

November 2019

KZBM's Annual Jashan

On Wednesday 13 November at 4:30 pm at KZBM Hall. All KZBM members are cordially invited.

KZBM AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Karachi Zarhosti Banu Mandal will be held on **Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 5:30 pm** at the Manijeh Hommie Mehta Building, Sohrab Katrak Parsi Colony, Karachi.

KZBM PROGRAMME

KZBM's GRAND TAMBOLA

Saturday, November 23, 2019, Venue: KPI Lawn

Cards on Sale at the gate from 7.30pm, Tambola to begin at 8.00pm



Top line, middle line, bottom line, four corners and a bull, you win,
Getting the full house or snowball will surely make you grin,
But this time we at KZBM couldn't resist,
To bring you this year's Grand Tambola with a twist!
So come in large numbers, bring your family and friends,
As we stick to a few traditions and set new trends.
A scrumptious dinner will follow,
So, hurry and find the details given below.

Ticket per person: Rs. 900/-, 3 plus – 7 years: Rs. 450/-, Children 0 – 3 years: Free,
Tambola card for Rs. 100/- per set of six. **Last date: November 19, 2019 till 1pm**

Water and drinks on sale. Please bring your pens and pencils.

Exciting door prizes await, so bring your tickets along.

Z-CLIPS

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Natalia Karanjia Directs

Gujarati Natak "Mix Breed"



Natalia's debut at directing a play was a success for her and the entire cast, being a culmination of 4-months' practice bringing the performance to perfection.

Natalia, daughter of Armeen & Darius Karanjia, a graduate in Theatre Arts, approached YMZA (Young Mazdayasnian Zoroastrian Association) for support in bringing a play to the community and other Gujarati-speaking audience. YMZA promotes culture and promptly agreed and added assistance from KPATF (Karachi Parsi Anjuman Trust Fund).

With finance and administration taken care of, Natalia concentrated fully on the stage: Huzan Wadia a theatre personality in Mumbai generously gifted the script to Natalia : YMZA, Natalia and the community greatly appreciate this gesture of Huzan. The script being in Gujarati Homai aunty Anklesaria read it out and Natalia transliterated it into Roman Gujarati. With the script in hand, Natalia looked out for performers.

Everyone in the cast had passion and experience in stage performance, and most of them also had qualification in performing art. In the cast of 11, three were Parsis and others were non-Gujarati speaking, yet together they delivered a flawless script.

The crux of the story was about a Batliwalla couple with two children: The son, his mother overhears, is in love with a Punjabi girl and the boy's conservative father has to be made to agree. As in any comedy it has a happy ending of approval.

Natasha Mavalvala as Jasmin Batliwalla was perfectly in character with her role as the understanding mother, gentle and loving wife and a kindly neighbour. Sunita Kaikhosrowzadeh gave a feisty performance as Pilamia, the constantly-borrowing-items and nosy neighbour. While Cyrus Karanjia as the love-struck Kevin Batliwalla played his role aptly too, being his first performance in a Parsi play unlike Natasha and Sunita who have acted in many Gujarati plays.

Special mention needs to be made of Feroz Silat who played the conservative Parsi father Pesi Batliwalla rendering all nuances, mannerisms and even look of a bawaji so naturally that, if his name was not mentioned in the brochure he would have been taken as a 'puccaa Parsi'. Ahsan Khaliq as Tehmul (the Butler), oozed talent in dialogue delivery and as much in dancing. He was also the assistant director of the play. Also, Tehreem Shafiq a non-Gujarati speaking lady

transforming into Maya Batliwala the Parsi daughter in the play. Credit also is due to the remaining five members of the cast for a smooth performance of their role.

As per today's trend the finale was an energetic dance scene, with each actor giving his/her best moves, bringing the evening to a close amid thunderous cheering.

Natalia has made a good start, and it is possible that Karachi-ites may now look for more and soon! **SFG**

***** Mix breed is not meant to be the official or unofficial stance of the Anjuman, the YMZA or any individual.**

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Ava Ardeshir Cowasjee & Zarnak Yazdi Sidhwa honoured at LadiesFund Women's Awards



To acknowledge the contributions of women in various fields, Dawood Global Foundation held an award ceremony, LadiesFund Women's Awards for Pakistan 2019, at the Governor House on 11th October 2019.

The winners of the Ladies Fund Lifetime Achievement Award were Ava Cowasjee (in yellow sari) and Dr Sania Nishtar. "Ava has been a prominent name in the shipping industry of Pakistan as from the pre-partition era till 1974, the Cowasjee Group was actively involved in the shipping business, employing hundreds of people. Currently, Ava focuses her time on philanthropic projects." Informed The News.

"Congratulations to our very own, Zarnak Sidhwa! Making her way to the top in the culinary world. Well done!" said PER (Parsis Exchange Recipes) administrator Vera Dinshaw Springett on a post on Food Diaries Recipes page on Facebook, and we learnt that there was another selection that evening: Wife of the Governor Sindh presented a certificate to Zarnak with the citation **"for commendable contribution to the field of Cooking in Pakistan."**

KZBM congratulates both Ava and Zarnak, and commends them for bringing honour to our community.

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Veera Rustomji's photographs displayed on Chelsea Space Projects

Veera, daughter of Alla and Burjor Rustomji, is currently doing her Masters in Fine Arts at the Chelsea College of Arts, London, England. One of her projects which she began in 2015 'Research on houses in Karachi' has been displayed as part

of Chelsea Space's 'The Café Projects' which showcases the talent of students and staff at the college from diverse disciplines. It is reproduced here for your reading pleasure:



"Rustomji grew up and lived for the past 27 years in Bath Island, Clifton, one of the oldest residential areas developed in Karachi. She gradually witnessed most of the houses which were predominantly built in the early 1900s belonging to the entrepreneurial diaspora Parsi community, being torn down and replaced with towering apartments. Unfortunately, due to a massive population increase in Karachi, there is a heightening demand for affordable residential spaces resulting in many of these old homes being erased for the use of the land."

As part of this project, I have conducted interpersonal interviews with owners/inhabitants as I am interested in listening to the stories which revolve around a home. It has been amazing to hear how multifunctional these structures have been for a family and how there is a narrative behind each item. While the photographs overtly emulate a sense of nostalgia, I am more interested in capturing the way the homes stay static in their current condition. Today, the homes are cornered by a new visual language of residential and commercial spaces and I wonder how lonely the homes can be. While I'm not absolutely sure as to what the outcome of these photographs will be, I continue this strange anthropological study in an attempt to create an archive which could possibly garner public interest."

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Bronze Medal in Swimming For Sharmin Sukhia

Sharmin, daughter of Rashna and Hoshang Sukhia participated in the Sindh Open Women's Swimming Championship, on 6 October 2019, held at Karachi Gymkhana. She received a Bronze Medal for securing third position in the 25-meter free style category for 8 years and under age group.

OUR FRIENDS

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AGM: BMH Parsi General Hospital

The Annual General Meeting of the Bomanshah Minocher Homji Medical Relief Association will be held on Sunday, November 03, 2019 at 11:30 am at the Hospital premises.

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Flue Vaccine at BMH Parsi General Hospital

Please register yourselves by Thu 7 Nov

Rs 500 for person under 60 years. Above 60 years free. For details see the attached poster.

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Communication from KPATF

Regarding 'sachkar' on demise of loved ones

This is to inform the community that upon the demise of their loved ones, [Sachkar has to be performed by our Dasturjis within two hours of the demise otherwise rigor mortis sets in.](#) This has been communicated to Burjise Bhada and Rustom Dastur of the Gari Khata Darb-e-Meher and they have agreed to this commitment.

In case anyone cannot get through to Burjise on his cell #0300 248 2484, then please contact his wife Behroze on cell #0300 288 5775 who will convey to Burjise to arrange for the Sachkar.

Also, the above has been committed by Nassesalar Mehernosh Dumasia, so please call him on his cell #0333 224 2282 and if he does not respond please call his wife Najoo on cell #0341 008 5174 so that the Nassesalar can be present at the same time.

If for any reason the above is not followed by the Dasturjis or the Nassesalar, kindly telephone the following morning after 9a.m., Byram D. Avari, Chairman of Karachi Parsi Anjuman Trust Fund (KPATF) to take action by calling on his cell number which is 0333 211 7111 or through the Beach Luxury number 35611031.

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YMZA & Dastur Dhalla Institute

Minwalla Music Competition 2019

Sunday 24 November 2019 at 5:00pm at Avari Towers

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Past Virbaijeetes Get Together

Sunday 22 December 2019 at the School Premises

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Last Call to Apply for Zoroastrian Return to Roots 2020

Participants who are born in Pakistan, or have parents/ grandparents with Pakistani nationality MUST apply to Return to Roots no later than November 15th 2019. This allows us time to help you get set up for your visa application. All applications after this date will not be considered so don't wait and apply soon! **Apply here: www.zororoots.org/apply**

MILESTONES

Lagan

Ex-Karachiite Riyan, son of Baimai & Darius Sidhwa with Zoish, daughter of Pervin & Viraf Fatakia on 3 October in Sydney Australia

Maran

Jamasp Hakim son of late Banu and late Nariman Hakim on 3 October

Eruch Hormusji Bhadha, husband of (late) Aban Bhadha and father of Ferzeen Bhadha on 9 October

Perviz Kapadia, wife of (late) Kersi Kapadia, mother of Dr Diniar Kapadia, sister of Roshan, Homai and (late) Roda Bhagaria and sister in-law of Dinaz Kapadia on 13 October

Sohrab Cawoosi Zainabadi, husband of Farida Mehta (ex-Karachiite), father of Mitra Kaeyan Quettawala and Rostum Cawoosi, on 17 October in Tehran

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For noting in your diary:

Day/Date	Time	Venue	Event and its details
Sun 03 Nov	11:30 am	PGH	Annual General Meeting
Wed 13 Nov	4:30 pm	KZBM	KZBM Annual Jashan
Sat 23 Nov	7:30 pm	KPI	KZBM Grand Tambola
Sun 24 Nov	5:00 pm	Avari Towers	Minwalla Music Competition
Wed 27 Nov	5:30 pm	KZBM	Annual General Meeting
Sun 22 Dec	6:30 pm	BVS School	Past Virbajeeites Get Together