

Hello Everyone!

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Freya Daroga and I am the President for the 2015-2016 youth group. We have a great officer line this year, and I would like to recognize them at this time. Please stand when your name is called.

Vice President - Serena Setna.

Treasurer - Tanaya Behramsha.

Secretary- Katie Master.

Historian - Alyssa Tamboli.

And Webmaster - Rayhan Nariman.

This year our focus for the ZAH youth group is community service both for the center and for our community outside. Our calendar consists of group volunteer projects for almost every single month. We will be going to the Houston food bank, a soup kitchen, and to a senior home just to name a few.

We also recently hosted a blood drive at the Center and had many donors. We thank each donor who, with their donation, saved up to three lives. An overwhelming number of people were eager to donate, but many were not eligible due to the fact that they had traveled to certain countries such as Pakistan or India within the past year. Although this was an obstacle that we faced, we still had a very successful blood drive.

Another important event was the lock-in that the youth had yesterday which was combined with the middle group. It is very crucial that we create a bond between the groups and try to eliminate any gaps or divides between us. With the same intentions, the youth will be hosting a Christmas party for the younger kids and middle group kids.

Yesterday, during our lock-in, we attended a very informative session led by Farrokh Mistree regarding preparations for college. This lecture was very beneficial especially to the youth who are in high school and will need

to be applying to colleges soon.

Coming in this month of November, we have coordinated with the Zoroastrian youth group in Dallas, and will be going on the Friday after thanksgiving to spend the night at their center. Over the past few years now we have been keeping in contact with the youth from Dallas and we see this as an important bond to keep ignited.

This year the youth has also planned to have one of our lock-ins at a camp site in the Galveston area.

On another note, will be continuing to hold the car wash and youth food stall at the carnival in April.

We have also planned to have a fundraiser show in July of 2016, but more details regarding that will be finalized soon.

Our calendar has been set for the year, and the youth will continue to keep our community updated with all our events that are taking place.

But of course on top of everything else we do, we continue to have our Sunday school classes on the second Sunday of every month from 11 AM to 1 PM. I want to say a big thank you again to Sarosh Uncle, Kaermarz Uncle, and Jenisteen for always teaching us and mentoring us. Also thank you to Kamalrukh Aunty and the youth moms and dads who are always ready to help us with everything we do.

And of course we want to thank our wonderful ZAH community for always supporting the youth group. There are no words to describe our appreciation. We thank our community for all they have given us, and we hope that we can give back this year.

Thank you