

May 2019

## KZBM PROGRAMME

**KZBM & PPCA  
CAR RALLY**  
*Followed by Dinner*

**START**

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**KARACHI PARSII INSTITUTE**  
**7:15 PM ONWARDS**  
*To Register Your Team of 5 members,  
Contact Katherina Irani*

**TAMBOLA AT 7:45 PM FOR THOSE NOT  
PARTICIPATING**

**FINISH**

TICKETS AVAILABLE TILL 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
NATASHA MAVALVALA  
ZAREEN PATEL  
PARVEEN BANAJI  
FURENGEEZ TAMPAL  
ROSHAN VANNIA

TICKET  
Adult: Rs. 900  
3+ to 5 Years: Rs. 300  
Below 3 years: Free

## KZBM's Scavathon – Scavenger Hunt on Foot on Saturday, 30 March 2019



The winning team Homi Sethna, Safna Virji, Zeritta Mavalvala, Behram Sethna, Rashna Virji & Arish Kapadia with KZBM Programme Committee Members.

## Z-CLIPS

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“I believe in helping others”



**“How can God ‘koot-koot kar’ put so many talents in one person!”** remarked Rashna Gazder’s friend on a Facebook post. ‘Koot-koot kar’ (pound and fill) must be the secret!! Piano, foreign languages, embroidery, colouring drawings, gardening, 7-digit fund-raisers: she does them all, and was chosen one of the Pond’s Miracle Women in 2015.

**So, what drives her?** “I believe in helping others,” she says, and does this in a big way with fund raisers every year. The spirit to make a significant difference in life of people, planning and executing the finest detail and, harvesting wide-range of talent gives her a resounding fund-raisers year after year since 2015.

**The activity starts at least eight months ahead**, taking her piano pupils to location where they interact with the beneficiaries and develop kindness along the way. At the concert they get a platform to develop confidence by playing even a few bars if 5-6-year-old, and the proficient ones entertaining with dexterity. The lucky children.

**Azad Iqbal and Janelle Dias**, very popular singers with the regulars at these concerts – and there have been others too - are the mainstay, accompanied by Rashna deftly on the piano and Terence Joseph on the keyboard. **Apt visuals** by Rashna & Percy’s sons Dr Darayus and doctor-in-making Noshirwan, take the entertainment to another level.

**Awareness and support for the beneficiary organisations** come from their history and work narrated at the concerts by a young person, and supported by visuals shot on-location by her sons.

**While the public concerts are the focal point of her fund-raising**, magnanimous as well as several quiet small contributions are received over months, and each one is graciously acknowledged and receipted by Rashna. Byram & Goshpi Avari’s support is valuable in the gratis use of Khorshed Mahal for rehearsals and the events and, the generous hosting of scrumptious tea in the intermission. All this wells up to 7-digits.

**Her concert on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April was her 5<sup>th</sup> fund-raiser with BMH Parsi General Hospital as the beneficiary.** (*Earlier concert details can be read at [banumadal.com](http://banumadal.com) > What’s On : in issues of May 2018, November 2017, December 2016 and April 2015*).

*A lively account of her 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019 event is on the link below. Do read:*

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/454887-a-smashing-success-of-a-musical-concert>

Rashna may appear just a girl next door, but the number of peoples’ life she has brightened by her stupendous fund-raising each time, is unprecedented for an individual. She deserves recognition. Meanwhile from all of us here in Karachi ‘Ushta tel’ to Rashna. **SFG**

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**US Consul General meets the Community**



**Tushna Ronnie Patel** (*in centre front row*), as member of non-Muslim Welfare Committee, Minorities Department, Government of Sindh and, as Member of Interfaith Commission for Peace and Harmony, Karachi Chapter, was contacted by the US Consulate in Karachi as their Consul General wanted to visit places of worship of the minorities. As visiting our *agjary* was not permissible, KPI was considered an appropriate venue.

**KPI President Roshan Mehri** (*in 3rd row in blue*) was approached who welcomed the suggestion and conceived a programme to show-case the community's religion, history, customs and people, with participation of various accomplished members. What did surprise all was the 'troupe' that came to KPI with the Consul General on the morning of Wednesday 17 April 2019!

**Ms JoAnne Wagner the US Consul General** (*2nd row, 3rd from left with garland*) was accompanied by the Deputy US Consul General Darian Arky, British Deputy High Commissioner in Karachi Ms Elin Burns, German Consul General in Karachi Mr Eugen Wallfarth, Consul General of Oman, Deputy Consul General of Japan, Acting Consul General of UAE, together with diplomats from their consulates. Also accompanying the diplomats was the Archbishop of Karachi Joseph Coutts, Sardar Ramesh Singh from the Pakistan Sikh council and faith leaders of other communities.

**The 'troupe' - if one may say so - was welcomed** with our traditional *achu-mechu* and the two ladies were garlanded and shawled, which Spenta Kandawalla who spoke later pointed out were Hindu customs adopted by us and carried faithfully.

**Introduction of prominent Karachi Zarthhostis and the managing committee of KPI**, was followed by benediction and its translation, all in an easy casual manner. A well-prepared 5-minute narration of our religious tenants & history was followed by going to a Navroze Table set up for the occasion. The sprinkling of rose water and smiling face in the mirror, evoked much interest and active participation by the guests.

**KPI grounds, facilities and the statues were then introduced** to the 'troupe' of guests by Toxy Cowasjee giving them insights and history, at the end of which was much earned traditional Parsi refreshment. Soon all were rushed back to the Mavalvala Hall to present gifts to the guests who were in a hurry to keep a lunch appointment, having visited before us a Sikh gurdwara, Hindu temple and a Christian Cathedral.

**It was a lovely morning** conducted in a casual atmosphere with quiet coordination behind the scene and handling the 'unexpected'.

Let us not miss out on who did what:

**Achu-meechu:** Navaz Aga with Gulbanu Bamji assisting

**Garland & shawl:** KPI President Roshan Mehri

**Benediction & translation:** Ervard Burjise Bhadha

**Religion & History of Parsis:** 5-minute talk by Spenta Kandawalla

**Navroz table:** Shahnaz Sethna and Azar Irani

**Tour of KPI:** Toxy Cowasjee

**Gifts:** two painting prints by Jimmy Engineer; souvenirs by both Parsi Schools; Books: 'Mana of the Angels', 'Sands of Time' and 'Ashavan' from KZBM and 'Our perfecting World' by Dastur Dhalla, and a few mementos to the dignitaries by KPI.

**Photos:** Minocher Vakharia

**Video coverage:** Jamshed Irani

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### A Tribute

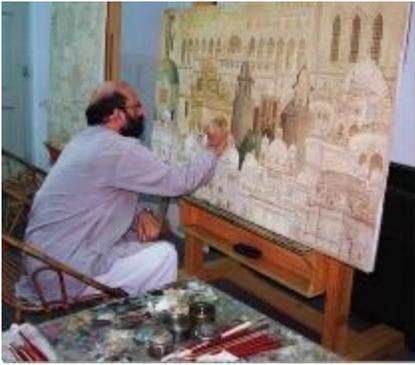


**Jalu Divecha**, Karachi's own, passed away in Toronto, Canada on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Though retired being the person he always was, gave voluntary service for over 20 years at the Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga. To honour him for his service and dedication, the hospital lowered the Canadian flag at half-mast on 16<sup>th</sup> April, the day of Jalu's funeral. All the associated hospitals followed likewise as their tribute. He was a much loved and respected person, not only by all the staff, but by everyone who knew him.

Mani his beloved wife, his children Zareer & Tanaz, and his in-laws Jehanbux & Sillie Mehta have been deeply touched by the honour and respect shown to Jalu. Rest in peace dear friend. [Toxy Cowasjee](#)

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### Jimmy Engineer selected for Habib Jalil Peace Award



*Apro* Jimmy Engineer, an artist of world-renown and also a peace activist and a social crusader, has been selected for Habib Jalib Peace Award for 2019 in appreciation and recognition of his meritorious services in the field of art and social work.

Habib Jalib Peace Award Committee, according to an announcement, will present the Peace Award to Jimmy Engineer on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the Art Council.

[Read more at](#)

[https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/459203-jimmy-engineer-selected-for-habib-](https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/459203-jimmy-engineer-selected-for-habib-jalib-peace-award)

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## OUR FRIENDS

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YMZA/DASTUR DR DHALLA INSTITUTE'S

HILLA AND NOSHIR JAMASJI DRAWING & PAINTING COMPETITION

DATE: SUNDAY JUNE 09, 2019

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A request

**When you next go to Parsi General Hospital to visit someone**, see if you feel comfortable to talk to a resident or a patient there. They will have nothing to tell you being cooped up in one place, but you could make a cheerful comment to draw their attention or give a smile... You may not know, but they may bask in it the whole day.

If you are a frequent visitor, sit and 'chat' with one or two of them. Of course, the effort will be from your side. You can show them some humorous videos or magic shows or dance numbers which we all receive plentiful on WhatsApp. Talk to them about community happenings, about your interest and draw them in asking about their youth or childhood. As you 'connect' thoughts will flow.

There is 'ample' food being gifted, but there is also need to feed their heart. Do talk with them.

## MILESTONES

Janam

**Johannes Nadir Vold, a son to Julia Irani & Finn Ivar Vold and, a grandson to Dinaz & Noshir Irani and Else Jorunn Vold & Dag Saeboevaag on 6 April, in Stavanger, Norway.**





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For noting in your diary:

| Day/Date   | Time       | Venue  | Event and its details   |
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| Sat 11 May | 7:15 pm    | K P I  | KZBM & PPCA Car Rally + dinner  |
| Sun 9 June | Details to | follow | YMZA/DASTUR DR DHALLA INSTITUTE'S<br>HILLA AND NOSHIR JAMASJI DRAWING & PAINTING<br>COMPETITION |