



Zoroastrian Association of California

March 2018

2018-2019 Executive Committee

President – Houtoxi Contractor Vice President – Nauzer Commissariat Treasurer – Hilla Machhi
Joint Secretaries – Sheila Madon & Manek Dustoor Program Chair – Zubin Taraporevala
Youth Coordinator – Roxanne Unwalla

Message from the President

Friends, I would like to wish all of you a Jamshedi Navroze Mubarak. Our team has hit the ground running with the New Year's Eve function, followed by a very moving Boi ceremony at our Atash Kadeh. New Year's Day was welcomed with a Jashan and Gambhar that was hosted by the new Executive Committee. The Humbandagi continues every Sunday under the leadership of Mobed Zarrir Bhandara. A Super Bowl barbeque party was well attended by many of our younger members, and gave an opportunity to include a drive to register bone marrow volunteers. The Youth Program held a Bowling & Dinner Night on February 17 that was a fun evening for all. The following day we held our first Jashne Sadeh where our young children participated and were enlightened to the significance of this ancient festival. Our team is working hard to make our Navroze function on March 24th a memorable one.

The ZAC Center is YOUR home and we welcome all of our members to actively participate. There are many who volunteer and our accomplishments reflect their selfless service. Thanks for your support!

Houtoxi Contractor

"Wise one...tell me the best words and actions, namely, those allied with good thinking and with truth..." Yasna 34.15

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

The ZAC New Year's Eve party was a night enjoyed by all. Everyone enjoyed taking pictures in the photo booth, getting a sugar high from the candy bar and dining on delicious Persian food from Hatam. The little kids had a fun game with their grandparents. Our amazing DJ Zubin helped us all ring in the New Year with a champagne toast at midnight. What a wonderful debut for our new ZAC 2018-2019 Committee! Roxanne and Xerxes did a wonderful job organizing the event. Many thanks to the folks that helped, especially to Reanna Unwalla, Meherzeen and Varun Engineer, Freddy Fitter, Porus Karwa and Zane Commissariat.

There was no better way to start the New Year than with the resonance of Mathravani prayers coupled with the sound of bells of the Boi and Machi in the Ushin Geh around 12:30 am. Thank

you Ervad Zarrir Bhandara! Lunch was catered by Reshma Rustomi, and the Jashan & lunch were sponsored by the new Executive Committee.

SUPER BOWL & "BE THE MATCH" DRIVE

On February 4th, many of us gathered to see who emerged victorious: the Patriots or the Eagles. And after having eaten Xerxes' and his fellow chef's food, many felt it was the chicken and hamburgers! ZAC is lucky to have so many volunteers, so thank you... you know who you are! Thanks to Navaz for manning the "Be The Match" bone marrow drive held for Sharmin Batliwala, a Zoroastrian in Australia. Thirteen of our ZAC youth gallantly volunteered for this worthy event.

Visit from our neighbors, Seventh Day Adventist

On January 20th, our neighbors, Pastor Ocegüera and a 15 member congregation from the Seventh Day Adventist Church, visited us at the invitation of our member, Temo Arjani, with an idea to grow a long-term friendship between our two churches. They were cordially welcomed and served delicious snacks by Mr. Arjani, President Mrs. Contractor, VP Mr. Commissariat and ex VP Ms. Medhora. They had a lengthy Q&A session with our Ervad Zarrir Bhandara.

YOUTH EVENT: BOWLING

19 of our fabulous youth attended the February 17th ZAC Youth Event, which began at the Irvine Spectrum where the youth dined at Umami Burger, some even trying the 100% plant-based "Impossible Burger" for the first time! They then commenced to Forest Lanes Bowling Alley in Lake Forest where our youth achieved everything from Triple Goose Eggs (3 gutterballs in a row) to Turkies (3 strikes in a row). It was a fun evening for all and the youth can't wait to do something together again soon!

SADEH CELEBRATION

It was a historic event for ZAC when the children's Religious class celebrated Jashane Sadeh, the ancient Iranian festival of the discovery of fire at the dawn of human civilization on February 18th. The celebrations started around 3 pm, where the children were explained the significance of this festival and had Persian dinner. After dinner, the children and their teachers, parents, and grandparents paraded with candles in their hands singing "Let there be Light". Thereafter, a big fire was lit by the priests. They recited the Atash Niyaaesh together, holding hands around the fire. The celebrations concluded with children making s'mores.

MEHERANGAN JASHAN

Meher Mahino and Meher Roj Parabh Jashan was celebrated on Wednesday, February 28 at 5:00 pm and followed by dinner. The ancient festival of Meherangan was kindly sponsored by Houtoxi and Ervad Dr. Arda-E Viraf Minocherhomjee.

WZCC EVENT

The Southern California Chapter of the World Zoroastrian Chamber of Commerce was honored to host Mr. Behram Baxter, Chairman and Founder of Narven Enterprises, Inc., on March 3rd, 2018 at the ZAC Center in Orange. Mr. Baxter spoke about his journey as a young entrepreneur into the world of real estate and community activism. He also shared some nuggets of wisdom that he'd picked up in his over 40-year career as a businessman. This was an inspirational event by one of our local community's most distinguished members.

Amazon Affiliate Program

ZAC has signed up as an affiliate with Amazon. If you make purchases from Amazon, ZAC will get a percentage of your purchase. This will not cost you anything extra but it will enable you to support ZAC. Considering how many of us shop on Amazon, we can collectively make a difference! To enroll you can use the link on our website's Home page: www.zacla.org or just click on this: amazon.com You will have to select Zoroastrian Association of California. Once enrolled you will be able to shop as you normally would on amazon.com except each purchase you make will help your association.

MESSAGE FROM ZARRIR BHANDARA

Zarrir has set up a WhatsApp group in order to send vital information such as the passing of someone and urgent information related to our religion, prayers etc. If you would like to join this group contact Zarrir at zbhandara@gmail.com or via text at 562-331-9973. This is a one-way only group, meaning only the administrator sends the posts. So, if you join this group, you are requested in advance NOT TO POST OR REPLY.

OBITUARIES

Soonoo Kanga, beloved wife of Late Ervad Fali Kanga, passed away on December 16, 2017; Bahman Roj, Amardad Mahino. She was the loving mother of Deelnavaz Tarapore, dearest mother-in-law of Daraius Tarapore, and a wonderful and loving Granna to Kayan, Eric & Neville. She will be greatly missed by her family & friends.

Mehlli Bhagalia, husband of Perin and father of Niloufer, Zarosh and Zerxes passed away on January 4, 2018 after a stroke. He had degrees in Economics and Law and had a successful career in banking, both as branch manager in Bombay and as bank examiner with the NY state banking department. He was a karate enthusiast and had a passion for healthy living through Yoga and Ayurveda which he taught. He was a devout Zartoshty and avid student of our religion.

We also had several other members pass on; we express our sincere condolences to their loved ones...

Purviz Daraius Batliwalla on November 28, 2017

Rusi Jehangir Siganporia on December 24, 2017

Namdar Aspandiar Khoramshahi on January 2, 2018

Boman Meheraban Iranpur on January 3, 2018

Tehmina Bhikhaji Mistry on January 17, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS *(subject to change)*

March 24*	Navroze Jashan & Dinner <i>(see details below)</i>
April 7	Movie Nite
April 8	Bingo with High Tea (2 – 5 pm)
April 22	Adar Mahino Adar Roj Parabh
April 27	ZAC Dinner for FEZANA <i>(come meet your representatives)</i>
May 4	Maidhyozarem Gahmbar
May 20	Outdoor Sports Day

*** Navroze Function**

- All Mobeds and Mobedyars are invited to participate in the Jashan; let Zarrir know if you are able to participate – zbandara@gmail.com.
- The Jashan is from 4:30-5:30 pm. We need volunteers for Sev and Ravo; please let Zarrir know if you can help.
- If you need transportation please let one of the Executive Committee members know and we will try our best to accommodate your request. To register for the Navroze function it is best if you go to our website (www.zacla.org) and follow the Navroze function link on the Home page. Failing that, you can mail in the attached form.

NOTE

WE, AT ZAC, ARE CONSCIOUSLY TRYING A “GREENER” APPROACH. SO, THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER THAT WILL BE MAILED VIA THE POSTAL SERVICE TO YOU UNLESS YOU SPECIFICALLY REQUEST IT ON THE ATTACHED “NEWSLETTER FORM”. IF THE TERMS IN THE FORM POSE A HARDSHIP KINDLY MAIL A BRIEF NOTE EXPLAINING THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO OBLIGE.

Navroze Fund Raiser

We have a unique opportunity during our Navroze occasion to raise needed funds through the blessings of prayer organized by Mobed Zarrir Bhandara.



In this fundraiser our ZAC family will receive blessings from the recitation of special 7-hour Manthric prayers, Vendidad Sadeh, which will be performed early morning on Saturday March 24, 2018 from 1:00 am to 8:00 am. It will start with an Ushin Geh Boi and end with a Havan Geh Boi. Additional priests have volunteered their services for this initiative.

These Manthric prayers help bring a balance in nature by blessing all of humanity. We have all experienced, in one form or another, the power that lies with vibrations, be it music, a choral rendering or our very own prayers.

This is part of a continuing effort to raise funds to help maintain and renovate our premises. The goal is to raise \$10,000 with additional donor/donors who will match the collected funds for this whole night of devotional prayers bringing the total to \$20,000. We welcome your attendance at these prayers, but even if you cannot attend, your donations will go a long way in helping us achieve our goal in sustaining and building on your accomplishments, our ZAC Center and Atash Kadeh.

You can donate via any of the following ways:

- Bring your donation to the ZAC Navroze function on March 24, 2018
- Mail a check to:
Zoroastrian Association of California
Attn. Zarrir Bhandara
1424 E. Walnut Avenue
Orange, CA 92867
- Donate online at www.zacla.org. On the Home page scroll down to where it says: **Make a Donation to ZAC** and in the drop-down window select **Navroze 2018 Fund Raiser**.

Please note 100% of the funds collected go to ZAC.

“Let Us Pray Together so that We Can Stay Together as a Family of Community and Humanity”

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 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



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2018 Navroze Function

Saturday, March 24, 2018
at the ZAC Center in Orange
Event starts at 6:00 pm

This is a Pre-Paid Function ONLY

Members Adults: \$35 Non-Members: \$65
Children ages 5-15: \$15 Youth ages 16-25: \$25 Children under 5 FREE

NON-MEMBERS and Members after March 19th 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.**

	Individual Names Mem./Non Mem.	Veg /Non Veg	Adult/Child	Amount Paid
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TOTAL PAID: _____

Please send in your payments before March 19th to:
The Treasurer – Hilla Machhi
Zoroastrian Association of California
1424 E. Walnut Avenue, Orange CA 92867

Or pay online at www.zacla.org



Zoroastrian Association of California

Membership Form

January to December, 2018

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

All members MUST complete this form accurately – To be used for Directory information.

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: Hilla Machhi, 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

Newsletter Mailing

Yes, I would like to receive ZAC's quarterly Newsletters by United States Postal Service, and agree to an annual fee of \$15 to cover the cost of handling and postage. A check for \$15 made out to "ZAC" is enclosed.

Name _____

Address:

Street/Apt _____

City _____ Zip _____

Signature _____

Send this form together with your check to:

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To