

VISION

FEBRUARY 2012

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Newsletter Committee—Contact Info.
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 All submissions for the next issue must be received no later than **April 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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President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Navroze Mubarak. May this New Year bring us all good health, happiness prosperity, and harmony in our community and the world.

This is the last year of this Board and there will be an election of the new Board of directors during the AGM on July 8, 2012. We will also have EGM before the AGM on same day for the membership approval of some of the changes to our By-laws.

CRA has introduced Bill 65 which effects all charitable and not for profit organizations. The Board has set up a By-law subcommittee to study the Bill 65 and make necessary recommendations which your Board will present to you for your approval during the EGM. Please mark your calendars for this date. In order to approve the changes to our By-laws, we require 66% votes (Including Proxies) to approve the proposed changes. In order to obtain the approval we require your attendance in large numbers. If you cannot attend the meeting please give your proxies to your friends.

I would like to encourage our members to give their nominations for the election. You can contribute, become involved and be instrumental in molding the organization in new dimensions. Nomination forms will be issued in the next newsletter, and posted on our website.

Board has planned several renovation projects, such as relocation of our prayer room, kitchen, wheelchair entrance to the new prayer room, relocation of OZCF office in current prayer room etc. Construction of the patio Cover and Storage Shed is well underway and is expected to be completed before the Navroze.

I am happy to inform that both our organizations OZCF and ZSO are working in close relationship and would like to thank Darayus Bharucha and the executives for their continued cooperation to work together as one community.

Thank you,



Jal Panthaky, President

*"Doing good to others is not a duty, it is a joy, for it increases
 our own health and happiness."*

Zoroastrian quotes

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RELIGIOUS EVENTS

It is once again time for the **Fasli Muktsad**. Prayers will be held at the ZRCC **March 15 - 19, 2012**.

Donations of fruits, flowers, sukhad, loban, malido, papri, etc. are always appreciated. We also require water, plates, serviettes, cutlery and cups at each meal. Please forward this information to friends and family.

As always volunteers are needed to help with the set up and clear up at each meal.

Prayer timings

Morning Stum: March 15, 16, 19 at 6.30 am.
March 17 and 18 at 7.00 am
Afternoon Stum: March 15 - 19 at 11.30 am.
Evening Stum: March 15 - 19 at 7.00 pm.
Navroze Jashan: March 21 at 7.00 pm.

Volunteers are needed at the Navroze Jashan (March 21) to help prepare the Stum trays and clean up afterwards. For those families who cannot cook but can stay and clean up after the meal please let us know so we can sign you up for those dates.

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, 2012.

To Volunteer please contact:

Armaity Anandasagar at 905-271-0366, or armaity@rogers.com
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2012 CHILDREN'S RELIGION CLASSES

Children's Religious Classes that are held at John Fraser Secondary School (for children in the west end of Toronto) are below:

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 John Fraser Secondary School are from 11:30 AM to 1:30PM. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Khurshid Engineer at khushid.engineer@rbc.com.



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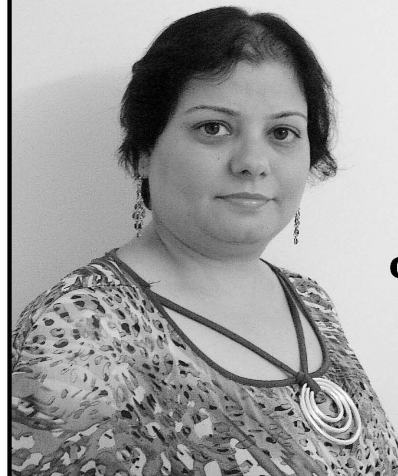
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Chahar Shanbeh Suri "Festival of Fire"

For the first time, the OZCF is organizing the Persian Tradition of Chahar Shanbeh Suri, known as the "Festival of Fire!" This feast is a prelude to Nowrooz celebrated with an evening of celebration, most notably jumping over the fire. Last year a few of our Iranian Zarthushti brothers and sisters celebrated this event at OZCF and this year we would like to introduce this fun event to the rest of our community.

Date: **March 13, 2012 8:00-10:00 p.m.**

Location: OZCF Grounds – 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. Oakville

Admission: **Free**

Food: Pot Luck – Suggestion on Potluck items – Pizza, samosas, coffee/hot chocolate/tea, cookies/ cakes/ desserts, Firewood. Aash (Iranian Veg. Stew) will be provided by our Iranian members.

Please RSVP by March 10 with number of attendees and your Potluck item to:

Robina Kapadia at Tel: 905-286-9907 OR email: robi63@yahoo.com



NAVROZE CELEBRATION DINNER & DANCE

COME JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR NAVROZE WITH DINNER, CASH BAR,
MUSIC AND DANCING

When: **Saturday, March 24, 2012**

Time: 7:30 pm

Where : Payal Banquet Hall,

3410 Semenyk Court, Mississauga, ON,

Member Cost : Adults - \$ 25; Children 4 -10 years \$15

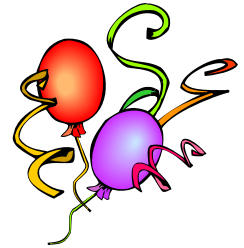
Non members: Adults - \$30; Children 4 – 10 years \$20

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

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Skating/Hockey Fun Day

The OZCF Sports Committee arranged a marvellous two hours of skating and hockey followed by food for families and friends. The venue was the River Oaks Recreation Centre in Oakville, on January 29, where the OZCF had rented two hours of ice during prime time. Even the onset of a sudden snow storm did not deter anyone from attending and even those who got held up by the weather still enjoyed their time on the ice.

On the ice were 45 people of various abilities; some new to skating who were being helped by their friends and family members, some occasional skaters who brought out rusted skates to see if they still had their Mario Lemieux moves and some even joined in whilst wearing shoes.

There was a distinct split in the ice usage as one side was used by those playing hockey and the other by those skating around. The hockey area consisted of our young aspiring Zoroastrian hockey players, who play in local leagues. It was evident that the sporting history of Zoroastrians is still alive and the future bodes well for our community when it comes to sports.

You could see that the time, money and encouragement that parents put in for their kids is paying off and we had enough hockey players to possibly start the makings of a Zoroastrian Hockey Team. Can you just imagine that!

Skaters were enjoying themselves either on their own or as families and it was nice to see a couple of teenage girls showing their dad how to improve on his skating.

Smiles were to be seen all around and the two hours passed much too quickly and people asked for more and another date to be set. The OZCF had booked a room to follow with food and drinks for everyone in attendance and thus allowed everyone to socialise and talk about their two hours of Ice time.

The Sports Committee would like to thank those people who managed the food arrangements and helped with the serving which brought a very successful end to a great evening of fun and friendship.

IMPORTANT!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors would like to inform all OZCF Members of the upcoming EGM and AGM on **Sunday, July 8, 2012**. There are many resolutions to be put before the members at the EGM. In order to approve the resolutions we require 60% representation. Please mark your calendars and plan on being there.

We would also like to remind everybody that this is the end of the current Board of Directors term in office. There will be vacancies on the Board. We encourage our members above 18 years of age to step forward and play an instrumental role in shaping the future of our organization.

Nomination forms will be issued in the next newsletter, and will be posted on our website.

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YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

From your OZCF Youth Committee...



Are you interested in meeting some new friends? How about hanging out with some old ones? Come out to some of the many fun events. This season we have had some great hikes, a ski and snowboard day as well as the Annual Family Day event; all very successful! If you want to hear more about our up coming events or would like to suggest some, email us at youth.ozcf@gmail.com or join our Facebook group, "Young Zoroastrians in Ontario".

We look forward to hearing from you,
Youth Committee

Kind regards,
Darius Dinshaw, cell: (647) 290-2124
youth.ozcf@gmail.com

Join us at **Young Zoroastrians In Ontario**



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the evening by dancing to the
music of the DJ!



Date: Saturday, April 21, 2012
Time: 5.00 pm. - 8.00 pm. – Sports;
8.00 pm. - Dinner & dancing
Location: ZRCC

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

**SPACE IS LIMITED! PLEASE SEND NAMES &
CHEQUES BEFORE April 7, 2012 TO:**

Jasmine Wadia - Tel: 905-281-0752

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OR

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

MILESTONES

BIRTHS

Sofia Panthaky, born Dec. 29, 2011 to Phiroze and Roxanne Panthaky of Mississauga, Loving grandparents include Kuroosh and Purviz Mistry and Noshir and Jai Panthaky.

Syrah Merwan, born at 7:29 a.m. on January 23, 2012 to Kerman Merwan and Pearl Panthaky. Congrats to the entire family, including grandparents Kersas & Khorshed Merwan and Jal & Meher Panthaky, Mama Khush Panthaky, Masis Rahnuma Panthaky and Farishte Panthaky, Masas Michael Molto and Jamie Wilkie and Kaka Kaizar Merwan.

IN MEMORIAM

KEKI BILLIMORIA passed away from Alzheimers at the age of 87 on January 1, 2012 at the Peel Manor Nursing Home in Brampton, Ontario. His dear wife Tehmi Billimoria and family will sadly miss him, and they extend their thanks to all friends and relatives for their support and condolences at this difficult time.

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AN EVENING ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

MAY 11, 2012 • BURLINGTON CONVENTION CENTRE



Date: May 11, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm

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 MAY 11, 2012 • DURLINGTON CONVENTION CENTRE

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Saris	Garas, Fine Saris
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For more information, please contact Chisty Bulsara at thebulsaras@sympatico.ca or Diana Gazdar at diana.gazdar@rogers.com. You can also visit the 2012 Gala Registration link on our website at www.ozcf.com.

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



OZCF Car Rally / Scavenger Hunt

Date: Sunday April 15, 2012

Time: 9:30 am – 10:30 am

registration

Location: Starting point – ZRCC

Join us for a day of excitement and adventure!

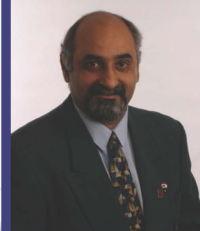
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<u>Name of the Deceased</u>	<u>Name of his/her Father/Husband**</u>
1. E O Oi B K _____	E O B _____
2. E O Oi B K _____	E O B _____
3. E O Oi B K _____	E O B _____
4. E O Oi B K _____	E O B _____
5. E O Oi B K _____	E O B _____
6. E O Oi B K _____	E O B _____

Enclosed please find my cheque payable to O.Z.C.F. for \$_____, to defray costs.

Thank you.

Name Telephone #

**Names of the deceased are recited together with their father/husband's name.

E = Ervad; O = Osta; Oi = Osti; B = Behdin;
K = Khurd (child whose navjote was not performed).

Please complete the form in Block Letters, ensuring the proper status (i.e. E.O.Oi.B.K.) is circled, and forward it to the abovementioned address by **March 10, 2012** the latest. Thank you.