

VISION

APRIL 2013

A Year in Review

Photo Credit: Courtesy of Wikipedia, a Haft Sen Table as seen at Laleh Hotel, Tehran

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President's Message

The OZCF grounds were a buzz of activity throughout March culminating in gala Navroze celebrations at the Payal Banquet Hall on March 23. It was with great pride to see the community come out in their finest and have a ball of a time.

Our dedicated volunteers ensure that OZCF stand tall amongst North American Zoroastrian Associations. These individuals go beyond the boundaries sacrificing their valuable time to the betterment of our community. Each Navroze (Fasli and Shahenshai) we take a moment to reflect and proudly acknowledge their devotion and sacrifices. This Navroze, **Gulrukh Patel** is the recipient of the **Outstanding Volunteer Award**...A BIG CONGRATULATIONS! Gulrukh, one of the founding members of OZCF, has given of herself tirelessly and has diligently volunteered for the past 12 years. Always smiling, always willing and always ready to take on a challenge, Gulrukh has pioneered numerous entertainment and fundraising initiatives for the OZCF, been on the Board of Directors for years on end, and sacrificed precious family time to bring OZCF to the status we enjoy today. We thank Gulrukh and her loving husband, Cawas, for their support through the years.

I have always been pleasantly surprised when I see people transacting business with folks that belong to their own community and we can all learn from their loyalties. Our OZCF family has a wealth of talent that we must recognize and what better way than through these newsletters. This month, I would like to recognize **Jamshed and Arnavaz Dhabar**, a young dynamic couple devoted to the community. Having served as a full-time practising Mobed in an Atash Behram, Jamshed has always made his services available in time of community's needs. Arnavaz is a certified Wedding Planner and is quite creative in designing custom hand-made greeting cards, table center pieces and also Rangoli chalk patterns. Both are employed full-time but also have the entrepreneurial spirit which we want to recognize. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank Arnavaz for the lovely hand-made cards she placed on every table at the Navroze function.

Talking of talent, we have a young lady, all of 11 years, **Shanaya Patel**, who entertained the crowd with her songs and was the highlight of the evening. It takes some courage to stand in front of a crowd of 325 boisterous *bawajis* and perform, but she remained totally unfazed by it all.

I also wish to sincerely thank all of the sponsors who so generously donated wonderful prizes for the raffle draw and for the live auction during the Navroze events. Then, of course, were the generous donations by some. It all helped in raising approximately \$4,200. Thank you to all.

Just as you, I am quite eager to see the findings of the Place of Worship Advisory Committee. There is one more Town Hall meeting planned for April 7, after which the results will be tabulated.

OZCF in partnership with ZSO and FEZANA are sponsoring Avestan and Pahlavi courses at the University of Toronto. The courses will be made available starting September 2013. More details to be announced in the upcoming newsletters.

Our Entertainment and Fundraising Committee is going all out in their efforts and have planned numerous events for all to enjoy. **Volunteer, participate and be a part of it all!**

Firdosh Bulsara - President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

IMPORTANT! PWAC TOWN HALL MEETINGS FOLLOW-UP

The Place of Worship Advisory Committee (PWAC) held four focus group meetings across the broad spectrum of age groups within the community that also included the mobed group. We notified other Canadian Zoroastrian Associations and FEZANA of these meetings. The intent of these meetings was to have an open and transparent dialogue with the community around the feasibility of building a consecrated place of worship on the OZCF property. In these meetings questions were asked by participants and addressed by the committee. We are now conducting research on questions that could not be answered at the time. A report of issues raised is being compiled and will be presented to the board of directors and community. We are also now undertaking a cursory financial analysis of the project to present to the community. We will keep you informed of progress.

OZCF Presents Gymkhana Night



Our next Gymkhana Night is on **Saturday, April 27 at 6.00 pm** at the ZRCC. But this time it is not just sports like **carom, table tennis, cards** and, of course, delicious food but this time the theme is going to be **Retro - 70's & 80's**. This Theme Night's music (Bollywood & Hollywood) will be related to that wonderful era.

ONLY \$10.00 for Members and \$15 for Non-Members (adults)
Kids 5 - 10 yrs. \$6 Member and \$10 non members

Make it fun—Dress up in that era! Please call ASAP Shirin Chaturvedi on 905-286-4824 or Jasmin Wadia on 905-281-0752 to book your spot as space is limited and mail cheque, ASAP to secure your space. Make cheque payable to OZCF & mail to Shirin at: #64 - 2825 Gananoque Dr., Mississauga, ON L5N 1V6.



O.Z.C.F. Presents **2013 CAR RALLY** (Our Version of F1 Racing)



DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013
TIME: 9:30AM - 10:30AM REGISTRATION

Join us for a day of excitement and adventure!
Arrive with your team in the morning for coffee and a light breakfast and make sure your car is decked out in your team colors
Drive off with your team and solve the clues
End the day at the OZCF for the trophy presentation and lunch
Spectators and team supporters are welcome to arrive at 1 pm for lunch and the trophy presentation.

Price: Participants \$25 members and \$30 non-members

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

To register contact:

Havovi Bharda @ 905-607-6882 or havokev@hotmail.com



DATES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - SECOND SEMESTER 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 remaining dates at each location are as below:

MGDM

April 21

May 5

May 26 (full day)

JOHN FRASER SECONDARY

April 21

May 5

May 26 (full day)

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

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



2013 Marks the Year of the Snake



100 Oakville Zoroastrian Scouts Group
Presents

THE GOLDEN DRAGON

Join us for our Annual Fundraiser and enjoy a
fun-filled evening with dinner, dance, prizes & entertainment,
followed by a campfire

Saturday, June 22, 2013 at 7pm – OZCF

Cost: Adults - \$25/Kids 5-10 years - \$15

Seats are limited so book early. Contact:

Lily Suntoke (905) 824-7853 or Havovi Bharda (905) 607-6882



RELIGIOUS EVENTS

We will be celebrating the **Maidhyozrem Ghambar (F)** on **Saturday May 4th** at ZRCC, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville. The Ghambar Jashan will commence at 11:00am followed by a talk and lunch thereafter. The cost of attending the Jashan & lunch is \$5.00 per person; children under 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 will be attending, veg. or non-veg. Please RSVP no later than April 30th. Donations of fruits, dry fruits, flowers, Sukhad, Loban, Tachho etc. are always welcome at these prayer meetings. Please also volunteer to clean up after the event.

Papeti Navroze Dinner & Dance

Mark your calendars for an evening celebration of our Parsi New Year on Sunday, August 18. There will be a Jashan followed by Dinner and Dance. Details to follow in the ZSO & OZCF Newsletters.



MILESTONES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Kaipa Bharucha is the recipient of the D.Smith Music Education Award at the Laurier University for 2012-2013. This award is granted to a full time second or third year student in pursuit of an Honours Bachelor of Music program at Laurier and studying in the music education or voice performance stream, with preference given to a student who intends to pursue a career in the area of music education. The award recognizes the recipient's, current and ongoing experience working and/or volunteering with children's choirs, music lessons and music programs and camps. Kaipa who is in her second year of B.Mus. Honours program intends to be a high school music teacher. She is the daughter of Dilnaaz and Daraius Bharucha (President of ZSO) and sister of Pahlav.

Thirteen year old tennis player **Natasha Irani** of Mississauga, Ontario is ranked Number One in Canada girls under 14 and has been competing at an international level winning many titles in her age group. She recently won 2 national selection titles, 2 provincial titles and has placed 3rd at the under 12 National championships held in Calgary. Natasha has also won 3 international titles in Florida. In summer of 2012 Natasha placed third at the under 18 provincial championships. She just competed in the Under 14 Provincials in Niagara on March 13, 2013 where she was favoured to win the title. Natasha is seeking private and corporate sponsorships to help support her on this journey. Those interested may please contact Tanya_135@rogers.com or call 289-997-0248. She is the daughter of proud parents Firdosh and Minakshi Irani.

IN MEMORIAM

Vispi Kabraji, husband of Tehmi, father of Navroze (Faranak), Grandfather of Kaizaad on Jan. 23, 2013 in Mississauga.

Dear Members, a gentle reminder that the **Membership Fees for 2013** are due for payment. If you have not already, please take this time to renew your membership dues for 2013. Please send in your payment so that your membership at OZCF remains intact. OZCF counts on membership dues to continue to provide services at ZRCC as well as other important initiatives. Attached is the membership form to be filed in and sent it along with your dues. Thanks a lot for your support.

OZCF CONNECTED

The Information Technology/Media Committee continues to strive to use technology to keep its members in touch with OZCF.

As part of technology changes for the OZCF website, we have started to input member details that allow you to Pay for your membership using the online managed system and receive email notifications regarding events.



Email notifications for events coming from the OZCF web site allows the OZCF to communicate to its members using one source. In the past you may have received and may still receive emails from multiple people on behalf of the OZCF. We are hoping that over time, we will be in a position to capture all emails onto our website and have one official communication source, the OZCF website. This process takes some time to streamline; we appreciate your patience.

You would have received the first 'Monthly Online President's Message' on March 20, 2013. What a wonderful message from our President, Firdosh! The Board of Directors meet regularly to discuss the wellbeing of the OZCF and do a lot of behind the scene work and this provides the OZCF President an opportunity to pass on information to the membership in a quick manner. This will not replace our excellent quarterly newsletters but enhance the communication within OZCF. Of course, the messages are not one way only and the OZCF looks forward to hearing from you: simply contact a board member, give your ideas, ask questions, be involved and have fun.

The IT/Media committee is currently embarking on a 'History' section for the OZCF. This is an extremely important area for any organization as it matures and this will help convey a standard message that may be used by all and provide knowledge to new members of the OZCF, new comers to Ontario Canada and others around the world. We are very excited to embark on this detailed project and aim to have it completed by end of July 2013.

Now, some of you may be saying that you are not getting these emails from the OZCF website. Well, below are some possibilities for not getting them:

- (1) Your email address has not been provided by yourself, so please do contact the membership committee
- (2) Your email address provided has changed or is incorrect, so please do contact the membership committee
- (3) Emails from OZCF have gone to your Junk Mail; until you accept one of them
- (4) You are getting emails but not reading them... **oops!**

Analysis from our website between March 8 and March 27 shows:

339 Visits to the OZCF website with each visit lasting an average of 3.5 minutes, of which:

- 85% were from Canada
- 6.8% were from the US

and the remainder were from India, United Arab Emirates, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Pakistan and Sweden

For the OZCF, it is interesting to know how one actually knows about the OZCF website and how one gets to it. Well, we do know that breakdown for the 339 visits mentioned and the top five avenues are as follows:

- Directly going to <http://www.ozcf.com> = 179 visits
- Google search = 115 visits
- avesta.org = 7 visits
- bing = 6 visits
- facebook = 3 visits

Finally, Since we began the email event notifications the average emails sent (individual emails) and the number of these emails being read is as follows:

Number of email recipients: 438

Average Number of email recipients who have opened the messages: 210

Together we need to bring the number of emails read closer to the number of email recipient number and in due time we are confident this will happen very quickly.

We hope you enjoy the current OZCF website and the enhancements we provide. Stay tuned for further exciting changes to the website and follow the OZCF on your Desktop, Laptop, Android, Iphone, tablet and whatever other internet/ browser based device you may have. **BE OZCF CONNECTED!**

Regards, IT/Media Committee

SENIORS NEWS

We will be starting events for our Seniors with the summer approaching and hope to see all seniors attend these events.. The following events are being planned for the upcoming months:



**Visit to the Hindu Swami Mandir
Casino Niagara
Seniors Appreciation Lunch
Meet and Mingle Lunch afternoons**

If you would like to assist with these events or have any ideas for other events, please contact Khurshid Engineer at 905-828-8324.

ATTENTION COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS!!

FEZANA 2013 SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are invited for the following FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- MEHRABAN AND MORVORID KHERADI (MMK) ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - THE FEZANA SCHOLAR
- FEZANA 25th ANNIVERSARY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP
- MORVORID GUIV ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP
- PURVEZ AND ABAN RUSTOMJI ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP
- BANOUBAI AND MANECKSHAW KAPADIA (BMK) ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP
- FEZANA PERFORMING & CREATIVE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND (see www.fezana.org for separate details)

All scholarships are open to Zarathushti applicants who have obtained admission for attendance at institutions of higher learning (accredited degree-granting colleges or universities) in USA or Canada.

Scholarships for the academic year 2013-2014 will be awarded in September 2013.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must complete the application form and provide documentation for:

- Proof of USA or Canada citizenship. (For non citizens a minimum of one year or two semesters residency in USA or Canada academic institution is required)
- past academic records and accomplishments (attach documentation of the past four years only)
- Program of study
- Annual financial need including assistance already pledged by other funds, charitable institutions or the institution of choice
- Other financial assistance available from family and friends
- Community service including contributions to Zarathushti functions and organizations
- Three reference letters

AWARD CRITERIA

Applicants will be rated on Scholastic Achievement (40%), Financial Need (40%), Extra-curricular Activities (10%) and Community Service (10%).

The Mehraban and Morvorid Kheradi Endowment Scholarship of \$5000 and the 25th anniversary FEZANA Scholarship will be awarded to post graduate students for scholastic excellence

The Purvez and Aban Rustomji Endowed Scholarship of \$5000 will be awarded to qualified undergraduate students who demonstrates financial need and academic achievement

The Morvarid Guiv Endowed Scholarships of \$1000 will be awarded to one graduate and one undergraduate student who demonstrates financial need together with academic excellence

Scholarships for the academic year 2013-2014 will be awarded in September 2013.

Application forms and all details are available from the FEZANA website at www.fezana.org or from Dr Dolly Dastoor dollydastoor@sympatico.ca

ITEM OF INTEREST

Join FEZANA in Celebrating & Participating in The Cyrus Cylinder Tour of USA

Dear Presidents/Representatives of Member Associations. Corresponding Members, Committee Chairs & Zarathushtis in NA:

The Cyrus Cylinder is a 2600-year old object of modern importance, and a symbol of multi-culturalism, tolerance, diversity, and human rights. The Cylinder, a replica of which is enshrined at the United Nations as the first charter of human rights, is on a permanent exhibit at the British Museum.

This year, it will be on exhibit, along with several other significant objects of Persian antiquity, including one depicting a Zarathushti priest, for the first time at five major museums across the U.S.: Washington D.C. (March 9 – April 28, 2013); Houston (May 3 – June 14, 2013); New York (June 20 – August 4, 2013); San Francisco (August 9 – September 22, 2013); and Los Angeles (October 2 – December 2, 2013).

This US national tour is officially sponsored by the Iran Heritage Foundation of America (IHF), working in collaboration with the British Museum. We Zarathushtis are especially attuned to the significance of the Cyrus Cylinder; and as the organization representing Zarathushti interests in North America, FEZANA has received a special invitation to partner with IHF in this effort.



2011-2012 IN PICTURES

We are truly fortunate to have OZCF as our community centre when we Zoroastrians can join hands in keeping our religion, culture, tradition, cuisine and doctrines alive.

In celebration of these events, we know our readers love seeing pictures! Therefore, we hope you enjoy this annual edition of the OZCF Newsletter in colour, as a recap of these events.

A “Shout-Out” and Thank You to Regal Press for providing us with this very special issue!

4th Annual Cricket/ Dhansak Day



3rd Annual Sports Day



“The score never interested me, only the game.”
— Mae West

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

As many of you may know, the OZCF Youth Committee has been very active these past few months with events ranging from hiking adventures to the University fair to the Majestic Masquerade Ball and the annual Family Fun Day (WINTER). Thank you for all your support so far and come out to our future events that are in the works!



Events in the works...

We've got our monthly HIKES planned for May, and June, as well as...

- **Monthly Youth-only movie/games-night at the OZCF (starting April)**

- **Bowling in April**

And here are all the people that make it happen...

Meet your 2012-2014 OZCF Youth Committee

(From left to right: Zeenia Kola, Jennifer Kapadia, Natasha Khursigara, Kaivan Bharucha, Anahita Katila, Friya Bastani, Azamin Udwadia)



ROCK CLIMBING 2012



YOUTH HIKE 2012



"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."
Franklin D. Roosevelt

Stay tuned for more details & specific dates.
Please join our email blasts by emailing us at youth.ozcf@gmail.com or join our group on facebook – **"Young Zoroastrians in Ontario"**.
Come on out to more of our events!

Kind regards,
Zeenia Kola, Youth Committee



Family Day 2013

On February 18th, 2013, over 150 people gathered for the OZCF's 3rd annual Family Fun Day Event making it a full house and an overall success. From the craft table to the enthusiastic musical chairs game, everyone was having a blast.

The Youth Committee would like to thank a few individuals who made the event possible:

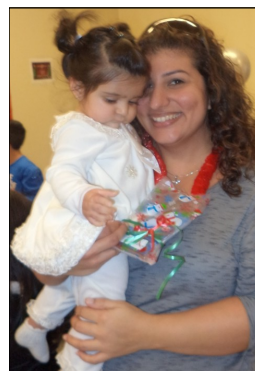
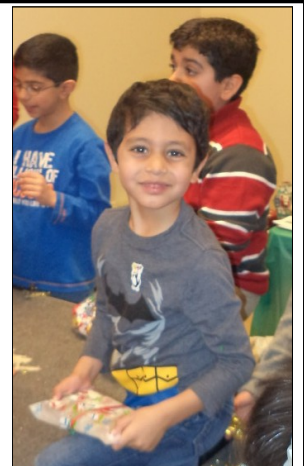
- Taronish Foods, for their delicious menu
 - Jeroo Madan and Xenobia Jasavala for preparing yummy food and snacks
 - Pervin Katila, for suprising everyone with the ever-so popular Chocolate Fountain
 - Nasha Minwalla, for the mouth-watering chutney sandwiches
 - Akshay Batra and Maulik Jani for the good music
 - Nozer Kotwal, for the providing everyone with a much-needed cup of tea at the end
- As well as, all of the volunteers who helped out on the day of the event

Lastly, the Youth Committee would like to thank all those in attendance, as Family FUN Day wouldn't have been "fun" without you. See you all next year at our 4th Annual Family Day event!



Christmas Party 2012

"It was the Best Christmas Party my child has ever been to" said many parents who came out at our OZCF Christmas Carnival on Dec 9, 2012. It was truly a treat and the spirit of Christmas was at full spirit with piñatas and candy floss and chocolate fountains with marshmallows and popcorn. There were dress up stations and arts and crafts on one hand while games and face painting and sports on the other. Santa stole the show and brought smiles on all the kids. With over 100 attendees, every child went home with a gender and age appropriate gift from Santa, a family picture with Santa, balloons and lots of Christmas Cheer. Stay tuned for our "Christmas Candy Land" theme Christmas party this year as well. Space is limited so book your tickets early. It is indeed the most wonderful time of the year and we owe this treat to our kids.





Scouting Movement at OZCF — 100 Oakville Zoroastrian Scouts Group



Excerpt provided by Havovi Bharda

A new Zoroastrian Scouts Group was incorporated under the sponsorship of the Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation (OZCF) in February 2012. The Scouts Group is run under Scouts Canada and The Central Escarpment Council of the Oakville Area. Being a Zoroastrian Scouts Group, 100 Oakville Scouts Group inculcates the values of good thoughts, good words and good deeds into our programs, ensuring there is respect, honesty, trust and teamwork at all our meetings. In our motto — “Parsi, Thy Name is Charity” – we practice what we preach and every year, our scouting kids at 100 Oakville take part in a “Live the Prayer” project where they prepare Parsi delicacies and sell the food to the community. All proceeds go towards charity. We also volunteer for various community events and get our kids to give back to our community in their own ways.



SHOE DRIVE

Please support 20-year-old Tanya Bharda as she reaches out to all Zoroastrians in an attempt to collect shoes for the under-privileged people in Canada and third world countries. If you have slightly used shoes that you would like to donate, please contact Tanya at tbharda@hotmail.com and donate the shoes in a box marked - Zoroastrians Stepping Forward - Shoe Drive."

Parsi Thy Name is Charity so let us stand up to our name and reputation. Please support the Zoroastrian youth as they embark on such humanitarian work. Thank you!!

CALL TO ACTION!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT OZCF EVENTS AND FOR THE UPKEEP OF OUR COMMUNITY CENTRE!

Participate and volunteer in events with your family & friends and contribute to the exciting growth of the OZCF!

We need bright, outgoing, talented people LIKE YOU!

Contact any member of the Board or Sub-Committee TODAY at

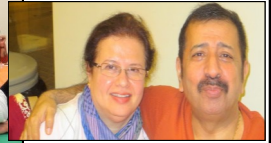
www.ozcf.com



Music Night with Afzal & Munni Subhani

With the help of Katy Mulla and Khurshid Engineer, OZCF hosted a Music Night on February 2, 2013 with Afzal and Munni Shubani. It was a full house and enjoyed by one and all.

Over \$2,200 was raised through song requests and raffles. The event was a smashing success.



"JAMVA CHALOJI" FOOD FAIRS



With the growth of multiculturalism, fusion cuisines are rampant and the need to keep our culinary talents going is key. The first OZCF Food Fair Jamva Chaloji I on November 25, 2012 was a super success with over 100 Parsi delights up for sale and attended by over 400 Zoroastrian and Non-Zoroastrian members who enjoy our cuisines. That set up a trend and our Jamva Chaloji II was scheduled as a bigger and better food festival on March 3, 2013.

The OZCF Hall was packed with people, the most we have seen in the history of the organization. People from far and wide attended and the vendors had great sales which they donated back to the OZCF. Due to the overwhelming demand for marghi nafarchas, patra ni machis, bheja na cutlets, darni pori, khariyas and many other dishes, we are hosting Jamva Chaloji III in the summer when we can open up the patio and welcome everyone to spend the day to enjoy an outdoor OZCF picnic with a huge feast. OZCF thanks the community at large who supported us and came out in large numbers. Remember Jamva Chaloji III will be held in the summer of 2013!



"JAMVA CHALOJI" FOOD FAIRS (continued)



Jamshedji Navroze 2013



Once again, we were sold out at our OZCF Navroze Dinner and Dance on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at Payal Banquet Hall. It was a great evening with friends and family while enjoying the best of music, dinner and excellent raffle prizes

As well, family portraits were taken as a fundraiser to take back as a keepsake memory of the Navroze event. For those who missed out, stay tuned for our Navroze Dinner and Dance in August being hosted jointly by OZCF and ZSO.



Thanks to our steadfast team of volunteers headed up by **Havovi Bharda** and **Perveen Katila** for once again giving us great entertainment and memories. For more pictures of this event, as captured by a professional photographer, please see www.ozcf.com under the Photo Gallery.





The World Zoroastrian Organisation, India

WORLD ZOROASTRIAN ORGANISATION : 135, Tonnison Road, South Norwood, London SE25 5NP

Registration No F/14093 - BOM 12-10-1990

C/o. Union Press, Zoroastrian Association Bldg., 13, Homji Street, Fort, Mumbai-400 001.

February 7, 2013.

An appeal

At present we are running a small guest house in Udvada called Katila Lodge having only four rooms. When we started this project, our aim was to enable those Zarthostis to visit Udvada who cannot afford to spend more. With this in mind we fixed the rate of Rs.20/-per day as lodging charges in the year 2001. After 12 years this is now raised to Rs.40/- per day.

Some time back we were gifted a bigger house by the name of Bharda House in Udvada. The building was in a dilapidated condition, which is now demolished and new boundary wall constructed. The reconstruction of the building will start this month. We propose to make 12 to 16 self contained rooms with modern amenities, which will be offered to Parsi / Irani Zarthostis (coming to visit Pak Iranshah), at a very reasonable rate. We shall also provide meals at reasonable rates.

Visiting Udvada is getting more and more expensive now, even if one stays in dharamshala. We have decided to run this project on 'no profit' basis on the lines of our Katila Lodge, to enable more Zarthostis to visit Udvada, who cannot afford present day costs. In fact we shall have to subsidise the project from our corpus.

The total cost of construction of the building will be about Rs. 1.2 crores. So far we have received donations of over Rs.30 lacs. However we still require nearly a crore for this project. We do not intend to use up funds from our modest corpus, interest from which is used for carrying out various service activities for Zarthostis.

We shall be putting up a large marble plaque near the entrance on which, names of donors of above Rs.1 lac will be listed. Moreover individual granite plaque will be put up for donors offering Rs.10 lacs & above. It is our humble appeal to your good selves to consider giving maximum donation for this worthy project.

we shall be extremely grateful to you for your generous dnations for such a worthy cause.

Awaiting your early favourable response,

Yours truly,
for WZO, India

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Photographs

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.

SURGICAL BED AVAILABLE

Surgical bed is available for a needy individual. Please contact shermindivecha@yahoo.com – Phone 416-809-6474