

March 2017

KZBM's Navroze Sale

Sun 5 March at 5pm



Persons interested in placing stalls may book these with Alla Rustomji latest by 28th February 9:00 pm.

We invite the youth of our community to also have stalls to share their talent and skills.

Do bring along your children to enjoy the bouncing castle and popcorns, free of charge.

And as always, there will be stalls of KZBM with outfits for ladies, children's clothes, sadras, towels, sheets and household items.

KZBM PROGRAMME

KZBM's Scavathon – Scavenger Hunt on Foot

On Saturday, 4 March 2017



Come join us for an exciting evening of a Scavenger Hunt as you walk along Cyrus and Avari Colony solving clues and collecting items followed by dinner.

You may form Teams to play the game comprising of six (6) members. Players might need to take photographs of listed items or be challenged to complete a list of tasks in the most creative manner! Please wear comfortable footwear and bring torches. Team leaders please give your team members' names to Katherina Irani by 15 February.

Join us in large number and make it a fun evening!!

Venue: Cyrus Colony Hall

Time: Scavathon to begin at 7:30 pm onwards

Ticket per person: Rs 650

Last Date: Tuesday, 28 February 2017 till 1pm

Tickets available from:

Phiruzza Birdie - 35895057

Zareen Patel - 0321 2628167

Parveen Banaji - 32710015

Furengeez Tampil - 0300 2300320

Roshan Vannia - 32250127

Z-CLIPS

Noshirwan Kotwal – a Fine Rower (1 of 3)



Noshirwan is on the left

Noshirwan Kotwal son of Khursheed and Jamshed is on the Karachi Grammar School Rowing Team. Although he is just 16.5 years old he won a Silver Medal in the Scull Event Under 20-years. This race is about individual performance, technique, and strength and Noshirwan beat some of the finest rowers participating from schools across Karachi.

In addition, he has won two Bronze medals in Team Events of Pair, and Eights in Under 20-years events. Noshirwan has been rowing for the past four years and has won several gold, silver, and bronze medals each year.

Enjoy, and bring more accolades in future too, Noshirwan!

Freya Daroga – an Outstanding Youth (2 of 3)



Freya, is the daughter of Lyla & Raymie Daroga (sister of Zal) and, grand-daughter of (late) Dinaz & (late) Minoos Bamjee and Nargis & Kersi Daroga. She recently received the 'Cyrus Rohinton Desai Award' as an Outstanding Youth, along with another 18-year old: Rayhan Nariman also of Houston, Texas. Many of you readers would know Freya's family and will be pleased to read about her stellar achievements and the unassuming manner in which writes about them.

Whatz On: Freya, were you born in the US? If not, at what age did you leave Karachi.

Yes, I was born in the U.S. in Houston, Texas.

WO: Do you remember any friends from Karachi? (if applicable)

Although not born in Karachi, my family and I often visit, and I have developed some friendships with the kids in Karachi.

WO: You are known for academic excellence. What inspired you to achieve it and what were the tough aspects?

I am driven by the forces of my failures and my mistakes. Of course, my family is also always around to constantly be the inspiration that I need. In addition, the Zoroastrian community truly has served as an inspiration to me from a young

age. I look up to all those who surround me in our community. The toughest aspect that I have found is the pressure that I place on myself in all areas of my life.

WO: Can you also tell our readers about your work as a member of Peer Assistance and Leadership program in your school?

Being a member of the Peer Assistance and Leadership Program in school was one of my most memorable experiences which allowed me to grow personally and emotionally. Every week I would meet up one-on-one with elementary school kids who were in need of extra help, and I would provide support for them while also serving as a mentor. Additionally, every week I would attend a session with kids with disabilities, and I would play with them, teach them, and become a familiar face that they could feel comfortable with. This taught me so much about working with other people and allowed me to help kids on a weekly basis.

WO: You are equally active in community service. Tell us how you made a start at the Zoroastrian Association of Houston, and what you enjoyed organizing the most. (Maybe share an anecdote?)

From the time that I was a little girl I have been going to the Zoroastrian Association of Houston (ZAH) for Sunday School, prayers, and other functions. I was also a very active participant in many of the events that took place, and was in many of the fundraising shows that were presented. Once I joined the Youth (High School) Sunday School group I knew that I wanted to be more of a voice and make more of an impact on our community. Therefore, I ran for an officer position and served as the Secretary and followed the next year by serving as the President of the ZAH Youth Group. It gave me a sense of pride and joy to organize events for the ZAH and play an integral role in the community. Specifically this past year, in July of 2016, I spearheaded a Youth Group fundraiser in which we were able to raise over \$8,600 for the ZAH Center. My favourite part about organizing these events was the collaboration among all people of all ages within the community to create an outstanding final product.

WO: You are one of the two recipients of “Cyrus Rohinton Award” for Outstanding Youth. Can you tell us about the Award itself and its selection process?

Congress2000legacy is a scholarship program set up by the Zoroastrian Association of Houston for its graduates and has been in existence since 2006. The “Cyrus Rohinton Desai Award” is awarded to incoming college undergraduate freshman students who have displayed excellent academic performance, have been involved in extracurricular activities, and have been actively involved in community affairs. This award is supported by the Desai family in honor of Cyrus Desai who had a battle with cancer. The application is submitted to a committee of scholarly judges from around North America, and they decide the recipients.

I feel grateful to have been awarded such a prestigious scholarship and am very proud to carry the outstanding reputation that this award entails. I am so blessed to have such a supportive community around me, and there is no way to thank the community for everything over all these years.

WO: That brings us to your extra-curricular activities. Please tell our readers about them too.

I have always been very active in extra-curricular activities. From a very young age, one of my biggest passions has been dance. I participated in studio dance and was also on my high school varsity dance team. Another passion of mine has stemmed from watching my dad as a little girl, and that is playing the drums.

In addition, I was involved with the DECA program which is a business organization, Youth Expanding Services (YES) which involves volunteering services around the community, and National Honor Society while in high school.

Now that I am attending university, I have joined the Finance Association to enhance my professional skills and avail opportunities. I was selected out of a group of fellow students to serve as the leader for an organization called Emerging Leaders Academic Success Program. Recently I joined as a pledge of the professional business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi, which will help provide me with a close-knit group of friends, professionals, and networking benefits. I am new to this organization, but am looking forward to what it has to bring.

WO: Which college are you attending and what will you be studying.

I am now attending the University of Houston and am a student of the C.T. Bauer College of Business. I am currently hoping to pursue a degree in Finance Business Administration. So far I am enjoying my college experience and have been placed on the Dean's List for outstanding academics in the Fall semester of 2016.

WO: Your fine all round achievements and good demeanor, makes us look forward to reading about you in future as well, and wish you a world of happiness and good luck!

Thank you so much for all your kind words. I was very touched that you reached out to me with this opportunity!

Zara Eruch Malbari

Best Player in Throwball Championship (3 of 3)



Zara Eruch Malbari, of Habib Girls' College, won the Best Player Award in the All Pakistan School and College Girls Throwball Championship at the Lahore College for Women University, on 7-9 March 2017, whereas her team won the gold medal. Keep playing and winning!

OUR FRIENDS

RESULT OF

YMZA/Dastur Dr Dhalla Institute's "Dr Pithawala English Poetry & Prose Competition"

held on Sunday, February 12, 2017

There were 12 participants and the prize winners are as under:

(Montessori and Class 1)- 1st: Shahrzad Spitaman Cooper; 2nd: Sharmin Hoshang Sukhia; 3rd: Farhad Mehernosh Dumasia

(Classes 2, 3 and 4) 1st: Siyavash Cyrus Kapadia; 2nd: Teah Hormazd Mana 3rd: Farnaz Ardeshir Najmi

(Classes 5, 6, and 7) 1st: Hufriya Farrokh Mondegarian; 2nd: Farzad Ardeshir Najmi; 3rd: Usphan Farsheed Namiranian;

Special prize: Framroze Ardeshir Purveyor, Nadya Dadabhoy Mama and Fardeen Farsheed Felfeli

The shield was won by Hufriya Farrokh Mondegarian

The YMZA/Dastur Dr Dhalla Institute

Athornan Mandal's Macca Darab Sachinwala

Gujrati Elocution Competition

on: Sunday, March 19, 2017

at: 11.30 am

at: Banu Mandal Hall

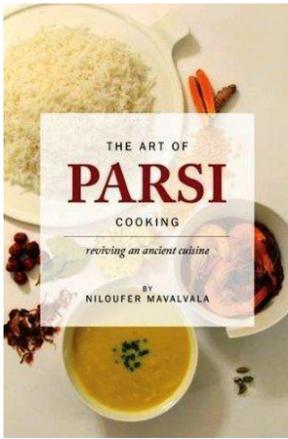
This Gujrati Elocution is open for all school & college-going Zarthostis in the following age categories on ANY topic of interest -

- **Montessori & Class 1**
- **Classes 2, 3 & 4**
- **Classes 5, 6 & 7**
- **Classes 8, 9 & 10**
- **Classes 11, 12, 13 ("O" & "A" Levels)**

(Depending on age groups these may be either further sub-divided or combined together)

Conditions:

- * UPTO **3 minutes** per speaker (to be strictly enforced for ALL age categories)



This is not a sales promotion for the book, but a personal experience I wish to share:

I bought Niloufer Mavalvala's 'The Art of Parsi Cooking' only out of curiosity, and was in fact crestfallen to find that it largely had every day recipes, which I thought we all know anyway.

However, being a pretty-looking book I browsed it and what caught my eye was 'Jjinga na Curry Chawal'. I read it and thought of trying it as my curry-chawal is deplorable. The outcome was wonderful. I ventured further with 'Machi no Palau' and it was an absolute hit. My meat-loving husband also relished it!

After that I refer to ALL of Niloufer's recipes, and flavours and aromas of authentic Parsi cooking has wafted into our home, bringing back fond memories of my aunt's excellent cooking. The beauty of Niloufer's recipes is that the ingredients are what one uses for most cooking, so no extra effort is required to look for them. The secret I have noticed is in the method of cooking which brings out the flavours and aromas. She is truly a master of the art!

Fish and chicken that were protested against when cooked, have gained flavour and favour in our home, and my husband enthusiastically asks me nearly every day, "What are we having for lunch and dinner today?" Music to my ears, as getting him to come down on red meat was a battle royale before then. Am I grateful and delighted! **SFG**

OUR FAITH

Food for thought...

“Lagan nu achaar, saariya ne rotli!”



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For noting in your diary:

Day/Date	Time	Venue	Event and its details
Sat 4 March	7:30 m	Cycol	KZBM's Scavathon + dinner. Tkt: Rs 650
Sun 5 March	5:00 pm	KZBM	KZBM's Navroze Sale
Sun 19 March	11:30 am	KZBM Hall	YMZA's Gujrati Elocution