SUNDAY SCHOOL

PLACE: ZHCC,
8787 W. Airport Blvd.,
Houston, TX 77071
Tel: 713-270-9339

TIME: Different timings for each group

DATE: November 10, 2019

Children’s Session
The Sunday School session starts at 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Middle Group: The Sunday School session at 10.30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Youth Group: Sarosh Collector, Kaemzer Dotiwalla conduct this session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Dec 31, 2019 – NAZC 2020 New Year’s Eve NAZC2020 Fund Raiser – See Flyer

Saturday, Feb 15, 2020 – Youth Group Fund Raiser

Saturday, Mar 21, 2020 – Hambandagi & Jamshed Nauroz function

Sunday, Apr 12, 2020 – ZAH Carnival

REPORTS

Library Report
By Jango Mistry

A Reassessment

This is a rather unusual Library Committee report.

In keeping with the mission of the ZAH Library, we have acquired, cataloged, and provided access to Zoroastrian materials in print and electronic form. Through determined efforts of the Committee driven by our dedicated leader, Aban Rustomji, and countless donations from collectors and well-wishers from all over the world, we have been able to build and maintain one of the most comprehensive and impressive collections of our religious heritage that is the envy of our North American community.

As a natural extension of our mission, we have preserved rare and valuable manuscripts and artifacts and displayed some of them in our Library showcases. An ambitious project to record and preserve the Oral History of first-generation Zoroastrian immigrants for posterity was also successfully launched and is an ongoing effort that other Zoroastrian Associations have shown interest in emulating.

Perhaps the most visible effort of the Library Committee has been to
MEMBERSHIP DUES

CATEGORIES AND RATES

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For Printed/Mailed copies
Parents and their child

Definition of Categories

Family Member
- under 18 year old

Family Senior Member
- One spouse is over the age of 65

Single Member
- Unmarried individual over age 18

Single Senior Member
- Individual over the age of 65

Single Member Head of Household
- Single parent with children under 18

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Houston, TX 77071

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http://zah.org/?event=zah-annual-membership-2018

hold frequent presentations and lectures, for the last several years, by recognized scholars of world repute. This has been received with great interest by a small part of our membership, but mostly overlooked by the majority and by our younger members.

Based on informal comments received, it appears that the presentations were too high-brow, not of general interest, repetitive, and not relevant to everyday struggles and preoccupations of most of our members. The 3-day annual Library event just held in October, though well-received by the “faithfuls” and very successful by our conventional standards, confirmed these impressions.

In view of the enormous effort it takes to solicit speakers and organize such events, and the disappointing results we have achieved, the ZAH Library Committee has decided to discontinue such events at least through 2020. Plus, we expect considerable overlap in programming and acquiring speakers for the North American Zoroastrian Congress in Houston coming up next year.

The Library Committee will continue to meet monthly and use this hiatus to catch up with a lot of mundane tasks that have been deferred due to event-planning. However, we are always open to suggestions from the members we strive to serve. So if you have any comments or suggestions for us, we will be eager to receive them and will take it as a positive step towards energizing our base. Please call or write to Aban Rustomji with your opinions.

Noteworthy Donations

Jehanbux and Sillie Mehta, along with their sons Kaezad and Naushad, have generously donated a very unusual and historical memento to the ZAH Library. This silver memento was presented to Jehangir Kothari by the Municipality of Karachi.

A little bit of the fascinating history behind this keepsake is in order. Legend has it that Lady Lloyd, wife of the Governor of Bombay, visited Karachi and standing on Clifton Hill, remarked “Oh, how wonderful it would be to walk down to the sea”, Jehangir Kothari promptly offered his large bungalow and 12,000 square yards of surrounding land to be made available for construction of the magnificent parade and promenade in 1919.

The hundred-year-old memento on a wooden stand stands almost a foot high and 1-½ feet long. The façades are most interesting. There is the parade with the beautiful bandstand in one corner, and on the other side is the long magnificent promenade leading to the beach. One side of the
100 year old handa gifted by R Malva

Seminar for College Bound Students

Volunteers At Houston Food Bank

memento depicts the Kothari Mansion on Victoria Road, with the strikingly beautiful Kothari Pavilion on the opposite side.

Sir Jehangir Kothari, knighted in 1921, created a Trust that held this memento. As Chairman of the Trust, Jehanbux has decided to entrust this beautiful historical memento to the Library where it can be safely preserved and displayed for appreciation. We have set it up in one of the bookcases in the Library. Check it out next time you are at the Center. You will love it.

In addition, Roshan Malva from Los Angeles has donated a 100-year-old Parsi Water Jug – “hando” to add to our fast-growing collection.

Youth Group Report
By Cyrus Mistry

This month your ZAH Youth Group with the help of Mr. Homi Davier hosted a very successful College Bound Seminar on Sunday, Oct 13, 2019 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. A total of 27 middle and youth group students and parents attended this session and we thank Dr. Farrokh Mistree and his wife Dr. Janet Allen for taking the time to travel and educate ZAH Youth and Parents on preparing and planning for college. We also thank Mr. Davier for sponsoring refreshments and snacks for this event.

The Youth Group also hosted a very successful trip to the Houston Food Bank on Saturday, October 26 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. A total of 26 middle and youth group students and adults volunteered their time at Houston Food Bank packaging fresh produce at their warehouse. Parents and Sunday School students got a chance to bond while supporting a good cause. We thank all who attended.

Upcoming events

The ZAH Youth Group and ZANT are planning a joint overnight lock-in in Dallas on Nov 29, 30, 2019. We have about 10 middle and youth group members and parents who will attend this lock-in, and we are looking forward to a fun trip. If you have not sent in your RSVP, please email CyrusMistry123@gmail.com, and we can still accommodate your travel to Dallas.

The Youth Officers are planning the Youth Fundraiser - Music and Dance from the 70s, 80s, ad 90s, scheduled for Saturday, Feb 15, 2019. So please mark your calendars and we hope you will attend this event in large numbers and support ZAH Youth and Middle Group. More details to follow.

Your Youth Group wishes all ZAH members a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday!
ZAH Picnic

By Entertainment Committee

The Annual ZAH Picnic was held on Sunday, 20th October, 2019 at the Sugarland Memorial Park. The picnic was attended by estimated 60 adults, children and pets. The Entertainment Committee had reserved a shaded pavilion which had lots of tables and seating.

People started arriving at 11 am with loads of food. The Entertainment Committee had provided soft drinks, water and assorted deserts. Each family had brought a covered dish to share, we had large variety of yummy sandwiches, and Indian food items to share. The crowd favorite bhel puri was enjoyed by everyone.

It was a hot day but with a nice breeze from the lake front. Kids and adults enjoyed playing 2 games of bingo. Lemon and Spoon race was played by adults and kids. Everyone enjoyed playing tug of war and we had a sack race as well.

The Entertainment Committee would like to thank Rukhshana, Nazneen Sarkari and the Zah Sports Committee for helping us organize the games at the picnic. Everyone had a fun time.

Thank you to everyone who attended the picnic. Thank you to ZAH for paying for the covered pavilion fees (booking done by Zia Anklesaria).

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up and clean up and thank you to the Entertainment Committee for their time and donation. Thank you to Yasmin Medhora and Khursheed Hormuzdi for donating gift card Bingo prizes.

North American Zoroastrian Congress – NAZC2020
New Year’s Eve Fundraising Gala

As advised earlier, North American Zoroastrian Congress – NAZC2020 will kick-off the fundraising campaign with a New Year’s Eve GALA on December 31st 2019.

NAZC2020 organizers are promising an evening filled with surprises as they create a "VEGAS EXPERIENCE" and bring in 2020 with a BIG BANG!!! It will include separate lounge areas with dance music and Gaming Vegas style, Food from around the world, Midnight Snack, "Unlimited" Bar Package, Balloon Drop, Party Favors, Champagne Toast at midnight along with Fabulous Door prizes, etc... See attached flyer

In addition to all of the above, there is a Raffle with attractive prizes, the draw for which will be at the Gala. There are some great prizes like a brand new Apple Watch (unisex with color/strap choice), Apple Airpods and the ever yummy Cillie’s basket with their world famous goodies. Please refer to the attached Raffle Flyer for details...

- Ticket prices are - $20 for 1, $50 for 5, $100 for 20 (BEST VALUE as only $5 per ticket!!)
- Physical tickets will be handed over to you on the day of the function or earlier if possible
• You DO NOT NEED to be present to win

Please book your Raffle tickets soon and avoid disappointment by contacting Yasmin Medhora at (713) 301-1521 or Nargis Cooper at (713) 419-0037 or Kayo Sidhwa at (832) 802-3036.

**Pavers Wall - Last Chance to leave your name for posterity!!**

We are finalizing the design of the Paver Wall and a few spots are still available. **This is your last chance to leave your name, message and legacy for posterity.** Once we finish the design and start installation there won’t be any possibility to add your paver.

ZAH members can buy 1 paver for $750 or get three for $1500. Non-members are also welcome. Non-member rates are $900 for one paver or three for $2000.

Feel free to contact any of the Parking Lot Committee if you have any questions.

**Your Parking Lot Committee**

Jasmin katrak
Lyla Daroga
Kayo Sidhwa
Sheroy Haveliwala

**New Business**

Marc Irani has started a new business, MKM Photography. Marc started photography as a hobby and soon became skilled in capturing memorable moments in people’s lives. He does parties, navjotes, weddings and any special events. Marc doesn’t just take pictures, he looks for the right kind of light, expression on people’s faces and clicks the everlasting moment. He can be reached at 832-600-7457. His website is www.mkmpix.com

**We Have Moved**

Afreen, Sudhir & Saloni have moved. Their new address is:

Sudhir & Afreen Pargaonkar
15526 Preston Branch Lane
Cypress, TX 77429

**Wedding**

Charlene Irani, daughter of Cashmira and Adil Irani, was married to **Juan Pablo** son of Irma Alcantara and Juan Velazquez on September 28, 2019.
The NAZC 2020 Team presents

New Years’ Eve Gala
Featuring a VEGAS Experience
Sponsored by Kershaw K. Khumbatta, PLLC

Tuesday, Dec 31st, 2019
8 pm to 1 am at ZHCC

Early Bird Special
Adults - $75
11-18 - $55
Under 11 - $30
Ends 11/30/19

Unlimited Bar Package
$25

Includes:
$50 Chips
Midnight Champagne
Fabulous Door Prizes
Incredible Raffle

For any queries pl. call Yasmin M 713-301-1521/Arzin 713-679-4998/Kaya 832-802-3036

Regular Price: Adult - $99, 11 to 18 - $75, Under 11 - $50
Late (12/20-12/25): Adult - $149, 11 to 18 - $99, Under 11 - $75
Register early - Limited capacity
Walk ins - $5,000 pp cash only

NEW YEAR'S EVE 2019 GALA RAFFLE
Win Fabulous RAFFLE prizes

Tickets
1 for $20
5 for $50
20 for $100 (best value!)

Apple Watch
Cillie’s Basket
Apple Airpods

Drawings will be held on Dec 31st (not necessary to be present to win)
NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL & PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL

2020 Zoroastrian Association of Metropolitan Chicago Nowruz Raffle

As an ongoing maintenance project, ZAC is running a raffle for AVA Project. This is the project to fund maintenance for water pipes that are in dire need for repairs. The raffle is for $20.

1st Prize – Beautiful Red Gara Sari. 2nd Prize – Google Home Mini. 3rd Prize – Amazon Echo

Please contact Arnavaz Sethna (ahsethna@yahoo.com) in case you are interested in supporting ZAC.

INTERNATIONAL

An Appeal To The Community
THE DADAR ATHORNAN INSTITUTE – KEEPING THE FLAME OF OUR FAITH BURNING BRIGHT

The Dadar Athornan Institute, was established in 1919 by the Athornan Mandal, Mumbai, with the main object of training youth from the Athornan families to get religious knowledge that they in turn can impart to the laity.

The Dadar Athornan Institute, popularly known as Dadar Madressa is celebrating its Centenary year in 2019. Over the years thousands of young Athornans have received training at this institute. Presently, there are 25 students being trained for priesthood and are taught religious scriptures, rituals, religion and Iranian history, apart from academic education up to S.S.C. level. Boarding, lodging, education and all other facilities are provided totally free of charge. The expense incurred on each child is in the region of Rs.200,000 (about $2800) per year. To sustain the Institution and ensure continuity of the education provided, the Trustees are seeking financial support from individuals, supporters, well-wishers and philanthropists.

Donations can be made either in cash or by check, made payable to ‘Athornan Mandal’, and sent to: The Principal, Dadar Athornan Institute, 651-52, Firdausi Road, Parsi Colony, Dadar, Mumbai 400 014. India.

The Athornan Mandal is also authorized to receive donations from overseas. Overseas donors can transfer funds directly (Account Name: Athornan Mandal; Saving Bank A/c. No: 1000691715; IFSC: CBIN0280634; Bank Name: Central Bank of India -Wadala Branch) through either SWIFT, NEFT/RTGS. Should any further information be required, please email to info@dadarathornaninstitute.

ALBLESS BAUG

The iconic Allbless Baug situated in Mumbai, India, has been witness to myriad navjotes, weddings and other joyous Parsi/Zoroastrian functions in the 150 years of its venerable existence.

On the occasion of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Allbless Baug which was celebrated on the 13th October, 2018, its trustees were proud to inaugurate the newly refurbished and renovated air-conditioned banquet hall; The Allbless Hall, at Allbless Baug.

As yet a very coveted venue for Parsi/Irani Zoroastrians, The Allbless Hall is a very beautifully appointed, air-conditioned venue for all smaller functions. The high ceilings with the majestic Palladian columns, grand arches and the quintessentially old world charm lends itself to any celebration be it anniversaries, birthdays, jashans, class reunions, family reunions even engagement and mandavsaro ceremonies are celebrated there.

Needless to say that every or almost every Zoroastrian family has had a memorable connect with this evergreen vintage venue, and now they can avail of the new Allbless Hall for their smaller functions as well. This garland heritage hall comes with the large adjoining veranda, kitchen facilities and of course an ample car parking space. This is a facility that the community members can avail of all through the year.
The sheer foresight of the five sons of Seth Eduljee Allbless (in whose memory the said five sons constructed the Allbless Baug), has bestowed upon the community this beautiful legacy, a grand and open space where generations of Parsi/Irani Zoroastrians were, are and will be fortunate to celebrate their landmark joyous events.

In case you wish to rent, you may contact: +919820058988 +919820134064 +919820158168 +919867617581

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

IRS warns of latest Social Security number cancellation scam

By Michael Cohn
October 24, 2019, 4:43 p.m. EDT

The Internal Revenue Service is cautioning taxpayers and tax professionals to beware of a new twist on an old scam in which fraudsters call up victims and threaten to cancel their Social Security number if they don’t pay their taxes.

"In the latest twist on a scam related to Social Security numbers, scammers claim to be able to suspend or cancel the victim’s SSN,” said the IRS in an email to tax professionals Thursday. “It’s yet another attempt by con artists to frighten people into returning ‘robocall’ voicemails. Scammers may mention overdue taxes in addition to threatening to cancel the person’s SSN. If taxpayers receive a call threatening to suspend their SSN for an unpaid tax bill, they should just hang up. Make no mistake…it’s a scam.” The IRS warned taxpayers not to provide sensitive personal or financial information over the phone unless they’re positive they know the caller is legitimate. When in doubt, they should hang up the phone.

The IRS has begun using private collection agencies to help collect tax debts, but the IRS said the debt collection agencies will never call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, iTunes gift card or wire transfer (the IRS doesn’t use these payment methods). Similarly, legitimate IRS private debt collection agencies won’t ask a taxpayer to make a payment to a person or organization other than the U.S. Treasury, or threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying. They also aren’t supposed to demand that taxes be paid without giving the taxpayer the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.

Taxpayers who don’t owe taxes and have no reason to think they do should report the call to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration and report the caller ID and callback number to the IRS by sending it to phishing@irs.gov. The taxpayer should write “IRS Phone Scam” in the subject line. They should also report the call to the Federal Trade Commission. When reporting it, they should add “IRS Phone Scam” in the notes. Taxpayers who owe taxes, or think they owe taxes, can view their tax account information online to see the actual amount owed and review their payment options. Alternatively, they can call the number on the billing notice, or call the IRS at (800) 829-1040.
SOME MORE PICTURES OF COMMUNITY EVENT

PICNIC

Egg & Spoon Race  Sack Race  Bingo

SEMENAR FOR COLLEGE GOING STUDENTS

Attentive Audience – Kids & Parents  Farrokh Mistree – Seminar

VOLUNTEER AT HOUSTON FOOD BANK

Sorting the donated items