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## UPCOMING DATES

### Through July 31, 2016

[Heart of an Empire](#): Herzfeld's *Discovery of Pasagardae*.  
Smithsonian's Arthur M. Sackler Gallery in Washington, D.C.

### Through September 2016

[Persepolis: Images of an Empire](#).  
[Oriental Institute – Univ of Chicago](#)

### June 30-July 4, 2016

*15th Zoroastrian Games*.  
Elmhurst, Illinois (Chicago)  
<http://www.zgames2016.com>

### July 16, 2016

*Second Annual Kamran Seminar*  
Kamran Dar-e Mehr, Boyds MD.  
"The Zoroastrian Question:  
Religions and Religious Imagery at  
Persepolis in the Reign of Darius  
the Great". [www.zamwi.org](http://www.zamwi.org)

### July 24, 2016

*Annual Satum Prayer and  
Gahambar*. Orlando, Florida.  
WZCC - Central Florida Chapter in  
collaboration with ZATAMBAY and  
ZAF. [dinyarmehta \(at\) aol.com](mailto:dinyarmehta@aol.com)

### July 29-31, 2016

*ZAH Z-Camp 2016*. Houston, TX.  
Register by July 15 on the [ZAH website](#).

### June 2018

*11th World Zoroastrian Congress*,  
Perth, Australia  
<http://11wzcp Perth.com.au/>

## OZCF Fundraiser Kicks Off the Summer



On June 17, 2016, the Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation (OZCF) held its spectacular *Magic and Sparkle Gala* as a fundraising event for OZCF's Atashkadeh (Place of Worship) project.

This next step in OZCF's journey towards its Place of Worship Project was a huge success and brought OZCF that much closer to its financial goal. "We know that to sustain our heritage and our religion, building a consecrated place of worship is integral to this process," states OZCF. "Our children are the future of our religion and, as donors to this campaign, it is our legacy that will ensure our heritage will be sustained."

[Top and Inset]: OZCF's *Magic and Sparkle Gala* takes a big step forward towards OZCF's fundraising goal for its Place of Worship project. [Bottom] Artist's rendering of OZCF's future Atashkadeh Place of Worship project.

## Youth's Team Effort Earns Second Place in Global Finals



Ten-year-old Neeku Capak, daughter of Trity Pourbahrami and Peter Capak, and her South Pasadena, CA team have earned second place in the 2016 Global Finals for Destination Imagination. For the competition the elementary level team of six built a vehicle that used two propulsion systems and two movement methods to transport one of the team members 40 times across a 14-foot area. Neeku was the rider of the vehicle, the only girl, and the youngest member. The team also integrated the vehicle into an eight-



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minute skit about a pirate who stole pizza, police officers, human and robot wizards, as well as a narrator that turned into a frog. The competition was very fierce with 65 teams competing from 20 countries. The overall score of the team also included their success at completing a five-minute instant challenge which involved having to raise a hula-hoop over 4 feet off the ground using a cardboard box, dominos, and newspaper. On the road to the global finals the team placed first in their region, Los Angeles, and also placed first in the state of California competition.

To check out the global final scoring details visit: [http://www.globalfinals.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/PACE\\_CHANGE.pdf](http://www.globalfinals.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/PACE_CHANGE.pdf). To view the video of the team vehicle and skit please contact trity.pourbahrami (at) gmail.com . □

## Dolly Dastoor Elected a Trustee of the Board of the Parliament of the World's Religions

FEZANA is proud to announce that our own Dolly Dastoor, past FEZANA President and current Editor in Chief of *FEZANA Journal* and Chair of Academic Scholarship Committee, has been elected as a Trustee to sit on the Board of the Parliament of World's Religions. This was announced in a recent communiqué by the Parliament of the World's Religions. She will be the only Zoroastrian on the Board. The trustees are elected for their work in the professional and interfaith field and not necessarily to represent their faith, but more importantly to think globally.

*[Read more about Dolly Dastoor's achievement and about the Parliament of the World's Religions on the [FEZANA website](http://www.fezana.org). ]* □

## Get Published in the FEZANA Journal

Nawaz Merchant, Guest Editor of the *FEZ. Journal* Fall Issue

**Contributions needed:** Our Fall issue of the Journal will be devoted to "Enjoying your senior years in North America". Please send us your original poems, anecdotes and humorous quotes entitled "The joys of Grand-children" and "The joys of aging" and so on. Similar titles like "What I didn't know about turning 60 (or 70)" "Becoming a grandparent" will also be welcomed. The word limit is about **100 words for anecdotes (8-12 lines for poems)**. You may also forward humorous cartoons on Aging and seniors.

**Youth Contest (under age 16):** We also welcome original poems and anecdotes by children under 16 on topics related to grandparents or age. "My Grandma/Grandpa", "Surprises from my grandparents", "When I'm sixty-five....", "In the year 2050...". We encourage the gentle use of humor. (**Word limit is ~100 words**) Two prizes will be awarded, best poem and best anecdote. Original entries to be emailed by **August 10** to [navmerch2002@yahoo.com](mailto:navmerch2002@yahoo.com)

**Multi-generational pictures:** We would like to recognize and celebrate our seniors and their contributions to enriching the lives of their families. Therefore, we seek photos where multiple generations are included in the picture. □



## CONNECTIONS

### New Jersey MD, Amor Mehta, Receives Honors by Colleagues

Dr Amor Mehta, MD, Medical Director, Comprehensive Adult & Pediatric Epilepsy Center and Video EEG Monitoring Program of the Level 3 Epilepsy Center at Community Medical Center, has been named Physician of the Year at NJBIZ's 10<sup>th</sup> annual Healthcare Heroes awards program.

[Read more about Dr. Mehta's achievement in the upcoming Summer 2016 issue of the FEZANA Journal - Vol 30, issue 2]

## OPPORTUNITY

### Focus Iran 2: Contemporary Photography and Video

OPEN CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS NOW THROUGH AUGUST 8, 2016.

Focus Iran 2 is the second biennial international juried exhibition of contemporary photography and video works relating to Iranian culture and heritage. Organized by the Craft & Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles along with Farhang Foundation.

For details or application link: [www.Farhang.org/FocusIran](http://www.Farhang.org/FocusIran)

## UN Launches Worldwide search for Exceptional Young Leaders to Help Achieve Sustainable Development Goals

The Young Leaders Initiative will convene young change-makers who are working to help end poverty, combat climate change and reduce inequality. Successful candidates will collaborate with the UN and partners to help accelerate progress on the Sustainable Development Goals and engage young people in their realization.

Through an open call for nominations, the Young Leaders Initiative will recognize 17 outstanding young people who are driving change to help realize the Sustainable Development Goals. Nominations will be open now through 15th July 2016 and can be made online at [www.SDGYoungLeaders.org](http://www.SDGYoungLeaders.org). The "Class of 2016" will be announced ahead of the UN General Assembly in September. A new group of Young Leaders will be announced on an annual basis.

Nominations are being accepted via the SDG Young Leaders website:

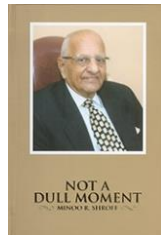
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## BOOK AWARENESS

This month FIRES gratefully acknowledges two new books donated by the authors to add to our collection.



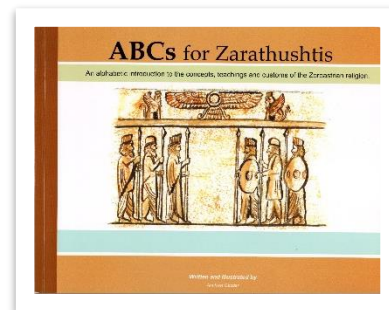
***Not a Dull Moment*** by Mino R. Shroff. Published by the author, Mumbai, Peninsula House. 122p. (free distribution).



Small in size, but enormous in its impact, this book is a fascinating chronicle of Mino Shroff's interactions and achievements over the years. As an economist, past chairman of Bombay Panchayat (BPP), Chair of the Global World Zoroastrian Chamber of Commerce (WZCC), and a much sought after management consultant, Mino has met many heads of state, Queen Elizabeth and business tycoons around the world.

Summed up in the foreword by Adi Siganporia, a former executive of Tata Group, who writes "here is a man and here is a book which if read carefully, underlines what honesty and character really means".

***ABCs for Zarathushtis*** by Anaheet Gazder. Published by the author, ([www.abcforzarathushtis.com](http://www.abcforzarathushtis.com)), 32 p. \$15.00



The building blocks for any language are the ABC's. So if you want to master reading and writing, you have to first learn the alphabet. Anaheet Gazder has worked on writing and illustrating this book for six years. She introduces the reader to the ABC's of Zoroastrianism and covers the important aspects of our religion, customs and themes, in a mix of Avesta, English, and Gujarati.

This visual book is an enjoyable way to learn the basic concepts of Zoroastrianism and will appeal to the young reader as well as be an excellent supplementary material for Sunday school classes.

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