



Chairman's Report for 2015

2015 at ZAH was a year of excitement, planning and setting the stage for the new and improved Zarathushti Heritage and Cultural Center. As always, the "Center", is at the center of our lives, and 2015 was no different, always full of activities and events. Anytime you enter, you are reminded of the vibrant and dynamic Houston Zarathushti community, their love for food and fun.

Let's take a look at all the new projects and their updates:

Phase III-A

Ground breaking for Phase III-A is waiting on getting the building permits from the city. The detailed plans for the new construction were finished and submitted to the city for approval in July. The city requested additional information and some modifications, these have been done, and the updated resubmitted. We are now waiting on the final approval. Once approval is received, we will be looking for bids and hopefully construction will start very soon.

Atash Kadeh Update

In February 2015, at a special general body meeting, the ZAH by-laws were modified to create a new Atash Kadeh Committee.

The final architectural plans for the new Atash Kadeh are completed, and were presented to the community at the August Navroze function. The response from the community was very positive. The next step in the process is to finish the detailed architectural and engineering drawings, get the building permits, and then start the construction process.

Vision 2020

We are now in the second year of our Vision 2020 program "To build a strong financial foundation that will sustain and grow ZHCC for present and future generations".

As part of Vision 2020 our goal is to raise \$700,000 in 7 years. The treasurers report has more details on the actual amounts. The EC has created a Vision 2020 team to manage the V2020 plan.

This year's annual fundraiser was the play "Love is in the Air". The fundraiser also included raffle tickets, silent and live auctions. Despite the heavy rains, the evening was a resounding success, and we raised over \$20,000.

While all this excitement about new possibilities was building, we did not slow down in our regular events and functions. We had all our annual events, such as Navroze, Jashne Sadeh, Ghambars, library, youth events and the Carnival. In fact, our center was busier than ever this year. Our 3rd Annual ZCamp was a resounding success and we had over 85 kids and young adults participating in 3 days of fun and food. This is turning out to be a fun event, and when asked, all the participants want to not only come back next year, but also want it run longer than one weekend.

The ZAH is growing and we would like to thank each and every donor for their contributions. We



would not be able to have many of the programs, events and fun without your donations, and we hope that you continue to assist the ZAH in the future.

Also, a very big thank you to all our volunteers and subcommittee members. It takes a dedicated group of people to manage, maintain and entertain at the ZAH. The success of our ZHCC and the sense of community is only possible with the hard work and dedication of this tireless crew. Without all their unstinting efforts behind the scenes, none of our events or functions would be possible, nor nearly as enjoyable. The EC would like to thank each and every one of you, for giving us the most precious commodity of all...your time!

In closing, "Pardon our Dust" signs will soon be going up as we start construction of the Atash Kadeh and Phase III-A.

2015 was a year to build the foundation, both financially and physically for the future. 2016 promises to be another exciting year and we all look forward to the new and improved ZHCC 3.0.

Thank You and Best Always

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