



# Zoroastrian Association of California

## February 2014

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### 2013-2014 Executive Committee

President – Tehmi Damania

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Joint Secretaries – Parvez Erani and Deelnavaz Tarapore

Program Chair – Prochi Mistry

Youth Coordinator – Merzi Limath

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fundraiser for Orchestra at NAZC on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 6:00 pm

The Ladies Club is planning and sponsoring a delightful and fun evening to raise funds so that we can get the World Zoroastrian Symphony Orchestra for our Congress this year. An evening of Entertainment with Musical items, Bingo with attractive prizes, and other Games. Enjoy a Parsi dinner with a surprise dessert.

**Tickets: Adults - \$ 15 min. requested donation (more welcome), Children 5-8: \$6, Children under 4 FREE.**

**RSVP A MUST:** Before February 21. to Dogdo Arjani at [arjaniatgould@hotmail.com](mailto:arjaniatgould@hotmail.com) or 818-545-8161 or Vira Santoke at [bvhm.santoke@verizon.net](mailto:bvhm.santoke@verizon.net) or 714-963-1301. Please make donation checks payable to ZAC with Orchestra in the memo line.

### Jashan/Navroze Function on Saturday, March 22, 2014

Get ready for our fun event of the year, Navroze and 40 years of ZAC!

**Jashan starts at 5:00 pm    Function starts at 7:00 pm.**

Those who have not paid their membership dues please do so before March 16th to avail of **Membership Pricing. See attached form for details and RSVP.**

Event pricing is as follows – **Members: \$30                      Non-Members and after March 16: \$50**

**Children (5-10): \$15    Children under 5 FREE**

**Please RSVP to Prochi Mistry at 661-284-3055 or email [mistryprochi@aol.com](mailto:mistryprochi@aol.com) no later than March 16th.**

***You MUST send in the completed attached form with your check by due date. No exceptions!!***

### Walk-a-thon Fundraiser on Sunday, April 6, at 11:00 am

Our annual fundraiser for the PRAYER ROOM will be at the William Mason Park in Irvine, Shelter #6. We have completed Phase One of the Center project and we desperately need to raise funds to build our Atash Kadeh. Everyone enjoys the walkathon and it is always such fun whenever the community gets together to enjoy the outdoors. **Please see the attached flyer/form for details.**

### Jashan/AGM: Saturday, June 7, 2014:

Details to follow. Watch out for info by blast and next newsletter.

### Casino Night Fundraiser for the Congress: Saturday, June 14, 2014:

Details to follow. Watch out for info by blast and next newsletter.

## PAST EVENTS

### Ladies Club

Held on December 1, was a very informative presentation on pain especially back pain by Dr. Rohini Patel. Around 30 members attended the lovely pot-luck lunch followed by a very interesting presentation & tea. A big thank you to Dogdo Arjani for organizing the event.

## **Christmas Party with Santa**

Held on December 14, attended by around 50 adults & 20 children. Thank you Lily Mistry for once again volunteering along with Rooky Fitter & Prochi Mistry to organize the event and also for arranging the games for the children. Santa came and distributed gifts to all the kids. The dinner of hot and tasty Chinese food arranged by Prochi Mistry was enjoyed by all along with Fruit Cake & ice cream bars. Thank you to Hutoxi & Farhad Contractor for donating the money for the gifts for the children. A big thank you to Dinaz & Vispi Shroff, Jamshed Mistry and Bacchi and Homey Writer for helping with the planning, set-up & decorations & to Lily Mistry for lending her Xmas tree and decorations that made the hall look very festive & to Prochi Mistry for her music. Both old & young had a great evening.

## **New Year Eve Party**

Held on December 31 was attended by around 110 members. ZAC started New Year 2014 off with a BANG (literally!!) There was much laughter, camaraderie and togetherness as we started the evening off with a delicious dinner. This was followed by non-stop music and dancing. DJ Dara rocked as we had non-stop fun on the floor under the disco ball and strobe lights. Delicious Desserts brought in by the attendees was thoroughly enjoyed. A toast at midnight ended the night. Thank you once again to Lily & Daraius Mistry & Dinaz & Vispi Shroff for volunteering with the setup & decorations. Also Hutoxi Contractor & Lily Mistry for doing the raffle and the prizes for the raffle.

A big THANK YOU shout-out to all our sponsors and donors and all those who worked very hard to make sure the New Year's Eve evening was a success. HAPPY 2014 EVERYONE!!!

## **Mahrukh Bhujwala Memorial**

Mahrukh memorial was held on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Many of Mahrukh friends had gathered to remember her life and celebrate. A delicious lunch of Dhansak & rice prepared by Zerkxis Bhandara along with some Cucumber, sides & dessert prepared by Alamshaw, Dogdo Arjani, Dolat Bodhanwala, Pervin Chichgar, and Vira Santoke was thoroughly enjoyed by all. This was followed by tributes to Mahrukh by her family and friends, about Mahrukh life and her dedication to the community. Mahrukh family thanked all those who attended, ZAC executive committee members and volunteers who helped at the event.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Zakoi Badam ni Boi Sale**

ZAKOI are striving for the past several years to raise funds to have their own prayer hall to serve the religious needs of their growing community. The profits from the sale of the Badam ni Bois will be donated to the ZAKOI Center Fund. The Bois can be purchased single or in a pair. The prices of the Bois will be: \$18 for 1 Badam ni Boi, or \$30 for 2 Bois. **Please contact Vira Santoke 714-963-1301 ([bvhm.santoke@verizon.net](mailto:bvhm.santoke@verizon.net)) for info or with your order and mail or give her your check for the order. If you wish to have them mailed directly to your house, please contact, Bakhtavar Desai Ph 513-829-7818 (H), 513-560-0581 (C) ([bfdesai@aol.com](mailto:bfdesai@aol.com)) for your order with your address and phone number.**

## **The 14<sup>th</sup> Zoroastrian Games**

The Zoroastrian Sports Committee (ZSC) cordially invites you to join us for the **14th Zoroastrian Games** in Los Angeles, California. We look forward to seeing you for yet another memorable event of sports, competition, socializing and meeting with new and old friends beginning on July 2nd through July 6th in sunny Los Angeles. **The 14th Zoroastrian Games will be held on July 2 - July 6, 2014 in Los Angeles, California.** Details of registration will be coming your way soon. If you have questions, please contact us at [ZSC@FEZANA.org](mailto:ZSC@FEZANA.org).

## **A NEW INITIATIVE TO BENEFIT ZAC MEMBERS**

As you know, physicians and surgeons in many communities make themselves available to respond to questions of the members, one on one.

At Dogdo Arjani's suggestion, the ZAC Executive Committee, thought it was a good idea for us to do the same starting in 2014. A few of the Doctors Dogdo has approached, have all already agreed to participate. She is in the process of sending e-mails to all the doctors so that they may confirm whether they would participate and also indicate their medical specialty.

ZAC plans to arrange these informal visits on Sundays before the Ladies Club meetings.

More details will be forthcoming from Dr. Sherri Treasurywala who has kindly agreed to coordinate this service. She will be the main contact with the Doctors and will let the community know details through ZAC newsletters and email blasts.

## **APPEALS**

### **SURAT NANPURA PARSEE ZARTHOSHTI ANJUMAN**

ZAC has received an appeal from the Surat Nanpura Parsee Zarthosti Anjuman to help restore the Rustomji Tamna ni Dharamsala which is in dire need of repair. In this Dharamsala, functions like Navjotes, weddings, cultural programs, get-togethers, and other religious ceremonies are performed and also there are rooms available for shelter at very nominal rates. At present this is the only operational Parsee Dharamsala in Surat. Besides maintaining the Dharamsala, the Anjuman distributes food grains and essential commodities along with monetary help and medical relief to needy members.

They also maintain a Widow chawl adjoining the Dharamsala, which is a 200 year old building, decayed due to passage of time.

Cost of repairs is very high and a donation of any amount from Zarthosti humdins will be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to ZAC, with Surat Nanpura Anjuman in the memo.

*Many of us here in Southern California have ties with Surat. Please donate from your heart!*

### **Appeal from FEZANA Welfare Committee**

I am writing this from the Chicago area, it is cold here, let me rephrase that, it is very cold here and we have to turn up the internal thermostat of our heart to stay comfortable in our bodies. When some in our community are going through a cold stage in life, we need to turn up our internal thermostat of our heart to try and help in whatever way we can. We are working with two different families and we need your help so we can help them even more.

1. A young twenty five year old student who is from India had a brain aneurysm, his parents are here from India and are facing some serious concerns and decisions, and FEZANA is taking care of their boarding-lodging needs. This is the worst possible scenario parents could imagine for their children.
2. A young single lady who is taking care of her elder parents, her Dad passed away recently after sickness and she is taking care of her mother and works twelve hours a day to make ends meet. She had charged for her late Dad's medication on her credit card and will never come out of debt paying twenty to twenty five percent interests on the credit cards.

The first situation we have to help in whatever capacity we can if we call ourselves a caring community.

The second situation we want to help as here is a lady who is working hard, living and showing the right values by taking the responsibility of taking care of her parents, and is going through a rough patch in her life.

FEZANA Welfare is working with them but we could do a lot more with your help and that is the reason for this appeal.

You can donate: Online at [www.fezana.org](http://www.fezana.org) to the Welfare and Critical Assistance: Welfare Appeal - Feb 2014  
By check, made out to FEZANA with the memo: Welfare Appeal - Feb 2014.

Checks to be mailed to:  
Ratan Mistry, FEZANA Treasurer  
1258 Water Lily Way  
San Jose, CA 95129

We are very grateful for your support in the past and we thank all our helpers who make our work so rewarding.

Houtoxi, Freyaz, Hosi  
FEZANA Welfare Committee

## **MATRIMONIAL**

Charming young girl in Mumbai born in 1984 is looking for a life partner. She is a Bachelor of Commerce and Master of Management Studies, Bombay University  
Hobbies : Watching movies, listening to music. Currently employed with Sterling and Wilson in their HR Dept.  
If you are seriously interested, please email her at [Dils\\_d@yahoo.com](mailto:Dils_d@yahoo.com). Or, contact Tehmi Damania.

## **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIPS**

**The 2014 Membership Form is attached and you will notice that we have NOT increased membership at all. Every member, including life members should complete a form and send it in so that we can maintain proper records.**

*There are two important changes to the form this year. We have included a check box for **NEWSLETTERS by EMAIL**. We request members who have access to email to check this box and help save paper, labels and postage. The second feature is an addition to a **DONATIONS** section. You all donate to your favorite causes, so why not make ZAC your cause this year.*

*Life members, we particularly request you to donate towards the maintenance of the Center in addition to any other category to which you wish to donate. It can be monthly, quarterly or annually. If you are donating towards the Center, as some of you already do, we thank you for your generosity. We do not wish to make it mandatory so please give willingly. This is **YOUR Community Center – your second HOME!***

*Life members: Please **REMEMBER** to make your 18 year olds and up members and/or renew their membership too.*

## **Condolences**

**Mahrukh Maneck Bhujwala** passed away on December 4, 2013. Mahrukh is survived by her husband, Maneck, daughter Shehnaz, brothers Kyanosh and Viraf Raimalwalla, and sister Gulestan Adajania. She was a loving wife and mother, and was loved by her friends at ZAC and ZANC (both of which she co-founded with Maneck) & for her cheerful and generous nature and volunteerism. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

**Golkhandan Yazdegardian**, dear wife of Faram Irani and loving mother of Sohrab, Dolly, Rustom, Dara, Roshan and Kashmira, passed away on December 20, 2013 in San Diego. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

**Dr Khushroo B Mody** originally from Karachi, passed away on Jan 3 2014 in Los Angeles, at the age of 94. He was the husband of the late Dr Mani K Mody, father of Kamal B Taraporewalla, Cyrus K Mody, & Perveen M Katrack, father in law of Behram, Freny & Minoo and Grandfather of Aimee, Percy, Anahita, Bahman, Behrose, Kaizeen, Raemin & Nasha. He will be missed by one and all. May his soul rest in peace.

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## **Update on ZAC Center Project**

As many of you know Phase One is now complete. Thanks to the hard work of Sohrab Charna, Rooky Fitter and Noshir Irani the restrooms and the remodeling at the ZAC Center is now COMPLETE. The restrooms look really good and although we all had concerns about taking space away from the Green Room (no longer Green) the kids' room is also looking good.

We are fortunate we have Sohrab in our community who has done so much work and spent so much time and expense to help make our Center really beautiful. We shall be working on getting the permits for Phase Two soon. This will be the building on the newly extended pad outside the Hong Kong Room. You may have seen the pictures and floor plan of our Atash Kadeh in the last newsletter and on the ZAC website (<http://zacla.org/atashkadeh.pdf>). Please help us raise funds for this project.

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*Monday, February 17, 2014*

*Noshir Irani, Khushru Dubash, Rooky Fitter, Manek and Tehmi Damania put fertilizer in the rose bushes at the Center and saved \$100 for just 2 hours work. We can take care of projects such as these ourselves if we work together.*

We need volunteers for various projects at the Center. Help reorganize and set up the kid's room and the Hong Kong room after the construction. Please contact the committee if you wish to help. Remember it is YOUR Center and it needs work.

We welcome students to apply for the Cyrus R. Fatakia Memorial Scholarship which was created to honor and cherish the loving memory of our beloved Cyrus.

**CYRUS R. FATAKIA  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



*To Live in Hearts we leave behind is not to die.  
~ Thomas Campbell, Hallowed Ground*

The Scholarship provides Zoroastrian students with financial assistance to study at institutions of higher learning within the United States. Please contact the Cyrus R. Fatakia Memorial Scholarship Committee at [bvbm.santoke@verizon.net](mailto:bvbm.santoke@verizon.net) if you would like to apply for this scholarship.

Good Luck & God Bless!

Sincerely,  
Rohinton, Erna & Darius Fatakia

***“Greatness is not found in possessions, power, position, or prestige.  
It is discovered in goodness, humility, service, and character”  
~ William Arthur Ward***



# ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

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## NAVROZE and 40 YEARS of ZAC

Saturday, March 22, 2014  
at the ZAC Center in Orange

Jashan at 5:00 pm      Main Event 7:00 pm

Members Adults: \$30      Non-Members: \$50  
Children ages 5-10: \$15      Children under 5: FREE

**NON-MEMBERS and Members after March 16<sup>th</sup> pay \$50**  
**ABSOLUTELY NO WALK-INS**

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enter ALL Names and Details in form below.  
Incomplete forms will not be accepted. No exceptions.**

|    | Individual Names Mem.<br>/Non Mem. | Veg /Non Veg | Adult/Child/Senior | Amount<br>Paid |
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**TOTAL PAID:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please send in your payments by March 16th to:  
The Treasurer – Rooky Fitter  
Zoroastrian Association of California  
1424 E. Walnut Avenue, CA 92867

Call Prochi Mistry at 661-284-3055 or email [mistryprochi@aol.com](mailto:mistryprochi@aol.com) no later than March 16th.  
*Please inform Prochi if you will be bringing CHASNI items.*



# Zoroastrian Association of California

## Membership Form

January to December, 2014

Please Select Type Membership(s):

### *Quantity*

|                                     |                                  |        |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life       | Husband/wife & children under 18 | \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family     | Husband/wife & children under 18 | \$75   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | Adult (over 18)                  | \$40   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior     | Over 65 Years of Age             | \$30   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student    | Full time Student                | \$25   |

Make check payable to "Zoroastrian Association of California" and mail to address below, or complete this form online and pay with credit card at [www.zacla.org](http://www.zacla.org)

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP TYPE: \_\_\_ life \_\_\_ family \_\_\_ individual \_\_\_ senior

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### **DONATIONS**

Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Education \_\_\_\_\_ ATASH KADEH \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund \_\_\_\_\_

*Are you a Life Member who is NOT contributing towards the Center's maintenance?*

*Why not donate at least \$50 a year to help ZAC out? Choose to help.*

*(If additional space is needed, please use another form)*

**Please mail this form along with your check to: Rooky Fitter, Treasurer  
Zoroastrian Association of California, 1424 E. Walnut Ave, Orange, CA 92867**





# WALK-A-THON 2014 FUNDRAISER AND DHANSAK PICNIC

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014 at 11:00 AM**

**MASON PARK, (SHELTER #6)  
18712 UNIVERSITY DR., IRVINE, CA 92612**

- To support Fund Raising efforts for our new PRAYER ROOM
- Sale of Home-made Goodies, Games for kids, Prizes and Fun for all ages
- Dessert Competition Please RSVP (No. of Entries Permitting)

**Schedule of Events**

**11:00 am Registration starts**

**12:00 noon Walkathon starts**

**1:00 pm Picnic Lunch – Dhansak, Kavab  
and Kachumber  
followed by Dessert Competition**

**Entry Fee \$15 ea. (min.) Children under 5 FREE**

**Get your Friends, Co-workers & Clients to sponsor you on the form.**

(Please try and get as many friends as possible to attend this great outdoor activity and/or to sponsor you.)

*Please note: Sponsorships and Volunteers are the “Backbone” of any successful event . . .*

*We need VOLUNTEERS for: Cooking, Marking the Course, Organizing Games,  
Tea Urns, Outdoor Stoves, Getting Sponsors and Prizes, etc.*

**We also need sponsors for: WATER & PIZZA for the kids**

Name of Walker: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

|    | Sponsor's Name | Sponsor's Address | Flat Donation | Collected |
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Please make tax-deductible checks payable to ZAC (Zoroastrian Association of California Cal tax ID 95-3046709)

To RSVP, sponsor or volunteer for any part of the event, please contact:

**KATY KHAMBATTA**

858-450-0190 or khambatta@sbcglobal.net

**PROCHI MISTRY**

661-284-3055 or mistryprochi@aol.com



1424 E. Walnut Avenue  
Orange, CA 92867

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## **ZAC Upcoming Events at a Glance**

*All functions are at the ZAC Center, Orange, CA except where indicated*

**Orchestra Fundraiser: Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 6:00 pm**

**Jashan/Navroze Function: Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 5:00 pm**

**Walk-a thon: Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 11:00 am  
at William Mason Park, Irvine**

**Jashan/AGM: Saturday, June 7, 2014**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Casino Night - Congress Fundraiser: Saturday, June 14, 2014**