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Need a Mobed?

Our Mobeds are available to help in times of need to offer their guidance & services to the OZCF community. Please contact:

Ervad Firdosh Bulsara (905) 824-7692
 Ervad Xerxes Bamji (905) 702-1034
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 Ervad Kobad Zarolia (647) 887-9213
 Ervad Nozer Kotwal (905) 820-0461
 Ervad Mehad Dastur (416) 917-9195

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

ZRCC Prayer Room and Facility Hours:

The OZCF prayer room and facility is not open regularly, especially in the winter months. For personal requests, you may contact the following:

Prayer Room Access

Nozer Kotwal 905-820 0461
nskotwal1@gmail.com

Hall Rentals

Cyrus Gazdar 647-294 6462
cygazdar@yahoo.ca

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Xerxes Bamji (905) 702-1034

ZRCC Coordinator

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President's Message

As I write this column today, it is with some sadness that I will be stepping down from the Board at the end of the Annual General Meeting, now slated for Sunday, July 27. The 2-year term of the current Board of Directors comes to an end and I want to take a moment to thank each and every one on the Board for their hard work and persistence throughout the years. Having received 4 resignations along the way, we continued operating with 6 members for most of the past year which makes it more worthwhile to appreciate the dedication of these individuals. My sincere thanks to all of you for continuing to provide your valuable time towards the betterment of our community. I also want to thank your families who sacrifice because of your absences when they need you. And that also goes for the board members who started off with us but had to leave due to other personal and professional commitments.

At first, I strongly felt that managing a full-time career, a family, and volunteering for the community would be daunting. I could not have done this without the support and sacrifices of my "better half" and that of my sons. They have been alongside me all the way.

Our religious, entertainment, sports, seniors, communication, newsletter, membership, FMC and POW committees have managed their task admirably. Each and every individual on these committees have strived hard and have ensured that our community has been served the best possible way. The facility management committee has sacrificed their valuable time, even at odd hours of the day or night, ensuring maintenance. OZCF is a fairly large estate that requires constant attention, and these folks were there when we needed them.

We believe we have served the community to the very best of our abilities. Some have pointed out that we have been a passive and low-key Board. There is no denying the fact that we did not pursue extravagant building projects nor did we chase fundraising. It was evident to me that following an extremely aggressive decade of chasing funding from within our small community, our people needed a period of reprieve - a much-deserved break to waylay donor-fatigue - before the task begins again as we pursue a proper House of Worship.

ZRCC MAILING & PROPERTY ADDRESS:

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

President's Message, continued from Page 1...

Rest assured, we have managed effectively and will leave behind a healthy balance sheet when stepping down. In short, your elected Board of Directors have been extremely prudent in their spending, have maintained the property as best as possible and without exhaustive expenses. Most importantly our committees have kept OZCF humming with activities.

Above all, I wish to thank our membership for showing great patience and support with our Board throughout our term. We will be submitting a full report at the next month's AGM.

Best, as always,
Firdosh Bulsara, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES 2014

Mark your calendars for these religious events this year.

Aug 13-17 (Wed-Sun) All Day Muktaf (S)

Aug. 18 (Monday) 7:00pm Navroz (S)

Aug. 23 (Sat.) 11:00am Khordadsal (S)

Sept. 5 (Fri.) 7:00pm Farvardegan (S)

**Sept. 6 (Sat.) 11:00am Dasturji
Kukadaru Baj**

**Sept. 14 (Sun.) 11:00am Paitishahem
Ghambar (F)**

**October 12 (Sunday) 11:00am Ayathrem
Ghambar (F)**

**December 26 (Friday) 11:00am
Zarthost-no-Diso (F)**

The OZCF is having a meet-and- greet session
with the **Vada Dastoorji of
Udvada Dastoorji Khurshed Dastoor.**

**On Friday July 18 2014; 7:00 pm
At ZRCC**

The session will be followed by a dinner. All are
welcome. More details to follow. If you are
interested, please RSVP to:
Khurshid Engineer at 905-828-8324.



Sun & Fun
OZCF Annual Summer Picnic

Where:
Coronation Park
Picnic Area B
1426 Lakeshore West
Oakville

When: July 6th, 2014
11:00am to 5:00pm

Adults - \$15.00
Children (6-10yrs) - \$10.00
Lunch/Pop/Tea Provided
**Please bring your OWN
chairs & water.**

Dip in the Lake!

Splash Pad!

RSVP: June 29th, 2014

Contact: ozcfentertainment@gmail.com

Volleyball Courts

Please Send All Cheques to
Jeroo Madan
Unit # 33, 2550 Thomas Street
Mississauga, ON, L5M 5N8

SHOUT OUT!

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

We are always looking to our readers to provide valuable insight into
the community and events that are important to you.

If you would like to share a point of view, an interesting article, or important family
news, please let us know! Please email all submissions for the next issue no later than
September 15, 2014 to: ozcf.newsletter2012@gmail.com



SHENSHAI MUKTAD PRAYERS

*Our very precious Muktab Days are once again upon us.
Join us at the ZRCC for prayer, food & reflection.*



Please see the *Prayer Names Form* on **Page 10**.

Shenshai Muktab August 13 - 17, 2014

Shenshai Muktab ceremonies will be held at ZRCC, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, from Aug 13-17th. If you wish to include the names of your dearly departed in the daily prayers, kindly fill out the attached form and forward it to the OZCF.

Schedule of prayers are as follows:

**Aug 13th to Aug 15th – Morning Stoom 6:30am; Afringan/ Farokhshi 7:00am;
Afternoon Stoom 11:30am; Evening Stoom/ Hum Bundaghi 7:00pm.**

**Aug 16th & Aug 17th - Morning Stoom 7:30am; Afringan/ Farokhshi 8:00am;
Afternoon Stoom 11:30am; Evening Stoom/ Hum Bundaghi 7:00pm.**

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 and help prepare food for the lunch and dinner during the muktab days, please contact Armaity Anandasagar at (905) 271-0366 or Kermin Byramjee at (905) 845-3480.



OZCF PRESENTS

NAVROZE CELEBRATION 2014

August 18th, 2014

At the ZRCC

**Jashan at 7:00pm • Dinner at 8:00 pm
Cash Bar**

\$15 per adult

\$10 per child (under 12)

Children Under 5 Free

RSVP: ozcfentertainment@gmail.com

Cheques Payable to OZCF

c/o Jeroo Madan

Unit #33-2550 Thomas St.

Mississauga, ON L5M 5N8



LECTURE ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a lecture at the MGDM, 3590 Bayview Ave., North York, on **September 21, 2014 at 4:30pm** by Professor Mitra Sharaf, entitled "Parsi Legal Culture in British India: The Davar –Beaman Case and Beyond".

Mitra Sharafi is a legal historian of colonial India at the University of Wisconsin Law school at Madison. She holds BA from McGill and PhD from Princeton in history, and law degrees from Cambridge and Oxford.

Sharafi's first book, *Law and Identity in Colonial South Asia: Parsi Legal Culture, 1772-1947* is being published by Cambridge University Press in 2014. The book explores the legal culture of the Parsis or Zoroastrians of British India, an ethno-religious minority that was unusually invested in colonial law. This is not explicitly focused on the Parsi community, but happily she continues to find many Zoroastrian lawyers, physicians and toxicologists in her archival materials. We look forward to a large attendance of our members to listen to a historic account of immense interest to all Parsi/Irani Zarathushtis.

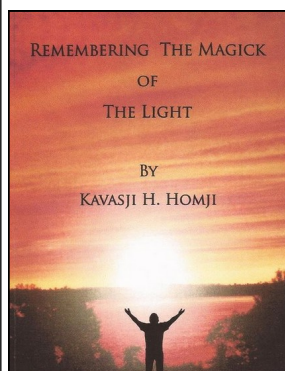
Congrats to Firdosh Bulsara!

"Dear Colleagues,

As some of you may already know, Firdosh Bulsara has joined our team as the new Vice President, Commercial, for ALBATours. A well-known member of the industry, and a person some of you would remember from his years at Sunquest, Firdosh comes to us from Huntington Travel Inc. where he has worked for the last 7 years.

"We are proud to welcome Firdosh to the TravelBrands team," said Frank DeMarinis, CEO. "With his incredible wealth of experience in the travel industry, and knowledge and insights when it comes to brand growth and development, I know that Firdosh will be a valuable member of our organization and a key player in ALBATours' continued success. "Firdosh takes over from Gianni Bragagnolo, and those are big shoes to fill," continued DeMarinis.

"Having built ALBATours from the ground up, Gianni's passion for the brand and its products has been integral in its success; we are delighted he will continue on as a consultant as we further grow the ALBATours offering." Firdosh is based out of our Mississauga office. He is a great addition to our team and we are delighted to welcome him to the TravelBrandsfamily."



New Book by Kavasji Homji

This email is to advise you that I recently completed and published a book; a fictionalized version of Spitama Zarathushtra's life. It covers his universal teachings woven into the story of his earthly journey. The title of the book is "Remembering the Magick of the Light." Part One is the envisaged life story of the Master. Part Two provides a suggested practice for those embarking on their own journey and Part Three provides an understanding of the Amesha Spentas. The intent of the book is to present the Master's life as a guideline for the reader's own spiritual quest.

The book may be purchased for \$25 of which \$5 will be used to defray the cost of printing and \$20 will be donated to the OZCF Place of Worship Fund. Members Interested in purchasing it or wanting to learn more about it can contact me by email athomji@sympatico.ca



FREE BUS PROGRAM FOR OZCF SENIORS!

Our seniors are a vital part of our community and their membership is immensely valued by OZCF. During their lifetime they have exercised many diverse roles and their contributions to our community can never be thanked enough. We recognize the need of our senior members to remain connected to friends and family and maintain an enjoyable social lifestyle in their Golden Years.

Toward this cause, the current Board of Directors have initiated a FREE BUS SERVICE for seniors to attend future events held at OZCF. Our young and dynamic director - Zeenia Kola, who was entrusted with the execution of this project has worked hard towards identifying and shortlisting First Student

Charter transport company, whose services will be utilized to provide to and fro transportation.

Based on the feedback received from the membership, the following four pick-up and drop-off points have been identified.

1. Kipling Station (5247 Dundas Street West, Etobicoke)
2. Square One (100 City Centre Drive, Mississauga)
3. Meadowvale Town Centre (6677 Meadowvale Town Centre Circle, Mississauga)
4. South Common Mall (2150 Burnhamthorpe Road West, Mississauga)

Unfortunately no feedback was received from seniors residing in Oakville area.

The OZCF board has unanimously approved 12 free round-trip bus trips (in a calendar year) from the above mentioned pick-up points. This service comes at zero cost to Seniors' who are OZCF members in good standing. As events get finalized, the bus service will be booked, confirmed and advised to the membership. Seating in the bus is limited to 40 passengers and will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis. For any additional trips over the budgeted 12 trips in a calendar year, seniors will be charged a highly subsidized rate for using the bus service.

The Board hopes that this initiative will provide our senior's an opportunity to attend most of the events at OZCF. We would like to hear comments from our membership as the OZCF Board strives to work towards providing benefits for its membership. For any questions or further details about the bus service please feel free to contact Zeenia Kola at 416-832-1005.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NORIA FAMILY FELICITATION: Farokh and Dhun Noria have always given back, constantly aiming to better their community. Through volunteering with the ZSO and her career at the Scarborough Hospital. Dr. Dhun Noria has demonstrated great leadership and dedication. Continuing with the tradition of giving back and helping others the Noria family recently presented a donation of \$1million to the Scarborough Hospital Foundation. In honour of the generous donation, the Laboratories at The Scarborough Hospital have been named the Farokh and Dhun Noria Laboratory. In recognition of Dhun's outstanding contributions to the Toronto Community as a physician, philanthropist and leader, she has also been named the recipient of this year's **Scarborough World Gala Lifetime Achievement Award**. The community congratulates the Noria family on their many achievements and for constantly contributing to the well-being of humanity.

Read this fascinating article on **Dr. Dhun Noria** at: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/toronto/on-police-board-dhun-noria-balances-life-in-the-spotlight-with-battling-breast-cancer/article17391031/>

Congratulations Dhun and Farokh for your outstanding dedication and contributions always!

Khurshid Engineer, Mortgage Consultant for RBC, was added to the WALL OF INSPIRATION AS A COMMUNITY HERO for the countless hours she devotes to the Red Cross Meals on Wheels Programme. Khurshid began her volunteer relationship with the Red Cross some 15 years ago, when she rallied the RBC Etobicoke branches to get involved with this important service available to seniors and shut-ins. Khurshid still actively works with this program by organizing volunteers and delivering meals herself. Her long standing service to the Red Cross resulted in her being awarded for her volunteer work. Khurshid is an amazing supporter to volunteering in her community, and is actively involved for over 3 decades for teaching Sunday religion school and other several initiatives with the Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation and Zoroastrian Society of Ontario. She has been involved in Pakistan Flood Relief, Canadian Cancer Society, MS and Parkinson's Foundations, and the Chum Christmas Wish Campaign.

Thank you **Khurshid** for all that you do to benefit the community where you work..!

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to inform you of the passing away of **Adershir Dastur**, husband of Renate Dastur on Friday, January 17, 2014 in Etobicoke, Ontario. Dastur was 78 years old & was born in Mumbai India on November 2nd 1935, where he obtained BSc degree, then in Toronto, earned his BASc and MASc in 1958 and 1960 respectively, from the University of Toronto.

Adi joined the Canadian Atomic Energy of Canada to begin his long and outstanding career in nuclear engineering until he retired in 1995 and continued as an Engineer Emeritus. He analyzed the 'Chernobyl Nuclear Accident' and published the shocking conclusion that the Chernobyl Nuclear Power-plant design actually worsened the accident – instead of arresting or mitigating it. He earned many awards from the nuclear industry and other engineering organizations and societies in recognition of his many outstanding contributions, which are documented in over 100 journal publications and scientific reports.

Adi was honoured with the prestigious Outstanding Achievement Award, which was presented to him by the Canadian Nuclear Society in 1994. Professionally he travelled widely: Japan, Korea, Russia, Ukraine and all European Universities and Institutions. He had many interests besides Physics. Together with Renate he loved theatre, opera, museums and travel. He also was an excellent cook. Adi was very approachable & carried an inviting pleasant smile. A gentle, lovable, positive happy man. His funeral service was overflowing with the Toronto Parsi community & AECL scientists.

When I arrived in Toronto in 1964 as a new immigrant; Adi, who was at that time working at G.E. in Peterborough, Ont., would drive into Toronto every Friday evening and spend the weekend with me & another Zoroastrian émigré – taking us around in his car, showing us his beloved Toronto.

He will be sorely and dearly missed by all those who knew him, particularly by many of his close friends. He leaves behind his loving wife Renate, his sister Nergez Mehta (Mumbai), niece Dilnavaz & family in U S A.

Submitted by Edul Kanga, Toronto

Bomy Boyce, 83, passed away on December 23rd, 2013. Bomy was always involved and committed to the Zoroastrian community as a driving force in the establishment of the ZSO and later was in favour of the sister organization The OZCF. He was also the President of ZSO some years ago and in more recent years worldwide President of the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce. He was constantly striving to enhance our community's profile and prospects. In his long and successful career, he espoused a global business environment, helping companies expand internationally and facilitating technology and knowledge transfer between continents.

Bomy loved to travel and developed long lasting friendships with people from around the world. He was always compassionate towards others and believed that any opportunity to help someone was an obligation to help. Bomy was especially eager to help youth fund their education, find a job or start their own business. He had a tremendous influence on those around him and was very respected and admired by all who knew him. He was a self-sufficient, fair, compassionate and loving individual and has left behind a powerful legacy of leadership and service. May his Soul rest in Peace.

The Religion Education Classes held its year-end Annual Day function on Saturday, May 24th, 2014.

The Guest of Honour, OZCF President Firdosh Bulsara was on hand to present certificates to this year's graduating class. Congratulations to our graduates **Alisha Banker, Shahzad Bhada, Parinaz Bhesania, Trisha Kershaw, Rhea Gyara, Priyana Karai, Benaisha Major, Tanya Patrawala, Emerald Sethna, Rustom Sheriar, Tanishq Singh, Kaizad Tafti, Kamraan Tomkiewicz, Maya Tomkiewicz and Jamshed Wania.** Benaisha Major and Emerald Sethna were honoured as the outstanding students of the year. In addition, **Perviz Bhungara** was awarded the **Shehnaz Munshi** award for excellence in teaching.

The Religion Classes provide a unique opportunity for our community's children not only to meet, but also to learn about the Zoroastrian religion and its traditions. Our goal is to promote an understanding of the religion & foster a sense of Zoroastrian identity among our students.

If you are interested in having your children participate this year in Religion Classes—please photocopy or tear out this page, fill in, attach payment and mail to the address indicated. Dates to be communicated shortly.

2014-2015 Enrollment Form for ZSO Religion Classes

Family Name: _____ Res. Phone: _____

Is the Family a member of the (please check to indicate) ☐ ZSO or ☐ OZCF?

* Parent E-mail address: _____ Parent Mobile Phone: _____

Address (including postal code): _____

Mother's First Name: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

Father's First Name: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

Name of Child	Gender (M/F)	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)	Health Card Number	Cost
			Late fee (if applicable)	
			Total :	

Please indicate on the back of this sheet if your child(ren) has any medical conditions (e.g. allergies) we should be aware of.

Class Location: MGDM _____ Western GTA School location _____

We are accepting registrants born in 2008 or earlier. Registration Forms together with the appropriate costs must be received by 31st July 2014.

Cost : Children of ZSO/OZCF members - \$ 20/student

Children of ZSO/OZCF non-members - \$ 30/student

Late Fee for returning students only (if registering after deadline) - \$10/student

Please make your cheques payable to: **Zoroastrian Society of Ontario**
and mail them with the form to:

Zia Mahmoudzadeh, 218 Glenforest Drive, Thornhill, Ontario, L4J 8N3

I will note the dates of the classes & support them _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Please ensure that you fill in the e-mail address and inform us immediately if it changes. All notifications will be by e-mail, handouts in class or via the ZSO Newsletter.

No child will be bereft of religious education because of finances. In such circumstances and for any other information please contact Ms. Kermin Mehta at 416 446 1417 or Mrs. Khurshid Engineer at 905 828 8324.

YOUTH NEWS



FEZANA Academic Scholarships (2014-2015)

Applications are invited for:

- **SIX FEZANA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**
- and
- **MEHRABAN AND MORVORID KHERADI (MMK) ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**
- **FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE – THE FEZANA SCHOLAR.**
- **FEZANA 25th ANNIVERSARY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**
- **MORVORID GUVI ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**
- **PURVEZ AND ABAN RUSTOMJI ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**
- **BANOUBAI AND MANECKSHAW KAPADIA (BMK) ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

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

Applications Due August 1, 2014

Scholarships for the academic year 2014-2015 will be awarded in September 2014.

Application forms are available from the FEZANA website at: <http://fezana.org/scholarships/academic/>
or from Dr. Dolly Dastoor: dollydastoor@sympatico.ca

Completed application forms should be sent electronically by August 1, 2014 to: academicscholarship@fezana.org
We urge our ZAGNY students to take advantage of these great scholarship opportunities, and apply well in advance!

Family, Fun and Food!!

The 4th Annual Family Day event organized by the OZCF Youth Committee was a perfect mix of the above 3 F's. The ZRCC was full with happy faces who mixed, mingled and participated in a lot of fun games." Min to Win it" game was a hit with the kids, parents and grandparents and, of course, our favorite musical chairs had everyone on the floor.

Thanks to our caterers - Adil and Prochi Gazdar and Khushnuma and Hoshedar Bamboat, the crowd got to try a great variety of finger-licking Parsi food and desserts. It was truly a well-spent afternoon for everyone in attendance. We would also like to thank Percy Dastur for the prizes for our games and our volunteers who made it successful.



"Family is not an important thing.
It's everything."
Michael J. Fox

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





Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation

To: OZCF
1187 Burnhamthorpe Road East
Oakville, Ontario L6H 7B3

MUKTAD PRAYERS

Kindly include the following names in the daily prayers during the forthcoming Muktd Ceremonies:

Name of the Deceased

Name of his/her Father/Husband**

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 August 12th the latest. Thank you.

Schedule of prayers are as follows:

Aug 13th to Aug 15th – Morning Stoom 6:30am; Afringan/Farokhshi 7:00am;
Afternoon Stoom 11:30am; Evening Stoom/Hum Bundaghi 7:00pm.
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Afternoon Stoom 11:30am; Evening Stoom/Hum Bundaghi 7:00pm.

Navroz Jashan—Dinner & Dance—August 18, 2014

*All above ceremonies will be held at the ZRCC