



# Zoroastrian Association of California July 2016

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## 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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Annual ZAC Sports Day: Sunday, July 31

Our 7<sup>th</sup> ZAC Sports Day will be held at the ZAC Center. Registration starts at 10:00 am, Practice Time: 10-11 am, Games start: 11:00 am sharp. Lunch will be served at around 12:30 pm.  
Please RSVP for lunch by July 28, 2016. Ticket for lunch is \$15.

*Lunch Menu is Chicken Biryani, Dhansak dal, Cachumbar & Dessert.*

*RSVP for lunch: Yasmin Gundevia @ 949 419 1096 or [yasmingundevia@gmail.com](mailto:yasmingundevia@gmail.com) or Phiroze Gundevia @ [Phiroze.gundevia@gmail.com](mailto:Phiroze.gundevia@gmail.com)*

### New Year/Khordad Sal Function: Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Join us and celebrate the Shahenshahi New Year and Khordad Sal with family and friends at the ZAC Center in Orange, California.

**Please complete the attached form and RSVP NO LATER THAN August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Event pricing is as follows – Members - \$35 per person**

**Non-Members and EVERYONE after August 16<sup>th</sup>, irrespective of age - \$50**

**Children (5-10 years) - \$15      Children Under 5 yrs. FREE**

*If anyone needs assistance to pay for the function or correspondingly wishes to sponsor a fellow member, please contact Tehmi at 949-583-9973 by August 10<sup>th</sup>.*

**This is a Pre-Paid Function. You MUST send in the completed form with your check or fill in the form online and pay with PAYPAL at [www.zacla.org](http://www.zacla.org) by the 16<sup>th</sup> Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS please!!**

### Farvardegan Nu Parabh:

On September 4<sup>th</sup> which is Farvardin Mahino & Farvadin Roj there will be a jashan at 11:30 am at the ZAC Center. Volunteers are encouraged to bring chasni items like fruit, nut, ravo, malido. The usual humbandagi potluck will follow.

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **Walk-a-thon:**

Our annual Walk-a-thon fundraiser was held on Sunday, May 15. This fundraiser was to get additional funds for the Atah Kadeh project. About 120 adults and children had a great fun-filled day at the William Mason Park in Irvine. Katy Khambatta once again with the help of Prochi Mistry and their team of volunteers did an excellent job of organizing the event. We also acknowledge Vira Santoke for managing the walk.

**A Big Thank You** to all our registration volunteers, kitchen helpers and the following members - Meher Dastur, Gool Lelinwala, Sanober Raghina, Vira Santoke for Dal Aban Nauzer Commissariat, Dilzeen Engineer, Hootoxi Minocherhomjee for Rice Dogdo Arjani, Mehernaz Irani, Katy Khambatta, Roda Lakdawala, Prochi Mistry for Kebabs Mitra Irani and Binaifer Limath for Kachumber.

### **Sponsors for Pizzas, Water, Dessert and Prizes:**

Diana & Xerxes Commissariat, Shireen & Dinyar Irani, Aban & Hosi Kapadia, Dolly Malva, Arnavaz & Rohin Talati, Meher & Khurshed Dastur and Vira Santoke.

**Bake Sale Volunteers:** Dogdo Arjani, Mehernaz Irani, Sheila Madon, Hootoxi Minocherhomjee, Dilnavaz Shroff, Dinaz Shroff, Zenobia Master and Avi Mody.

Congratulations go to Katy & Hoshang Khambatta and Najoo & Rohinton Panthaky for getting the two highest sponsorships for the Walkathon.

Congratulations also to all the walkers who participated and walked in the hot sun.

**The Executive Committee would like to thank each and every person who volunteered selflessly for their support, hard work and dedication which made this event a BIG success. If we have inadvertently missed mentioning anyone please accept our sincere apology.**

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, June 18, 2016. There were 76 members present and the agenda covered the usual reports from the Committee on the activities and financial health of ZAC. Sohrab Charna very kindly gave an update on the Atash Kadeh project and patiently answered all questions raised by the members. Although we are all anxiously awaiting the opening of new building, it was unanimously decided that it would make sense to wait until the whole project, including the car park was completed. Sohrab projected that another 2 or 3 months for completion.

The other matter of great importance was a proposal put forward for the future financial stability of ZAC. This had been briefly mentioned in the General Body Meeting last November and the committee wanted to apprise the members with the introduction of a talk by Ms. Binita Trivedi Administrator, A-1 Home Health Care. Her proposal to lease ZAC Center for the Adult Day Health Care/Community Based Adult Services program - ANAND ASHRAM was presented. Many questions were raised by the members which were responded by Binita including issues regarding taxes and legality of ZAC's non-profit status for such leases and the rent proposed for the lease which was \$5,000 per month plus all utilities paid by her along with full janitorial services including kitchen and bathrooms. The use of the Center will be from - 9am – 2:30 pm per day, 5 days a week – Monday through Friday.

Ann Tahim, a CPA was also invited to help answer tax issues on the subject. She clarified that ZAC will not have to pay Federal or State taxes on rent collected. In order to answer details relating to legal matters and Property Tax Welfare exemption, the committee had also invited Pamela Thackur.

A vote was taken and all agreed (except one member) that ZAC should go ahead with due diligence and step one of the process, which is to apply for the Welfare Exemption from the State Board of

Equalization. Once we complete this step, ZAC committee will call for an EGM and discuss the proposal further to determine if majority of the members are in favor or against this ADHC rental.

### **Christmas in June**

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, Shirley Limathwala - ZAC Youth Coordinator organized a get-to-gather. About 20 Young Adults attended the Angel's Game in Anaheim. The theme for the night was "Christmas in June," and they all had a ball singing carols, watching the final fireworks, eating junk, and drinking...beverages. They all had a great night regardless of their team losing. The first youth event of the summer was a grand success. Thank you Shirley for making it all possible!

ZAC also has a softball team and the youth play every Thursday in Irvine. Check with Shirley for what's up next.

### **Maidhyoshem Gahambar**

The Maidhyoshem Gahambar on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> was sponsored by the Deboo family in memory of dear Hilla Deboo whose *Varsi* was on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. About 100 people attended the prayers and had a catered Ghambhar lunch.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Congratulations**

With great joy, we welcome into our Zarathusti faith Natasha Kashmira and Zara Meher, daughters of Nashita and Cyrus Dastur of Irvine, granddaughters of Meher and Khurshed Dastur of Irvine and Kashmira and late Dossu Pagdiwalla of Ahmedabad, India. The Navjote ceremony was performed by the girls' grand-uncle Vada Dasturji Peshotan Hormazdyar Dastur and Vada Dasturji Khurshed Kekobad Dastur at Banaji Atashbehran in Mumbai on December 16th 2015. The girls' Dad (Ervad Cyrus) and Uncle (Ervad Neville) were also a part of the auspicious ceremony.

### **Warm Welcome**

ZAC would like to extend a warm California welcome to the new member in our community, FEZANA President, Homi Gandhi. Homi has now relocated to Playa Vista in Southern California. We look forward to seeing him in ZAC events in future.

### **Change of Address**

Noshir and Rhoda Lakdawalla

*Please see printed version of newsletter.*

Phone: 424-369-5288

### **Condolences**

**Dinshaw Patel** passed away on Tuesday June 21st, 2016. He was the husband of Silloo, father of Shernaz and Kashmira, father in-law of Jimmy Master and grandfather of Xarah and Xerxes. He was 78 years old.

*Our sincere condolences to the family.*

**Minoo Maneckji Netervalva**, passed away June 20, 2016 in the presence of his loving family. Minoo had battled Congestive Heart Failure and Pulmonary issues with such intense bravery for the past year. He was ninety-two and a half years old. He was the father of Yasmin Netervalva-Iseli and Zarina Netervalva, father-in-law of Markus Iseli, and former husband of Amelia Netervalva.

Minoo was one of the first Parsees to arrive in Los Angeles in 1948 and was one of the first original members of the ZAC organization. We miss him dearly but know that he is finally at peace.

*Our sincere condolences to the family.*



# ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

## Shahenshai New Year & Khordad Sal Function

Saturday, August 20, 2016  
at the ZAC Center in Orange

Event Starts at 7:00 pm

Members Adults: \$35  
Children ages 5-10: \$15

Non-Members: \$50  
Children under 5: FREE

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

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

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

**Please enter EVERY Attendee's Name and Details in form below.**  
**Incomplete forms will not be accepted.**

	Individual Names Mem. /Non Mem.	Veg /Non Veg	CHILD Under 5 or 5-10 / ADULT	Amount Paid
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	Use Additional Form For More Names			

**TOTAL PAID: \_\_\_\_\_**

*Please send in your form and payment by August 16<sup>th</sup>.*

By Mail to: The Treasurer – Rooky Fitter  
Zoroastrian Association of California  
1424 E. Walnut Avenue, Orange, CA 92867

OR

By using the event form ONLINE at [www.zacla.org](http://www.zacla.org)



**Anjali Alamshaw**, daughter of Fred & Anita Alamshaw, graduated from TROY High school in Fullerton CA. She graduated from the Tech program and will be Matriculating in the fall at California Berkely (CAL). She will be pursuing a career in medicine. Her major is Molecular and Cell Biology with and emphasis in Neurobiology.

**Sanaea (Sunny) Polad Cowasjee**, daughter of Cyrus & Sharmeen Cowasjee, graduated from San Dieguito Academy High School and will be doing her undergraduate degree (undeclared Life Sciences) at UCLA beginning this fall.

**Roxanne Fitter**, daughter of Khushroo & Rooky Fitter, graduated from St. John's University with a Master's in Public Health. She now works full time in New York and loving every minute of it.

**Jay Karanjia**, son of Jamshid & Anita Karanjia, graduated from Trabuco Hills High School at the top of his class, with an International Baccalaureate diploma. He will be attending UCLA in the fall and will be studying Mechanical Engineering.

**Jenai Machhi**, daughter of Khushrow & Hilla Machhi, graduated from UCSD with a degree in Public Health and Accounting. She will be attending USC to pursue her Masters in Accounting and is excited to move to LA.

**Ria Madon**, daughter of Dr. Sharook & Sheila Madon, graduated from UC Riverside with a degree in Psychology. She will be working as a Talent Coordinator at Fullscreen, a media company in Los Angeles, in August.

**Jasmine D Mistry**, daughter of Darayus & Lily Mistry, graduated from MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY College of health Sciences with a Masters in Biomedical Sciences from the State of Arizona. Jasmine continues to further her education as OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENT at Midwestern University to pursue her goal of becoming a doctor of osteopathy.

**Malcolm Pithawalla**, son of Mehernosh & Yashmin Pithawalla, graduated from Arcadia High School. He will be attending University of Minnesota - Twin Cities this fall and will be studying Chemical Engineering.

*The ZAC Community wishes our young graduates every success in all they hope to achieve. May Ahura Mazda bless you all.*





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

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**SAVE THE DATE**

### **Rates for advertising in the ZAC newsletter are as follows:**

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\$ 110 Half Page	\$ 40 Half Page
\$ 60 Quarter Page	\$ 25 Quarter Page
\$ 40 1/8 Page	\$ 15 1/8 Page