



MESSAGE FROM VADA DASTURJI KHURSHED DASTOOR

Dear friends in Houston,

Hope all is well with you all. Heard about the extremely grim situation in Houston and we all are very sad to know about it.

Our sincere prayers are with you all and may Ahura Mazda grant you all the strength to get you through these trying times.

Blessings of Iranshah to you and your dear ones always!

Warm regards,
Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PLACE: ZHCC, 8787 W. Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77071 Tel: 713-270-9339
TIME: Different times for each group
DATE: **September 10, 2017**

Children's Session The Sunday School session will start at **10.30 am to 11.15 am**. The topic will be Muktaad
Middle Group: The Sunday School session will start at **11.00 am**.
Youth Group: Sarosh Collector, Kaemerz Dotiwalla and Faraidoon Pundole conduct this session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 22, 2017	Kid's Nite @ ZAH Library -
Sunday, October 1, 2017	Fasli Mehrgan and Maediozarem Gahambar
Friday, October 13, 2017	Libray & WZCC – Seminar by Yezdi Tantra (See Flyer)
Friday & Saturday – Nov 3 to 4 2017	Library Event - CANCELLED
Saturday – November 4, 2017	Comedy Fundraiser Play – Tickets on Sale
Friday – December 1, 2017	Library Event
Sunday – December 10, 2017	Sunday School and Christmas Party

MEETINGS

GOLDEN GROUP	Fourth Sunday of each month. Interested? Please call Zarine Balsara at (832) 288-2436
LIBRARY COMMITTEE	First Sunday of each month at 11:00 AM. If you would like more information, please call Aban Rustomji at 281-493-1275 or e-mail her at aban@coatingindustries.com

REPORTS LIBRARY REPORT

EVENT CANCELLED

The 15th Annual Library Program scheduled for 2017 has been **CANCELLED**.

As advised last month, Vehishta Kaikobad will be conducting a

educational and entertaining. Please read a detailed announcement by Vehishta Kaikobad.

A Unique Seminar by Yazdi Tantra

A joint Seminar by ZAH Library and World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce (WZCC) will be held on Friday, October 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. - **Websites for Zoroastrians Worldwide & their impact on the current Zoroastrian activity on Social Media**. Yazdi has been active in promoting several Zoroastrian Websites in the firm belief that this modern medium will help unite our far-flung community across the globe. Please see attached flyer for more details and **RSVP online with this link: <http://zah.org/?event=zhcc-zah-event>**

BOOK AWARENESS

Parsee Prakash, being a record of important events in the growth of the Parsee community in Western India chronologically arranged. Vol.1 compiled by Bomanjee Byramjee Patell. Publisher, Bombay, Duftur Ashkara Press 1888. This very rare and valuable book is for reference use only at FIRES library.

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Youth Report

Zoroastrian Youth Group

Hope you all survived Hurricane Harvey, are safe and back to school and work. Here's a brief summary of what your youth group did in August and September 2017.

About 76 kids and young adults attended Z-Camp last month. ZAH's Youth Group would like to thank the organizers, speakers, volunteers, donors, and attendees for making this event a grand success.

On September 2nd, 16 ZAH Sunday School Youth and 5 Adult Volunteers interacted with 13 teens and a 10 year old living at [Parks Youth Ranch](#), a safe home for displaced kids located in Richmond, TX. We took a variety of sodas, cookies, chips, and fruit bars courtesy of Mrs. Aban Rustomji, Mr. and Mrs. Khumbatta, and Mr. and Mrs. Warden and played basket ball, volley ball, and pool with them.

We celebrated birthdays of 2 ranch kids who turned 18 in September, thanks to the delicious personalized cake made by our very own Naushad Uncle. All ZAH attendees, volunteers, ranch kids and employees received Houston Texans and Houston Rockets bands/lanyards courtesy of Mrs. Jasmine Mistry. On behalf of the ZAH Youth Group, I would like to personally thank all our donors, adult volunteers (Mrs. Armiti Rashidi, Mrs. Nazanin Sarkari, Mrs. Jasmine Mistry, Mr. Naushad Mehta, and Mr. Shahrukh Irani) and ZAH Youth for making this worthy cause memorable.



MISCELLANEOUS

HURRICANE HARVEY

Tropical Storm Harvey, a Category 4 storm, plummeted Houston area with unprecedented rainfall from late Thursday, August 24. By the time the rain subsided it left in its wake a lot of damage to life and property. Sadly, some of our members suffered property damage – some more than the others.

ZAH Members sprang into action as soon as they safely could and started a donation drive. A lot of items were collected and our young volunteers sorted them out and grouped them into categories. The Purvez Rustomji Room was filled with donated items. The collected items were taken to Fifth Ward where there was a shelter and where they needed those items the most. In addition to this, some members formed teams to help their affected friends with the cleaning out stuff from the house.

A Buoy Ceremony was held at the Center on September 3 as President Donald Trump declared that day as the National Day of Prayers. Ervad Bahmanshah Sanjana recited the Boi Ceremony.

For the affected families, it will be a long haul before they can get back into their homes. ZAH CARE has sent out a list of volunteers to help people in case any of these families need help.

ZAH Z-Camp 2017 – Innovate! Empower! Lead!

This year was a special year as we were celebrating the 5th anniversary of our ZAH Z-Camp. After a lot of meticulous planning, preparation and hard work, the weekend was finally here. Our annual ZAH Z-Camp was held from Aug 4th thru 6th 2017 at the ZHCC and was attended by 76 campers from Houston, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Boston and even South Africa ☺. There were a lot of activities and sessions conducted by experts in their respective profession.

The organizers started to come in around 7 pm on a humid Friday and started organizing and preparing for the next two intense but fun days. The Dallas, Austin, SA and Boston troupes were on their way in anticipation of having yet another awesome camp and strategizing on how to outwit the other teams. In the meantime, our local participants were trickling in and already making their own mischievous plans for the next two days. As the organizers were giving away t-shirts to save time the next day, some of the fairer species conducted a mini revolt as the new t-shirt design was bringing out their true physiological designs (wink, wink).

The usual camp rule of “No Cell No Soda” during sessions was in effect and at around 9 pm dinner was served. Everyone just dove into the “Chicken Curry Chawal” that our Master Chef Naushad Mehta had prepared along with some yummy Potato Puri from “Keemat”. Within no time there were just the skeletal remains of the poor “Curry Chicken” besides the empty foil trays which were also licked dry by some uncontrollable but still adorable adults ☺.

By 10.30 pm all the kids were in and the adults as usual, were gorging on the lagan-nu-custard, ice-cream, bataasas, phudina chai, etc. to their hearts content. After some whole-hearted laughs and animated noise levels of some petite volunteers all went to bed around 1 am waiting for the official Z-Camp to kick-off the next day.

Saturday morning, our ZAH Center started buzzing around with kids, with some running behind their overzealous parents trying to finish registration. Once the registration activities concluded, the Z-Camp started with our customary prayers, the American National Anthem and housekeeping announcements with the campers divided into 4 teams. The Curry with a K, Peshotan's Tigers, Garam Gaanda Ghelsappas and Donald's Rump started their rivalry with the energy sapping yet exciting Fitness session followed by the NAZC2020 Theme and Logo making competition astonishing all with the Themes/Logos and clearly demonstrating the abundance of talent we have in our Zarathushti communities. At the same time the kids group was being held in a trance by a Magician par excellence performing his magic tricks.

After a sumptuous lunch the campers planned and prepared for the feature evening session on “Shark Tank”. This was followed by sessions on how to manage your finances for the older Youth Group kids and the project management fundamentals via the spaghetti and marshmallows model for the younger Youth Group kids where campers showed

their flare with great panache. As the much anticipated ZAH Iron Chef session was approaching the kids got a respite and cooled off with some chilled aqua and some yummy snacks.

The ZAH Iron Chef session started right after the break and the campers were divided into age appropriate groups where all the future Iron Chefs got to work. The talent was just oozing out and in a matter of minutes some mouth tingling dishes were being presented to the judges. The foodie faces carved out by the kids group campers stole the hearts of the audience with their imagination and presentation. Once the session was over the campers went out to the basketball courts where they were given some drills and fitness lessons along with an opportunity to shoot some baskets. The sports session finished with the Tug-of-war competition after some intense battle. The kids were having their own fun and finished the day with some sports and splash.

Dinner was served around 8.30 pm and we were treated to some delicious “Dhansak and Gravy Cutlets” along with some Jalebis for dessert followed by tea. It was time for the Shark Tank session after dinner where the campers were asked to come up with a unique business idea which should entice the tough “Sharks” to buy the idea and make a deal with them. There were a couple astounding ideas and the kids had a lot of fun interacting (read arguing) and convincing the judges. Once this session was over it was time for some networking followed by lights out at 12 midnight (yeah sure!!!)

The next day started a bit late with some of the campers (and cute and petite volunteers) looking a bit tardy with just about 4 hours of sleep. After a hurried breakfast for some, the Impossible Engineering session started where the kids had to design a car with a certain set of criteria. The cars that they came up with, deserved a place in the Guinness book (well, exaggerated a bit) but all teams performed well. The kids group learnt about the “Ses and Sagan” as well as the importance of cleanliness in our religion. Once lunch was served and done with, the teams got into the preparation for the final session on the Most Influential Zarathushti to be presented to the parents and guests before the award distribution. The icing on the cake for the parents and guests was a riveting Hawaiian dance performance by the kids group which would have put the actual Hawaiian dancers to shame. The kids learnt a lot during the Z-camp with some asking us if we could conduct it again next month (hah!).

Peshotan’s Tigers team stole the honors and was awarded the first place but for us all were winners. Most importantly, everyone made new friends and lasting relationships.

Finally, thank you to all the parents, volunteers, donors, presenters and above all our dear campers without whom this camp would not have been possible. Au Revoir and see y’all soon.



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As announced at the Nauroz function, we are happy to invite children (Ages 8 to 13) to join us for our first **?-8 G'B+19 '4 'N5 < '@VfUfmi** program hosted by the Library Committee.

Date: Friday, Sept. 22.
 Time: 7.30 to 8.30 pm.
 Venue: ZAH Library

The children will first be introduced to the creation of the Shahnameh and its visual appreciation, followed by a dramatic narration from one of its epics. This will be followed by a formal, step by step project in creating their own folio inspired by the Shahnameh illustrations.

The night will end with pizza and a treat!

Hope to have a good turnout. Please share this news with your friends and family and see the program blossom. It is both, educational and entertaining. Each month's event will focus on a different age group and have age appropriate themes and activities. (See attached flyer)

ZAH Youth Group Blood Drive:

The ZAH Youth Group is hosting a blood drive on Sunday October 1st, 2017 which is our Gahambar day from 10:30am to 3.00pm at the Zoroastrian Heritage and Cultural Center (ZHCC). The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is a non-profit organization accredited, licensed and inspected by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as well as local and state authorities. Their mobile coach will be at the Center that day. They informed us that due to Hurricane Harvey they have a huge need besides the holiday season is when they require large quantities of blood of all types.

If you would like to donate please select a time slot from 10.30 am at 15 minute intervals until 2.15 pm or contact me at yazsid01@yahoo.com and give me three preferences, and I can put you in the best available one. Listed below are some things to note.

Before You Donate:

- Bring a picture I.D.
- You MUST be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 lbs., and be in good health; or 16 years old, 122 lbs., and have consent form signed by parent or guardian (attached below)
- Eat a nourishing meal prior to the donation but avoid fatty foods a day before
- Make sure to eat iron rich foods such as lean meat or fish and leafy vegetables
- Drink plenty of water or fruit juice the night before and the morning of the donation
- Avoid caffeinated drinks as they may cause dehydration
- Get a good night's sleep!

After You Donate:

- Make sure to eat sodium rich foods
- Drink more water to prevent dehydration
- Avoid strenuous activities such as sports or exercise for a day

If you would like to save some time during the donation, use CFLexpress at <http://www.giveblood.org/cflexpress/>. CFLexpress is a **7ca a JhZf 'QZ'** benefit that allows donors to save time at the donation site by completing their health history interview in the comfort of their home or office. **Please Note: You need to fill out the form on the day of your donation and not a day prior or even earlier as they will not accept the questionnaire.**

Attached below are some of the common questions to provide information on if you're eligible to donate or not so please do take a look at both pages. If there are any more questions not in the documents please contact Donor Services at 713-791-6608 or email medops@giveblood.org.

Lastly, I highly encourage everyone to please register and donate as every donation could save up to three people's lives!

Hope to see y'all there,
Yazad Sidhwa, Zubin Master and Rayomand Hormuzdi

**PLAY – @j Y/ 'A UfjU Y
November 4, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.**

The ZAH Natak group is back with a brand new comedy play "Love and Marriage"
Tickets on Sale
Contact Cyra Kanga via email crkanga@gmail.com or by phone (713) 598-7579

WHERE: ZOROASTRIAN CENTER
WHEN: NOVEMBER 4, 2017
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

RATES: \$100 \$75 \$50 \$35

This is one play you don't want to miss.
All proceeds go towards Vision2020

FASLI MEHRGAN AND MAEDIOZAREM GAHAMBAR

**WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2017
JASHAN STARTS PROMPTLY AT 11:00 A.M.**

[Please Click Here to View Flyer](#)

If registered by September 25, 2017 charges: \$10
Ages 4-10: \$7; Children up to 3 years gratis
Starting September 26, 2017 charges for all \$15

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Goat Meat Dhansak, Kababs, Salad and Dessert**

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For questions please contact: Arzin Italia (713) 679-4998 sorabitalia@yahoo.com

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Our goal remains to keep these functions as affordable as possible so you as a ZAH member can attend and enjoy. However if you feel that you are unable to attend solely due to the cost please let us know. We have donations in place to subsidize your cost and we will guarantee confidentiality. Financial ups and downs are a part of most families life cycles. In a way, they are a blessing because they allow innovation, dedication and hard work to take root in oneself. Please use this facility and in better economic times, there will be plenty of opportunities to remember and help your own community members and your own association a thousand times over. Please note this is only available to current ZAH Members in good standing.

Organized By: ZAH Entertainment Committee

