



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

At a Glance...

Sat., Nov. 29, Kids' Christmas Party - at ZRCC from 2:00 pm to 6:00 (see Pg. 4)

Sun. November 30 - 10:00 am - 4:00pm
Jamva ChaloJi Food Fair @ ZRCC (See Pg. 4)

Wed. December 31 - 7:00 pm - **New Year's Dinner and Dance** at ZRCC (See Pg. 9)

Need a Mobed?

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

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Ervad Xerxes Bamji (905) 702-1034
Ervad Jal Panthaky (905) 568-4946
Ervad Kobad Zarolia (647) 887-9213
Ervad Nozer Kotwal (905) 820-0461
Ervad Mehbod 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:

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Webmaster

Rumi Jasavala 905-257-7864

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President's Message

It is a great honour and privilege for me to be appointed as the President of OZCF for 2014 – 2016 by the new Board of Directors. I am excited to assume this role as we have a fantastic team of ten new Directors who have pledged their willingness to serve and take forward the vision of OZCF. The new board took charge on August 08, 2014.

On the board are Khushroo Mirza (Vice President), Gus Patel (Treasurer), Jal Panthaky (Secretary), Kermin Byramjee, Meher Panthaky, Minnie Mirza, Mahveer Javat, Nadir Rabadi, Kamal Driver and Jal Panthaky. The new board reflects energies of leadership, optimism, confidence, success, originality and determination.

Moving forward we will announce the various achievements and progress made. Progress depends on the choices we make today for tomorrow. Our community foundation is strong and our future is bright. In the coming years, as part of our go forward plan, we will dedicate more time and effort into uplifting our youth, involving our seniors, creating a platform of activities for the membership and continue to build positive constructive relationships with ZSO and other community partners to provide effective dialog and a commitment to service.

As I write my October update, fall foliage is reaching its peak of color. Soon the leaves will drop by the millions, and after raking our share, we will forget about them for the winter. However your OZCF board and its sub-committees have been working on various areas that are providing the necessary energy to move forward our vision. The past months has been not just eventful but has also seen many firsts in the history of our organization.

For the first time, the entire OZCF Board was graciously invited by the ZSO Board of Directors to identify, discuss and collaborate on areas of mutual interest. The hospitality extended by the ZSO Board was fabulous and the evening memorable. The overall optimism and the positivity between board members of both organizations was tremendous and a reflection of the harmony that we aim to seek for the Zoroastrian community in Ontario.

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Zoroastrian Religious and Cultural Centre (ZRCC)

MAILING & PROPERTY ADDRESS:

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

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

Both boards have initiated cooperative measures on issues relate to communication, entertainment and seniors, which will initiate from the start of 2015. At OZCF, we have invited our dear ZSO Board for a second round of discussions in quarter two of next year to evaluate progress made and discuss other ideas that we both could benefit from.

Another first was the Grandparents Day organized by our Seniors Committee chaired by Minnie Mirza, supported by Meher Panthaky, Kermin Byramjee, Jeroo Madan, Zeenia Kola, Tanya Bharda, Friya Bastani and Hufarish Mahava. It is very encouraging to see our youth taking keen interest and contributing significantly to the senior's sub-committee. The event was well planned and the seniors and the youth had a great experience. Our seniors are a vital part of our community and their membership is immensely valued. During their lifetime they have exercised many diverse roles and their contributions to our community can never be thanked enough.

For any community organization like ours, it is the active involvement of various sub-committees that provide our members with a platform to connect with the community. Our facilities management committee under the leadership of Jal Panthaky, Rumi Jasavala and their dynamic members has been working extensively to ensure smooth operations of the facility. A massive clean-up drive was organized with the support of the youth and scouts to collect the trash in the open on the ground and within the house. We now have a fully functional, secure office within the house which shall maintain all files and documentation related to our organization.

Our Entertainment Committee, under the headship of Mahveer Javat, is very actively involved in organizing various events, which include a movie night, the very famous Jamva Chaloji and the grand New Year's event. The New Year event promises to provide you a culinary delight which will treat your senses, savour your tastes and you can enjoy the flavours of delicious desserts. I would strongly wish all to enjoy this grand event.

Our biennial Black Tie Gala fundraiser was a grand and memorable event where we were treated to a very entertaining evening with the traditional Parsee wedding banquet. A big thank you to all our members and their friends for supporting our fundraiser, that **helped raise over \$100,000**, far exceeding our goal. All proceeds generated from the Gala are exclusively and fully to be allocated towards our Place of Worship. It always seems impossible, until it's done. What began as dream has now shaped into reality. Our dynamic Gala committee with Chisty and Firdosh Bulsara as the lead, and the sincere dedication of all volunteers on the gala committee has made it possible for us and we are proud of them. The new board will always look forward to your progressive inputs and pledge to serve the community with integrity and dedication. Please check our website www.ozcf.com for regular updates. You can write to me at president@ozcf.com

As quoted by Barrack Obama - "The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope."

Percy Agreras Dastur
PRESIDENT, Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation

Meet The New Board of Directors 2014—2016!



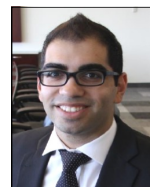
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Khushroo Mirza
Vice-President



Jal Panthaky
Secretary



Gus Patel
Treasurer



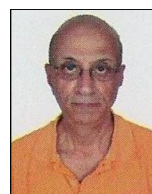
Mahveer Javat
Director



Meher Panthaky
Director



Minnie Mirza
Director



Nadir Rabadi
Director



Kamal Driver
Director




Kermin Byramjee
Director

Please give a warm welcome to our new 2014—2016 Committee and Sub-Committee Members!

Contact information can be found on our website at OZCF.com.

Sub-Committee	Board Liaison	Chair	Members
Place of Worship	Jal Panthaky	Phil Sidhwa	Marzi Byramjee, Jehan Bagli, Gustad Panthaki, Nozer Kotwal Zaheer Bulsara, Zubin Jasavala Farshogar Jasavala Khurshid Engineer, Pesh Patel, Rumi Jasavala Dinshaw Printer, Neville Patrawala
Seniors	Minnie Mirza	Minnie Mirza	Kermin Byramjee, Zeenia Kola Friya Bastani, Meher Panthaky, Hufarish Mahava, Tanya Bharda
Newsletter	Meher Panthaky	Michelle Patel Roshan Byramjee	Rayomand Patel
Membership	Kamal Driver	Shirin Chaturvedi	Percy Dastur, Kamal Driver Gus Patel, Meher Panthaky Rumi Jasavala
Facilities Management	Jal Panthaky	Rumi Jasavala	Rumi Jasavala, Cyrus Gazdar Cawas Patel, Cyrus Banker Khushroo Bharda Farish Bardoliwala
Religion and Lectures	Khushroo Mirza	Xerxes Madan	Nozer Kotwal Jamshed Dhabar Tanishq Singh Tanya Patrawala Binaisha Major Alisha Banker
IT / Communication	Gus Patel and Nadir Rabadi	Rumi Jasavala	Percy Dastur Zeenia Kola
Fundraising	Kermin Byramjee	Kermin Byramjee (Chair) Rumi Jasavala (Co-chair)	Percy Dastur Jal Panthaky Niloufer Mavalvala Zarine Patel Khurshed Patel Gulrukh Patel
Entertainment, Youth and Sports	Mahveer Javat	Entertainment: Mahveer Javat Youth: Mahveer Javat (Chair) Farshad Engineer (Co-chair) Sports: Rumi Jasavala	Entertainment: Jeroo Madan, Arnawaz Dhabhar Hormuzd Engineer Youth Kevan Madan, Fiona Engineer Hormuz Javat, Tanya Bharda Hufarish Mahava, Natasha Khursigara Tanya Patrawala, Tanishq Singh Rohan Gazdar, Zeenia Kola Sports Khushroo Bharda, Neville Patrawalla, Cyrus Gazdar, Xarius Jasavala

UPCOMING EVENTS



OZCF Youth/Scouts Presents
A Very Merry Christmas Party
(Ages 4-18)

On Saturday November 29th, 2014

From: 2:00 pm-6:00 pm

At OZCF

Entry Fees:

AGES 10 & Under : \$7.00

AGES Above 10 : \$10.00

Santa's elves can hardly wait tis the season to celebrate,
 we invite the children to join us for a fun filled afternoon with games, treats,
 pictures with santa, and gifts for everyone !

Mail Cheques to:

RSVP by November 20th 2014

Jeroo Madan

Please Contact:


33-2550 Thomas Street, Mississauga,

Farshad Engineer: 289-997-4421

ON L5M 5N8

Email: farshadengineer@hotmail.com


CHEQUES PAYABLE TO OZCF



Come one, come all to the
Semi-annual "Jamva Chaloji" Food Fair

To be held at the ZRCC on Sunday, November 30!
 From 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Stock up your freezers with all delectable foods.
 Please pre-order by Nov. 22, 2014 (by visiting the OZCF website) or contact:
ozcfentertainment@gmail.com or
 Jeroo Madan at: 289- 997- 6800



RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES 2014—2015

Mark your calendars for these religious events this year and next year!

Dec. 26	Fri,	11:00am	Zarthost-no-Diso (F)
Jan.4	Sun.	11:00 AM	Maidhyarem Ghambar (F)
Mar. 16 - 20	Mon - Fri	All Day	Muktdad (F)
Mar. 21	Saturday	7:00 PM	Navroze
Mar. 26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Khordadsal (F)
Apr.8	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Farvardegan (F)
May 3	Sunday	11:00 AM	Maidhyozarem Ghambar (F)
May 25	Monday	7:00 PM	Zarthost-no-Diso (S)
July 1	Wednesday	11:00 AM	Maidhyoshem Ghambar (F)
Aug. 13 - 17	Thurs - Mon	All Day	Muktdad (S)
Aug. 18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Navroze (S)
Aug. 23	Sunday	11:00am	Khordadsal (S)
Sept. 5	Saturday	11:00 AM	Farvardegan (S)
Sept. 6	Sunday	11:00am	Dasturji Kukadaru Baj
Sept. 13	Sunday	11:00 AM	Paitishahem Ghambar (F)
Oct. 16	Friday	11:00 AM	Ayathrem Ghambar (F)
Dec. 26	Saturday	11:00 AM	Zarthost-no-Diso (F)
Jan. 3rd	Sunday	11:00 AM	Maidhyarem Ghambar (F)

*"Life is Love don't trade for hate!
 Our world is like a Beautiful gardens
 Dotted with beds of Different Religions
 Hindu Muslim Bahias
 Jews Sikhs as well As Zoroastrians
 In the same garden
 Co-habiting side by side
 Emitting freshly scented aromas
 Of Loving Giving Carrying Sharing
 Peacefully we can abide
 Our world is like
 An enchanted forest
 We can make it
 What we want it to be
 Wouldn't life be worth living
 Together in Perfect Harmony?"*

Poem by Farida Bamji

OZCF/ ZSO JOINT COMMITTEE

We are pleased to inform you that the entire Board of the OZCF and your Executive Committee met, at our invitation, for a working dinner at the Darbe Mehr at the end of September. This was the first meeting of its kind with the Board of the OZCF, welcomed by all, and envisioned to pave the road to a united community. The purpose of the meeting included identifying and discussing areas and ways whereby both organizations could work in concert with each other for the benefit of all members of the community. Measures have already been initiated on matters relating to communications, seniors, and entertainment. More areas of interest will be added in due course. OZCF Board has graciously invited your EC for a follow up meeting to review the progress on some of these initiatives in the 2nd quarter of 2015.



One of the initiatives discussed with OZCF was the avoidance, by both organizations, of holding major events on the same day in order to allow for increased attendance. Accordingly, the ZSO will be promoting all events to our members, starting with the OZCF New Year's Eve Gala.

Sporting Events

The **6th Annual Cricket Dhansak Day**, held August 9, 2014, was yet another successful and enjoyable event! Six years ago, a group of Zoroastrians got together and transformed the overgrown farmland into an immaculate field with a cricket and soccer pitch. Hard work is always required and the help from the regular volunteers is what drives the success of such events, which has been running for the last 6 years.

The day started off by the laying of the cricket matting itself by Khushroo Bharda and Xarius Jasavala, a task that normally takes 4 people. The summer sun beat down with the surrounding fields providing an English country side ambiance to the game. All we lacked was a cricket pavilion...

We had one! Yes, the hall and patio provided a great vantage point for the scorers and spectators!

The players were divided up into pairings who each faced 4 overs of bowling. The high class batting and bowling was a spectacle in itself, with fours and sixes being hit around the ground. This was accompanied some superb bowling and spectacular wickets. For the third year running, our only female participant, Tanya Bharda, was instrumental in supporting her partnership with her Dad, whilst her Dad was losing wickets at his end. Each time you were out, minus 4 runs were being deducted from your pairing score. The pairings consisted of some family pairings such as; Khushroo Bharda & Tanya Bharda (father & daughter), Bejan Sidhwa & Phil Sidhwa (father & son), Tauzer Dala & Rohan Dalal (father & son), Rumi Jasavala & Xarius Jasavala (father & son). The second part of the game featured individual batting, which saw some great talent in the Dalal boys, (Darius and Rohan), Rushad Bharda's power hitting and Xarius Jasavala's athleticism in the field.

The day was rounded off by the traditional Dhansak and drinks, making it one of the most enjoyable Cricket / Dhansak events to date. Pictures of this event may be found on our website under the Gallery section at <http://www.ozcf.com/page-514944>

Sports Day

What a wonderful day we had for our **4th Annual Sports Day** on September 14, 2014! The running tracks and soccer pitch were beautifully groomed by Rushad Bharda, made with precision and perfection using the New Lawn Mower that was purchased by the OZCF.

Each registered competitor was given a food voucher and permitted to enter all the events. The day started off with the registration which brought forth, 65 competitors and 20 spectators. This was the 4th annual sports day at the OZCF and as tradition has it, we started off with a 5 minute warm up session led by Rhea Jasavala, Nina Gazdar and Roshni Jasavala. Each competitor were assigned races and events to match their age groups. Events consisted of running races, relays, egg and spoon, sack race, three legged race and the wheel barrow race. Food was taken around 5pm and this was followed by the end of Sports Day Tug of War. This was led by our Tug of War Master of Ceremony, Chief Constable Khushroo Bharda. The last event of the day went off as well as the first. People wanted to stay but the day was long and being injury free, we felt the time was right to end it. However, Nina Gazdar challenged her dad Cyrus to a race, and in turn, Cyrus challenged Xarius Jasavala to a race. This race took part with others joining in and this ended the 4th Annual Sports Day. We wont divulge the winners of that last race! Thank you to all the parents who brought their kids out and thank you to those adults for participating.

Item of Interest

Visit of Dasturji Khurshed Dastur, Vada Dasturji of Udvada to the ZRCC

Taking time out of his busy schedule Dasturji Khurshed Dastur, Vada Dasturji of Udvada came by the ZRCC for an informal meet and greet session initiated by Khurshid Engineer and Teenaz Javat on Friday, July 18, 2014.

Dastur was in Mississauga on a private visit, and when contacted over WhatsApp! (yes! he is indeed tech savvy) he at once jumped at the opportunity of addressing the community and taking questions as well. He was warmly welcomed with a traditional Achu-Michu by Khurshid Engineer and Arnavaz Dhabhar.

He then gave an inspirational talk on the origin of our holy fire, the grades of fire and the individual identity of the holy fire found in different atashbehras and agiaris. Referred to as "The Dasturji," he has the ear of the most powerful man in India—PM Narendra Modi. He patiently went on to answer and address, with good humour and candour, upwards of two dozen questions from the audience some of which were just as tricky as they were controversial.

The Q and A session ranged from the political, as in ability for Zoroastrians from Pakistan to get visas to visit Iran, to the cultural and religious. As the event was live broadcast, there were questions from the sister organization the Zoroastrian Society of Ontario as well, through text messaging.

City of Oakville Counsellor Max Khan, the representative of the Mayor of Oakville presented Dasturji with a welcome letter and thanked the Zoroastrian community for "sweetening Oakville with their presence just as they had done centuries ago in Gujarat."

Former President of OZCF, Firdosh Bulsara then requested Ervad Nozer Kotwal to present Dasturji with a shawl as a mark of respect of the community. The evening concluded with a delicious dinner prepared by a member of OZCF. A big thank you to the entertainment committee for organizing a wonderful evening at such short notice.



The OZCF Entertainment committee organized a jashan followed by dinner for the **Shahenshahi New Year** on Monday August 18, 2014. The evening started off with a jashan where Ervads Kevan Madan, Farhan Panthaki, Kamran Panthaki and Arman Panthaki were lead in prayer by Ervad Jamshed Dhabhar.

Following the jashan, the congregation was treated to a delicious meal catered by Mississauga's Silverspoon restaurant. The turnout for a week day was impressive and so was the fact that a few of the attendees stayed behind to help with the clean-up.

A huge thank you to Mark & his Angel's for organizing another great Navroze!

NEWS FROM THE RELIGION AND LECTURES SUB COMMITTEE

A very interesting evening was organized by the lecture committee on August 29th, 2014 at the OZCF.

Brig. Behram Panthaki and his eloquent wife Zenobia gave a very dynamic presentation on their life and experiences with the colourful Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw. The Brig. And his wife were accompanied by other Military Officers who had also served under the Field Marshal.

Around 80 people attended the function which concluded after a lively question and answer period.

Brig. Panthaki and Zenobia are the co-authors of the book "Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw – The Man And His Times."

This was the first activity organized by this sub-committee. There was a live stream webcast of this event, thanks to Rumi Jasavala.

Khushroo Mirza as the Board Liaison will also be in charge of overseeing the Lectures (Religion and Others), while Xerxes Madan will be responsible for the various Religious events such as Jashans, Muktads etc...

The Lectures committee will be launching a series of informal discussion sessions on Zoroastrianism for adults. More details to follow in the near future.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Daulat Vandrewala, widow of Mr. Hormusji Vandrewala, passed away on Sept. 30, 2014 at the age of 102. She is survived by her children, Behram Baxter, Najoo Panthaky and Aban Mistry, her brother Jamshedji Buhariwala and her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her family wishes to express their thanks to the priest and the community for their support.

Update from the Facility Management Committee

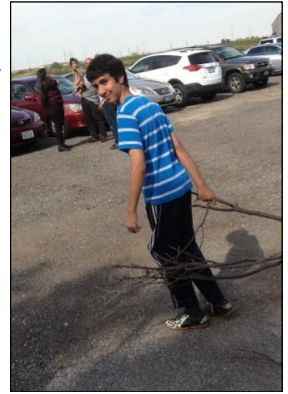
In last 2^{1/2} months since the election of the new Board your new FMC committee was working hard and finished the following projects in the Hall, House and Grounds.

Entrance sign lights which were hanging by the wires, cut the bush and adjust the mail box and number sign that obstructed view of east bound traffic for our members leaving our grounds, inside hall door which was not closing properly, stage panel that came out of the groove, men's wash room closet door that is not opening or closing due to broken hanger, fallen patio downspouts, step and extension ladders on the brackets outside the storage shed, house front entrance sliding doors replaced with double doors, installed florescent lights in the main lobby of the house and above the staircase, constructed a proper drainage for the septic tank brown water which puddles on the east edge of the patio. It is

a breeding ground for mosquitoes which could also become health problem. As well, there is a recently installed picture frame of Zarathustra in the front entrance.



Grounds and house areas were completely cleaned up by removing debris, dead branches, stones and various material and garbage on the house patio and the solarium. Set up office on the main floor by setting up computer, desk, chair and cleaning all the closets and removing all stored items from the closets and replacing with filing cabinets, brought all documents from various locations to be filed and centralized in the office. Thanks to all the fresh, young faces who have come out to volunteer this term!



OZCF SENIORS CORNER

YOGA, ZUMBA AND LAUGHTER FOR GOLDEN AGERS

Did you know that there are "gentle" Yoga and ZUMBA sessions conducted at the OZCF every Tuesday from 11:30 to 12:30 for seniors? Both these activities are geared for the 'senior and almost senior' individual and we have the option of either sitting on a chair or standing while performing these exercises.

After these activities one of the participants leads the group for about 7-10 minutes in laughter therapy. Our trainer is trained in this field and with his routine he helps us to get our blood circulation flowing better and also provides a good cardio workout. After the laughter is over we all gather around and eat delicious snacks which members take turns in providing.

If you are interested in attending these sessions please contact: MINNIE MIRZA, 905 825-8188, minnie.mirza@gmail.com

MOVIE MATINEE

The Senior's Sub Committee hosted an enjoyable afternoon of a Movie Matinee on October 19, 2014 at the ZRCC.

More than 50 people attended the function and watched in rapture their favorite film Mughal-E-Azaam unfold.

During the intermission Bhel, Pakoras and Yazedi Cake was served along with hot steaming 'Phudina ni Chai' and coffee.

The feed back from the group was extremely positive as many Members have requested a repeat of such functions.

If you have preferences for any 'olden goldy' movies please do contact Minnie Mirza.

HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE

Friendly visitor and drive program: The ZSO Helping Hands Committee and the OZCF Seniors Committee are partnering together to help our seniors. The Helping Hands Committee is actively looking for volunteers and drivers. As our community ages we have a growing need to help support seniors to live in the community independently. Some of our community members are isolated and without family to help them. Volunteers are needed to help drive seniors to appointments and programs, and also to visit seniors who would benefit from some extra company. If you are able to volunteer, or you are a senior or know of someone who would benefit from a visitor or extra assistance with drives in the GTA area please

mail minnie.mirza@gmail.com or call (905)-825-8188 for more information.





GRANDPARENTS' DAY

The OZCF was proud to host the first event held by the new Seniors sub-committee, Grandparents' Day, held on Sunday Sept. 28th 2014! This event was to honour the lovely Grandparents in the community and honour them for their support not only of their families, but of their community. About 80 Grandparents along with 40 of their grand-children, or even Great-grandchildren, attended the function.

Young Shayana Patel set the tone for the afternoon by giving a wonderful rendition of Sinatra's "Fly Me To the Moon" and Maleena and Sofia Dell read out

the "Grandparents House Rules" before distributing gifts to the attendees.

Nergish Panthaki delighted the crowd with two beautiful 'Bhajans' and the afternoon was filled with activities in which the grandparents and their Grandchildren jointly Participated. A Dhan Shak lunch for the adults and Pizza for the children was served to end a wonderful afternoon.



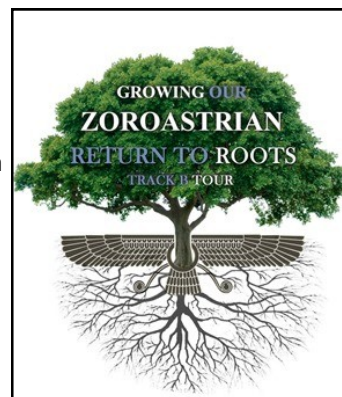
Fast and Easy Recipe **PARSI LAGAN NU CUSTARD**

13 oz can evaporated milk
8 oz. Heavy cream (35% Cream)
4-5 Tablespoons sugar
3 eggs
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup almonds, blanched and slivered
A pinch of nutmeg

Pre heat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, mix together the milk, cream and sugar. Beat eggs. To it add the cream & milk mixture and almonds. Mix well to make sure eggs are blended properly. Pour into a greased glass dish, sprinkle with nutmeg and bake uncovered for half an hour in a 350 degree oven. Lower temperature to 250 degree and bake for another 15 minutes more. Cool completely and refrigerate. (Serves 8)

Zoroastrian Return to Roots Launches Track B Tour

Parsi Khabar is very pleased to announce that the next RTR Tour will take place from March 10, 2015 to March 22, 2015. Participants will visit to historic and cultural Zoroastrian sites in Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, and Gujarat, with world-renowned experts and local guides explaining the cultural, religious and economic significance of the sites being visited. We are currently accepting applications from Zoroastrians between the ages of 20 and 35. However, consider applying even if you fall outside of the suggested age range. All participants must have had their Navjote/Sudreh Pooshi ceremony and have a Zoroastrian mother or father. Click here to apply.



To make the RTR tours accessible to all participants, we rely on the financial support of the community. Our future as a global community relies upon the connectivity and collaboration of our youth. We work hard to strengthen the bonds and passion of the next generation of Zoroastrians. If you would like to support our work, please donate here. We accept money in all currencies. Applications are now open for the second Return To Roots Tour 2015. *Parsi Khabar* is a big supporter of Return To Roots. Please share this post on your timeline. Encourage young Zoroastrians between the ages of 20 - 35 to apply for a once in a life time chance. There are only 20 slots available.

Please visit:

<http://zororoots.org/zoroastrian-return-to-roots-launches-track-b-tour-2015-applications-open/>

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 **December 15, 2014** to: ozcf.newsletter2012@gmail.com*

OZCF PRESENTS

Winter Wonderland

NEW YEAR'S EVE

BASH

On Dec. 31, 2014, 7:00 pm onwards

*At Lakeshore Convention Centre, 806 Southdown Rd.
Mississauga ON, L5J 2Y4*

Members: Adults - \$65 Child(6 – 12)- \$50

Non – Members: Adults - \$85 Child (6 – 12) - \$65

Children under 5 years are free

Cash Bar

A Scrumptious Buffet with Delectable Food Stalls

Midnight Dessert Bar with Succulent Crepes

Contact: Jeroo Madan – 289-997-6800

ozcfentertainment@gmail.com

33 - 2550 Thomas Street Miss. ON L5M 5N8

Ticket Sale Ends Dec/14/2014

Ice Crystals Dance and Shimmery Flakes Prance!



MEMBERSHIP FORM

January 01 to December 31, _____

Membership Application: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

Membership Category / Fees

<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/> Family
<i>Individuals of age 19 to 24 years</i>	<i>Individuals of age 25 and below 65 years</i>	<i>Individuals of age 65 years and above</i>	<i>Includes children up to age 18 years</i>
2014 - \$25	2014 - \$65	2014 - \$30	2014 - \$100
2015 - \$30	2015 - \$80	2015 - \$40	2015 - \$125
2016 - \$40	2016 - \$100	2016 - \$50	2016 - \$150

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Apartment No: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: (_____) - _____ - _____ Cell Phone: (_____) - _____ - _____

Email: _____

DEPENDANT INFORMATION

1. First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____
 2. First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____
 3. First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____
 4. First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ☐ I (We) select OZCF as our Prime Membership Group for FEZANA membership
- ☐ I (We) do not require the VISION Newsletter by post. (you must include your email address above)
- ☐ I (We) would like to provide Donation. One time: \$ _____ or ongoing \$ _____ per: _____
- ☐ I (We) are interested in volunteering with OZCF

Total Enclosed: Cash: \$ _____ Cheque: _____ or Credit Card (paid via website): \$ _____

I have reviewed the OZCF By-laws available on the OZCF website www.ozcf.com, and agree to abide by them.

OZCF Gala 2014—A Parsi Wedding Banquet

On October 4th, 2014 the OZCF threw a grand Parsi Wedding Banquet in the true Indian style with a full Patra Nu Bhonu. The event was a huge success, exceeding even the committee's expectations in terms of the funds raised. By the end of the evening over \$105,000 were raised.

The committee consisted of Chisty Bulsara (chair) and her team of eager beavers; Firdosh Bulsara, Arnawaz Dhabhar, Cawas & Gul Patel, Hormuzd Engineer, Jeroo Madan, Kermin Byramjee, Khurshid Engineer, Mahveer Javat, Neville Patrawala, Niloufer Mavalvala, Niloufer Bhesania, Roshan Byramjee, Zarine Patel and Zeenia Kola. The program booklet was put together by Zaheer Bulsara and as always, beautifully printed by Regal Press Canada Ltd.

An event like this is never possible without an army of volunteers and the committee would like to take this opportunity to thank them all. They are far too many to name individually.

Under the seasoned guidance of Chisty Bulsara, the Gala committee was able to secure the perfect venue that would allow us to cook our authentic Parsi Patra Nu Bhonu and serve it on banana leaves just like they do in the baugs of India and Pakistan. A feast such as the one that was had on October 4th requires a great deal of preparation. The day before the event the food was marinated and prepped by chief cook Chisty Bulsara along with the very capable assistance of sous chef Arnawaz Dhabhar. On the day of the event Chisty and Arnawaz came early in the morning and cooked up a storm at the banquet hall. The results were mouth watering delights that everyone present raved about days after the event. (Cont'd on next page)





The evening was full of fun and merriment, guided along by emcees Firdosh Bulsara and Niloufer Bhesania, included a silent auction and an eye-popping fashion show that featured the exquisite saris, gowns and Indian suits by Satya Paul. One of the featured saris was generously donated for the auction by Tami of Satya Paul Canada and our special guest for the fashion show was Miss India-Canada. Other auction items included hotel stays in Phoenix and San Diego compliments of Behram Baxter, A trip to an all inclusive resort in the Dominican compliments of Alba Tours and Firdosh Bulsara, Leafs tickets donated by Khurshid Engineer and two dinners catered and hosted by Niloufer & Mehernosh Bhesania to name just a few. Thanks to the generosity of our members there were plenty of items for the guests to bid on. The fundraising culminated with donations being accepted from the floor which resulted in well over \$50,000.

Of course no wedding banquet is complete without the chalk and toran decorating the entrance and a band playing wonderful music to dance the night away. The beautiful toran was generously donated by Vera Golwala and the beautiful rangoli was created by Arnawaz Dhabhar with the help of Jeroo Madan. With the guest of honour, Dr. Alok Mukherjee, Place of Worship Chair Phil Sidhwa and OZCF president Percy Dastoor saying a few words to the guests, the evening came to a reluctant end well after 1:00am as the guests danced to the melodious sounds of the live band, Crossroads.

