

VISION

OCTOBER
2010

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 26** — 1st Annual Oktoberfest
ZRCC (see Page 8)
- Oct. 30**—Children's Halloween Party
ZRCC (see Page 9)
- Nov. 27** — Skit & Dinner -ZRCC
(see Page 10)
- Dec. 4** — Children's X-mas Party
ZRCC—details TBA
- Dec. 26** — 11am Zarhost-no-Diso (F)
- Dec. 31**—New Year's Dinner/ Dance
ZRCC—details TBA
- Jan 2, 2011**—Maidhyarem Ghambar (F)

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All submissions for the next issue must be received no later than **December 1, 2010.**

Need a Mobed?

Our Mobeds are available to help in times of need to offer their guidance and services to the OZCF community. Here is a list of contacts.

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President's Message

On behalf of the Board of Directors I wish everyone a belated Shenshahi Navroz Mubarak. Muktdad ceremonies were held over five Gatha days at the ZRCC. These were organized by Ervad Nozer Kotwal and his band of dedicated volunteers and priests. The ceremonies were attended by an overwhelming number of members and non-members. Volunteers cooked and donated wholesome, delicious food for all five days. At the end of every prayer ceremony a small explanation of an excerpt from one of our prayers was given by the priest. This year there was another addition. Dinaz Hira and Khurshed Patel introduced the congregation to the 'singing of the Gathas'. We will make this inspirational feature a regular event in all future Muktdads.

The ZRCC continues to be a hub of activity. August and September were the busiest months ever in the history of OZCF! There were activities that catered to every interest. The annual Sports Day, Scouts Mela, Paitishahem Ghambar, Lamb Roast Picnic and a game of Cricket with Dhan Sak were some of the many events held.

Our seniors are enjoying Yoga, exercise and wellness, and meditation classes. These classes are run by experienced teachers. We would like more seniors to participate and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

The OZCF collected over \$7,590 towards Pakistan Flood Relief efforts. Khurshid Engineer and Nilofur Aga spearheaded this drive and the donation was sent to Pakistan via the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario. Since late July 2010, more than 18 million Pakistanis have been forced to flee their homes as a result of the worst-ever monsoon floods in at least 80 years. Emergencies such as this bring untold trauma and hardship. Your generosity will bring comfort and essentials to vulnerable children and families affected by this disaster. Thank you.

The new Board along with its Subcommittees is well on its way to a busy schedule of planning, organizing and delivering a wide array of services, activities and delights. The Social and Entertainment Committee will soon be announcing a calendar of exciting events, while the Membership Committee will aim to see that all our members are up to date with their fee payments.

We are counting on your support to make this a center that the young and young-at-heart can all be proud of. Thank you all for your generous donations thus far.

Jal Panthaky
President, OZCF

ZRCC—Prayer Room Hours:

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm
and Sundays 10:30am-12:30 pm

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS IN 2011!

As our President Jal Panthaky mentioned, the ZRCC is a hub of activity! Take part in special events and important religious dates, and set an example for the younger generation.

SOCIAL EVENTS 2010

October 23 (Sat.)	Oktoberfest at ZRCC – See attached flyer
October 30 (Sat.)	Children's Halloween Party at ZRCC – see attached flyer
November 27 (Sat.)	Skit and Dinner at ZRCC – see attached flyer
December 4 (Sat.)	Children's Xmas Party at ZRCC – Details TBA
December 31 (Fri.)	New Years Eve Party at ZRCC – Details TBA

SOCIAL EVENTS 2011

Feb 12 (Sat.)	Valentines TBA
March 16 -20	Mukhtad at ZRCC
March 21 (Mon.)	Navroze Jashan at ZRCC
March 26 (Sat.)	Navroze & Khordad Sal Celebration at Payal Banquet Hall
April 17 (Sun.)	Car Rally
May 14 (Sat.)	Full Length Comedy Natak @ Michael Power/ St. Joseph School Auditorium
July 10 (Sun.)	Lamb Roast Picnic at ZRCC
Sept 11 (Sun.)	Golf at Caledon Country Club

RELIGIOUS EVENTS for 2011

January 2	(Sunday)	11:00am	Maidhyarem Ghambar (F)
March 16-20	(Wed-Sun)	All Day	Mukhtad (F)
March 21	(Monday)	7:00pm	Navroze
March 26	(Saturday)	11:00am	Khordadsal (F)
April 8	(Friday)	7:00pm	Farvardegan (F)
May 1	(Sunday)	11:00am	Maidhyozarem Ghambar (F)
May 26	(Thursday)	7:00pm	Zarthost-no-Diso (S)
July 1	(Friday)	11:00am	Maidhyoshem Ghambar (F)
Aug 14-18	(Sun-Thu)	All Day	Mukhtad (S)
August 19	(Friday)	7:00pm	Navroze (S)
August 24	(Wednesday)	7:00pm	Khordadsal (S)
September 6	(Tuesday)	7:00pm	Farvardegan (S)
September 7	(Wednesday)	7:00pm	Dasturji Kukadaru Baj
September 16	(Friday)	7:00pm	Paitishahem Ghambar (F)
October 16	(Sunday)	11:00am	Ayathrem Ghambar (F)
December 26	(Monday)	11:00am	Zarthost-no-Diso (F)



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Did you have a picture taken with Bollywood actor **Boman Irani**, when he visited the ZRCC this summer?

If you would like a copy of some of the photos from the eventful dinner with Boman Irani, please e-mail Meher Panthaky at: meherpanthaky@yahoo.ca



Pictures can be purchased for \$2.00 each, which will be donated to the OZCF.

Navroze Function

While it may have kept participants from using the patio on a summer's eve, the torrent of rain failed to dampen the spirits of nearly 170 members, who gathered at the ZRCC to celebrate Navroze for those followers of the Shenshahi calendar.

The incessant rain, which was befitting of spring rather than of late summer, kept celebrants cozy and in close quarters for much of the evening. And with customary good food and music on offer throughout, the evening proved successful, despite the inclement weather. Many thanks to the Entertainment Committee for organizing the event.



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OZCF Places First on Sports Day

Sport truly is the great equalizer. It transcends all boundaries from race and religion to nationalities and politics. Include age to the list. **Sunday, August 29th** witnessed the First Sports Day at the ZRCC. Participants included girls and boys, Mums and Dads, grannies and grandpas, all ranging from a cutie twonie (two-year old) to, incredibly, octogenarians.

One should always warm up prior to partaking in any physical activity. Rhea and Roshni Jasavala (with assistance from Lady Gaga blasting in the background) led the 120 participants in calisthenics, stretching many an unused muscle. Agony was evident, but being good sports, everyone persevered.

Activities included 30m-50m sprints, relay races, three-legged races (a couple married over 40 years creamed the rest of the field – talk of tying the knot well!) and egg-and-spoon races. Indeed, running was a major theme but there were others too; soccer, shooting on a hockey net, bowling accuracy onto cricket stumps, Frisbee tosses, golfing shots at the flag pin and the grand finale - a tug of war. All registered competitors received participant ribbons at the end of the day.



The Sports Committee led by its inspirational captain, Rumi Jasavala, hosted the event, but they could not have done it without the assistance of numerous other volunteers whom the Committee thanks for their hard work before, during and after the event.



Any competitor will tell you that once you get into the game, your competitive juices really start flowing. One runner, who hadn't raced in years, dove for the finish line as she was approaching the cordon, while she was being cheered on by her two young boys who were roaring with enthusiasm of their mothers' competitive spirit, and by her husband who (mistakenly) thought she was falling for him all over again. Fun and games all 'round – just the sort of day it was meant to be!

*"Do you know what my favourite part of the game is?
The opportunity to play." Mike Singletary*

Lamb Roast

In a long list of summer items on the OZCF menu, the Annual Lamb Roast picnic was the event *de choix* at the ZRCC on **Saturday, September 18th**. The event has become a staple affair during the summer months and this year was no different as members flocked to the bucolic but idyllic setting at the ZRCC grounds to enjoy the good food amid the company of good friends.

Tender, scrumptious lamb melted in famished mouths. No being sheepish here as seconds were the norm versus the exception. As if the lamb alone were not tempting enough, tandoori chicken was also on the platter. It didn't matter which came first, the chicken or the lamb; both were mouth-watering, both were devoured. Pita and salad provided the accompaniments; falooda washed it down; ice cream digested it all.

Prior to lunch, enthusiastic volunteers had prepared goodies as part of a bake sale. After lunch, some of our younger members demonstrated their talents and entertained members. Numbers rang out as rounds of bingo followed. Many thanks to Kermin Byramjee who shepherded her herd of volunteers in serving up a fabulous feast.



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2nd Annual Cricket Dhan Sak Day



The year 2009 witnessed the first OZCF Cricket Dhansak event staged at the Zoroastrian Religious and Cultural Centre which also helped us launch the fundraising effort for the Paving project. It may seem like a long time ago as the fundraising for the paving project was completed and the 1st Annual Cricket Dhansak Day was a resounding success!

This summer we continued by holding the 2nd Annual Cricket Dhansak event which brought out 34 players from the ages of 12 to 70 years. Players were adorned in traditional white Cricket clothing and the modern one day coloured clothing. The two Captains, Kobad Zarolia and Khushroo Bharda led their teams into battle with Khushroo Bharda winning the toss and electing to field in sunny but windy conditions.

The OZCF field was looking immaculate with the Cricket wicket being laid down in the morning and the outfield cut as short as possible. The boundary markers were positioned, the umpires on the field and the game began at 12.15pm. Kobad Zarolia's team started

batting well and played some excellent shots to amass a score of 175 runs off their 30-overs. The innings consisted of excellent batting strokes and equally impressive fielding.

During the innings break spectators and players had lunch of hot dogs and Samosas with soft drinks. The hot dogs were nicely made by Cyrus Gazdar in between him bowling and fielding. The group was also entertained during the break by a classic video of India vs. Pakistan playing in the hall. Each innings was accompanied by live commentary from Khushroo Bharda, Meherwan Wadia, Dinyar Medhora and Rushad Bharda which included, English, Hindi and Urdu and even presented advertisements during each over.

The batting for Khushroo Bharda's team began slowly and it saw a partnership of over 80 runs between the two youngest players, Darius Dalal (52 runs and 12 years old) and Xarius Jasavala (20 runs and 13 years old). It provided the spectators and players with glorious shots from young Darius and some improvised shots from Xarius. Both of them brought back fond memories for some of the older players on the days of how they used to play, especially watching them run between the wickets. A game that went back and forth in terms of runs scored and wickets taken fittingly ended up with both teams scoring 175 runs of their 30-overs.

Dhansak followed with great eagerness by the players and spectators alike and included fantastic Kababs and Kachumber. During dinner, attendees were entertained by some cricket video highlights and a presentation to Darius Dalal and Xarius Jasavala for their contribution to this game of Cricket as being the two youngest to take part.

I would like to thank the following persons for their help before, during and after the event for setup and food preparation: Tina Dalal, Hutoxi Kitagawa, Havovi Bharda, Armaity Anandasagar, Khushroo Bharda, Cyrus Banker, Rushad Bharda, Cyrus Gazdar, Sam Bharda, Zain Ghadially and Merwan Dubash.

The following are thanked for their generous sponsorship of the Cricket Dhansak event: Aslam Gangat, Rayomand Irani (Remax Real Estate), Yazdi Kharwanwala (Finchdale Cleaners), Maria Szabados (Signature Service/GMAC Real Estate), Eric Surkari and Aspi Sapurji.

Without all these willing sponsors and help, events like these would not be possible and the sports subcommittee is extremely thankful to them all. An attendance of over 90 people graced this event and I would also like to thank you all for your participation and we look forward to the 3rd Annual Cricket Dhansak in 2011.

Article and pictures courtesy of Rumi Jasavala





UPCOMING FEZANA EVENT

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NAVJOTES

Congratulations to all our new initiates, who include **Max and Shaleena Madon**, **Yasna Dhabhar**, and **Aban and Jasmyne Pithawala**,

Congratulations to **Shanaya and Brandon Patel**, daughter & son of Ron & Michelle Patel, grandchildren of Gulrukh & Cawas Patel and Yezdi & Roshan Engineer, great grandchildren of Coomi Engineer, Khorshid Jobani and Coomi Patel, on their September 5th Navjote ceremony in Mississauga, Ontario.

IN CELEBRATION

Jer Keki Kutar was born Jer Sohrab Dastur at Navsari, Gujarat in India on the 23rd of December 1909. She was the only child of Sohrab Dastur and Jaijee Bajan. At 5 years of age her parents moved to Bombay, and again at 12 years of age they moved to Jamshedpur, where Sohrab was the chief internal auditor for the Tata Iron and Steel Company. She was sent for most of her education to the Gokhle Memorial School at Calcutta. After leaving school, she married Keki Hormazji Kutar, and continued to live in Jamshedpur. She had 2 children Zal and Hormazdyar and was very active in the social life of the town as well as in the local charitable organizations. She was widely travelled in Europe and the Far East. She lived a year in Germany and 3 years in Iran. After the death of her husband she stayed with her sons or her other relatives. She emigrated to Canada in 1999, and is now a Canadian citizen. A Jashan was performed at the OZCF hall in 2009 in honour of her 100th birthday.



Long time supporter of both the ZSO and the OZCF, **Coomi Bhathena**, celebrated her 100th Birthday this past August. An open house was held on the 5th Gatha at Darbe Meher with a Luncheon of Dhan Dar, Patyo, Sev and Dhahi. About 150 community members were in attendance and it was a lovely function. Coomi Aunty was indeed very happy. She was presented with a plaque and "Peramni." There was also an open house held by the family at Cummer Lodge in North York, where Coomi Aunty resides, where friends and family could visit and wish her a Happy Birthday. It was a wonderful celebration honouring a committed volunteer and contributor to our community!

IN MEMORIAM

Herman D'Costa, husband of Dolly (Irani) passed away on August 10, 2010 in Toronto.

Gulcher Laher, wife of Pervez, mother of Fred and mother-in-law of Kashmira passed away on Sept. 12, 2010.

Uwe Pfuetzner passed away on October 10, 2010 at Trillium Hospital following heart surgery. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Thrity, son Cyrus, daughter-in-law Roopa, and grandchildren Angad, Leah and Sophia.

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Senior's Health and Wellness

We are lucky to have a vibrant and active group of seniors who partake in several different physical activities, usually held at the ZRCC. There are yoga sessions such as Hatha yoga, taught by Marook Sidhwa, Meditation by Baktawar Mehta, Prayanama Yoga by Zubin Dotiwala and exercise sessions designed for seniors by Armeen Jasavala, who is studying homeopathic medicine.

Although these sessions are primarily for seniors, everyone is always welcome to attend and learn!

In addition to a focus on health and wellness, these active "youngsters" enjoy a variety of social outings such as luncheons and have assembled a Senior Choir that has performed at one of our Navroze functions. Next year, the seniors are planning to take a river cruise and possibly a trip to a Casino!

It's not easy keeping up with this active bunch!

Sports News-Congratulations

The Oakville Soccer Club held tryouts for the Girls U11 Rep B and C teams over the fall where 40 girls attended. Congratulations to **Rhea Jasavala** for being selected as one of the B team players to be developed over the winter period. This is Rhea's first year in the rep program and she is very excited to follow in her older brother's footsteps and proud to belong to North America's largest soccer club. We wish Rhea all the best during the winter development and look forward to hearing about her progress.

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Halloween Hits OZCF

On October 30, 2010(5 pm onwards), all the witches, goblins, ghosts, and mystical creatures are visiting the OZCF.

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The brave, older souls are also invited to spend the entire night at the haunted grounds.



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