

# ONTARIO ZOROASTRIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# VISION

# DECEMBER 2011

## At a Glance...

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Jan. 21, 2012	Gymkhana Night
Jan. 28, 2012	Skating & Hockey
Mar. 24, 2012	Navroze Persian Night
Apr. 7, 2012	NAMC Seminar
Apr. 15, 2012	Car Rally at OZCF
May 11, 2012	<b>Orient Express Gala</b>
June 10, 2012	Fun Fair

### Newsletter Committee—Contact Info.

Michelle Patel at [ron.michelle@rogers.com](mailto:ron.michelle@rogers.com)  
All submissions for the next issue must be received no later than **February 1, 2012**.

## 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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Ervad Jal Panthaky (905) 568-4946  
Ervad Kobad Zarolia (647) 887-9213  
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If you have difficulty contacting a Mobed, please contact a Board Member.

## ZRCC Contact Information

You may contact the following to find information on when the prayer room or hall are open.

**Prayer Room Access** Nozer Kotwal 905-820 0461  
[nozerk@yahoo.com](mailto:nozerk@yahoo.com)

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## President's Message

This is the last Newsletter of 2011 & we are bringing in the New Year of 2012. The OZCF has completed nine progressive years of its existence. I would like to take a moment to reflect on what we have accomplished and look forward to where we are going.

- We have purchased 10.2 acres of land.
- Completed the renovation of the existing garage into a beautiful hall which is being used extensively for various activities such as entertainment, religious events, Jashan, Gahambars, Muktdad, Navjotes, weddings, funeral ceremonies, Senior's and Pranayam Yoga and exercise classes, children events, Nataks and many other activities.
- We have received the permit to install the patio cover with skylights and the storage shed to free up the space in the hall
- Installed a removable stage donated by our Yoga seniors
- Installed curbs to protect hall walls
- Installed catch basin to drain water puddles in the entrance of our parking lot
- Parking lot leveled, covered with asphalt grindings and compacted
- Purchased banquet style chairs, new round and square tables and caddies
- Many other planned improvements to be completed funds permitting.
- Set up a master Plan Committee to prepare a comprehensive plan to maximize the use of our land, in relation with Town of Oakville North Secondary plan.
- Set up a Place of worship advisory committee to prepare a detailed report on the viability, sustainability, funding etc to give the community in-depth information for the decision making process.
- Set up By-Law subcommittee to review new Bill 65 to check and amend our Bylaws in relation to this bill that will have some effect on all charitable and not-for-profit organizations. The committee is expected to be ready with their recommendations and amendments to our bylaws by the Dec. or January 2012.

This year has been challenging and extremely busy with several activities or functions being held at the ZRCC almost bi-weekly! This proves much value of having our own property that can be used in many ways.

While our Advisory Committee and Master Plan Committee are busy preparing their report on our place of worship, I request all the community members to take interest and come forward to help whether it is financial, physical or moral or otherwise to work in unity to move closer to our vision. The Board of Directors cannot do it all without your help and active participation and involvement!

I would like to wish Seasons Greetings, a Happy New Year and say Thank You to the Board of Directors, subcommittee members, and to all our members for your continued support, cooperation, assistance. We are looking forward to an exciting phase and seeing the community unite even more to achieve the vision and goals of the OZCF.

Yours Truly,  
Jal Panthaky



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## 2012 SOCIAL EVENTS

*The new year is upon us—so mark your calendars for these dates—they will come up before you know it!*

January 21, 2012 (Sat.)	Gymkhana Night at OZCF—see Page 8 for details!
January 28, 2012 (Sat.)	Skating & Hockey 6:30—8:30 pm; Venue: River Oaks Community Centre, 6th Line, Oakville Cost \$20 per person; Contact: Rumi Jasavala at rumijas@hotmail.com or 905-257-7864
March 24, 2012 (Sat.)	Navroze Persian Night at Galaxy Banquet Hall
April 7, 2012 (Sat.)	NAMC SEMINAR, at MGDM, 3590 Bayview Ave. See Page 4 for details!
April 15, 2012 (Sun.)	Car Rally at OZCF
May 11, 2012 (Fri.)	<b>Orient Express Gala at Burlington Convention Centre—see Page 9!</b>
June 10, 2012 (Sun.)	Fun Fair at OZCF

## RELIGIOUS EVENTS

### **Maidhyarem Ghambar - January 2, 2012**

We will be celebrating Maidhyarem Ghambar (F) on January 2, 2012 at the ZRCC. The Ghambar Jashan will commence at 11:00am followed by lunch. The cost of attending the Jashan & lunch is \$5.00 per person; children up to the age of 20 years are free. If you plan to attend please give your name to Nozer Kotwal (905) 820-0461 stating how many adults and/or children, veg. or non-veg., will be attending, a.s.a.p. but not later than December 28th. Donation of fruits, dry fruits, flowers, Sukhad, Loban, achho etc. is always welcomed at these prayer meetings. Please also volunteer to clean up after the event.

## 2012 CHILDREN'S RELIGION CLASSES

Children's Religion Classes have resumed for the fall both at the MGDM (for children in the east end of Toronto) and John Fraser Secondary School (for children in the west end of Toronto).

**JOHN FRASER SECONDARY** (please note that only the John Fraser dates are available at this time. Please see the next newsletter for full MGDM and John Fraser dates).

**January 22**  
**February 19**  
**March 4**  
**April 1**

**April 15**  
**April 29 (Parabh/LPP) Joint Session at Darbe Meher**  
**May 6**  
**May 27 (Annual Day) Joint Session at Darbe Meher**

Regularly scheduled classes at the MGDM run from 2:45 PM to 5:15 PM and at John Fraser Secondary School from 11:30 AM to 1:30PM. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Khurshid Engineer at [khurshid.engineer@rbc.com](mailto:khurshid.engineer@rbc.com).



### **A & Z Home Renovations**

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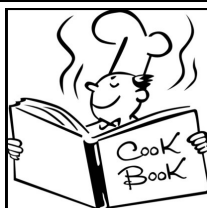
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**For Estimates Call:**

**Dara Homavazir @: 905 764 6667**

### **Parsi Cookbook now available**

A simple and useful cook book put together by the Karachi Parsi Zarthoshti Banu Mandal is back by popular demand. This is a hard cover book of tried and tested recipes. Books are selling very fast so please contact KHURSHID ENGINEER at 905-828-8324 or [khurshid.engineer@rbc.com](mailto:khurshid.engineer@rbc.com).



*"We will open the book. Its pages are blank.  
We are going to put words on them ourselves.  
The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter  
is New Year's Day." ~Edith Lovejoy Pierce*

## Communication/Media & IT

The OZCF website has been updated to include a Gallery of pictures for events. Please see the Gallery tab on the right hand side.

We have managed to include the Autodialer message itself on the website which has been done for Bereavement messages in the last month. This gives you the ability to listen to the Autodialer message again, in case you missed it or did not quite 'get it'. You would need sound on your computer or internet device to listen to the message and it can be accessed by computer and certain cell phones. The web site will be undergoing some other cosmetic changes over the next 2 months and we will highlight these once they have been completed.

## As We Grow—Progress at the Property

In recent months much work has been carried out at the ZRCC property. Here's some detail on these accomplishments:

**Folding Stage** – As many of you are aware, our Seniors meet weekly to practise Yoga. You may be unaware to know that this indefatigable group regularly collects donations amongst themselves. Recently, enough money had been collected which was donated toward installing a folding stage in the main hall. This allows us to fold up the stage and use the space at the front of the hall if required.

**New Chairs** – you'll get to view what takes place on that new stage on comfortable, new, banquet hall style chairs which the Board had recently ordered. Expect to see these in the main hall at the time of Navroze.

**Paving the Way and Catch Basin** – granular asphalt shavings have been deposited, levelled, graded, and compacted in the parking lot. This will reduce the accumulation of mud and water which used to form large pools during heavy precipitation. In addition, a catch basin has been installed in the lowest part at the west end of the driveway. This will further curtail large pooling of water as it drains into the basin which will then drain into the creek at the west end of our property.

**Permission Granted** – we have, at last, received approval by the Town to construct the awning over the patio. This will allow us to make use of the patio during intense weather conditions, effectively doubling our spatial use (main hall + patio). This permit ensues the one received to construct the storage shed which will be attached to the south end of the awning. Installation of both the awning and the shed are set to begin shortly.

**New Tables** - 20 six feet round blow molded plastic tables, 10 blow molded plastic card tables, two storage caddies for round tables, and two storage caddies for existing rectangle tables have also been purchased.

**Motion Detection Lights** – No more darkness in front of the house as motion detection lights have been installed at its entrance.

**Media/IT Information** (<http://www.ozcf.com/>) Association websites.

The OZCF Media/IT team have been busy contacting associations around the world and placing their website links on our website (under the 'Associations' tab on the left hand side). This web page allows you to search for an association through our website, who has a website themselves. This encourages Zoroastrians around the world to be aware of other Zoroastrian communities and be witness to what they are doing and their own achievements.

### Twitter

Forums, chat and message boards are being replaced with applications such as twitter. The OZCF has it's own Twitter account and will be distributing it to the membership soon after some further testing in the near future. This will give us the ability to pass on information directly to you via email and to your cell phones.

### Facebook

Young Zoroastrians of Ontario have their own Facebook account which is being used for them to keep abreast of events of their interest. The OZCF has also created their own Facebook page and once again will be distributing the link very shortly to its membership.

### Webinars

Soli Dastur from Florida holds numerous education lectures and has a very good attendance (60 people at the last one in December from all over the world). We have been working closely with Soli Dastur from Florida to bring his seminars via the internet to allow further increased participation. Stay tuned for more information on Soli's webinars in our events section. We have also included links to his recorded broadcasts under our 'Learning/Education' section of our website. This is a work in progress section of our website.

### Online Registration & Payments of events

The 2012 Gala is the first event where we have enabled with online registration and payment. This allows us to manage the events better and provide you, the membership, the ability to pay online via Paypal and Credit card. Do try it out for the Gala registration and if you experience any issues, do contact Rumi Jasavala on [rumijas@hotmail.com](mailto:rumijas@hotmail.com) or 905-257-7864.

### Halloween Party Video Dance Party

We did not just bring music to the enthusiastic crowd but also added the touch of music video on our large screen at the OZCF. Over 45 songs were available to be played and showed and requests were taken on the day too. Another exciting move for the OZCF and this was enjoyed by both the young and old members in attendance. Thank you to **Xarius, Rhea and Roshni Jasavala** for putting this together.

**WANTED!**

Volunteer photographers to take pictures at OZCF events. We are seeking a pool of volunteers who can take pictures at the OZCF events and work with the Media/IT sub committee. We currently have three names and are looking for more. If interested, kindly contact Sam Bharda at [hbhardas@usa.net](mailto:hbhardas@usa.net)



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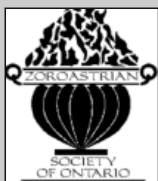
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## **NAMC SEMINAR 2012**

at  
Mehraban Guiv Darbe Mehr 3590, Bayview Avenue  
On **Saturday April 7, 2012**, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm  
called

### **Passage of Time and its Influence on Zarathushtrian Tradition**

The lectures will specifically focus on 4 topics delivered by four knowledgeable Mobeds

The seminar is open to Zoroastrian community

Attendance is \$7.00 per person to cover the cost of Lunch and Coffee breaks

**Space is limited to first 160 paid registrants**

To register please contact one of the following and mail cheque (payable to ZSO) to either  
Meher Panthaky at [meherpanthaky@yahoo.ca](mailto:meherpanthaky@yahoo.ca) (905) 568-4946, 5508 Spangler Dr., Mississauga ON, L5R 3A2  
OR

Parvez & Roshan Rabadi at [prabadi@aol.com](mailto:prabadi@aol.com) (647) 341-6731, 1208-1555 Finch Ave. East, Toronto, ON M2J4X9

### **Karaoke Night**

Performers put their vocal chords to the test by belting out a bevy of Indian ballads on **November 12<sup>th</sup>** at the ZRCC for **Karaoke Night**.

Arms were swaying, hands were applauding and couples dancing as Dinaz Hira and Sammy Divecha performed modern day favourites which interlaced memorable melodies of yesteryear. The appetite whetted, and satiated after dinner, it was time for crooners in the audience to venture onto stage and vocalize their talents. Indeed, a wonderful evening of musical entertainment was on display. The crowd of a 100+ certainly thought so!

### **Seniors Ready to Bring in 2012!**

To end the year with a Bang, the Seniors enjoyed a lunch after their Yoga on November 22nd at the ZRCC. About 40 Seniors enjoyed Shrimp Curry Rice, Kachumber, Prawn Wafers and Jalebi supplied by the gracious Hormuzd Chotia. It was a fun afternoon!

There is much more to come in 2012. The Seniors have enjoyed Casino Niagara this summer and 2 lunch events after Yoga, as well as the Seniors Appreciation Lunch in July with entertainment. Please encourage friends & family to become OZCF Members and enjoy events with their friends. Ushta Te.

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### OZCF Family Christmas Party

'Twas the twelfth month at its eleventh day  
And time was a nearin' of that special holiday

Moms and dads  
Lasses and lads  
All came out to partake and be  
With family and friends at the ZRCC

Food aplenty had tummies a fillin'  
And—oh those Christmas cookies—they got top billin'

Mirth and merriment, good cheer and laughs  
Carolling à la karaoke, games and crafts

A chubby old man robed in red dropped in for a visit  
You knew he was gonna be there, it's always a prerequisite

A hearty "thank you" we say to the Committee Entertainment  
For letting us share in joy and regalement

As the current year draws to an end  
Take time to reflect and comprehend  
The special joys of the Holiday Season  
With those nearest and dearest,  
do we really need another reason?

The change of the calendar draws ever so near  
***The OZCF wishes you and yours Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!***

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We will be taking pictures at functions and events for the purpose of sharing with our community through the Newsletter and on our website. All pictures taken at functions and events are the sole property of the OZCF and may not be used without permission from the Board of directors.



## **One Match Stem Cell Campaign Calling all 18 – 50 year olds**



The ZSO and OZCF are excited to announce the launch of a One Match Stem Cell Campaign with the Canadian Blood Services Stem Cell and Marrow Network.

### **What is One Match?**

- OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network is responsible for finding and matching volunteer donors to patients who require stem cell transplants
- Canadian Blood Services' OneMatch is a member of an international network of registries
- By agreeing to make their donor data available worldwide, international registries have significantly increased the odds of being able to find a matching donor for any patient, anywhere in the world

### **Why Register?**

- Only 30% of patients will find a match within their family and 70% of Canadians rely on a generous donation from an unrelated person
- The probability that someone who needs a bone marrow or stem cell transplant will find a match within his or her own community is high
- For many patients, finding a stem cell donor is like searching for a needle in a haystack
- By the time a person is in need of a match they are at a point of crisis and need to find a match as soon as possible. Registering as a potential donor saves valuable time

### **Process to register as a Donor: Join OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network.**

- To register, you will complete a short health assessment questionnaire and consent to be listed on the database
  - Visit [www.onematch.ca](http://www.onematch.ca) go to join and fill out the online registration form
- Or
- Call **1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283)** to have a registration package mailed to you
  - Once they receive the health assessment and consent form, they will contact you to make arrangements to have you tested or send a simple swab testing kit to your home
  - Your typing results will be added to the their database, and you will be included when they search for possible donors for patients in need

### **Basic Eligibility:**

- Be between 17 and 50 years of age
- Volunteers should be committed to helping any patient in need
- Meet certain health-related criteria
- Fall between certain height and weight levels

You can change your mind at anytime. However, we encourage you think about whether you would be able to donate before joining the network, a match could be made a number of years from when you join.

## **FEZANA NEWS**

*Dear Zarathushtis of North America and Global Zarathushtis:*

2012 marks the historic 25th anniversary of the establishment of FEZANA and the FEZANA Journal. For this monumental silver jubilee, we will be publishing a special 25 page Journal issue showcasing the North American Zarathushti community and their milestone achievements in the past 25 years; and would like our Global Zarathushti community to be an integral part of this legacy to create a cohesive spirit of communal solidarity.

Thus, we invite you to send a 50-word submission on either a person or an event, which in your best judgment has made a significant footprint on the fabric of our North American Zarathushti community. People can be posthumously recognized as well.

***You do not have to be a resident of North America to participate in this submission.***

25 submissions will be chosen for publication.

Please send your submission by **FEBRUARY 1, 2012**; via email to [editor@fezana.org](mailto:editor@fezana.org)

***Dolly Dastoor Ph.D, Editor-in- chief, FEZANA JOURNAL***

# OZCF presents *Gymkhana Night*



*Join us for a fun filled evening  
of carrom, table tennis, cards  
and bingo followed by a  
delicious Parsi dinner. End  
the evening by dancing to the  
music of the DJ*

**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2012

**Time:** 5.00 pm. - 8.00 pm. – Sports;  
8.00 pm. - Dinner followed by dancing

**Location:** ZRCC

**Price:** Adults \$10; Children 4-10yrs \$6  
Non-Members \$15; Children 4-10yrs \$10

Please inform if you require a vegetarian or non-vegetarian meal.

**SPACE IS LIMITED! TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT,**

**PLEASE SEND NAMES & CHEQUES BEFORE JANUARY 16, 2012 TO:**

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Mississauga, ON L4Z1G9

Email: [j.wadia@sympatico.ca](mailto:j.wadia@sympatico.ca) or

Shirin Chaturvedi - Tel: 905-286-4824 Address: Unit 64, 2825 Gananoque Drive,  
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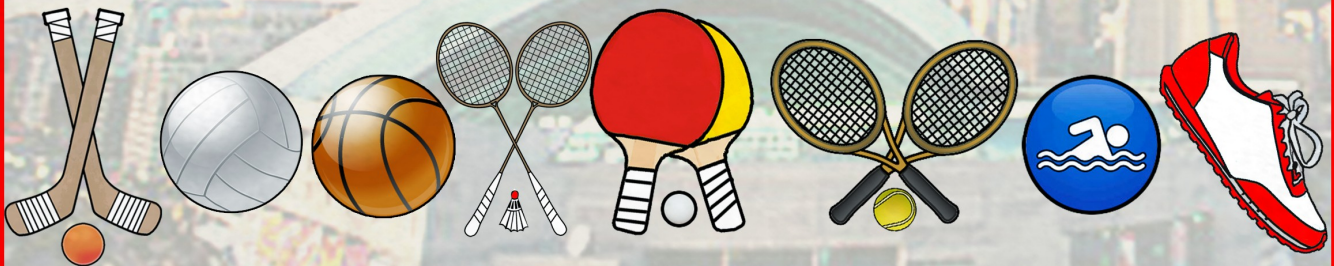


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THE ONTARIO ZOROASTRIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROUDLY PRESENTS  
**AN EVENING ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS**

MAY 11, 2012 • BURLINGTON CONVENTION CENTRE

**Date:** May 11, 2012

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** Burlington Convention Centre  
1120 Burloak Drive, Burlington, ON, L7L 6P8

**OZCF 2012 Gala Ticket Prices**

Prior to February 29, 2012: \$110/person

After March 1, 2012: \$125/person

\* Help OZCF surpass the previous Gala total of \$135,000

\* Beverages, appetizers and dinner selections from the Orient Express route.

\* A real Agatha Christie "who done it" mystery

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THE ONTARIO EUROASTRIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROUDLY PRESENTS  
**AN EVENING ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS**  
 MAY 11, 2012 • BURLINGTON CONVENTION CENTRE

The 2012 Gala's theme is *An Evening on the Orient Express*, which shall prove a memorable experience. We rely heavily on the generous contributions of people like you, who care about and are an integral part of the local community. Contribution options include:

- Provide a cash donation ( tax receipt issued)
- Provide sponsorship
- Donate items for our auctions
- Advertise in our Gala Program Guide

Gala Sponsorship Levels		
Platinum	\$ 20,000	10 complimentary tickets to the event & a full page ad in the Brochure
Gold	\$ 15,000	6 complimentary tickets to the event & a full page ad in the Brochure
Silver	\$ 10,000	4 complimentary tickets to the event & a half page ad in the Brochure
Bronze	\$ 5,000	2 complimentary tickets to the event & a half page ad in the Brochure

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Travel & leisure activities

For more information, please contact Chisty Bulsara at [thebulsaras@sympatico.ca](mailto:thebulsaras@sympatico.ca) or Diana Gazdar at [diana.gazdar@rogers.com](mailto:diana.gazdar@rogers.com). You can also visit the 2012 Gala Registration link on our website at [www.ozcf.com](http://www.ozcf.com).

We look forward to seeing you at the gala and thank you for your continued support!

Kind regards,

Diana Gazdar & Kermin Byramjee  
 2012 Gala Committee Chairs