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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: House of Iran celebrated its 25th anniversary of its annual Ruz-e-Iran Festival on March 26th, 2017. The crowd was bigger than ever, with an estimate of 4,000 people in attendance, the food tent was busy and sold out by the end of the day, our Haft Sinn table, set by Mrs. Giti Kooshkani, was outstanding. There were face painting, cheers and happiness, great weather, dance music by our one and only DJ Mohsen, who celebrated his birthday with us, all signs of yet another wonderful and successful day of celebration in the Park. I want to thank the baking group who baked delicious sweets and donated to House of Iran. Special thanks to my friend, and great supporter of House of Iran, Mrs. Maryam Khatamee Cornejo, who had book signing of her book: Maryam Khatamee Cornejo for donat "Persian Cook Book, The Recipes My Mother Taught Me". The books were donated and all proceeds went to House of Iran.

Our stage program lasted for two wonderful hours featuring another year with the star and ace of our program, Mrs. Shally Zomorodi, co-anchor of Channel 5 Fox News. She brought impressive energy and talent and happiness to the stage. No doubt she is the best at what she does and she has a lot of fans in San Diego. Thank you, Shally jon, for being a wonderful emcee for our program. We appreciate your coming to San Diego, all the way from Orange County, to celebrate with us. She involved people on the Facebook. live, so that people who could not be in the Park see how well Iranian American community in San Diego party and celebrate Nowruz! Her \$2 new bills of Eidee got Persians and non-Persians and kids on the stage for dance competition. She shined all the way through.

Our dance performers were from Guissoo Dance Academy and they had a great performance. Their colorful costumes shined on the stage as they danced to happy and Nowruzi songs, that were beautifully choreographed by Mrs. Aazam Farsoudi. Mr. Parvis Kaveh played the role of Hadji Firouz and gave the kids a big smile and some candies to sweeten their day. Our key note speaker was Mrs. Heather Wilson, President of House of Pacific Relations, and Mr. Michael Richards was in charge of sound system.

Our musicians were Mr. Farishah Barzin and Ostad Vahab Zadeh, accompanying our singer, Mr. Alireza Talebizadeh and they played beautiful happy songs for the audience. The crowd loved our program and we were happy to see everybody in cheerful disposition. There is a lot of worked involved to bring you the best program ever, but your appreciation and compliments about the program made every effort worth it.

Food Tent: One of the hardest and most labor intensive and revenue bringing tasks of the day is working at the cash register and the food tent. We thank all who worked tirelessly during that day and they are: Ebrahim and Cristina Davodi Far, Habib Hariri, Arya Zeighamnia, Dr. Behrang Madani, Dr. Reza Rouzitalab, Shiyavash Askari, Mehdi Khalili, Fidel, and Arturo.

The beautiful basket of flowers was donated by Miss Leila from HZ Flower, we thank her for beautifying our cottage. We also thank Board members who helped out at every aspect of the program, and we also thank Gheety Allahi, Raana Jamshide, Sima Moghaddas and Aryandokht Fotros for helping out in the cottage.

Channel Fox Local News aired three segments of Nowruz in House of Iran on early morning hours of March 20th, a few hours after our Nowruz. Co-anchor Heather Lake, who is such good sports, learned Persian dance and celebrated Nowruz with us, while Shally Zomorodi and other co-anchors watched us and reported the segments live on their TV program. We thank Ostad Behrooz Sadeghian and Mr. Masshi Rooz Afzoon and the Persian Cultural Center Dance Academy for their beautiful performance. The dancers were Noor Esmailpour, Ida Beikzadeh, Gabby Yas, Miss Mona. We thank Miss Sepideh Paydar, Dr. Reza Fadaei, Mr. & Mrs. Hariri, Mehdi Khalili, Arya Zeighamnia and Mr. Davodi Far for being there, and we thank Mrs. Giti Kooshkani for setting yet another Haft Sinn spread for that program. We all had fun, Mr. Davodi Far made us a great breakfast with Iranian style of sausage and eggs, and Sufi Restaurant presented great Sabzi Polo and mahi and Kookoo to present the special Nowruz feast.



Best wishes for all  
Sussan Johnsen

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## House of Iran Activities

House of Iran web site is running. We invite you to visit our site and share your opinion with us at [thehouseofiran.com](http://thehouseofiran.com), [houseofiransandiego.org](http://houseofiransandiego.org) or [houseofiran.info](http://houseofiran.info). Please visit our web site and click on videos and watch this year's Ruz-e-Iran Festival in its entirety. The video is complement of Mr. Louis Cutino. We thank Mrs. Raana Jamshide for maintaining our Facebook.

Students from San Diego State University in Monterey continue to visit House of Iran. We appreciate their attendance, and we appreciate our Board members Mr. Arya Zeighamnia and Miss Shiva Akhavizadegan who continuously work with these students.



House of Iran attended the County of San Diego Middle Eastern celebration of Nowruz, a well-done program.

House of Iran taxes were filed. We appreciate Mr. Farhad Farsoudi, from Pine Accounting, who files our taxes free of charge.

Chahar Shanbes Souri and Sizdeh Bedar were great functions for our Iranian American community of San Diego, put together by AIAP. PCC and House of Iran.

House of Iran participated in Ethnic Food Fair on May 28, 2017. Many plates of Persian food, catered by Sufi Restaurant were served and enjoyed by many people who come year after year looking for our food tent and enjoy Persian cuisine.



House of Iran is now open to public from 12:00 to 5:00 every Saturday and Sunday. Please visit us and bring your guests to the park. We celebrate 25 years of sharing our cultural values with thousands of visitors to our cottage. House of Iran is the pride and joy of our community, there is no place like it!



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## *UPCOMING EVENTS*

Please put these important dates on your calendars.

House of Iran will host a Member Appreciation Night, for you as our valued members, on Thursday, August 17th, at Sufi Restaurant, at 6:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. This is an annual General Meeting. Financial Reports and reports from Board members will be provided in this meeting. It is free for paid members. Guests are welcome to attend. If your guests become a member of House of Iran, they do not need to pay, otherwise they will be charged \$15 for attending our event.

House of Iran will host Persian Harvest Festival on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Stage program will start at 2:00 p.m., House will be open from 11:00 to 6:00.

House of Iran will host December Nights, with opening the cottage and setting a food tent in the Park. The dates are set for Friday, December 1st, and Saturday, December 2nd, 2017.





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every Saturday and  
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House of Iran General Meeting and Member Appreciation, Thursday August 17, 2017  
6:30 PM at Sufi Restaurant

