

# WHAT'S ON

Monthly Newsletter from Karachi Zarthosti Banu Mandal  
For circulation only to Zarthostis

November 2016

## KZBM PROGRAMME

KZBM Grand Tambola

Followed by Dinner on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November



Bring your luck and we will give you a night of lucky numbers which will bag you lots of prizes!!!

It's a card full of lines, full house and snow ball which will make you, your family and friends happy with exciting wins. The programme is sponsored by Mr Polad Polad.

Venue: KPI Lawn

Time: 7:00pm to buy cards and Tambola game to start at 7:30pm.

Entry, Lucky Draws & Dinner per person: Rs 550/- Tambola cards Rs 100/- per set of six

Last Date: Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 till 1p.m.

## KZBM ANNUAL JASHAN

On Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 4:30pm at the Banu Mandal Hall. All are cordially invited.

# KZBM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



## Karachi Zarthosti Banu Mandal

Registered under Registration & Control Ordinance 1961

### NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Karachi Zarthosti Banu Mandal will be held on **Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 5:30 pm** at the Manijeh Hommie Mehta Building, Sohrab Katrak Parsi Colony, Karachi.

### **Agenda:**

To read the notice convening the meeting

To read and confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

To consider and adopt the Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year ended June 30, 2016

President's Address

To appoint Honorary Auditors

Any other business with the permission of the Chair

Farahnaz Ardeshir Marker

Alla Burjor Rustomji

**Honorary Secretaries**

## Z-CLIPS

**Dina Homi Sethna**

**Turns 102!**



*It is a bit awkward for me to include this news because it is about my own mother but it is in deference to the wish of Honorary Secretaries of Parsi General Hospital. I then take this opportunity to thank Gulbanoo Bamji for her effort and ability to bring smiles to the patients' faces: credit for the one across is all hers! Sunnu Golwalla*

This year BMH celebrated the birthday of one of the oldest members of our community: Mrs Dina Sethna. The celebration as always was with a cake and birthday song sung by other patients. But the fact that she has turned 102 years of age and with the blessings of Ahura Mazda keeping in good health is what added an extra spice to the celebration.

Mrs D Sethna is an inspiration to the volunteers and staff at the BMH. Her presence of mind and will to celebrate each day of her life is truly her biggest asset. We wish her good health and a very Happy Birthday.

**Gulbanoo Jhanbux Bamji**  
**Homi Dhunjishaw Ghadially**  
**Honorary Secretaries**  
**BMH Parsi Medical Relief Association**

## **Lilly Rohinton Dossabhoy, CFO, Jubilee Life Receives Top 25 Companies Award**



Lilly R Dossabhoy, daughter of Dhun and (Late) Rohinton Dossabhoy joined Jubilee Life Insurance Company (JLI) in August 2015 as its Chief Financial Officer and the Company was recently honoured as one of the Top 25 Companies on the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX).

The Award function is held to acknowledge the outstanding performance of those listed companies that have shown excellent performance in corporate profitability, have shared those profits with their shareholders, and have also adhered

to the principles of good corporate governance set by the PSX, in accordance with a stipulated set of criteria to fulfil.

Jubilee Life Insurance (JLI) was represented by their Chief Financial Officer, Ms Dossabhoy. An FCA with over 20 years of post-qualification experience, Lilly joined JLI in August 2015 and won the nomination to receive this prestigious award on behalf of her Company by dint of her hard work and excellent performance.

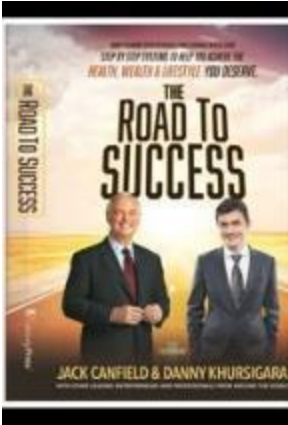
She started her professional career from A F Ferguson & Co, Chartered Accountants, Karachi, from where she qualified, and thereafter gained experience in both the audit and tax departments of the firm. Thereafter, she moved to the industry and joined Atlas Asset Management Limited (AAML), an Atlas Group Company, where she was the Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary for over ten years. She was part of the Mutual Fund Association of Pakistan's delegation to the 11th Asia Oceania Regional Mutual Fund Associations' Conference in Beijing, China, in 2006.

After completing a decade in AAML, she switched from the asset management industry to join JLI, the leading private sector life insurance company of Pakistan, as their CFO. She represents JLI on the Life Committee of the Insurance Association of Pakistan, and is also a member of the Insurance Sub Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan.

A resident of Cyrus Minwala Colony, she is seldom seen around by the neighbours, as she spends major part of her time in the office. Interestingly, her sister Hilla also works in the life insurance industry.

The ceremony was telecast live on various television channels, and the newspapers of the next morning carried good coverage of Lilly receiving the award for JLI from the Honorable Prime Minister, both in the English and Urdu press. Well done, Lilly! We wish her continued success in the future as well.

**Perin Kaizad Mavalvala**



## **Danny Rustom Khursigara's “The Road to Success”**

As promised by Danny earlier, the e-version of his book is now on his website [www.pathtopurposedk.com](http://www.pathtopurposedk.com) The website content will soon be updated but the book will remain.

## **OUR FRIENDS**

### **A REMINDER:**

### **Senior Citizens Evening at KPI on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm**

For Zarhosti Seniors (60 years and above). An Evening of Light Entertainment followed by Snacks

### **Trust you have registered your names with any one of the following by Tuesday, 25th October:**

Azar Irani (32762355 – 0333 3651990), Shahrazad Irani (32723874 – 0300 9276062), Natasha Mavalvala (0334 3659002), Katherina Irani (0300 2243063), Jasmin Chowna (0333 2318005), Behroze Khambatta (32250648) and Rovena Sethna (0300 8296918)

## **RESULT OF YMZA/Dastur Dr Dhalla Institute's, MINWALLA MUSIC COMPETITION held on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at the Avari Towers Hotel**

There were 14 participants playing and/or singing. [The Shield went to Astad Sidhwa and Zarah Irani.](#)

In the **INSTRUMENTS ONLY CATEGORY-**

(Age:6 – 8 yrs) 1<sup>st</sup> Position: Feroze Ardeshir Marker and 2<sup>nd</sup> Zeeva Zermesh Golwalla

(Age: 9-11 yrs) 1<sup>st</sup> Position: Kekobad Ardeshir Marker; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Afshad Yezdi Sidhwa; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Freya Ardeshir Wania

(Age: 12 & 13 yrs) 1<sup>st</sup>: Selena Ardeshir Wania; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Arshan Zubin Irani

(Age: 14 & 15 yrs) 1<sup>st</sup> Position: Astad Yezdi Sidhwa ; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Raizan Zubin Mavalvala;

(Age: 16 & Open) 1<sup>st</sup> Position Zarah Zubini Irani; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sharmene Freddy Sidhwa

In the **SINGING CATEGORY-**

1<sup>st</sup>: Kayser Bejan Garshasbi.

## **TWO TRIBUTES WERE PAID TO LATE ROWENA IRANI OF USA, AFTER THE MUSIC COMPETITION**

**Rashna Percy Gazder** played on the piano with Brendon Emmanuel singing “Candle in the Wind”: wordings of the song were adapted to suit Rowena’s personality.

**Almitra Zubin Mavalvala** especially composed a song for Rowena and sang it, playing the guitar.

This moved to tears Rowena’s relatives, childhood neighbours and friends in the audience: a thoughtful gesture from Rashna and Almitra.

## **MILESTONES**

### **Maran**

**Nadershaw Dinshaw Kabraji**, h/o Katie; f/o Kairas, Zerophie Noshirwani and Gulnar Bhatena; brother of Rustom and grand-father of Sheheryar, Shahpur and Rosheen Kabraji; Zara Noshirwani and Iyanah Bhatena and great-grandfather of Palwasha Kabraji on **25<sup>th</sup> September**

**Ex Karachiite: Pervin Soli Engineer**, sister of Sam Engineer and (late) Adi Engineer, sister in-law of Gulzarine Engineer (nee Aga) on **26<sup>th</sup> September in Sydney, Australia**

**Rati Homi Sanjana**, w/o (late) Homi Sanjana, m/o Shahrukh and Nina, sister of Freny Chinoy, Hoshang Patel and (late) Minocher Patel on **28<sup>th</sup> September**

**In USA : Rowena Irani**, d/o Toranj (nee Khursigara) and Behram J Irani, sister of Rooshad and Afshan Irani, grand-daughter of Sunny B Khursigara and Mani Jehanbux Irani on **4<sup>th</sup> October in Wichita, Kansas**

**Ex Karachiite: Gool Hormusji Patel** m/o of Soli, Khurshed, and Villie; grandmother of Percy, Darius, Cyrus, Kaezad, Nareeman, Goolnar, Justin, and Zarophee; and great-grandmother of Zane, Tanya, Zahra, Alina, Natasha, Alyssia, Kassaundra, Sanaya, Fiona and Daniela on **7<sup>th</sup> October in Toronto, Canada**

**Ex Karachiite: Rustom Eruchshaw Taraporewala**, h/o Ruby; f/o Pervaiz and Adil; and grand-father of Nasha, Ardavan, Aarman, Maya and Zoya on **15<sup>th</sup> October in Dubai**

**Roda Sajid Saiyed**, m/o Nadir and Basit, sister of Shahroakh and Jamshed Rabadi, on **20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Quettaite: Khurshed Minocher Bharucha**, son of (late) Mani and Minocher Bharucha; h/o Roshan; f/o Kaiwan, Shahreen and Thrity; brother of Mahzareen Aga Gul and brother in-law of Gulbanoo Bamjee on **22<sup>nd</sup> October in Quetta**

## POSTINGS

### Require Parsi Teacher

### At Sandra Montessori

Interested persons to apply in person at the Montessori (No. 6 Parsi Colony) and meet Mrs Mehroo Khambatta, any day from Mon-Fri between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm.

## Did you have a Family Member in Defence Services during WWII?

Our Zoroastrian Parsi/ Irani Community has made enormous contributions serving the Armed Forces. Unfortunately, this has not been well documented. Until now...

Mr Marzban Jamshedji Giara is a Zoroastrian Parsi/ Irani Community Historian/Author. He has recently launched a book "THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE PARSI COMMUNITY DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR (1914-1918)".

Mr Giara is now working on his next book, documenting Zoroastrian Parsi/Irani contributions during The Second World War (1938-1945).

**Request the assistance of anyone who had Family Members in the Army, Navy, Air Force or any other field of active Defence Services during The Second World War, to please share details.**

We require the following details Full Name, Rank, Name of Regiment/Squadron/Fleet, Branch of Service, Service Number, Photographs, Medal Records, Service Records, Newspaper Cutouts, References in Books and any other relevant information available to you. Even a few of the above details, could prove very useful in tracing down an individual. Incase if you know of any living individual who has actively served during The Second Word War, please do share a telephone contact number and address.

If we do not document the Military Heritage of our Parsi/Irani Community today, it will be lost forever.

Please share details regarding the same via email to the following 2 email addresses.

[marzbang@gmail.com](mailto:marzbang@gmail.com)

[zameerpalamkote@yahoo.com](mailto:zameerpalamkote@yahoo.com)

*(Courtesy: Shahnaz Yazdi Sethna)*

## Help Restore a Historical Theatre of Karachi

The Dara Feroze Mirza Auditorium situated in the Jamshed Memorial Hall (on M A Jinnah Road) is in the process of being renovated. Help us restore this historical theatre of Karachi by donating to repair the 400 original chairs of the auditorium which will cost Rs 3500 per chair. For details contact Veera Rustomji at [veerarustomji@gmail.com](mailto:veerarustomji@gmail.com)



## WHAT'S MORE

### GOOD LIFE

The Rainbow Nation:

South Africa with 46 Zarthosti friends



**Photo credit: Bejan Irani, Chicago, IL**

Aptly coined the “Rainbow Nation” by its national icon Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South Africa has an unprecedented 11 official languages. The country is a delightful mix of skin tones, religious beliefs, ethnicity and mother tongues, all working and living side by side.

I was part of Aspi Irani's recent tour of South Africa, along with 47 Zarthostis from Karachi , Australia, USA and Canada. The fact that many people were on their 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> trip with Aspi speaks volumes. I have known him for decades from our idyllic childhood in Quetta, and seeing him run the tour was impressive. His gentle handling of the large group of 47 of us of varying ages, his organizational skills, his calm demeanor, his warmth and sense of humor contributed to the success of this trip.

Our trip started in Cape Town, a city that ranks among the most beautiful in the world. With its larger-than-life mountains overlooking the City Bowl, harbor, white beaches and Robben Island beyond, South Africa is a tourist’s playground. Top attractions on the itinerary was a cableway on the top of Table Mountain, a boat trip to Robben Island where world renowned humanitarian Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 18 years and where the tour guides are all former prisoners!

And then there was a tour of the winelands, a trip to Cape of Good Hope, a quaint but delightful town Hermanus, relaxing evenings at the V&A waterfront, and drives to see the colony of African penguins and gentle whales.

There was something for everyone. The shoppers bought unimaginable, un-transportable items, but I am told everything made it to homeland safe. And when the bus broke down, enroute to Knysna, the little village where we stopped was totally wiped out from every item edible, consumable and memorable. I believe the shops shut down at 3:00pm that day! Teams of talented photographers on the bus recorded each site, restaurant and memorable occasion and ample time was spent on group pictures and later photoshop memories.

The transition that South Africa has experienced during the last two decades has certainly not been the easiest. Travel is indeed a wonderful eye opener, but always so much more pleasurable when you are with a group of fun loving friends – old and new!

**Aban Rustomji**  
**Houston, TX**



## The Walls of Peace



*An artist's view of intended Zaibunissa Street uplift*



*Boundary wall of H J Rustomjee Bagh*

Art is often misrepresented as a commodity or a form of luxury; the truest form in art is actually in the accessible nature and social commentary of it. The Walls of Peace initiative aims at bringing art to public spaces in Karachi which can fuel a greater sense of appreciation over how creativity can nurture positivity and hope. Funded by I AM KARACHI and implemented by Vasl Artists' Collective, The Walls of Peace project have created murals at Cantt Station, Governor's House, M T Khan, Hoshang Road and are currently in process at H J Rustomjee Bagh and Press Club.

Our longest mural –spanning 76 walls – at H.J. Rustomjee Bagh is an alphabetical series which draws inspiration from monuments, people and places in Karachi using the Urdu alphabets which unfolds to read as an Urdu qaida. Perhaps the most challenging aspect was deciding upon imagery which had the potential to resonate a sense of pride among citizens from all walks of life. These difficult choices were increased when deciding upon which walls and locations should be painted as well. By drawing inspiration from Karachi’s street vendors, heritage monuments and cultural diversity, we put together murals that borrow from archives and our own documentation of the city. There were many steps to this project; from drawing and editing compositions to creating new relationships with our supporters to help us implement our designs. However, everything started to fall into place once we would receive positive feedback and encouragement from the public on site visits when carrying out surveys and research. From the school children and faculty to the nearby shop owners around H.J. Rustomjee Bagh, people have reached out to the painters and designers to express their gratitude and amazement.

While the walls painted this year have given nearby businesses, schools and residences a reason to maintain their streets, this project has also given employment to artists, by embracing their talent and hard work without which this project wouldn’t have been a success.

**Veera Burjor Rustomjee**

**AND...**

## **Beautiful Story of Feelings**



Once there was an island where all the feelings lived together. One day there came a storm in the sea and the island was about to drown. Every feeling was scared but Love made a boat to escape. All the feelings jumped in the boat except for one feeling.

Love got down to see who it was...it was Ego! Love tried and tried but Ego didn't move. Everyone asked Love to leave Ego and come in the boat, but Love was meant to Love. It remained with Ego. All other feelings were left alive but \*Love died because of Ego\*

Think over it.

You'll love it every time you read it.

*(Courtesy Zarine T Mavalvala)*

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**Despatch: Last Saturday of the month.**

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For noting in your diary:

Day/Date	Time	Venue	Event and its details
Sun 30 Oct	7:00 pm	KPI	Senior Citizens Evening: Light entertainment + snacks
Thu 10 Nov	4:30 pm	KZBM Hall	Annual Thanks-giving Jashan
Sun 13 Nov	7:00 pm	KPI	KZBM's Grand Tambola: Tkt Rs 550 <b>last date Tue 8 Nov</b>
Wed 7 Dec	5:30 pm	KZBM Hall	Annual General Meeting