



ZANC MONTHLY BUZZ



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We invite you to share your life updates for inclusion in future newsletters.

[Email us](#) your news so we can celebrate these milestones together with the community.

All content must be received by the 20th of the month to be included in next month's edition. Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you.

Editor's Note

Dear ZANC Community,

In this special edition of our newsletter, we're excited to spotlight businesses owned by members of the ZANC community. We encourage everyone to support these small businesses to help their ventures thrive. With Navroz around the corner, it's the perfect time to celebrate by gifting a beautiful calendar or a children's book so be sure to place your orders (see pg 12). We also congratulate our Z-games participants and the winners, who brought home an impressive collection of medals.

August is shaping up to be an exciting month, beginning with our much-anticipated Navroz party so grab your dancing shoes and join us for an evening of fun and celebration. Later in the month, the excitement continues as we find out who makes the community's best "patio". This is a wonderful opportunity to team up with friends and family for some friendly competition and to enjoy sampling all the delicious food!

Finally, here's wishing everyone a joyful and blessed Navroz. May this New Year bring peace, prosperity, and good health to all. 🥂

🎉 ZANC SENIORS: It's Time to Party All Year Long 🎉

The ZANC Senior Events Committee is here and the fun is just beginning!!

The committee's mission is to bring our senior community together through enjoyable, meaningful, and engaging events that foster connection, friendship, laughter, and lasting memories. We are excited about the wonderful opportunities this dedicated team will create for our seniors to connect and celebrate together.

Have ideas for future events or would like to volunteer with this rockin' team?
Please reach out to seniors@zanc.org with your suggestions.



A heartfelt thank you to these amazing ladies for generously volunteering their time to make this initiative a success

FUTURE EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DATE / TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Aug 10th -14th, 4:30 pm	Muktad Prayers	Dar-e-Mehr
Sat, Aug 15th, 11 am	Navroze Jashan	Dar-e-Mehr
Sat, Aug 15th, 6 pm - 11 pm	Navroze Dinner Party	Shubham Halls, Sunnyvale
Sun, Aug 30th, 12 pm - 3:00 pm	"Patio" Competition	Dar-e-Mehr
Sat, Sept 26th, 5:30 pm	Ghambar	Campbell Community Ctr.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE GHAMBAR EVENT
Volunteers are needed to help with the cooking and prepping food at the Dar-e-Mehr on **September 25th and 26th**. Please **[CLICK HERE](#)** to sign up! All help is greatly appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MUKTAD PRAYERS AND NAVROZ PARTY



What is Mukhtad? A Short Introduction

The Mukhtads are the days to remember the Fravashis (guardian spirit) of the departed loved ones. During the days of Mukhtad, the Fravashis come collectively to this world and go to their respective houses. Whenever the Mukhtad is properly celebrated and the Fravashis are duly propitiated, the affairs of those people are successful, and there is all-round prosperity. People are blessed with health, strength, happiness, protection, and abundance of water. These days also help us to renew the memory of our dear departed ones and also help us realize our responsibility for future generations. Just as we reap the rewards of the actions done by our past ancestors, we should do something for the future generations. (Source: [ZACLA](#)).

An [Explanation](#) of Mukhtad prayers and rituals.

**SAT, AUG 15th, 6 PM - 11 PM
AT SHUBHAM HALLS IN
SUNNYVALE**

**Limited Availability - Registration
Deadline is August 5th**

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Adult Members - \$70
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Kids 4 and under - Free

**For questions or carpool assistance
please contact events@zanc.org**



Who makes the best 'Patio' in our community? Enter the ZANC Patio Competition to see if it's you!

Let's see who makes the best Patio! It's time to dust off those secret family recipes, fire up the stove, and bring your best dish to the ultimate Patio showdown! Whether your specialty is fish, prawn, egg, or vegetarian, we can't wait to see and taste your delicious creations. Come hungry, cheer on our talented home chefs, and enjoy a fun afternoon of great food and some fierce competition. Who will earn bragging rights and take home one of the Top 3 prizes? There's only one way to find out!

If you're attending but not participating, please bring a dish to share.



🏆 TOP 3 ENTRIES WILL WIN A PRIZE 🏆

Date: Sunday, August 30th

Time: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Dar-e-Mehr

[CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER BY AUGUST 23rd

Z-Classes Are Back! Kicking Off On September 13th, 2026

Now in its fifth consecutive year, **ZANC** and **PZO** continue their joint commitment to nurturing our kids (Pre-K to High School) with the rich philosophies of the Zoroastrian faith. Z-Class is a place where young Zarathustis build lasting friendships, grow in confidence, and deepen their sense of community. The program is guided by the spirit of Asha, alongside values of dedication and service.



Days/Time: Classes meet at the Dar-e-Mehr every 2nd & 4th Sunday from 10-11:30 am

Registration: Look out for full program details and registration information in the upcoming newsletter.

Questions/Information: Email [Z-CLASS](#) or [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more

RECENT EVENTS



ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK

ZANC's Picnic in the Park on July 12th at Foothills Park in Palo Alto was a sunny day of community fun! Families enjoyed delicious BBQ, a lively tug-of-war, cards, a friendly game of cricket and plenty of laughs. With great weather and good company, it was the perfect summer gathering.



Visit the ZANC
Facebook page for
more fun pics



📢 Happy Birthday to President Bomi Patel 📢



COMMUNITY NEWS

🇺🇸 Ringing in Unity: ZANC Joins the Nation in Celebration 🇺🇸



On July 4th, as the United States celebrated its 250th anniversary, six FEZANA member associations participated in the National Bell Festival's "Ring Out America" observance. ZANC was proud to be among them, with our Dasturji Kobad leading the prayer ceremony alongside priests across the country.

Several ZANC members gathered for prayers followed by a potluck lunch, while joining fellow Zarathushtis nationwide via Zoom. It was a meaningful reminder of our shared heritage, our contributions to America for more than a century, and our hope that future generations will continue to strengthen its rich diversity.

🍕 ZANC Foodies Group Lunch Meetup 🍕

Sunday, July 5th - Italian at Pizzeria Cardamomo in Redwood City

Ten hungry foodies gathered for a leisurely summer Sunday lunch, enjoying great food and even better company. We shared a family-style feast of fresh baked bread with in-house garlic, chilli and olive oils, cherry and goat cheese bruschetta, aglio bruschetta, arancini, beet salad, spring salad, pasta pomodoro, tagliatelle bolognese, cacio e pepe, pesto pasta, cheese pizza, mortadella pistachio pizza, tiramisu, and panna cotta with strawberry affogato.



Here's to many more opportunities to gather, share a meal and make lasting memories!



Heartfelt thanks to Dilnavaz Bamboat for sharing her articles and beautiful photos with our community.



Congratulations to Khursheed Irani for being nominated for the 2026 Women of Work Awards in the Trailblazer category!

Throughout her career in tech, [Khursheed](#) hasn't just opened doors - she's held them open, generously mentoring children, students, and young professionals while helping pave the way for those who follow. She truly believes in lifting others as they climb, and her dedication to supporting the next generation has made a lasting impact.

We wish Khursheed the very best as she is considered for this well-deserved award.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Attention ZYNA Members - One Calendar for all the Events



[ZYNA](#) is a dynamic and youth-driven organization whose mission is to facilitate connections, cultivate leadership, strengthen community ties, and support the holistic development of Zoroastrian youth.

We are excited to launch the [ZYNA Google Calendar](#), your one-stop destination for staying connected with everything happening across our community.

Whether it's ZYNA retreats, camps, networking events, important announcements or key dates, you'll always know what's coming up with just a glance at the calendar!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ZANC Business Community





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MY BACKGROUND

- Computational Neuroscientist - **Stanford School of Medicine**
- 12 years of experience in **academia & research**
- 10 years of **industry experience**
- **Mentored** school, undergrad, graduate, postdoctoral students
- Degrees in **Engineering, Math, Cognitive Science, Management**

STUDENT & PARENT TESTIMONIALS

- got me into my **dream school!**
- made this whole process so **stress-free**
- encouraged me to **think independently**
- attentive to my **personal goals**
- amazing **coach and mentor**
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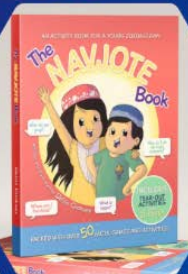
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After a seven-year break, the 17th Zoroastrian Games returned in spectacular fashion from July 1-4, 2026. Hosted by the Sacramento Zoroastrian Association ([SZA](#)) at UC Davis, the Games brought together **336 athletes from 17 Zoroastrian associations across the US, Canada, Iran, India and New Zealand** for a memorable celebration of athletic achievement and community pride. **The 11 ZANC members** who participated in the Games, showcased their skills in swimming, volleyball, table tennis, pickleball and basketball and brought home an impressive number of medals! For 4 days, the Games highlighted the true spirit of Zarthushti values - bringing together multiple generations through teamwork, friendship, sportsmanship, and shared traditions. On the last day, the festivities came to a close with an award ceremony and participants enjoyed a lively gala and the 4th of July fireworks. **The next Z Games will be held in Chicago in 2028.**



🏆 GOLD MEDALS 🏆	
 SWIMMING	1) Zaal Engineer - Men's 50m freestyle 2) Zaal Engineer - Men's 100m freestyle 3) Fredy Engineer, Harvesp Engineer, Porus Engineer and Zaal Engineer - Men's 4x25 relay
 TRACK	Natasha Patel and friends - Mixed 4x100 relay
🥈 SILVER MEDALS 🥈	
 TABLE TENNIS	Percy Mistry/Burzin Patel - Mens TT doubles
 BASKETBALL	Arya Kadva (team - Vahuman 2)
 TRACK	Arya Kadva - Youth 80 Meter Sprint
🥉 BRONZE MEDALS 🥉	
 BASKETBALL	Yazad Kadva (team - Vahuman 1)
 VOLLEYBALL	Nicole Kanga (team - Pishi)
 SWIMMING	Natasha Patel and friends - Mixed 4x25 Relay
🏆 QUARTERFINAL ROUNDS	
1 Tanaisha & Diana Misty 2 Natasha Patel (team Fireballs)	



ARTS AND EDUCATION

The Zoroastrian Shahenshahi (Parsi) Calendar 2026–2027 by Delzin Choksey



“A joyful companion for each day of the year, this illustrated calendar brings together tradition and playfulness. In addition to marking roj’s, hamkaras, and important celebrations, this year’s edition shares Avestan quotes on caring for the world we live in. I hope the quotes inspire wisdom in your decisions and harmony in your actions” - Delzin

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All feedback & suggestions are welcome & encouraged:

General questions: email the [ZANC BOARD](#)

Membership: email the [ZANC SECRETARY](#)

Volunteering: email the [EVENTS COORDINATOR](#)



THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

Stay connected with the ZANC Newsletter — your source for community news, announcements, and upcoming events. Please [EMAIL](#) us your personal milestones so we can celebrate and acknowledge them with the community.
All content must be received by the 20th of the month.

Editor: Dianne Patel (newsletter@zanc.org)

Collaborators: Delzin Choksey and Kathleen Chothia

And Finally...

Homemade Goodness, Handcrafted with Love



As Ahura Bakehouse marks its first year, I send my heartfelt thanks to the Zoroastrian community in the US for your support. What began as a small home-based bakery, inspired by traditional family recipes from Pune, has grown into a journey of sharing homemade flavors across the US. I remain committed to quality, authenticity, and small-batch baking, and I'm grateful to be part of your celebrations and special moments.

Farah Irani Dorabjee

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