



Zoroastrian Association of California

February 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES CLUB:

The next ladies club meeting will be held on Sunday, **Feb. 15, 2009**, at the home of Vira and Burjor Santoke in Huntington Beach. Meeting starts at 12:30 p.m. Maneck Chichgar will give a slide-show presentation on "The Environment and Us...what we can do to protect and preserve it". Bring your favorite pot-luck dish to share. RSVP: Vira at 714- 963-1301 or email bvhm.santoke@verizon.net

NAVROZ FUNCTION

Saturday, March 21 from 6:30 to 11 pm

Mark the date and get ready to celebrate!

It is our special day to come together as a community to bring in Jamshedi Navroz. It will be an evening of fun and festivities at the delightful **Rio Hondo Event Center**. We will have entertainment and music so that both the young and old can enjoy themselves. There will be prizes for the most authentically dressed couple in traditional Parsi attire. So gentlemen, pull out the daglas and pagris to complement your beautiful spouses and win some great prizes! We will also have a raffle for a pair of airline tickets and other attractive gifts. We look forward to seeing the whole community here for this annual event. It will be a time to meet up with old friends and make new ones. We have kept the price below cost to accommodate all. However, if it is a hardship for larger families please contact the committee.

Rio Hondo Event Center located at 10627 Old River School Road, Downey, CA 90241.

Phone: 562/806-5020

Please fill out and return the attached form before the due date.

HOLLYWOOD BOWL:

By popular demand ZAC is once again planning a trip to the Hollywood Bowl on Saturday evening, July 11, 2009. This is a FIREWORKS concert titled "ULTIMATE MANCINI" with the Hollywood Bowl orchestra, vocalist Monica Mancini and other special guests. The show features music by Henry Mancini, winner of four Oscars and twenty Grammys, and composer of film and television hits such as "Baby Elephant Walk" and "The Pink Panther" theme. **Tickets are \$12 each.**

As usual we will picnic before the show with our usual pora-pau, cutlets and other Parsi favorites.

Please call **Vira Santoke** at **714-963-1301** or email bvhm.santoke@verizon.net by **March 15** if you are interested in going. We will only get as many tickets as replies received.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES;

Hi Everyone,
2009 is going to be a great year for the youth as there are many activities planned.
We will once again start our monthly (hopefully) softball games in the end of February just to make sure the weather gets better. We are hoping to secure fields in Irvine/OC or San Diego. Will try to make it a day event as I know it is quite a drive for most of our group. So maybe a softball game followed by late lunch/dinner??
Secondly we are planning a youth trip to Universal Studios on Saturday March 28. It will be at the end of spring break for most of the college youth and the weekend following our Navroz function. Please reply back to me ASAP with regards to your ability to make it. Everyone had a blast last year at Disney and its been suggested quite a few times, so this year its Universal Studios.
Lastly, how many would be interested in meeting up every two to three weeks for a pizza/movie/cards night? There is a venue available to us for free and well, basically we just need to meet up and enjoy.
I once again urge all the youth and the parents of youth who haven't already signed up for the ZAC Youth mailing list to go ahead and do so. The email address is youth.zac@gmail.com . Please send me an email and your name and then, voila - you will be on the list. I know there are a lot of Zoroastrian youth out there and I'd like us all to meet whenever we can.
That is all for now -- take care and all the best.
PS - I am always open to suggestions regarding youth events.
Mehernosh Gundevia (Youth Coordinator)

UPDATES AND EVENTS:

GENERAL BODY MEETING was held on Nov. 22, 2008 at the CZC Hall, Westminster. Members present at the meeting passed a resolution permitting the expenditure by the committee of up to \$10,000 for the year 2009 without prior approval of the general body.

ZANT ANNIVERSARY:

The Zoroastrian Association of Northern Texas will be celebrating their 20th anniversary in 2009. They are planning a very special ball and gala event on March 21 and have requested Zoroastrians from other states to place an advertisement in their Souvenir Keepsake Program. Please contact Zenobia Chinoy at zenobiachinoy@hotmail.com for more details.

NAMC SEMINAR:

The North American Mobed Council will be hosting a seminar in Houston, on Saturday, April 11, 2009. The subject matter of the seminar will be: *Divine Message: Journey through Zoroastrian Scriptures.* The Zoroastrian Association of Houston has graciously agreed to find home stays for all attendees in ZAH member homes. Mobeds as well as interested lay people are encouraged to attend. Please contact Soli Dastur at Dastur@comcast.net for further information.

APPEALS:

We have received an appeal from **Mrs. Khorshed Sadri** of Mumbai for financial assistance to cover some of the medical expenses that her family had to incur for her late husband's open heart surgery. Gustad Sadri, a 71 year old retired bank employee, was in the hospital ICU for over 3 weeks and expired on Oct. 22, 2008. The family is now faced with bills over Rs. 16 lakhs. Checks should be made out to ZAC, marked Khorshed Sadri and mailed to **Chisti Dadachanji at 13177 Seagrove St., San Diego, Ca 92130-3214**

Silloo Mehta has selflessly served our community for the past several years. The **Mazdayasnie Connection newsletter** is full of inspiration and knowledge and has been sent to Zoroastrians all over the world free of charge.

They have also published books and hosted several exhibitions on our religion and culture. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please send your check made out to Mazdayasnie Connection at 79 Heritage, Irvine CA 92604.

CONDOLENCES:

Hormoz Khavarian, husband of *Gool Lelinwala*, passed away in San Diego, on Feb. 5, 2009. Hormoz will always be remembered for his great sense of humor and ever-willingness to help others. Our sincere condolences to the family of the deceased.

RECIPE CORNER:

PARSI CUSTARD

(serves 8)

- 13 oz. can evaporated milk
- 8 oz whipping cream
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup almonds, blanched and slivered
- 1 pinch cardamom / nutmeg powder

Pre-heat oven to 350°. In a bowl mix together evaporated milk, cream and condensed milk. Beat eggs. Add cream-milk mixture and almonds. Mix well and pour into a greased glass dish. Sprinkle with cardamom and nutmeg powder and bake uncovered for half hour at 350°. Lower temperature to 250° and bake for 15 minutes more. Cool completely and refrigerate.



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2009 Navroz Form

Navroz Celebration 6:30 – 11 pm on **Saturday, March 21, 2009** at **Rio Hondo Event Center**, 10627 Old River School Road, Downey, CA 90241. Phone: 562/806-5020

Prepayment Deadlines: All forms and payments must be received by **March 16, 2009**. No exceptions will be made and the cost per person **at the door will be \$40/-**.

NO TELEPHONE CALLS, PLEASE.

Rates:

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- : Adults - \$25 (members)
- Seniors / Full-time students- \$20
- Non Members - \$35
- Children - \$15 (5 years to 10 years), children under 5 years are free.

Fill out Completely:

TITLE _____ **LAST NAME** _____ **FIRST NAME** _____

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CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE: (____) _____ - _____ **MEMBER:** Yes / No

Adult Members _____ @\$25/-each \$ _____

Senior Members/Students _____ @\$20/-each \$ _____

Children (5-10) _____ @\$15/-each \$ _____

Non-Members _____ @\$35/-each \$ _____

Veg. _____ Non Veg. _____ Total: \$ _____

Checks payable to Zoroastrian Association of California

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Zoroastrian Association of California c/o Rooky Fitter.
4611 Stellrecht Circle. Huntington Beach, CA 92649



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Membership Form Jan – Dec 2009

Please Select Type Membership(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Life	Husband/wife & children under 18	\$700
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Family	Husband/wife & children under 18	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	Adult (over 18)	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	Over 65 Years of Age	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Student	Full time Student (18-25)	\$15

Please make check payable to: "Zoroastrian Association of California"

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CONGRATULATIONS:

Zerxes Bhadha, son of Bakhtawar and Rayomand Bhadha had his navjote performed by his older brother, Ervad Varun Bhadha, in November 2008.

Porus Karwa, son of Firuza and Hoshang Karwa, had his navjote at Albles Baug in Mumbai on January 3, 2009

Sanaya F. Bhadha daughter of Afrid and Ervad Farhad J. Bhadha, granddaughter of Yasmin and Ervad Jehnabux Bhadha of LA and Homi & Meheroo Bulsara of Mumbai had her navjote on December 28, 2008 at West End, Mumbai.

Hormazd Godrej, son of Rati and Nadir Godrej, grandson of Aloo Burjorji Vaghaiwalla, was ordained an Ervad, after undergoing his navar ceremony on December 31, 2008, at the Vachha Gandhi agiary in Mumbai. His older brothers, Ervads Burjis and Sohrab, went through their Martab ceremony in the same agiary a couple of days earlier.

Darius F. Bhadha son of Afrid and Er. Farhad J. Bhadha became a Martab on December 27, 2008 at Vachha Gandhi Agiary, Mumbai.

ZAC wishes all the new initiates the very best in life. Ushta-te!

The Ninth World Zoroastrian Congress will be held in Dubai from December 28 to 31, 2009. The theme of the congress is "Unity through the sands of time". This will be a mega event featuring among other things a gala evening dinner performance by the world Zarthusti Symphony Orchestra. Visit the congress website at www.wzcongress.org for more information.

JOIN TODAY. We hold many events for all ages with special rates for members. If you are not already a member of ZAC, please fill in the attached form and send it today to the secretary at the address provided.

We value your feedback and will appreciate any ideas, comments or suggestions you may have for the community.