

# APRIL 2015

## KZBM PROGRAMME

### Junior Chefs

on Saturday, April 11, 2015



3 Junior Chefs, who are school-going children, will demonstrate their culinary skills and serve up some delicious pallet teasers. Come and encourage these young kids as they share their love for cooking at their age:

- Zermesh Behram Irani
- Nasha Makujina
- Safna Mama

Venue: KZBM Hall

Time: 4 pm

Ticket per person: Rs 250

Last Date: April 7, 2015 till 1p.m.

Tickets available from:

Phiruzza Birdie - Zareen Patel - Parveen Banaji - Furengeez Tampal - Roshan Vannia.

## Z-CLIPS

### ACCA High Achiever



**Farah Dhunjishaw Ferozpurwalla** is now an ACCA Affiliate. She secured the 1<sup>st</sup> position in Pakistan and the 6<sup>th</sup> position in the world in her finals paper P5: Advance Performance Management. KZBM congratulates Farah and wishes her equal success in her professional life.

## Rashna Gazder & Her Piano Pupils Did Light Our World!



*Rashna and her pupils who gave Karachi-ites an evening to cherish*

*"If music be the food of love, play on," said William Shakespeare in Twelfth Night.*

*Lot of love was palpable on the evening of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015 when Rashna Gazder did a fundraiser for the LRBT Eye Hospital. It was an evening enjoyed by an adoring audience largely comprising family and friends of the participants, the sponsors HBL and the LRBT officers, blending love and music.*

*Rashna and her 23 students worked over months to perfection, and were introduced to the audience in an equally charming manner by the Compere Pouruchisty Sidhwa.*

*Her own son, Darayus Gazder gave a new dimension to the concert by complementing the music with befitting video displays, which enriched the enjoyment.*

*For the interest of our readers, we add that from childhood Rashna performed with the Bombay Philharmonic Orchestra through the Orff Schulwerk Music Classes. She also was a soloist in seven Musical Evenings at The Queen Mary School, leading her school assemblies on the piano. Rashna brought a breath of fresh air in the music-starved culture of our city on her marriage here 25 years ago, since then being a private piano and French teacher: her joy of music as infused in her pupils was apparent in their performance that evening.*

*The evening is eloquently written about by Anil Datta in The News of March 2, 2015. Excerpt from it is given below:*

*It was highly innovative; innovative in that the music spanned all varieties, from classical to light to theme songs from films. All numbers were accompanied by highly profound visuals that made the music, especially the vocal variety, come home in the most poignant of manner.*

*Rashna Gazder and her pupils get tons of credit for the show, especially Rashna herself, who gave the show such an inventive form that listeners enjoyed the numbers all the more.*

The woman is a storehouse of talent, which was amply proved by her performance of pieces by Mozart, Beethoven, and Vivaldi. Visuals depicting landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower and photographs of Germany and Russia added immense profundity to the pieces.

These were classics with a modern twist with Rashna at the piano and Terrence Joseph at the keyboard. Her rendition started off with Beethoven's Fur Elise, rendered in the most masterly of fashion with deft finger work. This was followed by Vivaldi's The Four Seasons, which again was followed by the choral portion of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

Rashna's performance was simply superb. In fact, it would be impossible to carry out a rating of the artistes in the 26-item programme as all of them were plainly splendid. For many of us who were teenagers in the 1960s, it was like being catapulted back in time with brothers Ibrahim and Abdullah Khan playing Chopsticks, a very popular melody, on the piano.

Another hit from the 1970s was, "Raindrops keep falling on my head", the theme song of the early 1970s movie "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid", played on the piano by the young and vivacious Mariam Merchant.

There was Shereen Marker with her Alloutte, a trademark tune of France. It, indeed, was a masterly rendition.

The most striking performance, however, was Ruxshin Cyrus Dinshaw's Mozart variations. It was the kind of music that makes one's soul waft over celestial meadows. There was another piano prodigy, Fareezeh Sidhwa, with Johann Strauss's immortalised composition, Blue Danube. Fareezeh successfully preserved the highly vibrant tempo of the tune.

There was the really glamorous Sara Haider, a real nightingale, a treasure house of vocal talent who performed three pieces, the first one being Love Ballads with Rashna and Terence. She also sang Skyfall from the latest James Bond movie of the same name, accompanied on the piano by Russel Martins, a lad from St Patrick's High School. Sara excels in singing in descant. Especially nostalgic was her rendition of a 1960s hit by the late Elvis Presley, "For I can't help falling in love with you."

Most touching was the vocal rendition, "My heart will go on", by a visually impaired student of the Karachi University's social work department. It indeed was a very touching juncture when, before the commencement of her number, she exhorted the audiences to thank God for the gift of sight. Her song was equally profound, something that makes tears well in the eyes of so many. Her voice was deep and conveyed the pangs of the physical handicap. **Unfortunately, the space constraint does not permit one to write about the performers of all 26 items but suffice it to say that they were all quite brilliant on the night.**

How one wished that Rashna could arrange more such performances in a city, as indeed it was a breath of fresh air.

Complete article at <http://www.pakistannews.net/index.php/sid/230694399>

### **Rashna's thank you for the overwhelming support she received**

A FUNDRAISER FOR LRBT, HARMONY IN HELPING HANDS held on March 1st 2015 by my pupils, guest performers and me was a resounding success.

My warmest thanks go out to HBL and the Avari family for all their kindness towards this noble cause.

"Parsi thy name is Charity"...I thank all of you for your kind and generous contribution to LRBT.

A Very Warm Thank you to Niloufer Adil Mavalvala for raising funds in North America and continuing the great work of her late father Dr. Jamshed Wania.

My sincere gratitude to Mr. Roy Minwalla who also worked tirelessly towards this worthy cause raising funds through his circle of friends and business contacts.

No man, woman or child should go blind just because he or she cannot afford the treatment. Thank you all for keeping the candles of LRBT burning bright.

Best Wishes Always

Rashna Gazder

## OUR FRIENDS

### BBQ Buffet Dinner with Music



#### On Sat April 4, 2015

at the Cyrus Minwalla Colony Hall on Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 8:00pm onwards. The first soft drink will be free. Beer will be on payment!

Ticket per person: Rs 600

Last Date: April 2, 2015

Tickets available from:

Adil Patel: Fiona Patel: Syra Vatcha: Pauruchisty Mody:

### Feroze And Shernaz Bhandara Charitable Trust

A Trust by the name of "Feroze & Shernaz Bhandara Charitable Trust" has been created by Feroze and Shernaz Bhandara on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The Trust is registered in Pakistan and will operate from Karachi.

The Trust aims at providing, after due scrutiny, monetary assistance to deserving Zoroastrians in the fields of education, medical and general welfare, subject to the availability of funds and at the sole discretion of the Trustees.

Forms for application will be provided by the Trust on request by e-mail. The email address of the Trust is [fsbctrust@gmail.com](mailto:fsbctrust@gmail.com)

Alternately, applications may be mailed to:

Feroze and Shernaz Bhandara Charitable Trust  
66-B, South Circular Avenue  
D. H. A., Phase-II  
Karachi-75500.

### RESULT of Dr Pithawala English Poetry & Prose Competition held on Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 11am at the Banu Mandal Hall.

There were 16 participants and the prize winners are as under:

(Montessori and Class 1)- 1<sup>st</sup>: Shane Farzain Messman; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shahan Behram Irani; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Farnaz Najmi

(Classes 2, 3 and 4) 1<sup>st</sup>: Nadya Dadabhoy Mama; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Zara Kaizad Mavalvala; 3<sup>rd</sup>: (Tie) Framroze Purveyor & Fardeen Felfelli

(Classes 5, 6, and 7) 1<sup>st</sup>: Zermesh Behram Irani; 2<sup>nd</sup>: (Tie) Azman Makujina & Farzad Najmi; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Hufriya Mondegarian; Special prize: Usphan Namirianian, Farzana Kolah & Safna Mama

(Classes 8, 9 and 10) 1<sup>st</sup>: Nasha Makujina; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nariman Irani

The shield was won by Zermesh Behram Irani

## **Mushkil Asaan Prayers**

**Friday, April 3, 2014**

### **Jamshed Baugh Club House**

The JB Club Committee is thankful to the community members for their presence at the Mushkil Asaan prayers and invites all Zarhostis to attend.

## **MILESTONES**

### **Navjote**

Auzita and Zarita daughters of Sharmeen & Sohrab Giara on **20<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Lagan**

Phirooze Rustom Dastur and Dinshaw Behon Aga on **8<sup>th</sup> March**

Gulbanu Jehangir Billimoria and Arzan Mistry on **17<sup>th</sup> March in Mumbai**

Fiona Rohinton Kapadia and Cyrus Dinyar Chenoy on **21<sup>st</sup> March**

Narius Jehangir Shekdar and Binaisha Zarir Todiwalla on **21<sup>st</sup> March in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.**

Veronica Pervaez Virji and Kairaz Sohrab Banaji on **28<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Maran**

**Frainy Kaekhosrou Captain**, m/o Farrokh Captain and Spenta Kandawalla, mother in law of Darius B Kandawalla on **28<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Silloo Mistry**, W/O Late Jal Mistry, D/O Late Dossamai & Sorabji Subedar, S/O Roshni and Late Noshir Subedar Expired in London on **5<sup>th</sup> March**

**Faredoon Rustom Irani**, H/o Aban F. Irani, F/o Fariboze F. Irani and Farahnaz A. Marker on **6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thrity Kooka**, w/o Ramie Kooka, s/o Katy Jinna Bhada, Shernaz Noshir Mody, (late) Hootoxi Sunny Khursigara and (late) Khorshed Jamshed Divecha on **19<sup>th</sup> March**

**Khorshed Daruwalla**, w/o Bomi Daruwalla, mother of Meher Dinyar Hodiwalla and Kairasp Daruwalla, sister of Narges P Bharucha on **20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Khorshed Maneck Mobed**, m/o Villie, Nergis and Danny, mother in-law of Meher Mobed on **20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Naju Nadirshaw Vasuwalla**, Fui of Adi & Feroze Cawasji & Shernaz Bhandara on **27<sup>th</sup> March**

## **POSTING**

### **Household Items & Furniture on Sale**

Contact: Jesmin Chowna or Kaizer Irani (after 3 pm)





## WHAT'S MORE

### Food for Thought

#### Money is Yours but Resources Belong to Society

*(A Ratan Tata Tweet)*

Germany is a highly industrialized country. In such a country, many will think its people lead a luxurious life.

When we arrived at Hamburg, my colleagues and I walked into a restaurant and noticed that a lot of tables were empty. There was a table where a young couple was having their meal. There were only two dishes and two cans of beer on the table. I wondered if such simple meal could be romantic, and whether the girl will leave this stingy guy.

There were a few old ladies on another table. When a dish was served, the waiter would distribute the food for them, and they would finish every bit of the food on their plates.

As we were hungry, our local colleague ordered more food for us. When we left, there was still about one third of un-consumed food on the table.

When we were leaving the restaurant, the old ladies spoke to us in English, we understood that they were unhappy about us wasting so much food.

"We paid for our food, it is none of your business how much food we left behind," my colleague told the old ladies. The old ladies were furious. One of them immediately took her hand phone out and made a call to someone. After a while, a man in uniform from Social Security organisation arrived. Upon knowing what the dispute was, he issued us a 50 Euro fine. We all kept quiet.

The officer told us in a stern voice, "ORDER WHAT YOU CAN CONSUME, MONEY IS YOURS BUT RESOURCES BELONG TO THE SOCIETY. THERE ARE MANY OTHERS IN THE WORLD WHO ARE FACING SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES. YOU HAVE NO REASON TO WASTE RESOURCES."

The mindset of people of this rich country put all of us to shame. WE REALLY NEED TO REFLECT ON THIS. We are from country which is not very rich in resources. To save face, we order large quantity and also waste food when we give others a treat.

*(Courtesy Maharukh Bhiladwala)*

## OUR FAITH



### A Small Zoroastrian Village in Iran By Mira Pawar

During my recent visit to Iran I had the opportunity to visit an astounding Zoroastrian village called Abyaneh in the central district of Natanz county, Isphan province. Zoroastrians in Iran have had a long history and is the

oldest religious community of Iran that has survive to the present-day. This village is known for its traditional feasts and ceremonies. The history of this place dates back to the Sassanid dynasty which ruled Persia for 400 years until the Arab invasion in 651 AD. **The village has scant population of 306.**

Read more at: <http://www.thehansindia.com/posts/index/2015-03-15/A-walk-to-remember-137483>

*(Courtesy: Shahrukh Mehta, USA)*

**AND...**



**Gracious acceptance is an art**—an art which many do not bother to cultivate. We think that we have to learn how to give, but we forget about accepting things, which can be much harder than giving... Accepting another person's gift is allowing him to express his feelings for you.

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