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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: As the last days of December are ticking, we are approaching the holiday season and a new year while I am in awe as to where the year went!!! It is the joy and self-satisfaction and hard work in House of Iran that made my year seem a lot shorter. We accomplished so much in 2017. We hosted 104 days by opening the doors to visitors of House of Iran, we celebrated Nowruz with Channel 5 Fox News, we brought to you the most attended Festival of Nowruz event, participated in Ethnic Food Fair, hosted many university and school students, hosted a Member Appreciation Day, brought to you our fifth annual Persian Harvest Festival, held elections and hosted International Christmas on the Prado, all with joy, labor of love and happiness. We celebrated 25th anniversary of establishment of House of Iran throughout the 2017. My sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our board of Directors for their great team work, many hours of hard and volunteer work and for being there for House of Iran.

I am proud to announce that Mr. Arya Zeighamnia, once again, was selected as the "Man of the Year" by House of Pacific Relations. This is the fourth time that I remember him winning this prestigious award! Congratulations to Mr. Zeighamnia and House of Iran for this major accomplishment.

On the sad note, we lost our great supporter and past President of House of Iran, Mr. Abbas Abbasov, in January 2017. House of Pacific Relations lost a couple of its supporters, from House of Peru, Mr. and Mrs. George and Gladys Novinger to a sad accident in Hawaii in November. We attended a candlelight vigil that was arranged for them in Balboa Park. We also lost another true supporter, Dr. Ricardo Cornejo, the beloved husband of Mrs. Maryam Khatamee, in October of 2017. Our hearts ache at House of Iran as we remember these people with respect and in loving memories.



Everything in life, good or bad, comes to end, and so does my term as the House of Iran President. I will not serve on Board of House of Iran next year, however I will always be helping the house in any capacity that I am able to. It has been a pleasure to serve House of Iran, and you, and I have to say so long to every one of you as you are so dear to me. I am proud to announce that four young, intelligent and brilliant volunteers are joining us as Board of Directors for 2018. Mr. Ebrahim Davodi Far will serve as the next President of House of Iran, so we are all in great hands! Dr. Reza Rouzitalab and Mrs. Mahvash Cox will leave the Board, however they, as well as I, will continue our work and support for House of Iran. I thank them for their great work and I wish the new Board the best success as they take over tremendous responsibilities.



In Loving Memoirs of George And Gladys Novinger

On behalf of House of Iran and myself, I like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy 2018. We pray for peace on earth.



With best wishes for all,
Sussan Johnsen

We Are Hoping For The Peace And Freedom Throughout The World



Persian Harvest Festival

House of Iran hosted its fifth annual Persian Harvest Festival on November 5, 2017. Hundreds of people attended the function, it was great weather and music, dancing, and DJ dancing added a lot of joy to our event.

House of Iran featured, for the first time, our one and only and glamorous Dr. Maryam Davodi Far as emcee of the function. She is so well accomplished and the Iranian American community of San Diego is so proud of all the accomplishments of this lovely lady who happens to be the daughter of our Mr. Ebrahim Davodi Far.

The musicians of the program were Mr. Alireza Talebzadeh, a great local singer, and keyboard player Mr. Farishah Barzin. Their beautiful music brought not only Iranians, but also non-Iranians on the stage, all dancing with the joy.



Our dance performers were from the Persian Dance Academy of the Iranian School in San Diego, many dancers, all age groups, with their beautiful costumes shined on the stage. Our stage program was followed by the joyful music of DJ Mohsen who has performed for House of Iran for many years, on volunteer basis, he shook the Park with dance music performed by audience and his loyal followers.

A beautiful and glamorous Mehregan Sofreh was spread in the cottage, all compliments of Mrs. Giti Kooshkani, on volunteer basis.

House of Iran thanks all participants for bringing such a successful event to Balboa Park. I thank all volunteers who worked in the food tent, the cottage and on the stage for their hard work and labor of love.



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International Festival of Christmas

House of Iran, like all other cottages, participated in food tent and hosting of the house during the International Festival of Christmas on December 1st and 2nd of 2017. this festival is the biggest function of Balboa Park and annually 400,000 people attend this function. we enjoyed the perfect weather and we sold out our food and hosted hundreds of people as they visited our cottage. The great Persian cuisine was catered by Sufi Restaurant, I thank Dr. Javid Javidani for his ongoing support of House of Iran. Balboa Park was shining in lights and joy and music and laser lights, all resemblance of a big kick off of a wonderful holiday season in San Diego. I like to thank all volunteers who helped out in the food tent and the cottage for making this function productive and successful for House of Iran. House of Iran is the pride and joy of our community, there is no place like it!!!





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every Saturday and
Sunday from 12:00 to
5:00 PM**

