

VISION

June 2004

President's Message by Phil Sidhwa

On behalf of the new Board of Directors, I would like to thank the members for their vote of confidence in electing us to serve the organization for the 2004-2006 term. The board will work very hard to achieve our objectives of purchasing a parcel of land and build our center soon.

As new officers elected by the board, we feel privileged and honoured to being selected to serve the community in our various capacities. I am very excited about the opportunity of working with this very dynamic and talented group of officers and board members. Our three principle areas of focus will be; to raise funds actively, to purchase land on which to build a place of worship and community centre as soon as possible, and to integrate youth as a vital component of OZCF.

The inclusion and greater involvement of the younger generation in various activities and committees that we are seeing is very encouraging and reflects the progressive principles that we have always strived to maintain at OZCF. Youth will be the cornerstones of our organization. Our doors will always be open to them and we shall promote open dialogue. I encourage and invite even more of their participation on committees to bring their innovative and creative ideas to the table on how we can improve and achieve our goals in harmony. We will ofcourse continue to seek the guidance and wisdom of our elders as we vigorously move forward with strong resolve and enthusiasm to fulfill our vision.

Over the next short period, we will face many challenges as we move onwards together. We are working busily at finding land and have seen potential opportunities. I am very confident that with your commitment, passion and zeal, along with your generous financial support, we will all realize our dream very soon, for the benefit of successive generations of Parsi and Iranian Zarathustis on this continent.

If you wish to discuss any matter about our organization or about how you can participate, please contact me or a member of the board anytime. I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you on this exciting journey to success and thank you for your continued support. May Ahura Mazda always bless our community.

OZCF Annual General Meeting

At the annual general meeting held on May 16, 2004, members elected the following representatives to the Board of Directors for the 2004-2006 term:

Thrity Bamji, Nozer Kotwal, Niloufer Bhesania, Bahram Parsi, Marzi Byramjee, Gulrukh Patel, Jehangir Engineer, Phil Sidhwa, Khurshid Engineer, Xerxes Wania, Jamshed Irani, Kobad Zarolia, Farshogar Jasavala

The President, Kobad Zarolia updated the membership on OZCF's progress over the past two years and commended them on the tremendous success to-date in amounts collected and membership numbers. He thanked the directors and volunteers for their efforts and accomplishments. Reports of the various committees were read and discussed.

The Board of Directors elected the following New Officers to serve for the 2004 - 2006 term:

President - Phil Sidhwa **Vice-President** - Niloufer Bhesania **Secretary** - Xerxes Wania **Treasurer** - Nozer Kotwal

Gourmet Cooking Demonstration and Luncheon

Thank you Niloufer Mavalwala for sharing your expertise and talents. On Sunday May 30th, Niloufer invited guests to a cooking demonstration, and lunch thereafter at a cost of \$50 per person. All the money raised was then donated to OZCF.

The afternoon was a huge success and raised well over \$2100! Thanks also to Shavak and Freny Madon who kindly opened up their home and served fine wine to the hungry culinary students. While the ladies learned to cook a gourmet meal, the gentlemen were treated to a single malt tasting session. An enjoyable afternoon indeed!

XIII North American Zoroastrian Congress

Dear Fellow Zarathustis,

We invite you to the XIII North American Zoroastrian Congress, being held Dec. 29. 2004 - Jan.1.2005 at the Santa Clara Marriott, located in the San Francisco Bay Area in the Golden State of California-hosted by ZANC in association with FEZANA.

Please visit www.zanc.org/congress or contact Nazneen Spliedt, Publicity Chair, NAZC 2004, nazehler@aol.com, Tel: 650-624-8888

Condolences

Mrs. Shirin Zarolia, aged 93, mother of Kobad, Cyrus (California), Mithoo Motawara (Bombay) & Sarosh Dastoor, passed away on June 7th in Bombay. Our heartfelt condolences go to the families in their time of sorrow. May Ahura Mazda grant them the strength to deal with their loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families.

Funeral Homes for the Zoroastrian Community Members

Arrangements with Glenoaks and Oakview Funeral homes have been negotiated for the Zoroastrian Community. The Glenoaks Funeral Home is located near Glen Oaks Memorial Gardens on the 9th line at Dundas in Oakville. Tel. # 905-257-8822 or 905 257-1100. The Oakview Funeral Home is located at 56 Lakeshore Road West in Oakville. 905-842-2252.

The negotiated price for both the Funeral Homes is \$2,175.00. This includes the total service charges for use of facility on funeral service day, use of preparation room, use of transfer vehicle in local area (between and Hamilton) preparation and filing of necessary documentation, basic casket and GST.

The fees for cremation or burial and the use of the scattering grounds will be extra. Two additional charges are \$ 75 for a Coroner's certificate for cremation and \$35 for a Municipal registration. Any other services over and above those mentioned would be extra, e.g. embalming, visitation etc.

This package applies to members of the Zoroastrian community ONLY and will remain in effect until May 1, 2005. These prices are comparable to R.S. Kane Funeral Home at 6150 Yonge street, Toronto. For further information or explanation please contact Ervad Nozer Kotwal at 905-820-0461 or Putli Mirza at 1-519-925-0051.

Building on the Momentum

With the continuous enthusiastic efforts and teamwork of the Directors, there are now 200 member families supporting OZCF. Through intense efforts and generosity of Zoroastrians within and outside our Community, a total of \$880,000 in cash & pledges has been collected. In order to achieve the goal of raising the remaining \$120,000 in a reasonable timeframe, we appeal to every OZCF member family to donate \$1,000. Now is the time for all the members to make OZCF's goal become our personal vision.

To start this momentum, we will donate \$1,000 as a gesture to celebrate our wedding anniversary. Please join us in supporting this cause by voluntarily donating, perhaps as a dedication to your own family occasion. (child's birthday, anniversary, wedding, in memory of your dear departed ones, etc.)

Six other families have already committed to join us. We believe that if each member is passionate about this project as we are, hopefully OZCF will see its Vision become a reality very soon.

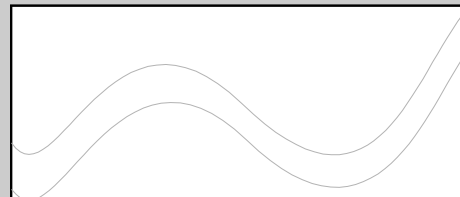
Should you wish to participate and support OZCF to achieve their objectives, please contact OZCF Treasurer Nozer Kotwal directly at 905-820-0461. Tax receipts will be issued for your donation.

For the record, this appeal is our own initiative and is in no way been influenced by any of the members of the OZCF Committee. Thank you
From: Burjor and Roshan Davar

Milestones

Sarosh and Noshir Dastoor, of Shelburne, Ontario, have a lot to be smiling about. Their older son Neville, successfully completed his MBA at The Richard Ivey School of Business-University of Western Ontario. Merzi, qualified to run in the Boston Marathon with a time of 2 hours 58 minutes in the London, Ontario Marathon. He placed first in his age group and 10th overall. Congratulations also to our graduates from the University of Western Ontario; Rayomand Golwalla who graduated with an MBA; Zanaida Anary with a Bachelor of Administrative and Commercial Studies. Daryoosh Mirza with a bachelor's in Civil Engineering from the Royal Military College.

TAILA ANANDASAGAR has been dancing for 11 years. She has trained in the strains of ballet, jazz, tap, and musical theatre, acro, modern and lyrical since 1998. This year has been exceptionally successful for Taila! She took home the 1st Place award for Lyrical Solo - Foolish Games - Broadway Dreams and Judges' Special Award for "Beautiful Heart and Soul". As well, she was awarded 1st Place at the Georgina Festival and a Gold Award and Judges' Special Award for "Personality + Talent = You". At the Strive Festival she also received the topmost soloist award for her age group from among all the strains of dancing with a cash prize. Great work Taila!



Accommodation Wanted:

Senior Lady would like to rent a bedroom and share apartment/house with a single lady or family.

Please call Hooty Palkhiwalla
905-566-9827

Caribbean Night

From grass skirts to African Queen
Fancy costumes, that was the theme
Colourful drinks and pinnacolada
A coupl'a shot, what's the matta?
Jerk chicken and a big naan
No, no, that was dal-pori, man!
Games and jokes and kids' giggles
Don't care for a partner?
Just dance as singles
Dancing to the music of the steel pan
Hot it was. We needed a fan
Noise and laughter, laughter and fun
The number of people? 'twas 151
4000 dollars is what we raised
O yes, net. After all was paid!

History of Mumbai

Here is a cool website for a quick glance at the history of Mumbai:

http://www.diabetesindia.com/diabetes_conferences/information1.htm

If you would like to view this newsletter electronically or get more information, please visit **ozcf.com**.

Your donations are tax free.

Please send your donations to OZCF,
4244 Taffey Cres., Miss., ON, L5L 2J2

Up-Coming Events

July 8th, 2004-WZCC meeting, 1324 Tecumseh Park Drive, Mississauga, 7 pm. (See the WZCC Article for further details please).

July 18th, 2004-Annual Lamb Roast Picnic at Bronte Creek Provincial Park, 11:00 am. see attached Flyer

August 21st, 2004-Navroze Function. Patra Nu Bhonnu, St. Mary's Church at Cawthra & Burnhamthorpe 6:00 pm. see attached flyer

September 18th, 2004-OZCF Annual Black Tie Gala at St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre, 6:00 pm. See details below

Nov. 7th, 2004-Second Annual Craft and Bake Sale. Vic Johnston Community Centre, Streetsville, 10 am-3 pm.

Dec. 31st, 2004-New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance, 8pm. Location to be confirmed.

To maximize the efforts of our fundraising, we need sponsors and donors for all our events. So if you feel you can help with any part of any function please contact any one of these volunteers: Gulrukh Patel 905-542-0237, Kermin Byramjee 905-845-3480, Charis Wania 905-274-9525 or Zahra Sethna /Stephen Mostad 905 844 3419

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WZCC Meetings for 2004

July 8th, Networking Meeting RSVP July 3rd: Location at 1324 Tecumseh Park drive, Mississauga, Ontario L5H 2W4. (not at PCYC) BBQ and drinks included. Please bring your business ideas/products. This is an excellent opportunity to network and introduce your business to other like-minded people.

September 9th, Port Credit Yacht Club RSVP September 2nd: Elections (In order to vote and stand for election, you need to be a member by June 9th 2004.) All interested candidates for the September 9th election should prepare their resume' or short right up and email it to me no later than August 30th.

November 11th, Port Credit Yacht Club RSVP November 4th: Business Plan discussions. Speaker to be announced.

All meetings will start at 7pm sharp and will include snacks at a cost of \$15/person, non-members and guest pay \$20. Cash bar provided as well. Driving directions can be found on the Port Credit Yacht Club (PCYC) website <http://www.pcy.com/driving%20directions.htm> or contact PCYC at 905 278 5578.

Please RSVP to Xerxes Wania via email xwania@rogers.com and General information regarding the WZCC can be found on www.wzcc.net

3rd Annual OZCF Black Tie Gala - Early Birds Can Win FREE Transportation to this Year's Gala

Mark Your Calendars! The 3rd Annual OZCF Black Tie Gala takes place on Saturday, September 18, 2004 at St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre in Oakville. Those of you who attended last year's Gala will remember the great food, fabulous band and highly successful auctions. Thanks to your generosity we raised over \$139,000 that evening. Tickets to this year's Gala are available at \$100 per person or \$1,000 for a table of ten. Buy your tickets before July 31st and you will be entered into the Early Bird Draw for limousine transportation for two, to and from the event.

Contact: Niloufer Bhesania at 905-891-7561 email: nillieb@rogers.com or Kermin Byramjee at 905-845-3480 email: kermin@cogeco.ca
Please complete the attached order form and return to: Niloufer Bhesania, 1202 Cloverbrae Crescent, Mississauga, ON L5H 2Z8

Name/Company: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Home Phone: _____ Number of Tickets: _____

TABLES OF 10 WITH CORPORATE RECOGNITION - \$3,000

TABLES OF 10 - \$1,000

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS - \$100

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ (cheques to be made payable to OZCF)

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