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: June 8, 2014

Children’s Session: Sunday School starts at 10.30 am. Topics for this month -
- Super Project for Father’s day
- A glimpse into the lives of 2 great Zarathushti men.
  We will have gujarati interwoven through the session.

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

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 – 6.30 pm at Madras Pavilion, Sugar Land – WZCC Houston Dinner Seminar on Real
Estate Investing. RSVP to Zarir Sethna at zarirs@sbcglobal.net. See below for more details

Sunday, June 22, 2014 – 1pm to 3 pm at ZHCC (Center) – Tirgan Festival
  Come and celebrate the Tirgan festival at the ZAH on June 22nd from 1-3pm
  The youth group has planned a fun water soaked afternoon for kids of all ages
  Some of the activities include a dunking booth, slippery slide and water balloon dodge ball, and most
  importantly, food!!
  So don’t wait - register by June 14th soon as possible for Tirgan 2014. Please include your child’s/children’s
  name and age.
  What is Tirgan:
  Tirgan started as a border dispute between two civilizations during a drought. Once the border dispute was
  settled, rain began to pour down from the skies on 13th day of the month of Tir. Since then, that day has been
  known as Tirgan or, the festival of water.

Saturday, June 28, 2014 – Indoor Games – Carrom, Mahjong, Darts, Chess
Fri, Sat, Sun, July 11, 12, 13, 2014 - Z-Camp 2014. Please go to this link http://zah.org/events/z-camp-2014/ and
register as soon as possible to reserve your spot as capacity is limited. Please see below for more details.

Saturday, July 26, 2014 – ZAH Youth Fundraiser Show – Shahnameh – The Ballad of Rudy and Zal. Please
contact Cyra Kanga - crkanga@yahoo.com for tickets. See details below.

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

EC REPORT

Vision 2020 Update:

The ZAH’s strategic 7 year plan, code named Vision 2020, to raise $700,000 in 7 years, is underway. The plan includes raising money for the new construction of the Atash Kadeh, the Purvez Rustomji room and a new classroom (Phase III-A). The money raised will also be to upgrade/enhance the bathrooms and kitchen. A part of the fundraising will be used to build a reserve for the Building maintenance fund. The breakdown of the funds are:

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A key component of our comprehensive fund-raising strategy is a new program Commit For 5. As part of the Commit for 5 program, you pledge to pay a certain amount each month for 5 years. There are 5 levels ranging from $1,000 / month to $50/month.

- **Diamond** $1000 or more per month
- **Platinum** $500 or more per month
- **Gold** $250 or more per month
- **Silver** $100 or more per month
- **Bronze** $50 or more per month

We encourage you to pay annually or quarterly to make our Treasurer’s life a little easier :).

The Commit for 5 program has taken off at full speed, and to date we have received 12 pledges totaling $225,000.

Diamond - Nazneen & Kershaw Khumbatta, Manek & Khushrav Nariman, Sanober & Aderbad Tamboli
Platinum - None
Gold - Zarir and Roshan Sethna
Silver - Yasmin and Rustom Engineer, Shaheen Rustom
Bronze - Kamalrukh and Minoo Gandhi, Home and Nargis Cooper, Bomi and Roshan Gazdar, Anonymous, Anonymous & Anonymous

We have also received a pledge of $10,000 from Mr. Jimmy Kumana.

**Total pledged to Date: $235,000**

We would like to encourage every family to participate in this program with any amount they feel comfortable with. You can also make a one time donation instead of committing for 5 years if you prefer, we will be privileged to
accept any and all donations. Simply fill out the form below and mail it in to the Treasurer at ZAH: 8787 W. Airport, Houston TX 77071

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Choose your Level

- [ ] Diamond: $1,000/Mo or $12,000/Yr
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- [ ] Silver: $100/Mo or $1,200/Yr
- [ ] Bronze: $50/Mo or $600/Yr

Payment Option

- [ ] Quarterly
- [ ] Annually

Would you like your name published in the Manashni?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Thank You for Supporting the Zoroastrian Association of Houston

ZAH is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. Tax ID # 74-1945923. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

Stay tuned for more updates on the progress of Vision 2020 and the construction projects.

**LIBRARY REPORT**

*By Jangoo Mistry*

*We are Writing History*

As mentioned in last month’s Manashni, we began collecting oral histories of first-generation Zoroastrians on Saturday, May 3. Previously, we have talked in detail about the ZAH Library’s Oral History Project which is an attempt to document and preserve the rich backgrounds and experiences of our fellow Zoroastrians in Houston.

In this project, guided by Rice University, we interviewed an initial batch of twelve senior members of our community. Audio recordings of their talks have been transcribed and given to Rice for their Zoroastrian Archive. We also plan to have copies on the ZAH computer in the library.

So far, the interviews have given us an immensely interesting and absolutely fascinating account of experiences and recollections of personal, religious, and historic events, as well as their daily lives dating back to early years in India or Pakistan, and as immigrants to the U.S.

An additional 20 or so people have been scheduled to recount their oral histories in June. This will be an ongoing process for some time, and we are always open to accommodating other participants in any capacity who want to be involved. You can participate by calling Pervin Sagar (pervinsagar@yahoo.com, or 713-436-0518).

*Notable New Book*

- *Sam Manekshaw: The Man and His Times* by Brigadier Behram M. Panthaki and Zenobia Panthaki is donated to our collection by the authors. The book, launched on the birth centenary of Field Marshal Sam
Manekshaw, is written by someone who was very close to Sam Bahadur (as he was called) for many years. It reveals his character, his sense of humor, his courage, and his larger-than-life personality. While all readers will find The Man and His Times fascinating reading, it will be particularly rewarding for younger readers as it tells an enjoyable story of a national hero with just enough historical and political background to make it interesting. Read about the “shining jewel of our community” and the greatest soldier of our times. As the poet Henry Longfellow wrote:

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

Sam Manekshaw left a large footprint that will not be erased for a long time.

YOUTH GROUP REPORT
By Rayhan Nariman - Webmaster

The youth has been very busy last month with starting practice for the youth show. Tickets will be sold in $100, $50 and $35 denominations. Tickets are going fast, please contact Cyra Kanga at 281-969-8057 or at crkanga@yahoo.com to purchase. We hope to see you come out in large numbers, to watch us perform “Shahnameh!!!: The Ballad of Rudy and Zal” on July 26th. If you wish to purchase an ad in the brochure for the show, please contact Tanaya Behramsha at tinytanayal@yahoo.com or call 832-683-0880. Please send payments to 16903 Peach Forest court, Houston Texas, 77095.

Along with rehearsing for our show, the youth also participated in the Sunday Gambhar, on June 1st, praying along with the priests. On June 22nd, we will also be holding the Tirghan festival. There will be a water balloon fight, slippery slide and a dunk tank, for the enjoyment of the kids and youth alike.

TIME TO ANNOUNCE OUR GRADUATES

High School

Zal Raiyomand Daroga graduated from Clements High School on June 7th 2014. He has been a member of the National Honor Society at his school, and he will be attending the University of Texas at Austin to pursue a degree in Computer Science.

Danielle Dubash is graduating this year from Bellaire High School, and will be attending Texas A&M in the fall. She will be majoring in engineering and minoring in psychology.

Natalya Haveliwalla is be graduating from Dulles High School and will be going to Texas A&M in College Station.

Farzad Sunavala is graduating from Elkins High School and will be attending Craft and Hawkins College of Petroleum Engineering at LSU - major in Petroleum Engineering.

College

Scherezade K. Mama got her Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) from The University of Texas School of Public Health in August 2013. She was also the recipient of the Polly Sparks Turner MPH, DrPH Endowed Scholarship in Community Health during her tenure at the UT School of Public Health. Scherezade is currently doing her Post Doctorate at M. D. Anderson. Shernaz and I are extremely proud of Scherezade's achievements.

Kevin Setna graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science in Sport Management. He received a Business Foundations Certificate from McCombs School of Business and is in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS)
Lauren Wolfe has graduated from UT Health Sciences here in Houston with a bachelor's degree in nursing. This is in addition to her bachelor's degree in Biology from UT at Austin. She has accepted an offer to work at Texas Children's Hospital in the Medical center in the PICU (Pediatric ICU). We are very proud of Lauren!

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!!

MAIDHYAREM GAHAMBAR – Thank you - from Arnavaz Godiwalla and family

I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful Gambhar in memory of my dearest Late husband, Adil Minoo Godiwalla. So many people went out of their way to remember him and for that I am grateful.

Once again, I would like to thank Yasmin Medhora who exceeded her duties as Entertainment Coordinator. Many thanks to each and every member of her team who worked endlessly for this large Occasion.

Additionally, kudos go to Sarosh Collector and the Youth Group for working tirelessly on the prayers and slide presentation of Adil's life and running around for many tasks.

Also, to all the caring volunteers that came, fetched, generously donated and cooked the malida, cut the fruits and so much more.

Special thanks to Kamal Unwalla, Nargis Cooper and dear Sillie Mehta for their wonderful contributions of delicious Malida. Also, a big thanks to Arnavaz Sethna for all the email blasts you have sent out for this occasion. So kind of you all!

Thanks to Aban Rustomji for a heart warming speech on Adil. She really stepped up to the podium to make it happen at a moment's notice.

Additionally, thanks to each of the EC Members, and Aderbad Tamboli, for his wonderful recollections of Adil.

We were all so touched by an overwhelming response from friends, relatives and my cousins who came from near and far, to be with us for this occasion.

All the Donors that gave with their hearts before and after the Gambhar, in Adil's name to the ZAH, we thank you for opening your hearts and pockets. You are so kind.

Last, but most importantly, to all the Ervads and Dasturji's for a wonderful Jashan and Tandarosti prayer for this Gambhar. May this community flourish and prosper!

Sincerely,
Arnavaz and family


Our ZAH Z-Camp is back after loads of fun and tremendous success our kids had last year. As requested by kids and parents we will be holding an overnight camp this summer during the weekend of July 12th and 13th 2014. This year we have participants from Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, Boston and Cincinnati and we will be incorporating some new sessions including for the age group between 18-30 years. The Camp will begin on Friday, July 11th after dinner for outstation participants and ZAH Youth who are 14 and over. Middle Group and Vehishta's kids group will begin the Z-Camp on Saturday, July 12th morning at 10 am. There will be no sleepover for Vehishta's kids group. This will be a great opportunity for our kids to interact with kids outside of Houston and make long lasting friendships.

The Z-Camp will include a lot of fun as well as educational activities conducted by professionals in their respective fields. Like last year, participants will be broken up into teams and will be awarded points for various activities along the duration of the camp. It will be an overnight camp and the nominal participant dues will include all meals, all activities, medals for winners / runners up and a special T-shirt for every participant. Awards and prizes will be given
away at the end of the camp. Please go on to this link http://zah.org/events/z-camp-2014/ and register as soon as possible to reserve your spot as we have limited capacity besides need to arrange for catering, supplies, chaperones and volunteers accordingly.

We are aware it’s on a Sunday School weekend and the Sunday School classes will be incorporated as part of the Z-Camp at the usual time.

So join all your friends for a weekend camp full of fun, games, sports and more…
Your ZAH Z-Camp 2014 Core Team

NAZC 2014 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!!
Dear Friends,
We are pleased to announce that registration for the XVII North American Zoroastrian Congress is now OPEN!

Early Bird discounts are available!
We have special rates for youth and children so that families can participate!
We have many pre-Congress and post-Congress event options for all so you can further enjoy your stay in LA!

Please check out www.nazc2014.org and register now for your Congress!

Best wishes,
The XVII North American Congress Committee

ZAH YOUTH FUNDRAISER.. Register Now !!

After tremendous success from last year’s youth show "Blast From The Past," the ZAH youth group returns once again with something new, something different, something that has never been done before ............
The ZAH Youth presents "Shahnameh - the Ballad of Rudy and Zal": a modern day twist to the Shahnameh story Zal and Rudabeh.

So mark your calendars and save the date - 26th July 2014

The rates are $100, $50, $35 and includes dinner after the show. Seating is reserved and seat numbers will be allocated.

For tickets please contact Cyra Kanga at 281-969-8057 or at crkanga@yahoo.com.

So don’t wait book your tickets now..........You don’t want to miss this

The ZAH Youth Group

NEW ZAH DIRECTORY FOR 2014
The time has come for us to print another directory of Zoroastrians of Houston/Austin/San Antonio area. This year is special insofar as it will be 30 years since the first hand typed and photocopied edition was released in 1984

You should have received an email asking for verification to the information that we presently have in our records. Please review the information sent to you and advise any changes, additions, deletions, etc by June 25, to Arnavaz Sethna at asesthna@comcast.net. Those who haven’t received the email and would like to be included in the directory, please advise all the details that are mentioned i.e. last name, first name, dependents, etc.

WZCC HOUSTON DINNER SEMINAR
Hope you can join this educational program on Real Estate Investing on Wednesday 18th June at 6.30 pm at Madras Pavilion, Sugar Land. This will include a discussion on Valuation of Real Estate and Strategies that can be used.
Our speakers are Mr. Kersi Engineer and Mr. Feroze Bhandara, both of whom have been very successful in real estate investments. The session will conclude with a question and answer session. Please RSVP to Zarir Sethna at zarirs@sbcglobal.net as soon as you can. Please see attached flyer for details.

**BIRTH**

**Cyrene Nariman**, a girl was born to Anahita and Shahrzad Nariman (Houston, TX) on April 8, 2014.

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Nariman family*

**OBITUARY**

**Tehmi Kavina**, mother of Zersis Kavina, mother-in-law of Anita Kavina, grandmother of Sean and Rhea Kavina, passed away peacefully after battling with cancer for over three years, in Ratlam, India on Sunday, May 11, 2014 at the age of 80.

**Shiraz Engineer**, wife of Jimmy Engineer, and mother of Saroasha Engineer passed away in Karachi on Wednesday, 14th May at the age of 58. Shiraz was Fali and Perin Engineer's daughter-in-law, Kersi Engineer and Nina Challa's sister-in-law, Minoo and Sanober Baria's niece and Sharmeen and Natasha's cousin.

*MANASHNI and its readers convey their heartfelt condolences to the grieving families*
World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce – Houston Chapter

Presents

Real Estate Investing: Valuation and Strategies

Our Distinguished Speakers

Mr. Feroze Bhandara and Mr. Kersi Engineer,

Educational Event on Real Estate Investments

VENUE: MADRAS PAVILION ON THE LAKE RESTAURANT
16260 Kensington Dr. (Hwy. 6 & 59 near Super Target)
Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-491-3672

DATE: Wednesday, June 18th, 2014

COST: $15.00 – Includes Appetizers, Dinner, Drink and Desert
$10.00 for members of WZCC
(Cash only please)

MIXER & APPETIZERS: 6:30 pm
DINNER: 7:15 pm
MEETING: 8:00 pm

Please RSVP at zarirs@sbcglobal.net or call (713) 963-4129
Z-Camp 2014

At the ZHCC

10:00 AM on Saturday, 12th July to 5:30 PM on Sunday, 13th July 2014

All kids 5 years and up

Cost: $20 per participant

Donors please contact Aderbad Tamboli or Kayo Sidhwa for details