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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As the summer months roll in, they serve a reminder that we are nearing one year of completion of this Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and Board members of the OZCF. Over the past year, we have tried our best to serve the community with different religious, cultural, sports, seniors, youth, social, fundraising and entertainment events. We have received amazing feedback from community members attending these events and look forward to continuing them in the coming year. If you wish to share any feedback, please let me know at president@ozcf.com and I will share it with the respective Committee.

In April, the Board met with the Place of Worship Advisory Committee and Mobeds for an update on the Place of Worship and upcoming steps. We have currently gone out to tender to contractors to bid for our project. Simultaneously, we have also applied for our building permit and made security deposits to the Town of Oakville. Another significant development has been our 'promise to connect' with the Town of Oakville. We do not have a timeline for when water and sewage pipelines by the Town will be laid along Burnhamthorpe Road, but we have 2 years from when they complete work to connect both our buildings (ZRCC and the Atash Kadeh) to the city lines. This is an expense OZCF has to incur.

The first session of the OZCF Seniors Zumba started with a "Bang" at the OZCF on Wednesday, April 26th. Enjoyable Bollywood dance videos on the overhead screen, welcomed everyone as they walked in. Happy and cheerful vibes filled the room, as our seniors with loving smiles greeted each other and echoed how delighted they were to be back again after 3 years.

Over 50 seniors participated in a short meditation/laughing therapy session, before the start of zumba, and enjoyed chicken dhansak, rice, kabab, kachumber and mango ice cream lunch, sponsored by Rumi and Xenobia Jasavala and their two daughters, who were also present and helped. It is very pleasing to see the seniors resume their weekly zumba in person. If you can volunteer to drive the seniors on Wednesday morning/ afternoon, please reach out to any Seniors Committee member.

For the summer, we have put a temporary halt on Gymkhana Nights which happen on alternate Friday evenings. These evenings have been a massive success with 25-30 participants joining regularly and we will restart these social evenings in the fall of 2023.

In 2 weeks, we have the Toronto Parsi Drama Group staging the natak 'Sasu Ni Supari' for 2 evenings at the ZRCC. It promises to be 2 lovely evenings meeting everyone with delicious dinner and lots of laughter. A huge thank you to the entire natak cast and crew who have been vigorously practising every weekend for the past 3 months.

A friendly reminder to mark your calendars for our Annual General Meeting on 25th June. The AGM package will be mailed to members in good standing in early June.

Sincerely,

Adil Bhesania

OZCF President





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PLACE OF WORSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Now that we have received our long awaited Site Plan Approval, we have gone to six potential builders with our construction tender. Tenders will close at May end after which we will review submissions and select a builder. Concurrently we are in the process of submitting the required drawings and reports for building permit.

Upon finalizing builder selection, we will meet with the community to discuss prices, funding arrangements and next steps. As mentioned previously, construction pricing is expected to be higher than what we currently have in cash and pledges, so we count on community members, now more than ever, to donate generously to our Atash Kadeh and future Atash-e-Adaran.

We will keep you updated as we progress through the building permit and tendering process. We meet regularly with the Board to report on progress. We are excited that our dream is finally materializing as we open our eyes to a new day with a bright future. May Ahura Mazda always bless our community.

Phil Sidhwa – Chair, PWAC



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

Due to inflation and increasing costs, OZCF will be revising rates for religious offerings and events with immediate effect, as follows:

- Sukhad \$3/- each
- Divo \$3/- each
- Gahambar lunch \$10/- per person; children up to age 5 years are free

We sincerely appreciate the continuing support of the community.

ZARTHOST-NO-DISO (S)

OZCF will be holding prayers for Zarthost-no-Diso, as per Shenshahi Calendar, on Tuesday, May 23rd at the ZRCC. The prayer ceremony will commence at 7:00 pm, 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. Kotwal.

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

MAIDHYOISHEM GAHAMBAR (F)

OZCF will be celebrating Maidhyoishem Gahambar, as per Fasli Calendar, on Saturday, July 1st at the ZRCC.

The Gahambar Jashan will commence at 11:00 am, followed by lunch. The cost of attending the Jashan & lunch is \$10/- per person; children up to the age of 5 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, June 28**th. 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 a Gahambar & lunch or any other religious event in the future, please provide your interest to Er. Kotwal.

NEW HALL RENTAL RATES:

	OZCF Member *	Non - Members
Short Term Rental (Maximum 3 hours)		
Hall Only **	\$100	\$150
Audio Video (optional)	\$50	\$75
Long Term Rental		
Hall Only	\$400	\$600
Hall + Patio ***	\$600	\$900
Audio Video (optional)	\$100	\$150

* Conditions for paying OZCF member's rate:

The member has been an OZCF member and has paid membership fees for at least 2 years immediately preceding the time of signing the rental agreement.

- ** If only the hall is rented, the renter is responsible for ensuring that the patio is not used by any guests/attendees.
- *** The patio will be deemed to be used if video surveillance shows groups or individuals, guests and/or attendees are congregating on the patio to consume food/drinks or just to interact.

 Consequently the user will be charged the additional fee for Hall + Patio rental.

The renter will be required to provide insurance coverage for your booking:

The renter will be required to obtain, at their own expense, liability insurance of two million dollars (\$2,000,000). The renter will provide the OZCF with proof of such insurance with OZCF mentioned in the policy as an <u>Additional Insured</u> at the time of entering into this agreement. **If alcohol is being served, it must be mentioned when applying for the policy**. A copy of the insurance policy, Special Occasion Permit (SOP) from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario and the renter's completed application (available online) for insurance must be provided to OZCF at the time of paying the rental charges.



A few links to insurers are provided herewith, however the renter can choose any Insurer licenced to provide insurance in Canada:

- https://www.palcanada.com/index.php/en-us/
- https://duuo.ca
- https://easyinsure.ca
- https://www.brokerlink.ca/

<u>Disclaimer:</u> OZCF is not associated with the above insurers, nor does it profit from any transactions with these insurers.

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



2023 MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTRE

Below is agreed upon membership rates passed at the 2022 AGM

Fee Structure for January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 (Non-Refundable)

Membership Level		2023 Fee
Family (Includes spouses/partners & children up to age 22	\$175.0	00
Single (Individuals of age 27 to 64 years)	\$100.0	00
Senior (Individuals of age 65-89 years)	\$50.00)
Seniors (age 90+)	\$FREE	
Youth (Individuals of age 23 to 26 years)	\$!	50.00

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Membership Level

- Family (Includes spouses/partners & children up to age 22
- Single (Individuals of age 27 to 64 years)
- Senior (Individuals of age 65 -89 years)
- Seniors (age 90+)
- Youth (Individuals of age 23 to 26 years)

2023 Fee

Family: \$175.00

• Single: \$100.00

Seniors 65-89: \$50.00

• Seniors 90+: \$FREE

Youth: \$50.00



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

This year, for the first time, the Children's Religious Education Classes held a special event to prepare for and celebrate Jamshedi Navroz -- the Iranian New Year, at the Darbe Mehr on Sunday, February 5th. Although the event was organized at short notice, almost 50 children from both the East and West End Classes participated. Many of the parents were in attendance too with over 100 people in total.

After a brief prayer, the afternoon started with a slide presentation on the festival of Norooz. After this, many interesting activities were planned for the children, including egg painting, coloring greeting cards, Shahnameh stories and even a demonstration on growing "sabzi" (fresh greens) for the Norooz table. Each child was also presented with a starter kit to grow the sabzi at home. And, as always, to top it all off, there was delicious traditional food for everyone -- Persian cookies, Salad Olivier sandwiches and Falooda! At the end, there was Iranian dancing, led by one of the teachers, after which a volunteer showed everyone the dance steps. The children (and adults) all participated with great enthusiasm and had a fun time. The entire event was also attended by the ZSO President Mitra Jam, and was emceed by Kevin Mancherjee.

A big thank you to Armaity Homavazir, who managed the event, and to the following parents and other volunteers who helped to make this a success. We hope to make this a regular event, going forward.

Teachers: Zia Poonjiaji, Mickie Katgara, Kermin Mehta, Faranak Mavandadnejad, Khurshid Engineer, Hoshang Bhesania, Kathy Behdin

Food - arranging and serving the traditional food - Zenobia Homavazir

Parent Volunteers: Fereshteh Akhtari, Avan Appoo, Mitra Baria, Zeena Bhathena, Nasrin Diniarian, Mehroo Homavazir, Dara Homavazir, Anahita Irani, Niloufer Jamshedji, Ruvena Kiash, Lily Kotwal, Mitra Jam, Delna Mehta, Hoofrish Patel and all the unsung heroes that put away the tables and chairs for us!

Submitted by Mickie Katgara on behalf of the Religious Education Teachers





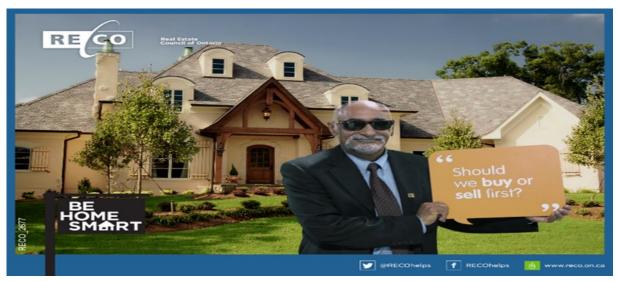
















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YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE

80 people split into 17 enthusiastic teams came out on a beautiful sunny day on April 18, 2023 to participate in the OZCF Youth Car Rally. The event was a Youth Congress Fundraiser to support the youth attending the 8th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress in July 2023. First place went to the Bean Team, comprising of Adil Gazdar, Hoshidar Bamboat, Nazneen Hansotia, Kaiomarz Santoke & Farhad Nagarwala. The runner up team with only a difference of 1 minute was Team Mario Sisters composed of Armita Bhesania, Tanya Bharda, Ruzbeh Rohinton & Fareezeh Avari. Third place went to Team Jurassic Kart with Mahveer Javat, Xerxes and Jeroo Madan, Nelly and Hormuz Engineer and Mitra Bhesania. A delicious lunch of Biryani and Chicken Karahi, with Gulab Jamun for dessert. The prize distribution ceremony followed. Prizes were given to every participant on the first, second and third place teams on behalf of the World Zoroastrian Chamber of Commerce by Cyrus Patel.

Everyone enjoyed this fun-filled afternoon and there were many requests to do this event more often! Special thanks to all the volunteers for the event, especially Khushroo Bharda and Tinaz Javat for preparing the entire rally clues.







FUNDRAISING SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

The Fundraising Committee had a delicious Gupshup with Lunch on March 05, 2023. About 66 people came out to enjoy a lovely home cooked meal of Chicken Dhansak and Kebabs with a side of Kachumber and Custard. While some members chose to enjoy the meal and socialize, a few took take outs to enjoy them with family at home. Huge shoutout to everyone on the Fundraising Committee that helped prepare and serve these delicious meals.





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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AWARD 2023

The OZCF Board of Directors is delighted to celebrate Khorshed Merwan and present her with OZCF's Annual Volunteer Award. During her time as a volunteer, Khorshed chose to undertake a myriad of tasks that made a profound impact during various events.

Khorshed would always help out during Muktad prayers or at our Galas. During her interactions, she always ensured that our members and volunteers were made to feel welcome and appreciated, while going above and beyond to provide folks with appropriate information and resources. Her warm demeanour remains a constant in the lives of many of us that have worked her.

Congratulations on winning this well-deserved OZCF Annual Volunteer Award!



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OBITUARY



Khorshed Jobani passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on February 27, 2023, at the age of 101.

Beloved wife of the late Rustom Darabian, loving mother of Adi Anary (Beroze), Dara Anary (Zinobia) and Gulrukh Patel (Cawas), all of whom were the pride and joy of her life. Khorshed was also a proud grandmother to seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, and she cherished the time she spent with them.

There are so many lives she touched in a positive way. So many memories that bring a smile and show the wonderful person she was. So many stories about how she made a difference or made someone's day so take heart...for when she passed we must celebrate a life well lived and a person well loved. May her soul rest in eternal peace.



OBITUARY



Hushtasp Rustomji Bhumgara passed away at the age of 71 years, at the Mississauga Trillium Hospital on Tuesday March 7, 2023 after a long history of numerous health issues including 6 strokes/TIAs (mini strokes), a heart attack, type 2 diabetes, major spine surgery and more. He is survived by his wife Perviz, and two awesome and devoted sons Sarosh and Parish (Amirti).

Hushtasp was born on November 21, 1951 on the island of Zanzibar, Tanzania and is predeceased by his parents Homaye (nee Mistri) and Rusi (Rustomji) Bhumgara, and elder brother Soli who passed away in 2012 in Winnipeg at the age of 68 years, and who is survived by his wife May (nee Nault). Hushtasp's younger sister Benifer Patel lives in Mississauga with husband Hozi and has a family of 2 amazing sons Farokh (Merlyn & baby Nayla), and Rustom (Kaitlin).

Hushtasp had a rather unsettled childhood growing up in the midst of much political unrest. After the Zanzibar Revolution in 1964, he was sent off to London, England to complete his schooling where he studied electronics at the Pembridge College of London and lived under the loving care of the Jasavala families (Silloo/Kersi, and Freny/Yazdi).

Hushtasp was later sponsored by his brother Soli in 1972 and initially lived in Winnipeg. He soon moved to Edmonton where his adventurous spirit led him to take up skydiving and small-plane flying as hobbies! He worked for Air Canada in the IT department and was transferred back to Winnipeg in 1985 where he worked for a number of years until his early retirement in 2001 due to health issues. Subsequently, he moved to Mississauga in 2003 with his family for better education/career prospects for his two sons, and to be closer to his sister Benifer, and avail of the larger Zoroastrian community.

Hushtasp always had a very active interest in the Zoroastrian religion and community and inculcated a strong sense of faith and prayer within his two sons. Incidentally, some of Hushtasp's passionate and stubborn views often led to heated discussions on community issues and other topics. Hushtasp enjoyed gardening, and would take great pride in reminiscing about his childhood vegetable garden in Zanzibar. He was also very methodical and highly organized in his personal affairs.

Hushtasp will be fondly and lovingly remembered by his family, many good friends and community members. May his soul find eternal peace in Ahura Mazda's heavenly abode (Garothman behesht).





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MEMBERSHIP FORM

January 01 to December 31, 2023

Membership Application: New Renewal

Membership Category / Fees

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26 years	below 64 years	to age 89 (age 90+ = free)	& children up to age 22 years		
\$50	\$100	\$50	\$175		
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23 - 26 years	27 - 64 years	65years - 89 years	above	children up to age 22 years

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