



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

DATE: May 13, 2012

Children's Session: *Let's Learn Gujarati Together session will start at 11 am* - We will review all the alphabets learned thus far (Ka through Tha). Please do have the children bring show and tell items from any of the alphabets learned. Even if they don't know the Gujarati word for the item, we will learn it together and improve our Gujarati vocabulary. We will also sing some songs and try to revise the colors, time permitting

Sunday school will start at 11.30 am - We will focus on Mother's Day and do a project. Please bring a small photo (2x2) of each child for the project.

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, 13th May, 2012, 11.15 am onwards - Rumva Chaloji 1-2-3-4

Sunday, 3rd June, 11 am onwards - Shahenshahi Dae Mas (Maidhyarem) Gahambar. This Gahambar is sponsored by families of Feroze and Shernaz Bhandara, Noshir and Bapsi Sidhwa in loving memory of their mother Tehmina Peshotan Bhandara. **See attached Flyer for RSVP details.**

Saturday, Sunday, 7th/8th July – Middle Group lock-in

Saturday, 21st July - EC Fundraiser - Chaiye Hame Zarathosti - Minocher Na Kaarastaan

Saturday, 29th July, 10.30 am – Table Tennis Tournament

MEETINGS

GOLDEN GROUP	Fourth Sunday of each month. Interested? Please call Zarine Balsara at (281) 304-6611
LIBRARY COMMITTEE	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 aban@coatingindustries.com

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT *(By Jehanbux Mehta)*

Painting of main hall, atrium and restroom area completed. Many thanks to Rustomji Coating Industries for the paint. As requested earlier, please do not place any posters, flyers, etc on the walls or the glass doors, nor any tape, pin, tack, etc on the stage or anywhere else. We would like all to take pride in their beautiful building.

Light in the parking lot is now in working condition. Good work done by BMC.

Installation of new security system is well in progress. Cameras, extra motion detectors, glass breakers and magnetic door lock have been installed. Light sensors in the parking lot will be added by May 10 and signs have been ordered. Initially, 100 FOBS have been ordered and will be available soon to all those who have already applied and to others on a first come first served basis. The date when this would be available will be announced soon. More will be ordered as needed. Members who have not as yet submitted application for fobs to access the building should do so with requisite fee. The forms are available at the Center and with Percy Master. Members who do not have the Security Key Card for opening the metal sliding gate at the entrance, may request Hoshang Sethna for one. It is complimentary.

Acting on pledges received from members, five ten-seater tables and ten chairs will be purchased shortly. Our thanks to all those who contributed and to Rustom Setna for carting the same from the supplier gratis. Pledges needed for 20 more chairs, costing \$18 each. If feeling generous, send your pledge to our Treasurer, Kayo Sidhwa.

Spring planting of flowers to be carried out in early May.

LIBRARY REPORT *(By Jango Mistry)*

Recent Library Event

On Friday, April 20, the ZAH Library Committee presented a novel event to honor Shahnaz Sidhwa, a talented member of our community, and to raise funds for a worthwhile cause. The children of our community performed a play that enacted the story of Shahnaz Sidhwa's new beautifully illustrated bedtime story book: "*Farmer Brent*". Before the play, a short video compiled by Fiona Setna showed the children's reactions after she had read the book to them in her class at the WoodCreek Elementary School. Vehishta Kaikobad presented the reasons why this book has so much appeal to young children. The enactment of the play by our children, which brought a smile on every face in the audience, was followed by a question and answer session with Shahnaz.

The book was on sale for \$10.00 during the event. Many people purchased extra copies of the book or gave donations to the cause of poor elderly Zarathushtis in India who cannot afford even one square meal a day due to their meager financial situation. Due to the generous contributions by the attendees, \$946 was collected and will be sent to an appropriate charity in India.

Recognition

Debra Kolah has been recognized by Rice University for her "contribution to excellence". The award, given to celebrate the Rice Centennial, recognizes Debra for her outstanding service and achievements. Debra is the University's first "user experience librarian", responsible to make the research experience as successful as possible for users of the Fondren Library. She represents Rice University to the library community nationwide and is also honored for her untiring help to international students, mentoring them in her personal time. Congratulations to Debra; we are proud of her talent, dedication, and achievements.

Upcoming event

During the weekend that ZAH will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of FEZANA, the Library Committee is planning a special event featuring reputed scholars from outside Houston. The event will be spread over three days from the evening of Friday, October 26 through Sunday afternoon, October 28. Details for the gala will be forthcoming as we approach the dates, but please mark your calendars now for what promises to be another worthwhile event.

YOUTH REPORT *(By Michelle Balsara – Youth Historian)*

This month the youth has been quite busy! For starters, during our regular Sunday School session, 4 of our youth members gave wonderful presentations to further our knowledge of Zoroastrian History. Darius Tamboli and Zubin Colah presented an informative, well-composed powerpoint over "The Life and Times of Darius" as well as Cyra Byramji and Rayomand Katrak who displayed their vast knowledge of history with their powerpoint over "The Life and Times of Xerxes"! Second off, The ZAH held our Yearly carnival! The scent of bhel puri, pizza, biryani, batasas, desserts and much more was paradise to our community members' noses. There were fun games for children such as Ring Toss, Bottle Throw, Football Accuracy, and Ping Pong Toss. The younger girls of our community also thoroughly enjoyed the Youth's Nail painting Table, where we painted colorful, sparkly nail polish on the girls' fingernails! Another highlight was the Face Painting Booth, where several Youth Group members painted colorful butterflies, hearts, letters, animals and much more on the children's faces. In dedication to our ZAH center, all of our proceeds were directly donated to the ZAH itself!

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT (By the ZAH Web Committee)

As part of our continuous endeavor to improve and provide the best possible features and functionality via our new website, your web committee is delighted to announce that ZAH will be accepting donations online on our Website for ALL purposes .

Please Donate to ZAH



Please click on the DONATE button (as seen above) placed in the top left hand corner of our website. Include a purpose for the donation or general if there is no specific purpose, input the amount and click on the Update Total. Once done, depending on whether you are a Paypal account holder or not, please continue the process through completion. Once you have finished the process it will send an email to your email account specified, confirming receipt.

Please do not hesitate to let the web team know at zahwebmaster@gmail.com or via our new website under Contacts ->Webmaster, if you have any queries.

Your ZAH Web Committee

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (By Yasmin Medhora and Farrokh Firozgary)

ZAH Annual Carnival - April 8, 2012

The ZAH 14th Carnival was a grand success. All proceeds collected, \$4,902/-, was donated to ZAH.

As usual this would not have been possible without the help of everyone who attended the Carnival, donated delicious food and drinks, rented booths, donated items and volunteered in any way they could. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Thanks to Vehishta's Sunday School group kids and parents for the Egg Hunt, Pinata and Fish Pond.

Thanks to Pearline and Arna's Middle group kids and parents for the Atrium games.

Last but not the least, thanks to Collector's Youth group kids, mentors and parents for various activities and food, soda stall.

A 2 Minute silence was observed for our dearest Thrity Kharas who passed away that day. She was a dedicated, loving and an inspirational person who cooked a big pot full of food every year for the Carnival. She will be missed by all.

A detailed Carnival report will be given next month.

ZAH PICNIC – APRIL 22, 2012

ZAH community members enjoyed a picnic at Galveston Island State Park on a beautiful spring day. Attendees came along with children and pets to have a fun day outdoors. The potluck was a huge success with everyone bringing a delicious dish/item to share, and was complimented with sumptuous desserts. Since the venue is on a first-come basis, two of our community members Sarosh Collector and Farrokh Firozgary reached the park at 9:30 that morning to reserve picnic tables for the group.

During the course of the day, attendees enjoyed swimming, beach walks, fishing, tug-o-war, kite flying, and other fun activities. Fishing was a big success with Cyrus Mistry starting off the day by catching the first fish, and

others later sharing stories of several 'big ones that got away'. About a dozen fish were caught by kids and adults within a span of an hour and a half. Attendees concluded the evening by leaning on the tug-o-war rope, and several fun combinations were played. A group picture was taken on the beach of those that hadn't left. The Entertainment Committee would like to thank Percy Behramsha for taking pictures during the day, which can be found on the zah.org website, or by clicking on the link below:
http://zah.org/?page_id=30&album=9&gallery=12

MISCELLANEOUS

TIME TO ANNOUNCE OUR GRADUATES

High School

Cyra Byramji graduates Summa cum Laude from Cypress-Ridge High School, and will be attending The University of Texas, at Austin.

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Zanarah Karanjia graduates from Cinco Ranch High School. Wants to major in Child Psychiatry. She will attend Houston Community College and later will transfer to a University. She works at Sugarmill Montessori.

Sean Kavina graduates from Jersey Village High School. He will be attending University of Houston. He will be doing "Pre-Med" majoring in Biology

Zenia Sunavala graduates from Clements High School. She will be attending UT San Antonio majoring in Biology

Farzan Umrigar graduates from Cypress Creek High School. He will be attending Texas A&M University-Kingsville for a Biomedical major

College

Sheri Balsara graduated with a Masters in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and will be starting medical school this fall in Houston

Darius Bharucha graduated with a Masters in Business Administration Victoria Cum Laude, from University of Houston

Darius Byramji graduates with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Supply-Chain Management, from The University of Texas, at Austin. He has accepted an offer with Healix, in Houston, and will be starting there in June.

Firoze Cooper graduates from UT Austin with a Bachelors Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He already has a job offer in Halliburton technology division in Houston and will start working from June 1, 2012.

Bahram Hormuzdi graduates from MD Anderson cancer center/ UTMB in Neurology and will go for fellowship in Minneapolis for Neuromuscular subspecialty

Delnaz Khosravian graduates with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Texas Tech.

Darius Khosravian graduates with a Juris Doctor in Law from Penn State University.

Eric M. Rivetna graduated with an M.S I Accounting from University of Texas – Dallas. He is hired as an Accountant by PriceWaterhouseCooper in New York City effective August, 2012

MANASHNI and its readers extend their Heartiest Congratulations to all the graduates and wish them continued success in all their future endeavors. You make us proud!!

ROSES FOR TK (by Sam Polad)

A tribute to a dear friend and lady, with great enthusiasm for life.

The lady has passed away
A lady we'll call TK
Roses were her passion
For their beauty, fragrance, and fashion.

She did not just grow them
She nurtured them from stem to stem
She would give away this fruit of her labours
To family, friends and neighbours.

Her happy and vivacious nature
Was a very endearing feature.

Always ready to help out
When needed, one had only to shout out
For TK to step into kitchen or garden
Happy and willing to lessen one's burden.

In the end she departed peacefully
Covered with her beloved roses to eternal tranquility.

CONGRESS 2000 LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2012

The congress 2000 legacy Committee and the ZAH Executive Committee invite applications for the sixth year. **Two applicants will be awarded \$3000.00 this year.** The winning students will be recognized as innovators and leaders for tomorrow's global community at the August Naurooz celebrations. By supporting the next generation of great minds we pay tribute to the success of the World Zoroastrian Congress.

Application form is on the ZAH website <http://www.zah.org>. **Please do note that the deadline for submission of your completed application is June 01, 2012**

FEZANA 25TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

Farishta Dinshaw is preparing an e.publication "Eat, Pray and Live: A celebration of Zarathushti Heritage and Cuisine" to mark the 25th anniversary of FEZANA. This information was announced in the FEZANA Journal.

The book will feature favorite recipes from our readers and past issues of FEZANA Journal as well as contain special pages of interest and helpful cooking hints.

It is sure to become a treasured collector's item in the years to come so if you are interested in participating in this project please use the attached form to submit a recipe of traditional Zarathushti Persian or Parsi dishes.

Please send the completed form to hukhtapublications@yahoo.ca latest by 20 May 2012.

FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2012

FEZANA Academic scholarship applications are now available on their website: <http://www.fezana.org/>

There are 2 new scholarships this year:

- Purvez and Aban Rustomji Endowment Scholarship
- Morvoriid Guiv Endowment Scholarship

Changes for 2012 are as follows:

- The Kapadia Endowment Scholarship has been increased.
- In recognition of the 25th anniversary of FEZANA, MEHRABAN AND MORVORID KHERADI (MMK) ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, THE FEZANA SCHOLAR has been increased to \$10,000 for this year only.

Completed application forms should be sent electronically by August 1, 2012 to academicscholarship@fezana.org

ACCOLADES

Conn's Green 10K Run was held on April 28, 2012, CityCentre, Houston.
Our Gohar Firozgary placed 6th in her age group! Zubin & Sharaine Vakil completed race!!
<http://thegreen2green.com/>

Congratulations to Gohar, Sharaine, Zubin !!

WE HAVE MOVED

Peshotan & Kamal Unwalla have moved to:

2123 Ralston Branch Way
Sugar Land, TX 77479
Tel. #: (281) 980-4462

OBITUARY

Cowas (Kali) Gustad Patel, brother of Roshan Bomi Gazdar, Dinshaw Gustad Patel, Hilla Baji Punegar, Rupy Marawala and brother-in-law of Minoo Italia, passed away at 4.00 a.m. on 17th April, in Los Angeles, California after battling with cancer of the liver.

MANASHNI and its readers convey their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.



SHAHENSHAHI DAE MAS (MAIDHYAREM) GAHAMBAR

WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY JUNE 3, 2012

SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

**FEROZE AND SHERNAZ BHANDARA
NOSHIR AND BAPSI SIDHWA**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF THEIR MOTHER:
TEHMINA PESHOTAN BHANDARA**

JASHAN STARTS PROMPTLY AT 11:00 A.M.

**CHARGES: \$5/person
(Children upto 3 yrs - gratis)**

RSVP by Friday 25th May, 2012

[Click Here for Online RSVP](#)

**ZAH Community gratefully thanks our Ervads
for performing the Gahambar Jashan**

Organized By: ZAH Entertainment Committee

FEZANA 25th Anniversary Cookbook Recipe Submission Form
Submit recipe by April 30, 2012 to hukhta@publications@yahoo.ca

We are producing a book, "Eat, Pray, Live: A celebration of Zarathushti heritage and cuisine" to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA). Please use the following template to submit your recipe of a favourite Zarathushti dish (Parsi or Persian). You may submit more than one recipe, but please use a separate form for each one. In the event that we have more than one submission for a dish, a panel of judges will select the one to be published.

Recipe Name:

Recipe Category (e.g. meat, rice, appetizer etc):

Ingredients:

- Please list ingredients in the order they are used in the recipe.
- Please use the appropriate abbreviations: teaspoon (tsp.), milliliter (ml), tablespoon (tbsp.), litre (L), cup (c.), milligram (mg), quart (qt.), gram (g), ounce (oz.), kilogram (kg), pint (pt.), millimeter (mm), gallon (gal.), centimeter (cm) inch (in.), meter (m) pound (lb.), Celsius (C), Fahrenheit (F)

Directions:

- Please write directions as a numbered list.
- Use ingredient names in the directions, e.g., use "Combine flour and sugar" rather than statements such as "Combine the first two ingredients."
- Be sure to indicate oven temperature, and cooking time.
- Please write how many servings this recipe creates.



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON

ZHCC ACCESS FOB AGREEMENT FORM

I, the undersigned, being a member of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston in good standing, hereby agree to the following terms, in exchange for which I will be issued a unique access fob, for entry to the Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center (ZHCC).

1. I understand that my key fob is unique, and that its use will be recorded by ZAH as evidence of my entry into the building.
2. The purchase cost of my first fob is \$10, payable to ZAH.
3. Should I need a replacement, or an additional fob, I agree to purchase it at a cost of \$25.
4. I agree to be solely responsible for my fob, and shall not loan it to anyone else to use.
5. I agree to be responsible for any persons I admit to the ZHCC.
6. If my fob is lost or stolen, I agree to inform the ZAH Secretary as soon as possible so that the fob may be disabled without delay.
7. If I am the last person exiting the ZHCC, I will ensure that all doors and windows are locked, and I shall arm the alarm system before exiting the building.
 - a. If I am unable to arm the system for any reason, I shall immediately contact a member of ZAH's Security System Team to request remote arming of the alarm system.
8. I understand that the access fob is only for ZAH members and should I choose to not renew my annual ZAH membership, it will be deactivated.
 - a. If I renew my ZAH membership after letting it lapse, I understand that I will have to pay ZAH a fee of \$10 for reactivating my deactivated fob or I may purchase a new fob for \$25.
9. I understand that if I repeatedly misuse the ZHCC, the ZAH Executive Committee (EC) may disable my access fob, limiting my access to the ZHCC.
 - a. Reinstatement of the fob would be at the sole discretion of the ZAH EC, and may require an additional fee or deposit as appropriate.

Member Name (printed)

Member Signature

Date

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Please return this form to the ZAH Secretary