



Chairman's Report for 2016

2016 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 2016 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, community and fun.

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

Phase III-A

Phase III-A is finally underway. After a long wait on getting the permit approved by the City of Houston, construction of the expansion has started. The current schedule is to aim for a completion date of March, 2017. Of course the local Houston weather has a lot to say in whether we meet this deadline or not.

Atash Kadeh Update

The final design and engineering work on the Atash Kadeh was completed in October, and the project is now at the City of Houston permit office, awaiting final approval. In the meantime, we will be looking at some of the interior design and choosing colors, materials, electrical and plumbing fixtures etc. Construction is planned to start immediately after getting the permit.

Vision 2020

We are now in the third 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 \$750,000 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. We want to encourage everyone to participate at the level that fits them best.

ZHCC Renovations

As a part of the Vision 2020 plan, we are also going to start work on renovating the kitchen, bathrooms and the front entrance of the center. The bathrooms and kitchen are in dire need of a new look. As a part of the ongoing upgrade we replaced all 5 A/C units of the original phase 1.

While all this excitement about new possibilities was building, we did not slowdown 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 5th 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!

Thank You and Best Always

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