

**January 2018**

**Wishing all you dear readers  
a very**



## **KZBM PROGRAMME**

**Cards, Bridge & Mahjong Evening with Kharya  
on Saturday, 10th February 2018**

Watch out for details in the next issue.

## **Z-CLIPS**

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**Nerges Kakalia Recognised Among  
“Leading Women Lawyers” in New York**



Most of you must have read the post on Parsi Khabar informing us that:

**“Mintz Levin is pleased to announce that Narges M Kaklia has been named to the inaugural “Leading Women Lawyers in New York City” list by *Crain’s New York Business*. The women recognized are those “who juggle both distinguished careers with exceptional civic and philanthropic activities.”**

Nerges is the daughter of our Karachiites late Arnawaz and Maneck Kakalia and an alumna of Mama School.

One more Nerges to be proud of: the other being Dr Nergis Mavalvala, the astrophysicist and Professor at MIT who solved the centuries old mystery about gravitational waves. See What’s On of March 2016.

Read more at:

<https://www.mintz.com/news-events/news/articletype/articleview/articleid/4284/mintz-levins-narges-kakalia-recognized-among-leading-women-lawyers-in-new-york-city>

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### Thank You for Service to the Community and at large

Maan Pattar\* was a reevaj\*\* of the Karachi Zoroastrians but mostly on the demise of a valued member of the community. Social norms change and since couple of decades, it is felt that honouring a person in his lifetime is more meaningful: It is celebratory for sure!

In keeping with this, the KPI’s President Shahveer JHP Byramji honoured the following eight persons in February 2011:

Mr Ardeshir R Cowasjee	Mrs Perin J Dinshaw
Mr Russie M Dinshaw	Dr Kershaw B Khambatta
Ervad Godrej D Sidhwa	Mobed Jehangir N Sidhwa
Mrs Hilla E Umrigar	Mr Naval M Vakharia

**On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017, KPI with their friends - KZBM, PPCA and YMZA - honoured seven persons. Kermin S Parakh, President of KZBM profiled the Chief Guest to the audience, and the tributes to the honourees were presented by:**

To Dr Hoshang Anklesaria: tribute by Natasha Z Mavalvala

Mr Byram D Avari: by Pouruchisty F Sidhwa

Mr Feroze Bhandara: by Rustom J Boga

Mrs Toxy C Cowasjee: by Roshan B Mehri

Mrs Franey N Irani: by Sunnu F Golwalla

Mrs Roshan R Khursigara: by Dilshad P Bharucha

and Mr Jehanbux R Mehta: by Sunnu F Golwalla

The Master of Ceremony for the evening was Shahrazad H Irani.

After the tributes, KPI President Shahveer presented a silver memento to the Chief Guest Major General Muhammad Saeed, Director General Pakistan Rangers (Sindh). The Chief Guest was invited through the courtesy of Immediate Past Honorary Secretary of KPI, Maju S Mavalvala.

Major General Saeed spoke at length to appreciate the contribution of Parsis to the city of Karachi and how the other cities of Pakistan could feel the lack as few Zoroastrians lived there. He came with his wife and family as he wanted them to meet Zoroastrians and know about them.

At the conclusion, Parsi Anjuman Chairman Byram D Avari gave a vote of thanks. Everyone then rose to sing our very own 'Chaiye Hamey Zarhosti' and the Pakistan National Anthem.

Appreciation also needs to be recorded for KPI's current Honorary Secretary Zarir Doctor and his team for the splendid arrangements made for over 550 Zoroastrians that evening.

Our photographer was a bit late and did not capture first two honourees receiving their plaques, but they are shown below with the Chief Guest.

*\*maan pattar (maan: honour and pattar: scroll)*

*\*\*reevaj (custom)*

*Top row from left: Byram Avari, the Chief Guest and Dr Hoshang Anklesaria. Adi Cawasji (receiving the plaque for Feroze Bhandara) and, Ronny Byramji (receiving the plaque for Jehanbux Mehta)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> row from left: Toxy Cowasjee, Franey Irani and Roshan Khursigara*

*3<sup>rd</sup> row from left: Shahveer presenting a silver memento to the Chief Guest. Maju and his family with the Chief Guest and his family*





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#### Ronnie Dubash wins Pakistan ITF Seniors

The unassuming Ronnie Dubash is Group Director - Production at the Jang/Geo Group of Companies, KPI's billiards secretary and a willing community photographer.

He enjoys the game of tennis but came to it late in life in 1980s, when he ruptured his knee ligament playing volleyball at Cyrus Colony. His original sports were swimming, squash and badminton in which he represented Karachi University for many years. He then took to playing tennis doubles at the Karachi Gymkhana and has won quite a few trophies.

When in Muscat in early 2000s he played in a few Muscat Open before a wider audience bagging major trophies in the Seniors categories.

At the Gymkhana he plays tennis for fun, exercise and relaxation, but for those aspiring to play a serious game he says that fitness would be top requirement, followed by professional coaching - which regrettably is not available in Pakistan – and, of course dedication and practice.

On the day of 'Thank You' event at KPI, Ronnie agreed to do the pictures, in spite of a tennis finals that evening at which he won two trophies. Hence, he came late for the photos.

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#### Ervad Mehernosh Minoo Bhadha Receives Highest Achiever Awards



Mehernosh, son of Shernaz and Minoo Bhadha, is a postgraduate student of Masters of Law (LLM) at the City, University of London (formerly Inns of Court School of Law).

He has been awarded The City Law School – Highest Achiever Awards in the areas of International Trade Law and International Anti-trust Law at a grand prize distribution ceremony in London on November 22, 2017 and will graduate for his LLM (Master of Laws) in January 2018.

Prior to the LLM, Mehernosh completed his Bachelors in Business Management and MBA from Karachi. Later, with his deep interest in Law, he pursued the LLB (Bachelor of Laws) degree

from the University of London.

While in Karachi he started his professional legal career, managing In-House Global Litigation at an Oil and Gas multinational company. He also served as Permanent Faculty - Department of Law at a University providing the LLB, University of London (International Programmes), lecturing in Corporate and Public Law Modules.

KZBM congratulates Mehernosh and wishes him a bright career ahead: like Nerges Kakalia in our 1<sup>st</sup> story above!

## OUR FRIENDS

### Dastur Dhalla Library

The Dastur Dr Dhalla Library - now managed by the Karachi Parsi Anjuman Trust Fund and the YMZA - are re-organising the Library and after doing a review has decided that the books which will not be retained at the Library, will be offered for sale to the Zoroastrian Community at very nominal price.

For sale of the books, the Library near the Sezdegar Hall (Doongerwadi) will be open from February 3, 2018 for two weeks from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

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## MILESTONES

### Navjote

[Darjan and Nadia](#), children of Serena & Kaiwan Bharucha, grand children of Farida & Cyrus Vania (Karachi) and Roshan & late Khursheed Bharucha (Quetta) on **23 December**

**Dea**, daughter of Nargese & Tiraz Umrigar, grand-daughter of Armaity & late Maneck Dastur and Rashna & Kersi Umrigar on **24 December**

**Maya and Aanya**, daughters of Farah & Nikhil Shah, grand-daughters of Meherangiz & Shahveer JHP Byramji on **29 December**

**Shanze**, daughter of Farishte & Jamsheed Ghaswalla, grand-daughter of late Paricher & Fram Appoo and Pervin & Hormuzd Ghaswalla on **30 December**

## **Maran**

**Wife of ex-Karachiite:** Anna Limbuwala, wife of (late) Rustam (Rusty) Byramji Limbuwala, beloved mother of Candy and Maneck Limbuwala on **19 November in England**

**Rustom Dinshaw Kabraji**, husband of Meher, brother of late Nadershaw and Yezdi on **3 December**

**Byram Cowas Mehta**, father of Mahiyar and Armeen Darius Karanjia on **11 December**

**Asfandiyar Rustom Irani (Quetta)**, s/o Late Rustom and Avabai Irani, father of Cyrus Irani (Quetta) on **12 December**

**Ex-Karachiite: Bakhtawar Daruwalla**, mother of Zareer and Niloufer; aunt of Khorshed Bharucha, Sabrina Billimoria and Darius and Freddy Daruwalla on **12 December in Canada**

**Maharukh Nariman Bhiladwala**, mother of Rayomand and Hufrish Shroff on **14 December**

**Ex-Karachiite: Shawak Hira**, husband of (late) Roshan Hira, father of Farokh & Jamshed, father-in-law of Maharukh & Dinaz, grandfather of Cyrus, Tashan & Neville, brother-in-law of Mani & Jalu Divecha on **15 December in Canada at the age of 100**

**Ex-Karachiite: Soonoo Kanga**, wife of (Late) Ervad Fali Kanga, mother of Deelnavaz Tarapore, mother in-law of Daraius Tarapore and grandmother of Kayan, Eric and Neville on **16 December in USA**

**Kamal Hansotia**, wife of Noshir Hansotia, mother of Fiona and Hoshang Sukhia on **20 December**

## **POSTINGS**

### **Gor Papri**

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### **Vasanu**

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**Diva kakras (floaters), parsi makhmal topis in all colours, and Eco Spark electronic gas lighter** available in limited stock from Rointon Shroff, Anjuman Bagh. Mobile: 0300-2369385.

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## WHAT'S MORE

### GOOD LIFE

#### Yalda Night



One of our beautiful Persian traditions is the celebration of Yalda.

Yalda Night means "Night of Forty" the longest night of the year in the northern hemisphere. Persians celebrate this night, between sundown on the last day of autumn until sunrise of first day of winter (30 Azar to 1st day of Persian calendar). People in Persia have celebrated Yalda for more than a thousand years.

On this special night, family members come together and in the tradition of Yalda eat nuts, melon, pomegranate, cookies and fruits. They turn on candle lights, read poetry - specially from "Hafez" -, tell stories, to pass this longest night of year together with fun.

Each item is symbolic: red colour of melon and pomegranate signify the crimson hues of dawn and glow of life. Fruits, nuts and cookies mean bliss, health, welfare and profusion. There are other traditions of native people of Persia too, but about them at another time!

### OUR FAITH

**A HUNDRED YEARS AGO** DECEMBER 11, 1917.

#### Parsi Day Celebration in Bombay.

Tuesday [December 11] is the 1202nd anniversary of the first arrival of Parsis in India with a view to settlement in this land according to tradition current in that community. The celebration of this anniversary had long fallen into disuse, but last year there was a public celebration at Sanjan Port where Parsis are supposed to have originally landed in 715 A.D. Much enthusiasm was created and several thousand Parsis attended the ceremony so that Jashan Committee which organised the celebration resolved to mark the occasion in a similar manner in future years. Accordingly this year too there will be a commemoration ceremony at Sanjan in honour of the first Parsis who came to settle in India.

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**For noting in your diary:**

Day/Date	Time	Venue	Event and its details
Sat 10 Feb	3pm onward	KZBM	Cards, Bridge & Mahjong Evening with Kharya