

Vision July 2017

President's Message

Oh Canada!

July 1st is special in that it is always a confluence of events marking Canada Day and the Maidhyoishem Ghambar which designates the arrival of summer. It is also the day of Fasli Tirgan, when Tir Mah (month) and Tir Roj (day) fall on the same day, which is considered to be auspicious.

We fêted our nation's sesquicentennial anniversary and concurrently, celebrants, partook in Tirgan which was hosted collectively for the first time by OZCF, ZSO and Kanoun at the ZRCC. A huge shout out to the Entertainment Committees of all three organizations who had collaborated at length over the past few months to stage the event.



The day started off with six priests performing the Maidhyoishem Ghambar prayers. Four of the priests were young (under 30) and function after function, we continue having younger priests performing prayers. It's a real asset to our community to have them within our ranks and bodes extremely well for our future.

According to Iranian folklore, Tirgan is the celebration of the arrival of rain during the hot summer months to enhance harvest and counter drought. Today, celebrants frolic and toss water at each other. While attendees certainly took part in this ritual, there were also sack races and face painting for younger members as well as tug -of-war and basketball games for youth and adults.

I would like to acknowledge Zarine, Cawas, Ronnie and Delbar Irani and their family cooking for all us. The family always provide the meal at the Maidhyoishem Ghambar but took it to another level in cooking for all 240 of us in attendance, a huge undertaking on their part.

In the afternoon we had everyone gather for the singing of Oh Canada! as we paid tribute to our country's 150th birthday, at which point the rains came down for a short while, and right on cue, providing the perfect backdrop to the Tirgan festival.

Since the arrival of summer, we've been on a fast and furious pace of an event per week.

On June 24th, the Scouts Group held their Annual Fundraiser at the ZRCC. With the proceeds, they have been able to send 14 scouts and 4 leaders to this year's jamboree in Nova Scotia.

The following day, the OZCF held its 15^{th} Annual General Meeting with a strong turnout. On July 9^{th} , the 9^{th} Annual Cricket Dhansak took place on our grounds and we held the summer picnic at the ZRCC on Sunday, July 16^{th} .

The Place of Worship project continues to gain traction. Read on for a detailed report and a recap of all activities.

Still to come will be the Navroze Function on August 17th at the ZRCC. We are also teeing up the Golf Tournament and Dinner on September 17th at Caledon GCC. Not a golfer, then please come to the dinner and support our main fundraiser for this year. All monies will go to the General Fund. For all events, please continue to check the website and you may sign up online.

Wishing you an enjoyable summer.

Cyrus Gazdar, OZCF President



The Place of Worship Advisory Committee (PWAC) is busily coordinating activities which are being undertaken by various consultants and planners for the rezoning process. The process typically requires studies conducted by various specialist consultants, including: Functional Servicing Study; Stormwater Management Study; Environmental Implementation Report; Private Septic, Well and Fire Pond Evaluation; Environmental Site Assessment; Transportation Impact Analysis; Archaeological Assessment; Bird Breeding Study; Planning Justification Report; Urban Design Brief; and any additional studies deemed necessary during the review process.

The studies are anticipated to be completed by the end of September of 2017, and will be submitted to the Town of Oakville, Regional Municipality of Halton, and Conservation Authority for review. The review period usually takes up to one year. Concurrently with the rezoning review, we will file applications for Site Plan Approval and all of the detailed architectural design and building elevations will be completed during this time.

We have received information on government fees and consultant costs, typical of such rezoning processes, which have been verified by our planners. These amounts had already been considered in our overall construction budget but do not include additional costs should more studies or fees be required. Some of these studies are already underway.

This is a busy and exciting time for our community as we bring alive the building of a consecrated Atashkadeh in North America. This has been an enlightening learning experience for all of us. Our Mobed team is in constant contact with authorities in India to discuss the required procedures to start up, construct, and develop the place of worship, and we are busily working with the architect to refine and finalize detailed design.

Thank you again to all of our generous donors who have brought us this far. If you have not already done so and are now considering it, please do join us on this incredible journey that will ensure the survival of Zoroastrianism for future generations, by making a tax-free donation toward this worthy cause. If you should have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We will keep you updated on our progress toward development. May Ahura Mazda bless our community.

Phil Sidhwa, Chair philsidhwa@ozcf.com

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9TH ANNUAL CRICKET DHANSAK

The ever popular Annual Cricket Dhansak was held on Sunday, July 9, 2017 at the OZCF. With quite a packed summer of activities this year for the OZCF, the short notice brought out a marvelous attendance of 38 Cricketers and 70 people for the Dhansak.

With the freshly cut grass and newly laid artificial wicket, the players and spectators enjoyed the glorious sun and heat. The great weather helped make the entire day superb.

The players ranged from ages of 6 years old to 65 years old. Two teams were evenly made up and a 30 overs a side game was played. The spectators witnessed some masterful display of batting, bowling and fielding . There was also live commentary in English, Gujarati, Hindi and Urdu from our professional commentators, Khushroo Bharda and Porus Pastakia.

A great way to spend the day at the scenic OZCF with friends and Dhansak.

You will be able to see the pictures and videos of the event on the OZCF website soon.

Looking forward to continuing this tradition next year.



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Recipients of the 2016 Mississauga Hero Awards will be honoured at Safe City Mississauga's annual Crime Prevention Conference, on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at the University of Toronto Mississauga.

Nadia Mokriy, BASc (Hons) BEd, OCT, MEd Candidate Community Services Manager Safe City Mississauga

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NORTH AMERICAN MOBED COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Over the May long weekend, OZCF hosted one of the larger delegations of Mobeds for the North American Mobed Council AGM and dinner.

It was especially heartening to have many younger Mobeds present and taking part in the discussions.

Thanks to the Religion and Lectures Committee for organizing and to all the volunteers who helped in making it hugely successful for the out-of-towner Mobeds and their families.

- Xerxes Madan

ANNOUNCEMENT-NAVJOTE

Congratulations and best wishes to Natasha and Kashmira Gazdar on the occasion of their Navjote ceremony on July 7th, 2017 in Mississauga, Ontario. Congratulations to proud parents Rohinton and Diana Gazdar, and their grandparents Sam and Dhun Gazdar and Bomi and Bachi Damkevala of Chicago. Special thank you to priests Xerxes Madan and Darayus Kanga for performing the Navjote ceremony; and to Bomi Damkevala for performing the Nahan ceremony.



Congratulations to Jimmy, Ronny and Sunny Bhagwager, sons of Goodafrid and Farhad Bhagwager who had their Navjote ceremonies performed on June 17th at Payal Banquet Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENT—WEDDING

Neville Darius Nazir, son of Silloo and Dara Nazir, married Andrea Lara Benjamin, daughter of Eudora and Sidney Benjamin, on May 20th, 2017 at Michelangelo Banquet Centre in Hamilton, ON.

ANNOUNCEMENT-DEATHS

Professor Kaikhosrov Irani, passed away at the age of 95 on June 29, 2017. As an academic and lecturer, Professor Irani was steeped in the knowledge of Zoroastrianism, having spoken extensively in North America, India, Pakistan and Europe. A leading voice on the religion, he amassed numerous acclamations and distinctions over his lifetime.

A full summary can be read on the *Parsikhabar* website. See attached link: https://parsikhabar.net/news/zagnys-beloved-prof-kaikhosrov-irani-passes-away/15533/

BOOKKEEPER NOTICE

The OZCF Board is looking to hire a bookkeeper to assist the Treasurer with bookkeeping in Quick Books. This will entail entering all of our revenue and expense transactions along with other aspects like preparing bank reconciliations and schedules. This will require a few hours of entering information into our Quick Books system once a month and information will be provided by the Treasurer.

If you are interested in lending your expertise, please contact the Treasurer at treasurer@ozcf.com and he will provide you with details regarding the scope of work and to discuss compensation.

BE INSPIRED—GET INSPIRED

Everyone has heard of Farokh Engineer & Polly Umigar to name a couple of great Zoroastrian Cricketers who represented their country, India, at Cricket. Then most recently we have Zubin Surkari who represented Canada at Cricket. All are superb achievements in their own rights for a sport that is known to Zoroastrians all over the world. Even OZCF has its own Cricket pitch!

Let us tell you about a young lady who started playing Soccer in Canada at the age of three with her Mum as her coach. She became so good that at the age of 9 she had to play with girls in an older age group. At the age of 12, her talent started to be noticed and she was selected to been part of the team that represented British Columbia. Well, this dynamic dynamite of a player was soon to be recognized by a Canadian Women's coach, Bev Priestman. She currently plays for the Vancouver White Caps regional excellence program and has been selected to represent Canada with the Girls Under 17 National team who travelled to China for the Four Nations Tournament in July.

We would like to congratulate 14-year-old Maya Rogers (granddaughter of Thrity & Xerxes Bamji, Ontario) for an unimaginable achievement at a tender age of 14 years to be selected to play amongst players 3 years older than herself in the Canadian Under 17 national team.

Maya has taken soccer to be her main passion in life and she is someone who always wants to be the best and works extremely hard to get where she has. Training consists of her starting at 6.45am (before school) followed by evening training after school; 5 days a week. The training includes Physical training, video analysis and tactical learning of the game. Maya is one dedicated 5 foot 6 inches of magic that has a great sense of the game and plays in the role of attacking midfield.

Maya loves to listen to music and take part in other outdoor activities such as boating and biking. Her competitive nature will surely help Maya to continue her journey and reach her goal of playing full time for the Canadian Womens national team and represent them in the Women's World cup and Olympics.

Maya has recently returned from her tour of China with the womens under 17 national team and received her first CAP by playing against the USA.

A remarkable achievement for someone so young and we congratulate parents Shernaz and David and wish Maya continued success and look forward to following her progress as she represents her country, Canada in soccer.

SCOUTS 2017 FUNDRAISER

The 100th Oakville Zoroastrian Scouts Group had their annual fundraiser on June 24, 2017 at the ZRCC. The theme was 150 years of Canada and also celebrated 5 years of the Scout group. The event was attended by more than 130.

Singing and dancing by the scouts, trivia on Canadian history, piñata punching and lighting Chinese lanterns were some activities carried out on the day. There were door prizes and the highlight was the raffle draw. And of course, the cuisine was varied celebrating the diverse culture of

Canada. It was a fun-filled event enjoyed by one and all.

All profits generated will be utilised exclusively for part sponsoring the scouts attending the Canadian Jamboree 2017 in Halifax this July. The group is sending 14 scouts and 4 leaders to the Jamboree.

Also, the new scouting year registration is already open & new applications for children between the age of 5 and 14 years are being accepted. The Scouting year is from September to June.





Asha Vahishta Sessions 6 and 7 – Recap

The sixth session of the Asha Vahishta Seminar series, held on May 6th dealt with the theme of blasphemy, heresy, heterodoxy and its context to and within Zoroastrianism. Participants began by defining and understanding these concepts in relation to religion.

How and why these concepts hold meaning was discussed, in relation to when and for what purpose they are used during a religious discussion.

Held on June 10th, the seventh session of the Asha Vahishta Seminar Series was conducted as a 'Conversation in Faith'.

Dr. Neville G. Panthaki and Ervad Gustad M. Panthaki engaged in a conversation in faith (about faith and fellowship), while engaging in-faith with one another. With regard to the latter point (in-faith), it is meant that the discussion was conducted honestly and openly.

As such the session displayed an intimacy of familiarity between the discussants (between son and father), often taking a heightened tone. This was intentional, in that it was not avoided due to any perception and pretenses towards 'polite conversation' which is often restrained in the vigour and passion of its dialogue. Indeed, the opportunity for the audience to witness the attachment to faith was displayed, along with the divergent opinions of the discussants.

As an extended session of four hours, perspectives were shared, but more importantly the rationale behind opinions was investigated. It became clear that any disagreements and impassioned statements were the result from a sincere desire not only to be understood, but also to repair fractures. This became one of the most important insights into the session.

The discussants conversations revolved around topics and questions, which were compiled from the audience. It became clear that answers were predicated upon the sociocultural and locational experiences of the respondent. More importantly, that understanding about the definition of faith and fellowship, was the basis from which answers arose.

Hence, one of the conclusions to this session and at the end of this phase of the seminar series in general, is that further talk and discussion regarding contemporary issues of Zoroastrianism requires a grounding of clarity (regarding faith and fellowship).



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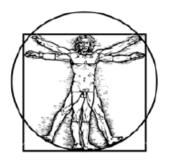
SHERIDAN CENTRE FOR ELDER RESEARCH

The Sheridan Centre conducts applied research to enhance the quality of lives of older adults and their families. The Centre has received federal funding to explore strategies to effectively reach and support immigrants aged 65 and over who may be experiencing or are at a risk of experiencing loneliness and or social isolation.

They would like to reach out to individuals in the Zoroastrian community who may be willing to participate in a short interview with a member of their research team or complete an on line or paper survey at their own convenience. The survey will take between 30 and 45 minutes to complete. The Centre is prepared to drop off printed copies with postage paid envelopes.

The results of their research will be used to make recommendations for improved supports for immigrant seniors aged 65 and over. If any seniors and their families are interested and willing to participate please contact Minnie Mirza at 905-825-8188 or cell 905-483 7020 or by email mirza@gmail.com by 1st August 2017.





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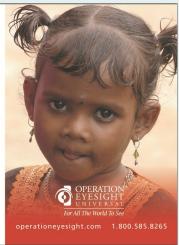
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- Dasturji M. N. Dhalla

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The Golf Fundraising committee is working away at making it a very memorable day with lots of fun and games, not to mention the fabulous reception and dinner following a day on the golf course.

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We depend on the generous support of our small yet benevolent community. In order for us to make the event a highly successful fundraiser, we are seeking major sponsors.

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No event like this one would ever be successful without the generosity, support and willingness of its sponsors. Your generosity is much appreciated.

With best regards,

Golf Fundraiser Committee

Religious Events Notice for Q3 - 2017

Shenshai Muktad from Saturday August 12th to Wednesday August 16th

Shenshai Muktad ceremonies will be held at ZRCC, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, from Aug 12th to Aug 16th.

Following is the schedule of Prayers:-

Saturday August 12th & Sunday August 13th

7:30 am Morning Stoom & Baj;

8:00 am Afringan & Farokhshi;

11:30 amAfternoon Stoom;

7:00 pmEvening Stoom & Hum Bundagi

Monday Aug 14th - Wednesday Aug 16th

6:30 am Morning Stoom & Baj;

7:00 am Afringan & Farokhshi;

11:30 amAfternoon Stoom;

7:00 pmEvening Stoom & Hum Bundagi



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 O.Z.C.F to reach Ervad Nozer Kotwal by August 9th. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT.

NAMES WILL <u>NOT</u> 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 Armaity Anandasagar at (905) 271-0366 or Jeroo Madan at (905) 339-0052.

We also require volunteers to thoroughly clean the Prayer Room, House and Hall before the start of Muktad as well as regular cleaning during the Muktad days. Please contact Ervad Kotwal at (905) 820-0461 if you wish to help.

Navroze (S) Thursday August 17th

Navroze Jashan will be held on Thursday August 17th at 7:00 pm at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, followed by a contributory dinner. Details of the dinner and costs will be sent out soon. Please give your names to Jeroo Madan at (647) 339-0052 by August 14, if you wish to stay for the dinner.

Khordad Sal (S) Tuesday August 22nd

Khordad Sal Jashan will be held on Monday August 22nd at 7:00 pm at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, followed by Chasni.

Farvardyan (S) Monday September 4th

Farvardegan prayers will be held on Monday September 4th at 11:00 am at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville, followed by Chasni.

Dasturji Kookadaroo Baj Tuesday September 5th

Prayers for Dasturji Kookadaroo Baj will be held on Monday September 5th at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville. The Jashan will commence at 7:00 pm followed by dinner. The cost of attending the Baj & dinner 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 1st. 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.

Paitishahem Ghambar (F) Saturday September 16th

We will be celebrating Paitishahem Ghambar (F) on Saturday September 16th at Z.R.C.C. 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville. The Ghambar Jashan will commence at 11:00 am followed by lunch. 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 13th. 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 this Ghambar or any other religious event in the future please let Ervad Kotwal know by contacting him on (905) 820-0461

FORM FOR MUKTAD PRAYERS

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



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