



**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:** November 11, 2012

Children's Session: On November 11th, Sunday school will start at **10 am**.

- 10 am - The session will be hosted by Vehishta. Please bring a white T-shirt for T-Shirt printing project.
- 11 am - Gujarati session. We will continue with the alphabet and also start writing some letters.

Please bring passport size photographs of your children for the 'Zoro'astrian family tree

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 and what prayers are in Khordeh Avesta. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 11 am** – Houston-Dallas Cricket Festival. *See details in Miscellaneous Section*
- Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2 pm** – ZAH 2012 Annual General Meeting. Agenda and relevant documents have been posted on the ZAH web site, zah.org.
- Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10 am** – ZAH Library Event. *Details to follow.*

**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**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (By Jehanbux R. Mehta)**

It was twenty-five years ago that FEZANA was born. With ZAH having been involved in its founding and thereafter having played a very major role therein throughout, it was befitting for us to celebrate their silver anniversary. And, what a celebration it was on October 27! The day began with the Library Committee holding a very interesting seminar followed by a gala evening at which Kamalrukh Gandhi and her troupe regaled nearly 200 of us with a delightful mix of song, dance and mirth. We were honored by the presence of Katayun Kapadia, the new President of FEZANA, who had specially flown in with her husband, Kersi, for the occasion. In

appreciation of the “great work being carried out by ZAH” to phrase it in her own words, she and Kersi donated a generous amount to our Association. Thank you Katayun and Kersi for gracing our function and for your personal gift.

It is with great pride that we wish to inform our members that of the ten Scholarships awarded this year by FEZANA to deserving students all over North America, two went to our young Houstonians. Firoozeh Roointan clinched the Banoobai and Maneckshaw Kapadia Endowment Scholarship and Nikita Engineer bagged the FEZANA Scholarship, both of which were presented to the recipients at the gala by Katayun. We stand truly proud!

The new security system is seeing the light of day. Almost all is accomplished and it is hoped that at the AGM on November 11, our team will be able to present to you the transition to the new system. Full marks to the Security System Team, spearheaded ably by Aderbad Tamboli.

As indicated above, our Annual General Meeting will be held in the main hall of the Center at 2:00 p.m. to be preceded by a complimentary lunch. Do make it convenient to attend as at this meeting, in addition to the presentation of the accounts, we will also be placing before you for approval two motions, namely, doing away with dual signatures on checks under \$2,500 and the other the revisions to the Operating Guidelines adopted by consensus by over 120 members present at the August 30 town hall meeting organized by your EC. New EC members to replace those whose terms expire also need to be approved. Details may be read on our website.

The major storm, Sandy, has caused unparalleled havoc on the East coast. The damage caused is horrendous. To help in the little way that we can, or rather, should, we request you to donate whatever you are able to ZAH for onward transmission as a lump sum to the American Red Cross for distribution among the needy. The EC thanks you in anticipation.

### **LIBRARY REPORT (By Jango Mistry)**

#### ***Gala Anniversary Function***

Our eagerly-awaited Library event held on Saturday, October 27, was an unqualified success. We celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Daryae, Professor at the University of California, Irvine, spoke on: *“The Sasanian Empire and the Creation of a Persianate Identity”*. Dr. Yuhan Vevaina, with a doctorate from Harvard University, now teaches a number of courses on ancient Iran and Zoroastrianism at Stanford University. He spoke on: *“Knowledge from the Teachers of old ZOROASTRIAN Theology and Religious Practices in late Antiquity”*.

Dr. Darayee covered the history of the Sasanian Empire, from its beginning with Ardashir to its fall during Yazdgerd III. The emphasis was on the cultural and intellectual achievement of the Sasanians and their contribution to world civilization. Their promotion of learning, specifically in body and mind, was the main focus of the discussion. Dr. Vevaina fascinated us with an understanding of Classical Zoroastrianism as laid out in “The Book of Advice of Zarathushtra”. It was evident from the extended question-and-answer session that followed each talk that the audience was engaged and interested.

The ZAH Library is 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. Our two speakers helped us tremendously to accomplish what we have set out to do.

It is rare that we get such a unique opportunity to connect directly with distinguished scholars like Dr. Darayee and Dr. Vevaina. In a matter of hours, we gained access to the knowledge and wisdom that they have accumulated through years of learning and study.

The evening gala started out with an entertainment program by our local talent who put on a show filled with humor, music and dance that was a sheer delight to watch. Celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FEZANA, its new President, Katayun Kapadia, gave a presentation on the organization’s history, activities and vision for the future. A scrumptious dinner catered by our very own Naushad Mehta & Rustom Setna was a fitting end to the day’s events.

The next day, Sunday October 28, featured an informal roundtable discussion with the two scholars in the morning. It was heartening to see our youth turn up and participate in the discussion that covered a wide range

of topics – from translations of the Gathas, to Evolution/ Creationism, and the study of Zoroastrianism in high schools.

### **Book Review**

The ZAH Library has acquired a truly remarkable book. An oversized book, suitable for any coffee table, is the just published: **ASHAVANS: A Legacy of Leadership**, by Meher Bhesania. The book profiles 101 outstanding Zoroastrians worldwide who have excelled and left their mark on society in so many different fields. The rich diversity of their talents is truly awe-inspiring and inspirational. Each person is given a 2-page spread with a color photograph, a short paragraph at the start, a description of their accomplishments, and a Career Trajectory at the end. Within its covers are to be found such luminaries as Ambassador Jamsheed Marker, Adi and Nadir Godrej, Chief Justice Sarosh Kapadia, singer Penaz Masani, Dr. Roda Patel, Ratan Tata, Field Marshall Sam Manekshaw, and our Bapsi Sidhwa. You will recognize many familiar names and faces – some you will be delighted to find, others you may not quite agree with. But regardless, these are the people in our community who have “left their footprints on the sands of time”, and touched our lives in one way or another.

The book was brought by Yasmin Pavri and generously donated to the Library in honor of Behroze Daruwalla's father, Naushir.

The glossy beautiful book is a collector's item; it comes with a Compact Disc containing our three ancient prayers with translations and music. Check out the book for the youngsters in your family, and it will inspire them and make them recognize the stalwarts that our community has produced. Or, the next time you are at the Center, come a little early and just sit down with the book in one of our comfortable chairs and browse through it. We guarantee that you will not be able to put it down.

### **SPORTS COMMITTEE NEWS (By Kayo Sidhwa)**

We will be hosting the first ever Cricket tournament with the Dallas Cricket team as part of our Family Cricket Festival on **November 10th 2012**. Practice (every Sunday) and preparations are in full swing and selections are currently on for the ZAH Cricket teams. If you have not **RSVP'd** please do so ASAP. We will also have individual awards as well as a Rotating Cricket Cup presented by ZAH for the overall winner.

Teams have been formed and we will be playing on Saturday November 10, 2012 at ZHCC.

Those who do not wish to play Cricket are also welcome and can play indoor sports like Carrom, Checkers, Chess, Whist Drive and Mahjong or just come and cheer the ZAH and Dallas teams.

### **Charges**

- All Day including Dinner & Awards - Adults - \$20 and Child - \$15

**Lunch** (around 1 pm) - Chicken Sandwich, Chips and Sodas

**Tea** (around 4 pm) - With Snacks

**Dinner** (around 8 pm)- Mutton Dhansak, Kababs, Cachumber and Dessert catered by our own Naushad Mehta and Rustom Setna

**RSVP** - Please RSVP on our website and if sending a check, please send them to ZAH 8787 W.Airport Blvd, Houston, TX 77071

We are extremely excited and looking forward to this event with the Dallas Cricket team and promise a great day full of competition, food, fun and laughter.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **ZAH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This is a gentle reminder to all members to attend the annual general body meeting scheduled for 2PM on November 11, 2012. The EC is pleased to announce the nomination of the following members:

- Kersi Daroga – Member
- Rohintan Deputy – Member
- Manek Nariman – Member
- Diana Balsara – Secretary
- Roshan Sethna – FEZANA Representative

Please check out our AGM 2012 website - <http://zah.org/our-contacts/executive-committee/agm-11-nov-2012>. You will find the detailed agenda, draft copies of two motions, the new proposed ZHCC Operating Guidelines, subcommittee reports and much more.

### **AWARDS & ACCOLADES**

On October 12, 2012 Nina Godiwalla was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame by Gov. Rick Perry of Texas. Nina was one of the five inductees and was recognized for her contribution in the field of Business.

The Governor's Commission for Women established the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1984 to honor the State's most accomplished women. Inductees include first ladies, teachers, astronauts, and athletes. The Texas Women's Hall of Fame biennial awards ceremony recognizes the achievements of women. Texas residents submit nominations and a bi-partisan, independent panel of judges selects the recipients who get inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Nina is often sought as an international speaker on leadership, diversity and women in the corporate world, and is frequently featured in national media as a business and women's issues expert. She serves as an industry leader for the White House and The Wall Street Journal Executive Task Force for Women in the Economy, a writer for Wharton Magazine, and a wife and a mother. Godiwalla is also a leadership instructor for UT Austin's McCombs School of Business MBA program, which includes Suits as required reading.

### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Baby girl, Aanya, daughter to Arnavaz and Noshir Kharas, born on October 15, 2012. Feroze Kharas is the proud grandfather and Soonu Godiwalla is the proud grandmother.

### **WZCC UPCOMING SEMINAR**

On Saturday, December 1st, WZCC-Houston is holding a seminar entitled "Get your Career off to a Flying Start", presented by Mr. Rohintan Deputy. This is the second career building seminar that is being presented this year with an emphasis on the unique challenges that are present in the early stages of your career. If you did attend the last seminar this could be a great refresher.

Please look at the details on the attached flyer. The cost of the program is \$7 a person including lunch, and the program is going to be from 10am to 3pm. If you know of any young professionals in our community, please do speak to them about this program. We have an experienced person who has worked and led a major company in the United States and abroad speaking and imparting his knowledge. Rohintan has spent countless hours putting this program together. I would also like to thank Jango Mistry and Rustom Engineer for their help with the seminar.

Please do RSVP to me at 713-963-4229 or [zarirs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zarirs@sbcglobal.net) **See attached flyer for more details**

### **SAVE THE DATE: "Garas and Duglis" to be held at ZAH on Sat., Feb. 23, 2013**

Please **Save the Date** for our upcoming fundraiser event "**Garas and Duglis**" to be held at **ZAH on Sat., Feb. 23, 2013**.... all proceeds to go to ZAH. This promises to be a fun dress-up evening with **Patra Nu Bhonu** and a fully festive ambiance with **Chalk-Toran-Lights** and **live entertainment** from California!

Please refer to attached flyer, details to follow in upcoming Manashni issues..... stay tuned!

Your Entertainment Committee asks for your active involvement and participation. We are looking for sponsors, donors, advertisers.... how would you like to pitch in?

Hope to see you at **ZAH Baug** in your traditional **Duglis-Fentos-Paghdis-topis** and **Garas-Sarees, Navjote dresses and duglis**...or your **Iranian traditional outfits!**

Your Entertainment Committee



**WORLD ZARATHUSHTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**HOUSTON CHAPTER**

Saturday  
Dec. 1, 2012

10:00 AM  
To  
3:00 PM

**GET YOUR CAREER OFF TO A FLYING START**

By  
**Rohintan Deputy**

*Our last Career Building Seminar by Rohintan Deputy was an unqualified success. Based on the overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents and attendees at that seminar, Rohintan is presenting this seminar that explores in depth the all-important early stage of your career.*

- *Unique challenges that the younger generation faces in the job market.*
- *Forces that are driving the "Changing World of Work".*
- *What makes some people succeed more than others.*
- *How to develop that one characteristic that will differentiate you from the competition.*
- *Develop a holistic approach to your career:*
  - \* *Build a strong foundation*
  - \* *Develop your core competencies*
  - \* *Personal development that brings out your true worth*

*The U.S. corporate world is changing fast and getting increasingly competitive. Don't get lost in the shuffle. Whether you are just starting out, or whether you are stalled ten years into your career, you will benefit from the steps that will help you climb the Corporate ladder.*

*If you attended the last seminar by Rohintan, you will also get a good refresher, and gain a deeper insight into the strategies you need to adapt to jump start your career. Come and learn from a high-level Executive of a large company how you can draw your own road map to success and take the critical steps to stand out and succeed.*

Cost:  
\$ 7.00 pp  
Lunch Included



*Rohintan Deputy has over 30 years of experience at Ford Motor Company. Now retired, Rohintan was Plant Manager, Chief Engineer, Director of Technology and President of the South American subsidiary. He has extensive domestic and international experience in engineering, manufacturing and corporate strategy. Rohintan holds two Bachelor degrees in Physics and Electronics, a Masters in electronics and University of Michigan's Executive Program.*

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RSVP :  
Before  
Nov. 25, 2012

**RSVP: Zarir Sethna (713) 963 4229 or [zarirs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zarirs@sbcglobal.net)**

**ZAH PRESENTS**

# **SAREES AND DAGLIS** *A Gala Evening*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2013

RSVP, RATES, & OTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW

**SCRUMPTIOUS PATRA NU BHONU**  
**(DINNER SERVED ON BANANA LEAF)**

POPULAR MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT  
ENTOURAGE FROM CALIFORNIA

**BABYSITTING SERVICE**

**BEST DRESSED GARA & DAGLI COMPETITION**

**PARSI VARIETY STALL**

**SILENT & LIVE AUCTION**

**CARICATURES / PHOTOS**

**COMMUNITY SLIDE SHOW**

*Organized By: ZAH Entertainment Committee*

