



Zoroastrian Association of California

February 2015

2014-2015 Executive Committee

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jashan/Navroze Celebration: Saturday, March 21

The Zoroastrian Association of California will be celebrating Navroze on Navroze day, Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the ZAC Center in Orange California. There will be the traditional *Haft Seen* table set up as always. Join us with your family and friends to celebrate the occasion.

Jashan - 5:00pm

Function - 7:00pm

Those who have not paid your membership dues please do so before Wednesday, March 18th to avail of **Membership Pricing**. See attached form for details and **RSVP**. Form also available on **ZAC website**.

Event pricing is as follows -

Members (12 yrs and up): \$30

Non Members: \$50

Children Members (5 to 11 yrs): \$15

Children under 5yrs: FREE

For RSVP: Call Prochi Mistry at 661-284-3055 or email mistryprochi@aol.com

You must send in the attached form with your check by the due date. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

(For people who RSVP and not pay by March 18th 2015 – RSVP will be cancelled)

PAST EVENTS

North American Zoroastrian Congress 2014

The NAZC 2014 was a thumping success which received two thumbs up from over 750 registrants who got together in Los Angeles from all parts of the country and abroad. It all started with the enthusiasm of many volunteers headed by an excellent team of Congress Executive Committee members both from ZAC and CZC and supported by subcommittee chairs who tirelessly worked for three years to bring this mammoth task to an admirable finish. This was the first Congress in years that had almost one-third of youth and young adults as registrants who also took part in all the pre congress youth activities that were very efficiently and single handedly arranged by none other than our very own Khush Italia - Youth Chair. Thank you Khush!!

We also had another "first" - a very successful Mini Congress - specially arranged for the children between the ages of 5-12 years, and was expertly created by Shazneen Gandhi with her team of volunteers. It kept the youngsters entertained and busy learning about our religion, while their parents were free to enjoy the Congress sessions! Well done Shazneen!!

The program sessions for the three days were arranged by Vira Santoke - Program Chair and her team. The selection of speakers ranging from TV personalities to Professionals to Corporate CEOs and Religious scholars were put together covering a wide range of topics from the Gathas to Shahnameh, from Holistic Health to Creating Wealth and from Zoroastrianism in the Next Generation to Young Adult Sessions of Breaking the Ice was a momentous task well done!

Thank you Vira!

The Congress started on Day One, with a Khusalinu Jashan performed by Mobed Zarir Bhandara with 19 Mobeds and 5 Para Mobeds from various states. This was followed by the Opening Flag Ceremony with rendition of the US and Canadian National Anthems, Choirs from CZC and ZAC followed by a cute performance of "Its a Small World" by ZAC Children's Choir. Welcome speeches were given by Fezana President Ketayun Kapadia, Fezana Congress Chair Bomi Patel, ZAC President Tehmi Damania and CZC President Shida Anoshiravani.

The three days entertainment events from the opening ceremony to the Gala Night performances were tirelessly put together by the Entertainment Chair - Persis Choksy and her team. The performances ranged from "An Evening Persia" by our CZC performers, to Little Psy (Zane) and His Ladies, to Vivaldi (Sarosh and Neville), fun acts of "Mara Sum", and "Dhansak in the Night", Habanera (Bizet) and the "Masti" dances. The Z Band kept the audience dancing way past midnight. The last day was the icing on the cake with the Gala Night Extravaganza attended by over 800 registrants! Performances by Danish and Steven, Meher and Ardavan, and Mahfrin followed by Light and Sound show of DJ Julius and singing by Nauzad and Khushi with DJ Zubin, brought in the NEW YEAR with a Bang!! Thank you Persis for a great job well done!! We were also very fortunate to experience the excellent classical night at the Congress performed by the World Zoroastrian Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adil Mehta in the absence of Farobag Cooper, the official conductor who unfortunately suffered a stroke just prior to the start of the congress.

The total coordination of this mammoth event was handled by the Congress Executive Committee comprising of stalwarts who were present at all times to guide and work together with all the subcommittee chairpersons from Audio Visual to Entertainment, Finance, Logistics, Program, PR, Social, Technology and Youth. These stalwarts are none other than Dhunmai Dalal, Khushroo Lakdawala, Darayus Mistry, Tehmi Damania, Shida Anoshiravani, Shiva Khorshedian, and Mehrdad Zomorodi!! THANK YOU ALL!!!

The NAZC Banner hanging at the Hilton Hotel main lobby was filled with congratulatory messages handwritten by young and old who attended and enjoyed the Congress with us. We could not have asked for more...THE THEME OF FAITH AND UNITY OF THE CONGRESS WAS WELL ACHIEVED!!!

The ZAC Executive Committee wishes to congratulate ALL volunteers and participants for the hard work and dedication which made this event a glorious success. We are truly grateful for blessings of Ahura Mazda for this success. All ZAC members can be proud of this achievement.

Most of the videos of the Congress sessions and entertainment are now available on the NAZC website: <http://www.nazc2014.org/congress-video/>

Ladies Club

Ladies Club meeting held on January 25, 2015 was well attended by the members of the community. A potluck lunch was enjoyed by all followed by a slide show, an informative talk and interactive session on Stress Management by Tinaz Vevaina. She discussed the effects of stress, gave helpful hints on how to manage stress and demonstrated the use of Guided Imagery Meditation as a tool to relieve stress. Thank you Dogdo Arjani and Sherri Treasurywala for arranging the presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations

Hearty Congratulations to Shehnaz Maneck Bhujwala on her recent promotion to the position of Partner in the law firm of Boucher LLP of Los Angeles.

We are proud and happy for her achievement in this very competitive field and wish her every success in the years ahead!

Change of Address

JALOO SIGANPORIA

Please see hard copy version of newsletter

Condolences

Dr. Aban Nariman Daruwalla passed away on December 31, 2014. She was the daughter of late Tehmina and Nariman Daroowalla and sister of Pervin Irani and Hoshang Daruwalla. May her soul rest in peace.

Burjor Ferdunji Alamshaw passed on at his residence in Irvine on Thursday, January 8, 2015 (Amardad Mah, Daepdin Roj) at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife Dhun, daughter Katy, son Sharukh, daughter-in-law Pearl, grandsons Kyle and Camren, Sister Parvin Bamboat, & Brothers Rusi Alamshaw and the late Aspi Alamshaw.

The ZAC Community extends heartfelt condolences to the family.

In memory of our mother, **Pervin Cowasjee** who passed away on January 14, 2015. Mummy was a loving mother, grandmother and an educationalist. She touched the lives of many, who looked upon her as their mother. We are eternally grateful to our mummy for her love and protection that she showered upon us. Her love is with us as ours is with her. Lovingly your children and grandchildren – Minocher, Rukshana, Shanaia, Nereus, Nibby, Danyal, Aidan and Nosh. *Our sincere condolences to Minoo, Rukshana and Shanaia on their loss.*



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NAVROZE FUNCTION

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

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THIS IS A PRE PAID FUNCTION - ABSOLUTELY NO WALK INS.

Please pay by March 18th 2015

FAMILY NAME: _____ Phone: _____

Email address _____ Address: _____

**Please enter EVERY Attendee's Name and Details in the form below.
Incomplete forms will not be accepted. No exceptions.**

Name	Member	Veg Non Veg	Adult / Child	Amount Paid

TOTAL PAID: _____

For Payments: Mail your checks by March 18th 2015 to:
Zoroastrian Association of California
1424 E. Walnut Ave, Orange, CA 92867
Attn: The Treasurer-Rooky Fitter

Or complete this form online and pay with credit card at www.zacla.org

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Membership Form

January to December, 2015

Please Select Type Membership(s):

Quantity

() Life	Husband/wife & children under 18	\$1000
() Family	Husband/wife & children under 18	\$75
() Individual	Adult (over 18)	\$40
() Senior	Over 65 Years of Age	\$30
() 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

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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



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ZAC Upcoming Events at a Glance

All functions are at the ZAC Center, Orange, CA

Navroze Function: Saturday, March 21, 2015

AGM: Saturday, June 13, 2015

Please look out for information of further upcoming events will be sent by Email Blasts and posted on the Notice Board at the ZAC Center regularly.

Rates for advertising in the ZAC newsletter are as follows:

4 Consecutive Issues:	One Time Advertisement
\$ 200 Full Page	\$ 60 Full Page
\$ 110 Half Page	\$ 40 Half Page
\$ 60 Quarter Page	\$ 25 Quarter Page
\$ 40 1/8 Page	\$ 15 1/8 Page