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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another month is ending and the unusual is now becoming the new norm, with unusual taking on a new level of acceptance. Security in grocery stores enforcing social distancing and police checks on highway on ramps questioning why you are not at home.

While we are not out of the woods just yet, we are starting to see some encouraging results and talk by all levels of government to gradually open the economy and a return to our normal way of life with some limitations.

As our exceptional and dedicated frontline health care workers continue to fight COVID-19, it is now even more important that we all continue to play our part in looking after ourselves as our behavior affects the well-being of others. We urge all our members to heed the advice of public health officials and their request to continue practising social distancing.

Until further notice all activities at OZCF remain cancelled. This has not stopped our sub-committees from coming up with ideas to keep our members engaged and busy virtually. Our seniors continue to have their virtual Zumba sessions every Wednesday via Zoom. Our youth and their team of volunteers continue to deliver groceries with their Helping Hands Program. Our Entertainment Committee aired the hilarious production of "Madan Ni Mansik Hospital" online for all to (re)view. The highly successful Natak was the result of collaboration between the Toronto Natak Group and OZCF. This past week our Youth Committee held the first online Free Quarantine Bingo and it was a huge success with over 70 families joining in to play Bingo.

It continues to be business as usual for your Board as we continue to meet virtually, via Microsoft Team meetings.

As you are aware because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Emergency was extended by the Government of Ontario, for another 28 days and is now scheduled to end on May 12, 2020 or could be extended.

The current OZCF Board of Directors complete their two-year term and the Annual General Meeting was planned to be held on June 28, 2020 in accordance with OZCF Bylaws 5.0 (General Membership Meetings). The continuing uncertainty regarding lifting of the State of Emergency presents challenges for your Board to plan with certainty the holding of the Annual General Meeting. Your Board has therefore decided to **POSTPONE** the Annual General meeting. Our detailed communication regarding postponing of the Annual General Meeting was mailed to all OZCF members in good standing and should arrive in the first week of May. It has also been posted on our website: www.ozcf.com.

Should you have any concerns, feel free to contact a Board member and remember that your community has your back. We will get through this! Stay Well! Stay Calm! Stay Safe Everyone!

On behalf of the entire Board and all its sub-committees, we wish you all the very best.

Until next time,

Neville Patrawala

President





AGIARY UPDATE

We are now in the home stretch as we make our way through the myriad of agency requirements and regulations with limited government staffing resources available due to the current shutdown situation. We are pleased to report that we appear to have resolved all of the technical issues and will submit our third round application for Site Plan Approval (SPA) in early May. This should be the final submission addressing all the SPA items from various agencies, prior to applying for building permit. We await the positive review of our SPA application, which will put us in a position to apply for a building permit with the town. Ideally this would enable us to start construction this summer barring any undue delays.

The final outstanding items for SPA that we have been dealing with are more technical in nature, rather than policy decisions. Our planners, engineers and architect have been working towards meeting all of these government requirements. These items include: finalizing exterior drawings which include drainage systems, stormwater pond construction and operation, fire pond, parking for cars, bicycles and battery charging stations, curbs and bollards design and heights, sidewalks, new cyclist washroom requirement, handicap parking, landscape planning including tree removal and replacement, parking design with required asphalt; hydrogeology plan for water supply and quality assurance as well as the wastewater management system; completing drawings for the final Environmental Impact Report for Conservation Halton; and dealing with Bell Canada and other utilities.

In preparation for building permit application, we have already commenced financial discussions with the Town. This includes the required deposits and the necessary agreements prior to construction, and also for when final municipal water and sewer infrastructure is built in the future. Drawings are now almost completed for building permit application so we will be ready to submit once SPA is finalized.

Based on the hydrogeological and engineering studies we have conducted, the current septic system for the hall is inadequate to accommodate the new Agiary wastewater flows as a combined system. We will therefore have to build a new and exclusive system for the Agiary next to the building. Conceptual design of this new facility is completed and will be submitted to the Region through the SPA process. Detailed design will be submitted to the Town through the building permit process. The Region also notified us that under new requirements, water supply must be from a well, as opposed to the current practice of being trucked into the tank. We have replaced the well pump and collected flow testing data. We have the water purification design in place for the new Agiary. Water and sewage planning and detailed design is normally discussed with the Town during building permit phase.

Currently we have remained focused on the detailed Site Plan Approval application process which we have now completed for submission. Site Plan Approval review usually takes about six weeks, but we will be concurrently working on the building permit in the interest of time. Building permit approval usually takes four to six weeks under normal conditions.





AGIARY UPDATE

We thank the community for your ongoing support and patience in what has been a long and often frustrating process as we meander through the maze of rezoning and building regulations and policies. The current shutdown condition has also added undue delays. But we remain laser focused and continue to move forward, with divine intervention, to achieve the goal we set out to accomplish – to build our consecrated Agiary in Canada for Zoroastrians worldwide. We are still anticipating construction to start this summer. We will keep you updated on progress as we plan important construction milestones. May Ahura Mazda always bless our community.

Phil Sidhwa,

On behalf of the Place of Worship Advisory Committee





ANNOUNCEMENTS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Board is cognizant of this being a potentially difficult time financially for members. When possible, please remember to pay your membership dues for 2020. To date, 82% of our members have renewed their membership. You may pay online via our website or via the Pre-Authorized Debit form whereby you can set up a one-time authorization of your membership fees to be deducted annually from your financial institution. Include the Membership form found on the website should any changes be required to your personal information.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Your Fundraising Committee continues to work behind the scenes and is ready to get going once the quarantine ends. We look forward to seeing you all at a better time and hope you will join us at the Gala once the new date is decided. Stay Safe and Keep Well!

FEZANA APPEAL

Dear Friends,

As you all know, humanity is presently fighting a fierce battle to defeat the contagion of the dreaded Novel Corona Virus (Covid-19). The WZO is working with Masina Hospital, Byculla, Mumbai to build quarantine wards for use by patients who need to be isolated. The wards are setup using Porta Cabins, which are structures with two doors, a toilet, and overhead storage space. Each cabin is 20 ft x 40 ft and used for patients and the medical personnel attending to them. The cost per Porta Cabin is approximately Rs.5,00,000/- (US\$ 6,576 / CA\$ 9,150)

Daily operating cost is between Rs. 28,800 and Rs. 35,000 for the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) of 12 medical workers, who attend to the 6 patients in each cabin. This puts the monthly rate of PPE at approximately Rs. 1,000,000 (US\$ 13,150 / CA\$ 18,300).

Massive funding is required for this very noble cause. WZO Trust Funds have already been contributed towards the purchase of two Porta Cabins. Donations big or small will go a long way in overcoming the dreaded Corona Virus. This is a difficult time for all of us. But, we all have a better chance of beating COVID-19 together. Any amount you can donate will be put to a great cause.

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For Mailing Checks to FEZANA Treasurer Rooky Fitter FEZANA Treasurer PO BOX 266 SUNSET BEACH, CA 90742

Vision Newsletter



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

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ANNOUNCEMENT

OZCF SR NEWSLETTER

The Covid 19 pandemic has imposed social distancing on us bringing with it a greater degree of isolation, which we seniors really do not want or need. It has prevented us from holding our lively weekly Wednesday sessions at the OZCF where we all met, laughed and ate together. That is why it is such a bright ray of sunshine to be able to bring our Virtual Zumba Sessions to all of us in our own homes. Thanks to our own Marook Sidhwa and Ariam we are able to conduct these enjoyable sessions electronically. Of course, all this would not have been possible without the help and support of our Board and our electronic guide Rumi Jasavala. Many people have worked on getting this project off the ground so a BIG THANK YOU from all of us to all of you. Also a great note of appreciation to all the family members and friends who have helped so many seniors navigate the computer systems in order to view the program.

These sessions are held every Wednesday at 11:45 for us to enjoy and participate. We would like to encourage all seniors and non-seniors to make the time and effort as it is vital to be active to remain healthy. While it is important for all seniors to do the zumba exercises sitting on their chairs for the younger person that is not required. What is important is that we all enjoy our time at home.

Stay safe and healthy

Minnie, Gulrukh and Kamal

BINGO

Until the ban on congregation has been lifted, there will be no further bingo sessions at Delta Bingo.

AGM

To reiterate the message the Board had sent out, the AGM scheduled for June 28th has been postponed indefinitely due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and ban on congregation. The Board deliberated the issue at length before coming to its decision. They had cited and forwarded the statute **Ontario Regulation 107/20** made under the **Emergency Management** and Civil Protection Act enabling the postponement.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REVIVAL OF THE SURAT PARSI GENERAL HOSPITAL

Sheth Rustomji Dhanjibhai Tarachand Surat Parsi General Hospital was established on January 25th, 1920 and has completed 100 years of its glorious humanitarian services on Roj Mubarak Sarosh Yazad, Mah Mubarak Amardad Ameshashpand, YZ. 1389 as per the Shahenshahi calendar on December 31, 2019.

After completion of 100 years, the above Charitable Institution is a facing crisis of funds to manage its noble services for the community members and is in a very, very poor state of condition. Situated in the Parsi dominated area of Shahpore in Surat (just opposite the Pak Kadami Atash Behram Saheb Surat) on large premises, it has the potential to expand its medical services as one of the best multi-specialty hospitals in the heart of Surat city.

The Parsi Panchayat request all of the Parsi Zoroastrian community members to prove our ancient tradition and saying: "Parsi, Thy name is charity" and donate generously for the Revival and upgrade of this hospital.

Cheques or Demand Drafts should be written in favour of "Sheth R.D. Tarachand Surat Parsi General Hospital" and forwarded at the address mentioned below:

The President,

Surat Parsi Panchayat,

Shahpore,

Opposite Surat Parsi General Hospital,

Surat 3950033, Gujarat

India

The OZCF congratulates the Surat community on their centenary celebrations and wishes them Godspeed in their plans to modernize and expand the Parsi General Hospital. See attached the YouTube links and read through the article for more information on their endeavors.

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The Sheth Rustomjee Dhanjibhai Tarachand Surat Parsi General Hospital Centenary Celebration (1920 – 2020)

In Zoroastrian community, Gahmbhars are the six seasonal festivals or high feasts which are observed with seven Acts of Goodness.

- (1) Generosity of the spirit
- (2) Material Generosity and sharing
- (3) Honesty
- (4) Community participation
- (5) Selfless help towards those in need
- (6) Piety
- (7) Rememberance of the souls of the righteous and one's ancestors.

For truly fulfil the observance of Gahmbhars with acts of goodness all the Zoroastrian Parsi community members / institutions / organisations / industrialists / traders / trusts funds and dignitaries are hereby humbly requested to kindly offer their contributions for the urgent need of revival an up gradation of this charitable institution.

Account Payee Cheques / Demand Drafts should be written in favour of "The Sheth R. D. Tarachand Surat Parsi General Hospital" and sent to the President, Surat Parsi Panchayat, Shahpore, Opp. Surat Parsi General Hospital SURAT-395003 GUJARAT INDIA.











PARSI TIMES Community News

Website: www.parsi-times.com

Armene Modi Awarded Albert Schweitzer Medal At World Literacy Summit 2020

n 18th April, 2020, Armene Modi was awarded the prestigious Albert Shweitzer Medal, at the 'World Literacy Summit 2020', in recognition of both - her academic excellence and extensive service to the community in the field of education and literacy in India. The Summit awards ceremony was held as an online experience this year, in keeping with the global lockdown.

Armene Modi is the founder of 'Ashta No Kai', a non-profit organization which educates and empowers rural women and girls across ten villages in Pune District in the state of Maharashtra, India. Since 1998, Armene's remarkable efforts towards emboldening rural women in India have helped improve the educational outcomes of hundreds of adolescent girls.

of poverty and illiteracy are not the problems of just the poor and marginalized alone, but universal issues that concern us all," said Armene Modi, the 2020 Albert Schweitzer Medallist.

Commending Armene's efforts and commitment, Andrew Kay, CEO of the World Literacy Foundation, said that this award celebrated twenty-two years of Armene Modi's dedicated and priceless contributions in the field of education in rural India.

The award is named after Albert Schweitzer, the famous Austrian who came to Oxford University in 1922, and presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Literature through their intellectual

"In the firm belief that issues work in writing and research.

With illiteracy affecting nearly 770 million people in the world today, it is a global crisis, and the World Literacy Foundation strives to ensure that every young individual, regardless of geographic location, has the opportunity to acquire literacy and reading skills to reach their full potential, succeed at school and beyond. The WLF works to provide free access to quality education materials and innovative solutions that target wide-scale illiteracy. The online World Literacy Summit brings together leaders from 85 countries representing over two-thirds of the world's population, and all with a single focus - advocating, championing and educating on the vital importance of improving literacy levels across the





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COVID-19 CARE

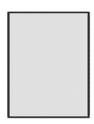
As we continue to isolate and practice social distancing due to COVID-19, Health Officials are now recommending that people cover their mouths and noses with cloth face masks when in public to protect themselves and others from further spread of this virus.

Given the limited supply of masks available to our health care professionals, the OZCF is encouraging its community to make their own masks or face coverings while at home, instead of buying surgical or specialised masks, which should be reserved for health care professionals. These masks or coverings will help in a public setting where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as grocery stores and pharmacies.

Research has found that some fabrics are better than others at filtering out viral particles. The recommendation is to use cotton fabric. Other quality fabric will also work well as long as it has an underlayer of flannel. So, if you decide to make one for yourself, surprise your family and friends by making one for them too!!

It is important to remember though that these coverings should be used as an "additive" to social distancing and not \underline{as} a substitute.

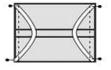
We attach a few examples with pictures on how to make a face mask.



Cut one cotton rectangle, 8.5" wide by 16" long. Cut two 7" pieces of elastic or four 18" fabric ties.



Fold in half and sew along the top edge, leaving a 3" opening for the pocket.



Sandwich the elastic or fabric ties between the layers of the mask. Pin in place at the corners, and sew along each side.

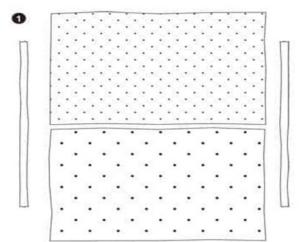


Turn the mask right side out. Fold 3 evenly-spaced 1/2" pleats. Pin in place, and sew to secure.



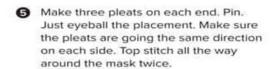
DIY fabric face mask

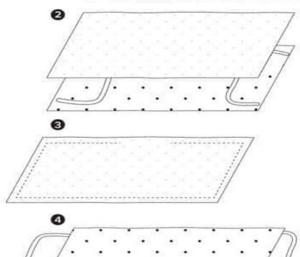
- Out pieces & sizes.
 - 2: 9 inch X 6 inch rectangles of fabric for adult
 - 2: 7.5 inch X 5 inch for child
 - 2: 7 inch pieces of 1/8 inch flat elastic

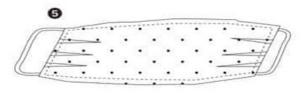


- Place the right sides of the fabric together. Instead of pinning the elastic, it was simple to place it in as you sew around the outside edge of the fabric. If using cord or beading elastic tie a knot in the ends.
- Using a 1/8" to 1/4" seam allowance stitch all the way around the outside edge leaving about a 2 inch wide opening along one of the long sides.











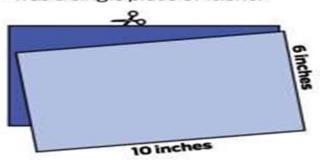
for complete tutorial please visit https://www.skiptomylou.org/face-mask-pattern/



SEWN CLOTH FACE COVERING

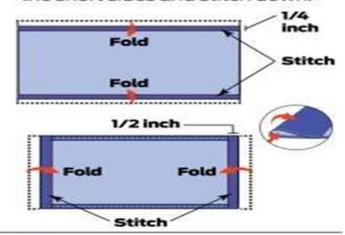
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Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the cloth face covering as if it was a single piece of fabric.



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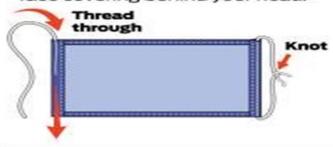
Fold over the long sides 1/4 inch and hem. Then fold the double layer of fabric over 1/2 inch along the short sides and stitch down.



3

Run a 6-inch length of 1/8-inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the cloth face covering. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle or a bobby pin to thread it through. Tie the ends tight.

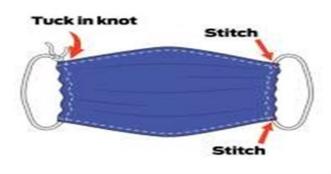
Don't have elastic? Use hair ties or elastic head bands. If you only have string, you can make the ties longer and tie the cloth face covering behind your head.



4

Gently pull on the elastic so that the knots are tucked inside the hem.

Gather the sides of the cloth face covering on the elastic and adjust so the cloth face covering fits your face. Then securely stitch the elastic in place to keep it from slipping.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for information and images

Staff graphic



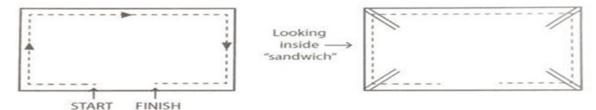
Face Mask Instructions (using elastic)

Materials:

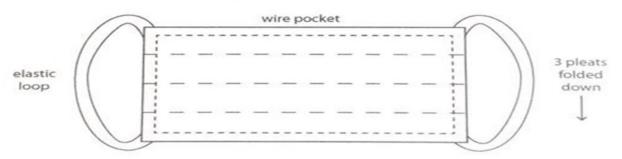
- · cotton fabric cut 2 pieces at 7" x 9"
- elastic 1/4", 1/8" or cording cut 2 pieces at 7" each
- 5" piece of coated wire or pipecleaner (crimp ends if possible)

Instructions:

 With right sides together (1/4" seam allowance) and leaving 4" opening (to turn right sides out) sew around entire mask, inserting elastic strips into corners at 45° angle as you go. No pinning required.



- Turn and press.
- · On the inside, center the 5" wire along 9" top edge. Sew it into a snug pocket.
- Folding away from the wire, make 3 horizontal pleats (evenly spaced) and clip/pin into place.
- Stitch around entire mask to tack down pleats and close opening (1/8" to 1/4" from edge) being careful not to sew over wire.





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MAIDHYOZAREM GAHAMBAR (F) SATURDAY MAY 2ND

ZARTHOST-NO-DISO (S) SATURDAY MAY 23RD

MAIDHYOISHEM GAHAMBAR (F) WEDNESDAY JULY 1ST

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent ban on congregation, these events will not be taking place at the ZRCC as they normally would. The Board will notify the community of any changes, should they arise.



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