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# VISION

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The OZCF has a very exciting summer of events planned for you. Below are some upcoming events for the near future.

### Events

Jul 1, 2015	Maidhyoshem Ghambar
Jul 12, 2015	3rd Annual BBQ Picnic
Jul 19, 2015	OZCF EGM-AGM 2015
Aug 9, 2015	Fire-side Chat
Aug 13 - 17	Shenshai Muktdad
Aug 18, 2015	Shenshai Navroze
Aug 22, 2015	Navroze Ball
Aug 23, 2015	Shenshai Khordad Saal
Aug 30, 2015	6th Annual Sports Day
Sep 12, 2015	Grand Parents Day

Each Friday at 6 pm there will be **Drop in Soccer** at the OZCF grounds. This is for ALL age groups. Coaching is also available. For details contact Khushroo Bharda (416) 312-8066 or Rumi Jasavala (905) 257-7864



**CONGRATULATIONS! HOSHI KAZAK, Winner, OZCF Sweepstakes Grand Prize** (Pg 5)



## An event to remember...

On Sunday June 21, 2015 the OZCF, hosted a spectacular Jashan in the Baug.

The event was organized to recognize our mobeds who over the years have provided religious services to the Zoroastrian community in North America. The event also showcased the Arfarghanyu donated from the Zanzibar Agiary to the Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation. This Arfarghanyu will eventually be housed in the OZCF Agiary.

The event was held in two marquees, decorated with beautiful flowers, tables and chairs and accommodated 700 guests. The day started off with our youth providing a brief explanation of the Jashan ceremony followed by the religious class children singing. The organizing committee co-chairs Rumi Jasavala and Kermin Byramjee welcomed the crowd followed by a welcome message from the OZCF President. Mr. Percy Dastur.

The Jashan was performed by mobeds ranging in age from twelve to mid eighties. It was a historical day for North America to witness 30 mobeds praying in harmony.

At the end of the Jashan there were speeches by Councillor Tom Adam of Oakville, Katayun Kapadia President of FEZANA, Bina Behboodi, President of ZSO and Mr. Homi Gandhi, Vice President of FEZANA. Following the speeches the mobeds were felicitated with a beautiful glass award in the shape of a flame in recognition of their services to the Zoroastrian community. Percy also recognized the Board Members and the Fundraising Committee. Finally, Homi Gandhi, Vice Precedent of FEZANA, presented OZCF with a replica of Cyrus's Cylinder.

A traditional Parsi lunch was served followed by delicious desserts donated by the community. A live band and our Zoroastrian youth singing and dancing entertained the guests.

The afternoon came to an end with the final draw of the OZCF Sweepstakes, the prize, a trip for two to South Africa. Congratulations to Hoshi and Mehroo Kazak of Kitchener, Ontario on winning the grand prize.

The entire event was telecast live over the web. It was a beautiful day; we had an amazing turnout, some great photography and a drone taking aerial views.

A day enjoyed by all and a truly memorable event for the Zoroastrian Community of North America!!



The Cyrus Cylinder being presented to the OZCF Board by Homi Gandhi and Katayun Kapadia of FEZANA.



The Past and the Present - All seven OZCF President's from 2002 till date.



Councillor Tom Adams with Ervad Nozer Kotwal



Senior Zoroastrians at the event



A small section of the crowd of over 700 guests





JASHAN IN THE BAUG

2015



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's July 2015, the month of our AGM. It's been almost an entire year since the current board took charge and I must say the journey has been both interesting and exciting. Time surely flies. I would like to thank all members of the board for their continuous guidance and support in running the day to day affairs of OZCF, and all the volunteers who have dedicated numerous hours in organizing events and activities.

The "Jashan in Baug" event was a great success. Great effort by Rumi, Kermin, Gul, Jal, Meher and all members of the fundraising committee to plan and execute the event. It was a wonderful sight to see 30 mobeds performing the prayers in the presence of over 700 guests. It was a pleasure to have Katayun Kapadia, President of Fezana, Bina Behboodi, President of ZSO and our Regional Councilor Tom Adams to be part of the event. Congratulations to the winner of the "Trip for Two to South Africa".

I would request all members of OZCF to participate in our 13<sup>th</sup> AGM on Sunday July 19, 2015. We have an important milestone to achieve since you as a member will be casting your vote to the approval to proceed with the Place of Worship project. Our next newsletter issue will be out in September, till then have a wonderful and safe summer with your family.



Percy Agreras Dastur



## ZSO - OZCF MEET AGAIN

After a successful meeting last year, the ZSO board visited OZCF on June 11, 2015. Both boards were excited to discuss on the joint Navroze 2015 event to be held on August 22nd, 2015.

The overall optimism and 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. The evening was special as most ZSO board members will be completing their term at the ZSO AGM on July 19, 2015.

## NEWS FROM THE SENIORS' CORNER

The seniors of the Yoga and Zumba Groups have collected \$3,000/- & the chq was presented by Khorshid Jobani to OZCF at the Jashan in the Baug towards the Place of Worship Fund.

The Seniors Sub-Committee has also initiated an exciting new project. We would like to record for posterity the diaspora of our seniors who have moved to Toronto to join their children on this continent. We are an exilic people having moved from Iran to India, Pakistan, Africa and many other parts of the globe, and have now put our roots down in Toronto. The oral documentation of this diaspora, and our rich and ancient heritage and customs will be maintained, thus ensuring the preservation of this piece of our history for our future generations. Please watch out for further news about this project.

On Saturday 12th Sept 2015 we plan to celebrate Grand parents Day again. This event is for all grand parents their Grand and Great Grand children. The 2014 occasion was a huge success and we hope that you all will make this one an enjoyable occasion and celebrate it with all of us. The Seniors sub committee is looking forward to greeting you at this event.

## CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

The OZCF is looking for young contributors to assist in the publication of this newsletter. Engage with your community and gain volunteer hours at the same time! We're looking for young writers, photographers and graphic designers. Interested in learning more? Email us at [newsletter@ozcf.com](mailto:newsletter@ozcf.com)

**Do you know a young person who deserves to be recognized for their achievements? Someone who has accomplished a great deal, or overcome significant challenges, or just someone who is pursuing a great dream?**  
**We want to shine the spotlight on the next generation of high achievers. Tell us who they are by dropping us a line at [newsletter@ozcf.com](mailto:newsletter@ozcf.com)**



The OZCF embarked on its first Sweepstakes, which comprised of 5 draws.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Draw – Katty Mistry of Sudbury, Ontario won the iPad Mini (\$430)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Draw – Cawas Driver of Mississauga, Ontario won the Cannon Camera (\$678)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Draw – Kobad Zarolia of Mississauga, Ontario won the Panasonic TV (\$1,107)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Draw – Rumi Jasavala of Oakville, Ontario won the IMac Computer (\$1,470)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Draw – Hoshi Kazak of Kitchener, Ontario won the Trip to South Africa (\$2,792)

The Fundraising Committee would like to acknowledge the following sweepstake sponsors for their generosity.

South African Airways  
 Alba Tours, Firdosh Bulsara  
 Strategic Health, Dan Patel  
 Logihedron, Farshogar Jasavala/Roy Gazdar  
 Rayo Irani Team, Rayomand Irani  
 Sun Valley Dental Centre, Dr. Xenobia Jasavala

We would like to thank you all for purchasing the raffle tickets which helped us in raising near to \$20,000. Without your enthusiasm and commitment, this would not be possible.

*Thank you!*

*Rumi Jasavala, Kermin Byramjee, Niloufer Mavalvala, Meher & Jal Panthaky, Cawas & Gulrukh Patel and Zarine Patel*

**Thank You Sponsors**



**ALBA**Tours



**RE/MAX**

**RAYO IRANI**

**SUN VALLEY  
DENTAL CENTRE**

**DR. XENOBIA JASAVALA**



## **Place of Worship Update**

The completed heritage report for the house prepared by our consultant was submitted to the Town of Oakville for review. We are in the process of completing the water and sewage works study with our engineering consultant, which will be submitted to the Town. The architect is progressing on pricing of the new place of worship with engineering and cost consultants.

Our Finance Committee is busy developing numerous options to finance the facility. Our Governance Committee continues to work on developing concepts around the day to day and long-term functioning of the place of worship. Our Place of Worship Advisory Committee looks forward to presenting our progress report and financial strategy to the membership at the AGM in July.

May Ahura Mazda bless our community.

- Submitted by Phil Sidhwa, Chair, PWAC

**SAVE THE DATE!!** All grand and great grand parents please save the date 12th Sept. 2015 to celebrate grand parents day with us and your grand children at the OZCF.



# TELL ME WHY?

WHY SHOULD WE NOT  
USE THE GREETING  
"PATETI MUBARAK" OR "HAPPY PATETI"?  
by Er. Dr. Ramiyar P. Karanjia

Pateti is the last day of the Zoroastrian calendar year, which is Gatha Vahishtoishti

On this day we should seek forgiveness for all mistakes committed knowingly or unknowingly by us during the year.

We are expected to recite the "Patel Pashemani", the Pazand prayer of repentance, from the Khordeh Avesta on this day.

Since repenting is not something that one looks forward to, be happy about or celebrate, one should not wish "Happy Pateti" or "Pateti Mubarak" which would effectively mean "Happy Repentance"

On the Parsi New Year's day we should just wish "Navroz Mubarak" which means "Happy New Year"

## FIRE-SIDE CHATS ON ZARATHUSHTI RELIGION AUGUST 9, 2015

The date for the next open session has been fixed as follows:

TOPIC : **"INTRO TO ZOROASTRIANISM"**  
DATE: SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 2015  
TIME : 3 PM  
PLACE : GULRUKH AND CAWAS PATEL HAVE GRACIOUSLY AGREED TO HOLD THIS SESSION IN THEIR HOUSE.  
ADDRESS: 5893 LONG VALLEY ROAD  
MISSISSAUGA, ON L5M 6J6

PHONE: (905)-542-0237

Those wishing to attend this session should register by calling Gulrukh. Please note, in order to maintain the informal format of these discussions the first 25 people will be registered at this location, after which any overflow will be used to form a second group with the same topic, at another home.

*Please bring some Pot-Luck type food items.*

## NORTH AMERICAN ZOROASTRIAN ACHIEVERS



**Ervad Dr. Jehan Bagli**

Ervad Dr. Jehan Bagli's goal in life is a simple one — to understand and spread knowledge of the universal way of life proclaimed by Asho Zarathusht.

In attempting to fulfill this mission, he has spent years studying various aspects of Zoroastrianism and sharing what he has learned with others, while contributing greatly to a variety of organizations.

Born in India in 1928, Ervad Bagli studied pharmaceutical technology in Bombay before heading to England to pursue his PhD in medicinal chemistry. His post-doctoral research took him to the U.S. before an award from the National Research Council of Canada brought him to Quebec's Laval University. He went on to work at Ayerst Research Laboratories until retirement in 1997.

All the while, Ervad Bagli, who was ordained into priesthood at the age of 14, contributed to the research and dissemination of the teachings of Zoroastrianism.

In 1967, he was elected founding president of the Zoroastrian Association of Quebec, serving two terms. He went on to serve as the editor of GAVASHNI — a North American Zoroastrian Periodical — and as founding editor of FEZANA Journal.

Ervad Bagli has also been president of the North American Mobed Council and is currently serving as chair of the FEZANA research and preservation committee, chair of the ZSO lecture committee, representative for the Zoroastrian community at the Ontario Multi-faith Council and president of WZO Canada, among other commitments.

Through the years, he has closely studied the history of Zoroastrian calendars and has published and lectured on various aspects of Zoroastrian faith. He is also the author and co-author of six books on Zoroastrian rituals.

Despite his many commitments, Ervad Bagli has still made time to consistently volunteer at hospitals in the U.S. and Canada, and has also shared his religious knowledge at gatherings across North America, India, Pakistan and even Australia over the years. We thank him for his contributions!

Kaizer Austin, a resident of Sydney, Australia is a veteran dragon boat racer and has been winning for Australia several times, internationally. He would love Zoroastrian support during the finals from 19th-23rd August. The venue is Welland, On. Please support him and for latest information you can go to [www.wdbrc2015.ca/site/home](http://www.wdbrc2015.ca/site/home) or you can contact Guloo Austin at 519-472-1416 or [gulooaustin@hotmail.com](mailto:gulooaustin@hotmail.com) if you have questions.



## PRIEST CORNER

***“Maidhyozarem Gâhambâr(Mid Spring) Jashan (S) will be held at our centre on October 1, 2011”***

## GÂHAMBÂR

*- a typical news announcement in a North American Zoroastrian Association Newsletter*

by Ervad Tehemton Mirza **W**e would not skate in Rideau Canal in mid June or enjoy May 24 weekend in mid January.

Wouldn't it will be foolish to look for fall colours in April or spring thaw in October? Then why do we celebrate Maidhyozarem (Mid-Spring) Gâhambâr in early fall? Let us examine: Gâhambârs are six periods of 5 days set aside in every Zarthosti calendar year and represent seasonal changes during the year and are celebrated as Thanksgiving to Ahura Mazda for his creations.

Since King Jamshed is believed to have been the first monarch to celebrate Gâhambâr; the celebration of Gâhambâr is as ancient as the celebration of Nao-Rooz.

Name	Meaning	Creation	Days of year	Gregorian calendar
				(based on Fasli calendar)
Maidhyozarem	Mid-spring	Heaven (Sky)	41-45	April 30 - May 4
Maidhyoshemn	Mid-summer	Water	101-105	June 29 - July 3
Paitishayem	Harvest time	Earth	176-180	Sept 12 - Sept 16
Ayathrem	Prosperity	Vegetation	206-210	Oct 12 - Oct 16
Maidhyarem	Mid-winter	Animal	286-290	Dec 31 - Jan 4
Hamaspathmadeem	Middle path	Man	361-365	Mar 16 - Mar 20
	(Vernal Equinox)			

“Âfargân-e- Gâhambâr” declares that a Zarthosti is to deem his or her duty to pray (*yazad*), perform (*sâzad*), eat (*khûrad*) or give (*dêhad*) at Gâhambârs, and contribute based on his financial strength towards the communal Gâhambâr celebrations. The really needy are to be allowed to participate free of charge to allow them to remember and thank their creator.

Zarthostis who follow the Fasli calendar would celebrate Gâhambârs during the appropriate change of season.

With the Kadmi and Shanshai calendars deviating from the traditional and more seasonally in tune Fasli calendar, significant numbers of Zarthostis now celebrate Gâhambârs at inopportune times of the year. (e.g. though Maidhyozarem Gâhambâr celebrates mid-spring, Zarthostis following Kadmi or Shanshai calendar celebrate it in late summer or early fall.)

Is it reasonable to continue this practice?

After an exhausting study, Zoroastrian scholars of North America, under the auspices of the North American Mobed Council, have issued a guidance to celebrate Gâhambârs at the opportune time of the year that correspond the change of season.

***Let us follow their lead. Let us make Gâhambârs meaningful and relevant. Let us be in tune with nature.***

## FAST & EASY RECIPE

### FOR MALIDO

Malido is a sweet dish made for use during Parsi religious ceremonies. It may be eaten at breakfast or as a desert.

1/2 cup unsalted butter  
1 cup farina (Ravo) ½ thick & ½ fine  
½ cup Bisquick  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1-1/2 cups water



1-1/2 cups sugar  
1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
½ teaspoon ground cardamom  
½ teaspoonful ground nutmeg  
¼ cup almonds, blanched and slivered  
¼ cup raisins  
In a 10" frying pan heat butter over low heat. Add farina (ravo) and keep stirring and cook for about 5 minutes till mixture is golden brown. Add Bisquick to the mixture and continue cooking for another 2 minutes, stirring all the time. Remove from heat and set aside. In a medium pot, brown a tablespoon of sugar

till it is a dark brown colour. Quickly add 1-1/2 cups water and bring to a boil. Add the sugar and all the flavourings to the water and let it boil for 5 minutes till the sugar is completely melted. Remove from heat and add the farina mixture stirring all the time to prevent lumps from forming. Cook over low heat for about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and empty into an 8" round dish.

Sprinkle with Almonds and raisins. Serve warm (Serves 6)

**RECEIPE TAKEN FROM THE BOOK “Adventure in Exotic Parsi Indian Cooking” by Nergish Karanjia and (Late) Nergis Unwalla**



ZSO & OZCF jointly invite  
all the Dikris, Dikras, Uncles & Aunties  
to the

## 2015 Navroz and Pateti Ball

Saturday August 22nd, 2015 at 7:00pm  
Red Rose Convention Centre  
1233 Derry Rd E, Mississauga

Let's celebrate together  
Dressed in our best Garas, Tiaras, Daglis & Phetas

Adults \$50

Children \$25(4-12)

**RSVP by August 16th**

[entertainment@zso.org](mailto:entertainment@zso.org)

[ozcfentertainment@gmail.com](mailto:ozcfentertainment@gmail.com)

Please fill out the form below and send it along with your cheque

Cheques must be received by August 16th

Please adhere to this deadline to avoid last minute disappointments

**Cheques payable to ZSO: Mail to Anahita Ogra**

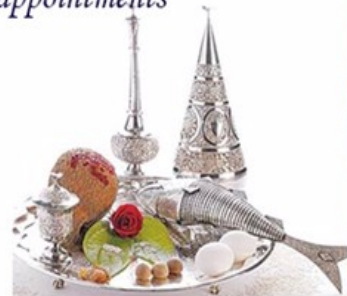
97 Sunridge St, Richmond Hill, ON, L4E 3Z4

Tel: (647) 404 - 1388

**Cheques payable to OZCF: Mail to Jeroo Madan**

33 - 2550 Thomas St, Mississauga, ON, L5M 5N8

Tel: (647) 339 - 0052



Please specify each person's name in the box

Name(Adult)	Child Name (4-12)	Non Vegetarian	Vegetarian
Total Payment: \$.....		Phone #	

### Life is Love, don't trade for hate!

By Farida Bamji

Our world is like a Beautiful garden  
Dotted with beds of Different Religions  
Hindu Muslim Baha'is  
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?



## SHENSHAI MUKTAD

Shenshai Muktab ceremonies will be held at OZCF ZRCC Hall, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, from Aug 13th to Aug 17th, 2015. Following is the schedule of Prayers:-

### Thursday Aug 13<sup>th</sup> & Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>.

06:30 am Morning Stoom & Baj  
07:00 am Afringan & Farokhshi  
11:30 am Afternoon Stoom  
07:00 pm Evening Stoom & Hum Bundagi

### Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>.

07:30 am Morning Stoom & Baj  
08:00 am Afringan & Farokhshi  
11:30 am Afternoon Stoom  
07:00 pm Evening Stoom & Hum Bundagi

### Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>.

06:30 am Morning Stoom & Baj;  
07:00 am Afringan & Farokhshi;  
11:30 am Afternoon Stoom;  
07:00 pm Evening Stoom & Hum Bundagi



OZCF Entertainment Committee Presents

## 3rd Annual Family BBQ Picnic

Where: Coronation Park Picnic Area B,  
1426 Lakeshore Rd West Oakville ON

When: Sunday July 12th, 2015 from 11am-5pm

Adults: \$15.00, Children (4-12): \$10.00

Please bring your own chairs

Contact: ozcfentertainment@gmail.com OR call Jerroo at 289-997-6800

send cheques to: Jerroo Madan, 2550 Thomas Street Unit #33, Miss., ON. L5M 5N8

If you wish to give the names of your dearly departed for daily prayers please complete the attached form and send it along with your donation cheque payable to OZCF to reach Ervad Nozer Kotwal by August 10<sup>th</sup>. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT. NAMES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OVER THE TELEPHONE.**

Donation of fruits, dry fruits, flowers, Sukhad, Loban, Tachho, etc. is always welcomed. If you wish to sponsor a meal and/or donate food e.g. Malido, Papri, Bhakhra, Puri, Batasa etc. please **contact Jerroo Madan at (289) 997-6800 or Kermin Byramjee at (905) 845-3480.**

We also require volunteers to thoroughly clean the Agiary before the start of Muktab as well as regular cleaning during the Muktab days. Please contact Ervad Kotwal at (905) 820-0461 if you wish to help.

### Navroze (S) Tuesday August 18<sup>th</sup>

Navroze Jashan will be held on Tuesday August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm followed by Chasni.

### Khordad Sal (S) Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Khordad Sal Jashan will be held on Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am followed by Chasni.

### Farvardegan (S) Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>

Farvardegan prayers will be held on Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am followed by Chasni.

### Dasturji Kookadaroo Baj Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>

Prayers for Dasturji Kookadaroo Baj will be held on Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am followed by lunch.

### Paitishahem Ghambar (F) Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>

We will be celebrating Paitishahem Ghambar (F) on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am followed by lunch.

### Lunch for September 6 and 13 Jashan

The cost of attending the Jashan & lunch is \$5.00 per person; children up to the age of 20 years are free. If you plan to attend please give your name to Ervad Nozer Kotwal (905) 820-0461 stating how many adults and/or children, veg. or non-veg., will be attending, a.s.a.p. but not later than September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Donation of fruits, dry fruits, flowers, Sukhad, Loban, Tachho, etc. is always welcomed at these prayer meetings. Please also volunteer to clean up after the event.

**If you and/or your friends wish to sponsor the Ghambar or any other religious event in the future please contact Ervad Kotwal**

Please detach and fill out , attach payment and mail names  
of departed family members you wish to be included in prayers.



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 Muktaḍ Ceremonies:

<u>Name of the Deceased</u>	<u>Name of his/her Father/Husband**</u>
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.

**Mr. Rustom Faramroze Sattha**, husband of Siloo and father of Farhad; brother of Guloo Tamboli, Maneck, and Jehangir, passed away in Mumbai on May 10, 2015.

**Mrs Gospi Pervez Daroga**, wife of Late Pervez Daroga, passed away on Saturday, 25th April 2015 in Ahmedabad, India. She was mother of Javareh Daroga (India) and Parvana Bharucha, mother-in-law of Ferzin

Daroga (India) and Burzin Bharucha; and grandmother of Taiana, Cyrus and Arnaz. May Ahura Mazda grant her soul eternal peace. Her family wishes to express their thanks to the family members and friends for their support.

**Kashmira Udwadia**. Wife of Ervad Hoshang Udwadia, masi of Piran and Sherezad Damania of Bombay, India

passed away on Apr. 28 at the Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

**Homai Beji Dubash**, mother of Nina Homi Ghadially, Sister of late Homi Patel & late Hoshi Patel, grandmother of Behramjee Ghadially, Rovina Zubin Sethna & Saneeya Hormasd Kanga passed away on Monday, June 8, 2015





### The Ontario Charity Gaming Association (OCGA) marked a

milestone at the Delta Gaming Centre on Speers Road, Oakville, on May 22, 2015. It presented a symbolic cheque to the citizens of Oakville for the \$1.3 million raised for 32

local charities over the past few years (since late 2012). Pictured here, accepting the cheque on behalf of the citizens were the Oakville MPP and Ontario Labour Minister Kevin Flynn, Ward 2 Councillor Pam Damoff, Diane Austen (president of the Oakville Delta Gaming Center Association) and Oakville Mayor Rob Burton, while surrounded by members of local charities. Our volunteers looking sharp in blue shirts with the OZCF logo are standing right beside the cheque. We not only help OZCF raise funds, but help the town of Oakville as well. Our sincerest thanks to all the volunteers who help with



## Second Annual Link Camp



**Cubs making Bracelets.**

**100 Toronto Scouts Group** hosted its sister Group, 100 Oakville at the Second Annual Link

Camp from April

24-26 at the premises and grounds of the Darbe Mehr in Toronto. Overall attendance comprised of 66 scouts (Beavers, Cubs and Venturers), 18 Scouters (i.e., leaders) and 6 Group Committee Members who assisted in various ways. The scouts were divided into 8 Patrols, with 2 Scouters assigned to each Patrol. Each Patrol took part in 8 safe, fun-filled, skill building activities including Kim's Game, Estimation, Mine Field, Fire-lighting, First Aid, Woggle & Bracelet making and the most thrilling of all - being harnessed and Crossing the Creek! All 8 patrols were



**66 Scouts + 18 Leaders of both Groups at Morning Flag-break**

responsible for cleaning the 7 designated indoor and outdoor areas, and they did a great job in keeping the kitchen, washrooms, halls, grounds, etc thoroughly clean.

### 100 Toronto First Zoroastrian Scout Group

Would like to invite the entire Zoroastrian Community to join us

### Celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year Annual Awards & Picnic Day



At : Cold Creek Conservation Area  
14125 11th Concession, Nobleton, On.  
North of King Road on Concession 11.

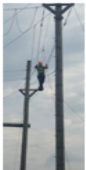
Sat, 11th July, 2015 10.30am onwards



We have arranged some awesome exciting activities

- \* High Ropes
- \* Low Ropes
- \* Rock Climbing
- \* Jumping Castle
- \* Lots of Games

Activities  
Noon - 4pm



Bring along lots of food for all to share & enjoy & build our community spirit



Tea & Watermelon will be provided courtesy 100 Toronto Scout Group



On 25th evening, all Scouts and Scouters participated in the Grand Campfire that was attended by 25 guests, including Scouter William Wong. It was a cold evening, but the fire did help to warm up our spirits. The scouts rendered various items in Patrols, and these included skits, songs and yells. It would be difficult to list the many who contributed to the success of this Link Camp. But mention should be made of Scouter Kersi Khambatta and his Scouter Cooks who kept us all well fed and energized with yummy meals, and above all Akela (Cub Leader) Hormuzd Chothia for master-minding the Camp and ensuring that every event and activity was conducted according to schedule, and in accord with the spirit of Scouting.



**Preparing appetizing meals**

## Wedding Announcement

A very elegant wedding was celebrated on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015 of Zonah Kapadia – daughter of Pouruchisti and Viraf Kapadia to Aditya Kumar Nirmal at the Grand Victorian Convention Centre in Mississauga. Congratulations to the couple and their families.

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The course introduces the study of Old and Middle Iranian languages. It focuses in particular on Avestan and Middle Persian. The course includes an introductory part, overviewing the principal characteristics of Avestan and Middle Persian Literature. This is the basis for reading in class, and studying portions of the Avesta (with particular focus on the *Yashts*) and Middle Persian Zoroastrian texts (with a particular focus on texts of cosmological content, on the epic texts, and on those belonging to the "apocalypse" genre).

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**For further information on this course please contact Dr. Enrico Raffaelli at his e-mail [enrico.raffaelli@utoronto.ca](mailto:enrico.raffaelli@utoronto.ca)**

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