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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Community Members,

There is so much to talk about that I don't know where to start from. Of course the most important among them is the state of our Dare Mehr. So I will dedicate this limited space to it. We need real help from all community members who are in any way involved in the construction industry. We had sent out an email and set up a meeting to form a committee, quite a good number showed up but only four people were construction industry related. I know time is valuable but the value of the time spent on the community is never lost.

We have a few options that I would like to spell out here and hope for feedback from members, especially those in the construction business and also realtors.

- 1- Remodel the present building which means, keeping the outside walls and remodelling the inside and also add a half or a full floor to the top. All these are subject to city approval. Positive Note: Parking will have to be provided for only the additional seating capacity so created.
- 2- Rebuild at the present location – this we are told would be costly because the present city By-Laws will kick in and we need to provide for underground parking, one for every 10 seats. Area wise one car takes more room than 10 seats.
- 3- Look for vacant land, sell the present location and build at the new location, where we can provide land level parking and have our dream building with sports facilities for the youth etc. etc.

Now when it comes to land every one, so to say, wants it in their backyard. We have done a mini research in this regard. The majority of the families 44.21 % live on the North Shore. The next is Richmond with 14.38 % followed by Vancouver 11.16% Burnaby 6.44%, Coquitlam 5.15%, and Surrey 4.51% the rest of the places have 10 or less families each.

The best option would be the North Shore but unfortunately no Assembly zoned land is available, except in the Auto mall which is not for sale. The best would be an old church which will not be better than what we have, but I could be wrong.

Now let's make a joint effort, and here is the proposal.

- 1- All construction related members please join the Renovation / New Dare Mehr Committee
 - 2- Everyone please look in your neighbourhood for appropriate land
 - 3- All realtors please help in the search for land.
 - 4- Everyone with ideas for fundraising please come forward.
- Contact us by email ZSBC.News@gmail.com and give us your thoughts.

Our website has been compromised so while a new website is being designed we have put together a temporary site please check. www.zsbc.homestead.com

The new calendar year is around the corner and I take this opportunity to wish you all on behalf of the ZSBC Board of Directors.

A Happy and Prosperous 2013

Fariborz Rahnamoon
President

ARBAB ROSTAM GUIV'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Arbab Rostam Guiv the great philanthropist gave the Zarathushti community in North America the opportunity to establish itself, by giving us as many Dare Mehrs as was possible, by donating all his wealth towards this cause. He died 32 years ago on 7 October 1980. According to tradition we perform the death anniversary (Saal) for 30 years. Now that 30 years have passed we consulted our Mobed Jamshid Jamshidi and he advised that if we want to continue after the traditional 30 years we have to restart the process as if the person has just died.

We do want to remember this great man and honour his memory and cherish his contribution which has benefited the entire community in North America. So, what better way than remembering him on the day of his birth. In fact we in Vancouver have been celebrating his birthday on the second Saturday in May for the last 10 years and so the Arbab Rostam Guiv Trust of Vancouver has decided to continue, with greater vigour, the celebration of his birthday.

E-MAIL DATABASE UPDATE

Most of you are aware that ZSBC has an e-mail database. To add/change or delete your e-mail information in our database directory, please contact Azita Dehmobed with details at

ZSBC.News@gmail.com. We advise all e-mail subscribers and community members to please add webmaster@zsb.org to their contact list to receive e-mails from ZSBC consistently.

DONATIONS

All donations paid to Arbab Rostam Guiv Trust to help with Dare Mehr's renovation costs are acknowledgeable by the Arbab Rostam Guiv Trust exclusively. Tax deductible receipts will be issued by the Trust. Please donate generously. With interest rates being very low the Trust has no other source of income and depends on your donation to keep the Dare Mehr in shape.



Donation made toward ZSBC will be acknowledgeable by ZSBC and Tax Deductible receipts will be issued likewise by ZSBC.

New ONLINE option to donate to ZSBC is now available on www.zsbc.org

Donors of this quarter:

Rohinton Shroff \$122.00; Manouchehr Mehin \$231.00; ArmityMahin \$33.00
And other donors that supported our society with their cash donations

ADVERTISING RATES IN NEWSLETTER

(All advertisements in ZSBC newsletter will be in black and white only)

- Business card size ad in one issue \$30
- Quarter page size ad in one issue \$40
- Half page ad in one issue \$60
- Full page ad in one issue \$100
- To sponsor an issue and get recognition: \$300



Your support by advertising in ZSBC newsletter will be highly appreciated.

8TH ZOROASTRIAN UNITY CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT



ZSBC intends to help the youth organize a ZSBC team and participate in the 8th Zoroastrian unity cup games. Please contact any of the directors ASAP to join the team and participate in the games or send an email to: ZSBC.News@gmail.com

What: 8th Zoroastrian Unity Cup Soccer Tournament

When: 2013 Labour Day Weekend

Where: Beautiful beach city of San Diego

HALLOWEEN/FANCY DRESS PARTY

“What a spectacular evening!” The evening was magical and mystical. If you were there you would have been awed at the presentations, innovative decorations, costumes, appetizing munchies, lip smacking food catered comprising of Chicken and Lamb donor along with hot samosa and of course all those perky costumed guests.



entertaining and extremely creative with as

Master of Ceremonies for the evening Kyras Irani and Mitra Sorooshi conducted the event very professionally.

The costume competition was very original,

many as 26 contestants taking part in various age groups.

The judges had a tough job selecting the best participants.

Congratulations to the winners of costume competition:

- Mehrdad Keshmiri
- Berjis Bahrami

ZSBC thanks all the volunteers who worked behind the scenes and helped make this event a tremendous success.

See more photos at: <http://zsbc.homestead.com>



ZSBC SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS

ZSBC Directors and members of the Scholarship Committee (Homi Italia, Bella Tata, Fariborz Rahnamoon, Dinaz Mizan and Farrokh Namdaran) extend their hearty congratulations to Fereidoon Kavosian, Narius Minwalla, Yasmin Iranfar, and Yasaman Iranfar for receiving ZSBC's 2012 Scholarship Awards. These are given out annually to those students who have completed Grade XII and have not only achieved good marks but also been active in our community and met other criteria laid down by the Committee. On Sunday, October 14, 2011, the day began with prayers by Mobeds Firdos Balsara for the death anniversary of late Jamshed K. Pavri at the Arbab Rustam Guiv Darbe Mehr, after which the awards were presented.

Tasty lunch was provided by ZSBC catered by Hutoxi Dadimaster.



MEHRABAN & PARIDOKHT ZARTOSHTY EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS



Mehregan is a Zoroastrian Unity Day as indicated several years ago by FEZANA, and what better way than to honour a great person and, at the same time, to tell our youth how proud we are of their achievements. On Sunday, October 7, at the Arbab Rostam Guiv Dare Mehr, Burnaby, BC, prayers were recited by Mobed Jamshid Jamshidi for the death anniversary of Arbab Rostam Guiv.

After the prayers, those present met in the community hall for the awards, lunch, socializing. The Mehraban & Paridokht Zartoshty Education Fund scholarships for 2012 were presented to Farzad Kasad, Nazneen Kasad, Parmis Behmardi and Benafsha Kapadia by Homi Italia, ZSBC's past President, Fariborz Rahnamoon, ZSBC's President, and Bella Tata. Bella gave a short talk on the scholarships, and urged parents to encourage their children who have already completed a year of their graduate studies, to apply for these through the web site: <http://www.ancientiran.com>.

Members on the Board of this scholarship are Homa Zartoshty, Kourosh Mehin, Fariborz Rahnamoon, Khodadad Lohrasb, Bella Tata and Shirin Abadi.

A PROUD OCCASION FOR OUR COMMUNITY



It is our pleasure to inform you that Nehru Humanitarian Award 2012 was presented to Behramsha Mizan by Goel Family Charitable Foundation and the University of British Columbia.

It was presented for his service to the South Asian Community and our community in particular. He has served as a trustee of the Arbab Rostam Guiv Trust and ZSBC board for more than 15 years. He has also helped organize 9th Z. Games and 5th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress 2011. He is also a member of Cemetery Management Committee.

The Award was presented by Consul General of India Mr. Ravi Shankar Aisola, and Dr. Yves Tiberghien, Director of the Institute for Asia Research, UBC and Dr. D.P. Goel of Goel Foundation.

Consul General of India Mr. Ravi Shankar is presenting the award. Dr. Goel is next to him and Dr. Tiberghien is on the far right.

ZSBC ANNUAL SPORTS DAY



ZSBC Annual Sports Day Held At Mahon Park North Vancouver, on Saturday September 9, 2012.

It was a cloudy day with promises of rain, luckily for us the rain started just when we had finished. Games began at 11.00 a.m. and went on till 3.00 p.m. in the evening when prizes were distributed. All children participants were given gifts courtesy of ZSBC and the Khapoliwala family.

See more photos at: <http://zsbc.homestead.com>

TROPHY WINNERS

Best Athlete 10-14 YRS (Boys)	Ryan Kaviani, Parsa Khanbadr, Shervin Namiranian
Best Athlete 10-14 YRS (Girls)	Noosha Shahriari, Ryka Shahzadi, Parmis Keshmiri
Best All Round Athlete	Ryan Kaviani
400-meter Adults	Mojgan Ourmazdi, Daryoush Khanbadr, Mehrdad Keshmiri

ZSBC appreciated the effort of Azadmehr Kaviani who helped the sports director Rostam Yazdani in organizing this event with much enthusiasm and precision.

And also thanks to:

1. Behramsha Mizan for making the Certificates.
2. Shirin, & Yazdi khapoliwalla for gifts.
3. Azadmehr and Kayras Irani for helping in registration.
4. Azadmehr and Mehrdad Keshmiri for being our official photographer

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MEMBERSHIP



PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES ONLINE ... NOW AVAILABLE!

A concerted effort has been made by the ZSBC Board of Directors to set up a system that will allow members to pay their dues and donations online. If you prefer this method of payment, please visit www.zsbc.org and use your credit card.

The ZSBC Board of Directors urges you, your family, and Zarathushti friends to pay the annual membership fees on time. This will enable our Society to better budget projects and to continue to thrive and survive. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and generosity!

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Family: Husband and wife, including children under 18	\$50
Senior (65 years and over)	\$15
Full time student (18 years and over and not working)	\$15
Individuals (18 years and over, even those living with parents)	\$25

Our Board of Directors will be available to collect your membership fees **for year ending March 20, 2013**. You can pay fees by cash, cheque, or online by credit card. Please feel free to contact any of the Directors, on any issue relating to our Society and/or convey your views.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



BIRTHS

Rohin, a son to Danny and Satvir Nanavaty, in North Vancouver on September 17th 2012. Proud grandparents Feroze and Kamal Nanavaty/Ajit and Balwinder Minhas.

Nikta, a girl to Anahita and Kaveh Kiamanesh, in North Vancouver on November 19th 2012. Proud grandparents Parichehr and Jamshid Behmardi Kalantari/Mahin and Goshtasb Kiamanesh.

CONDOLENCES

Rostam Rostamirad, father of Azarchehr, Parichehr, Parinaz, and Borzoo, passed away on Sept 28th, 2012 in Ahvaz, Iran.

Azarmindokht Oshidari, mother of Homa, mother-in-law of Manouchehr Oshidari, passed away on Oct 25th 2012 in Iran.

Faramji (Fali) Nanavati 91 years, Father of Feroze Nanavaty, Shirin Sethna, Kershaw Nanavaty, Father-in law of Kamal Nanavaty, Jehangir Sethna, Jane Nanavaty Grandfather of Vera Sethna, Danny(wife Satvir) Nanavaty, Sandra Nanavaty, Sara Sethna, Joshua & Jillian Nanavaty and Great-Grandfather of Rohin Nanavaty passed away on November 8, 2012 in Vancouver, B.C.



We convey our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the departed. May the departed souls rest in eternal peace.



UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are at the Arbab Rostam Guiv Dare Mehr, 6900 Halifax Street, Burnaby.

VRAHRAUM EEZAD (VERAHRAM ROOZ)

Apart from the events listed below, which are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, the Dare Mehr will be kept open from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Vrahraum Eezad (Verahram Rooz) which falls on Tuesday December 4th 2012, Thursday January 3rd 2013, Saturday February 2nd, 2013, and Monday March 4, 2013. Please note: Pot luck on those days that fall on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays.

ZOROASTRIAN STUDY CLASSES

The Dare Mehr will be kept open from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on following Sundays: Dec 2, Dec 16, January 6, January 20, Feb 3, and Feb 17, March 3rd, March 17th, and March 31st. Please note dates may be subject to change. Persian language classes are also being conducted for those who would like to learn, to read, and to write. We would like to thank all the teachers and volunteers for their time and support. For more details please contact Rostam Yazdani, Director of Education @ 604-770-4303.

YALDA AND DAEGAN CELEBRATIONS

This event will be held at Dare Mehr on Dec 22nd from 7 pm. Please bring food and fruits for this potluck event.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE OF ASHO ZARATHUSHTRA

Tuesday Dec 25th at the Dare Mehr 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Prayers followed by refreshments.

2013 NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Monday Dec. 31, 2012 at 7 PM at Dare Mehr. Dinner and dance till midnight. Tickets are \$15 per person. Tickets will be on sale from Dec. 10th to Dec 17th. Please contact Farin Khorshidian at 778-338-5002 for more details and also buying your tickets.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE OF MADAME MORVARID GUIV

Sunday, January 6, 2013 from 11:00 am. Prayers followed by refreshments. This event is organized by the trustees of the Arbab Rustam Guiv Trust, Vancouver.

JASHNE SADEH CELEBRATION

Saturday, January 26th 2013 from 6:00 pm at Dare Mehr. One of the great Persian Feast Potluck party. Please bring enough food for your family and also share with others.

NOUROOZ GET TOGETHER

The Equinox will take place on Wednesday March 20, 2013 at 04:01:56 AM Pacific time. Get together at Dare Mehr On Wednesday March 20th 2013 at 6:00 pm. Amou Nourooz will also come to distribute the gifts that parents have brought, wrapped, and placed with their children's name on the package. Light refreshments will be served.

NOUROOZ AND ASHO ZARATHUSHTRA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

We are planning a great celebration. More details to follow in email broadcast and next newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN PERSIAN



تمام برنامه ها در محل در مهر ارباب رستم گیو واقع در 6900 خیابان هلیفکس شهر برنابی برگزار میشود.

ورهرام ایزد

در مهر برای تمامی روزهای ورهرام ایزد از ساعت 7 تا 9 شب برای ستایش و اوستا خوانی برای عموم باز میباشد مگر اینکه بدلیل غیر قابل پیش بینی این مکان عمومی تعطیل باشد. روزهای ورهرام ایزد: سه شنبه 4 دسامبر و پنج شنبه 3 زانویه و یکشنبه 2 فوریه و دوشنبه 4 مارس 2013. برای روزهای جمعه و شنبه بصورت پات لاک برگزار خواهد شد.

کلاسهای آموزش دین زرتشتی

در مهر برای کلاسهای آموزش دین زرتشتی یکشنبه ها از ساعت 11 بامداد تا 1 پس از نیمروز در روزهای زیر باز میباشد. 2 دسامبر 16 دسامبر - 6 زانویه - 20 زانویه - 3 فوریه - 17 فوریه - 3 مارس - 17 مارس و 31 مارس. کلاسهای زبان فارسی برای علاقمندان یادگیری این زبان نیز برگزار میشود. در همین جا از استادان و داوطلبان عزیز بخاطر پشتیبانی و همکاری شان سپاسگزاریم. برای کسب اطلاعات بیشتر با آقای رستم یزدانی شماره 604-770-4303 تماس بگیرید.

یلدا و جشن دیگان

این گردهمایی در تاریخ 22 دسامبر از ساعت 7 پسین در مکان در مهر برگزار خواهد شد. این مراسم بصورت پات لاک خواهد بود.

جشن سال نو میلادی 2013

این جشن در روز 31 دسامبر 2012 از ساعت 7 پسین در مکان در مهر بصرف شام و رقص برگزار میشود. بهای بلیط \$15 میباشد. فروش بلیط از تاریخ 10 تا 17 دسامبر میباشد. برای کسب اطلاعات بیشتر و تهیه بلیط با خانم فرین خورشیدیان شماره تلفن 778-338-5002 تماس بگیرید.

سالروز درگذشت اشو زرتشت

سالروز درگذشت اشو زرتشت در روز سه شنبه به تاریخ 25 دسامبر 2012 از ساعت 11 صبح تا 1 پس از نیمروز با نیایش در محل در مهر برگزار خواهد شد.

سالروز درگذشت بانو مروارید گیو

این گردهمایی و سالروز درگذشت بانو مروارید گیو در روز یکشنبه 6 زانویه 2013 روز یکشنبه از ساعت 11 صبح با نیایش و غذایی سبک در محل در مهر برگزار خواهد شد. این مراسم توسط تراسه ارباب رستم گیو در ونکوور برگزار خواهد شد.

جشن سده

جشن سده در روز شنبه 26 زانویه 2013 از ساعت 6 پسین در محل در مهر بصورت پات لاک برگزار میشود. خواهشمندیم به اندازه کافی برای خود و خانواده خود غذا به همراه بیاورید.

جشن نوروز و گردهمایی

جشن نوروز در روز چهارشنبه 20 مارس 2013 از ساعت 6 پسین در محل در مهر برگزار خواهد شد. نیایش نوروزی و گردهمایی. عمو نوروز کادو هایی را که مادران و پدران برای کودکان خود خریداری نموده اند و نام آنها را روی کادوها نوشته اند را به کودکان هدیه میدهد. غذایی سبک هم سرو خواهد شد.

جشن زایش اشو زرتشت و سال نو (نوروز)

بر آنیم که این جشن را هر چه باشکوه تر برگزار کنیم. منتظر خبرنامه بعدی ما باشید. مکان و تاریخ برگزاری این جشن را با ایمیل نیز به آگاهی همکیشان عزیز می‌رسانیم.