# ONTARIO ZOROASTRIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



# **Upcoming Events**

June 13 & 27—Youth Activities (ZRCC) June 26- Saris & Duglis Gala 707 Galaxy Banquet Hall, Oakville (see attached flyer)

July 1- Maidhyoshem Ghambar (F) July 4, 11, 25—Youth Activities

(ZRCC)

July 10- Khichri/Saas & Hindi Movie Night

July 18 – OZCF ANNUAL AGM (Nomination forms have been sent in the mail)

Aug.1, 8, 15, 29—Youth Activities (ZRCC) Aug. 14—18—Muktad

Aug. 19—Navroze

Aug. 21 – Navroze Function

Aug. 22- 2nd Annual Cricket

Dhanshak Day

Aug. 24— Khordadsal (S)

Aug 29— 1st Annual Sports Day

Sept. 6— Farvardegan (S)

Sept. 12— Paitishahem Ghambar (F)

Sept. 18—Lamb Roast

Oct. 16— Paitishahem Ghambar (F)

Oct. 30-Halloween Party & Dinner

Nov. 27—Skit & Crab Curry Night

Dec. 12— Children's Christmas Party

Dec. 26— Zarthost-no-Diso (F)

Jan 2, 2011—Maidhyarem Ghambar(F)

Newsletter Committee—Contact Info. Contact Sam Bharda at bhardas@usa.net or Michelle Patel at ron.michelle@rogers.com

#### President's Message

The time of the year is quickly upon us for our next AGM (July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010). We have gone through four sets of successful Board of Directors and experienced excellent continuation of our vision. This will continue as boards come and go, however, the success is down to everyone who contributes by volunteering their time, donating money, supporting the ideas and attending the events that are held by the OZCF. If you feel you are able to contribute by being one of the Board of Directors, please do fill in the nomination form that has been mailed out (and available on our website) and send it in by June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The challenges, hard work and dedication of volunteers and board members do come with its rewards of satisfaction and witnessing progress of an organization that has strived forward in leaps and bounds.

We have recently hosted the FEZANA AGM which was attended by fifty-five FEZANA delegates and approximately forty local OZCF and ZSO members. It was three days of meetings and presentations that were hosted in our hall that was set up resembling a business venue, with donated food and beverages. All FEZANA members were impressed by the facility and the presentation of our organization throughout the event. I would like to thank all those that helped in the organization of this three-day event that took three months of planning but in the end was a great success and received with glowing remarks from everyone. Without the volunteers this would not have been the success it was. Thank you to Teenaz Javat for the write up and to Armaity Hormavazir for the photography work.

This will probably be my last message as current President of the OZCF and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors and all the volunteers and members for their support and encouragement shown towards myself, the board and the OZCF. It has been a tremendously enjoyable two years with many challenges, difficult decisions and an abundance of tasks to be completed. I have been fortunate to be involved in a strong organization that has the dedication, foresight and sustainability of intensity to continue growing and moving forward in all that it does.

Please do continue your support of the OZCF, its vision and the events that go along with it, with the same vigour and enthusiasm that has been shown since the inception of the OZCF. Thank you.

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Rumi Jasavala President, OZCF

# NEW!!!!

**ZRCC—Prayer Room Hours:** Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm and Sundays 10:30am-12:30 pm

For personal requests, please contact a Mobed.

#### MAILING ADDRESS: 4244 Taffey Crescent, Mississauga, Ontario L5L 2J2

ZRCC PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1187 Burnhamthorpe Road East, Oakville, Ontario Visit www.ozcf.com

# **OZCF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-Board of Directors Criteria**

This year at the AGM, to be held **July 18, 2010 at the ZRCC**, a new Board of Directors will be elected. The present Board of Directors would like to encourage our members to stand for election to the Board of Directors.

### Some of the characteristics that are needed to be a Director are:

- Willingness to commit their time to attend meetings and to work on various sub-committees
- Willingness to participate in many of the functions organized by the BOD
- Capability of working with a diversified group of people
- Willingness to provide valuable input to the future of the OZCF e.g. planning and development of a prayer hall, meeting place, etc.

• Conscientiousness, a desire to work hard, cooperation, reliability, ability to withstand criticism, willingness to serve our members and community.

# We are also looking for the following:

- Accountants (to fill the role of Treasurer)
- Priests (to provide guidance on issues and chair the Religious Sub-Committee)
- Youth (to provide the youth input and to liaise with the community's youth)
- Seniors (to provide the elderly sage and to liaise with the community's seniors)
- People with legal experience
- People with experience in construction/maintenance so as to assist with the day to day running of the OZCF's facilities

Board members have heeded the call of: Ask not what the OZCF can do for you, but what you can do for the OZCF. They will tell you that while it can be challenging and hard work, the benefits our community experiences when we surmount these challenges are very rewarding as we collectively build our community of Zoroastrians, for now and for the future.

# Please note you must be current with your membership fees in order to vote at the AGM.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE ZRCC					
Date	Event				
Sun June 13 & 27	Youth activities				
Sun July 4, 11, 25	Youth activities				
Sat July 10	Kitchri/Sauce & Hindi Movie				
Sun Aug 1, 8, 15, 29	Youth activities				
Sat Aug 21	Navroze				
Sun Aug 22	2nd Annual Cricket Dhansak				
Sun Aug 29	1st Annual Sports Day				
Sat Sept 18	Lamb Roast				
Sat Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween Party & Dinner				
Sat Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	Skit & Crab Curry & Rice				
Sun Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	Children's X-mas party				





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RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES 2010				Need a Mobed?			
Date	Day	Time	Event	Our Mobeds are available to help in times of need to offer their guidance and services to the OZCF community. We are enclosing a list of contacts in no particular order to assist			
Jul-01	Thu	11:00am	Maidhyoshem Ghambar (F)				
Aug 14-18	Sat-Wed	All Day	Muktad (S)	you.			
Aug-19	Thu	7:00pm	Navroz (S)	Ervad Firdosh Bulsara (905) 824-7692			
Aug-24	Tue	7:00pm	Khordadsal (S)	Ervad Jal Panthaky (905) 568-4946 Ervad Xerxes Bamji (905) 702-1034			
Sep-06	Mon	11:00am	Farvardegan (S)	Ervad Kobad Zarolia (647) 887-9213			
Sep-12	Sun	11:00pm	Paitishahem Ghambar (F)	Ervad Nozer Kotwal (905) 820-0461			
Oct-16	Sat	11:00am	Ayathrem Ghambar (F)	If you have difficulty contacting a Mobed, please contact a Board			
Dec-26	Sun	11:00am	Zarthost-no-Diso (F)	Member.			
02-Jan-11	Sun	11:00am	Maidhyarem Ghambar (F)				

# MILESTONES

# BIRTH

Arianna Farrah Cooper, daughter to Farrah and Neville Cooper, granddaughter to Farida and Dara Bhesania (Markham, ON) and Aniheeta and Kersi Cooper (Toronto, ON), great granddaughter to Khorshed Sethna (Mumbai, India), Freny and Firoz Mehta (Mumbai, India), and niece to Armeen, Xerxes, Karen, Cyrus and Shireen. Arianna was born on April 19, 2010 in Markham, Ontario.

# NAVJOTE

**Nina Gazdar**, daughter of proud parents Cyrus and Mikiyo Gazdar, granddaughter to Dhun and Sam Gazdar; grand niece to Khurshed Gazdar, all from Mississauga; granddaughter of Noriko and Soshiro Masuda of Japan; niece to Aban Gazdar of Toronto, and niece to Roy and Diana Gazdar and cousin to Natasha and Kashmira Gazdar, all from Mississauga, on Sunday May 23, 2010.

# **OBITUARIES**

**Ervad Kersi Bhedwar** of Montreal passed away on April 27th in Montreal. He was the husband of Roshan and father of Jasmin Vapiwalla of England, and Kurus Bhedwar of Montreal. His brother, Ervad Rustom Bhedwar is also a practicing priest in London England. His sister Hutoxi Bhedwar lives in Mumbai. An active member of the North American Mobeds' Council, Ervad Kersi Bedwar had contributed many years of service to the Zoroastrian community of Montreal. Our deepest condolences to the family and Zoroastrian community of Quebec. May his Soul rest in Eternal Peace."

#### **Pranayam Classes**

The OZCF would like to thank **Zubin Dotiwalla** for volunteering his time and the time of the teachers for the Pranayam Classes being held at the ZRCC.

So far five weeks of successful classes have been held with numbers in attendance increasing as people enjoy the relaxed environment during the warm summer evenings.

Classes are run each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm. Do join in, even if you are just curious to see what is happening.

# **Seniors Activity Program**

The seniors are meeting on a regular basis and enjoying themselves and staying fit at the same time.

Place : ZRCC NEW DATE: Every Tuesday, early Spring to late Fall (check the OZCF website for dates) NEW TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. LOWER COST: \$5.00/person

Contact: Coomi Sorabji by Email coomi.v@rogers.com or call 905-607-2913.

Please provide full name, contact phone #, Email address, and possible frequency of attendance. Attendance Notice required.



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#### Another Successful Fundraiser—The Maple Lodge Farm Fundraiser raised \$1,500!



The fundraising committee would like to thank everyone for their help and generosity. Not only did you buy all the wonderful chicken items on the list, but many of you got orders from your neighbours and from your friends at work. Without you we couldn't have done it.

Enjoy the chicken and empty out your freezers because we are going to do our Second Chicken Fundraiser in the fall.

# AS WE GROW...So much has happened with the OZCF—please continue to show your support and be involved!

#### OZCF Library—Librarian Required!

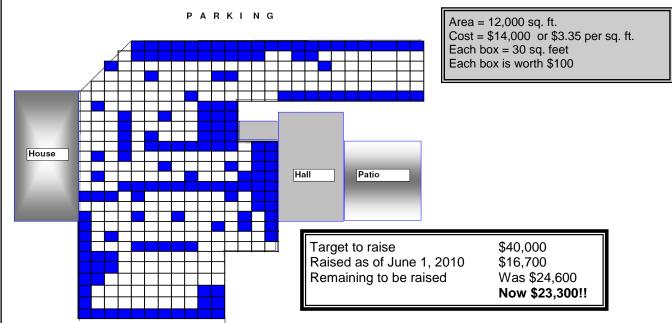
We have created a library that will house religious books, DVDs and videos for our association and those in North America. We will be linking this library by ways of cataloging with the 'FEZANA Information Research Education System'. This will allow increased accessibility to more information for our community and the ability to link up with additional resources that are offered by FEZANA.

We are looking for someone who will work with the OZCF Board of Directors to manage the library system, which will include setup, cataloging process and collaboration with FEZANA to provide a high level of service and availability to the OZCF community. If interested, please send in your name to <u>rumijas@hotmail.com</u>

# Paving Update—More Blank Squares to fill in and we need your help!

We are progressing well on getting in money for the paving work that was done.

If you remember, the Board of Directors took on this initiative knowing that you, the members would come through and we are still around \$23,000 short of recouping this money. Please continue to support this initiative and pay for a square and check the progress in each newsletter. Thank you.



#### Loan update

The OZCF are proud to be able to announce that we only have an outstanding loan amount consisting of \$143,000. We would like to push forward and pay off this loan as soon as possible, thus putting the OZCF in a debt free environment. The progress of paying off the loan in such rapid time (over the last five years) and continuing to renovate the workshop and also being able to continue to provide religious and other activities to the Zoroastrian community is a testament to the generosity and hard work of all our members and friends. Please support the OZCF to push forward in yet another initiative, remembering that everything the OZCF embarks on is completed with success. Imagine, we normally raise around \$120,000 at each gala, and with the Sari Dagli event happening on June 26<sup>th</sup>, we do have an opportunity to help towards this great initiative. Currently we have five families who have each donated \$600 towards reducing the loan!

#### **Volunteers Required**

We are creating a database of volunteers and request that you send in your name and any areas that you feel you can help in to Jal Panthaky at jal\_panthaky@yahoo.ca. This is a crucial area where the organization relies on and without your assistance the running and maintenance of the facility becomes very costly.

#### **Facility usage**

The hall and grounds are available for private use and anyone wishing to hold an event is encouraged to contact Cyrus Gazdar at cygazdar@yahoo.ca or 905-997-6462. This year we have seen the hall being used for the first time for an engagement party, Agarni and a wedding ceremony. The main hall can accommodate between 100 –150 people, and food can be brought in.

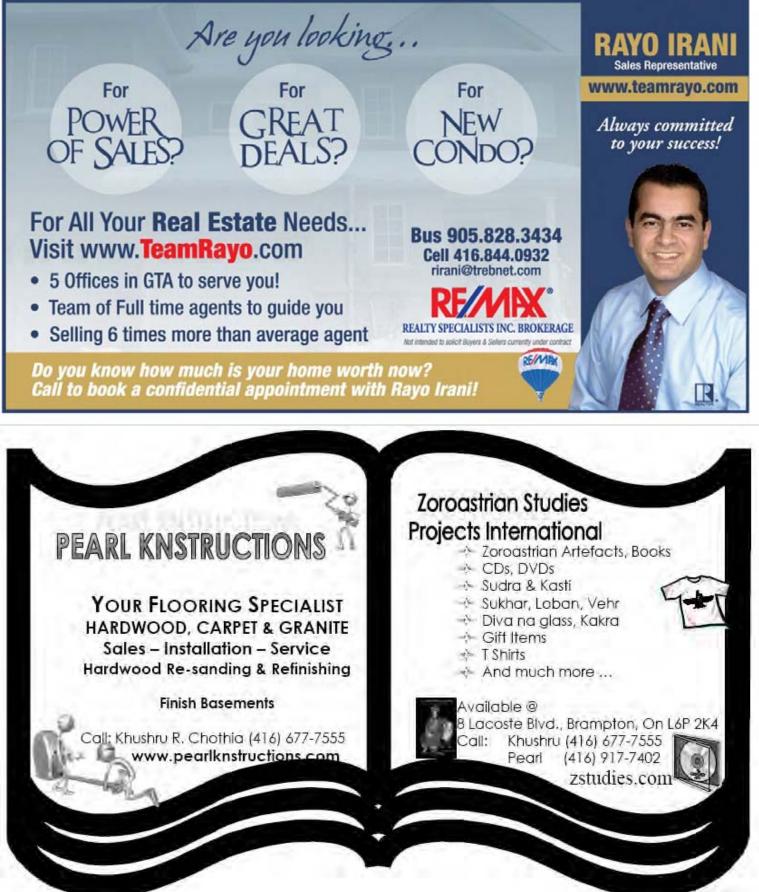
#### **Sports and Youth Committees**

In conjunction with other activities, the two committees will be bringing Sunday morning activities throughout the summer. The activities will consist of Arts, Crafts, Carom, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Cricket, etc. There will also be an aspect of prayer, Gujarati sessions and dance sessions which should all be a lot a fun. There is something for everyone to enjoy and we request you show support, encourage your kids to take part and have fun and meet fellow Zoroastrian at the same time, with an opportunity to forge long-term friendships. Kindly submit your names to Armaity Anandasagar at armaity@rogers.com, Mehzabin Bhagalia at mezi@rogers.com or Benaaz Irani at benaaz.irani@dgig.ca. It only costs \$5 per person, including food, for a great day of fun! Events will run on the following days; June, 13, 27, July 4, 11, 25, Aug 1,8,15, 29.



Want to help save on postage costs for the OZCF and do your part for the environment? Request to view your copy online E-mail: ron.michelle@rogers.com for a notification when the newsletter is available on our website.

# Call Team Rayo Today!



# **Chowpatty Chaat Night**

On a pleasant summer's eve on May 29<sup>th</sup>, nearly 90 members had come out to the OZCF to sample bhel, tandoori chicken and fallooda at the Chowpatty Chaat Night. The evening started off with guests sitting and chatting on the patio and enjoying the sunset across the fields of the ZRCC.

After dinner was complete, rounds of bingo were played and prizes distributed. With the summer's first event already having come and gone, we look forward to many other events in the next few months.



#### **Sports Events**

The OZCF will once again embark on holding its **2nd Annual Cricket Dhansak** event on **August 22, 2010** which looks to be an even bigger success than last year. We are also holding our first Annual Sports Day, which will cater to all ages and we look forward to bringing you events such as Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Track Events, 3-legged races, Egg & Spoon Race, Wheelbarrow Races, Frisbee competition, Longest Ball Throw, Zumba Dancing, Golf, and much more! It will be a full day of excitement with fun and food. Please come out as a family and send in your names to Rumi Jasavala at rumijas@hotmail.com or call 905-257-7864.

#### Report on FEZANA AGM by Teenaz Javat

A visit to the Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation (OZCF) means prayers, gambhar, cricket or camp. But on the evening of April 23 as I entered the hall, I was pleasantly surprised to see it morphed into a boardroom- crisp white covers draped over tables set to seat all 24 delegates still arriving at the gates.

As the representatives and their spouses came in there was much back-slapping. The Daruwalas from Florida met the Panthakis from Mississauga after almost 50 years! The Dastoors met the Patels, Collector and Mehta agreed to disagree, Rivetna came with his erudite wife and son while their daughter took fastidious notes. Pastakia and Gandhi came to enlighten and in some cases set the record straight. It was clear right from the outset that the meeting was more than just a coming together of people. Those assembled represented a microcosm of the larger Zoroastrian community living and working in North America. The setting lent itself to the dissemination of thoughts and ideas which can then be taken to their respective associations for mandate. Safe to say, it is at these gatherings where ideas take birth. They are spawned, vigorously debated upon, massaged, tweaked and set on their road to fruition.

After the benediction by Ervad Kobad Zarolia and mandatory introductions by President Bomi Patel, the motley audience was treated to a pre-AGM audio-visual presentation by Behram Pastakia on how the tenets of our faith are being tested at the grass-root level in the form of Operation Eyesight. Behram went onto remind us how important it is to keep our faith in the spotlight. He mentioned that 2010 is a landmark year as it was 1,000 years ago that the great bard Ferdowsi of Tus completed the epic of kings-Shahnameh. Dolly Dastoor Editor-in-chief of the FEZANA journal announced that the winter issue will be dedicated to this great epic and its author who started the book as a dowry for his daughter and took 30 years to complete.

And then there was food-Chicken curry chaval and lots of kachumbar.

Day two began just the way day one ended- with more food. Kermin Byramjee and her band of foodies cooked up 100 poras and all were treated to a delectable nashta of pora-pau and garam chai/coffee. The two sessions for the day were mostly dedicated to following a set agenda. A report by President Bomi Patel, Secretary Firuzi Poonevalla, and the feisty treasurer Katayun Kapadia. Accolades and praise were showered on Katayun as she leaves the position after rendering yeoman service for 4 years. Each representative was allocated 5 minutes to brief all present on their individual associations.

The session was interspersed with tea/coffee breaks comprising naan khatai and bhakras followed by a delectable bhel poori/finger food lunch of fish pakoras, chat and meat kebabs. As the debates and presentation continued the members were invited to a dinner program arranged by the OZCF at the Holiday Inn in Oakville. The guests were treated to a light-hearted talk by Prof Enrico G. Raffaelli who while extolling the virtues of our faith told the audience how much he loved watching "Little Zizou".

"The Religion of Zarathustra has not ceased to fascinate me," said Raffaelli of the University of Toronto. "While ancient customs and ceremonies are impossible to practise in a modern context, we need to expand our program at U of T as Toronto is the new centre of Zoroastrians in the world." 280 students have over 8 years studied Introduction to Zoroastrianism at the undergraduate level, which is more than the student-turnout at the prestigious School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London, England. The meetings continued with the final session being held in the morning at the Holiday Inn hotel. The afternoon was rounded off by a session arranged by the World Zoroastrian Chamber of Commerce (Toronto Chapter) who had four speakers that were followed by a Zoroastrian briefing everyone on his new business venture and looking for guidance from those around him.

The OZCF would like to thank FEZANA for providing them the opportunity to host the AGM and it also helped provide a better insight into the FEZANA sub-committees and how each association can try and benefit from the wealth of knowledge that encompasses all the associate members.





Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation Presents

> a Sari & Dagli Gala *Just For You*



# Gala Evening Menu

**Patra Nu Bhonu** This fabulous dinner will be served to you on a banana leaf

Waffer & Achaar - Potato Chips & Pickles Tareli Machi—Fried Fish Rotli—Chapati Lagan nu estew—Vegetable Stew Jardaloo ma Murghi ne Sali—Chicken with Dried Apricots & Straw Potatoes Mutton Pulau—Saffron Pilaff Rice Mutton Masala dar—Spicy Lentil Malai Kulfi—Homemade Ice Cream

# Vegetarians

Masala Paneer ne Sali—Spiced, stir fried Home made Cheese Vegetarian Palau—Saffron Pilaff with Vegetables

The Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation (OZCF) is hosting a Sari & Dagli Dinner and Gala, our annual Fundraiser on June 26, 2010 at The 707 Galaxy Banquet Hall Oakville. Tickets for this event are \$75 per head.

We would also like to invite you to place an advertisement in our program book, which will allow you the opportunity to profile your company's products and services.

An advertisement order form is attached. Donations and Contributions in other forms would be greatly appreciated too.

To place your advertisement in the program book, please fill out the attached form by **June 11, 2010** and mail to:

Sam Bharda Program Book Advertisement 1927 Steepbank Crescent Mississauga, On L4X 1T9

A tax receipt will be issued to you for all cash donations. We hope you can join us for this event in your support to help fulfill our vision. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kermin Ostrampic

Kermin Byramjee OZCF Gala Chair 288 Alscot Crescent Oakville, On L6J 4R4 Please call (905) 845-3480



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