



MANASHNI WISHES ITS READERS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PLACE: ZHCC, 8787 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77071 Tel: 713-270-9339
TIME: 11.30 a.m.
DATE: January 12, 2014

Children’s Session: The Sunday School session will start at our usual new time 10:30 a.m. We hope to see full attendance in the new year.

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

- Saturday, February 1, 2014 – Jashne Sadeh – see attached flyer**
- Saturday, February 15, 2014 – NAMC Seminar – See attached flyer**
- Sunday, February 16, day, 2014 – Informal discussion with NAMC Speakers**
- Saturday, March 8, 2014 – Dar ni Pori Bake-a-thon**
- Friday, March 21, 2014 – Navroze Humbandagi**
- Saturday, March 22, 2014 – Navroze Function**
- Tuesday, March 25, 2014 – Avan Yazad Parab Jashan – location to be announced**
- Saturday, March 29, 2014 – Outdoor Sports Track and Field**

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

LIBRARY REPORT
 By Jango Mistry

The Library Committee wishes all our members a very Happy 2014, and the fulfillment of all your wishes and dreams.

This time of year, we are prone to make resolutions that sometimes last longer than a whole week! But there is one New Year’s resolution that you will find easy to keep.

At various times in 2014, the Library Committee will present events that you will find interesting. It will be very gratifying for you and us if you make a resolution to attend **at least one Library event** in the New Year. We feel that just this minor effort on your part will make you a "repeat and loyal customer" of our presentations. And you will be proud that you were able to keep your resolution so easily. See you in 2014!

YOUTH GROUP REPORT

By Rayhan Nariman

In the month of December, the Youth Group was able to follow through with all the activities they had planned for the month. We organized and put on a Christmas party mainly for the younger groups which was a huge success. During the party, we had food, played games, and had loads of fun. The younger children even got a special visit from Santa and were given gifts.

This month, the Youth Group will go on their camping trip to Lake Livingston, January 18th to the 20th as we did last year.

The Youth has compiled a collection of 12 pictures of the younger, middle and youth groups kids, and made it into a calendar to which will be priced at \$15 for purchase. The calendar includes all the Zarathushti roj and months and will be for sale later this month. This is a pilot service project and a fund raiser for the youth. We are hoping the community will their support us in this endeavor.

MISCELLANEOUS

JASHNA-E-SADEH

February 1, 2014

If RSVP and paid by January 28, 2014

Adult Rate (11 yrs. and up) - \$18 (Regular Food or Pizza)

Children Rate (4-10 yrs.): Pizza - \$6; Regular food - \$18

If RSVP and paid on January 29 – 31, 2014

Adult Rate (11 yrs. and up) - \$30 (Regular Food or Pizza)

Children Rate (4-10 yrs.): Pizza - \$10; Regular food - \$30

Walk-ins

Adult Rate (11 yrs. and up) - \$40 (Regular Food or Pizza)

Children Rate (4-10 yrs.): Pizza - \$15; Regular food - \$40

Please RSVP online – <http://zah.org/events/jashn-e-sadeh-2/>

Check out the flyer for more details

NAMC SEMINAR

ZAH Library, home of FIRES (FEZANA Information Research & Education Systems) is pleased to host the third NAMC (North American Mobed Council) Seminar on **February 15, 2014** at the ZHCC from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Topics and presenters are:

1. Mobedyar Khushroo Mirza from ZSO, Toronto - "Zarathushti Core Principles in Our Daily Lives"

What are these Core Principles? What do they mean to us in simple terms? How do we adhere to these principles?

2. Ervad Faraidoon Pundole from ZAH, Houston - "Concept of Sin in Zoroastrianism"

What constitutes sin and what is its nature? How do we know if we are committing sin or not ?

3. Ervad Tehemton Mirza from ZSO, Toronto - "Concept of Heaven in Zoroastrianism"

Explore these questions: Do you know the path to heaven? How did Prophet Zarathushtra describe heaven? Do you have to be a Zoroastrian to reach heaven? How is life in heaven?

4. Ervad Poras Balsara from ZANT, Dallas - "Persepolis - Rising from the Ruins"

Explore a brief construction history and interesting features of Persepolis through its present ruins brought to life by various recreation projects.

Lunch 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. - \$15.00 per person. RSVP Arnavaz Sethna – asethna@comcast.net

**February 16, 2014 - Informal Session – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Check out the flyer for more details.**

THE WORLD ZOROASTRIAN CONGRESS – SYNOPSIS The Bombay Samachar, 05 January 2014

Content wise, the congress was mediocre. Although a few speakers tried to provoke (with our young Advocate General, Darayus Khambatta provoking majorly in what was the best speech), the audience response was tepid like cold porridge. Applause was muted and reserved for some past greatness statement about the Parsis. **This is exactly how a dying ethnic group behaves. Sad, insecure, feeling doomed pessimistic and nervous.**

There was no controversy, no debate, not even polite disagreement. Usually, the orthodox freely heckle, but not this time. Despite the undercurrent of tension between the original hosts, peace prevailed. Peace of the grave and the void of the desert. In 1978, we had covered the Congress in Mumbai, as a journalist for this newspaper. Every day, there was a heated debate and sparks flew. Both the orthodox and liberal were full of hope. 35 years later, both sides are feeling hopeless. In a slow pincer movement, circumstances are crushing our community.

On the sidelines, we spoke to the highly respected TISS scholar, Dr. Armaity Desai, who said that a full blown crisis may lead to radical reform. We think it is too late, even if that happens. All sides have lost their energy and interest to agitate. The dull pallor of boredom, at this Congress, proved the point. **Old warriors lost their zeal. The youth is largely indifferent or uninformed.**

A great, five star organizational success, which achieved nothing. No blueprint for the future, no concrete plans, no nothing. What have we reduced our great community to.

See below the **four Day PROCEEDINGS of WZC (DEC 27-30, 2013)** for those who could NOT participate, and a quick recap for those who participated!

Day 1 - <http://zoroastrians.net/2013/12/30/world-zoroastrian-congress-day-1/>

Day 2 - <http://zoroastrians.net/2013/12/30/world-zoroastrian-congress-day-2/>

Day 3 - <http://zoroastrians.net/2013/12/30/world-zoroastrian-congress-day-3/>

Day 4 - <http://zoroastrians.net/2013/12/30/world-zoroastrian-congress-day-4/>

OUR NEW GRADUATES

Zane Zarir Sethna graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering.

Mitra Kershaw Khumbatta graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelors of Science in Biology with a minor in both Chemistry and Business Administration. She would like to thank her parents and family for all of their support and words of encouragement over the years and would like to thank her community for giving her a firm foundation. Without this all, these past years would have been very difficult. Thank you all!

2014 ZAH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
01/11/2014 - 01/12/2014	Middle Group Lock-in	ZAH
1/12/2014	Sunday School	ZAH
01/18/2014 - 01/20/2014	<i>Youth Group Camping</i>	Lake Livingston St Park
2/1/2014	Jashne Sadeh	ZAH
02/07/2014 - 02/09/2014	Youth Group Lock-in and Food Bank	ZAH
2/9/2014	Sunday School	ZAH

2/15/2014	Library Event - NAMC Seminar	ZAH
2/21/2014	ZAH Hall Rental	ZAH
2/28/2014	ZAH Hall Rental	ZAH
3/8/2014	Dar-ni-pori Bake-a-thon	ZAH
3/9/2014	Sunday School	ZAH
3/15/2014	ZAH Rental (non-member)	ZAH
3/21/2014	Navroze Humbandagi	ZAH
3/22/2014	Navroze Function	ZAH
3/25/2014	Ava Parab Jashan	Offsite
3/29/2014	Outdoor Sports Track and Field	ZAH
04/12/2014 - 04/13/2014	Middle Group Lock-in	ZAH
4/13/2014	Sunday School	ZAH
4/13/2014	ZAH Annual Carnival	ZAH
4/13/2014	Youth Car Wash	ZAH
04/18/2014 - 04/20/2014	Youth Group Lock-in/Habitat for Humanity	Offsite
4/20/2014	Youth Sunday School	ZAH
5/25/2014	Sunday School	ZAH
6/1/2014	Maidhiayarem Gahambar (Dae mahino)	ZAH
6/22/2014	Sunday School	ZAH
6/28/2014	Indoor Games - Carrom, Mahjong, etc.	ZAH
07/01/2014 - 07/25/2014	Rehearsal for youth fundraiser	ZAH
07/12/2014 - 07/13/2014	Z-Camp 2014	ZAH
7/13/2014	Sunday School	ZAH
7/26/2014	Youth Fundraiser Show	ZAH
8/2/2014	Middle Group mukhtad clean up	ZAH
8/3/2014	Pool & Bowling	Offsite
08/08/2014 - 08/17/2014	Mukhtad Prayers	ZAH
8/10/2014	Sunday School	ZAH
8/18/2014	Navroze Humbandagi	ZAH
8/23/2014	Navroze Function and Khordad Sal	ZAH
9/14/2014	Sunday School	ZAH
9/21/2014	ZAH Picnic	Offsite
10/4/2014	Table Tennis Tournament	ZAH
10/5/2014	Maidhyoizarem Gahambar (Mehergan)	ZAH
10/12/2014	Sunday School	ZAH
10/31/2014 - 11/02/2014	Library - Lecture by Sarah Stewart	ZAH
11/08/2014 - 11/09/2014	Middle group lock-in	ZAH
11/9/2014	Sunday School	ZAH
11/15/2014	ZAH Musical	ZAH
12/5/2014	Library Event	ZAH
12/6/2014	Family Cricket	ZAH
12/14/2014	Sunday School	ZAH

WE HAVE MOVED

Avan and Faroakh Rajkot have moved. Their new address is:

1730 Wimberly Hollow Lane,
Rosenberg, TX 77471
Tel: 832-471-6689

Minoo and Sweta Sethna have moved. Their new address is:

5151 Edloe Street, Apt 11207
Houston, Texas 77005

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR TRAVEL TO INDIA

The Indian Government requires that all Indians with an OCI stamp in their passport travel with not just an OCI card but if they have a new US passport then they MUST carry with them also their old expired passport which has the original OCI card stamp on it and MUST be carried with the passenger along with the current one if that is the case.

IN MEMORIAM

Adil Godiwalla, one of the first ZAH members, passed away on Monday, December 16, 2013 due to heart failure. His name was synonymous with the Houston Airport system for many years and whose smiling countenance endeared him to many in the engineering and construction profession in the Bayou City. His expertise was used globally as well, assisting airports in Ecuador and Costa Rica. After more than 35 years of service working for the City of Houston, Adil retired in October 6, 2012 and worked as a consultant. On his retirement, Houston Mayor Annise Parker issued a city proclamation making October 6, 2012 Adil Minoo Godiwalla Day.

People who worked with Adil Godiwalla described him as a genius; a brilliant, kind, quiet gentleman who had a great sense of humor and an extraordinary memory and was considered a legend in the Civil Engineering profession. His boss likened him to "Encyclopedia Britannica." Some said that Godiwalla "ran the gamut" of Civil Engineering projects and design; his expertise was so diverse. You can read the rest of the story on <http://www.indoamerican-news.com/?p=22515>

IN MEMORIAM

(This Memoriam is written by Sabra Avery, Adil Godiwalla's granddaughter and we have reproduced it as is – Ed Manashni)

Adil godiwalla memorium - Dec. 18, 2013

Hello. My name is Sabra. I am Adil's granddaughter. I am very sad he passed away. Yesterday after the prayers at the Zarrastrian senter, I was like were's grandpa? But then I remembered he is the one who passed away. I almost started crying. He was the one who would interduce me to everyone. He loved to have fun with me. One time he jumped on the trampoline with us. He had a great memorie. He told stories to me all the time. He would sleep in until 11:00. Then he would eat brunch. He would give us gifts, chocolate and money. When we came over he would have yogurts and ice cream for us. How he came to this country was he sailed on a ship. He was very patient and brave. Then finally he got to America. Then he went back to India, found a wife and brought her to America. His wifes name is Arnavaz. They had a very good time in America. Another time I remember is when I went to his retirement party. People love to talk about him. Someone gave him a beatiful picture frame. I got some balloons. But after the retirement party, he started working again. Grandpa Adil could not stop working because he got board and didn't know what to do in his free time. Grandpa loved to work. I love grandpa so much. He was very gentle and kind hearted just like my mom. I wish he would of lived longer. He was one of the best grandpas anyone could ever get!

OBITUARY

Adil Minoo Godiwalla, 72, passed away in his Houston home on December 16, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Arnavaz; daughters Shara, Shanaya, Nina, and Amy; and brothers Yezdi and Kersi Godiwalla.

OBITUARY – Overseas

Firoze Ghodawalla, father of Villoo Gonda, Polly Ghodawalla, and grandfather of Ruzbeh and Anosh Gonda, passed away in Bombay on December 24, 2013. Pervez, Villoo, Polly, Ruzbeh and Arzan, have left for Bombay for the funeral.

OBITUARY – OVERSEAS

Mani Haveliwala, mother of Sheroy Haveliwala, mother in law of Yasmin Haveliwala, and grandmother of Kevin, Fram and Natalya passed away in Karachi on December 26, 2013. Mani leaves behind her husband, Sam, son Yazdyar and daughter Behroze who live in Karachi. Mani was the younger sister of Fali Engineer and aunt to Nina Challa and Kersi Engineer.



Jashne Sadeh

Saturday February 1, 2014



At The Zarthushti Heritage and Cultural Center

Sumptuous Dinner!
Dance the night away!!

BYOB

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

Prayers: 6 p.m.
Sadeh Fire: Immediately Following Prayers



RSVP (Deadline 1/28/2014)

We request you RSVP and pay online for this event.

Your check payments must be received by 1/28/2014, at :

ZAH

Attn: Entertainment Committee Jashne Sadeh 2014

8787 West Airport Blvd.

Houston, Texas 77071

IF PAYING BY CHECK: PLEASE WRITE (IN THE MEMO FIELD):

- No. of Adults (11 yrs. and up),
- No. of Adults (11 yrs. and up) for pizza. Adult rates apply
- Number of children (3-10 yrs.) for pizza or regular food
- Please write "Jashne Sadeh 2014" on the envelope

RATES (3 yrs. and under free)

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WALK-INS

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Organized By: Our Irani Zarthushti Friends and ZAH Entertainment Committee

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RSVP Arnavaz Sethna – asethna@comcast.net

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ZAH Library – Home of FIRES

