

VISION

FEBRUARY
2011

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June 26—2nd Annual Sports Day

July 10— Lamb Roast Picnic

July 24—Cricket & Dhan Sak Day

Sept 11 — Golf Tournament at Caledon Golf & Country Club

Newsletter Committee—Contact Info.

Michelle Patel at ron.michelle@rogers.com

All submissions for the next issue must be received no later than **April 1, 2011**.

President's Message

2010 has come and gone fast, and we are looking forward to 2011 with much anticipation for peace, harmony, health and prosperity in the world and progressing towards our Vision.

As we read the paper and watch the news, we are reminded that there are many places in the world that do not live in harmony. Let us be mindful of the things we take for granted. As Navroze (New Day) will shortly arrive, may we count our blessings, appreciate our families and communities, and do our best to contribute to a healthy society, each in our own ways.

For example, we encourage you to attend the **Winter Family Fun Day**, on Sunday, February 20, 2011 at the ZRCC. Please come support our youth. As well, our Annual **Navroze Dinner and Dance** will be a memorable way to bring in the new year!

Our hilarious **Natak** (Saasoo No Santaap) is on **Saturday, June 4, 2011**. Historically, this event gets sold out very early. To avoid disappointment and to guarantee seats, book your tickets early.

We are looking for volunteers to help us in various activities. Those interested in helping your organization, please give your names to Niloufer Aga.

Lastly, I thank all the members and non members for your continued support and encouragement towards the OZCF and we look forward to seeing you at the events and activities that are being organized.

Wishing you all Navroz Mubarak in advance.

Jal Panthaky, President, OZCF

MEMBERSHIP 2011

Dear Members, if you have not already, please take this time to renew your membership dues for 2011. The OZCF counts on membership dues to continue to provide services at ZRCC as well as other important initiatives. Please visit www.ozcf.com under "Membership" to fill out your form, conveniently pay on PAYPAL, or mail your cheque. Thanks for your support.

ZRCC—Prayer Room Hours:

During winter months, the OZCF prayer room is not open regularly. For personal requests, you may contact the following:

Prayer Room Access	Nozer Kotwal	905-820 0461	nozerk@yahoo.com
Hall Rentals	Cyrus Gazdar	647-294 6462	cygazdar@yahoo.ca
Facility Management	Cawas Patel	905-542 0237	cawasgul@rogers.com
ZRCC coordinator	Armaity Anandasagar	905-271 0366	armaity@rogers.com
President OZCF	Jal Panthaky	905-568 4946	jal_panthaky@yahoo.ca

Any of the above can oblige in case you are unable to contact the individual in charge, or in case of an emergency.

OZCF MAILING ADDRESS:

4244 Taffey Crescent
Mississauga, Ontario
L5L 2J2

ZRCC PROPERTY ADDRESS:

1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E,
Oakville, Ontario, L6H 7B3

MARK YOUR CALENDARS IN 2011!

Remember that you can always stay busy all year long at the ZRCC! For your convenience, please note that we have made a notation beside each event, showing which committee is in charge of the event.

S = Sports, E = Entertainment, R = Religious, Y = Youth

2011 SOCIAL EVENTS

- Feb. 20 (Sun.) **Winter Fun Day** at ZRCC (see Page 4 for details) - Y
- March 6 (Sun.) **Training Seminar** for Young Mobeds - R
- March 16 -20 **Mukhtad** at ZRCC (please see details on Page 4 about volunteering)
- March 21 (Mon.) **Navroze Jashan and Dinner** at ZRCC— 7:00 pm
There will be a **special dinner** at the ZRCC following the Navroze Jashan. The cost is only \$10 for dinner and cold drinks. Please call Khurshid Engineer at 905-828-8324 for reservation prior to March 10, 2011. Cheques have to be made payable to OZCF and mailed to 4244 Taffey Crescent, Mississauga, ON L5L 2J2.
- March 26 (Sat.) **Navroze 2011 Dinner & Dance**— Galaxy 707 Banquet Hall (see Page 9 for Flyer)
- April 17 (Sun.) **Car Rally** (See Page 10 for all details)
- April 22—24 **OZCF presents “CAMP Z-Rock”** (see Page 4 for details)
- May 14 (Sat.) **SCHEDULE CHANGE: GYMKHANA; 6:00 pm** at ZRCC
Price: Members \$15; Children \$10 and Non members \$20 and Children \$15
Contact: Cawas & Gulrukh Patel at 905-542-0237 email cawasgul@rogers.com
OZCF once again presents a casual, relaxed evening at the Centre. Watch a movie, play cards or enjoy a game of bingo. Armaity Anandasagar and her friends will serve up fresh, hot masala dosas for you to enjoy.
- June 4 (Sat.) **SCHEDULE CHANGE: NATAK “Sasoo no Santaap”**@ Michael Power/
St. Joseph School Auditorium; 7:00 pm. - E
Time: 7 pm.
Price: VIP \$50; \$40; \$30
Contact: Cawas & Gulrukh Patel at 905-542-0237 email cawasgul@rogers.com
A hilarious Parsi Gujarati Natak that will keep you laughing right to the end. A 3 Act play brought to you by the Toronto Parsi Drama Group.
- June 26 (Sun.) **2nd Annual Sports Day;** 11:00 am. at ZRCC - S
Watch for details in the next newsletter!
- July 10 (Sun.) **Lamb Roast Picnic** at ZRCC; 11:00 am. at ZRCC - E
Price: Adults \$15 Children (4-10 years) \$10 Non members \$20 and Children \$15
Contact: Cawas & Gulrukh Patel at 905-542-0237 email cawasgul@rogers.com
Come join us for a fun filled day at ZRCC. Enjoy the Lamb Roast BBQ, tandoori chicken, the vegetarian option and a selection of salads, rolls and water melon. Besides the delicious BBQ, we have organised games and a bake sale donated by the enthusiastic OZCF members. Come out with your deck chairs and be ready to have fun!
- July 24 (Sun.) **3rd Annual Cricket and Dhansak Event** at ZRCC - S
Watch for details in the next newsletter!
- Sept 11 (Sun.) **Golf Tournament** at Caledon Golf & Country Club—E
Contact: Chisty & Firdosh Bulsara 905-824-7692 email thebulsaras@sympatico.ca
Hold the date and get your foursomes ready. Updates in the next newsletter!

2011 RELIGIOUS EVENTS

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)

“So—who do I contact?”

If you need more information about any upcoming event, or need to contact the sub-committee chairperson, please see <http://www.ozcf.com/committee.html> for their e-mail address.

NEW!

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS



From your OZCF Youth Committee:

Hello All OZCF Members! As many of you know already, the new youth committee for the OZCF has been working very diligently on our first event for 2011, the **WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY!!** This exciting event will be taking place on **Sunday, February 20, 2011** and I hope that everyone can come out and support your youth committee. There will be fun indoor and outdoor activities, new and old faces, and of course, lots of delicious food! (don't forget to dress warm for this winter day).

Earlier last year, the youth already had a great turn out at the beach volleyball event that took place on December 27, 2010. What a great way to get rid of those winter blues with some fun at an indoor beach, playing sports with new and old friends! If you didn't hear about this great event, please join our e-mail list by sending an e-mail to youth.ozcf@gmail.com or you can check out our **Facebook page "Young Zoroastrians in Ontario"**.

Now it's your turn, we want to hear from you!

What activities or events would the youth of our community like to see organized by our motivated team of volunteers?

Please email us or post on our Facebook page.

We look forward to hearing from you.

To introduce ourselves, our large youth committee consists of 13 members: Zeenia Kola, Natalia Kola, Bnaifer Desai, Ruzbeh Jasavala, Rayomond Dinshaw, Zubin Jasavala, Armeen Jasavala, Shireen Kharwanwala, Cyrus Irani, Afreed Mistry, Sean Bhesania, Katy Bhesania and Darius Dinshaw.

On behalf of the Youth Committee I would like to invite you to attend all our events and please pass the information on to others that may also be interested in our events.

Kind regards,
Darius Dinshaw, cell: (647) 290-2124

Join us on



The 5th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress

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See their great website for all the information! <http://www.zsbc.org/congress2011/>

Early Bird Registration: \$640 CDN - STILL SPACE AVAILABLE!

Includes Accommodation, Registration, Gala, Dinners, Transportation, Recreation and Meals for 5 days!

The OZCF will contribute \$100 towards every member attending the Youth Congress. Please send in your names to Nilofur Aga at nilofur18@hotmail.com after you have registered at www.zsbc.org/congress2011. Please note that in order to be eligible for this offer, the candidate must be a member of OZCF. Membership forms and rates are available on the website at www.ozcf.com

FEZANA SUBSIDY AVAILABLE FOR 5th WORLD ZOROASTRIAN YOUTH CONGRESS-2011

FEZANA will provide \$200 each to 25 young Zoroastrians from the USA and Canada to attend the 5th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress in Vancouver. Recipients of this SUBSIDY Fund must be:

- Individuals practicing the Zarathushti faith
- Citizens, legal residents holding status in USA or Canada
- Young Zarathushtis between the ages of 16 to 35 years*.
- Have already registered to attend the 5th WZYC-2011 in Vancouver, Canada.
- Participation at local Zoroastrian Association events and religious education classes.
- Participation in FEZANA Committees or ZYNA and/or other youth organizations; or in interfaith and/or community-at-large service activities.
- Attendance at N.A. Zarathushti &/or World Youth/ Adult Congresses in the past.
- Essay – "Why Do I Want to Attend the 5th WZYC in Vancouver, Canada?" (Less than 200 words).

Two (2) copies by mail/courier or one electronic (pdf or word) copy of this application form with proof of registration to the "5th WZYC" along with all attachments, including essay and reference letter, must be submitted on or before **March 30, 2011** to:

Firdosh Mehta, 76 Rivergreen Cres. S.E., Calgary, AB. Canada T2C 3V5
Tel: 403-719-8983
Email: fdjmehta@shaw.ca

To obtain a reference letter from the OZCF or an application form contact Nilofur Aga @ nilofur18@hotmail.com (905 337 9627)
Application forms and a copy of the rules and regulations can also be obtained from Firdosh Mehta at the above address.

Join the OZCF youth in a

Winter Fun Day!

Feb 20th 2011 from 10am - 2pm

Entrance fee - \$10/adult \$5/child (13 & under)

Family Rate \$20 (includes 2 adults & 2 children 13 & under)

What could you look forward to?

Pancake & Acuri breakfast

Hot beverages

Indoor and out door activities

Tug of War

Crafts tables

Scavenger hunt

And much more....



Please RSVP by Feb 10th 2011.

Contact us at ozcfyouth@gmail.com or call Darius at 647-290-2124.

OZCF YOUTH 2010

Are you or anyone in your family under the age of 35?

Then we want to hear from you!

Join our e-mail list and be the first to learn about all the new and exciting things the OZCF Youth Committee has to offer for this upcoming year!

Simply email your first and last name, age, address and phone number to youth.ozcf@gmail.com



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:

Ervad Firdosh Bulsara
(905) 824-7692

Ervad Xerxes Bamji
(905) 702-1034

Ervad Jal Panthaky
(905) 568-4946

Ervad Kobad Zarolia
(647) 887-9213

Ervad Nozer Kotwal
(905) 820-0461

If you have difficulty contacting a Mobed, please contact a Board Member.

2011 CHILDREN'S RELIGION CLASSES

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

MGDM

February 27th 2011

March 27th 2011

April 10th 2011

May 15th 2011 (Joint Session)

May 29th 2011

June 12th 2011 (Joint Session)

John Fraser Secondary School

February 27th 2011

March 27th 2011

April 17th 2011

May 15th 2011 (Joint Session at MGDM)

May 29th 2011

June 12th 2011 (Joint Session at MGDM)



FASLI MUKTAD DAYS

It is once again time for the **Fasli Muktads** and prayers to be held at the **ZRCC from March 16 –20, 2011**. We would appreciate it if families can take up making of the Stum Lunch and Dinner for the five Gatha Days for these days, as well as the midnight meal on March 20. Please let us know if you are available to prepare a meal, by yourself or with someone else, this will help us tremendously with creating the schedule.

There will be a **Navroze Jashan on March 21, 2011**. We would like to have volunteers preparing for the dinner on that day as well. It would be of great help when you bring the meal, to stay and prepare the Stum tray and clean up afterwards. For those families who cannot cook but can stay and clean up, please let us know so we can sign you up for those dates.

The morning meal should be at the centre by 10:30 am and the evening meal by 6:00 pm. Donations of fruits, flowers, sukhad, loban, malido, papri, etc. is always appreciated. We also require water, plates, serviettes, cutlery and cups. Please forward this information to friends and family. If you wish to include names of your dearly departed, make sure you fill out the appropriate form on the website and send it to Ervad Nozer Kotwal by March 10, 2011. Please contact Kermin Byramjee at (905)845-3480 to volunteer.

YOUTH CAMP— "Camp Z-Rock" is back for its 6th straight year!

Once again, our youth are invited to attend the OZCF-sponsored "Camp Z-Rock"

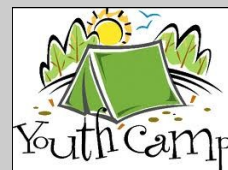
When: April 22-24, 2011 (the Easter long weekend)

Where: Camp Wyoka, 45247 Huron Bruce Road, R.R. #1, Clifford, Ontario, N0G 1M0

Who can come: Children 6 years and above

Cost: \$70 per child (cheque to be made out to OZCF). Please note registration closes on **March 15, 2011**.

For forms and more information please contact teenazjavat@hotmail.com only via email. *No phone calls please*. We encourage family and friends to come out on Sunday, April 24, 2011 to our campsite to eat Dhan Sak (for a small fee of \$10 per person) and have fun!



NEW!

HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

The OZCF, Dr. Dan Mehta and the Heart and Stroke Foundation invite you to a stimulating afternoon to put health on public agenda.

South Asians are at greater risk of heart disease and stroke. The Heart & Stroke Foundation, has played a leadership role in the study, prevention and reduction of disability from heart diseases.

Date: Sunday, April 3, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Venue: ZRCC, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Road East, Oakville, ON

Stuart Wilkinson, a volunteer at the foundation and Dr. Dan Mehta take us on a journey to learn about risk factors, warning signs and ways to prevent heart disease and stroke. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions, become informed and get in the driver's seat when it comes to health care. After the presentation high tea will be served.

The event is free but it is important for us to know if you can attend, so that we can plan appropriately. Therefore kindly R.S.V.P by **March 26th 2011** to: Nilofur Aga, Phone: 905-337-9627, cell: 905-485-5947, or email: nilofur18@hotmail.com



SENIORS GATHER for HOLIDAY LUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT

OZCF hosted a luncheon for all Seniors on Sunday, December 19th, 2010. The hall was dazzling with a Christmas tree and beautifully decorated tables. Armaity Anandasagar and her young helpers settled everyone to a delicious meal of chicken biryani, raita, potato salan and vegetable palau. Then there was dessert--jalebis and ravo!

Soon, the crowd settled to play several rounds of Bingo. President, Jal Panthaky stopped at each table to share a laugh and greet a friend. He thanked Armaity and the many youngsters who made this such a success. Jal promised that OZCF would continue to ensure that seniors remain an important aspect of our community and the camaraderie that he had witnessed on this event, between generations, continued to blossom.

We are planning some interesting, fun events for the seniors such as Seniors Appreciation day, interesting lectures series on health and education, outdoor events and a once-a-month lunch with fun in the afternoon for the seniors.

For some of the events we need volunteers for transportation and other needs. If you would like to volunteer or if you have unique ideas to keep our seniors involved, call Khurshid Engineer at 905-828-8324 or e-mail khurshid.engineer@rbc.com



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Ron and I just loved Bini, she was so helpful and we felt that she was always honest and gave us great advice! I have a lot of trust and respect for her, and if I know anyone who needs an agent, I will definitely send them over to her. *Christine P., Mississauga*

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NEW!

READY, SET, DESIGN! OZCF's New Logo Competition

Are you a graphic designer or some one who likes to doodle? Now is your chance to show the world your creation.

Calling on all artists to design a logo for the OZCF!

Designs can be done in whichever format that you prefer. If you draw your design you can scan, photograph and mail it.

The winning design will earn its creator \$200 plus a year of free membership to the OZCF.

Entries must be submitted by March 31, 2011. Go on--get your creative juices going----design the coolest logo and let the world see your masterpiece!

Send your creations to:
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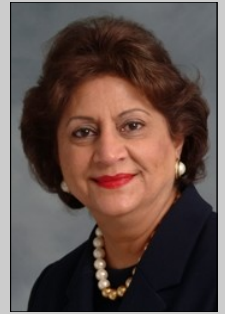
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MILESTONES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The OZCF wishes to recognize the accomplishments of **Dr. Dhun Noria**, who was named Health Care Executive to the Toronto Police Services Board. According to the recent article in the Toronto Star, dated January 4, 2011, Noria joins councillors Chin Lee, Frances Nunziata and Michael Thompson, appointed to the board by Mayor Rob Ford for two-year terms, and current board member Judi Cohen and chair Dr. Alok Mukherjee. An energetic advocate, adviser and health volunteer appointed to a three-year term by the Ontario executive council, she is one of four new members to take the oath of office Wednesday.



"I feel very honoured to serve on the police board. It will be a new experience and a challenge," said The Scarborough Hospital's chief of laboratory medicine.

Noria also chairs the building capital campaign of the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario and is a board member of the Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care, a combination which she described as "volunteer work that crosses all boundaries" of age and culture.

"I have been working in the health care sector for more than 30 years and I want to diversify myself. When I looked at the mission of the Toronto police board I found it very similar to health care," said Noria.

"The core values - honesty, integrity, fairness, respect and teamwork - are the same. The police mission is partnering with the community to keep Toronto the best and safest place to be. This will be a nice fit for me and my own core values," she added.

Congratulations Dhun!

In MEMORIAM

Khurshed Sidhwa, husband of Soonie, father of Cyra and Neville, passed away in Milton on Wednesday, February 2, 2011.

If you would like to have an announcement added to the newsletter please contact Michelle Patel at ron.michelle@rogers.com or Roshan Byramjee at zbyramjee@coqeco.ca

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Poem of the Month

Life is Love don't trade for hate!

Our world is like a Beautiful gardens
Dotted with beds of Different Religions
Hindu Muslim Bahias
Jews Sikhs as well As Zoroastrians
In the same garden
Co-habiting side by side
Emitting freshly scented aromas
Of Loving Giving Carrying Sharing
Peacefully we can abide
Our world is like
An enchanted forest
We can make it
What we want it to be
Wouldn't life be worth living
Together in Perfect Harmony?
By Farida Bamji

Did you know?

The ZRCC is now available to all Zoroastrian families for the observance of prayers. But did you know you could also rent the facilities for your private functions and special occasions? The main hall can accommodate between 100 –150 people, and food can be brought in. Contact Cyrus Gazdar at 647-294-6462 to book your next event!



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Navroze 2011

Jashan & Dinner

When: Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 6:00 pm
Jashan followed by dinner

Where: The 707 Galaxy Banquet Hall, 475 North Service Road East, Oakville, Ontario, L6H 4A5

Member Cost: Adults \$30; Children 4 – 10 years \$20

Non-members: Adults \$35; Children 4 – 10 years \$25

Contact: Meher Panthaky at 905-568-4946 email meherpanthaky@yahoo.ca

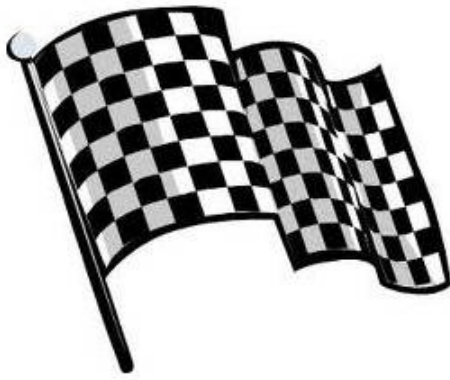
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OZCF's first ever
***Car Rally / Scavenger
Hunt***

Date: Sunday, April 17, 2011

Time: 9 am – 10 am registration

Location: Starting point – ZRCC

Join us for a day of excitement and adventure!

Arrive with your team in the morning for coffee and donuts and make sure your car is decked out in your team colors.

Drive off with your team, solve the clues and get your passport stamped.

End the day at the ZRCC for the trophy presentation and lunch.

Spectators and team supporters are welcome to arrive at 12:00pm for lunch and the trophy presentation.

Price: participants \$25 per head; Non-members \$30

Early Bird: book by February 28 and pay \$20 (Non-members \$25)

Spectator Rates: \$15 and \$20 for non members

To register contact Niloufer Mavalvala at
905-828-9959 or email: mavalvala@rogers.com

Lots of prizes to be won! A great family day out!

