

VISION

Upcoming Events

Religious Dates

Fri, March 16th-Tues, 20th

All Day Muktd (F)

Wed, March 21st

7:00pm Navrooz

Mon, March 26th

7:00pm Khordadsal (F)

Sun, April 8th

11:00am Farvardegan (F)

Fri, May 4th

5:00pm Maidhyozarem Ghambar(F)

Sun, May 27th

11:00am Zarhost-no-Diso (S)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sat, March 24th :

Navroze Dinner and Dance

Time - 7:00 pm

Place: Red Rose Banquet Hall

Ticket: \$28 Adults

\$15 for children 3-11 yrs

Cash Bar

Read further for details

Sat, May 12th:

Hindi Music Night.

Place: Rivergrove Comm. Ctre.

Time: 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$20 each

Read further for details

Sun, May 20th:

Laadakwai-A Dance drama in English (adapted from a story by Rabindranath Tagore)

Meadowvale theatre 2pm

Tickets: Adults \$20

Children 10/under \$15

Read further for details.

Newsletter Committee

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All items for the next newsletter must be submitted no later than April 30th 2007.

President's Message

I wish each of our members a very Happy New Year! 2007 promises to be an exciting year for the OZCF and I hope that it is an exciting and prosperous year for each of you as well.

I want to highlight for you our accomplishments over the past few months. Since November 2006, we have raised over \$150,000 through a variety of events and activities. We have planned and executed some type of activity almost every month – weekly Yoga classes, the Fall Family Fiesta in November, the Jashan to celebrate receiving the funds from the closing of the Agiary in Zanzibar in December, the joint New Year's Eve celebration in December, the incredibly successful Black Tie Gala in February and the Youth Dance in early March. You have read about some of these events in past newsletters and will read about the others in this newsletter.

As I look ahead to 2007, I see a calendar that is chock full of events – religious ceremonies, sports activities, music nights, dinner dances, picnics and others. All of these activities will give our members and friends a chance to get together, renew friendships, form new friendships and raise money. The immediate events that I want you to put on your calendar are: Muktd Prayers from March 16 to 21, Navroze Dinner & Dance on March 24, Hindi Music Night on May 12 and Laadakwai – A Dance Drama in English on May 20. I would like each and every one of you to show your support for your OZCF by attending these events.

Over the past couple of months, your Board has been very busy planning for the next phase of our building project. Our first priority is to be able to use the ZRCC throughout the year. We need a warm, functional place to gather in during the cold winter months as well as during the summer months. The ideal solution would be to begin building the place of worship and community centre. We are limited in being able to do this in the next few months by the various requirements of the Town of Oakville with respect to environmental studies, traffic studies and other items of this nature. While we could proceed with these studies, it would cost a lot of money. If we wait a year or so, these studies will be carried out by other developers in the area and we can use their studies in formulating our detailed plans. We also need time to raise the funds required to build the place of worship and community centre. For these reasons, the Board has decided to delay building the place of worship and community centre for the next year or two.

The Board has been working with a firm of architects on plans to make the existing buildings usable throughout the year. These plans and related costing will be finalized in the next month or two and then presented to you, the members, for approval.

After reading this, many of you are probably asking yourselves what you can do to help your organization. Just follow the 5 easy steps below:

- * Be part of the community and volunteer to help in any way that you can
- * Pay your membership dues for 2007
- * Sign up for the monthly pledge program
- * Buy your tickets for the Navroze Dinner & Dance, the Hindi Music Night and Laadakwai – A Dance Drama in English
- * Block off the dates for future events on your calendars

We are at the beginning of what promises to be an exciting year in our journey. I look forward to joining with all of you as we take these next steps and move along towards our Vision.

I would like to end by saying THANK YOU to each and every one of you for the tremendous support that you have given the OZCF over the years. That support has brought us this far and will continue to move us forward in our quest to fulfill our Vision and goals.

Niloufer Bhesania

President



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THE BHUMGARA FAMILY



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ZANZIBAR JASHAN

Sunday, December 17, 2006 marked a special day for the OZCF. Many members gathered at the ZRCC to witness a Jashan which was performed to celebrate the sale of the Agiary in Zanzibar, Tanzania. President Niloufer Bhesania was pleased to announce that the OZCF would be the recipient of \$42,000 from the sale of the Agiary and that these proceeds would go towards building our own place of worship. The sale of the Agiary would not have been possible were it not for the instrumental roles played by Asad Talati of Oakville and Rusi Dalal of London, England in engineering the both the sale and the shipment of its artifacts from Zanzibar. In addition, the following families of Zanzibari descent were honoured for being curators and patrons of the Agiary over the years and for their contributions to the OZCF: Hushtasp Bhungara, Benifer Patel, Rohinton and Nargis Jasavala, Yezdi and Freney Jasavala, Vispi and Coomi Sorabji, Shavak and Freney Madon, Asad and Eireen Talati, Russy and Thrity Madon and Marzi and Kermin Byramjee. The mobeds who conducted the jashan were Nozer Kotwal, Boman Kotwal, Gustad Panthaki, Mehabad Dastur, Zaheer Balsara, Freyhan Daruwala, Rushad Unwalla and Xerxes Bamji. .



THE SORABJI FAMILY



EIREEN & ASAD TALATI

Fasli Muktaad Prayers

Fasli Muktaad ceremonies will be held at ZRCC from March 16th to March 20th, 2007. If you wish to include the names of your dearly departed in the daily prayers, kindly contact Ervad Nozer S. Kotwal at nozerk@yahoo.com or Ervad Kobad Zarolia at kzarolia@ca.inter.net

Schedule of prayers are as follows:

Mar 16 – Morning Stoom 6:30am; Afringan/Farokhshi 7:00am;
Afternoon Stoom 11:30am; Evening Stoom/Hum Bundaghi 7:00pm.

Mar 17 & 18. - Morning Stoom 7:30am; Afringan/Farokhshi 8:00am;
Afternoon Stoom 11:30am; Evening Stoom/Hum Bundaghi 7:00pm.

Mar 19 & 20 – Morning Stoom 6:30am; Afringan/Farokhshi 7:00am;
Afternoon Stoom 11:30am; Evening Stoom/Hum Bundaghi 7:00pm.

Donations of Fruits, Flowers, Dry Fruits, Cooked Food, Sukhad, Loban, Tachho etc. will be very much appreciated. If you would like to volunteer your services or sponsor a day please contact :
Armaity Anandasagar at (905) 271- 0366.

Jamshedi Navroze Dinner and Dance

Saturday, March 24
7:00 p.m. at Red Rose Convention Centre,
1233 Derry Rd East (East of Tomken West of Dixie).
\$28 for adults
\$15 for kids 3 to 11 years.
DJ Cash Bar Cash raffle.
For Tickets please call:
Coomi Sorabji (BEFORE 7pm) 905-607-2913
Armaity Anandasagar 905-271-0366
by March 14th.

Please visit our website www.ozcf.com for further details.

Membership Dues

2007 membership fees are now due.
Please complete the attached form and send it in with your cheque.

Hindi Music Night

Please come join us for a musical evening with Khurshed Patel, Dinaz Hira and their talented group on
Saturday, 12 May 2007 at 7:30 PM
Rivergrove Community Centre,
5800 Rivergrove Ave,
(off Britania, East of Queen St, West of Creditview Rd.)
Cost: \$20 Per Person

For tickets please call:
Khurshid Engineer, at 905 828 8324
Coomi Sorabji (before 7pm) at 905 607 2913
Katy Mulla at 905-819-0662
See Attached Flyer

Laadakwai-A Dance drama in English

The OZCF is proud to present a production of "Laadakwai-The Spoilt One" on May 20th at 2pm at Meadowvale Community Theatre in Mississauga. It is based on a story by Rabindranath Tagore and has been adapted into an English play by Ella Devani. The lead role of Meenakshi, Princess of Bharatpur is being played by our own Sharon Byramjee. Nina Byramjee and Humin Dhabar will be dancing. Come and see the story of Meenakshi-a spoilt princess who learns the true value of life and family.

Meenakshi is the only daughter of the King of Bharatpur. One day she and her friends go swimming by the river and in their quest for warmth they set fire to a villager's hut. Unbeknownst to them the owner's son and his new bride are sleeping in the hut and are burned alive. When the king finds out that it is his daughter who set fire to the hut he banishes her from his kingdom and gives her in servitude to Bapu, the old man who owns the hut.

In serving Bapu, Meenakshi learns values and her morals change as she comes to value the love of Bapu and what he teaches her. The villagers also come to love Meenakshi as she becomes a better person and becomes one of them. The story is also about the love that grows between a village boy and a princess and the competition between the village princess and royalty.

Last but not least, there is the village simpleton, Laakhan, provides the comic relief in the play. He is looking for a bride-but not just any bride-he wants a beautiful princess!

This play has everything – drama, comedy, and dance. Come and fall in love with Meenakshi.

For Tickets and further information please contact:

Coomi Sorabji at 905-607-2913 (before 7:00 pm)
Niloufer Bhesania at 416-662-4939 or nillieb@hotmail.com
Niloufer Mavalvala at 905-828-9959

Fezana Travel Subsidy

Fezana is providing a subsidy for young Zarathustis to attend the 4WZYC in Ballarat, Australia in December 2007. For further details please contact Niloufer Bhesania at nillieb@hotmail.com.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Religion is bread for daily use not cakes for special occasions.



An Evening To Remember



Black Tie Gala 2007 a Roaring Success

Themed La Bella Noche, meaning "a beautiful evening," this year's Black Tie Gala, was a roaring success! The grand evening was a wonderful way to start off the year, and it raised over **\$90,000**. Guests were invited to partake in the sights and sounds of Latin America. The cocktail hour included strolling magicians, a Tarot Card reader, palm reader and caricaturists.

The Pearson Convention Centre proved to be a grand venue for the event. Upon entering the hall, guests were invited to bid on the silent auction items such as sporting event tickets, saris, Zoroastrian collectables, jewelry, picture frames, and many more fun and interesting items.

This year's raffle consisted of 10 gift baskets, each with their own theme, some of which included Wine & cheese, Beach with tanning certificate, Tea party, Kitchen gadgets, Rocking Horse and Carpet of the World and Movie night in. Guests were invited to choose which basket they wanted to vie for based on their likes and preferences, making it more fun and interactive.

Dinner commenced with a few words from our President, Niloufer Bhesania, who spoke about the short and long term goals for the OZCF, as well as the many events and accomplishments we have enjoyed as a community. She then introduced David Zimmer, MPP for Willowdale, who delighted the crowd with his expression of how important it is to carry on our traditions in our communities. David also acknowledged the significant contributions made by Zoroastrians to the economic and cultural mosaic of our province. The dinner included a colourful tropical salsa with salmon and chicken, fitting with the theme of the evening. Pelee Island Wineries generously donated the red and white wine that was served on each table, along with the bottles used for the gorgeous Brazilian-themed centerpieces.

The crowd favorite, professional auctioneer Don Stewart kicked off the live auction. This year, the featured items included a Dinner by Chisty Bulsara, a pair of hand painted Muskoka chairs, Dinners at Zaffron and Nirvana Restaurants, a trip for 4 to Las Vegas, a Day-long escape on a Luxury Sailboat, a weekend getaway on Lake Ontario, cottage getaways in Ottawa and Lake of Bays, Pool Party at the Thorncrest Clubhouse, a handcrafted sundial, a fabulous *Gharo* with matching shawl and purse, and a yoga session with yoga mat, water bottle, belt and bag.

Guests danced until the wee hours to the music of "Starz" featuring Juno award winning singer, Liberty Silver. For the second year, the Black Tie Gala was chaired by ever hard-working and dedicated Yesna Bhesania. The Black Tie Committee included Niloufer Bhesania, Meher Boga, Roshan Byramjee, Fiona Engineer, Benaaz Irani, Jasmine Jasavala, Firoza Jussawalla, Niloufer Mavalvala, Michelle Patel, Charis Wania and Sanobar Zarolia and a tireless band of volunteers who are always on hand to help in any way they can.



Ring in the New Year!

The Zoroastrians of Ontario came together once again to celebrate New Years Eve, at the Capitol Banquet Hall, Mississauga, on December 31, 2006. All in attendance enjoyed the wonderfully decorated hall, with table gifts for all, loot bags for the kids, fabulous food, great friends, and good music.

Our very own Hanoz Kapadia, co-emceed the evening, getting everybody onto the dance floor and keeping them there with several spot dance prizes. At midnight the champagne popped and the balloons came over the crowded dance floor, everyone young and old danced well into 2007! We would like to thank all the volunteers for putting on another New Years Eve joint event, and we wish you all a very Happy New Year!

WORDS OF WISDOM

Begin your day with prayer. Let prayer be the key of the morning and the lock of the evening.

Prayer Classes

If you are interested in sending your children for prayer classes to prepare them for their Navjote please contact Armaity Anandasagar by email at armaity@rogers.com

Announcements

Marcus, born on December 31, 2006 to Jimmy & Samantha Jafrabad. Proud grand-parents are Aspi and Baktu Jafrabad of Misissauga.

Congratulations to the new parents.



YOUTH DANCE

The Zoroastrian Youth Committee hosted its first event on March 3rd at Candles Banquet Hall. The response was overwhelming and marked a new beginning for youth participation in building our community. As the youth represent the future of any society's survival, the OZCF has made it a priority to engage and support the young people within our growing community. The event was organized by the youth for the youth. DJ EQ was on the turntables with non-stop mixing, and kept the dance floor packed until 1 AM. An assortment of finger foods were served throughout the evening, alongside the never-ending chocolate fountain. Look out for more events being organized by the Zoroastrian Youth Committee in the coming months.

Please contact Hanoz Kapadia at kapadia@ica.net if you are interested in joining the Zoroastrian Youth Committee.





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SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2007

7.30 PM

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5800 River Grove Avenue

Mississauga, Ont. L5M 4R8

(Britannia & River Grove)

TEL : 905-615-4780

ADMISSION : \$ 20.00 per person

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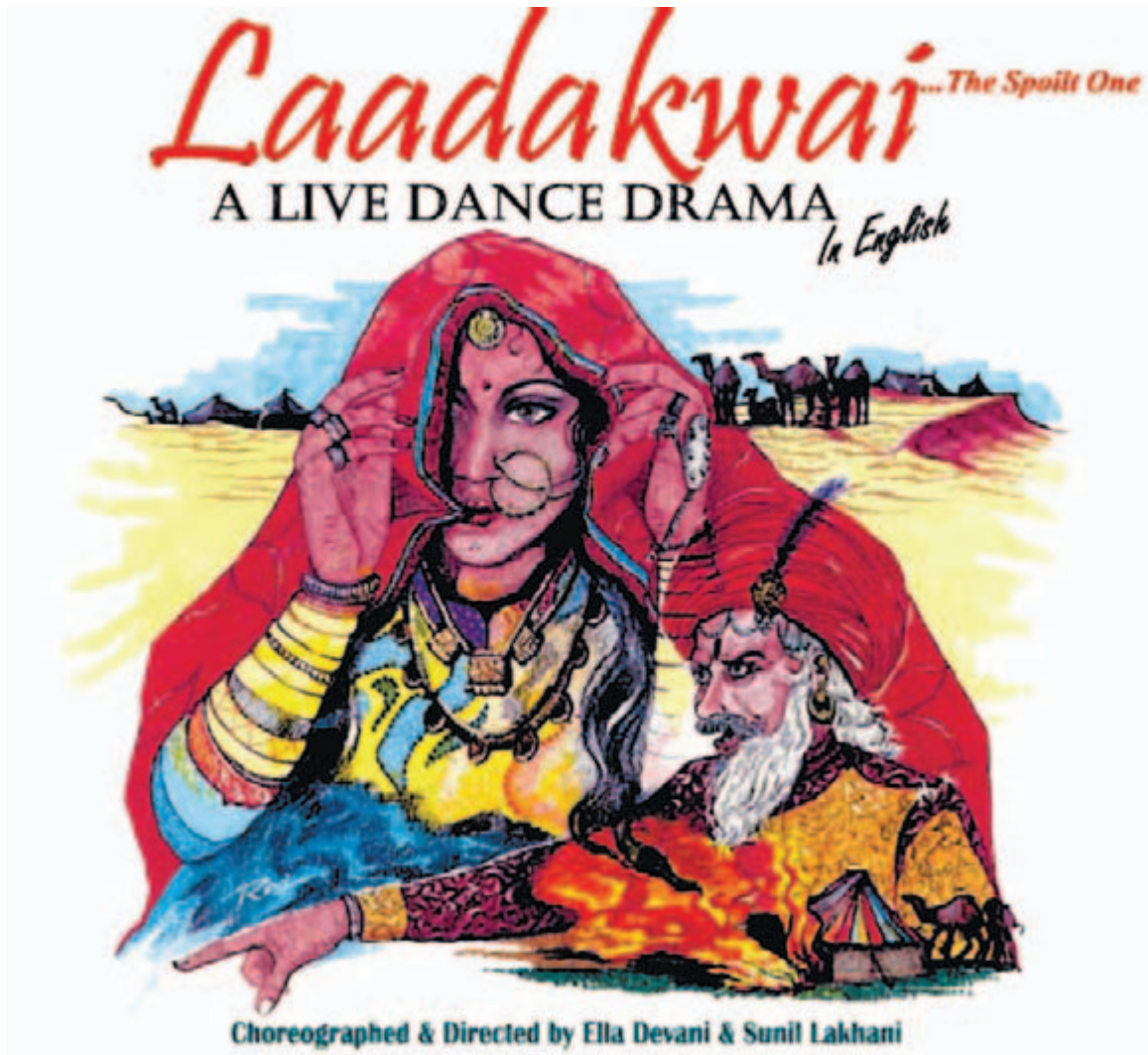
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Based On a Story By Rabindranath Tagore.

Sunday May 20th, 2007 at 2 p.m.

Tickets

Adults.....\$20
Children.....\$15
(10 & Under)

Every Person
Requires a Ticket

Meadowvale Theatre

6315 Montevideo Road
(Battleford Road, west of
Erin Mills Pkwy, South of 401)
Mississauga,, Ontario

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