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#### Newsletter Committee—Contact Info.

Please email all submissions for the next issue no later than **July 25, 2012** to:

[ozcf.newsletter2012@gmail.com](mailto:ozcf.newsletter2012@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:

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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.

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Jal Panthaky 905-568 4946

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### President's Message

This is my final newsletter message as President of the OZCF. I would like to sincerely thank all the members and the Board of Directors for the continuous confidence that you have so graciously placed in me and enabling OZCF to continue with various projects and improvements.

It is your ongoing confidence and support that has inspired me and the Board in caring out our tasks. Sometimes they seemed monumental and difficult, but we overcame these difficulties one step at a time with the help of our community members.

This Board has organized many activities and completed many projects such as obtaining a government grant, building the patio roof, storage shed, prayer room, parking lot, new OZCF illuminated signs; started a Scout Troop under the OZCF umbrella and introduced other new activities. None of this would have been possible without the generosity and support of our membership.

After much consideration, I have decided to leave the Board; I believe that it is time to pass the torch on to other capable members. It has been a privilege to work with the membership, Board of Directors and all the sub committees. I assure you that I will continue to contribute whatever I can towards the betterment of OZCF whenever my services are required.

We have recently hosted a very successful Black Tie Gala "An Evening On the Orient Express". Under the leadership of co-chairs Kermin Byramjee and Diana Gazdar and have raised over \$100,000 dollars, I would like to thank all those that helped in the organizing this event that took several months of planning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and members for their continuous support and encouragement shown towards myself, the board and the OZCF. It has been a challenging but enjoyable two years. I have been fortunate to work with dedicated, cooperative and committed Board of Directors.

In closing, I would like to wish the new Board all the success in their next two year term.

Thank you,

Jal Panthaky, President

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4244 Taffey Crescent, Mississauga, Ontario L5L 2J2

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

## 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 have been mailed out, and will be posted on our website.

### Dr. Dhun Noria Honoured at Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Medal Award Ceremony

Dr. Dhun Noria's accomplishments are many, and we are once again proud to recognize her as she has been invited to receive a medal at Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal Award Ceremony. Below is an excerpt of the invitation she received.  
Congratulations again, Dr. Noria!



HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II  
DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL AWARD CEREMONY

**DR. DHUN NORIA**

*Is invited to receive your medal*

*In celebration of Her Majesty's 60 Years of Reign  
and*

*In recognition of your dedicated and unwavering service  
to our Community, Province and Country*

*Hosted by: Ms. Soo Wong  
Ontario Provincial Member of Parliament  
for Scarborough-Agincourt*



### 4th Annual Cricket & Dhansak Day

**Sunday, July 15, 2012**

Time: 11:00 am prompt start

This popular event has come around for another year and we look forward to seeing everyone out again. Experienced or new to the game, you are welcome. Sign up early to avoid disappointment as Cricket spots are limited.

Cricket will be played from 11am to 6pm with a lunch break between innings

Cost: **\$10 per player** (members)  
\$12 Non-Members

Dhansak will be served at 7pm  
Cost: \$15 per person (members)  
\$17 (Non-members) Under 16 is free.

Please send in your names for both the Cricket and the Dhansak to: Rumi Jasavala at [rumijas@hotmail.com](mailto:rumijas@hotmail.com) or call 905-257-7864

Details can be found on <http://www.ozcf.com> under Events/Sports

*"Love is playing every game as if it's your last."  
- Michael Jordan*

## THE OZCF YOUTH COMMITTEE INVITES YOU

COME JOIN US FOR FOOD FUN AND RELAXATION

### AT OUR BBQ BASH

Date: SATURDAY JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2012

TIME: 6:30PM - MIDNIGHT

Ages: 16+

LOCATION: OZCF CENTRE

Zoroastrian Religious and Cultural Centre (OZCF Centre)  
1187 Burnhamthorpe Road East  
Oakville, Ontario L6H 7B3

RSVP BY: JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2012.

PS: If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact  
The OZCF youth committee at [youth.ozcf@gmail.com](mailto:youth.ozcf@gmail.com)

INCLUDES: DJ AKSHAY AND MAULIK

• \$10 Entrance fee and ALL YOU CAN EAT FOOD

• Non-members: \$12 for ALL YOU CAN EAT FOOD.

• Beer \$3 (19+ only. Photo ID required).

• Games



**100 OAKVILLE ZOROASTRIAN  
SCOUTS GROUP  
INVITE YOU TO EXPERIENCE**

# ARABIAN NIGHTS

**When: Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Where: ZRCC**

**Time: 5:00pm Onwards**

**Adult \$25 / Children \$15 (6-12yrs)**

- ❖ Fun Kids Activities
- ❖ Camp Fire Activities
- ❖ Belly Dance Lessons
- ❖ Gourmet Barbeque Food
- ❖ Sleep in your own tents @ ZRCC grounds if you wish

**For further information & tickets  
please contact:**

Lily Suntok (905) 824-7853  
Havovi Bhanda (905) 607-6882  
Chisty Bulsara (905) 824 7692



## 3rd Annual Sports Day Sunday, August 26, 2012

Time: 10.15-10.45am Registration and warm up

Sign up early to take part in the exciting sports day held at the beautiful grounds of the OZCF.

**Registration deadline: August 22nd**

Please register by sending in the following details: First and Last name, Gender, Age of Adult or child (child = under 16)

Cost is **\$5 per person** (members)  
\$7 per person (non-members)

Please encourage attendance and make this a family event like the last 2 years. Food will be available to purchase at the event.

Events include the following:

- Running races
- Relay races
- Three legged race
- Egg and spoon race
- Tug of war
- Mini soccer games

Contact Rumi Jasavala at [rumijas@hotmail.com](mailto:rumijas@hotmail.com)  
or call 905-257-7864

## Shenshai Muktab August 13 - 17, 2012

Shenshai Muktab ceremonies will be held at ZRCC from **August 13-17, 2012**. If you wish to include the names of your dearly departed in the daily prayers, **kindly fill out the attached Muktab Prayers Form** and forward it to Ervad Nozer S. Kotwal along with your cheque payable to OZCF marked "Muktab" ASAP please.

**Schedule of prayers are as follows:**  
**Aug 13-17: Morning Stoom 6:30 am**  
**Afringan/Farokhshi/Baj 7:00 am**  
**Afternoon Stoom 11:30 am**

Donations of Fruits, Flowers, Dry Fruits, Cooked Food, Sukhad, Loban, Tachho etc. will be very much appreciated. If you would like to volunteer your services please contact Kermin Byramjee at (905)845-3480.

## Khordad Sal - August 23, 2012

We will be celebrating Khordad Sal (S) on August 23rd. at ZRCC. The prayers will commence at 7:00pm followed by Chashni. Donation of fruits, dry fruits, flowers, Sukhad, Loban, Tachho etc. is always welcomed at these prayer meetings. Please also volunteer to clean up after the event.

## NAVROZE JASHAN & DINNER DANCE

The ZSO and OZCF are having a combined function for Navroze on Saturday, **August 18, 2012** at Capitol Banquet Center, 6435 Dixie Road Mississauga, ON, L5T1X4. Jashan will be at 6:00 p.m. which will be open to all at no charge. On completion of the Jashan, only those with valid tickets for the dinner will be re-admitted into the banquet hall. Tickets to be picked up at the door. *Please see Page 12 for further details.*



### Religion Class Annual Day 2012

The Religion Education Classes held their year-end **Annual Day** function on Sunday, May 27th, 2012. Family and friends gathered to watch the religion class students' display their religious knowledge. The students put on a very entertaining and informative show. We are very proud of all the hard work they put into preparing their plays and songs. During intermission, a delicious lunch was catered by Nancy Patel.

Z.S.O. President Daraius Bharucha presented trophies to the winners of the Essay and Art Competition held earlier in the year. As well, each participant in the contest received a medal in recognition his or her effort.

#### Group 1 Winners (Art Contest)

- 1 - Jasmyne Pithawalla
- 2 - Jia Amroliwalla and Roya Merchant
- 3 - Anahita Wadia and Aresh Daruwalla

#### Group 2 Winners (Essay Contest)

- 1 - Navroze Antia
- 2 - Darius Banker
- 3 - Neville Bhesania and Nekzad Illava

#### Group 3 Winners (Essay Contest)

- 1 - Aban Pithawalla
- 2 - Araash Chothia and Fravash Chothia
- 3 - Meherangiz Patel

#### Group 4 Winners (Essay Contest)

- 1 - Nasha Sethna
- 2 - Shahzad Bharda
- 3 - Spenta Chothia

#### Group 5 Winners (Essay Contest)

- 1 - Emerald Sethna
- 2 - Zenia Sethna and Sherezade Javat
- 3 - Zruvan Chothia

We also extend our congratulations to the students who graduated this year: Yazad Bhatena, Zruvan Chothia, Jeraz Cooper, Urvaksh Daver, Ruzbeh Irani, Sherezade Javat, Sarosh Karma, Kamal Medhora, Armaan Panthaki, Kamran Panthaki, Yarish Patel and Zenia Sethna. Zenia Sethna was also recognized as the outstanding student for this class.

Registration has begun for the following year. We hope to see all of our current students and many newcomers in the fall. Please contact Kermin Mehta at (416) 446-1417 or Khurshid Engineer at (905) 828-8324 for information on registration.

### OUR FIRST AND YOUNGEST LADY MOBEDYAR



On behalf of OZCF members and Board of directors we would like to congratulate 20-year-old **Mahshad Khosraviani**, daughter Sohrab and Khurshid Khosraviani to become the first and youngest lady "Mobedyar". See the write-up below in her own words.

"Aside from wanting the same rights and freedoms as men in my religion and opening a path for others in future. After 3 years of hard working my dream has come true. I can proudly say that I am the youngest female mobedyar in Iran and the first in North America. None of this would have been possible without the love and support of my family.

I think the greatest part of being a mobbed or a mobedyar in my case is being a real part of people's lives and some of their important moments. We are present with the family in many joyous times like the birth of their child, their Navjote, wedding, but at the same time we are present in some of the difficult times such as time of the dead, sickness, time of loss or grief. I think what I'm looking forward to doing the most is to be with God's people, to share their joys and sorrows.

Cherish your visions and your dreams as they are the children of your soul; the blueprints of your ultimate achievements. Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. All things are possible for those who believe."  
*M. Khosraviani*

#### Message of Thanks China Tour with Millennium Travel

"We have just returned from a very interesting and enjoyable tour of China, operated by Millennium Travel. We can't say enough about the excellent care and attention provided by Nilufer Mama, CEO of Millennium Travel and her husband, Danny.

Quite a few members in our group were in their 70s and 80s but because of Nilufer's experience were able to participate in all the sight seeing activities of the tour.

Our hearty congratulations to Nilufer and her team for a very well conducted tour. We wish her all success for the future."

*Minnie & Khushroo Mirza,  
Oakville, ON.*



### MILESTONES

#### In Memoriam

The families of Hushtasp Rustomji Bhumgara and Benifer Hozi Patel (nee Bhumgara) wish to express their sincere gratitude to all those who attended the funeral prayers for their dear older brother Soli, who sadly passed away in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Monday, April 16, 2012, due to a sudden massive heart attack. May his noble soul rest in eternal peace! Everyone's kind support and presence was deeply appreciated, and special thanks to Ervad Nozer Kotwal and Ervad Jamshed Dhabhar for your dedicated prayers and performance of the 4-day ceremonies.

## 2011-2012 IN PICTURES

It certainly has been an eventful year at the OZCF. We know our readers love seeing pictures! We hope you enjoy this special annual edition of the OZCF Newsletter in colour. Thank you to **Regal Press** for providing us with this very special issue!

### Seniors News



It was a very interesting and successful year for the Seniors; who have enjoyed a variety of activities from Yoga to trips to the Niagara Casinos. We also have some "Junior Seniors" participating in these events.

We also introduced lunch after Yoga so that the Seniors could network.

The highlight of the year was a Seniors Appreciation Event, held in July 2011 to which the Seniors were treated with Dhan sak and Kababs, willingly donated by individuals of the community, as well as entertaining songs and dances. What a delightful time! We are looking forward to continuing and expanding on these events for the coming year.

*Pictures of our Seniors enjoying a day tip to the Casino in June 2011*



### 3rd Annual Cricket/ Dhan Sak Day—July 2011



### Photographs

Dear Readers: Year-round, we take 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.



## YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

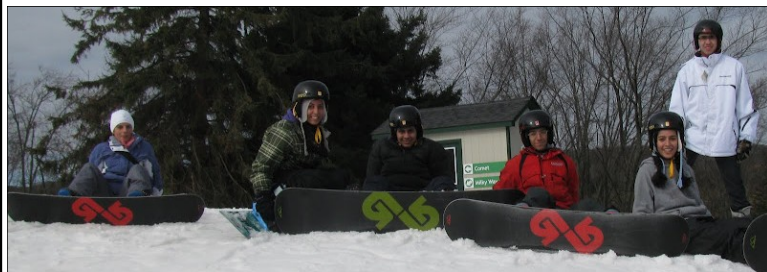
From your OZCF Youth Committee...

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](mailto:youth.ozcf@gmail.com) or join our Facebook group, "Young Zoroastrians in Ontario". We look forward to hearing from you!



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



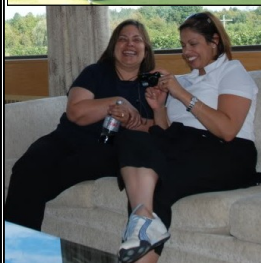
Join us at **Young Zoroastrians In Ontario**



## 2nd Annual Sports Day August 2011



## OZCF Golf Tournament - September 2011





*More Memories of 2011 –2012...*

**Patio & Storage Construction**

Thanks to all those who continuously help improve the OZCF property so that we can all enjoy it!



**Jamshedji Navroze Dinner & Dance**



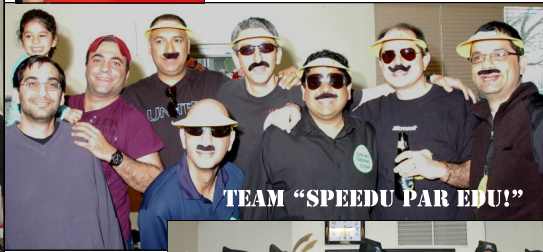
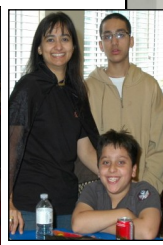
**Youth Family Day**



## Car Rally



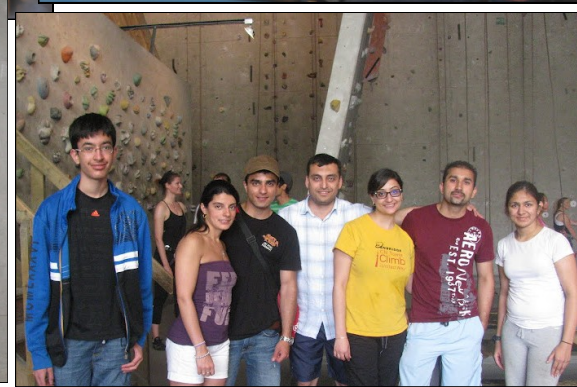
**1ST PLACE WINNERS: ALLIANCE OF THE TITANS - ZOROHROES**



**TEAM "SPEEDU PAR EDU!"**



## Gymkhana Sports Day & Youth Rock Climbing Events



## An Evening on the Orient Express—Black Tie Gala 2012

The Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation (OZCF) celebrated yet another successful Black Tie Gala on May 11, 2012 at the fabulous Burlington Convention Center in Burlington, Ontario. The Gala was a highly anticipated event attended by over 425 guests from the Zoroastrian community and beyond. Guests showed their absolute support to this year's fund-raising event, spent the evening exchanging views and ideas, dined in an extravagant social atmosphere and danced to wonderful music played by a Juno award-winning band.

The 2012 Gala's theme was "An Evening on the Orient Express," and it was a memorable experience as the real Agatha Christie "who-done-it" mystery unraveled throughout the evening. Guests were treated with specially prepared beverages, appetizers and dinner selections that hail from the Orient Express route.

**Notable dignitaries at the event included Honorable Rob Burton, Mayor of Oakville Town, Deputy Chief of Halton Regional Police Andrew Fletcher, Town and Regional Councilor Tom Adams and Sergeant Sue Biggs who leads the Diversity Unit at the Halton Regional Police Service.**

Masters of ceremonies, Phil Sidhwa and Diana Gazdar, welcoming the guests and Ervad Nozer Kotwal started the event with a short prayer thanking Ahura Mazda followed by a live and silent auction of sought-after and coveted items such as spa packages, retail and restaurant gift certificates, specialty food items, and for the fastidious home owner—there were even great cleaning products from Eureka!

The items for the live auction were generously donated. It included Crabfest for 12, a special dinner prepared by Christie Bulasara; California Dreaming, a 7 night stay for 2 at San Diego with hotel stay at Holiday Inn by Behram & Rena Baxter; Orient Express, Oil painting by Fawzia Setna; Sailing Cruise on Lake Ontario for 10 from the Etobicoke Yatch Club, followed by Dinner Cruise, by Farokh and Shirin Pavri; 9 nights trip to Egypt for 2 by myescapades.ca; a week at Muskoka Cottages for 8 people by Charis and Xerxes Wania; a 3 day stay in a luxury cottage by Big Rideau Lake by Jehangir and Rukshana Bulsara; a Cultural journey where 8 couples would receive a South Indian dinner treat with each lady receiving a sari to wear and take home by Niloufer Bhesania; Traditional Garo with paschmina and a string of pearls; Gourmet Dinner for 10 at Niloufer Bhesania's residence and The Fire within, a painting adapted from the actual artifact dating back to 486 BCE by Bina Mirza.

According to OZCF President, Jal Panthaky, the event raised approximately **\$103,000!** The funds will be used for making various changes and improvements to OZCF property such as relocating the existing prayer room to a larger area to accommodate more Zoroastrians, create a wheelchair access to the prayer room, make the main entrance of OZCF Community Hall accessible by wheelchair, close the main hall porch on two sides to create protection from high wind and to construct half walls on the newly built patio cover.

**Committee: Co-Chairs: Kermin Byramjee and Diana Gazdar, Armaity Anandasagar, Chisty Bulsara, Roshan Byramjee, Cyrus Gazdar, Niloufer Mavalvala, Khorshed Merwan, Meher and Jal Panthaky, Cawas and Gulrukh Patel, Zarine Patel and Marook Sidhwa.**





# ZSO & OZCF

## NAVROZE JASHAN & DINNER / DANCE



**SATURDAY AUGUST 18, 2012**

**JASHAN (open to all) at 6:00 p.m.**  
**APPETIZERS, BUFFET DINNER & DANCE TO FOLLOW**  
**CASH BAR**

Dinner cost: \$27/adults and \$15/child (children between 4 to 8 years) (3 yrs & under free).  
 Space permitting, last minute charge at the door will be \$35/adults \$20/ child.

Requests will be taken if you wish to be seated with a particular group. Table for 10 can be reserved upon request.

### **CAPITOL BANQUET CENTER**

6435 Dixie Road Mississauga, ON, L5T1X4 Tel: 905-670-0635

Please mail your cheque and attach the form below, latest by Aug 13, 2012.

Cheque payable to: ZSO or OZCF

Mail to: Dinaz Dotiwalla, 158 Chipwood Cres., North York, Ont. M2J 3X7  
 (Phone 416-494-1730 - please spell your name clearly, if leaving a phone message)

OR

Mail to: Gulrukh Patel, 5893 Long Valley Road, Mississauga, Ont. L5M 6J6  
 (Phone 905-542-0237 - please spell your name clearly, if leaving a phone message)

**PLEASE SPECIFY EACH PERSON'S NAME (INCLUDING CHILD) IN THE BOX BELOW**

NAME (ADULT \$27)	NAME (CHILD, 4 – 8 yrs \$15)	NAME (CHILD, 3 yrs & under, free)
TOTAL PAYMENT \$.....		Phone#