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OUR MISSION

To introduce and promote the rich and diverse heritage of Iranian
culture amongst people of all nationalities and ethnic background

Message from the President

Dear Members and supporters of House of Iran: It is December and we are on the last leg of 2016. We are blessed knowing that we had a good year at House of Iran. With the tireless work of our Board members, with help of our volunteers and with support of you, our dear members, we have accomplished the following projects in just on year, all on volunteer basis: We completed the decoration of the House of Iran ceiling in March, thanks to the hard work and creative design of the Committee members who were Architect Ellie Fayaz Far, Ms. Golrokh Kashirad, and Dr. Reza Rouzitalab and Mr. Ebrahim Davodi Far. Channel 5 Fox News celebrated Nowruz with us, and we had our Festival of Nowruz, also in March. We hosted several groups of students from San Diego State University and several groups of Farsi Studying students who visit us from the University of California in Bay Area. All houses have to be open from 12 to 4 every Sunday, however House of Iran was open a few more days during the week. We hosted Ladies Auxiliary luncheon for HPR, we set up a booth in Del Mar Fair, we participated in Ethnic Food Fair, we had a Member Appreciation Day in August, hosted a Nomination Night for our election, we presented the fourth annual Persian Harvest Festival, and we participated in December Nights events as part of Balboa Park's International Christmas and Holiday Festival. Our financial situation is sound, our quarterly Newsletters were sent to every member, our Web Site has a new face lift, and our Face Book is maintained by Mrs. Raana Jamshide, and we showcased Iranian culture to thousands of people who visited our cute, cozy cottage throughout the year.

As result of our election, we are pleased to announce that Ms. Mahvash Cox will join our Board of Directors, Mr. Ebrahim Davodi Far will join our Board as Cultural Vice President effective January 1, 2017. We bid farewell, with many thanks, to our outgoing Board members, Mr. Siyavash Askari and Mr. Habib Hariri, both of whom have promised to continue their hard work with House of Iran.

From planting and pruning the roses around of our cottage, to the shopping for every week hosting, from editor of newsletters, to getting the ceiling work to fruition, to setting up food tent at 4:00 a.m. during our events, to overseeing the everyday function of House of Iran, to representing House of Iran at the House of Pacific Relations, to supervising our web site, to opening House of Iran to visitors on Tuesdays, Thursdays and during our students visits, I have to give a special thanks and gratitude to two individuals who went out of their ways in offering long hours and their great services to House of Iran, those are: Mr. Ebrahim Davodi Far who was Board Advisor and Mr. Arya Zeighamnia who was our Delegate, and the property manager of House of Iran.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas, a Happy Holiday season, and a Happy New Year on behalf of House of Iran, there is no place like it!



With best wishes for all,
Sussan Johnsen

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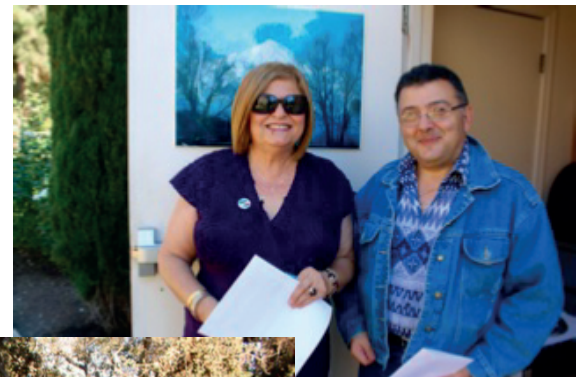
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Persian Harvest Festival

House of Iran hosted its fourth annual Persian Harvest Festival, a joyous day, under California sunshine, on November 13, 2016.

Our Emcee was Ms. Sahar Jaber, who did a wonderful job, coming all the way from Orange County. Ms. Jaber is an attorney and she is not new to us. She has held several positions on House of Iran Board while she lived in San Diego. Our beautiful Mehregan spread was set by Mrs. Giti Salehi, what a talented young lady! Our stage program was extended to two hours, it included beautiful dances, with colorful costumes, from the Persian Dance Academy of Iranian School in San Diego, our music included well-known local musicians, Mr. Farishah Barzin, who played keyboard, and Mr. Alireza Taleb Zadeh who sang happy songs for us and who got many dancers on the stage.

There is one precious individual who is adored by dancers, he has performed for House of Iran, free of charge, for the past 24 years and who deserves lots of gratitudes and that person is DJ Mohsen. Mr. Parviz Kaveh was there to give candies out to the kids and to bring smiles on everybody's face, food tent was busy selling Chelo Kabob and Aash Reshteh to audience. Fun day, major accomplishments, fun music and lots of smiles. Thanks to all who worked so hard in making Harvest Festival such success.



December Nights

On December 2nd and 3rd, Balboa Park hosted and brought in over 350,000 visitors to the Park in celebration of the Holiday season and Christmas. The entire Park shined in lights and beauty. There were dancers and singers, all dressed up in holiday attire, all over the Park, Santa clauses held children on their laps for photos at every corner. There was a live singing tree at the Organ Pavilion, all houses had a food tent, all cottages hosted visitors, there was a beer garden, fair equipment for games, laser lights shined on all buildings, weather was great, all museums were free to public, parking was scarce to find, but there were many smiles and joy on faces of whoever was lucky enough to be in the Park. If you missed this great function, there will be one every year, always the first Friday and Saturday in December, it is a festival that you never forget once you attend. Lots of fun guaranteed. House of Iran is proud to have served Persian food in the food tent that was catered by Balboa International Market and was prepared on site. The cottage was opened and our culture was shared with thousands of visitors to the Park.



House of Iran thanks, with gratitude the following people who worked on this successful event: Ebrahim, Cristina and Bahram Davodi Far, Habib and Sharareh Hariri, Sussan Johnsen, Raana Jamshide, Simin LeGrand, Sima Moghaddas, Kojie Turner, Mahvash Cox, Mehdi Khalili, Mohssen Mansouri, Cristina's sister Cecilia, Sharerh's friend Cynthia, Gheety Allahi, Arya Zeighamnia, Siyavash and Jason Askari. We appreciate all their hard work, dedication and constant support of House of Iran, there is no place like it!





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and Sunday from 12:00 to 4:00 PM**

