Zoroastrian Association of Houston
8787 W. Airport Blvd.
Houston, TX 77071
SUNDAY SCHOOL

PLACE: ZHCC, 8787 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77071   Tel: 713-270-9339
TIME: 11:00 AM
DATE: June 12, 2011

Children’s Session: This month the “Let’s Learn Gujarati Together” session will start at 11 am and we will continue with the “Gujarati Alphabet”. Please bring at least one item each, beginning with Ka and Kha for the show and tell. **Sunday school will begin promptly at 11.30 am.**

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 Chair.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, June 12th – 1 pm to 5 pm – ZAH Center - Youth Career Mentorship Program.** Our first get together will be on Saturday, June 11th from 1pm to 5pm. Light snacks will be served in the afternoon. RSVP to Zarir Sethna at zarirs@sbcglobal.net

**Thursday, June 16 – 1 pm – ZAH Center - A Unique Braille Demonstration-Summer Enrichment Program**
A visually impaired 8th grade student of Cyra Kanga will be the Guest Speaker at Vehishta’s Summer Enrichment Program held at the Center on **Thursday June 16th at 1:00 pm**. This special session has been arranged courtesy of Cyra Kanga. The student will demonstrate how to read and write using technologically updated version of **Braille**. Vehishta encourages all parents to bring their children (preferably ages 7 and up) to attend this unique and inspirational presentation. Adults are welcome to attend as well.

*Please RSVP to Vehishta at salveh@concast.net if attending so we can get a head count.***

**Sunday, June 19 – ZAH Picnic - Fun and games.**
The wait is over folks, and we are going to have our much awaited ZAH picnic in a few weeks! The venue is family friendly and within 30 minutes of US59 Sugar Land area. So get your comfortable attire, ready to have a fun time outdoors with family and friends!! Please RSVP to ZAHRSPV@yahoo.com. Detailed flyer below.

**Friday, August 19 – Shahenshahi Navroze Humbandagi**

**Saturday, August 20 – Shahenshahi Navroze Function**

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REPORTS
ZAH YOUTH GROUP REPORTS
By Cyra Byramji – Vice President

This past month, the youth group accomplished a huge undertaking; our very own "Hollywood meets Bollywood Night Fund-raiser," and what a great night it was!
First off, we would like to thank all the sponsors who graciously donated towards our cause, it was greatly appreciated. Secondly, we would like to thank the whole community for coming out and supporting the Youth, you all made the event what it was… an absolute success! Finally, we would like to thank our Youth parents because without their help and support, this event would never have been possible. So, thank you once again to everyone, we really appreciate the love and support you all give to the Youth Group!
Some details regarding our Sunday school: It is that time of year again when our very own seniors graduate from high school and move on to accomplish their life goals in college. We have no doubt that these young men will be just fine as they start a new chapter in their journey. This year’s Youth Group graduates are; Fram Haveliwala, Viraf Nariman, Noshir Khumbatta, and Danesh Dubash. Congratulations to the Class of 2011 Sunday school graduates, we are extremely proud of ya’ll!
Have a great summer everyone!

MISCELLANEOUS

MAIDHYAIREM GAHAMBAR
The Maidhyairem Gahambar prayers and lunch took place on Sunday 5th June. It was attended by more than 250 guests.
The prayers were conducted by our Ervards - Bomanshaw Sanjana, Shapur Pavri, Noshir Khumbatta, Noozar Boomla, Manek Sidhwa, Kyrus Buchia, Viraf Nariman, Khushrav Nariman.
The prayers were followed by Chasni and traditional Gahambar lunch of Dhansak and kabab followed by dessert, which was specially prepared by our ZAH Entertainment Committee.

The ZAH EC would like to thank our Ervards for performing the Jashan for the Gahambar
The ZAH EC also would like to thank all the families who very generously donated towards the Gahambar including those families whose names have not been mentioned below as they wished to remain anonymous.
- Villi and Ken Bhappu, Mahrukh and Rohintan Deputy, Roshan and Yezdi Engineer, Thirty and Kersi Engineer, Parveen Irani, Yasmin and Sheroy Haveliwala, Nazneen and Kershaw Khumbatta, Yasmin and Noshir Medhora, Elvia and Ronnie Patel, Firoozeh Rooointan, Shirin and Bahadur Sarkari, Noshir and Bapsi Sidhwa, Niloufer Tamboly.
We would also like to thank the numerous volunteers who lent a helping hand during the event.

Following the Gahambar, we had a presentation on “Think Locally Act Globally” by Porus Dadabhoy, President of India Development Coalition of America, (IDCA) which was well attended.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT CLASSES
Vehishta Kaikobad has been holding summer enrichment classes for many years. This year again, she will be holding her Summer Enrichment Program at the Center. Interested parents of children 8 years and above can contact her for further details

TIME TO ANNOUNCE OUR GRADUATES

High School

Yanni Desai graduated from Dulles High School on June 4th. He plans to study Chemical Engineering at the University of Houston.
Danesh Dubash graduated from Lee High School and will proceed to Texas A&M University to study Petroleum Engineering.

Fram S. Haveliwala graduated from John Foster Dulles High School with plans to attend Texas A & M University, College Station to study Business

Noshir Kershaw Khumbatta graduated from William P Clements High School with plans to attend the University of Houston Business School

Viraf Nariman graduated from Clements High School, and will be attending Trinity University (San Antonio) in the Fall of 2011, where he has been awarded the Dean’s Scholarship for incoming Freshmen. While at Clements, his academic achievements included nomination to the National Honor Society, the Academic Excellence award, and being a National Merit Commended Scholar (typically awarded to the top 3% of High School Students nationwide). Viraf was one of 34 High School students nominated to the Sugar Land Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council where he participated in several community service projects for the city. At Trinity, Viraf intends to pursue studies in pre-Med, majoring in Biology with a minor in Business. We wish him continued success in his endeavors.

Sam and Gooloo Polad proudly announce the graduation of their grand-children:

   Arman J. Avasia graduated from Memorial High School, Houston TX and will now proceed to Skidmore College in upstate New York for his BA.

   Sam F. Polad graduated from Mount Tabor High School, Winston-Salem NC and will now proceed to North Carolina State University at Charlotte for his BA.

Daanish Wania graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School and will be going to University of Texas, San Antonio to major in Business.

College

Jamsheer Anklesaria graduated from University of Texas at Austin from the School of Economics and has been accepted at University of Virginia to pursue Masters in Finance in Fall of 2011.

Sheri Balsara graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science in Bio Engineering. She will be finishing her Masters in December of 2011 and will head to medical school in the summer of 2012.

Jasmine Behramsha graduated from A&M University, College Station, TX as a Civil Engineer. She is currently interviewing with some companies.

Jennifer Darukhanavala graduated in May 2011 with an MD, Medical College of Wisconsin. She will be doing her residency in Emergency Medicine at University of Illinois, Chicago Hospital, starting June 2011

Carl Darukhanavala graduated in May 2011 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana. He is enrolled in MS program in Robotics at Carnegie Mellon University starting August 2011.

Amy Darukhanavala is completing her Medical Fellowship in Pediatric Endocrinology from University of Chicago Hospitals, June 2011.

Ayesha Irani graduated on 20th May 2011 from the University of Texas in Austin, with a BS in Bio-medical engineering. She will be doing research for now, before going on to grad school

Eric Rivetna (Son of Meheryar Rivetna). Obtained B.S. in Accounting from University of Texas, Dallas. Enrolled in pursuing M.S. in Accounting and CPA at UT-Dallas.

Feroze Sidhwa graduated from The University of Texas Medical School on May 21st 2011. He has been accepted for Residency in General Surgery at The University of Boston Hospital.
Sam and Gooloo Polad proudly announce the graduation of their grand-children:

**Sehra F. Polad** graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA in Psychology from North Carolina State University at Raleigh. She will now proceed to do her doctorate in Clinical Psychology at St. Xavier's University in Cincinnati.

*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!!*

**ZAH DIRECTORY**

New 2011 ZAH directory is in the works with a target distribution date at Shehanshahi Navroze function. To make this a self funded project, ZAH would greatly appreciate your support for a page of advertisement/greeting from you and your family. Below are the rates for the ads. Anyone wishing to volunteer for obtaining ads, may please respond to asethna@comcast.net

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With your membership checks, we have received your information to be included in the directory. However, if you have not paid your membership dues but would still like to be included in the book, please complete the attached form and either e-mail it to asethna@comcast.net or mail to 8787 W. Airport Blvd, Houston, TX 77071.

The Executive Committee has decided that each family membership will get one complimentary copy. Extra copies to be sold for $5.00 each. Non-members will not get a complimentary copy, but can buy at $5.00 each.

**NORTH AMERICAN ZARATHUSHTI CONGRESS – DVDs Sale**

The Fifteenth North American Congress was a great success and everyone has happy memories of the event, all of which had been captured on two sets of DVDs which were sold at the ZAH Carnival in April and after:

So far the sale of the DVDs has raised $655. The ZAH EC would like to thank Aderbad Tamboli for creating the DVDs to record the memories of NAZC as well as raise money for ZAH.

**FEZANA EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2011**

The objective of the Excellence in Sports Scholarship is to provide financial support to young Zarathushtis (between the ages of 10-30) who are performing exceptionally and at highly recognized levels in all areas of Sports activity. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable the recipients to get world-class training or study with experts in their field in order to fine tune and enhance their talent and capabilities. The deadline for applications has just been extended to **July 1, 2011**.

If you or someone you know may benefit from this scholarship, you are encouraged to apply. For details or more information contact Shiroy Dadachanji at exissfund@fezana.org or visit www.fezana.org.

This announcement, the application form, and any further updates regarding the scholarship are posted on http://www.fezana.org/exiss-fund

**VAKSHOORI SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicants are invited to apply for the Vakhshoori Scholarship, provided by the Vakhshoori Foundation. The Foundation’s goals are to promote leadership among young Zoroastrians in the academic, social, and artistic spheres.

*The Vakhshoori Scholarship requirements:*

The applicant must be a young Zoroastrian enrolled in or accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning at either the undergraduate or graduate level. If s/he is already enrolled, s/he must provide a tuition statement
for the fall semester of 2011; if accepted but not yet enrolled, s/he must provide an acceptance letter. Candidates of diverse nationalities are welcomed to apply.

The Vakhshoori Foundation would like to announce that it has extended the application deadline for our 2011-2012 academic fellowships until July 1, 2011. Winners will be announced in August. For more information, please go to: http://www.vakhshoori.org

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http://www.CaringBridge.org is a free, nonprofit web service that connects people experiencing a significant health challenge to their family and friends, making each health journey easier. Feel free to contact CaringBridge at below link, if you have any questions about using the site or need assistance: http://www.caringbridge.org/contact?utm_source=siteannounceLOW&utm_medium=email&utm_content=text&utm_campaign=contact

PROFILE OF A NEW ZAH MEMBER AND BUSINESS
Farokh Billimoria, a newly-minted member of the ZAH and currently a Chicago resident, has recently opened a financial advisory service in Sugar Land, TX. He is the Chief Investment Officer of Summit Wealth Management, Inc., a registered investment advisory firm with offices in Chicago, Atlanta, Scottsdale, Beverly Hills, Orlando and San Antonio.

He is the author of “On Golden Pond…or Up the Creek? Making the Right Choices for Your Retirement Security.” If you attended the North American Zoroastrian Congress last year in Houston, you may recall having received a copy of the book as a gift. Farokh had also spoken at a local Zoroastrian Chamber of Commerce meeting a few years ago when the book was first published.

He has an MBA in finance from the University of Chicago and is a Certified Public Accountant/Personal Finance Specialist (CPA/PFS) as well as a Certified Financial Planner (CFP.) Farokh has 28 years of experience in personal finance. He was also a management consultant for 7 years with Ernst & Young & A. T. Kearney.

Along with investment planning and management, his main focus is on helping clients attain their “golden pond” rather than finding themselves “up the creek” at retirement.

Farokh is a member of the Society for Financial Awareness (SOFA), a national, not-for-profit speaker’s bureau. SOFA’s mission is to eliminate financial illiteracy one church, one company, one community at a time. If you would like Farokh to speak at your organization free of charge, let him know, and he will be happy to accommodate you.

Farokh and his wife, Huty have two grown sons—Jim, who works as a Press Secretary to Congressman David Camp (R-MI) for the House, Ways and Means Committee at the House of Representatives and Eric, who is currently working as a Management Consultant at Navigant Consulting in Chicago. Eric hopes to join his dad at Summit in the next few months.

While not yet residents of Houston, Farokh and Huty are looking forward to the day when they will be.

BIRTH

Sanaea Warden was born on May 15,2011 to Nazneen and Mehelie Warden. She weighed 5lbs 8oz at birth. Sabrina is the proud big sister. Her Grandparents are Aban and Sarosh Challa (Lahore, Pakistan) and Mani and Rustom Warden (Mumbai, India)

Manashni and its readers congratulate the Warden family on this happy occasion

WEDDING

Wedding Bells rang for Karl Masani, son of Gool and Dara Masani and Simin Godiwalla daughter of (Late) Jal Godiwalla and Sooru Godiwalla, in Houston, TX on May 29, 2011.

Manashni and its readers wish the newlyweds a long and happy married life together.

OBITUARY

Minoo Nariman Bharucha, father of Arnavaz Godiwalla, Bomi Bharucha and Gool Kalyaniwalla, passed away on May 25, 2011 in Mumbai.

Manashni and its readers send their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.
ZAH PICNIC

The wait is over folks, and we are going to have our much awaited ZAH picnic in a few weeks! The venue is family friendly and within 30 minutes of US59 Sugar Land area. So get your comfortable attire, ready to have a fun time outdoors with family and friends!!

DATE & TIME: Sunday June 19, 2011, Noon onwards

VENUE: Elm Lake picnic pavilion inside BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK

CHARGE:
PARK ENTRANCE FEE: $5 per person 13 years and over. $3 per person Texas residents 65 and above
ZAH INCIDENTAL FEE: $3 per person over 3 years (includes: dessert, soda, paper products, venue rental charge, etc.)

PARK AMENITIES: Picnic Pavilion, Biking, Playground, Fishing Pier, Park Store, Hiking, etc.
* Pets must be on a six-foot leash at all times.
* No swimming/boating. Can’t enter the water due to alligators in the park.

FOOD ITEMS TO BRING: Covered Entree or food item to share, water bottles for self

FOOD ITEMS NOT TO BRING: Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Soda, etc. Dessert and Soda will be provided.

FUN ITEMS TO BRING ALONG: Bikes, frisbees, soccer ball, football, fishing rods & other activity items

RSVP: ZAHRSVP@yahoo.com

MINIMUM RSVP NOTICE: Please respond at your earliest in order to ensure the picnic takes place. If there is a low RSVP response, the picnic will be cancelled. So please do plan on attending. RSVP soon!!

DIRECTIONS: From Houston: Take US 59 south to Crabb River Road/FM 2759 exit. Turn left (East) onto FM 2759. Go about 2.5 miles. Continue through the intersection. Road changes name to FM 762 (South). Continue for 16.5 miles. Park is on the left-(Park is 19 miles from Crabb River Rd exit). Stay on 762 until you reach the park.

PARK PHONE: 979-553-5102

WEBSITE: Here is a link to the website
ZAH DIRECTORY INFORMATION – Please complete the following and either email to asethna@comcast.net or mail to 8787 W. Airport Blvd, Houston, TX 77071, if you wish your name to be included in our next directory:

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