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We really do believe that, if we work together as one, following the simple yet priceless tenets of our faith- Humata, Hukhta, Hvarshta, we can move mountains.

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[A Quick Summary of the Board Meeting Of April 2, 2009](#)

- the 2006, '07, '08 tax returns were ready for signature and filing
- the tax-exemption application is being prepared fresh
- for Navroze function, we almost broke-even, in spite of very low entrance fees; thanks to our generous donors
- the board moved to establish high-school and four-year college graduation awards for students from ZAF Member families starting from 2009 Membership year
- the 1st issue of ZAF newsletter (*Zor & More*) is in the drafting stage and planned to be published very soon

- the board reaffirmed to be very supportive of the Z Club and help with the funding wherever appropriate
- the ZAF account balances as of the 2nd of April were: \$6,783.87 in checking and \$14,617.20 in CD maturing on the 12th of June, 2009.

Lastly, ladies and gentlemen, this is your newsletter. We invite you to share any newsworthy items such as weddings, engagements, navjotes, birthdays, deaths, graduations, promotions, accomplishments and recognitions, address changes *and* ideas on how we may serve you better.
*Your ZAF Board*

ZAF Picnic

The 2009 annual picnic followed by the AGM were held at Markham Park, Weston, FL on March 1. It was a great success. About 45 adults and 15 youngsters attended. As always, the enthusiasm and support of the volunteers was fantastic! Gustad Irani was superb, as usual, at the grill. Hot dogs, burgers and sausages never tasted so good! The football game was fast and furious and the youngsters had a great workout. As a side bonus, a 5-ft. long alligator in the lake put on a show for some of us, demonstrating how to eat a 5-ft. long snake.



1. Big Chef Gustad at his best! 2. Our seniors enjoying the delicious food!
 3. Moms and Kids with the bubble machines! 4. The victorious Football team!

ZAF Annual General Meeting AGM

1. **Outgoing President's message:** Khushroo Daruwalla thanked all present for their support and the outgoing board members (Pauli Bhadha, Jimmy Major, Aban Kavasmaneck, Jeroo Irani, Freny & Jimmy Deboo, Navroj Irani and Dustyn Shroff) for their dedication and work over the past years. Vice President Pauli Bhadha joined Khushroo in expressing the same feelings and thanked the community for their support over the last several years and wished the new Board success as they begin their term of office.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Jimmy Major reported year-end 2008 balances of \$4,778 in checking and \$14,433 in Certificate of Deposit (CD) account, for a total of \$19,211. This compared to 2007 year-end balances of \$6,309 in checking and \$14,000 in CD, for a total of \$ 20,309. The drop is mainly due to relatively higher expenses for the Navroze function of 2008.

3. **Z Club Report:** Aban Kavasmaneck summarized the 2008 activities as follows: The year 2008, the sixth year of our Z-Club, was instructional and enjoyable. The focus, as always, was religious and cultural.
- **Religious:** The *gathas*; King Vishtasp, The Prophet Zarathustra, and the spread of our religion.
 - **Cultural:** Hands-on activity of making “*Sagan no Ravo*”; Birthday *Sagan* with *Ses, Har, Divo*, and chalk.
 - **Current Events and Modern History:** Famous Parsis and Jamsetji Tata.
 - **It is Fun to Learn Gujarati:** Simple Gujarati words and sentences.
 - **Outside Activities:** The Sanjan story, enacted by Persis Bhadha and Sara Marino, on World Religions Day.
 - **Outings:** A picnic outing to the Metro Zoo in Miami.

4. **Election of the new Board for the two year term of 2009 & 2010:**

- **Election Coordinator:** Jeroo Irani was appointed by the ZAF Board as the election coordinator early in February to manage the proxy, quorum and voting process
- **Advance nominations:** The following eight persons were nominated prior to the deadline of Feb., 19: Jahanbux Daruwala, Soli Dastur, Nina Deboo, Jimmy Major, Kersi Munshi, Burjis Shroff, Dustyn Shroff, Zersis Minocher. They were on the proxy form that was sent out to the community on Feb. 20 for a mail-in vote. Seven proxies were received in the mail by the Election Coordinator.
- **Floor Nomination:** Arnavaz Irani was nominated and seconded from the floor at the AGM. She accepted the nomination. Thus, there were total nine nominees.
- **Quorum:** Jeroo Irani determined that based on the mail proxies and the number present, there was a valid quorum.
- **Election:** Since there were no more than nine persons, all nine were appointed to the Board.
- **Slate of officers:** The new Board met separately and returned to recommend the following slate of officers to the General Body. The recommendation was accepted as follows:

President: Jahanbux Daruwala,
Vice President: Burjis Shroff,
Secretary: Kersi Munshi,
Treasurer: Zersis Minocher,
Members-at-Large: Soli Dastur, Nina Deboo, Arnavaz Irani, Jimmy Major, Dustyn Shroff.

5. **Special Thanks:**

The Boards are very thankful to Jeroo Irani for a great job in organizing the Proxy and AGM/election process as the Election Coordinator. Jahanbux Daruwala thanked the past Board members for their efforts, dedication and hard work and assured the community to support, pursue and enhance the initiatives and activities related to Z Club, fiscal reporting, tax-exemption application, communications, newsletter and the traditional annual functions. He also encouraged and invited ideas and suggestions for consideration by the new Board.



The Outgoing ZAF Board (left) and Incoming New ZAF Board (Nina Deboo absent)!

ZAF CELEBRATES NAVROZE

The spirit of teamwork within the Board and more importantly the support of the community in putting together an enjoyable and festive Navroze function at the Miramar Hall on March, 21 were encouraging and heartwarming. **Through the generosity of our donors of cash and raffle articles, we were able to keep the function entrance fee *nearly half of the actual cost*.** The number of articles for the raffle far exceeded our capacity to do it all in the available time at the function and hence a decision had to be made to defer many items until another function. The Z Club children's participation, parents' support and Aban & Percy Kavasmaneck's tireless and dedicate energy made the Navroze celebration a truly memorable event in the true community spirit and our rich traditions.



The Z Club does it again!



Sisters Alexis and Persis Bhadha performing!

The delightful children's program included:

- Songs by Marina Antia
- Songs by Anisa & Ariana Deboo
- Semi Classical & Popular Melodies on the Piano by Cyrus Bhadha, Persis Bhadha, and Alexis Bhadha.
- The Roaring '20s: Swing, Swing, Swing Dance by Sarah Marino, Persis Bhadha, Alexis Bhadha, Jessica Patel, Shanaya Patel, Shimera Cama, Kyra Cama, Zane Todywala, Stefan Todywala, Kyle Hansotia, Nicholai Hansotia, Malcolm Mehta, Jed Daruwalla, & Ethan Daruwalla. (Choreographed & Directed by Vanessa Ramos & Yuni Pelaez)

The enthusiasm, dedication and hard work of the core organizing team of Hovi Shroff, and the M/C's Dustyn Shroff & Nina Deboo put it all together in style.



ZAF Hafta Sheen Table by Nancy and Freny!



Our own ZAF Youth!

We also acknowledge with thanks the valuable and enthusiastic help of the volunteers for:

- **Hall Reservation:** Jeroo Irani & Jimmy Major
- **Decorations & Set-up:** Nancy Bhasin, Nancy Daruwala, Freny and Jimmy Deboo, Khushnam Irani, Freny Mehta, Anahita Patel, Hovi, Burjis, Dustyn, Kevin Shroff
- **Faloodo:** Shirin & Jehangir Shroff, Burjis & Hovi Shroff
- **Haft-Seen Table:** Nancy Daruwala, Freny Deboo
- **Registration at the Gate:** Nancy Daruwala, Freny Deboo
- **Photographs:** Jehangir Shroff, Pauli Bhadha, Darius dubash, Soli Dastur (for ZATAMBAY & Orlando)

Donations

The function would not have been such a success without the generosity and support of the following donors in the true and generous spirit of giving:

- **Cash:**
Total for Navroze = \$1,668, Total for the Picnic = \$50
Jo Ann & Soli Dastur, Nancy & Jahanbux Daruwala, Freny & Jimmy Deboo, Shahveer Dhatigara, Shahnaz & Ranjan Duara, Zersis Minocher, Gohar & Danny Mobed, Roshan & Claud Moraes, Dolly & Kersi Munshi, Dimple & Zubin Panthaki, Casey Raja, Hovi & Burjis Shroff, Sasha John, Perry Unwalla
- **Items in Kind:**
 - **Raffle Articles:** Freny and Jimmy Deboo, Anahita and Nash Patel, Casey Raja, Lyla & Sam Todywala, Anonymous (Cash raised from raffle = \$ 156)
 - **Kids' Pizzas:** Anahita & Nash Patel
 - **Soft Drinks:** Hovi & Burjis Burjis Shroff
 - **Faloodo:** Hovi & Burjis Shroff, Shirin & Jehangir Shroff
 - **Children's Gifts:** Aban & Percy Kavasmaneck

The President Recognizes Navroze

Hello ZAF friends:

What a momentous occasion when our own President Obama addresses the Iranian Leaders and People directly by Video on the occasion of Navroze and offering an olive branch to start a new era of communications with mutual respect! I was touched! First there was Ontario Province, then US Congress and now our own President recognizing Navroze! Since 1960 that I have been in this great country of ours, I feel we have come a long way to see this. I salute and thank all the people who have made this possible.

Submitted by Ervad Soli Dastur

Pateti Announcement & Talent Invitation

ZAF Pateti celebration will be held on August 29th, 2009, at Miramar hall (same as the Navroze function). We are looking for talented individuals or group of adults to give short performances (e.g., piano recital, singing, skits etc.) Please contact Arnava Irani at 561-998-2817 if you wish to "contribute" your talents.

Hope to see you at the show! The Board will select the items to assure the timing of events vs. the limited time available for all other activities at the rental hall.

Tampa Bay & Orlando News

Central Florida Group (Orlando) Celebrates Navroze 2009!

Orlando Group gathered at Yasmin and Adi Irani's home to celebrate Navroze 2009. As always, Yasmin and her helpers had a wonderful Haft Sheen table. There were about 60 people attending the celebration with a traditional Parsi cuisine thanks to Yasmin and Adi. The group, after a sumptuous lunch, got together for a serious singing rehearsal of Chhaiye Hame Zarthoshti for the upcoming FEZANA 2009 AGM to be held in Orlando. The potential for this group in this area is unlimited!

ZATAMBAY (Zoroastrian Association of Tampa Bay) Celebrates Navroze 2009!

ZATAMBAY celebrated their Navroze 2009 on Sunday at the beautiful home of Anahita and Hoshedar Tamboli. A traditional Jashan was performed by Ervad Soli P. Dastur. A beautiful Haft Sheen table was spread out by Anahita and her family. The

group had a surprising number of 5 "snow flake" couples from Toronto area which swelled the attendance to almost 50 people. Anahita and her family put out a wonderful Parsi lunch which was enjoyed by all!



1. The whole group of over 50 participants at the ZATAMBAY Navroze Celebration.

2. Haft Sheen Table of Yasmin and Adi Irani.

In the photo, from left to right: Yasmin and Adi Irani, Diane and Keki Mody, with Gustad Mody on left and Tanaz Irani on the right. Tanaz and Gustad are going to be married on January 2nd 2010 in Orlando and we all want to wish these young love birds the best of everything!

Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA)

The Twenty Second FEZANA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

FEZANA Annual General Meeting will be held in ORLANDO, FLORIDA on **May 22nd, 23rd & 24th, 2009**. The ZARATHUSHTI Small Group of Orlando (CFG) in association with the WZCC- Central Florida Chapter, will host this 22nd Annual General Meeting, at:

Wingate by Wyndham Hotel 5750 Hazeltine National Drive, ORLANDO, FL 33822

Phone: 407-826-5258. Fax: 407-826-5206 Website: www.wingateorlandoairport.com

Email: sales@wingateorlandoairport.com Phone: 1-407-826-5258

For Booking: Request "**FEZANA AGM Rate**"

Web direct booking: <http://wingateorlandoairport.com/fezanaagm2009>

For problems on booking contact Dinyar Mehta Tel: 407-826-5258 or Email: dinyarmehta@aol.com

AGM PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS IN BRIEF:

Meeting Venue: adjacent hotel – Spring Hill Suites

Friday May 22, 2009

Open Forum (6:00 PM to 9:00 PM)

Light Dinner will be provided by WZCC - CFC

Saturday May 23, 2009 (DAY ONE)

AGM (8:30 AM to 5:00 PM)

LUNCH provided by ORLANDO GROUP

7:00PM – Entertainment and Dinner hosted by ORLANDO GROUP

\$ 20.00 Cover Charge PER PERSON.

Sunday May 24, 2009 (DAY TWO)

AGM (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Lunch provided by WZCC - CFC

Sunday May 24, 2009 – Afternoon Meeting

WZCC CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER (2:00 PM to 5:00 PM)

Agenda to follow

Please support this very important FEZANA event hosted by our own CFG in Orlando. Our own Vice-President Burjis and Hovi Shroff will be representing ZAF at the meeting.

Why not make it a fun filled Holiday Vacation with your family? Here is a brief peek at Orlando and its attractions: <http://www.wingateorlandoairport.com/links/>

See you all in Orlando at the AGM.

Z-Club: Children's Corner

(by Aban Kavasmaneck)

At the Navroze function on March 21, our children participated in a well-received talent show. As they performed on stage, one could see them light up with joy as they danced, sang, recited prayers, and played the piano. While we always knew that this was no ordinary group of kids, that evening we realized that our kids had something special. The camaraderie, the support, and a sense of belonging to their rich heritage has given them the confidence to celebrate life to its fullest and take pride in their religion and culture.

Let us, therefore, continue to build our future together by encouraging our children to be the best they can be.

Our last Z-Club session was at Khushroo Daruwalla's house on Sunday April 5, 2009 at 3:00 pm. We learned about the meaning and significance of our prayers, like *Kem-na-Mazda* and *Jasa-me-avanghe Mazda*. Subsequent Z-Club dates are May 10, and June 7, 2009.

Youth Corner

The 12th North American Zoroastrian Youth Congress (NAZYC): **Quoted below is a message from FEZANA inviting the young persons of the community to participate in a conference to be held in July 1-5, in California. It is meant specifically for the Zoroastrian youth. It should represent a golden opportunity to meet and network with the fellow Zoroastrian young persons from all over North America.**



NAZYC

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July 1 –5, 2009 in Fremont, California

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Discount valid for travel from June 28-July 8, 2009.

When	July 1st, 2009 12:00 AM through July 5th, 2009 12:00 AM
Location	46100 Landing Parkway Fremont, CA California –94538 United States
Contact	Email: admin@fezana.org

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- **Youth Speakers,**
- **Talent contest,**
- **Entertainment, Dance,**
- **Trip to San Francisco**

[FEZANA Academic Scholarship Program](#)

Every year FEZANA gives out scholarships for college studies. The application deadline is August-1, 2009. The Forms for 2009-10 are available from FEZANA website www.fezana.org. The scholarships are in the categories of:

- **Undergraduate and Graduate:** The FEZANA Scholarship for undergraduate & graduate studies
- **Post-graduate:** The Kheradi Endowed scholarship – *The FEZANA Scholar* and FEZANA 20th anniversary Endowed Scholarship
- **Undergraduate:** The Khorshed Panthaky Endowed Scholarships x2, Kapadia Endowed Scholarship.

Announced by: Dolly Dastoor, Ph.D, Chair, FEZANA Academic Scholarship Program

[Directory & Address Changes](#)

- Cherag & Parinaz Irani have relocated out of the area
- Rostam & Farangis Izedian have relocated out of the area
- Firdaus and Azita Dotiwala have recently relocated to Boca Raton. Please see Community News and Announcements Section for details.

[Articles Of Interest](#)

- **Sooni Taraporevala and her new movie, “Little Zizou”**

Ms. Taraporevala, an award-winning writer (her screenplays include the movie version of *The Namesake*, *Salaam Bombay*, and *Mississippi Masala!*) has a new movie, *Little Zizou*, starring Lyla and Sam Toddywala’s niece and nephew, Iyanah and Jahan Bativala (her children), and several Parsi actors including Boman Irani. The movie is about Parsis in Mumbai, and it was released in Mumbai recently. It has received rave reviews and has also won awards at two film festivals. It was recently shown in LA and we hope it will be released in South Florida also. Our own (*aapro*) Soli Dastur is in it too!

There are several websites describing the movie, including the movie’s own website, (www.littlezizouthemovie.com), and <http://littlezizou.in.com/about.php>, but the IMDb movie website below lists technical details, the entire cast, and includes an audience review: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1119188/>.

- **Avan Yazad-nu Parabh:** *Editorial comment: (Avan Yazad in our religion is associated with all waters of the world. Water in our lives has a very important role to play and so we Zoroastrians revere water and Avan Yazad for all the benefits we derive from it. A special holiday in our society is Avan Yazad Nu Parabh (Avan Yazad Jashan) falling on Mah Avan and Roj Avan (bot month and day Avan) in our calendar. It has been an age old tradition of ours to go to the seeeee shore, or lake or river bank to pray to Avan Yazad and offer some flowers and the famous Dar Ni Pori. The following excerpt by Andrew Carnegie vividly describes this ritual in Mumbai Chowpati Beach in 19th century!)*

Avan roj, Avan mah, in other words, *Avan Yazad-nu Parabh*, recently passed. The following is an account of Andrew Carnegie's visit to Bombay during the end of the 19th century. I am quoting this from an old book, *Enlightened Non-Zoroastrians on Mazdayasnism, The Excellent Religion*, Bombay, 1897-99 A.D.

Andrew Carnegie, a Scottish American, writes in his memoir: "This evening we were surprised to see, as we strolled along the beach, more Parsees than ever before, and more Parsee ladies richly dressed, all wending their way towards the sea. It was the first of the new moon, a period sacred to these worshippers of the elements; and here, on the shore of the ocean, as the sun was sinking in the sea, and the slender silver thread of the crescent moon was faintly shining on the horizon, they congregated to perform their religious rites. Fire was there in its grandest form, the setting sun, and water in the vast expanse of the Indian Ocean out-stretched before them. The earth was under their feet, and wafted across the sea the air came laden with the perfumes of *Araby the blest*. Surely no time or place could be more fitly chosen than this for lifting up the Soul to the realms beyond sence. "There was no music save the solemn moan of the waves as they broke into foam on the beach. But when shall we find so mighty an organ, or so grand an anthem?" How inexpressibly sublime the scene appeared to me, and how insignificant and unworthy of the unknown seemed the cathedrals 'made with human hands', when compared with this looking up through nature unto nature's God! "I have seen many modes and forms of worship, but all poor in comparison with this. Nor do I ever expect in all my life to witness a religious ceremony which will so powerfully effect me as that of the Parsees on the beach of Bombay."

When I read this beautiful depiction of the Parsees by Andrew Carnegie, I was reminded of *Avan Yazad-nu Parabh* when Parsees, not too long ago, in large numbers used to present the same inspiring scene, every year, on the beaches of Bombay during the daylight hours as *Avan Yazad* is never worshipped after sunset. As a sign of gratitude to *Avan Ardivisur Banu* who sustains life on Earth, Parsees offer flowers, coconut and sugar to the flowing waters. Even now, some Parsees do still go to the seaside and offer their homage to *Avan Yazad*, worshipping her with the gifts of flowers, sugar and coconut.

Avan Ardivisur Banu is one of the female hamkars (co-worker) of *Aspandarmad* (*Spenta Armaity*) *Ameshaspand*. *Avan Yazad* is one of the most important Yazads because without water life cannot exist and if life does not exist, then the Divine Aim of Creation, which is to celebrate *Frashogard*, cannot be achieved. *Avan Yazad* is referred to as *ahuranish ahurahe*, meaning the "Daughter of Ahura Mazda!" As an obedient 'Daughter,' she carries out Ahura Mazda's Will to promote and sustain Life in all its varied forms.

In the Sacred *Avesta* (*Avan Niyayesh/Yasht*), the word *Avan* seems to have been employed not only in the sense of physical "water" or river or sea but also in the general sense of liquids of all kinds. It refers to spiritual waters or cosmic forces circulating in the Universe, as also to physical waters as well as to the different secretions within the body of man, including "hormones." Water is highly essential in the formation of a living tissue. The formation of a foetus is through this sacred life element. The life element or, even the sap of a tree is "water." Hence, Life is possible only because of "water" in its varied forms.

The question arises whether or not *Avan Yazad nu Parabh* was celebrated in Iran, in ancient times or is it fabricated by the Parsees in India? I refer to J.J. Modi's book, *The Religious Ceremonies and Customs of the Parsees*, pg. 436. He quotes Macudi, a historian of ancient Iran, mentioning the following five Jashans that were celebrated by Zarthushtis in ancient Iran: *Naoroz, Mehergan, Abangan, Kaoosaj* and *Azerkhoosh*.

Just as *Mehergan* is celebrated on *Meher mah* and *Meher roz*, *Abangan* must have been celebrated in ancient Iran on *Avan mah* and *Avan roz*. "Azer" is Adar and so "Azerkhoosh" or *Atash-nu Parabh* must also have been celebrated on *Adar mah* and *Adar roz* since very ancient times.

Wishing you all *Avan Yazad-nu Parabh* Mubarak and offering my homage to *Avan Ardivisur Banu*

[An Appeal for the Banaji Limji Agiyari](#)

Editorial Comment: (The board received the following appeal via FEZANA informing us of an appeal for the renovation of this agiyari. We are printing the appeal below in its entirety. Members wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution (FEZANA is registered in Illinois with tax exemption ID #36-352343) may write a check payable to "FEZANA" and mail to Ms. Ketayun Kapadia, Treasurer, FEZANA, 33-Preamble Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054. Please be sure to note on the check

footnote: "for Banaji Limji Agiary fund". Please note that the mobile contact numbers for the agiary's trustees listed below are numbers in India.)

From: "banaji&associates"

Date: 28 Mar 2009 06:54:43 -0000

To: rita_mody@rediffmail.com

Subject: Banaji Limji Agiary – Appeal March 14, 2009.

Dear Madam,

The Banaji Limji Agiary, which was constructed in the year 1709 is today the oldest Agiary in Mumbai. The agiary will be completing 300 years on Mah Adar Roj Adar, i.e. 24th April 2009. The repairs and renovation of this heritage structure has commenced and the cost for the same works out to a fairly large sum. Unfortunately like other Agiarys which have baugs/halls and from which they earn substantially, we have no such earnings.

As the holy fire sees its first dawn of its 301st year, the trustees earnestly appeal to all the members of the community to come forward and help this noble cause with generous donations, which will go a long way to preserve the community's oldest place of worship in Mumbai today.

If the donor wishes to pay by cheque, the same may be drawn in the name of "Banaji Limji Agiary Trust ", made cross and order and hand it over to the Panthaky at the Agiary or send it to the office of Banaji & Associates, Dilnavaz Apts., Lallubhai Park Road, Andheri (W), Mumbai - 400 058. Cash payment can also be deposited in the collection box kept for the purpose in the Agiary.

For any further enquiry please contact : Mr. Jamshed Banaji (Mob. No. 98200 62495), Mr. Adi Banaji (Mob. No. 98205 50729) Ms. Huzan Banaji (Mob. No. 98213 13509)

Yours gratefully,

Trustees of Banaji Limji Agiary Trust Funds

Dady K. Banaji, Adi B. Banajee, Jamshed D. Banaji

Dasturji Meherji Kaekobad Meherjirana, Hoshang N. Wania.

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New Members: We welcome the following new ZAF members:



The Newly weds Firdaus & Azita Dotiwala.



Little Hvovi Irani with BIG sister Meher!

- **Azita and Firdaus Dotiwala:** Azita and Firdaus also reside in Boca Raton. They have recently moved to South Florida, Azita from Orlando, FL since she was 9 and originally from Iran and Firdaus from NYC and originally from Neemuch & Bombay, India. Azita is an Asst. VP of Facilities at FAU and Firdaus is an accountant. They were married on September 20, 2008 in Orlando, FL. The ceremony was performed by our own Ervad Soli Dastur.
- **Prochi and Manish Sheth:** Prochi and Manish, of Boca Raton, have rejoined ZAF. Prochi is a CPA and Manish is an IT consultant.

Birth:

- **Irani** – October 02, 2008 in Tampa, FL – Hvovi Rustam Irani to Jennifer, Rustam and Big Sister Meher Irani of Tampa, FL. Granddaughter to Homai and Pours Khajautia of Tampa, FL and Arnavaz and Gustad Irani of Boca Raton, FL. Congratulations and best wishes to the proud parents and grandparents and family. (See photo above)

Navjote:

- **Cama** – May 03, 2009, in Miami, FL – Meher and Shiroiy Cama are having their daughters Shimera and Kyra's navjote on Sunday, the 3rd of May. Congratulations in advance to the young Zoroastrians and best wishes. !!

Ghambaar:

We are pleased to announce that Khushnam and Furrokh Irani have generously offered to sponsor and host a ghambaar for the community at their residence on Sunday, the 22nd of November, 2009. Looking forward to seeing you there !!

New Arrival in Town:

Thanks to Lyla Todywala for sending us information about Astad Kamdin. His phone # is 786-356-2862, and address is 10825 sw 88th Street, Apt. 138, Miami, FL 33176. Astad is a student in flight / pilot training program.

Passing Away:

It is with deep sense of sadness and sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of one of our dear members of the ZAF community, Mr. Dick Vazir, on Monday night (April 13) at about 8:55 pm in Hollywood, FL hospital. May his soul rest in peace and Ahura Mazda bless his beloved wife Sheroo, daughter and son-in-law Franah & Gerry Marino and granddaughter Sara.

The Paaydust (funeral service) was held at the Kraeer Funeral Home in Pompano Beach, FL, on Wednesday April 15, at 4 pm. The gathering was attended by a large number of persons from the ZAF community. Our own Ervads Soli P. Dastur and Zubin Panthaki performed the Geh Saarnaa Ceremony.



Calendar of Events

- May 10th: **Z-Club Class** (time & place TBD)
- May 23-24, **FEZANA 22nd AGM**, Orlando, FL (Dr. Burjis Shroff to represent ZAF)
- June 7th: **Z-Club Class** (time & place TBD)
- July 1-5, 2009, 12th North American **Zoroastrian Youth Conference** (NAZYC), Fremont, CA (details inside)
- August 22 – 23 weekend, Orlando and ZATAMBAY **Pateti** functions
- August 29, 2009 (Saturday), ZAF **Pateti** function
- November 22 (Sunday): **Ghambaar**: Sponsored by Furrokh & Khushnam Irani; at their home
- December 28-31, **9th World Zoroastrian Congress**, Dubai, UAE (hosted by Dubai Zarathushti community)

<p>President Jahanbux Daruwala V.P. Burjis Shroff Secretary Kersi Munshi Treasurer Zersis Minocher Member- at-Large Soli Dastur Nina Deboo Arnavaz Irani Jimmy Major Dustyn Shroff</p>

Kersi Munshi, Secretary
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