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At a Glance...

Sunday, November 25 - "JAMVA CHALOJI"

1st Annual OZCF Food Fair — see Pg. 9

Dear Readers,

Please keep your eyes and ears out for Email blasts and Auto-Dialers about upcoming events that may be announced after printing of this newsletter.

Newsletter Committee—Contact Info.

NEW! We have a new email address:
Please email all submissions for the next issue no later than **December 1, 2012** to:
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President's Message

The new Board of Directors have placed the reigns of the Association in my hands by electing me as President for the 2-year term. It is truly a humbling experience for me. We have a young Board (65% are in their 40's or younger!), enthusiastic and dedicated to make a difference. On the board are Percy Dastur (Vice President), Rusi Unwala (Treasurer), Sahvir Bharucha (Secretary), Neville Patrawalla, Kersas Merwan, Havovi Bharda, Jennifer Kapadia, and Dinshaw Printer. It was indeed unfortunate that Farshad Appoo, who was elected to the Board at the AGM, was unable to continue due to job related constraints and the board has replaced him with Dinshaw Printer. Dinshaw brings a wealth of expertise in area planning & communications.

Over the past 8 weeks, the Board has been a beehive of activity appointing various committees and forming a full-fledged agenda of year-round activities. Information on this will be disseminated to all via e-mails, website and forthcoming newsletters.

Whilst on the subject of newsletters, we currently provide six publications per year. I am considering increasing the frequency to a monthly publication for the benefit our community. It will provide timely information, as well as keep us connected. Unless we can recover a majority of the costs of producing, printing and mailing the newsletter, we would be hard pressed to make it financially viable. I would like your feedback on this and moving forward, would appreciate Zoroastrian businesses committing to place ads and offers that our community can take advantage of.

We also want to open the OZCF Hall for Thursday or Friday night activities for the youngsters. Instead of getting together at Tim Horton's or elsewhere our youngsters can avail the facility at no charge, as long as we have a firm commitment of a tidy hall at the end of their gathering. It costs the Association in excess of \$100, just for heating/air-conditioning and cleaning of the premises after each function. I strongly believe that our youth would be well served availing the facility and we can always depend on the generosity of a sponsor for keeping them on our premises.

The Dadgah Room construction has been temporarily delayed. The necessary papers have been filed with the Town of Oakville on September 4, and we are now awaiting the required permissions to resume construction. We will keep you updated on the progress. Please check our website for periodical updates.

In closing, I want to express my desire to have an open-door policy between our board and you, our community members. We want your input and pledge to serve you with integrity and dedication.

Best, as always,
Firdosh Bulsara, President OZCF

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YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

The Youth Committee is excited to announce that we have a new Chair to the Youth Subcommittee, **Zeenia Kola**. We would also like to congratulate last year's Subcommittee and **Darius Dinshaw** for their efforts and hard-work. In the last 2 years we have had successful events such as Family Day, Hiking and Skiing trips as well as Rock climbing.



The Youth Committee needs youth volunteers to serve as members or assist with youth activities. Please contact us at youth.ozcf@gmail.com.

The OZCF Youth Committee is proud to announce the launch of a new **Career Mentorship Program** for our Youth. The Youth Mentorship Program will help match local Youth with career Mentors from the community.

The Youth Committee (YC) invites Youth (15-35) to register for this program. If you (or your child) would like to be matched with a Career Mentor, please email us at youth.ozcf@gmail.com and include a Summary of education and work experience to date, Career aspirations over the next 5 years and the next 20 years, & Description of the ideal mentor (industry, function, experience level, age, gender, etc).

The YC is also actively seeking Career Mentors of various ages (25+) and experience levels in the following areas: Education / Teaching, Engineering / IT / Architecture, Finance / Accounting / Investing / Insurance / Real Estate, Medicine / Life Sciences, Sales / Marketing / Advertising / General Management / Consulting, & Small Business / Entrepreneurship. If you'd like to Mentor in one of the above areas (or any other), please email Zeenia Kola at youth.ozcf@gmail.com and include: A short summary of your education and work experience, the number of mentees you'd be willing to mentor, the number hours per month you'd be willing to commit.

For more details, please join our email blasts by emailing us at youth.ozcf@gmail.com or join our group on Facebook, Young Zoroastrians in Ontario.

We look forward to hearing from you,
Zeenia Kola
Youth Committee
youth.ozcf@gmail.com

Join us at **Young Zoroastrians In Ontario**



LECTURE ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a lecture at MGDM on **Sunday, December 16, 2012** at 4:30 pm by Ervad Dr. Jehan Bagli. The title of the talk will be "Reflections on the Significance of Navjote Prayers in Daily life". This topic was part of a session on Navjote at the New York Congress in early August, and was well received by the audience. We feel it will be great interest to many families with Navjote age children who were not able to attend the Congress. Looking forward to see you all on that evening.

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PAPETI NAVROZE 2012

This year's Papeti Navroze Function, held **Saturday, August 18**, drew in a crowd of about 600 people!! Held at the Capitol Banquet Centre in Mississauga, it was a great way to end a lovely summer, and to cap off a week of our Muktad prayers at this very special time of the year.

As the community grows—it is exciting to see folks turn out to support these events. Keep reading the Newsletter to know when events are coming! Participate in these events with your family and friends and contribute to the exciting growth of the OZCF by volunteering!

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TORONTO EVENING AT ALBION CINEMA

Sunday August 26, 2012 saw a huge line up of "Bawajis" of Greater Toronto" at the ticket counter of the Albion Cinema. So many Parsi's are usually found getting together for Cricket Games; but there was no Cricket Game there! This was the line up to watch the Parsi Comedy "Shirin Farhad Ki To Nikal Padi" starring an almost all Parsi cast led by our own Boman Irani (100% "Bawaji"), and Farah Khan (50% "Bawaji") as the main Characters "Shirin & Farhad" and a supporting cast including Daisy Irani, Shammi, Kurush Deboo (all 100% "Bawaji") and the list continues.

It all started with just few friends deciding to go see the movie together. Then the three organizer's (Shirin Chaturvedi, Meher Panthaky and Arnava Dhabhar) minds went into overdrive. They decided to contact a few more friends and, thanks to the extensive contact lists of Meher and Shirin the movie goers group started to grow. Of course, with the excellent influence of Arnava and Jamshed Dhabhar (who have some influence with the Albion Cinema) the group swept the entire theatre of 600 capacity into a "Bawaji" evening with over 410 Parsi's and the rest of group made up of non-Parsi friends who have always enjoyed the sweet company of our community. It was so much fun to see everyone, from the young, to the young at heart, excited to see the movie.

After the movie ended the general comment was "Ayy to apre jane Metro ne Novelty ma movie jova gaya hoie tevu lagoo." (for those who do not understand Gujarati-"this feels just as though we were going to the Metro or the Novelty cinemas to see a movie"). The fun continued at the "Govardhan Thali" restaurant outside the Albion Cinema where Meher had arranged a discounted meal for the group. Of course, we Bawajis always love the food so over 100+ Bawajis, with friends in tow, enjoyed the Gujarati Thali and Karaoke music. The evening ended well after midnight with all the participants leaving, making one comment to the three organizers..... LET'S HAVE MORE OF THESE KINDS OF EVENINGS!!!



MILESTONES

NAVJOTE

Congrats to **Fiona and Daniela Patel**, on their Navjote held on August 26, 2012, in Milton, Ontario, daughters of Tina & Nar-eeman Patel, granddaughters of Katy & Khurshed H. Patel, and of Harold & (the late) Carm Craddock, and great granddaughters of Gool Homi Patel.

WEDDINGS

Nina Sheherazad Byramjee, Daughter of Roshan & Zavar Byramjee of Oakville, was married to **Faisal Khalil Barbhuiya**, on August 3rd, 2012.

On July 7, 2012, **Shireen**, daughter of Roxanne and Yazdi **Kharwanwala** married **Cyrus**, son of Aniheeta and Kersi **Cooper** in Toronto, Ontario.

Congratulations and best of luck to the young couples!

Sports Day 2012

This year's Sports Day held on **August 26, 2012** at the ZRCC came on the heels of the recently staged London Olympics. The fervour and zeal with which the athletes participated at the Olympics no doubt left a lasting impression on our athletes with the competitions being very well contested.

Rhea and Roshni Jasavala led off the participants with a light hearted, fun warm-up of stretching exercises. Stretching off the mark, it was get set and go! Forty-five participants took part in the races and activities which included races by age, relays, egg and spoon, wheelbarrow, three legged race and the popular tug of war. Spectators were also on hand to cheer on the participants who strived to be the next Usain Bolt. As is often the case, a wide range of contestants took part with competitors ranging from a "two-nie" (a two year-old) to an octogenarian.

It is always encouraging to see the talented youngsters putting forth their best efforts and showing determination, grit and skill. Where they finish is irrelevant!

The day was extremely hot and despite the lack of shade, the games were full of excitement, laughter and enjoyment.

The Zoroastrians of Ontario have always excelled at sports and this day showed that there continues to be strong potential amidst our youngsters to triumph at athletic activities of all sorts. The OZCF Sports Committee would like to thank all parents for encouraging their kids, whatever their age, to continue coming forward and taking part in sporting activities.

Looking forward to seeing you all next year. More pictures can be found on the OZCF web site at <http://www.ozcf.com>



OZCF YOUTH COMMITTEE INVITES YOU

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Date: Sunday Oct 21 2012

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\$6.50-Per Person inclusive parking for the whole day (goes to the conservation area)

Age group: All ages

Dress for the hike: bring snacks, water, and warm clothing according to the weather such as, a touque and gloves and a warm jacket

RSVP BY Oct 17 2012.

**PS: If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact
Zeenia: 416-832-1005 or OZCF YOUTH youth.ozcf@gmail.com**

AN AMAZING YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENT!

Congrats to **Sherry Patel** on winning a scholarship from the FEZANA Excellence in Sports Scholarship Committee. According to her family, "we are grateful for the scholarship and the support of the community that this grant represents.

"It has helped Sherry set higher goals each year and strive even harder to achieve them. I am pleased to advise the FEZANA Sports Committee that Sherry placed 6th nationally in 100 metre butterfly and 8th nationally in 50 metre butterfly at this National meet. She is currently the 5th fastest swimmer in Canada in 50 meter butterfly for this year."

Great work Sherry—what a great role model you are!



DATES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER 2012 - 2013

Please note that the religious education classes for children will continue to be conducted at two locations as before; at the Darbe-Meher (MGDM) and at John Fraser Secondary School in Mississauga. The dates for the remaining classes at each location are as below:

MGDM

October 21st, 2012

November 4th, 2012

November 18th, 2012 (Joint Session)

December 2nd, 2012

JOHN FRASER SECONDARY

October 21st, 2012

November 4th, 2012

November 18th, 2012 (Joint Session)

December 2nd, 2012

Regularly scheduled classes at the MGDM run from 2:45-5:15 PM and at John Fraser Secondary School from 11:30 AM -1:30PM.

The address for John Fraser Secondary School is 2665 Erin Centre Boulevard, Mississauga (near Erin Mills Town Centre). The closest main intersection is Glen Erin Drive and Erin Centre Boulevard.

Parents of children registered in the classes are requested to be present at the general assembly, for the first class only, at respective locations at which their children are enrolled, for general instructions.

Joint sessions will be held at the MGDM for children from both locations. On these days the scheduled activities may require the children and/or parents to be present from mid-morning to late afternoon. Exact timings and schedule of events for these sessions will be communicated closer to the date.

Parents please note that our parent representative/catering coordinator for the MGDM location is Mrs. Dina Amroliwalla and for the John Fraser location is Mrs. Teenaz Javat. They will contact you with regards to the snack schedule for the children. Please extend your cooperation to them.

In case any further clarification is required please contact the following:

Ms. Kermin Mehta (416) 446-1417 or Mrs. Khurshid Engineer (905) 828-8324

Thank you,
Religious Education Committee

MISSISSAUGA'S RAHNUMA PANTHAKY FEATURED IN "WEST OF THE CITY" MAGAZINE

The following is an excerpt from an article that appeared in West of the City Magazine in July 2012 by Peter Bailey.

ARTIST PROFILE: Rahnuma Panthaky

We often tell actors in a play to "break a leg!" in a left-handed way of saying "good luck!" But no one ever mentions the painful annoyance of a sprained ankle, which is what Mississauga native Rahnuma Panthaky is recovering from after dismounting from her "horse" and colliding with a puppeteer onstage.

Panthaky plays a number of roles in the all-Canadian Mirvish Production of War Horse at the Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto. She acts as Paulette, a French mother of a young girl, she sings onstage in the English chorus scenes and in the first act performs as part of the three-person team who animates the foal Joey. The roles require a great deal of energy, and that is the impression Panthaky presents – she is vivacious and friendly, with flashing brown eyes and hands constantly in motion, despite a slight limp.

...The seasoned actor grew up in Mississauga and chose Cawthra Park Secondary School's dance program after attending Briarwood Public School and graduating from The Valleys Senior Public School. She failed her dance audition, but re-applied for the drama program and got in... I later went to Sheridan College and University of Toronto to learn to teach drama. In my second year, I got bitten by the acting bug." After graduation, Panthaky set out on a whirlwind of professional development and acting projects.

She co-founded two theatre companies, has run theatre festivals, starred in a number of television series on the CBC, ABC, NBC and BBC, and most recently was the voice of Tim Horton's in Canada. During her career she has also acted with the likes of Jon Voigt and Louis Gossett Jr., Alfred Molina and Chris O'Donnell, Tony Shaloub and Vivica Fox....

...Panthaky's next project will be a film called Pinweight about women's boxing in India. She boxes in her spare time, and says "there's something therapeutic when fist and glove hit the bag." She also plans to eventually move to Los Angeles with her husband Michael to pursue more TV and film work.

"I'm gunning for a Golden Globe," she says with a smile. But for now, she's happy to ride a make-believe horse across the war-torn fields of France and to nurse her swollen ankle. The show has been extended until September 30. But whenever it ends, Panthaky will have a full slate of new projects ready to go.

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FEZANA NEWS

A NOTE FROM THE XVI NORTH AMERICAN ZARATHUSHTI CONGRESS

Dear fellow Congress attendees,

Thank you for your attendance and participation at the **XVI North American Zarathusti Congress 2012**. The panelists and moderator of the Combating Poverty in Our Community Abroad session wanted to send a special thank you for your participation in the newly formed panel. As we shared during our session, the notion that all members of our community in our ancestral homelands are educated, wealthy, and well off is somewhat skewed. Many are struggling to make ends meet, as evidenced in these two videos:

<https://vimeo.com/38288432>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-iZbiilEiU>

What we wanted to do during the Congress was not only raise awareness about the socio-economic condition of our community, but also call people to action. We need to think through new approaches to lift our community members out of poverty and we need to support existing organizations like the World Zoroastrian Organization Trust Funds (WZOTF) to not only offer relief and immediate care, but also make our community members self-sufficient and economically independent.

We have appreciated and been pouring over the many messages and insightful feedback we have received thus far, and we would like to extend the opportunity for other members to participate in this movement. As we carve out ways for us to support the underprivileged back home, we are looking to gather the time, skills, and commitment of more individuals here in the North American community.

If this is an area you feel passionate about, we would love to hear from you. Please send us a note and let us know your field of interest and how deeply you would like to be involved. We can be reached at nazc.poverty@gmail.com

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.
Margaret Mead



CONGRATS ON 25 YEARS!

The following is a Letter congratulating FEZANA....

Since 1987, FEZANA has been instrumental in serving the needs of our North American Zarathushtis as well as towards reaching out to our Global Zarathushti community.

For the past 25-years, the North American Zarathushti community under the umbrella of FEZANA has been focused on building a community on the foundation of equity and dignity. We salute our Zarathushtis of North America on their vision, determination, and commitment to come together to build a community moving it forward in harmony and peace for 25-years.

The special celebrations at the 2012 XVI North American Zarathushti Congress in New York, USA; marked the historic 25th anniversary of the establishment of FEZANA and the FEZANA Journal.

For this colossal silver jubilee, a special FEZANA Journal titled: FEZANA TURNS 25 was published.

This special 25th anniversary issue brings you articles which showcase the achievements of FEZANA seen through the lenses of different people. It also highlights 25-people and 7-events which have left footprints on the fabric of the North American community in the last 25-years. It features salutary contributions from prominent, dedicated and committed leaders of our Global Zarathushti Organizations to commemorate this cohesive legacy of communal solidarity.

As a special bonus, for the first time we are sharing an e-copy of the 2012 Silver Jubilee FEZANA Journal with our Global Zarathushti community to enlighten them with the fabulous contributions of our North American Zarathushti community.

As you enjoy this special gift of inspiration we encourage people for donations and subscriptions towards the FEZANA Journal.

If you would like to subscribe to the FEZANA Journal or make a donation to support the publication, please visit <http://www.fezana.org/>

And as you do, please click on the link to read the complimentary e-copy titled:
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ITEM OF INTEREST

Embracing Women in the Priesthood Iran Welcomes Eight Women Mobedyars, But Full Equality is Still Elusive

By Zahra Sehtna, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The following is an excerpt of an article that appears in the Spring/ Summer 2012 issue of the FEZANA Journal

Zoroastrianism was among the first religions to teach gender equality, but its modern practice has not always treated men and women as true equals. One area that has been largely off limits to women in modern times is the priesthood.

Perhaps, then, nothing marks this issue's theme of 'transformation' more than the news that eight Zarthosthi women were ordained as mobedyars by the Anjoman-e-Mobedan in Tehran in February 2011. According to the Mobed Mehraban Firouzgary, a senior member of the Tehran Anjoman, the initiative began in 2002, when funds became available to expand the religious education classes offered by the Anjoman. The news was met with an enthusiastic response, with dozens of students selected by way of an entrance exam...

... Word had spread of the program to Zarathushti communities outside of Tehran, and those groups began to request classes in their own areas....

The Anjoman-e-Mobedan invited nine ladies for a refresher course in Avesta recitations and a practice of simple ceremonies like performing the Sudre Pushi (Navjote), marriage, praying of Jashans on various occasions and death ceremonies...

... Perhaps the strongest argument for allowing women full equality comes from a search of the religious texts themselves. As Mahsad Khosraviani says, there is no mention within the Avesta or the Gathas that forbids women from becoming Mobeds or mobedyars...

For the full article, please see http://journals.fezana.org/fezana_journals/2012/spring/ Page 66 & 67.



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Cricket Dhansak Day 2012

We don't just know how to eat Dhansak, but we can also play Cricket. However, having both together sure does make it fun!

That summed up the collective sentiment on a sunny, hot day which provided the perfect backdrop for the 4th Annual OZCF Cricket Dhansak event which took place on July 15th at the ZRCC.

The day's cricket was played in the format of a double wicket with each pair facing 5 overs of bowling with 2 runs deducted each time a player was out.

Not having the pressures of a competitive match, a friendly match always provides light-hearted entertainment which included live commentary from Farhad Nagarwalla, providing a ball by ball account of the play in English, Gujarati, Hindi and Marathi.

We witnessed some new young talent and also enjoyed the experience of the older Zoroastrian talent. Interestingly, the age range of participants was 7 years to 81. It appears that age matters not when it comes to sports within the Zoroastrian community. Athletic ability is abundant within our community we would do well to continue fostering our kids to participate in sporting events of all sorts.

The Sports Committee thanks all participants and spectators and looks forward to your attendance next year for the Cricket/Dhansak. Additional thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped in removing the matting and clearing up after the game. A true TEAM effort!

You can see the pictures from the event at <http://www.ozcf.com> and go to "Photo Gallery"

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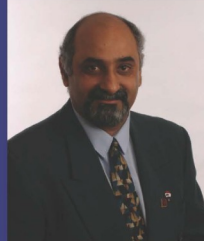


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“Jamva Chaloji” - 1st Annual OZCF Food Fair



OZCF is hosting its 1st Annual Food Fair on **Sunday, November 25 at 11:00 am.**

We invite ladies, gents, boys and girls to come, sample and enjoy home cooked meals (at a price, of course!) We are looking for authentic Parsi Cuisine so bring out your Grandma's recipes and keep our culture alive. A menu will be posted onto the OZCF website and you are welcome to send in your orders ahead of time to avoid disappointments. You would be able to stock up your refrigerators with Pattice, Cutlets, Margi na Farcha, Titori, Dhansak, Curry-chawal, Tarapori Patio, achars among other things. For teatime snacks, pick your choice from Batasa, Bhakra, Dar-ni-pori or Partel. Beverages will be sold on site by OZCF.



Please support our Food Fair and come in large numbers. There will be great raffle prizes so be sure to pick up your tickets. We want you to have fun and at the same time help raise funds. Tables will be available at a cost of \$25 each and a minimum of 15% of total sales to be donated to the OZCF.

Interested vendors, please contact Havovi Bharda at havokev@hotmail.com or 905-607-6882 or 905-607-6882 with your visionary menu.

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/243527739103650/>



13th Zoroastrian Games

The 13th Zoroastrian Games were held in Toronto, Ontario from June 30th to July 3rd, 2012, at the York University campus. Two years ago, the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario (ZSO) had put in a bid with the Zoroastrian Sports Committee (ZSC), of FEZANA (Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America), to host the games in Toronto. The bid was awarded to ZSO, which made this the second time that the games were held outside of U.S.A. The Toronto games had upwards of 265 athletes, mostly drawn from North America, with others coming from as far as Iran, India, Pakistan, France, Germany, Spain and U.K.

The Toronto Games had the largest ever athlete turnout, with many participating for the first time in the games. Athletes ranged in age from seven to eighty seven and it was evident that the Zarathushti spirit transcends age and country affiliations. Non-winners were cheered just as heartily as athletes who won, so much so, that professional referees at the games commented that they had never seen such camaraderie in any other events where they officiate. These games also featured the largest number of sports disciplines that athletes had competed in at these events. The disciplines were Track and Field, Swimming, Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Table Tennis and Badminton, while a new sport, Ball Hockey, was added by the host committee to represent the Canadian aspect of the games. Each event had spectators of all ages who came out in droves to cheer on friends and family. The games also included a social service component where athletes and spectators were encouraged to register themselves for the “One Match” program which is a registry of potential bone marrow donors which is maintained by the Canadian Blood Services program.

On the social side, evening events were organized to allow the participants and local Torontonians to have an opportunity to get to know one another. A disco night at the “Underground” at York University was a crowd puller among the younger demographic. On Canada Day, buses were organized to take people to and from downtown for an evening at their leisure, where they had a chance to walk around the city and view the splendid fireworks. The Gala Banquet was the final social event with around 475 attendees who experienced an elegant evening with fine dining and dancing, with entertainment from the ever popular Toronto Argonauts cheerleading team and a DJ who had his finger on the pulse of the crowd, playing popular English and Iranian tunes. At the Gala function ZSO also recognized and celebrated FEZANA's 25th Anniversary. At the Closing ceremony, it was an oft-repeated sentiment that these games had truly energized the Zarathushti community, especially in Toronto, and especially among the younger population. The fact that there were over 120 local volunteers demonstrated that the spirit of giving back to the community is alive and well. Many folks were heard saying that they had such a good time that they were going to start planning on attending the next games in Los Angeles in 2014. All in all, the Toronto games were a huge success and everyone who was a part of it was proud to be a Zarathushti!

More Athletic Accomplishments...

Merzi Dastoor competed in the EndurRun in Kitchener/Waterloo in August. The EndurRun is a stage race where competitors run a total of 160km in 7 individual races over 8 days. The individual runs vary in distance and terrain. Merzi is now enjoying some time off to recover and eat ice cream. He did very well. Merzi is the son of Sarosh & Noshir Dastoor of Shelburne, Ont. He lives in Kitchener, Ont. with his wife Elezabeth and two sons Little Neville and Seamus.

Brother, **Neville Dastoor** completed the Canadian Ironman in Penticton, B.C. on August 26th. The race is a triathlon that entails a 3.8km swim followed by a 180km bike ride and a 42.2km run. Neville's wife, Tineke Keesmaat, completed a Half Ironman in Muskoka, Ontario on September 9th. (They were married on the 11th of Feb. 2012). They both did well. Both Neville and Tineke are now busy getting ready for their next challenge... convincing Sarosh and Noshir Dastoor, their parents, to train with them for next year's races!



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BLOODY (cash) BAR &
delicioussss mouth watering MENU



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Time: 7:00pm until witching-hours
Location: Location: Mehraban Quiv Darbemehr
(3590 Bayview Ave, Toronto, corner of Bayview / Steeles
Ave)
Price: Adults only \$20 Children 5-12 \$10

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