). □

Eat, Live, Pray: A Celebration of Zarathushti Culture and Cuisine



A Silver Jubilee Publication of FEZANA **Compiled by Farishta Dinshaw**

To mark its Silver Jubilee year, FEZANA has launched a commemorative cookbook. This cookbook includes time-honoured Parsi and Persian recipes contributed by *FEZANA Journal* readers and cultural aspects of Zarathushti cuisine dating back 3000 years. This publication is available free of charge at www.fezana.org.