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OZCF Newsletter

In Perspective Drawing

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing."

- Sarah Ban Breathnach

YES!!!! We are finally in 2021! On behalf of the OZCF Board, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year full of joy and success in your personal and professional lives.

Many of us have eagerly waited for this day. An end to a year which has impacted the world, the economy, the workplace, the community, and our families beyond imagination. So, what does the New Year hold for us? May be more of the same, it may be unsettled, it may be hard work, but I know we **Are All In It Together** and set to handle the challenges and come out stronger and better than ever. As Alan Cohen says **"Do not wait until the conditions are perfect to begin. Beginning makes the conditions perfect"**.

At the outset, I would like to thank all members and donors for their ongoing and valued support of OZCF and above all, our amazing volunteers who ensure OZCF keeps thriving. Our donors responded emphatically to our calls and helped us reach our 40 in 4 goal. I am happy to say that through all our events and programs of 2020, we have been able to end the year without having to dip into our reserves, which looked very likely a few months back.

The New Year fills us with hope and pride as we march towards achieving our dream of constructing an Atashkadeh, our very own consecrated Place of Worship. Stay tuned for updates from the Place of Worship Advisory Committee in the New Year.

Changing times and controlled measures in place have meant we need to continue being creative in organizing programs and events for our membership. In the year ahead, there are certainly many exciting things being planned by your Board and its various sub-committees, which include activities for members of all ages to come out and take part in throughout the year. Keep a look out for the emailers on these activities.

Our members in good standing should be receiving the amalgamated Zoroastrian calendar for 2021 in January. Members and donors who donated towards the PoW in 2020 will receive their tax receipts along with the calendar. Tax receipts for donations made towards the General Fund will be sent out next month.

Please remember to fulfill your membership requirements for 2021 and pay your fees online and/or forward any changes to personal information to the Membership Sub-Committee on the attached membership form. You may set up direct deposit payment so that your membership self-renews annually. PAD form is attached and available online at www.ozcf.com.

Finally, as always, we wish Tandarosti to our community. Stay Safe and Stay Well!!

Ushtaa Ahmaai Yahmaai Ushtaa Kahmaaichit! – Happiness to those who give happiness to others!

Xerxes Madan

President

Thank You – આભાર – متشکرم

TARGET ACHIEVED



The call to alms was made to the community in late summer; help us raise \$40K in the final 4 months to offset imminent costs so that we avoid having to dip into our reserves.

OZCF is most grateful and delighted to report that donors have demonstrated beneficence yet again.

\$ 42,000 RAISED !!!

Thank You – આભાર – متشکرم

COMMUNITY is about doing something
TOGETHER that makes belonging **MATTER.**

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for members who contributed towards the Place of Worship will be mailed out in early January. Tax receipts for members who contributed towards the General Fund will be mailed out in early February.

TAX RECEIPTS AND AGM PACKAGE—WE'RE GOING GREEN

Beginning in 2022, we will email the tax receipts for taxation year 2021. We will also email the 2022 AGM package as well as place its contents on our website to members in good standing. These measures will permit OZCF to save on printing costs. By going green, we are doing our part in reducing paper and lessening its impact on the environment.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees make up a significant part of OZCF's revenues and **help pay for 36% of our operating expenses which are currently \$97,000 per year.** We request members to pay their fees by April 30, 2021 to remain in good standing.

Only members in good standing effective May 1st, 2021 will receive emails, publications, communiqués pursuant to OZCF By Law 4.4.

- a. 4.4 Membership Privileges Only members in good standing SHALL BE ENTITLED TO:
- b. Receive publications, communiqués and due notices as prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time (one per household);
- c. Attend General Membership Meetings.

Take part in all community functions and meetings and pay at the prescribed members' rate for admission (if any) and non-members will pay at their prescribed rate.

After May 1st, as soon as we receive confirmation of membership renewal, all membership privileges will be restored effective immediately.

In a bid to accommodate newcomers settling in, the Board has decided to offer free membership for their first year if they arrive prior to September 30th of that year. If they arrive after this date, they will be eligible for free membership for the remaining months as well as the following year.

For example, say Khorshedbai and Pestonji arrive on July 10th in 2021 and wish to become members. They will have free membership for the remainder of the year and will need to start paying their fees as of 2022.

Having heard about the wonderful community that is OZCF, Allamai and Aflatoon wish to become members upon arriving on October 17th in 2021. They will receive free membership for the remainder of the year as well as in 2022 and will need to start paying their fees as of 2023.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The OZCF appreciates your continued support, especially in Membership renewals.

Please go online and renew your 2021 membership by logging in with your email address or mail in a cheque with the membership form to OZCF's address: 1187 Burnhamthorpe Road East, Oakville, ON, L6H 7B3

If you have already renewed either online or by sending in your cheque to OZCF, we thank you.

As part of our continued growth, we are embarking on collecting data for each membership which we could use towards such things as fundraising, event organization and government funding. It also allows us to obtain a more accurate demographic analysis of our members as years go by.

We would like to capture the following data for each member, which will be kept confidentially within the Board of Directors and used with complete discretion.

- Date of birth or month+year of birth
- Profession (current/past)
- Youth and children date of birth or year of birth
- Cell numbers (to receive OZCF text messages)
- Update email addresses for as many individuals within a family
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Each of these can be updated yourselves by logging into the OZCF website using your email address and if you find this difficult, you can send the information to us at rumi_jasavala@ozcf.com and we will be more than happy to update our system.

The membership form can be found by clicking [here](#). It is also attached within this newsletter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to President Xerxes Madan at president@ozcf.com

Shirin Chaturvedi,
On behalf of the Membership Committee

HALL RENTAL RATES FOR FUNERAL SERVICES

Members: \$100 per day

Non-members: \$150 per day

APPEALS

We are collecting funds for a 15 year old young Ervad Zahan Turel who was very badly burned during a Boi Ceremony in Surat Adarian receiving 48.5% burns on various parts of his body. The WZO (World Zoroastrian Organization Trust) has sent out appeal to all the North American Associations to donate towards the treatments of this young Ervad. The complete details are in the document attached with this e-mail.

Due to CRA requirements **THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPTS.**

Please send your cheques **payable to” Meher Panthaky”** – in ref. **“Donation for Zahan Turel”** and **mail to:**

Meher Panthaky, 5508 Spangler Drive, Mississauga, ON, Canada, L5R 3A2 who will keep track of the money and will send final Draft to WZO Trust Fund with complete accounting to all the donors. You can also e-transfer funds to: meherpanthaky@yahoo.ca

If any questions please contact Meher Panthaky at her email or at 905-568-4946. Please **DONATE GENEROUSLY.** The Family really needs everyone’s help.

Those who are in the lockdown and cannot go out to mail please let Meher know and couple of our volunteers will pick up the cheque from your home.

Thank you.

Meher Panthaky

Click [here](#) to read the PDF version of the appeal from World Zoroastrian organization.

This is an appeal for a kidney donation for Mr. Ardesheer Kavasji of Toronto.

Mr. Kavasji is in dire need of a kidney as his kidneys are failing. His blood type is O Positive. But according to St. Michael Hospital the Blood Group of the donor is not important as they offer blood type (ABO) incompatible transplant with Glycosorb® technology. Patients can receive a kidney from their living kidney donor even if the blood type is incompatible, with success rates comparable to other living donation transplants.

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St. Michael's offers minimally invasive (laparoscopic) nephrectomy. Laparoscopic surgery allows for shorter hospital stay, less pain and a quicker return to employment for living donors.

Any healthy individual who would like to be a living donor kindly contact: akavasji@yahoo.com or at **647-200-1861.**

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

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Need a Mobed

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

Bamji, Ervad Xerxes (905) 702-1034

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Dastur, Ervad Mehbadi (416) 917-9195

Dhabhar, Ervad Jamshed (905) 819-0089

Kartak, Ervad Kerman (647) 444-7359

Kotwal, Ervad Nozer (905) 820-0461

Madan, Ervad Xerxes (416) 254-0685

Panthaky, Ervad Jal (905) 568-4946

Zarolia, Ervad Kobad (647) 8879213

RELIGIOUS EVENTS AND LECTURES

January 2nd, 2021: Maidyarem Gahambar (F)

OZCF will be celebrating the Maidyarem Gahambar, as per the Fasli Calendar, on Saturday January 2nd at the ZRCC, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville. The Gahambar Jashan will commence at 11:00 am.

Due to the ongoing restrictions on gatherings, there will be no in-person attendance by the laity. Only the Mobeds and volunteer helpers will be in attendance at the Hall. The prayers will be live-streamed, and members are encouraged to join in the ceremony online. The link for the broadcast is <https://youtu.be/biOKXLU3ReM>

The live stream will also be available on the home page of our website at www.ozcf.com

As with all messages OZCF has communicated to the community, we remind our members that while these stipulations require us to carry out our engagements differently, we must adhere to them in order to enhance the safety of our members, volunteers and Mobeds. OZCF appreciates your continued patience and understanding.

January 10th, 2021: Lecture on Life of Prophet Zarathustra (IZS Lecture series)

In September 2020, The North American Mobeds Council (NAMC) formally established an educational arm – "NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies" (IZS). The objective of IZS is to train Mobeds and impart knowledge of Zoroastrianism to fellow Zoroastrians and the general public.

Towards this goal, IZS has arranged for a monthly Lecture series for the North American diaspora. These monthly lectures by learned Mobeds is an initiative of the IZS for the enlightenment of the general public. Please visit <http://namcmobeds.org/wp-content/uploads/NAMC-Institute-Lecture-Series.pdf> for more information.

Presenter: Er. Soli Dastur

Date: January 10th @ 2pm

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97552531474?pwd=ZVI3N3NTTmd0Nnlvcll0TzJPemxMdz09>

January 23rd, 2021: Examining COVID 19 under a Zoroastrian microscope

OZCF, in collaboration with the NAMC Institute of Zoroastrian Studies (IZS), will be holding a series of discussions cum sit-down sessions to service the educational needs of our membership. Focus will be on topics of interest which would generate deliberations.

The first session examines the Zoroastrian approach to Pandemics - A blend of Science and Faith. Please join the panelists – Er. Tehemton Mirza, Mobedyar Khushroo Mirza and Er. Xerxes Madan – in discussions on this current issue which has changed the way of living for all (see attached flyer).

Date and Time: January 23rd @ 12 noon

Zoom Meeting ID: 964 5108 9704 Passcode: ozcf

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96451089704?pwd=azdYLOJQYsOVHVZRXFGWdK3QUdPUT09>

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Examining COVID 19 Under A Zoroastrian Microscope

ZOROASTRIAN APPROACH TO PANDEMICS - A BLEND
OF SCIENCE AND FAITH

*With panelists Er. Tehemton Mirza, Mobedyar
Khushroo Mirza & Er. Xerxes Madan*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021 AT 12 NOON ON ZOOM

Meeting ID: 964 5108 9704

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Due to requests from members, we will repost FAQs on Zoroastrianism.

BASIC FAQ'S ON ZOROASTRIANISM

(compiled by Ontario Mobeds Advisory Committee (OMAC))

22) What are the Four traditional classes of Zoroastrians?

Following four classes were based on the professions

- I. Athornān (Priests)
- II. Ratheshtāran (Kings and Warriors)
- III. Vastrayōshān (Farmers)
- IV. Hutaokhshān (Artisans)

Since many centuries, Rathestar (non-existent since Yazdargard), Vastriox and Hutoksh have merged into Behdins (followers of the good religion). Even the distinction between Athornan and Behdins is quickly fading. Most Athornans are now engaged in professions other than Mobedi and Behdins are eagerly taking up Mobedyari.

23) What type of rituals are performed?

There are two types of rituals **inner** and **outer**:

Inner rituals (*pāvmehel*) – Yasna, Visperad, Vandidād, Baj-Dharnu, Nāvar, Martab, Boi, Nirangdin, etc. These can be performed only in designated places of worship.

Outer rituals (*hoshmordi*) – Āfringān, Jashan, Fareshtā, Farokhshi, Satum. These can be performed anywhere in a home or a hall.

24) What are the process of Purification?

There are three types of purification, in order of increasing importance:

- I. Kushti Pādyāb
- II. Nahān, or sacred bath with prayers and use of Nirang
- III. Bareshnum - this is the highest form of purification. It is a complicated ceremony through which a person to be initiated attains the highest order of purity.

25) Who is a Mobed?

The word Mobed is derived from Pahlavi magupat which means a master Magian. Magians were the priests in Western Iran in ancient times. A Mobed is the one who is ordained through his Nāvar and Murtab ceremony who can perform outer and inner liturgical ceremonies such as Yazashne, Visperad, Vandidād and Bāj.

26) Who is a Dastur?

The word Dastur is derived from Pahlavi Dastabar meaning one who exercises authority. A Dastur should combine in himself the best qualities of head and heart. He is expected to be holy, having innate wisdom and spiritual insight which are the two important qualities expected of a high priest.

27) Why do we have to take Nahān (*sacred bath*) before the Navjote, or wedding ceremony?

During the navjote and wedding ceremonies, we undergo a sacred bath in order to attain the level of inner and outer spiritual purity required to undergo the ceremony.

28) Why do we have to drink Nirang (*consecrated bull's urine*) during the Nahān ceremony?

We are given Nirang to drink during the Nahān ceremony to affect the inner spiritual purification.



YOUTH EXPLOSION

We've often heard, "the youth are the future of our community" and that statement couldn't be truer. We've been blessed to have a strong youth population who understand the importance of giving back to the community and taking on leadership roles to strengthen our organizations. To recognize the work of these remarkable individuals, the Youth Committee will be featuring a Zoroastrian Youth of the Month on our social media pages and highlighting their contributions within our community.

| ADIL GAZDAR

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YOUTH SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

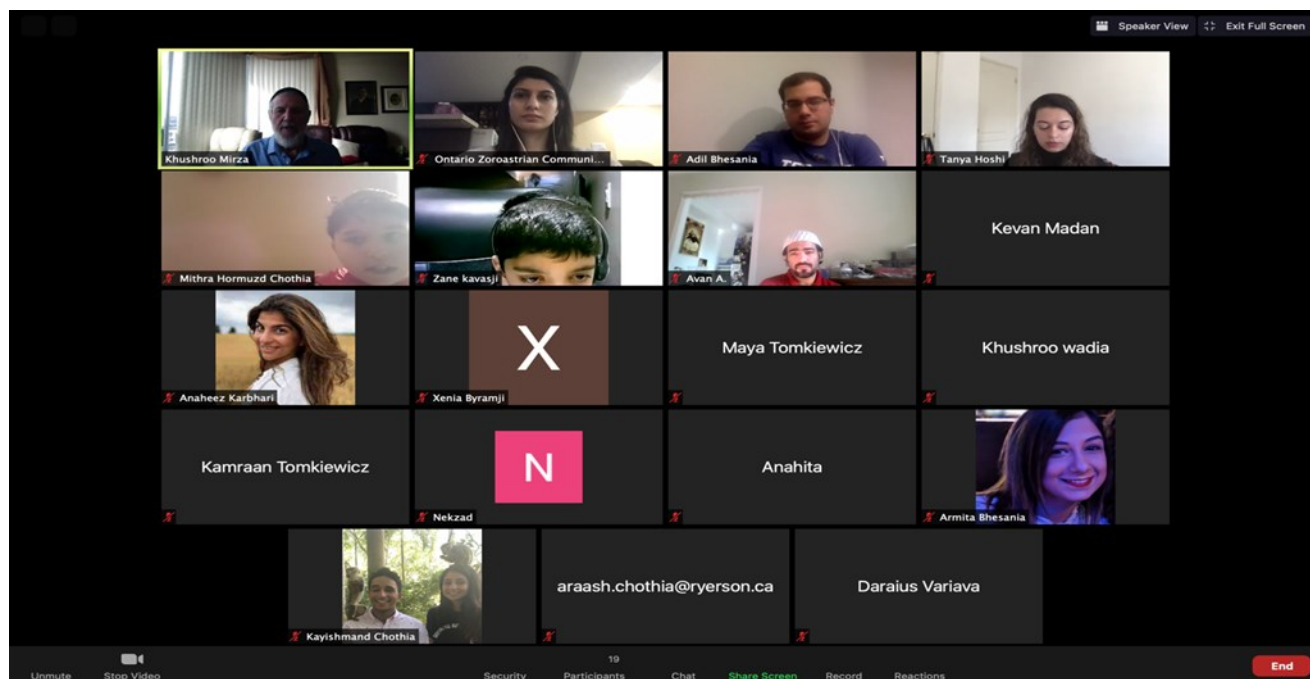
FOOD DRIVE



The past year has been challenging to say the least. The global pandemic has brought forth job losses with many hardships and uncertainties beyond our control. In such times, it is important for us to give back to the community and do our part in helping those less fortunate.

So, in the spirit of Christmas, the OZCF Youth Committee and Fundraising Committee collaborated to hold a food drive in preparation of the upcoming holiday season. Food banks have consistently played a primary role in assisting those in need and with great enthusiasm members of our community came out in droves to provide their support. Despite a short notice period and a 1-day drop off only, we collected an astounding 445 pounds of food for the Oakville Fareshare Food Bank! It took the Youth and Fundraising volunteers almost 3 hours to sort, weigh all the food and load it up for drop-off. The volunteers at the food bank were pleasantly surprised and very appreciative of the amount of food donated. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 this year, the food bank did not allow volunteers inside to help sort and package food, but we hope to be able to take more volunteers with us next time.

YOUTH TALK



On December 6th we held our 4th session of the popular Youth Talk steered by Mobedyar Khushroo Mirza on the topic, 'What are we saying when we pray?' We had 20 youth participants who joined our session via Zoom and the 1 ½ hour interactive conversation was very engaging and educational. These discussions have garnered a lot of appreciation from the Zoroastrian youth in our community and given them a platform to question and understand our religion's roots and philosophies.

WRITE TO THE TROOPS



Every year the Canadian Armed Forces encourage Canadians to write to our troops who are deployed abroad and won't be able to come home to celebrate the holiday season with their families. All the letters collected are distributed and mailed internationally by CAF to our Forces stationed all over the globe. In support of this initiative, the Youth Committee reached out to our community to do their part as a simple token of our appreciation for the sacrifices made by these men and women.

We were thrilled by the positive response and the number of letters that were mailed or dropped off at the OZCF. Many children took the time to create beautifully

hand drawn cards and write heartfelt messages for the troops that will definitely bring a smile to their faces! Our cards are being mailed to our troops stationed in Sudan, Iraq and Egypt and we hope these greetings bring them joy this Holiday Season. We would also like to thank Armaity Anandasagar for her help and support in coordinating

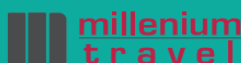


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SPORTS COMMITTEE

To keep up with the COVID – 19 times, OZCF Sports Subcommittee has come up with creative ways to keep the community engaged and our first venture into the world of virtual sports was to organize an online chess tournament. The response was very good with 24 individuals signing up, 9 of whom were 16 years old and younger.

The tournament was planned to give everyone enough time to play comfortably at their convenience. Players were split up into 4 groups of 6 via random draws and given 2 weeks to play against all opponents in their group. Following the first round of matches, groups were shuffled, and everyone got 2 more weeks to play another 5 games against new opponents after which the quarterfinals line up was set. After intense knockout games, Mithra Chothia and Cyrus Gazdar emerged as the 2 finalists and their final was broadcast on Zoom, with Mithra winning the best of three final 2-0. Congratulations Mithra!



Screenshot from an intense middle game between Khushroo Wadia and Mithra Chothia

A special mention to the 9 players 16 and under; Burzin Bhesania, Mithra Chothia, Rohan Dailal, Shahan Irani, Zermesh Irani, Yazad Karai, Arzaan Manekshaw, Noah Mulla and Arman Sidhwa, and to Daisy Ardeshir who is the only senior and only female player taking part this time. We hope to see a lot more youngsters, seniors and female players take part as we continue having these tournaments.



Screenshot from another intense middle game between Cyrus Gazdar and Rohan Dalal.

To capitalize on the interest, we have already started an online OZCF Chess Club on lichess.org. Please reach out to us by emailing sports@ozcf.com if you wish to join. Once COVID-19 restrictions ease up, we will transition to a meeting in person at OZCF regularly and organizing teaching sessions as well. The membership to the Chess Club is free but admission will be managed by the OZCF sports subcommittee and parents of under 16s will be required to submit their authorization for their child to participate. Other than managing the Chess Club, the OZCF will take no further responsibility regarding online activity of players or the devices they may be using. Further information on information collected by lichess.org can be found at <https://lichess.org/privacy>

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The extended lockdown period has not deterred the OZCF FMC Subcommittee, as they continued to ensure that the upkeep of our property was ongoing as usual. Over the past few months, this dedicated team has assisted with the annual fire inspection completion, upgraded the security system hardware, which will allow for remote monitoring of heating and cooling system and locking / unlocking of the hall and renewal of snow contract. There have also been upgrades and maintenance of the water system, including ensuring the successful risk assessment in compliance with Halton Region requirements, and the purchase and installation of a new HVAC system. This dynamic team in collaboration with the IT Subcommittee, enter the new year with plans in place to install security cameras on the property.

Over the past few months, we have asked the community to donate through the 40 in 4 initiative to help OZCF offset these and other costs. Donor contributions have been put to good use in ensuring OZCF's infrastructure remains firm as we continue to grow as an organization. These enhancements will enable the FMC team's ability to remotely monitor activity on our property and improve safety. Stay tuned for further updates in 2021!



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JAMVA CHALOJI – NOVEMBER 2020

Fall is the time for our ever-famous Food Fair at the OZCF - Jamva Chaloji (JC).

After receiving a lot of inquiries about the next JC, the Fundraising Committee decided to continue the tradition, albeit with a few changes. This year the event was “pre-orders only”. The idea was received with an enthusiastic response from the community as well as our vendors, which was evident in the record breaking orders that were received.

On Sunday November 22, 2020, the community vendors arrived with their goodies neatly packed and labelled for easy distribution. Keeping our current protocols in mind, the vendors were each given a time slot to ensure that physical distancing and minimum capacity at the OZCF hall was maintained at all times. The volunteers at the OZCF got the packages arranged as per the orders received from each buyer and kept them ready for the curbside pick-up. The youth volunteers were our “elves” handing over the packages to each buyer as they drove in.

We are thrilled to report that with a little bit of creativity and an amazing team of volunteers, we were able to create a unique experience, both for the vendors and the buyers and another successful event for the OZCF while still following social distancing regulations.



ORAL HISTORY PROJECT UPDATE

Even though Covid 19 has curbed and stopped many of our normal daily activities, we are happy to inform you that the OZCF's Oral History Project has been steadily making progress in our collaboration with UTM. As soon as the government restrictions are removed, OZCF will be in a position to sign an agreement between the two organizations, and UTM will be the repository of our Oral History records. There will be no charge to the OZCF, who will retain ownership of the records and the community will have access to it.

As we are all aware, the importance of the treasure house of this valuable information is truly enormous. We are also recognizing that time is of the essence and we must do our very best to immediately begin recording these histories that have changed the course of the lives of so many of our youth in Toronto. From these stories they, and all future generations of Torontonians will learn about the fascinating journeys, sacrifices and achievements of their forefathers, and how it has shaped their lives here in Canada.

Pauzash Mithaiwalla has very kindly agreed to participate in our project and will be videoing these recordings for posterity.

We are fervently asking those of you who have a story to share about your journey to Toronto, to PLEASE CONTACT any member of the Oral History Project Sub Committee. We assure you that this will not be a big demand on your time, and we will do our best to make it as convenient for you as possible.

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ZOROASTRIAN AWARDED OBE HONOURS

British Asian actress Nina Wadia revealed she thought she was being pranked by friends when told she was being made an OBE in the Queen's New Year Honours.



Wadia, the daughter-in-law of Minnie and Khushroo Mirza, of Toronto, found fame on the acclaimed sketch show *Goodness Gracious Me* before landing a role on the world famous BBC night-time drama *Eastenders*, has been recognised for services to entertainment and charity.

She was told the news on her birthday earlier this month but thought the official phone call was a friend winding her up.

She told the PA news agency: "Now it's sort of sunk in, I genuinely am still finding it hard to believe.

"I'm very excited of course, I feel it's a huge, huge honour that this has come my way. "It's made my last 30 years of my career, all the hard times, feel worthwhile.

"And certainly the thing that's making me the happiest in the world is the fact that every charity that I represent will now have a bit of a boost, especially after the year that we've had where raising funds has been particularly difficult.

"So I'm hoping that this will add a bit of gravitas to the work that I do, and help raise more money for charity than before."

Wadia has worked with over 60 charities including Barnardo's, in tribute to her father who was an orphan in India and a kidney illness research charity in memory of her mother, who died with kidney failure.

She also supports the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, Diabetes UK and the organisation Education Saves Lives, which provides potentially life-saving information to communities around the world.

Wadia, who grew up in Mumbai, India, before moving to Hong Kong aged nine, credited her parents with inspiring her dedication to charity work and said her OBE was tinged with sadness at them not being able to see it.

Wadia has starred in numerous stage, film and TV projects such as Death In Paradise. She's worked with Oscar winners Tim Robbins, Mark Rylance and recently appeared in Disney's 2019 blockbuster Aladdin.

Wadia said her work is a team effort, adding: "So this will be a way of recognising everyone that I've ever worked with, to me that's who this OBE is for – everyone who has ever been part of my life that has helped me to get here."

ZOROASTRIAN AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS “30 UNDER 30 SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS” AWARD

Truzaar Dordi, a doctoral candidate at the University of Waterloo has been selected as one of this year’s “Canadian Top 30 Under 30 Sustainability Leaders” by Corporate Knights, for his work on sustainable finance. His research, which examines pathways for a low-carbon transition seeks to reconcile Canada’s commitment to the Paris Agreement with its role as a major exporter of oil from the emissions-intensive oil sands.

Each year Corporate Knights magazine recognizes 30 exceptional young Canadians shaping our sustainable future. The Top 30 Under 30 Sustainability Leaders list highlights activists, entrepreneurs, students and professionals from across Canada and worldwide, each showing outstanding leadership on sustainability issues.

“Though our climate crisis appears increasingly insurmountable,” he says, “we are undergoing an unprecedented global energy transformation. Future generations will look back at us like we look back at the industrial revolution. We have the potential to fundamentally reshape our world and our collective futures.” He asserts that youth will play a pivotal role in this transition, as they seek to align their career and their investments with their values. “As we approach what will be the largest transfer of wealth in human history, youth will play a pivotal role in how that money is invested.”



WHAT’S NEXT



“It has been profoundly enriching to be a part of such a rapidly evolving field of research and practice”, said Truzaar - his work bridging finance and sustainability. “There is a growing appetite for research on climate finance, driven by recognition of climate change as a financial risk.”

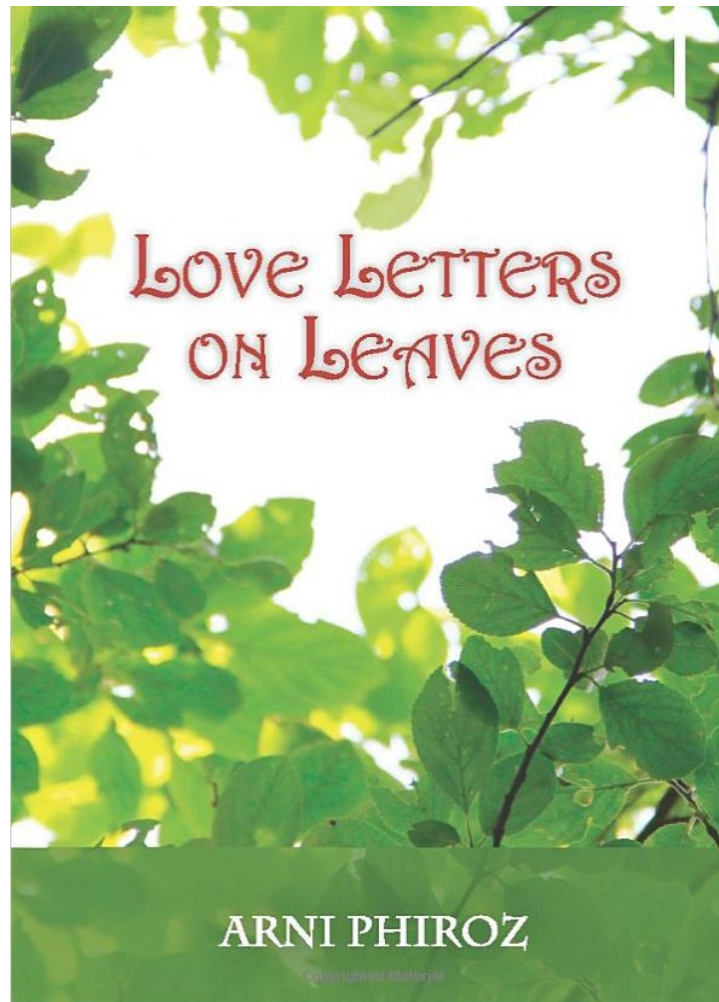
For others, he leaves a note of optimism. “Globally, we have committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the next ten years”. These 17 goals, such as No Poverty, Quality Education, and Affordable and Clean Energy span all avenues of economy, society, and environment; necessary conditions to achieving a sustainable world. “Help make the SDGs mainstream! Find at least one thing on the list that you’re passionate about and bring it to your career. You spend half of your waking life at work, don’t leave your values at the door.”

BOOK LAUNCH

“Love Letters on Leaves”

Looking for a holiday gift, then why not support Arni Phiroz, an aspiring Zoroastrian author by purchasing her new book 'Love Letters on Leaves'. See the Amazon link below:

https://www.amazon.ca/LOVE-LETTERS-LEAVES-ARNI-PHIROZ/dp/B08KTNC4TW/ref=mp_s_a_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=love+letters+on+leaves&qid=1607306835&srefix=live+letters+on+leaves&sr=8-1





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