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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A couple months under our belt, we have found our groove! All subcommittees are planning and delivering excellent events, and I couldn't be prouder of them. They make my life so much easier \odot .

We thank our Religious Subcommittee for successfully coordinating and organizing all the prayer ceremonies during the busy month of August. A huge thank you to all our Mobeds and volunteers. During the 5 Muktad days, we surpassed collections from 2021. Thank you to the community for donating generously.

It was very pleasing to see our hall full once again on Navroze Day for the Jashan ceremony. Tickets for dinner sold out extremely quickly. We also recognized 2 volunteers who for the past many years have been working silently behind the scenes in helping the OZCF run smoothly. Read below for more on them.

The Finance Subcommittee has prepared guidelines for community members who may desire to serve on the Investment Advisory Committee as was decided at the 2022 Annual General Meeting. An email inviting applications will be sent out soon.

The Youth Subcommittee is sorting out the food they collected during the Muktad Food Drive. They are arranging a date with Seva Food Bank in Mississauga to allow youth to attend to help with packaging and distributing the food. I have taken part in this activity myself a few years ago, and it was an eye-opening experience. I urge all parents to please arrange for your kids to attend this activity.

The Youth Color Palette Project has fundraised \$2800 of their \$3000 target. They now start the second phase of the campaign to deliver on their promise to refurbish and paint the benches.

The Youth Subcommittee is also kickstarting their Fundraising campaign for the Youth Congress in London in 2023 with a Halloween Party on the 29th of October. Please attend in large numbers to support our youth. Any youth interested in attending the Congress in London, please get in touch with the Youth Committee to be a part of the Fundraising campaign.

The Youth and Entertainment Committee collaborated to hold a Navroze Mela at the ZRCC on August 27th. The event was a massive success as over 350 people attended and enjoyed a fun filled evening. Delicious food from the vendors and the OZCF stall, free face painting, free bouncing castles, piñata, bingo, obstacle course, Tug-of-War, great music, games stall with great prizes, ensured there was something for everyone. We got great feedback and multiple requests to make this an annual event.

The Sports Subcommittee saw a great turnout at their cricket and soccer events. In September, they are having a volleyball tournament on September 11th. Please register yourself and your kids for another fun filled evening of sport and delicious dinner. It is great to see our lovely property being utilized by the community.

Hope to meet you at the volleyball event!

Adil Bhesania

OZCF President





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORRECTION:

In the July 2022 newsletter, we had erroneously spelled Board member Rohmin Raisi's name. The OZCF regrets the error.

HALL RENTAL RATES:

Please note new rates to rent the hall for social events. These rates are significantly lower than renting at halls and hotel rooms and allow members and non-members the entire use of our facilities.

Members: \$400 Non-members: \$500

Rental of Audio/Video equipment is \$100.

RATES TO ADVERTISE IN THE NEWSLETTER:

Members often inquire about rates to advertise in the newsletter. See the rate structure below:

Business Card	\$25 per issue	\$150 per year
1/4 Page	\$50 per issue	\$300 per year
1/2 Page	\$75 per issue	\$450 per year
Full Page	\$125 per issue	\$750 per year
Last Full Page	\$150 per issue	\$900 per year

If paid in full at the beginning of the year by the end of January, a 10% discount will be applied. There are six issues per year – January, March, May, July, September and November.

HALL RENTAL RATES FOR FUNERAL SERVICES

Members: \$100 per day (over the 4-day period)

Non-members: \$150 per day



MEMBERSHIP:

A gentle reminder that it is that time of the year to fulfill your membership requirements for 2022. To start the renewal process, we have made it easy to be able to renew your membership using the following options:

- 1. Pay through your Credit Card or PayPal.
- 2. Sending in a cheque is also available for those that wish to do so. You may set up for direct deposit payment so that your membership self-renews annually. PAD form is attached and also available online at www.ozcf.com

Here's the breakdown of the membership category and fees for 2022:

Membership Category and Fees				
Category	Youth	Single	Seniors	Family
Description	Youth are Individuals of age 19 to 24 years	Single are Individuals of age 25 to 64 years	Seniors are Individuals age 65 and above	Family Includes Spouses/Partners and children up to the age of 18 years
Fees	\$40	\$100	\$50	\$150

<u>A Membership form has been included</u>, should any changes be required to your personal information or you can make these changes yourself online at www.ozcf.com

Feel free to contact Shirin Chaturvedi at cshirinm@hotmail.com or Rumi Jasavala at rumi_jasavala@ozcf.com, for any assistance required in membership renewal.

Thank you to all for your kind support, as always.

- Membership Committee



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

Prayer Room Access

Nozer Kotwal 905-820-0461 nskotwal1@gmail.com

Hall Rentals

Cyrus Gazdar 647-294-6462 cygazdar@yahoo.ca

ZRCC Coordinator

Armaity Anandasgar 905-271-0366 armaity.a@gmail.com

OZCF President

Dr. Adil Bhesania 647-985-0305 president@ozcf.com

Webmaster & Facilities

Rumi Jasavala 647-885-1759 rumijas@hotmail.com

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

Bulsara, Ervad Firdosh (905) 824-7692

Dastur, Ervad Mehbad (416) 917-9195

Dhabhar, Ervad Jamshed (905) 819-0089

Katrak, Ervad Kerman (647) 444-7359 (Speaks Farsi)

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 UPDATES

FARVARDEGAN (S) PRAYERS - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd

The R&L Committee will be holding Farvardegan prayers, as per Shehenshai Calendar, on Saturday September 3rd at the ZRCC, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville. The prayer ceremony will commence at 11:00 am, followed by Chasni.

If you wish to offer your home-made Malido, Ravo, Sev and/or dry-fruits, flowers, fruits, Sukhad, Loban, we ask that you make arrangements with Er. Nozer Kotwal, at (905) 820-0461, in advance.

DASTURJI KOOKADAROO BAJ – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4th

The R&L Committee will be holding Dasturji Kookadaroo Baj prayers on Sunday September 4th at the ZRCC, 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville.

The prayer ceremony will commence at 11:00 am, followed by lunch. The cost of attending the prayers & lunch is \$5.00 per person; children up to the age of 20 years are free. Members wishing to attend in-person must give their names to Er. Nozer Kotwal at (905) 820-0461 or at nskot-wal1@gmail.com in advance, but not later than Thursday, September 1st. Please also volunteer to clean up after the event.

If you wish to offer your home-made Malido, Ravo, Sev and/or dry-fruits, flowers, fruits, Sukhad, Loban, we ask that you make arrangements with Er. Kotwal.

If you and/or your friends wish to sponsor lunch for any other religious event in the future, please provide your interest to Er. Kotwal.

PAITISHAHEM GAHAMBAR (F) FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16th

We will be celebrating Paitishahem Gahambar (F) on Friday September 16th ZRCC 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville. The prayer ceremony will commence at 11:00 am, followed by Chasni.

If you wish to offer your home-made Malido, Ravo, Sev and/or dry-fruits, flowers, fruits, Sukhad, Loban, we ask that you make arrangements with Er. Nozer Kotwal, at (905) 820-0461, in advance.



AYATHREM GAHAMBAR (F) SATURDAY OCTOBER 15th

We will be celebrating Ayathrem Gahambar (F) on Saturday October 15th at ZRCC 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd. East, Oakville.

The Gahambar 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. Members wishing to attend in-person must give their names to Er. Nozer Kotwal at (905) 820-0461 or at nskotwal1@gmail.com in advance, but not later than Wednesday October 12th. Please also volunteer to clean up after the event.

If you wish to offer your home-made Malido, Ravo, Sev and/or dry-fruits, flowers, fruits, Sukhad, Loban, we ask that you make arrangements with Er. Kotwal.

If you and/or your friends wish to sponsor this Gahambar & lunch or any other religious event in the future, please provide your interest to Er. Kotwal.

OBITUARIES:

Villoo Nadirshaw Cama, who passed away at her home in Mumbai on August 21st. Villoo will always be the beloved sister of Dhun Gazdar and sister-in-law of Sam Gazdar (Mississauga), beloved sister of Hilda Cama (deceased), Firooza Kerawalla (Mumbai) and sister-in-law of Farrokh Kerawalla (deceased), treasured aunt to Hanoz Kerawalla (Mumbai), Roy (Diana), Aban and Cyrus Gazdar (Mississauga) and cherished great aunt of Natasha, Kashmira and Nina Gazdar (Mississauga). Villoo was 82. May Ahura Mazda eternally bless her noble soul!

On June 17th, 2022 **Vispi Sorabji** passed away peacefully in his home just weeks before his 92nd birthday. Vispi leaves behind his wife Coomi, his daughter Roshan (Zavar), grandchildren Sharon (Farokhzad), Nina (Faisal) and Dinshaw and his great grandson Zahaan. The family would like to express their gratitude to Ervard Nozer Kotwal for helping us to prepare for his passing. With everything ready we were not as stressed. Also thank you to both he and Ervard Xerxes Madon for performing all the prayers. The family would like to thank everyone for their condolences and messages of comfort through this very difficult time. After a long, heartbreaking battle with Alzheimer's, dementia and other health issues, he is finally resting at peace in the eternal light of Ahura Mazda.



AUGUST 2022 MUKTAD / NAVROZE WRITE UP

In August, the Shahenshahi followers celebrated the Zoroastrian New Year 1392 YZ the world over. As has been the tradition at OZCF, the last 5 Gatha days were celebrated as Muktad days with the 3 Satums and morning Afringan & Farokshi prayers being recited. As usual, our volunteer Mobeds dedicated time to perform the various services. The meals and the prayer items on the Gatha days were generously sponsored by the community. Donations received and prayer room collections during the Muktad days and Navroze exceeded last year's collections and we sincerely appreciate the generosity of our members.

On Navroze, we had a Jashan followed by a sumptuous dinner. The Jashan and Dinner were well attended with the hall packed to capacity. The Jashan ceremony was performed by our young Mobeds – Er. Pauzash Mithaiwala, Er. Nekzad Illava, Er. Armaan Panthaki, Er. Kamran Panthaki, Er. Hormuz Javat and Er. Kevan Madan. We are blessed as a community to have young mobeds to perform prayers for various functions. Many thanks to the Fundraising/Entertainment Committee (Jeroo Madan and team) and our community volunteers, especially Faredoon Golwalla (Fred uncle to all), for making this event a grand success. This was followed by the Khordad Sal prayers five days thereafter. Er. Xerxes Madan along with Er. Nekzad Illava and Er. Kamran Panthaki performed these prayers.

- Xerxes Madan









Additional photos taken during the Muktad period can be viewed by clicking the following link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14mzCA2BqZ f3fNau08alyo69P3XlwTFw?usp=sharing



VOLUNTEER AWARD – HOZI PATEL



Hozi Patel and his wife Benifer have been OZCF members and volunteers since its inception. They have supported OZCF in both volunteerism and attendance at events and fundraisers.

Hozi can best be described as a humble, quiet person who does a lot of volunteering quietly behind the scenes. He does not officially belong to any subcommittee but is involved in so much from Bingo, playing music at events and helping out with any facility issues.

Hozi has spent numerous days helping out with the maintenance of the grass on the 10-acre property. Hozi is part of the maintenance crew. This year in particular, this group has taken it upon themselves to maintain the grass starting from April until the end of October. Hozi also helps in getting the lawn mower repaired when it breaks down, saving money and time for OZCF.

Volunteers like this are invaluable to the OZCF and we thank Hozi for his dedication, interest and time he gives up for the OZCF.





VOLUNTEER AWARD – HOSHANG BHESANIA



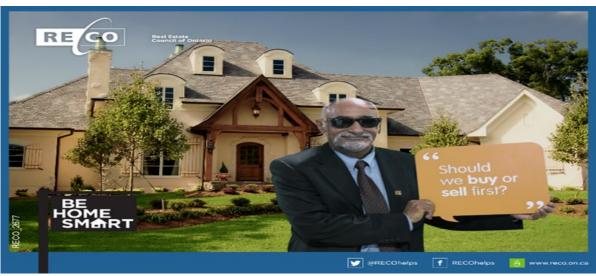
Hoshang has been a long-time volunteer at the OZCF.

He is another silent, behind the scenes volunteer who never shies away from any work needed to be done at the OZCF and is always willing to help out, be it setting up for an event, packing and cleaning up after an event or anything in between. On both the Fasli and Shahenshahi Navroze Days, community members wish to visit the Dadgah to offer prayers. Hoshang volunteers to be at the OZCF premises since morning allowing us to leave the place open the entire day.

Hoshang is currently part of the Religious and Lectures Subcommittee and has previously served on the Membership Subcommittee. He has also been helping with cutting grass for years allowing cricket games to happen.

He is also a teacher with the Religion Classes where he works with the youngest age group.

Volunteers as dedicated as Hoshang are assets to us at the OZCF and we thank him for his services to the OZCF.







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NAVROZE MELA WRITE UP

Over 350 people came out to attend the first ever Navroze Mela on August 27th at the ZRCC.

The Mela kicked off with an afternoon filled with carnival games such as Ring Toss, Nerf Gun Shooting, Hit The Cans, Bean Bag Toss along with a fun time on the bouncy castles that were set up for the kids.

The hall was filled with delicious food that was on sale by local Zoroastrian businesses. The food table by OZCF catered some crowd favorites like bhel puri, popcorn, falooda and chutney sandwiches. The snow cones and cotton candy were a big hit amongst the little kids.

All the crowd gathered on the field at 7pm for the obstacle race which included 4 teams with participants from all ages. With all their team members cheering them on, each participant had to overcome obstacles like jumping over and crawling under tables and tarps to reach the finish line.

One of the highlights of the evening was a game of Tug of War between the over and under 40 age group. It was a close game with both teams winning one round each, which led to the deciding round where the under 40 age group took the victory.

Followed by the Tug of War, the kids lined up to take their shots at the Piñata for all the yummy candy that they were so eager to eat. Of course, we could not end the night without a fun game of Bingo which was sold out within minutes and with lots of prizes to take away.

The event would have been incomplete without some fun beats by our DJ Meherwan Wadia.

We were humbled by the response and the support of the community. Huge shoutout to all our volunteers, food vendors and everyone else that made this event the huge success that it was.

Hope to see you all again, next year!































CRICKET DHANSAK WRITE UP

On Sunday July 17th, after two years of Covid, the OZCF were able to re-establish the Cricket Dhansak on the newly laid artificial cricket pitch. The pitch was vandalized in 2020 and had to be replaced using some left over material as well as the shale topped up and levelled. Thank you to Hozi Patel, Justin Kitagawa, Cyrus Gazdar, Tauzer Dalal, Rhea Jasavala, Xarius Jasavala and Rumi Jasavala for their help with preparing the pitch and the grass cutting. The grass cutting, which was started at the end of April, is an extremely time consuming and difficult process which not only included the playing field, but the entire property.

Two teams were randomly drawn by pulling names from a hat and instead of a seasoned cricket ball, we decided to use a Tape Ball. Both teams had a mixture of regular players and new players and each one had an enjoyable time of 6 hours of cricket in 26c degree temperatures.

Pizza was served in between innings of 35 overs per side, followed by Dhansak at 6pm which was made and served by Prochi Gazder. We had 30 enthusiastic cricketers and 54 people for dinner in the evening.

These types of events are only possible due to the volunteers and participants and we thank everyone and hope to see you next year.



Rumi Jasavala

On behalf of the OZCF Sports Committee



SPORTS - SOCCER EVENT

What a great day full of friendly competition and highlight reel moments. 50 players were ready to play at the OZCF Soccer Tournament and the quality was on display. 6 teams were drawn at random with 7-8 players each. A round robin group stage format was followed with every team playing each other once and the top 4 teams advancing to the knockout stages. Players on all teams put forth their best performances to help their team fight for top 4! From many controversial refereeing decisions, the extremely hot summer temperatures, to the finals being determined by a penalty shootout, this tournament was an all out success!

Congratulations to Liverpool FC on being victorious at the OZCF Soccer Tournament! Dealing with the exhausting heat and multiple players picking up injury in the final game, they were able to push through and seal off the victory in a 24 - round penalty shootout!

Congratulations to Parastaar Sutaria on showing a dominant effort in goalkeeping the final penalty rounds and scoring from the 12 yard spot. He was the 2022 OZCF Soccer Tournament MVP winner of a \$50 cash prize, kindly donated by the Javat family.

The tournament was followed by a fun-filled evening with great food, where the players and spectators all enjoyed dinner.

Thank you everyone for coming out and we look forward to seeing you at the 2nd Annual OZCF Volleyball tournament on Sunday, September 11th.























NEW SCOUTING YEAR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR NEW YOUTH

100 Oakville Zoroastrian Scouts Group opens up registration for new youth for the scouting year 2023. If your child is born after September 2017, then your child is eligible for registration to the program effective September 1st, 2022 to December 2023. The program runs twice a month at the OZCF hall on Sundays between 2 pm to 4.30 pm.

Online registrations are mandatory. Please follow the steps below:

Go to www.myscouts.ca

Select Option 1 if you have already registered your child online in the past.

Select Option 2 if you are registering your child for the first time.

Follow the option to make the payment online.

If you have any questions, please call Khushroo Bharda @ 416-312-8066 / email kbbharda@hotmail.com or Persis Banker @ jpbanker268@yahoo.ca

RELIGIOUS CLASS REGISTRATION

Dear Parents,

REGISTRATION REMINDER

We are so happy to be holding Religion Classes *in person again*. There are some exciting changes taking place - including new cultural and social experiences this year. We'd love to have you back if you took a break!

SPREAD THE WORD - HELP US REACH 100 REGISTRATIONS

Please send this email out to as many friends/families as you can. All children born in 2016 or earlier are eligible. We are planning to have 100 children enroll in the classes!

WEBSITE INSTRUCTIONS - https://www.zso.org/childrens-religion-classes

We have revamped the website to make it easier for families with multiple children. Now, you can register the whole family and the payment in one transaction!

Please note the following:

- 1. Fill in your information and all your childrens' info in the form.
- For each additional child, you will ADD GUEST at the bottom of the form. For TWO children, add ONE guest. For THREE children, add TWO GUESTS, etc.
- 3. The rate for the first child is already applied.

If you have any questions, please contact Armaity Homavazir at rmyt3993@gmail.com (website/payment problems) or Zia Poonjiaji (to confirm registrations).

Regards,

The Religion Class Teachers



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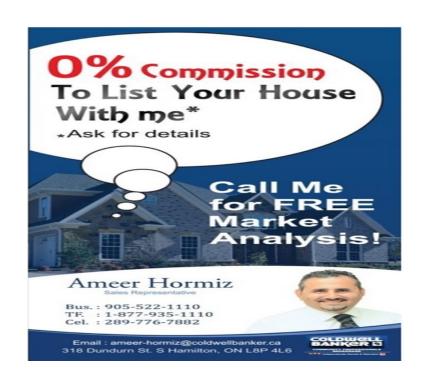
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January 01 to December 31, 2022

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Membership Category / Fees

Youth	Single	Seniors	Family
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24 years	below 65 years	and above	18 years
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