



SUNDAY SCHOOL

PLACE: ZHCC, 8787 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77071 Tel: 713-270-9339
TIME: 11.30 a.m. (Vehishta’s Children’s session will start at 10 am this month)
DATE: October 14, 2012

Children’s Session: Sunday School session hosted by Vehishta will cover Zoro Family Tree topic followed by a project. Parents, please have the children bring a passport size photo of themselves for decorating the Zoroastrian Family Tree. This will be followed by Gujarati session and will include songs, alphabet, object bag.

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. This session takes place on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 20th October, 7 pm – CDCF’s The Annual Tackle Bone Cancer Gala, an evening of Dinner and Dance, Live and Silent Auction at The Houston Club, 811 Rusk St, Houston. **See attached flyer**

Saturday, Sunday - 27th and 28th October – *Library Annual Gala and FEZANA Birthday Celebration.* To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of FEZANA, ZAH brings to you two eminent scholars and a fun-filled Saturday Night Gala Dinner. Do not miss this opportunity of hearing Touraj Daryae and Yuhan Sohrab-Dinshaw Vevaina. ZAH has offered a special rate of \$22 for the all day event and to encourage the young parents to attend, a special rate of \$12 for children between the ages of 5 and 10 has been added. **See attached Flyer**

Saturday, 10th November, 11 am – Houston-Dallas Cricket Festival. **More details to follow.**

Sunday, 11th November, 2 pm – *ZAH 2012 Annual General Meeting.* All members are requested to attend the ZAH 2012 Annual General Meeting, scheduled for November 11, 2012, at 2PM, after lunch provided by ZAH. The AGM Notice and Nomination Form are attached herewith. A detailed agenda will be provided at a later date. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend.

Friday, 7th December, 10 am – ZAH Library Event. **More details to follow.**

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 R. Mehta)

We are very grateful for the very large turnout at the open house EC meeting held on Sunday, September 30, 2012, in the Main Hall of our Center to specifically discuss the revisions to the 2000 Guidelines. Many members had responded by the August 31 deadline with their views and the Summary of their comments, also circulated among all ZAH members, gave a clear indication of where consensus lay on most of the points. The meeting proceeded smoothly with members substantiating or supporting the suggestions made earlier and others expressing their differing views. Projection of the Guidelines clause by clause on the screen made it easier for members to follow the proceedings. Recommended changes, by consensus, to the clauses there and then ensured that will of the members in majority was correctly recorded.

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman made it very clear that the revised Operating Guidelines were not what he wants, nor what the EC and BMSC want. They are to reflect what the members in general want and what is expected of members using our premises. And, that is what happened.

These Guidelines will now be placed before the AGM on November 11, 2012, where their adoption will be requested hopefully without further discourse as the many members present on September 30 have already given their approval thereto.

- Members keep asking when the new security system will become effective. All equipment is in place and tested to conform to our needs. However, we have run into some issues with monitoring the new alarm system and these are being ironed out with the various vendors.
- Members continue to be generous. During the quarter ended August 31, 2012, the following members donated to the ZAH funds, aggregating \$ 3,475, for which we are extremely grateful:

Rashna & Viraf Bharucha	Nergish & Homi Davier
Mahrukh & Rohinton Deputy	Naushad Mehta
Khodadad Namirianian	Manek & Khushrav Nariman
Khodadad Peshootonizad	and two couples who wish to remain anonymous

- The gahambar on September 30 was an overwhelming success. More than 300 persons participated. Our many thanks to the ever willing mobeds for performing the jashan ceremony and the sponsors who contributed unhesitatingly towards defraying the cost and providing other amenities. Although all of them were thanked by the EC Chairman publicly at the gahambar itself, it would be amiss if we were not to recognize them in our newsletter. Their names appear hereunder. And, as always, without the tremendous work carried out by our Entertainment Committee, where would we have been? Many thanks all of you. A very pleasing observation was the presence of our youth in a large number, all enacting along with the mobeds the jashan ceremony around the tables at which they sat.

Ava & Noshir Bhathena	Rashna & Viraf Bharucha
Bakhtawer & Kershaw Byramji	Nargis & Homi Cooper
Villie Daboo	Marjan & Shahryar Darayan
Thrity & Rohinton Desai, in memory of their beloved son	Jessica & Jamshed Dubash
Mahrukh & Rohinton Deputy	Thrity & Kersi Engineer
Abby & Homi Erani	Mahnaaz & Farrokh Firozgary
Shahnaz Nasrabadi & Shadpoor Farkish, in memory of their beloved son	Jasmin & Yazdi Mistry
Dilshad & Bomi Hormazdi	Aban & Savi Patel
Homa & Keikhosrow Kavoussi	Ketty & Aspi Wadia
Kati Tamboli	

LIBRARY REPORT (By Jangoo Mistry)

Upcoming event at the Center

Our next eagerly-awaited Library event is planned for this month. On Saturday, October 27, we are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of FEZANA, with talks by two reputed scholars from California during the day, and a gala dinner and entertainment program in the evening.

- Dr. Touraj Daryaee (from 10am to 12 noon) will be speaking on: "*The Sasanian Empire and the Creation of a Persianate Identity*". Professor **Daryaee**, at the University of California, Irvine, teaches the

History of Iran and the Persianate World and is the Associate Director of Persian Studies and Culture. Professor Daryaei has authored numerous publications, is the editor of the *International Journal of Ancient Iranian Studies*.

- Dr. Yuhana Vevaina (from 1pm to 3pm) will be speaking on: "*Knowledge from the Teachers of old ZOROASTRIAN Theology and Religious Practices in late Antiquity*". Dr. Vevaina, with a doctorate from Harvard University, is currently a lecturer in the Department of Religious Studies at Stanford University, where he teaches a number of courses on ancient Iran and Zoroastrianism.

We are proud to be able to bring to you such accomplished scholars who provide us a unique opportunity to share their knowledge.

The evening program, from 8 pm onwards, (with FEZANA's new President Katayun Kapadia attending) will entertain us with a show filled with humor, music and dance, followed by a scrumptious dinner catered by our very own Naushad Mehta & Rustom Setna.

- If you are planning to attend only the day lectures with lunch, the rate is \$10 per person.
- If you are planning to attend only the evening show and dinner, the rate is \$22 per person.
- If you are planning to attend both events – the day lectures as well as the evening program, you will still pay only \$22 per person. In this case, you will not be paying anything extra for the day lectures and the lunch.
- For children ages 5 to 10, the rate is \$12.

However, because the rates are the same, when making your reservations please indicate clearly whether you also plan to attend the daytime sessions, or just the evening program. This will help us get a more accurate count of the number of people for lunch arrangements.

The next day, Sunday October 28, will feature an informal roundtable discussion with the two scholars from 11pm to 1pm. There is no charge for this program.

Please look at the attached flyer for more details on this gala and RSVP as soon as possible. This promises to be another enjoyable and memorable event, and we urge you to join us.

Other News

The ZAH Library has now replaced the stolen TV with a new one donated so graciously by Kersi and Thrity Engineer. We continue to rely on the generosity of our members like them from time to time, and really appreciate their support.

YOUTH GROUP REPORT (By Rayomand Katrak – Youth President)

Congrats to all the seniors from last year, we hope you guys have fun in college (but not too much fun) and we wish all of you guys the best of luck. We have already had a great start to the year. A group of us went to the Houston Food Bank to participate in the Interfaith Ministry's 9/11 service day. The younger ones sorted and packaged rice, while the older kids cleaned packages and organized them. We have plenty more service opportunities planned this year. We have also set our calendar for the whole year, making us more organized than ever before.

On September 30, the Mehrgan Jashan was held, and once again the youth participated alongside the mobeds. Everybody else attending also benefitted greatly, as they too were able to pray the same prayers as the mobeds were. We plan to be more involved with not only future jashans, but with the whole ZAH community and functions.

Our Sunday School classes will now be held twice a month, on the second and last Sunday of every month. Sarosh Uncle wanted the extra classes, so he could get through all of his material.

Here are the new officers for 2012-2013 year:

President: Rayomand Katrak

Secretary: Natalya Haveliwala

Historian: Michelle Balsara

Vice President: Ziba Colah

Treasurer: Shayan Bhatena

Web Master: Zal Daroga

And as always a big thank you to our teacher, Sarosh Uncle, along with our new youth moms, Diana Balsara and Tanaz Machi, and our youth mentor, Jenisteen Davier. We couldn't do it without you guys!

Report from the Entertainment Committee (By Yasmin Medhora)

The Maidhyoizaremaya Gahambar took place on September 30, 2012 at the ZAH Center and was attended by 305 persons. The hall was beautifully decorated with blue and white table cloths and pretty flowers.

Donations were received from a large number of families for this event. Mrs. Shahnaz Nasrabadi & Mr. Shadpoor Farkish family in memory of their beloved son Shahab; Mrs. Thrity and Mr. Rohinton Desai family in memory of their beloved son Cyrus and Dr. K. M. Kavoossi family from Austin. Thanks very much to all the other generous donors who are listed in the write up from the EC.

The prayers were conducted by our Ervads Bahmanshah Sanjana, Khushrav Nariman, Maneck Sidhwa, Shapur Pavri, Bahrom Firozgary, Noozar Boomla, Rayomand Katrak and Vispi Katrak. The prayers were followed by a talk given by Ervad Bahmanshah Sanjana explaining the meaning of Gahambhar. Later, ZAH EC member, Jehanbux Mehta thanked the Ervads, the Youth group and the generous donors for their kind gesture.

Under the guidance of Mr. Sarosh Collector, our Youth group prepared a participative Jashan ceremony presentation displaying and explaining the Jashan prayers. The attendees enjoyed this presentation very much.

Chasni of delicious malido, fresh fruits and mixed nuts was enjoyed by all. The attendees raved the mouthwatering Goat Meat Dhansak, Turkey Kabobs, Kachubar and Cake & Ice Cream served for lunch prepared by our very own Master Chefs, Naushad Mehta and Rustom Setna.

Last but not the least, the Entertainment Committee and the ZAH EC would like to thank the Web Team and all the donors, volunteers and attendees of the event. Peace and Happiness to all.

SPORTS COMMITTEE REPORT (By Kayo Sidhwa)

Indoor Sports Day on September 23rd 2012

We started the day slower than usual with our Zarathustis trickling in at around 11 am. The U-12 and U-25 groups were quite excited to begin the proceedings and they started to match their skills with Darts, Checkers and Chess whereas the U-50 and O-50 started with Carrom. There was pretty fierce competition in every age group, particularly the Over 50s and at one stage we had to call in some security guards to stop the "dart-handling" of the opponents.

The event picked up momentum around noon and (as in our genes) some started to inquire about food as soon as they stepped into ZAH. The pizzas came in much to the delight of our kids and adults which was a welcome change for the "foodies in the crowd". At around 2 pm we started the feature event, "Whist Drive", where participants matched their wits and talent under the guile and wizardry of our favorite MC, Jangoo Mistry and everyone had a lot of fun and laughter along with a few chants of "Bou Kharaab Paana Chhe" and Saalo Paana Pisto Be Nathi". Once the Whist Drive was over after 10 hard fought rounds, some Chai and Batasas made an entrance. Once the appetites were satiated a bit, fierce competition resumed in Carrom, Chess and Checkers and finally the day concluded with a hearty (and cholesterol free) dinner and awards at around 7.30 pm.

Our Youth Group setup a concession stand as part of their fund-raising activities with their parents donating the items and the community supporting them throughout the day. Around 3.30 pm we heard some loud yelling sounds in the Hall and to our astonishment saw some of our Youth covered with cupcakes. Well, they sure find unique ways to raise funds.

Last but not the least, we would like to acknowledge and thank all our community members for supporting us as well as all the volunteers for their selfless assistance and support and wish to see everyone at our Cricket event on Nov 10th.

Results:

U-12 yrs			
Carrom Singles 1 st Place: Natalya M 2 nd Place: Yazad S 3 rd Place: Nerius M & Cyrus M	Carrom Doubles 1 st Place: Natalya M/Chloe C 2 nd Place: Yazad S/Cyrus M 3 rd Place: Nerius M/Tayte C	Checkers 1 st Place: Nerius M 2 nd Place: Cyrus M 3 rd Place: Yazad S/Natalya M	Darts 1 st Place: Yazad S 2 nd Place: Natalya M 3 rd Place: Tayte C/Cyrus M

U-25yrs			
<u>Carrrom Singles</u> 1 st Place: Kyrus B 2 nd Place: Zal D 3 rd Place:Rayhan N &Vispi K	<u>Carrrom Doubles</u> 1 st Place: Kyrus B/Michelle B 2 nd Place: Darius T/Zal D 3 rd Place: Ashtad B/Freya D & Friyana S/Alyssa T	<u>Checkers</u> 1 st Place: Zubin C 2 nd Place: Zal D 3 rd Place: Tanaya B/Freya D	<u>Darts</u> 1 st Place: Rayomand K 2 nd Place: Vispi K 3 rd Place: Kyrus B/Friyana S
U-50yrs:			
<u>Carrrom Singles</u> 1 st Place: Kayo S 2 nd Place: Yazdi M 3 rd Place:Tanaz C/Farzana S	<u>Carrrom Doubles</u> 1 st Place: Roshan B/Kayo S 2 nd Place:Farzana S/Chesley C 3 rd Place: Khushrav N/Yazdi M &Aderbad T/Noozar B	<u>Checkers</u> 1 st Place: Kayo S 2 nd Place: Aderbad T 3 rd Place: Yazdi M	<u>Darts</u> 1 st Place: Kayo S 2 nd Place: Kamalrukh G 3 rd Place: Farzana S/Roshan B
O-50 yrs.			
<u>Carrrom Singles</u> 1 st Place: Rohinton D 2 nd Place: Jangoo M 3 rd Place: Percy B/Persis C	<u>Carrrom Doubles</u> 1 st Place: Rohinton D/Percy K 2 nd Place:Percy B/Aspi C 3 rd Place: Pervin S/Jangoo M &Sheroy H/Kershaw K	<u>Checkers</u> 1 st Place: Rohinton D 2 nd Place: Persis C	<u>Darts</u> 1 st Place: Homi C 2 nd Place: Rohinton D 3 rd Place: Yasmin H/Jal G
Chess		Chess	
<u>U-35</u> 1 st Place: Darius T 2 nd Place: Zubin C 3 rd Place: Zal D/Rayomand K		<u>O-35</u> 1 st Place: Katie I 2 nd Place: Kayo S 3 rd Place: Yazdi M	
Whist Drive:			
<u>Women/Men</u> 1st Place – Arnaz Mistry and Aderbad Tamboli 2nd Place – Maharukh Deputy and Rohinton Desai 3rd Place – Farzana Sidhwa and Homi Erani			

MISCELLANEOUS

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

ERVAD BAHROM FIROZGARY SELECTED ON RICE OWLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

In what may very well be the first time a Zoro is selected to play in a North American College Varsity Team, our very own tall and talented Ervad Bahrom Firozgary has been selected to play on the Rice Owls Varsity Basketball Team. Bahrom, currently a Junior at Rice University will represent RICE in the NCAA games. His jersey number is 44, which he gets to keep and continue his legacy from being Captain at Startford High School Varsity Team. Below are links for the Roster and Schedule of the Rice Owls basketball team, with their first game of the season commencing on Nov 10, 2012 against St. Thomas University. Bahrom gets to be the only player selected from the city of Houston, and also is the tallest on the team at 6'8". Do notice his sneaker shoe size next time...which is a whopping Size 17...could be considered a small canoe or kayak.. :))

We at ZAH are proud of you Bahrom, and we wish you the very best and hope you have a wonderful season and career, and continue to make us proud!!

As time permits hopefully members of our community will come to cheer for you at your games!!

<http://www.riceowls.com/sports/m-baskbl/mtt/rice-m-baskbl-mtt.html>

<http://www.riceowls.com/sports/m-baskbl/sched/rice-m-baskbl-sched.html>

WELCOME TO HOUSTON

Gulnar and Shahrukh Irani with their two children – son Anosh (10 yrs) and daughter Arnaz (6 yrs) have relocated from Columbus, OH. Their information:

Gulnar and Shahrukh Irani
2222 Settlers Way Blvd, Apt 513
Sugar Land, TX 77478
Tel: (832) 886-5165



You are cordially invited to
The Annual Tackle Bone Cancer Gala
for an evening of Dinner and Dance
Live and Silent Auction
at The Houston Club
811 Rusk St, Houston
on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Honoring Norman Jaffe, M.D.

Tickets

Donor Table \$1,500

Individual Tickets \$100

Student Tickets \$50

Purchase tickets at tacklebonecancer.com

Or mail checks ONLINE 706 Dayhill Drive,
Spring, TX 77379

Checks payable to CDF

RSVP by Friday, October 12, 2012

For more information call 281-376-2476

Or email cdf1287@gmail.com

Program for the Evening

Mixer 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Dinner/Speaker 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Live/Silent Auction, Dancing 7:00 - midnight

Cocktail Attire



www.tacklebonecancer.com



In Celebration of 25th Anniversary of FEZANA
 ZAH Proudly Presents
**A Weekend With Two Eminent Scholars &
 A Fun-Filled Saturday Night Gala Dinner**



LECTURE SERIES

Sasanian Empire and the Creation of a Persianate Identity.



Saturday, October 27, 2012 10:00 am—12:00 noon

Touraj Daryaee is the Howard C. Baskerville Professor at the University of California, Irvine where he teaches the History of Iran and the Persianate World and is the Associate Director of Persian Studies and Culture. at the University of California, Irvine. Professor Daryaee has authored numerous publications, is the editor of the International Journal of Ancient Iranian Studies and in charge of Sasanika: Late Antique Near East Project

(www.sasanika.com) at UC Irvine. Professor Daryaee's recent book, ***Sasanian Persia: The Rise and Fall of An Empire***, was awarded the prize of the British Society for Middle East Studies in 2010. He is also the editor of the Name-ye Iran-e Bastan: The International Journal of Ancient Iranian Studies.

Lunch 12:00 noon—1:00 pm

Knowledge from the Teachers of Old: Zoroastrian Theology and Religious Practices in late Antiquity.



Saturday, October 27, 2012, 1:00 pm —3:00 pm

Yuhana Sohrab-Dinshaw Vevaina is currently a Lecturer in the Department of Religious Studies at Stanford University. He received his M.A. in 2003 and his Ph.D. in 2007 from the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University where he served as a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Undergraduate Core Curriculum. He teaches a number of courses related to ancient Iran

including Old Persian and Middle Persian Language and Literature. He also teaches classes on Zoroastrianism . He is working on a book on Zoroastrian scriptural interpretation in Late Antiquity.

SATURDAY NIGHT GALA & DINNER - 8:00 pm onwards

**FEZANA's 25TH Anniversary Celebration
 (with new President Katayun Kapadia in attendance)
 promises to entertain you with a show
 filled with humor, music and dance,
 followed by a scrumptious dinner catered by
 our very own Naushad Mehta & Rustom Setna.**

Sunday, October 28, 2012—11:00 –1:00 pm—Informal Discussion with Vevaina and Daryaee

Saturday Lecture, Lunch and Dinner Gala	\$22.00
Lecture session with Lunch	\$10.00
Saturday Gala & Dinner	\$22.00
Sunday morning Informal Discussion	Free

Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center
 8787 W. Airport Blvd - Houston, TX 77071

**Register and pay at : Online @ www.zah.org
 Or call Arnavaz Sethna at 281.499.1832**

**ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE MEMBERS AND
ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

A General Body Meeting of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2012, at The Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center, 8787 W. Airport Boulevard, Houston, TX 77071 at 2:00PM.

AGENDA: Members wishing to include any items for discussion may forward the subject matter to the ZAH Secretary, by e-mail, to percy.master@hp.com, by **October 26, 2012** so that they can be included in the agenda.

NO NEW MATTERS WILL BE ENTERTAINED FROM THE FLOOR ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING, OR WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10/26/2012.

The Term of Office as defined in Article 5.3: The term of office for all Executive Committee members shall be two (2) years. No member shall be allowed to serve on the Executive Committee for more than two (2) consecutive terms. The preceding clause may be over-ruled for a particular case or cases by an eighty percent (80%) majority vote of a meeting called for election purposes.

The following positions on the Executive Committee are up for election:

1	Member	Kersi Daroga	Completed one 2-year term	Eligible for re-election
2	Member	Behroze Daruwalla	Completed one 2-year term	Eligible for re-election
3	Member	Kershaw Khumbatta	Completed two 2-year terms	Term Completed
4	FEZANA Representative	Sarosh Collector	Completed two 2-year terms	Term Completed
5	Secretary	Percy M. Master	Completed three 2-year terms	Term Completed

TO:

Percy M. Master
ZAH Secretary
11414 English Rose, Missouri City, TX 77459.

NOMINATION FORM

The completed nomination form must either be mailed to the ZAH Secretary, Percy M. Master, at 11414 English Rose, Missouri City, TX 77459, or scanned-emailed to percy.master@hp.com **no later than October 26, 2012.**

I hereby nominate _____

for the position of _____

on the Zoroastrian Association of Houston (ZAH) Executive Committee.

I understand that this nominee must be eligible for election, and satisfies all the laws and by-laws of the ZAH Constitution. **This nomination form is considered to be valid only if it is signed by the nominee, nominating member and the seconder.**

No nominations will be accepted after October 26, 2012.

No nominations will be accepted from the floor on the Election Day.

SIGNATURE

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NOMINATING MEMBER SECONDED BY NOMINEE

Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____