



Zoroastrian Association of California February 2017

2016-2017 Executive Committee

President – Tehmi Damania Vice President – Perinne Medora Treasurer – Rooky Fitter
Joint Secretaries – Parvez Erani and Deelnavaz Tarapore Program Chair – Prochi Mistry
Youth Coordinator – Shirley Limath

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jashan in the Atash Kadeh: Saturday, March 18

There will be a jashan at 4:30 pm in the ZAC Atash Kadeh as a pre-navroze celebration to welcome the Farohars. Please contact Zarrir at zbhandara@gmail.com for more info.

Navroze Function: Saturday March 18, 2017

Our Navroze Function will be held at the ZAC Center on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

See the attached form and please RSVP NO LATER than March 14.

The event will start at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 8:30 followed by entertainment and dancing.

Event Pricing: Members - \$35; Non-Members - \$50; Children (5-10) - \$15; Children Under 5 FREE.

If you know anyone or if anyone needs assistance to pay for the function or correspondingly wishes to sponsor a fellow member, please contact Tehmi at 949-583-9973.

This is strictly a Pre-Paid Function. You MUST send in the completed form with your check or fill in the form online and pay with PAYPAL by March 14.

Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Members/Non-Members irrespective of age pay \$75 after March 14.

ABSOLUTELY NO WALK-INS.

PAST EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS:

ZAC celebrated New Year's Eve with its members and non-members at the ZAC Center. Around a 100 guests attended the event. There was much laughter, camaraderie and togetherness as we started the evening off with a delicious dinner from Noorani. This was followed by non-stop dancing to music by our very own DJ Firouz Felfeli under the disco lights set up and the Arjani Hall decorated by none other than Xerxes Commissariat. Delicious Desserts brought in by the attendees was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A toast while watching the ball drop on the big screen at the stroke of midnight and with everyone wishing each other a very happy and prosperous 2017!

This was followed by the first BOI of 2017 in our very own Atash Kadeh performed by Mobed Zarrir Bhandara and attended by all present. A big Thank You to Xerxes Commissariat for organizing this event with the help of the ZAC Executive Committee and to Firouz Felfeli for doing a wonderful job as a DJ. HAPPY 2017 EVERYONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Maidyarem Ghambhar:

Maidyarem Ghambhar was held on January 1, 2017. A jashan was performed by Zarrir & Zerksis Bhandara in the Atash Kadeh followed by Chasni brought in by the members and non-members attending the event. Around 75 guest enjoyed the lovely lunch & dessert which was sponsored by Mehernosh & Yasmin Pithawalla & Family. A big thank you to Zarrir, Zerksis and the Pithawalla family.

Ladies Club:

The ladies Club meeting on February 12th started at 2.30pm after a scrumptious pot luck, which had 70% dessert than lunch (I guess it's true that Parsi's have a sweet tooth).

The speaker Zubin Billimoria, an Ayurvedic practitioner talked about basic Ayurveda concepts and how Ayurveda can help a myriad range of diseases. He talked about our dosha or manifestation of body and mind, how each one of us is either a Pitta, Kapha or Vaata and how knowing this, can help us to understand how to have a healthy life. His very informative talk held the audience of over 60 enthralled, along with his very funny Parsi-panu way of explaining things.

The audience was extremely appreciative and stayed on long after the talk to ask questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations

Hearty Congratulations to Judge Firdaus Dordi son of Firoze and Silloo Dordi on his appointment as the **FIRST PARSI JUDGE TO LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT!!**

Firdaus Dordi is the nation's first Zoroastrian judge, according to the South Asian Bar Association. He is the fifth South Asian state court judge in Los Angeles, California.

The Zoroastrian Community is very proud of Firdaus Dordi and wish him a very successful career!!

Congratulations Maneck Bhujwala

Maneck Bhujwala has been involved in interfaith organizations and representing the Zarthushti religion and community in Northern and Southern California for over 25 years. We have been informed by Maneck that he is a Member of the Advisory Council of the Guibord Center in Los Angeles. The Guibord Center is an interfaith organization, and their website is www.theguibordcenter.org This position will also help to increase the presence of ZAC and our religion and community in American society, and publicize interfaith events that our community members (especially those living in Los Angeles area) can attend and learn about other faiths. *We wish Maneck every success in his new position on the Advisory Council.*

This year the current ZAC Executive Committee will be finishing their term. We urge members interested in serving the community to form their team in advance. It makes it so much easier to work together if you plan it rather than come from the floor at the General Body Meeting in November.

Condolences

Dina Godrej Sidhwa passed away on December 21, 2016, in San Diego, California while she was surrounded by her loving family. As per the Mazdayasni Zoroastrian traditions her body was consigned for dokhmanasini in Karachi, Pakistan.

She is survived by her family, Farhad and Ferhiz Sidhwa, Kavasji and Pourochisti Dadachanji, and her loving grandchildren Cyrus, Faridun, Anahita, Kayan, and Kaivan. *Our sincere condolences to the family.*

Bapsy (Framjee) Irani passed away on December 31 2016. She was the beloved wife of Darius, mother of Cyrus (Jessica) Irani, Kerbanu (Viraf) Pudumjee, and Roxan (Farhad) Bottlewalla. She was also a grandmother to Farhad, Peshotan, Bijan, Shahn, Ariana, Shanaya, Jehan, and Kamran.

Bapsy and Darius were founding members of the Zoroastrian Association of California and the California Zoroastrian Center. A memorial meeting was held on January 28 at the California Zoroastrian Center. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and the community. *Heartfelt condolences to the family.*

Aspy Mistry passed away on January 4, 2017. He was the Husband of Roda, Father of Percy and Khoosnam, Father-in-law of Laura Mistry and Cawas Commissariat and loving Grandfather of Eric, Amy, Ava, & Cyrus. *We offer our sincere condolences to the Mistry family on this loss.*

Bapsy Homi Raghina passed away on January 9, 2017. She was the Mother of Roomy Raghina, Dr. Zarine Raghina, Katy Sethna, Farida Unwala and Dianaz Illava and beloved Grandmother to Karl Raghina, Krystal Raghina, Arnaz Unwala, Jimmy Unwala, Ruhai Illava, Navaz Illava, Viraf Sethna, Daraus Sethna.

Born in Bombay in 1931, and married and lived in Indore, (M.P) India. Bapsy was a very kind human being, and a very devoted wife, mother and grandmother. All prayers and ceremonies are being conducted in Indore Agyari. *Our sincere condolences to the family.*

Change of Address

Dr. Yaz & Firoza Bilimoria

Please see hard copy version of newsletter.

Tel (442) 224-0111 email: yfbili@gmail.com

ZAKOI Fundraiser

Please see the following message from Bakhtavar Desai of ZAKOI, regarding their yearly Badam ni Boi fundraiser. If you want your order shipped directly to a certain address, you will have to pay shipping charges as stated herein. However, if you would like the bois to be hand delivered to you at our Noruz function, and save substantially on the shipping, let me know by Feb 20. Vira Santoke (714-963-1301)

Dear Friends,

I have been doing this fundraiser for years at this time of the year to raise funds for our community's dream project - our future ZAKOI Worship Center. The Badam ni Bois are made for us by no other than our very own Roshan Rivetna, who has continuously inspired us to pursue this dream. This fundraiser would not be possible without Roshan's help, for which my community and myself are deeply grateful.

Our Zoroastrian Association of KY, OH, & IN (ZAKOI) consists of approximately a population of about 150 Zoroastrians in the tri-state region of KY-OH-IN, but we are a close knit and very active group that tries its best to meet the religious and cultural needs of all our people, youngest to the oldest, through celebrations, jasans, muktad prayers, religion classes & camps, and lots of social gatherings.

The Badam ni Boi (a sweet pastry made with crushed almonds and flavorings), is a great addition to your Norooz Table and a yummy treat for your family and friends. You can order it for yourself or for sending it to your friends around the country. We will pack and ship it to your friends/family with a personalized note from you. All the profits raised from the sale of these Bois will go to our ZAKOI Center Fund. This fund has been established and is continuously being raised to enable our community to have our own Worship Center someday. We have raised over \$80,000 in the last eight years through our fundraising efforts, and this Badam ni Boi fundraiser contributes greatly to our Center Fund every year. We are deeply grateful to all our fellow Zoroastrians who support this cause year after year by buying our Bois. Thank you most sincerely!

The Bois are \$32 for a Pair, or \$18 for 1 Boi

The S & H rates for the Bois through USPS will be

\$8 for 1 Boi (Small Flat Rate Box)

\$15 for 2 - 8 Bois (Medium Flat Rate Box),

\$18 for 9 - 20 Bois (Large Flat Rate Box)

Please place your orders with me as soon as possible, hopefully by early to mid February, if you would like to purchase the Badam ni Bois and help our community with this great cause. If you are not interested in buying the Bois but still want to help with our fundraiser, we will gratefully accept your tax-deductible donation check made to the ZAKOI Center Fund, and mailed to Bakhtavar Desai, 6383 Jamesfield Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014. A receipt with our Tax ID number will be mailed to you upon receipt of our donation.

Looking forward to receiving your orders and your help with spreading the word about our ZAKOI Worship Center fundraising, and thanking you in anticipation!

With Best Wishes on behalf of our ZAKOI Community,

Bakhtavar Desai

Zoroastrian Association of KY, OH, & IN (ZAKOI)

email bfdesai@aol.com

513-560-0581 (cell)

513-829-7818 (home)

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 note:** This year the Scholarship Application Form has changed slightly, so please contact the Cyrus R. Fatakia Memorial Scholarship Committee at efatakia@gmail.com if you would like to apply for this scholarship and get the latest version of the Scholarship Application Form. The Application Form is also available on the ZAC website. Please direct all communications to efatakia@gmail.com. Thank You!

Good Luck & God Bless!

Sincerely,
Rohinton, Erna & Darius Fatakia

"Belief is truth held in the mind; faith is a fire in the heart." ~ Joseph Fort Newton



Zoroastrian Association of California

Membership Form

January to December, 2017

Quantity	Please Select Type Membership(s):	
() Life	Husband/wife & children under 18 (DOB Req'd)	\$3000 **
() Family	Husband/wife & children under 18 (DOB Req'd)	\$125
() Individual	Adult (over 18)	\$60
() Senior	Over 65 Years of Age	\$40
() Student	Full time Student (under 18)	\$40

*** Effective immediately*

All members MUST complete this form accurately.

TITLE _____ FIRST _____ LAST _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE (____) _____-_____ DOB ____/____/____ EMAIL _____
 NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL _____ MEMBERSHIP TYPE: ___ life ___ family ___ individual ___ senior ___ Student

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DONATIONS are IMPORTANT

Maintenance _____ General _____ Youth _____ Education _____

Life Members please contribute towards the Center's maintenance.

Why not donate at least \$60 a year (only \$5 per month) to ZAC? CHOOSE to help.

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

**Please mail this form along with your check payable to ZAC: Rooky Fitter, Treasurer
Zoroastrian Association of California, 1424 E. Walnut Ave, Orange, CA 92867
or complete this form online and pay with credit card at www.zacla.org**



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

2017 Navroze Function

Saturday, March 18, 2017

at the ZAC Center in Orange

Event starts at 6:30 pm

This is a Pre-Paid Function ONLY

Members Adults: \$35

Non-Members: \$50

Children ages 5-10: \$15

Children under 5 FREE

NON-MEMBERS and Members after March 14th pay \$75

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.

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TOTAL PAID: _____

Please send in your payments before March 14th to:

The Treasurer – Rooky Fitter
Zoroastrian Association of California
1424 E. Walnut Avenue, CA 92867

Or Pay online at www.zacla.or



1424 E. Walnut Avenue
Orange, CA 92867

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ZAC Upcoming Events at a Glance

All functions at the ZAC Center in Orange

Jashan in the Atash Kadeh: Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 4:30 pm

Navroze Function in Arjani Hall: March 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Adar Mahina nu Parab: Saturday, April 22, 2017 (tba)

Maidhyozarem Gahambar: Sunday, April 30, 2017 (tba)