



**Zoroastrian Association of Houston**  
8787 W. Airport Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77071



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**PLACE:** ZHCC, 8787 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77071 Tel: 713-270-9339

**TIME:** 11:00 a.m.

**DATE:** March 11, 2012

**Children's Session:** The "Let's Learn Gujarati Together" session will start at 11 am and we will continue with the "Gujarati Alphabet". Please try and bring at least one item each, beginning with .Da and .Dha for the show and tell. **Sunday school will begin promptly at 11.30 am.** The topic is HaftSeen and story of Nowrouz.

**Middle Group:** This group is for the children in the middle school. Last year they learnt about the ceremonies, this year they will be learning the Kusti prayers and their meanings. If your child falls in this age group, do please bring him/her to the Sunday School.

**Senior Group:** Sarosh Collector conducts this session. See a write up by the Youth Vice President

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March** - Rumva Chaloji 1-2-3-4 – Cancelled since we had the ZAH Olympics prior Sunday.

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March** – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dar-ni-Pori Bake-a-thon – 10 am onwards. Let's make some "dough" for ZAH. See details below

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March** –Norouz Humbandagi - 6.30 pm

Norouz (equinox) this year is on 20<sup>th</sup> March at 12.14 am (Houston Time)

The Nowrouz animal mascot is the Whale (Kooseh in Farsi) and the Nowrouz color is Blue

Charshambeh Suri will be celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Norouz Function- 8 pm. RSVP to [ZAHRSVP@yahoo.com](mailto:ZAHRSVP@yahoo.com) and mail your checks by 15<sup>th</sup> March to avoid walk-in rates. See attached flyer.

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Ava Roj Parab Jashan. Details forthcoming.

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April** – ZAH Annual Carnival – 12.45 pm. See attached flyer.

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April** – Library Event

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – ZAH Picnic

### MEETINGS

<b>GOLDEN GROUP</b>	Fourth Sunday of each month. Interested? Please call Zarine Balsara at (281) 304-6611
<b>LIBRARY COMMITTEE</b>	First Sunday of each month at 11:00 AM. Interested in helping? Or would like more information, please call Aban Rustomji at 281-493-1275 or e-mail her at <a href="mailto:aban@coatingindustries.com">aban@coatingindustries.com</a>

### REPORTS

#### LIBRARY REPORT

By Jango Mistry

Did you know that Zoroastrian legend credits the origin of the human race to the Peshdadian dynasty? Are you aware that Greek historians claim Zarathustra composed more than two million words? While the common

belief is that the Achemenian dynasty practiced Zoroastrianism, do you know that the prophet's name does not occur in any of the inscriptions or artifacts from that era?

We were fortunate to understand some of these rich historical nuggets at a day-long religion education seminar sponsored by your Library Committee on Feb 25. Four eminent Mobeds of the North American Mobeds Council (NAMC) made presentations under the theme, "*Passage of Time and its Influence on Zarathushtrian Tradition*".

The program started with Ervad Dr. Soli Dastur, from Florida, enlightening the attendees on the "Zoroastrian Connection in Peshdadian and Kayanian Dynasties." Ervad Cawas Desai, from Philadelphia, followed with a very well-researched talk titled "Evolution and Practice of Zoroastrianism during the Achemenian and Parthian Dynasties." Ervad Jehan Bagli, from Montreal, brought to light the practice of Zoroastrianism in the Sasanian dynasty in his talk "Zoroastrian Faith: Revival in Sasanian era." The final speaker, Ervad Kobad Zarolia, president of NAMC, spoke on the stark realities of the "Future of Zoroastrianism in North America."

Just like the previous NAMC seminar we had sponsored in April 2009, this program was also very much appreciated, and concluded with a Q&A session from an animated audience, energized with a wealth of information, asking insightful questions of the learned Mobeds.

The program was well attended and it was refreshing to see even the community's youth in the audience. We are one of the few organizations in North America that periodically invites scholars in Zoroastrian studies to further the knowledge of the community in not only the religious aspects of the faith, but also in Zoroastrian history and culture.

Some time back, the ZAH library had screened a documentary on the plight of poor elderly Zarathushtis in India who cannot afford even one square meal a day due to their meager financial situation. While many of us at that session were deeply touched and went away saddened by their plight, Yazdi & Shahnaz Sidhwa decided to do what they could to address this sad situation. With her daughter's encouragement, Shahnaz has published a beautifully illustrated bedtime story book, "*Farmer Brent*" for children ages 5 and up, that we had profiled in a previous Manashni. The story teaches how a difficult situation can be salvaged in a humorous manner. And on April 20, Shahnaz is orchestrating an enactment of her story as a play performed by the children of our community. Profits from the sale of the book will be donated to the cause of Zoroastrians in India suffering from hunger. We are appealing to all to give Shahnaz your full support in this worthwhile endeavor.

The ZAH Library is proud to add a significant book to its collection. The book, "*In Search of My Master*", is written by the famous author Marjorie Husain and displays the 40-year artistic journey of legendary Pakistani artist Jimmy Engineer. The book's full-page color reproductions of scenes from the independence movement of Pakistan, glorious architecture, landscapes, still life, and poverty series of paintings leave the reader gasping in awe. In his career, Jimmy Engineer has created over 2,000 original artworks, and more than 200,000 prints of his work are in private collections in 50 countries. But perhaps more importantly, the book also sheds light on Jimmy Engineer, the man. Though an artist by profession, his true passion in life has always been a deep concern for the welfare of fellow human beings. From an early age, growing up with parents who were always helping and caring for people around them who came to the house with their problems, Jimmy soon became a crusader for the oppressed. He has raised awareness for all kinds of social causes through more than 50 walks and countless awareness programs for handicapped, blind and orphan children. This fantastic addition to our library is of particular interest to us – especially since Jimmy Engineer's parents, brother, sister, and other family are all with us in Houston. Also, you will recall that Jimmy's gift of one of his huge prints is also on display in our library. By Jimmy's request, the book was donated and shipped to us by Dr. Syed Sohail, Chairman of the Jinnah Medical and Dental College in Karachi. The 600-page book has over 500 prints of Engineer's artworks and is impressive just to hold and browse. Copies of the book for your own private collection are also available for sale from Aban Rustomji ([aban@coatingindustries.com](mailto:aban@coatingindustries.com)). Check it out; you'll love it.

### **YOUTH REPORT** **Shayan Bhatena – Youth Treasurer**

The youth group this month has been very active in planning service projects and events. We will be hosting a concession stand at Sports Day on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, selling drinks and desserts. Additionally, for the carnival on April 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a carwash. Our profits will go toward the youth fund, for upcoming youth activities and service projects. One activity that we have planned is a youth camping trip set for June; we will either be going to Galveston or Enchanted Rock for this trip. The youth have also been planning various service projects, which include cleaning the center and possibly planting trees on the grounds. In Sunday school, we have been learning about early periods in Zoroastrian history, ranging from the prehistoric to the Sassanian era. Over the next two months, the youth members will be giving presentations on various periods that they have researched.

To further our knowledge of our religion, many youth attended the NAMC Lecture Series, where Rayomand Katrak led the benediction.

## **SPORTS REPORT**

**By Kayo Sidhwa**

### **ZAH Olympics on Sunday, March 4th, 2012**

Your Sports Committee members along with a handful of dedicated Youth volunteers got to the Center around 9 am on Sunday morning, started preparations in full swing and were ready for the participants in expectation of a great fun-filled day ahead. We had a good turnout and the day was full of fun, laughter, competition as well as some aches and niggles.

We started the day around 10.30 am with our "bubbly and enthusiastic" Under 12s, followed by our Youth in the Under 40s and then the final category whom we call the "elite club" of the Over 40s. At registration, some individuals, particularly some nicely rounded ones thought the categories were by weight and not age but then the organizers stepped in and cleared the misunderstanding. There were some very exciting and exhilarating events like the 50 meters dash, lemon and spoon, three-legged races, long distance running and concluding with the shot putt event. One of the most watched, heart pounding and winning by the skin (literally) event was the long distance running for over 40s where the "come from behind" winner lunged forward to just win it by a nose (again, literally) from some over-confident (and overweight ☐) front runners.

Our Youth group had set up a Concession Stand with drinks and a lot of goodies as part of their fund raising activities and we really appreciate everyone supporting them during the course of the day. We think some of them ran their yearly quota in a day and understandably needed a lot of water, Gatorade, etc. which our Youth happily provided.

From the talent and skills we had on display, we are pretty certain that we need (at least) a month long conditioning camp to tone up our current bodies before we have a similar event next year particularly for our "elite club". Having said that, there was fierce competition in almost all categories and all events and the winners were separated by the width of a hair (yeah right!).

At around 1 pm once the athletics session finished we broke for lunch and were treated to a hearty meal by our own Naushad Mehta and Rustom Setna. This was also a much needed rest for all as the next grueling session of basketball and volleyball started right after at 2 pm. As our Under 12s were battling for the basketball honors, the other two agile and athletic groups were matching skills on the volleyball court for the coveted crown. Once the volleyball matches concluded with the deserved winners, the focus shifted to the basketball courts which ended with some fierce competition going into tie breakers.

Now came the much awaited and feature event, the TUG-O-WAR. Our Men and Ladies were an equal match for each other with a lot more yelling and shouting than demonstrating actual strength barring a few. Sugar Landers started the winning streak against the Rest of Houston followed by our Ladies defeating Men (yes, it's not a typo) but the biggest match of the century was between Pakistani Zoros and the Indian Zoros with the Pakistani Zoros prevailing after a long hard fought battle. The Indian Zoros lodged a protest claiming all Pakistanis were "overweight" but it appears there was some "rope fixing" with the Judge, as the Judge overthrew the protest quoting the Pakistani Zoros were "healthier" and not "overweight" and that the original result stands. The Indian Zoros have gone to the International Tribunal for Sports Disputes and are awaiting judgment.

Finally, the events concluded at around 6 pm followed by a mouthwatering scrumptious dinner again catered by Naushad and Rustom and the prizes followed thereafter wrapping up the day at around 8 pm.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our donors, volunteers, helpers, all the parents who brought their kids to the event and above all the participants who took time off from their busy schedules and other "attractive" options and decided to join us in having fun at our Center for the ZAH Olympics. We really look forward to seeing larger numbers for future sporting events. As always your suggestions/comments are welcome at [zahsportscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:zahsportscommittee@gmail.com). **Winners are announced in the Accolades section of this edition.**

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **6TH ANNUAL ZAH DAR-NI-PORI BAKE-A-THON:**

Please mark your calendars for our 6th Annual Dar-ni-pori Bake-a-thon on **Sat., March 17th** at ZAH!

Join us in this annual tradition to make our poris in time for Norouz and Ava Roj nu Parabh.... Let's make some "dough" for ZAH while we have fun together rolling, stuffing and baking our poris at this community event!

This year, we plan to offer some "mava ni poris" as well as our usual dar ni poris.... so, please do call in your orders and also let us know how you'd like to volunteer your participation.

As always, we'll have lunch and tea for our volunteers.

We'll start as usual at 10:00 a.m., and should be done by tea time. Please call Nagu Cooper at 713-937-4441 or Roshan Engineer at 281-545-3467. Come join us! It's Pori Time!

## **JAMSHEDI NAVRUZ, MARCH 21ST AND THEREABOUTS (By Pervin Mistry)**

Zarathushtis have been celebrating Navruz, which falls around March 21st since time immemorial, since our Peshdadian King Jamshid celebrated it first and which is known as **Jamshedi Navruz!** Jamshid Padshah celebrated this day as the New (nav) Day (ruz) because it is the Spring Equinox when the time of the day and night are equal in length and after the long winter months, warmth returns and the planting of seeds (life) begin. The concept of Spring or Renewal of Life (in March) is universally celebrated by other religions too. It is the universal celebration of new life returning to earth after winter is over! The Christians celebrate it with Easter (eggs symbolize new life); the Hindus celebrate it with Holi (sprinkling colors to signify the rebirth of vegetation). The Shi'i Muslims in Iran and throughout the world have retained the old **Zarathushti** custom of celebrating Navruz in March around the 21st.

Jamshid Padshah (Avestan "Yima") is mentioned in the Zamyad Yasht (Karda VII. 31 to 38); Vendidad (Fragard II); and he is also mentioned in the Gathas (Ahunavad Gatha, Y. 32.8)! So, irrefutably, no Parsi-Irani Zarathushti can deny the existence of Jamshid Padshah as a "mythological figure", or, the New Year he started which is identified as "Jamshedi Navruz"! The Pak Avesta was written in absolute pre-history; written history began only recently compared to the several millennia of history of the ancient civilizations unrecorded by historians in writing! It is held that Jamshid Padshah must have lived about 10000 to 9000 B. C. Dasturji Hormazdyar Dastur Kayoji Mirza has written in Outlines of Parsi History (OPH), Bombay 1987, "It appears that ancient literature, astronomy, and modern science have combined in an effort to ascertain, with reasonable certainty, the place and age in which king Jamshid must have lived. The ancient accounts of 'evil winter, flood, deluge' refer to what is known as glaciation or ice age in geology. Long ago (in 1903) B. G. Tilak based his arguments on Avesta, Vedic and astronomical evidences and arrived at the conclusion that the ancient homeland of the Aryan people was situated near the North Pole or somewhere in the Arctic Circle, which homeland was destroyed by glaciation (Tilak, pp. 453-458)."

Navruz does not happen precisely at the same time and on March 21st because every year the Earth orbits around the Sun not in a precise round circle but in an oval egg-shape orbit. Consequently some minor variations in the astronomical calculations are normal and accepted as far as the precise astronomical moment of the Spring Equinox is concerned. This may explain why the English Gregorian calendar and the calculation of 365 days + the quarter day are also not accurate. The word "Fasli" comes from "fasal" or **seasons**. Avestan words "yairya" mean season and "sared" mean a year. At the time of the Spring Equinox, approximately March 21st, it is the correct time to celebrate the seasonal Jamshedi Navruz (New Day) although we do not follow the Fasli Calendar. The Parsis follow **two** New Years - both declared as holidays in India, one which is Jamshedi Navruz around March 21st and the other falls sometime in August, also called Parsi New Year or Navruz. The last day of the Parsi Year is called "Pateti" meaning prayers are offered to repent, i.e. "*pashemani karvi*" for the mistakes committed during the past year and to resolve not to repeat the same mistakes and also to rededicate oneself in the service of Ahura Mazda.

It is accepted by many scholars including Muslim Iranian scholars that Persepolis was especially built by Darius the Great as a Zarathushti Religious Center for religious events, the Spring Equinox being one such major celebration. The portals were built in such a way that on the precise moment of the Spring Equinox, always around March 21st, the first rays of the rising Sun hit the entrance to the main Hallway and spread light on the throne of the King. **This precise moment celebrated the astronomical event when the Sun passed through all the 12 signs of the zodiac and returned once more to the first sign of the Aries in the zodiac, in March.**

In Iran each New Year beginning in March was given a specific animal and color as the mascot for the year. This is not widely practiced among the Parsis of India.

***Have you ever wondered why Zarathushti's have 3 calendar systems – More details in the April MANASHNI***

## **KIDNEY TRANSPLANT HELP FOR A FELLOW ZARATHUSHTI (An appeal via FEZANA)**

Daraius Tarapore, a resident of Southern California, USA, has a genetic kidney disease called Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD), which over the years progresses until the kidney functions get very low and the person would need dialysis and kidney transplant.

Daraius' kidney function is now below 15%.

Thus his nephrologist feels that within 6 months he would need to go on dialysis.

Since, this is a genetic disease his immediate family members including his sisters or sons are not good candidates.

Furthermore, his wife being diabetic cannot help either. The family's hope is to find a good Samaritan who will be willing to be a living donor so that Daraius does not have to go on dialysis.

It is because this specific transplant is more effective when performed before a person is put on dialysis.

Darius is listed with UCLA Kidney donor program and during the orientation for transplant procedure was advised the following:

1. The typical wait time for cadaver kidneys is approximately 8 to 10 years and that living donor is the preferred method.
2. People with Polycystic Kidney Disease, Diabetes and other chronic disease would be unacceptable.
3. Donors would have top priority and would get at the top of the waiting list if they would need an organ in the future.
4. UCLA also has a paired exchange program where they match other donors with recipients if the original pair is incompatible. This means that any prospective living donor whose blood type does not match with Darius can also participate.

Please note that Darius has full medical coverage that will take care of all the transplant related expenses. His medical insurance will also pay for all the expenses for the donor including hospital stays and laboratory tests.

For more information please call: 1-866-672-5333. This hotline will be able to answer questions as Darius has been assigned to an active transplant coordination team at UCLA.

In addition to that, if you would like to communicate directly with Darius you can reach him at the following contact coordinates: HOME: (909) 606 - 0017 CELL : (951) 741 - 7898 EMAIL : [dtarapore@hotmail.com](mailto:dtarapore@hotmail.com)  
Any communal guidance or professional assistance for this special appeal would be greatly appreciated.

### **BLOOD DONATION APPEAL**

Akash Dube, a friend of a ZAH member, has leukemia and he has been flown to the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He is in critical condition and needs blood - he is B+ positive type. Blood donors have to be of the B +ve blood group, but platelet and granulocyte donors need not be B + ve. Akash's file number ( MRN # ) at MD Anderson is 915744

MD Anderson's blood bank's website : <http://www.mdanderson.org/how-you-can-help/donate-blood/index.html>  
The telephone number is 713 792 7777. Potential donors may call and give the number and say they are screening for Akash.

### **HOUSTON SHOULDER TO SHOULDER FOUNDATION**

Houston Shoulder to Shoulder Foundation will be holding its **4TH ANNUAL GALA DINNER** including presentation of the Service to Houston Shoulder to Shoulder Award, Entertainment, Dancing, & Silent Auction on SATURDAY APRIL 14, 2012 AT 7:00 PM AT HILTON UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, 4800 Calhoun Road, Houston, TX.

The rates are as follows:

Donor Table: \$1,500 for 10-person table  
Individual Tickets: \$100 per person  
Student Tickets: \$50 per person, limited to first 50 students

For tickets, purchase at [www.houstonshouldertoshoulder.org](http://www.houstonshouldertoshoulder.org) or contact **Roshan Sethna** at [713-856-9359](tel:713-856-9359)/[rosh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rosh@sbcglobal.net).

For more information contact Rosa Contreras at [rolvera@bcm.edu](mailto:rolvera@bcm.edu).

ZAH Members will remember that a couple of years ago, some of our ZAH youth had gone to Honduras with doctors to set up a clinic and help the needy. They had a very humbling experience of seeing the children there deprived of things that we, in the United States take for granted. Please do help this worthy cause. Roshan will be only too happy to answer

### **25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FEZANA**

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of FEZANA, the Journal will be publishing a special colour issue for the FEZANA celebrations at the North American Congress in New York , August 2012. In addition to the subscribers, this issue will be distributed to all the participants at the FEZANA gala August 2, 2012.

In this issue, your Special Greeting to FEZANA will be printed, in colour :

Full page \$400; half page \$200; quarter page \$100; Business card \$50.

Your greetings with any art work (preferably in pdf) should be sent to: Dolly Dastoor Ph.D

Editor-in-chief, Fezana Journal, 2012 FEZANA Silver Jubilee [dollydastoor@sympatico.ca](mailto:dollydastoor@sympatico.ca)

Because of the tight printing schedule, your greetings should be sent definitely by April 1, 2012

## ZAPANJ (the Zoroastrian Association of PA & NJ)

Members of ZAPANJ (the Zoroastrian Association of PA & NJ) have undertaken a monumental task of building their own Community Center. As a part of ZAPANJ, the **Zarathushti Cultural Center of Delaware Inc.** is hosting a major fundraising event on May 5, 2012.

A commemorative book will be published and Zarathushti Cultural Center of Delaware Inc. are requesting an advertisement or donation towards this noble cause. The ad rates are:

\$30 Business Cards	4-1/4 X 3-1/3
\$45 Quarter Page	4-1/4 X 5-1/2
\$60 Half Page	8-1/2 X 5-1/2
\$125 Full Page	8-1/2 X 11
\$350 Inside Front Cover	8-1/2 X 11
\$350 Inside Back Cover	8-1/2 X 11
\$600 Outside Back Cover	8-1/2 X 11

Please email Arnavaz Sukhia – [anoo@drexel.edu](mailto:anoo@drexel.edu) for any questions.

## NAVJOTE

Hailey Jensen, daughter of David and Venessa Behrana Jensen and grand daughter of Mehelli and Zenobia Behrana, had her navjote on March 3, 2012. ***Congratulations Hailey !!***

## ACCOLADES

The prize winners for the ZAH OLYMPICS are as listed below:

Category	Event	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
<b>Athletics</b>				
Under 12	50 meter sprint	Yazad Sidhwa	Nerius Mehta	Cyrus Mistry
	Collecting chocolates	Yazad Sidhwa	Natalya Mehta	Cyrus Mistry
	Lemon & Spoon	Rayomand Hormuzdi	Zal Italia	Natalya Mehta
	Sack Race	Cyrus Mistry	Yazad Sidhwa	Natalya Mehta
Under 40	50 meter sprint - Boys	Rayomand Katrak	Kyrus Buchia	Zubin Colah
	50 meter sprint - Girls	Friyana Sidhwa	Tanaya Behramsha	Shayan Bhathena
	Long distance running	Rayomand Katrak	Vispi Katrak	Farzad Sunavala
	Lemon and Spoon	Zubin Colah	Rayomand Katrak	Tanaya Behramsha
	Three-Legged Race	Vispi K / Zubin C	Zal D / Kyle J	Yazad S / Nerius M
	Shot Putt - Mixed	Joel Balsara	Farzad Sunavala	Friyana Sidhwa
	Over 40	50 meter sprint - Men	Yazdi Mistry	Percy Katrak
50 meter sprint - Ladies		Jasmine Mistry	Farzana Sidhwa	Arzin Italia
Long distance running		Percy Katrak	Yazdi Mistry	Noshir Bhathena
Lemon and Spoon		Yazdi Mistry	Farrokh Firozgary	Noshir Bhathena
Three-Legged Race		Jasmine M / Yazdi M	Farzana S / Kayo S	Kersi E / Nozer B
Shot Putt - Men		Yazdi Mistry	Kayo Sidhwa	Jal Sethna
Shot Putt - Ladies		Farzana Sidhwa	Kamalrukh Gandhi	Roshan Sethna
<b>Basketball</b>				
Under 12	Free throws	Rayomand Hormuzdi	Zarius Engineer	Yazad Sidhwa
	3- pointers	Rayomand Hormuzdi	Zarius Engineer	Natalya Mehta
Under 40	Free throws	Joel Balsara	Kyrus Buchia	Vispi Katrak
	3- pointers	Joel Balsara	Kyrus Buchia	Farzad Sunavala
Over 40	Free throws	Nozer Buchia	Rustom Khosravian	Zarir Sethna
	3- pointers	Kersi Engineer	Nozer Buchia	Rustom Khosravian
<b>Volleyball</b>				
	Finals	Jal S, Kayo S, Jasmine M, Fred B, Kersi E, Vispi K, Freya D, Aliya B, Cyrus M	Danesh D, Percy M, Yazdi M, Kyle J, Farzad S, Zal D, Tanaya B, Michelle B, Kyrus B	N/A

***Congratulations to all the winners !!***



# ZAH NoRouz Celebration March 24, 2012



At The Zarthushti Heritage and Cultural Center

## Let's Celebrate!

Dance the night away!!  
Foot Stomping, Hip Swaying music!!!

Doors open at 8 p.m.  
Entertainment starts at 8:30 p.m.

Live Entertainment!!  
Sumptuous Food!!  
BYOB

### RSVP

Please RSVP to: [ZAHRsvp@yahoo.com](mailto:ZAHRsvp@yahoo.com)

Your checks **must** be received by **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, at :  
The Treasurer  
8787 West Airport Blvd.  
Houston, Texas 77071

Please write (in the memo of the check):

- Number of ZAH members/non-members (11yrs+),
- Number of ZAH members/non-members (11yrs and up) for pizza. Adult rates apply
- Number of children (3-10yrs) for pizza or regular food

Please write "NoRouz 2012" on the envelope

### RATES

ZAH Member\* : 11 years and up - \$25

ZAH Non-Member : 11 years and up - \$40

Member Children (3-10 yrs) : Pizza - \$7; Regular food - \$12

Non-Member Children (3-10 yrs) : Pizza - \$11; Regular food - \$16

Senior (Age 65+): Member\* : \$21 Non-Member : \$40

\*ZAH Member: Those whose 2012 membership dues have been paid prior to March 15, 2012

### PLEASE NOTE

- Non-member rates apply for all RSVPs received after March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Non-member rates apply to all attendees who have not paid their ZAH membership dues by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Kids over 18 years must have separate membership from their parents
- Member rates apply to out-of-town house-guests of members (if RSVP and check received by March 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Should anyone over 10 years want to opt for pizza, please inform at the time of payment. Adult rates apply.
- "We have held the line on a rate increase as long as we could, but with food price and operating cost inflation we must increase our rates this year in order to remain financially viable. Our goal remains to keep these functions as affordable as possible so you as a ZAH member can attend and enjoy. However if you feel that you are unable to attend solely due to the cost increase please let us know. We have donations in place to subsidize your cost and we will guarantee confidentiality. Financial ups and downs are a part of most families life cycles. In a way, they are a blessing because they allow innovation, dedication and hard work to take root in oneself. Please use this facility and in better economic times, there will be plenty of opportunities to remember and help your own community members and your own association a thousand times over". This benefit is available to ZAH members only

## JAMSHEDI NOROUZ BUFFET DINNER

ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 21ST FROM 7:30 PM ONWARDS AT

**NIZAM'S KITCHEN**

5211 Hwy 6 South, Missouri City, TX 77459

### MENU:

Sali Margi, Mutton Pulau and Daal  
Veg Korma, Lagan nu custard  
Naan, Onion Pakora, Kachumber ne Gajar nu achar

ONLY **\$11.99** per person

rsvp: Shahnaaz Irani at 713-703-8809.





# CARNIVAL

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2012 AT 12:45 P.M.  
(After Sunday School)  
AT ZHCC**

Bring your family and friends....

for the energetic..... participate;  
for the laid back..... eat and watch the activities;  
for the weekly cooking types .....  
come & buy food to-go and relax the next week!!

Enjoy the fun and festivity, good variety of food to eat and to-go, a variety of desserts, snacks, etc

**Games, cake walk, raffle, floor open for talent show.**

**AND, OF COURSE, BINGO!!!**

**Buy wonderful décor items by our own kids..... and more**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ZAH**

**If you wish to have a separate table to display/sell your items – the rates for the table are:**

**\$35.00      Members  
\$100.00    Outside Vendors**

## **Contact:**

- Yasmin Medhora at 713-466-3908 for renting tables, donating food items and making to-go food.  
Donations are always welcome

**See ya'll there!!**

**ZAH MEMBERSHIP – 2012**

A startling fact came to light at the AGM when the Treasurer presented the accounts for the fiscal year September 2010 to August 2011. Membership revenue was \$41,635 whereas the total Operating Expenses were \$78,194. Our sincere appeal to those who are not yet members to become members and be a part of the community that is vibrant and progressive. If we wish to keep the Center for the next 50 years for our great-grandchildren to enjoy, we need to step up now and contribute towards membership as the first step. Following is the Membership Form. Please circle the category that fits you and send your check as indicated.

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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PATRON MEMBER. – FAMILY .....	\$500.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SINGLE MEMBER.....	\$135.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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