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### Editor's Note:

Dear ZANC Community,

It is true that learning never stops. Even in the lockdown period during the Covid-19 pandemic schools and businesses continued to operate. Thanks to technology that enables this communication. Here in the Bay Area we are humbled with the thought that most technology started here in the early 1950s.... It's been a long journey, though the technology keeps getting better and the learning never stops.

Since this is the "Zoom Era", The ZANC Board would like to invite ideas from anyone who wishes to organize a One-hour session in order to contribute to the greater good of our community. The sessions will typically be organized at a suitable time to the presenter and keeping in mind to get maximum participation. Every age will be treated equally. Examples of sessions could be Yoga, Health and fitness, Zoroastrian prayers and meaning, Rituals & Meaning, Gardening, Pottery, etc. Please email us at [board@zanc.org](mailto:board@zanc.org)

35 years ago when ZANC was formed one such leader was Dhun Engineer. Today Dhun is no longer with us but his contributions, his work with ZANC keeps moving the community forward.

And finally, please **pay your membership dues** for 2020 and encourage non-members to become members. Your dues help us continue working for the good of this community. Thank you.

Sincere thanks  
Kersi Daruwalla  
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**17th Zoroastrian Games - Postponed. Summer 2021**  
<https://www.zgames2020.com/coronavirus-update.html>

Please reach out to [chairzgame2020@gmail.com](mailto:chairzgame2020@gmail.com) if you would like to become an ambassador for your community or volunteer for the Games.



## Remembering Dhun Engineer

I first met Dhun after we moved to the Bay area in 1998. He was always very friendly and welcoming to us. In 2000 when I first joined the ZANC Board as a Member and then worked as Secretary, when he saw us working at the "door" checking people in and collecting money, he gently pushed me to run for President and nominated me and Ehler for the Board. He filled me in on the early days of ZANC and gave valuable advice, but mostly always encouraged us and was very supportive, giving ideas on how to improve things. He was most interested in promoting our priests and encouraging them and was most concerned about what will happen if we had no priests to serve the community in the Bay area. Both Dhun and his wife Katie always attended all our functions and were generous donors to our events.

They both enjoyed travelling and going on cruises together in their retirement.

In his later years after losing Katie, though he was unable to come to our events, he kept in touch and would always be interested in what ZANC was doing. He looked forward to receiving the newsletters and reading it and at times calling me to comment on the events. I will always remember his kindnesses and interest in the well being of the Anjuman as well as our personal well being.

May he now live in Garothman

**Nazneen**

Late Mr Dhun Engineer was the first Zoroastrian I met when I first came to California in 1978. Learning of my experience as a President of India association of Rochester, NY ,he enthused me to form our Zoroastrian Assn. Of Northern Cal. I actually wanted him to be the first PZ but being so humble he declined. But being in the US Army I was transferred off Cal. , so he being First VP, took over my post. In a year's time, he was elected as ZANC 2nd PZ.

He had been my best friend, a very humble, and a real gentleman. He had a fever deep faith in our religion till his last breath. His passion was always to go out of his way and help the community.

Our Zoroastrian community has lost a true leader. I sincerely miss him. My prayer to Dadar AhuraMazda is to bless him in Bahest very close to Him. My heartfelt Salutations to his great soul.

**Dr Jijibhoy J. Patel, MD. & Zareer Bhathena**

## Announcements

### Births

Cameron Parvez Press was born on April 21st 2020. Mom and dad Erin, Carl and big brother Clayton along with grandparents Perveen And Yezdi Guzdar and Zarin and Minoo Press (of Chicago) and great grandma Freny Katrak are delighted.

### Graduations

Amy Guzdar graduated with a Doctor of a Medicine degree from the University of California San Diego on May 31st 2020. She will start her Internal Medicine Residency at UCSD this June. We wish her success and happiness for the future.

Nicole Kanga has graduated from Toronto's Ryerson University with a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Industries. She specialized in business, entrepreneurship and interior design and plans to work in the marketing industry!

### Sad News

Mr Cyrus Kharas who passed away on June 5th, 2020 in Karachi. Cyrus was greatly loved by his family, friends and the community at large and will be missed immensely. Cyrus and Thrity lived in Santa Clara, California and were visiting Karachi (their original home) when the pandemic started and therefore, were unable to return back to the USA. Cyrus was a loving and devoted husband; father and grand-father. He is survived by his wife Thrity Kharas; two daughters - Nadia Mistry (daughter-in-law of Farida and Tehmton Mistry from Maryland) and Nasha Colabawala, who resides in UK; son-in-laws Jamshid Mistry and Roy Colabawala and grandchildren - Ushain, Arman and Maya. He is also survived by two siblings Yazdi Kharas and Dhun Mehta and their respective families.

Dhun Engineer passed away on Thursday, May 7th, 2020 at 3:00 pm at his home in Martinez, CA. Dhun Engineer, a highly respected Zarathustrian community member and ex-President of ZANC will be missed for his love of life, for family, friends and community.

May Ahura Mazda grant his soul eternal peace. Garothman Behest

## IN OTHER NEWS

### Visits to our Dar-E-Mehr

Dar-e-Mehr will be open Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays 9am to 4 pm for prayer by appointment only. Please contact the PZO office to make an appointment. If you have any symptoms of sickness please don't come to Dar-e-Mehr. Please bring your own head covering, Avesta, candles. (408)471-8969 [contact@pzo.info](mailto:contact@pzo.info)

### **Did you know?**

Now you can donate for ZANC General Fund, New Community Center or Dare-Mehr Maintenance or Repair directly using Debit/Credit Card or PayPal at

<https://www.zanc.org/donation/>

**News from Bahram Shahmardaan** is that Dr Dinshah K Mehta Spiritual Center has been started on a 11 acre working orchard in a small village called Zarli-Waki which is about 5.9 kilometers from Dahanu Road Station on Western Railway.

Anyone interested can visit the Center and learn. Room, board and instruction are all provided free of charge. The only requirement is that people should be sincerely interested in learning what Truth and life are all about including the spiritual basis of the teachings of Prophet Zarathustra.

**In Collaboration with PZO** - Introduction to Landscape committee and its mission  
It's with great joy to announce that the "Landscape committee" (LC) has been created by a number of PZO community members with a vision of improving DareMehr's unused landscape and making it more accessible and enjoyable for our community.

Our goal is to take advantage of DareMehr's beautiful landscape and location to create functional, relaxing, spiritual outdoor spaces that display the Zoroastrian symbolisms and philosophy, for various community-gathering functions.

The LC's bylaw has been approved by PZO Zenhardaran and we are pleased to start planning with the support of PZO Anjoman and PZO Zenhardarn. We plan on having ZANC's cooperation as well. Together we are stronger in building for the future generation.

We need additional volunteer members to join the committee to help with coordination, planning and implementation. We are also excited and looking forward to hearing all your suggestions and ideas in order to collectively make our DareMehr a sanctuary for ourselves and our children. Making it a must-see destination for our larger Zoroastrian community.

Please contact the Landscape Committee's members through LC email: [lc@pzo.info](mailto:lc@pzo.info)

### **FEZANA - Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America**

<https://fezana.org/> For Community News focused on North America, for Scholarships, Awards and Donations, plus much more.

### **FIRES - FEZANA Information Research Education System**

<http://fires-fezana.org/> A wealth of information at your fingertips and continuously growing.

And now, A book written by Dinyar Patel on Dadabhai Naoroji. Book review at

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/naoroji-pioneer-of-indian-nationalism-review-portrait-of-an-independent-mind-11588947329>

<https://www.amazon.com/Naoroji-Pioneer-Nationalism-Dinyar-Patel/dp/0674238206/>



## Dates for your Diary - SAVE the DATE - 2020

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak and the State of Emergency declared in California

All ZANC events are on hold until life returns to normal.

Day	Month	Date	Event	Location	Comments
Sunday	January	19	Sunday School	DM 11:30 AM	Pot Luck Lunch
Sunday	January	26	Ice Skating	Winter Lodge, Palo Alto 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	Dinner
Sunday	February	16	Sunday School	DM 11:30 AM	Pot Luck Lunch
Sunday	March	15	Sunday School	DM 11:30 AM	Pot Luck Lunch
Saturday	March	21	Navroze Jashan	DM 11:00 AM	
Saturday	March	21	Navroze Celebration and Annual General Meeting	Mitchell Park Community Center, Palo Alto 6:30 PM	Dinner
Sunday	April	19	Sunday School	DM 11:30 AM	Pot Luck Lunch
Sunday	May	17	Sunday School	DM 11:30 AM	Pot Luck Lunch
Sunday 4th Sunday	June	28	Sunday School	DM 11:30 AM	Pot Luck Lunch
Sunday	July	19	Picnic	Foothills Park, Palo Alto	Lunch
Tuesday -- Friday	August	11 to 15	Muktad Prayers	DM	
Saturday	August	22	Navroze Celebration	To be announced	Dinner
Sunday	September	20	Sunday School	DM 11:30 AM	Pot Luck Lunch
Saturday	September	26	Jashan and Gambhar	Jashan -- DM Gambhar-To be announced	Dinner
Sunday	October	18	Sunday School	DM 11:30 AM	Pot Luck Lunch
Saturday	October	24	Costume Party and Bingo	DM	Dinner
Sunday	November	15	Sunday School	DM 11:30 AM	Pot Luck Lunch
Sunday	December	20	Sunday School	DM 11:30 AM	Pot Luck Lunch



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**Membership / Renewal Form 2020**

**ADULT 1:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADULT 2:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Apt #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION ON CHILDREN LIVING WITH THE FAMILY OR IN COLLEGE**

**Child 1:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 2:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 3:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child 4:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_



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**INFORMATION ON PARENTS LIVING WITH THE FAMILY:**

**Parent 1:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent 2:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:(\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

The ZANC Annual Membership is due by January 2020.

**Dues are:**

Family \$ 150

Individual \$ 75

Seniors \$ 35 per person

Students \$ 25

Life Membership \$ 3,000

**Options to pay membership:**

1) **PayPal** -- <https://www.zanc.org/membership/>. [Go to [www.zanc.org](http://www.zanc.org) and click on the Membership tab.]

2) **Check** -- Make checks payable to ZANC. Send check to Kerman Deboo at 4357 Krause Street, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

Please help us by updating our membership information.

**Options to update membership information:**

1) **Online** -- Fill online form available on <https://www.zanc.org/membership/>.

2) **Mail** Send this filled form, to Kerman Deboo at 4357 Krause Street, Pleasanton, CA 94588.



## ADVERTISEMENT



Enjoy your favorite traditional Parsi food, curry rice, dhansak, kheema cutlets, etc and treats dar-ni-poris, bhakhras, malido and more right here in the Bay Area!

Message or email to order for weekend special dishes!

Ruzin Master on +1-408-775-5146 or email at [jalruzin@gmail.com](mailto:jalruzin@gmail.com)

### ZANC members can now advertise in the newsletter!

Current rates per issue are:

Business Card Size (3.5" X 2")	\$20.00
Quarter Page Size (3.5" X 5")	\$40.00
Half Page Size (3.5" X 10" or 7.5" X 5.5")	\$75.00
Full Page Size (7.5" X 10")	\$125.00
To sponsor an issue and get recognition:	\$200

Contact [board@zanc.org](mailto:board@zanc.org) for more information or to place an ad. The ZANC board has the right to reject ads for any objectionable content.



Dear ZANC Community Members:

We would love to share your good (and sad) news with everyone in the community: Births, Navjotes, Graduations, Weddings, Professional Awards, Deaths etc. We urge you to please let us know of such events in your family and please urge your friends to send in their news too. These are an important part of our community's life, and often, a source of pride for everyone.

Please email the ZANC Board ([board@zanc.org](mailto:board@zanc.org)) with this information. Submissions may be edited for clarity, space etc. Final decision to publish content lies with the ZANC Board.

Thank you and looking forward to your input.

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