



SUNDAY SCHOOL

PLACE: ZHCC, 8787 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77071 Tel: 713-270-9339
TIME: 11.30 a.m. – Different times for different groups.
DATE: November 9, 2014

Children’s Session: Sunday School starts at 10.30 am. Topics for this month -

- Parsi Calendar
- Gujarati objects, songs, letters

Middle Group: This group is for the children in the middle school. If your child falls in this age group, do please bring him/her to the Sunday School.

Senior Group: Sarosh Collector conducts this session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 9, 2014, 11 am till noon - ZAH Fitness Class at ZAH main Hall – Details below

Sunday, November 9, 2014, 2 pm – ZAH AGM – Please see attached Agenda

Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 6.30 pm WZCC - Dinner Program "Women in Business" at the Madras Pavillion. - See attached flyer for details.

Saturday, November 22, 2014, 10.30 am - Dallas - Houston Cricket Tournament - See attached flyer

Sunday, November 23, 2014, noon onwards – ZAH Picnic – See attached flyer

Friday, December 5 – Library Event - Qissa-e-Parsi – at our ZAH Library at 7:00 pm. Details coming soon.

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

EC REPORT

By Diana Balsara – Secretary

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the ZAH will be held on Sunday November 9, 2014 at the ZHCC. Your Executive Committee (EC) requests all members to attend this meeting. The AGM will include electing the new members of the EC, as well as updates to the ZAH bylaws for the new Atash Kadeh.

Lunch will be served from 1:00PM to 2:00PM. Although the ZAH is hosting this lunch, donations are always welcome.

The meeting Agenda as well as other documents related to the meeting are on the ZAH website at [2014 AGM Documents](#)

LIBRARY REPORT

By Aban Rustomji

Annual Gala Event

Our eagerly-awaited Library event held on November 1 & 2, was an unqualified success. Entitled *Pictures at an Exhibition, Voices of the People*, Sarah Stewart's first lecture was based on the exhibition *The Everlasting Flame: Zoroastrianism in history and imagination*. As lead curator of the exhibition, it was the first of its kind to give visual expression to Zoroastrian history, culture and religion. It also explored the wide reach of the religion in the ancient world and its influence on the major religions of the Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Stewart's second lecture drew on her recent research on Zoroastrianism in Iran.

The ZAH lectures drew a wide audience from among community members as well as the general public. In the evening there was a reception, gala dinner and entertainment provided by ZAH dance and choir group that was enthusiastically received by one and all. The theme of the evening entertainment was "The Best of ZAH". It was delightful to see three generations of performers performing. This was followed by a scrumptious dinner catered by Naushad Mehta.

The following Sunday morning Sarosh Manekshaw led an informal educational session in the ZAH Library where attendees had a chance to have a "conversation" with Dr. Sarah Stewart.

Later the same day Sarah gave a talk in the Brown Auditorium at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston (MFAH). The large theater was filled to capacity, with a large number of attendees from our community. In her talk Sarah was able to draw on some of the exhibits from MFAH's Al-Sabah collection adding a local context to her talk. It was gratifying that ZAH was prominently featured and recognized during this event. The FEZANA created pamphlet, *Zoroastrians – Followers of an ancient faith in a modern world*, was freely distributed.

Upcoming program

Our last program for the year will be held on **Friday, December 5**. A documentary, *Qissa-e-Parsi: the Parsi story*, will be shown at our ZAH Library at 7:00 pm. After viewing the documentary we hope to have a question and answer conference call with the directors Divya Cowasji and Shilpi Gulati who are based in India. Details are being worked out and will be forth coming.

Houston Asian American Archive (HAAA) Oral History

This summer a number of our members were interviewed for the HAAA Oral history project. These interviews are now uploaded and are archived at Rice University's Fondren Library Woodson Research Center. You can check them out on <http://library.rice.edu/collections/WRC>

Book donation

Villi and Ken Bhappu donated a lovely book titled *Parsis of Ahmedabad: a brief history* by Rashid Sohrab Medhora to celebrate and honor Yasmin Medhora. We thank our donors and congratulate Yasmin on this honor.

YOUTH GROUP REPORT

By Freya Daroga, Secretary - ZAH Youth Group

This year has already started off with resounding success for our ZAH Youth Group.

Our main goal of community service for the 2014-2015 ZAH Youth Group continues to be fulfilled as we carry out our various projects.

We have volunteered at the Houston Food Bank and set up a Blood Drive at the ZAH in October which, thanks to our ZAH Community members, was a great success. For this month of November, our Youth Group has planned to drive to Dallas for a Lock-In with our fellow Dallas Zoroastrians from the 28th-29th at their Center (ZANT). Our Youth Group has made it a point in the past few years to meet up with the Dallas youth whenever possible. Many of us have now formed great friendships and we hope to continue this, as it allows us to meet others who share our religion and we acquire more knowledge and understanding about our religion. We will be attending a few sessions in Dallas which they will have prepared for us, and we hope to have a great time. Once again we would like to thank our ZAH Community for their endless

MISCELLANEOUS

ZAH FITNESS CLASS - ZAH MAIN HALL

Come and have a great work out with your ZAH Fitness crew before the AGM on November 9, 2014. At this Session we will have Simple Core Exercises, Cardio Kickboxing, Meditation and Fast Five (Five minute workout for your busy schedule). Golden Group welcome!!

Please note: Participants are only allowed in the Main Hall during session.
All Participants are required to sign a Waiver. Bring water bottle. Bring floor mats

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Your Houston Chapter Executive Team

KITCHEN ITEMS DONATION DRIVE

by Vispi Kattrak – Youth Group President

During my recent iLead sessions as part of Interfaith Ministries, my teachers have assigned us to have a donation drive benefiting Houston's refugees. Without a doubt, I would love to have this drive at our center. We will be gathering kitchen items such as: spoons, forks, knives(butter or steak knife), plates, bowls and cups. Anyone from the center can bring any of these items! The drive will be held from November 1st to February 16th, and drives will run 1 to 2 weekends during this window, hopefully more. All the items and proceeds will be distributed to refugee families by: March 30th, 2015.

Also, I feel a great opportunity for everyone to bring these kitchen items would be on the day of the AGM November 9th, as most members of our community will attend that meeting. If anyone would like to bring any of these kitchen items on this day, feel free to hand them over to me.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me at vispi.kattrak@yahoo.com. Thank you so much, and hope to see everyone soon!

VASANU

Delicious VASANU prepared by Freny Sanjana available for \$18 per pound. Please Call Freny at 281-530-0280.

BLANK CARDS WITH SHAHNAMEH DESIGNS

We have a few Shahnameh design blank cards that can be used for any occasion. \$5.00 for a packet of 4 cards. Please call Arnavaz Sethna at 281-499-1832 or send an e-mail at ahsethna@yahoo.com for purchase.

BIRTH

A baby girl **Serena** born on October 11, 2014 to proud parents Diana and Svetang Desai, grandparents Yasmin & Rustom Engineer, uncle and aunt Eric and Thrity and cousin Aaron Engineer.

NEW ADDRESS – MR. & MRS. TEHEMTON ARESH

Please note the new address of Mr & Mrs Tehemton Aresh

Tehemton & Gordafriid Aresh
6202 Stone Trail Lane
Spring, TX 77379



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON

Agenda for the 2014 ZAH Annual General Meeting

Meeting Date: November 9, 2014

Meeting Time: 2:00 P.M.

Meeting Chair: Aderbad Tamboli

<u>No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
1.	Invocation	
2.	Establish Quorum	Diana Balsara
3.	Adoption of Agenda	Aderbad Tamboli
4.	Approval of Minutes of 2013 AGM	Aderbad Tamboli
5.	Approval of Minutes of 2014 SGM	Aderbad Tamboli
6.	Chairman's Report	Aderbad Tamboli
7.	Treasurer's Report	Kayomarz Sidhwa
8.	Youth Report	Vispi Katrak
9.	Building Maintenance Committee Report	Aderbad Tamboli
10.	Entertainment Committee Report	Yasmin Medhora
11.	Investment Management Team Report	Vispi Sagar
12.	Library Committee Report	Aban Rustomji
13.	Building Management Subcommittee Report	Pervin Sagar
14.	Sports Committee Report	Sheroy Haveliwala
15.	Web Team report	Danesh Desai
16.	Security System Team Report	Percy Master
17.	Legacy Scholarship Committee Report	Homi Davier
18.	Adoption of Revisions to ZAH By-laws	Aderbad Tamboli
19.	Election of EC Members	Aderbad Tamboli
20.	Benediction, Vote of Thanks and Meeting Close	Diana Balsara

NOTE:

In respect of item # 18 of the Agenda, the following documents will be on the ZAH website for Members review:

1. Existing By-laws.
2. Revised By-laws as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee, and approved by the Executive Committee

The other documents on the website are:

3. The Chairman's Report
4. Sub-committee reports and
5. Minutes of the last AGM (2013) and SGM (2014).



**WORLD ZARATHUSHTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
HOUSTON CHAPTER**

**Invites you to attend a talk on
WOMEN IN BUSINESS**

Speakers from our community will share their story, insights and learnings

SPEAKERS

SONIA RASH

Principal & Attorney
Behrana Law Firm
Specializing in Civil Law

TENAZ SUNAVALA

Founder & President
Pegasus Visas International

NASREEN KHOSRAVIAN

Founder & Principal
Kids R Kids - Missouri City and Sugar Land

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014

6:30 PM Mixer & Appetizer

7:15 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Talks Followed by Q&A

**Madras Pavilion, 16260 Kensington Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77579
(281) 491 3672**

**COST
(Cash Only):**

**\$10:00
Members**

**\$15:00
Non-
Members**

**RSVP Before
Nov. 7 2014**

RSVP: Zarir Sethna (713) 963 4229 or zarirs@sbglobal.net



ZAH PICNIC

Sugar Land Memorial Park
Sunday November 23, 2014
Noon onwards



ENJOY A DAY OF FUN, GAMES, AND FOOD

FUN ITEMS TO BRING ALONG:

Frisbees, soccer ball, football, bikes, and other fun outdoor activity items.
Since we have a pavilion suggest bring your favorite board games, cards, etc.

POTLUCK: PLEASE BRING A FOOD ITEM TO SHARE:

Covered Entree or similar food item to share. Please do not bring: Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Soda, etc. in lieu of your covered dish.
Dessert, Tea and sodas will be provided by ZAH.

PLEASE BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLES & ICE-CHESTS

DOGS PERMITTED ON LEASH. DOG PARK NEARBY

No Charge - Free Event

ZAH is covering costs for Venue Rental, Paper Products, Dessert, Tea and Sodas

CLICK HERE FOR PARK DETAILS

Sugar Land Memorial Park
15300 University Blvd.,
Sugar Land, TX 77479
(281) 271-2885

Event Organized By: ZAH Entertainment Committee



DALLAS – HOUSTON CRICKET TOURNAMENT - 2014



Event Details:

- Saturday November 22nd, 2014 at 10:30 AM
- Rates:
 - All day (includes lunch & dinner); Members \$14, Non-Members \$20, Walk-ins \$20
 - Half day (includes lunch only) Members \$6, Non-Members \$10, Walk-ins \$10
- Venue: *Apru* ZAH Center
- Sign Up on or Before November 18th, 2014
- Those not playing cricket can play indoor sports like Mahjong, Table Tennis, Carrom, or just hang out and enjoy the festivities

Additional Details:

- Please sign-up and pay online for this event at <http://zah.org/events/family-cricket/>
- Contact Sheroy Haveliwala (281-217-3243; hwala@hotmail.com) for additional information, and if paying by check.
- All ages are welcome
- Tea, Soft Drinks and Snacks will be provided

JOIN THE FUN

**ORGANIZED BY: ZAH SPORTS
COMMITTEE**