

# VISION

April 2006

## Up-Coming Events

**April 30th** - Maidhyozarem Ghambar - OZCF will be celebrating the Maidhyozarem Ghambar. Prayers will start at 11:00am followed by Chasni and Pot-Luck Lunch. (See details below)

**May 27th** - Zarathost-no-Diso - Prayers to remember our beloved Prophet Zarathustra on his death anniversary will be held on Saturday May 27th at 11:00am followed by Chasni.

Both ceremonies will be held at Z.R.C.C.

Donations of fruits, flowers, food, sukhad, loban etc. will be gratefully accepted. If you wish to sponsor any religious events please contact Ervad Nozer Kotwal at (905) 820-0461 or Ervad Kobad Zarolia at (647) 887-9213.

**July 16th** - Annual Lamb Roast Picnic and Mela (stay tuned for mor details)

**July 23rd** - AGM location to be determined. (More details Inside)

**July 30th** - Youth Variety Program at Meadowvale Theatre, Mississauga. See enclosed flyer for more details!

**August 26th** - Papeti Navroze Dinner & Dance

**Fall 2006** - Annual Black Tie Gala

**December 31st** - New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

**April 30th** will see the first of the new monthly "Pot-Luck get togethers" which will take place on the last Sunday of every month (with the exception of July 30th).

Bring your pot-luck lunch and join in the fun. Play games, play cards, or just sit around and socialize. The fun will start at 12 noon, immediately following the Maidhyozarem Ghambar, and will conclude at 4 pm. Please call Kamal Driver @ 416-490-1374 or Gulrukh Patel @ 905-542-0237 for more information. If anyone has Carom boards, decks of cards or other games that they would like to donate please contact Gulrukh at the above phone number.

## Entertainment Committee

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## Newsletter Committee

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## Message from our President "Our Centre of Attraction"

Here's hoping for a Navroze full of peace around the world, nourishment to those less fortunate and good health to all.

Like a good friend, our centre is here to stay. Needless to say, our community is blessed with a strong support network of friends and family to assist each other during our times of need. Also, our newly established immigrant support service will ease the transition of recently arrived Zoroastrians to their new home in Canada.

Our OZCF Zoroastrian Religious and Cultural Centre now serves as a focal point for Iranian and Parsi youth, adult and seniors' activities to an extent we could have never imagined possible before buying the land. We celebrated Navroze, Khordad sal and the Muktrad ceremonies here for the first time ever; we hold regular board and committee meetings; the weekends will see regular social and leisure activities; community members continue to use the centre for prayers and special occasions; and a cricket field is being built by our sports committee.

I am pleased to report that the board of directors has decided to pay down our land loan by \$100,000. The generosity of our members and the amazing energy of our committees busily raising funds will enable us to pay down our entire loan aggressively. We have now completed the topographic survey of the property and developed preliminary conceptual architectural plans created by a Zoroastrian architect voluntarily.

This will enable us to put forward our position to the town of Oakville early in the planning process for the area, to permit us to build our intended structures in the future. We will consult with the membership for their ideas prior to developing and finalizing design plans for the ultimate buildings. For the short-term, we are now in the process of examining the feasibility of upgrading the current facility to enable us to accommodate community gatherings until the new structures are built over the next few years.

We are blessed to have received useable artifacts from a closed agyari in Africa that we will proudly use some day in our own place of worship. They were donated to us entirely and we thank the Talati family and Rusi Dalal for their tireless efforts in arranging to bring these beautiful historical articles here.

We pray that this New Year brings joy and peace to all of our lives. May Ahura Mazda always bless our community.

Phil Sidhwa  
President, OZCF

## As We Grow: 1187 Burnhamthorpe Road

The ZRCC property has been the venue for many sub-committee meetings and funeral prayers as well as our recent Family Fun Day.

This past March marked the first time Mukhtad prayers were held at the ZRCC. (see newsletter for a further recap on Mukhtad prayers)

Our thanks go to Armaity Anandasagar and her team of volunteers who diligently clean the ZRCC premises every week. These fine ladies (and their little ones) include Teenaz Javat and Hormuzd, Lily and Vahishta Suntoke and Arnavaz and Yesna Dhabar.



Zanzibar Parsis in Toronto



Zanzibar Agiary Hall

On March 21st, 2006, Jamshedi Navroze, the OZCF received a wonderful gift. We received a shipment of crates from Zanzibar holding all the prayer utensils from the Agiary that was recently closed down. These items will be cleaned and restored and will be there for the use of our dastoorjis at all future religious occasions. Look for a history of the Agiary in our next issue of the newsletter. We are including a few pictures in this issue but look for more in the next.

### HELP NEEDED / VOLUNTEER

We will be looking for volunteers on a regular basis to help look after the grounds and the house. If you have a hobby or a particular expertise and would like to volunteer your services please contact Farshogar at 905-829-1279 or fjasavala@logihedron.com.

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### Renew Your Membership

It's that time of the year again! It's time to renew your membership for 2006.

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### New Members

Do you know of a family who may have just moved to Toronto or someone who would like to become a member? Ask for a membership form and help the OZCF grow.

Feel free to copy it and give it to any of your friends or family who may wish to become members of OZCF.

## Obituaries

**Ratan Pallonji Aga**, husband of Shera, father of Shirin Ogra (Karachi) and Armeen Khan (Australia), brother of Perin Pesi Engineer (Mississauga) and Goolu Shroff (Markham), uncle of Jehangir and Dinshaw Engineer and Yasmin Shroff, passed away on January 24th, 2006 in Karachi.

**Roshan Hira**, wife of Savak Hira, mother of Farrokh and Jamshed, grandmother of Cyrus, Tashan and Neville, and mother in law of Dinaz and Mahrukh, passed away on February 20, 2006.

**Perin Bilimoria** grandmother of Roshni Dell and Deenah Patel, great grandmother of Maleena and Sofia, passed away February 24, 2006.

**Rashna Mehta**, wife of Ratanshaw, mother of Narina, Nasha and Nurelle, sister of Perozshaw, Nalibai Bamboat, and Zavareh Tengra, daughter of Freny B. Tengra, passed away on March 11, 2006.

**Russy Madon**, husband of Thrity Madon, father of Khurshed, Hutokshi and Kermin, and grandfather of Cyrus, Chilina and Rhea passed away on March 19, 2006.

**Kety Pardiwala**, sister of Soli, Godrej and Tehmi, sister-in-law of Perin, aunt of Zenobia and Harry, Shehnaz and Joe, and Tanaz, Great-aunt of Aiden and Rachel, passed away April 2, 2006. The Pardiwala family greatly appreciated all the help and support received from the family, friends and priests during their time of sorrow.

**Ratanbai Bejanji Saher**, mother of Dolly Jain, and grandmother of Deepak, passed away in Billimora, India on April 7, 2006. at age 104.

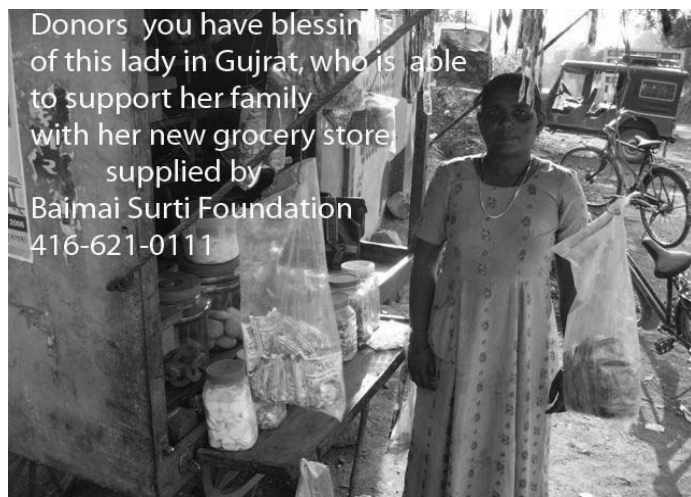
May Ahura Mazda grant all our friends and families the strength to bear these losses and may the souls of the departed rest in peace.

## Baimai Surti Foundation

Baimai Surti Foundation is grateful to the ZSO and OZCF for their generous donation of \$828.00 each, presented to me on Jamshedi Navroze. Every cent will be used to help the poor Zoroastrians trying to eke out a meagre living in the villages and cities of India, as we have been doing for the past 18 years.

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Dhunjishaw Surti



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Articles and news are welcome from everyone and will be put in the newsletter at the discretion of the committee. Please send your articles to Michelle Patel at: ron.michelle@cogeco.ca

Submissions for the next newsletter must be received by **May 15, 2006**. Information received after that date will be considered for the following newsletter.

## Words of Wisdom

If AHURA MAZDA brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

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## Navjote

**Sonya Suchak**, daughter of Feeroza and Paraag Suchak was newly initiated into the Zoroastrian faith on April 15th, 2006. Congratulations.

## Achievements

**Youtaz Irani**, successfully passed her Certified Financial Planner (CFP) exams this month. Our heartiest congratulations to Youtaz as well as her proud parents Nargis & Noshir, of St. Catharines.

## Kudos to Viraf Kapadia

Recently, **Viraf Kapadia** and Star Navigation Systems were mentioned in the Globe & Mail (March 21, 2006 issue). In an article discussing patents the first one mentioned was Star Navigation Systems Group Ltd., who was awarded its first patent in 2005 and signed about \$17 million in orders for its in-flight safety monitoring system (ISMS).

In 2006, the company secured a second patent from Hong Kong. Based on that, the company has forecast even more success in 2006. "When you have a product that flies through the airspace of a number of countries, you want patent protection in each of those countries." Initially, the main focus was on gaining patent protection in Britain, Hong Kong and North America.

The ISMS system is the first in the world to provide in-flight data monitoring and diagnostics with a real-time secure connection between the aircraft and the ground.

Viraf has been very generous with his good fortune. At our recent Gala in November, he very graciously donated 40,000 shares in the company to the OZCF. We wish Viraf Kapadia all the best in his future endeavours.

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With this concept firmly entrenched in the Charter of the Foundation, all contributions received by the Trust Fund are 100% applied towards relieving poverty through small business start-up funds, medical & poverty assistance for the needy, education grants for promising students and for disaster relief programs.

All those who are associated with the Fund's operation and administration, provide their services without any financial compensation or gain, to achieve these objectives.

'No overhead expenses are deducted from the contributions received by the Fund.'

The Trust strives to help people by financing their entrepreneurial endeavors to become self-supporting units in society. It provides financial support to children for continuing education, food and medical assistance to the aged & disabled, provides men and women with training and tools to start small business units and work projects to become self-sufficient individuals. Since its inception, the B.S.F. Trust has helped hundreds of needy individuals in the above sectors.

Fund Trustees:- D. Surti - N. Rommel. - K. Sarkari. - E. Kanga. (Canada) and D. Tamboli. (India)

Examples from the "B.S.F Trust Fund" self-employment funding, Success Stories."Give a man some fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish, and you feed him for a life-time."

1. In Gujrat, a small and popular Montessori School run by a Parsi Lady in her house needed more room. Baimai Surti Fund was instrumental in paying for the addition of two class rooms to the house, at no cost to the family. The family now runs a well established, free Montessori School Program in the community, as-well-as, teaches and conducts First Aid Services for the area.

2. A young family's bread winner lost his job to down sizing, a few years ago. With his meager savings depleted, and on the verge of loosing his house, he turned to the Baimai Surti Foundation Trustee in Mumbai for help. After reviewing the situation, the Trust Fund had the verandah of his house enclosed to form a store front shop, paid for the initial stock and put the individual into business. To-day, this little shop is a thriving business employing three people and serving the community. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS CHARITABLE FUND WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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Canadian contributors to the 'Trust Fund' will receive tax exempt receipt.

## Jamshedi Navroze Function

With over 400 people in attendance the OZCF hosted a Navroze function on Saturday March 25 at the Capitol Banquet Hall, Mississauga. Delicious food, good music and great raffle prizes kept everyone in the "party" spirit. Thank you to Dolly Jain for donating a lovely black gara for our first prize raffle, won by Jennifer Kapadia. Other lucky winners were Chisty Bulsara (\$100.00 in Square One certificates), Shaan Dubash (\$50.00 in Square One Certificates) and Feredoon Khory who won a gift basket valued at \$50.00 donated by Eclectic Considerations and Roshan Byramjee. The highlights of the evening were when our very Nozer Kotwal was presented with a lovely red shawl in appreciation for his dedication and commitment to the OZCF, to a standing ovation crowd. Phil Sidhwa also presented Mr. Surti, of the Bai Mai Surti Foundation, with a cheque for \$1656.00 which was raised at the OZCF and ZSO joint New Year's Eve function.

An outstanding job was done by Chisty Bulsara who catered the evening. We would like to thank Chisty Bulsara and our Navroze committee, Gul and Cawas Patel, Khorshed Jobani, Coomi Sorabji and Baktu Jafrabad, we raised over \$3000.00 that evening.



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## Launching of Welcoming Committee

The purpose of this new program is to provide support to new immigrants in all areas in order to assist them in the settling process and attain self sufficiency as soon as possible.

Some of this committee's mandates are to try and help the new immigrants in:

- giving them moral support and a sense of belonging by welcoming them to Canada
- helping them in search of housing
- Assisting in their transportation needs through Community Volunteers
- Guiding them to proper government run Human Resource Programs.
- Networking on behalf of them and linking them up with others in their own or similar field of work
- Assisting in their integration into the Zoroastrian community by providing them with information on Community activities and encouraging them to participate in those activities.
- Familiarizing them with Canadian Workplace Culture

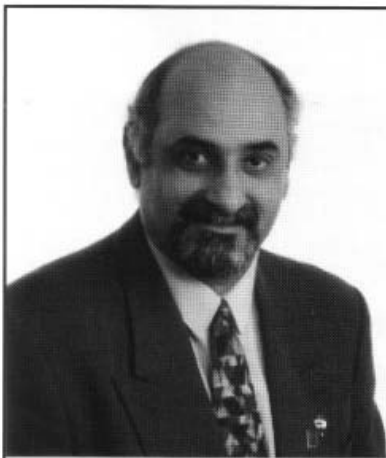
New immigrants or anyone who can use the services of this Welcoming Committee may contact Meher Panthaky or Havovi Bharda at meherpanthaky@yahoo.ca or havovi.bharda@rbc.com

To make this program successful, community members who are well settled are requested to extend their expertise and guidance.

## A Literary Star will be Missed

**Dr. Mary Boyce** passed away on April 4th, 2006. Professor Mary Boyce was a titan in the academic world, as a scholar of Zoroastrianism and of Iran. She taught and inspired a whole generation of scholars and researchers and has authored several distinguished books.

She was, for many years, the distinguished Head of the Department of Religious Studies at the renowned School of Oriental and African Studies, London University. She devoted her entire life to the study and teaching of Zoroastrianism and highlighted to the academic world the true genius of our Prophet Zarathushtra and His unique message. As a scholar and a historian of ancient Iran, her work will occupy a place of pride forever.



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## Next Best Thing to Pilgrimage To Iranshah Atashbehrum in Udvada

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"Dastoor Baug", a dharamshalla located just across the Holy Iranshah Atashbehrum and a sanctuary for same day pilgrims to Iranshah is in dire need of repairs. A historical structure (built in late 1800s) was once used as a Madressa to train Mobeds in Udvada and then converted to a dharamshalla to accommodate devotees of Iranshah. Third generation of founding members of the trust are seeking your support to restore the structure to its original glory.

For more information please contact Themton Mirza at (519) 660-1135 or send your donations to "The Dastoor Yadgiri Trust", c/o Ervad Jamshed D Dastoor, 644 Dinabad, Dadar Parsi Colony, Mumbai 400 014, India.

## Sizdeh Bedar

On April 2nd more than 120 Irani Zarathushtis took part in the "Thirteenth day", or end of NovRooz picnic at the "Kooshk" (a name that Iranis are using to connect to ZRCC). Kooshk means a small castle in the middle of a garden "Baugh". This is the first of our Iranian Zarathushti Community's function to take place at the ZRCC.

It was a beautiful day and many of the attendees were coming for the first time. They were all very impressed with the size of the property, its proximity to the main highways, the beauty of the house & usability of the facility.

The group saw great potential in developing this large parcel of land to build facilities on. Some are planning to organize and schedule regular sports and picnics. A few even volunteered to bring a chain saw and trailer to clean up the property.

We hope to see many more members of the community use this center for their various activities.

## The Latest Parsi Culinary Collection

Katy Dalal's sixth cook book, Seafood Fiesta, was released by Dr. Boman Chhappgar, former curator, Taraporewala Aquarium on February 18, 2006 in Mumbai. Her first book Jamva Chaloji was released in 1998 followed by Delicious Encounters, Jamva Chaloji Part II, Pulaos and Biryanis, and the Vitality Cook Book.

Dr. Vinay Deshmukh, Officer-in-charge at Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, who was the Chief Guest at the book launch said: "Fish is brain food and sea food is heart food. Eating fish is healthy. The fat of fish has unique properties. Fish has poly-unsaturated fatty acids that prevent hardening of blood vessels. Icelanders eat fish as do the people of Kerala who are healthy. Fish is easy to digest, very nutritious and contains iodine."

Likely one of the only books dedicated exclusively to fish recipes, it contains a variety of mouth watering fish dishes with rich illustrations, preparation times, cooking times, detailed ingredients and preparation methods for each dish. Besides recipes from Maharashtra, Karwar, Goa, Kerala, Tamilnadu, Bengal and Kashmir there are also a few French, Italian, Spanish and Mediterranean dishes that are popular with food connoisseurs. There is also a chapter giving tips on preparing masalas, sauces and various fish butters.

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## **OZCF Winter Family Fun Day**

On February 12, many families enjoyed the first OZCF Winter Family Fun Day, held at the ZRCC. Though Mother Nature did not provide much snow to toboggan, kids and parents still had a great time enjoying the outdoors on a cold, but sunny day. With the help of several fun-loving teenagers, the young ones were treated to a marshmallow roast by the fire and toboggan rides on the grass. Perhaps the highlight of the day was a trek onto a real fire engine kindly provided by the Oakville Fire Department.

Guests enjoyed samosas, pizza, hot chocolate and snacks, and admission to the event came in the form of canned goods. We donated over \$300.00 worth of food to the Daily Bread Food Bank.

We would like to thank Farshogar Jasavala and Marzi Byramjee for sponsoring the event. As well many thanks to our organizer, Hushtasp Bhungara and his team of volunteers that included Perviz Bhungara, Nozer Kotwal, Dhanna Mistry, Cawas and Gulrukh Patel, Khorshed Jobani, Rayomand, Armaity, Zubin, Taronish and Ruzbeh Jasavala, Jimmy, Natalie and Sean Bhesania, Niloufer Mavalvala, Rumi and Xenobia Jasavala, Fred from cricket team, Cawas Irani, owner of the Buck or Two in Clarkson Crossing, Karen Tosma, owner of Tim Hortons, Trafalgar Road Oakville, The Oakville Fire Department, Mr. Michael Harrison, Public Education Officer, Sarosh Bhungara, Ron and Michelle Patel, Cyrus Gazdar, Thrity Bamji, Sharon, Nina and Dinshaw Byramjee, Coomi Sorabji, Farzeen Jasavala, Armeen Jasavala, Behram and Shaan Dubash, Nina Byramjee, Arzan Bulsara, Farokh Sidhwa, Rustom and Farokh Patel, Phil Sidhwa, Charis Wania, Xerxes Wania and Paraag Suchak.

It was a great day with friends and family. We hope to continue the Family Fun Day every year!  
Pictures were kindly taken and donated by Danny Birdie.





## OZCF Holds its First Muktdad Prayers

According to the Zoroastrian religion, Muktdad is the time to remember our dear departed family members. The Muktdad season started with cleaning and polishing all the ceremonial vessels, and this was done by the youngsters from the Anandasagar and Patel families.

Every day, the priests, under the leadership of Nozer Kotwal, performed "stum" ceremonies. There were daily "afringan" and "farokshi" prayers. Every evening the stum was followed by "monajat" for the muktdad, a humbundagi, and a short explanation on various topics relating to the muktdad ceremonies. The daily three meals were rounded off by the "bhatiyu" on the final day of "guvar patio", fish cutlet, "darni pori" and "rotli". We are sure all the souls were very happy to visit us.

Although space was at a premium, on Navroze day we had over 75 people for the "Jashan" ceremony. It is very heartening to see grandparents and grandchildren alike, who came out to pay respect and pray at the small "dadgah" created at the ZRCC. The final day of prayer was on March 26, when a jashan was performed to mark Khordad Sal, the birth of Prophet Zarathushtra.

Thanks go out to everyone who came out on various days to attend the prayers, partake of the meals and helped clean up thereafter. a HUGE thank you of course, should go to Nozer Kotwal who organized the whole muktdad season, and was at the ZRCC from around 4.30 a.m. until after 9.00 p.m. each and every day. We commend his dedication!!

### Youth Variety Program

On Sunday July 30, 2006 the OZCF will host a Youth Variety Program. Proceeds of this event will be used for recreational facilities and equipment. The fundraising campaign will run from February 15 - June 30, 2006. The funds will be directed toward recreational improvements and equipment at the ZRCC so that the youth can enjoy the facilities and can have a place to meet and socialize with other Zoroastrian youth. See Insert.

### Annual General Meeting

Attention OZCF Members!! The Annual General Meeting of the OZCF will be held on July 23rd, 2006. Further details will be included in a mailing which will be sent out 3 weeks prior to the meeting.

New Board Members will be elected at this Meeting for an initial term of 2 years. There are 13 members on the Board of Directors. The Board then elects the officers who are the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

We are looking for fresh new ideas and new faces to be on the Board of Directors. If you are enthusiastic and are willing to work on a variety of projects WE NEED YOU. Please fill in the attached form and mail it so that it reaches the OZCF by June 18, 2006. Nomination forms must be received by the OZCF at least 35 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

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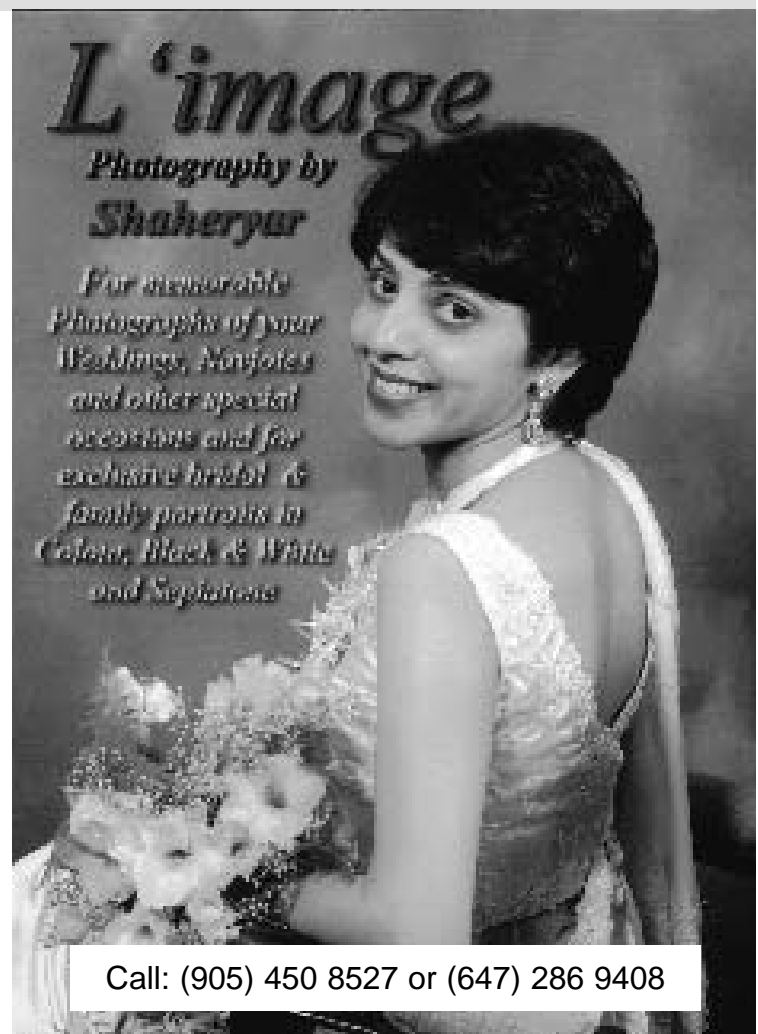
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## Fundraiser Initiatives

To date, we have raised \$1.1 Million which has allowed us to buy the land. We need to continue to raise money to build a community centre and place of worship to realize our Vision. Here are just a few of the on-going fundraising efforts: (please support us in any way that you can)

### Time and Talents Cookbook

For 70 years the Time and Talents Club has been reaching out to those in need. The Club was founded in 1934 by a group of philanthropic women who used their time and creativity for the benefit of the disadvantaged. The Recipe Committee has been highly successful with their Time and Talents Club cookbook, (now in its 11th edition). You've probably seen the famous red cookbook in your mother's kitchen since you were a young child; it includes over a thousand Indian and International recipes contributed largely by its members. Copies of this book have been generously sponsored by one of our members and are available for a price of \$25.00 each, with 100% of the proceeds going to the OZCF. Please contact Charis Wania at 416-450-5260 or 2cxw@rogers.com for your copy and support the OZCF!

Over the years, the money raised through the Club's several fundraising committees, has been used to send doctors to remote villages in India with life saving drugs and medical equipment. Cataract operation camps have been set up in rural areas and hospitals have received several surgical machines and financial aid.

### Bands of Goodness

Want another way to remember your "good thoughts, good words and good deeds?" Our very own Sanober Zarolia has executed and acquired silicon wristbands with the famous Zoroastrian motto inscribed on them. They will be selling for only \$2 and will be available at the ZRCC as well as at all upcoming functions.

### Gem of a Partnership

Williams Distinctive Gems is proud to support the OZCF through their "Gem of a Partnership" program. When you, a friend, or a relative purchase any item from Williams Distinctive Gems, please mention that you are a member of OZCF and Williams Distinctive Gems will then donate 10% of the value of the purchase to the OZCF. It is really that simple! Please visit the website at [www.customjewellery.com](http://www.customjewellery.com) or call (905) 637-6377 for an exclusive appointment.

### United Way Donations

Reminder: if you donate to the United Way, you can direct your donation to the OZCF. Just indicate it on the United Way form.

### Making it Easier for You

The OZCF website is now accepting credit card payments. You can use most major credit cards to pay for your membership and donate online. The secure site is run by PayPal, the most commonly used worldwide secured transaction company, for which no personal account is required. Please visit [ozcf.com/membership.htm](http://ozcf.com/membership.htm)

## A New Home for Seniors in Navsari

In December, 2005, Behram Baxter (formerly of Toronto) went to Navsari for the opening ceremonies of the Dolat and Hormusji Vandrewala Senior Citizens Centre named after his parents., . Why is that so interesting? The answer: had it not been for Behram's financial backing the centre would not have been built.

It all came about when Behram, now a resident of California, was looking for a place in the Maneckbai P.B. Jeejeebhoy Senior Centre for his aging mother. When he was told that there were no places and that there was a waiting list he asked why a new one was not being built. The answer he got- "If you finance it, we'll do it". The centre is run by the World Zoroastrian Organization and has been in operation since 1998.

As Behram jokingly tells a Parsiana reporter, "Once I shot my mouth off I couldn't back out". The project took 18 months to complete once the land was purchased. It cost 60 lakhs to complete the project with another 15 lakhs being put towards a maintenance fund.

In 1967 Behram moved to Toronto from Bombay and promptly changed his name from Vandrewala to Baxter (the name of his first boss in Bombay). He made his fortune in Toronto's real estate market and then moved to a warmer climate where he now lives with his wife, Rena.

Life has not always been easy for Behram and he has earned his millions through hard work, timing and sometimes sheer guts. He has always put his money where his mouth is and never minced his words. Always a strong supporter of the OZCF Behram was one of the first people to donate to the OZCF and continues to support our initiatives.

## A Need for Help

A very bright, studious young Zarthushti boy in Yazd, Iran has been accepted in a competitive program at Yazd University. Unfortunately he does not have adequate finances to support his studies. He only has a mother and a sister, both of whom are working in a factory earning very poor wages, barely enough to put a meal on the table.

Kindly open your hearts and donate generously to this family. Full names of the family will be disclosed to the donors only.

Donations may be forwarded to:  
Artadner Farhadi  
34 Dexter Blvd,  
North York, Ontario, M2H 1Z2

### Rates for Ceremonial Observances

A lot of Zarthushti families have inquired about the rates for religious ceremonies.

For the awareness of the community the North American Mobed Council (NAMC), Toronto Chapter, recommends a rate of \$100 for each religious ceremony per mobed.

Donations are always welcomed.

Donations are tax deductible.

### Make this Vision a Reality.

For more Info go to [www.OZCF.com](http://www.OZCF.com)

### Fees and Donations

Membership fees

Family: \$35

Single and Senior: \$10

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